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LibraryCon! | Season of Giving | Comic Book in a Day | Ignite Maker Lab coming to Noblesville Library



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Discover Guide

The *Discover Guide* is a quarterly publication of the Hamilton East Public Library, providing info on library events, services, and resources.



Highlights

LibraryCon!
Get ready for loads of family-friendly geeky goodness and fandom activities for all ages at HEPL’s 2nd annual LibraryCon! Enjoy cosplay, music, trivia, art, a special scavenger hunt, and so much more at this exciting event on Saturday, November 15.

Season of Giving
Celebrate the spirit of giving with us from December 1 to January 11. Happenings include programs at the library and donation drives with the Noblesville Township and Delaware Township trustee offices and HamCoLove, a local nonprofit that aims to provide necessary period care products to Hamilton County residents.

Comic Book in a Day
Celebrate your love of comics at the 13th Annual Comic Book in a Day competition on Saturday, January 17. Professional artists will be on hand to help guide and inspire competitors to complete their own original comic book from scratch.

Ignite Maker Lab coming to Noblesville Library
The library is expanding its Makerspace offerings into the Noblesville Branch! The Maker Lab will house equipment geared toward experienced Makers and Creators.

Community Spotlight



Holiday Fun in Fishers
Shop Fishers to support local businesses. Enjoy Fishers Night Lights in the Nickel Plate District. Check out the Fishers Holiday Lights Map for the best light displays. Learn more at [FishersIN.gov/HolidayFun](https://fishersIN.gov/HolidayFun).



Mudsock Rivalry Double Header
Join us on Friday, Dec. 19 at the Fishers Event Center for a night of friendly competition and city pride. Get tickets at [FishersIN.gov/Mudsock](https://fishersIN.gov/Mudsock) and help us pack the house!



Fishers Community Center
We’re excited to welcome the community to the new Fishers Community Center, Strengthened by IU Health! Starting Nov. 1, residents can access the indoor track and playground by signing up for a Community Pass at [FishersCommunityCenter.com](https://fisherscommunitycenter.com).



Director’s Message

As we head into the fall and winter seasons, I’m excited to share some of the incredible opportunities coming to Hamilton East Public Library.

On November 15, our community will gather for the 2nd annual LibraryCon!, a celebration of fandom, creativity, and fun for all ages. In December, we launch our Season of Giving, partnering with local organizations to uplift our neighbors and share generosity in meaningful ways. January brings the return of the 13th annual Comic Book in a Day, inspiring artists of all levels to create something extraordinary. And looking ahead, we’re thrilled to announce the Ignite Maker Lab, a new space at our Noblesville Library designed for advanced makers and creators.

This is also the perfect season to enjoy a cozy book centered around baking! *Mrs. Quinn’s Rise to Fame*, by Olivia Ford, is a must read for fans of the Great British Bake Off show.

We can’t wait to see you at the library!

Melissa Loiselle

Melissa Loiselle, Library Director



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 15**

11AM-3PM | FISHERS LIBRARY

Get ready for loads of family-friendly geeky goodness and fandom activities for all ages at HEPL's 2nd annual LibraryCon!

Cosplay is highly encouraged but not required! Dress up as your favorite character and take pictures or videos in the 360° photobooth. Join other cosplayers for an optional cosplay group photo op at 11:45am or 2:50pm! Get your face painted or show off a new airbrushed tattoo from Indy Face Painting & More artists.

Get crafty in one of our themed workshops led by professional cartoonist David Reddick. Try your hand at making a comic – anyone can do it! Or, make a manga-themed button or magnet in the TeenZone. Interested in miniature painting?

Sign up for an introduction to painting tabletop miniatures with Levi Huddleson,



all supplies provided! Or, join Ignite Studio's Maker-in-Residence Matt DeLoughery who will show you how to prototype your own geeky fashion in his Style Lab workshop.

Interact with our Star Wars friends from Star Wars Indiana who will be roaming throughout the library during the day!

Be a real-life superhero and donate blood at the Versiti LibraryCon! blood drive. Donors will receive a special gamer-themed t-shirt and a free book!

Music lovers rejoice! Enjoy live performances with a mixture of anime, video game, television, and movie music from world (and out of this world) musicians il Troubadore, as well as



the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's Metropolitan Youth Orchestra. Forward Motion members Eric Salazar and Ashton Vickery will perform a set of music from the *Legend of Zelda* series for clarinet and piano. "It's dangerous to go alone, take this!"

Want to test your trivia chops? Sign up for one or both sessions of the all-ages LibraryCon! Trivia Showdown. Whether you're a Jedi Master, a wizard in training, or a Pokémon champion, there's something for everyone. The top three teams will win fantastic prizes, so bring your A-game! Space will be limited for trivia, so if you want a guaranteed spot, be sure to register on the HEPL events calendar.



Drop in to our open board gaming room with Who's Yer Gamers and Indy Tabletop

Game Creators to learn a new game, playtest a design, or enjoy an old favorite. If digital is your thing, check out the GameStar Mobile video game truck!

Visit the Artist Alley in the LibraryCon! Marketplace to purchase fandom art and other goodies. Plus, our friends from Moonshot Games will be here!

Visit the LibraryCon! Community Corner to talk with board game designers and publishers, local musicians, the HEPL Foundation, and more!

Check out the Friends of the Library bookstore in the lobby for a special LibraryCon! Sale. Swing by the lower lobby to see the "Random Fandom" Art Exhibit, featuring fan art from local artists.

Wrap up the day by completing our special LibraryCon! scavenger hunt—everyone who completes the hunt will be entered into a prize drawing! Also, fill out a short evaluation of the event for the chance to win more awesome prizes.



For the most up-to-date and detailed LibraryCon! info, check out the HEPL blog.



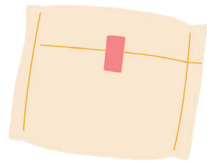
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SEASON —OF— Giving



As the year draws to a close, many in our community turn their attention to celebrations and acts of giving. This year, the library will once again honor that spirit through our “Season of Giving” initiative, running from **December 1 to January 11**. Activities include library programs as well as donation drive partnerships with the Noblesville Township and Delaware Township trustee offices and HamCo Love, a local nonprofit dedicated to providing essential period care products to Hamilton County residents. HEPL will be collecting new socks, winter hats, gloves/mittens, and period care products. Donation collection spots will be available at both the Noblesville and Fishers branches from December 1 through January 11.



Check the online events calendar for full event details at hepl.libnet.info/events. Programs with an asterisk (*) require registration.

Donation Wishlists:

Blood Drive Sign-Up

HamCo Love

Delaware Township

Noblesville Township



Bling-a-Book* | Adults and Teens

Sat. 11/29 | 2-5pm | NOB

Sat. 12/13 | 2-5pm | FIS

Add sparkle to your shelves! Join us to bedazzle books with gems. BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) or use one of ours. At this hands-on crafting event, you'll transform a book into a glam keepsake for you or a loved one.



Stitch-a-Thon | Adults

Sat. 12/6 | 1-5pm | NOB

Drop in to help make baby blankets, hats, or scarves. Crochet or knit, bring your own materials, or use some of ours. Items created will be donated to local families and newborns in need.



Season of Giving Blood Drive* | Adults

Fri. 12/26 | 1-5pm | NOB

Donate blood to help premature babies, cancer patients, trauma victims, and Hoosiers with blood disorders like Sickle Cell. Appointments recommended; all donors receive free HEPL swag and a book!

Featured Programs:

Saving My Family's Memories Using Digital Media Labs*

Thu. 11/6 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Canvas Bags with Geometric Designs* |

Ages 13+

Sat. 11/8 | 11am-12:30pm | IGN



One Sock, Two Sock* | Ages 6-12 w/

adult, 13+

Tue. 11/18 | 6-7:30pm | IGN

Drop-In Activity: Woven Pet Toys* | Ages 5+

Mon. 12/1 – Sun. 12/14 | IGN

Teen Gourmet: Brownies in a Jar* | Grades 6-12

Tue. 12/2 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Sat. 12/6 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Family Portrait Day | Families

Sat. 12/6 | 2-5pm | NOB

Crafty Teens: Watercolor Resist Cards* | Grades 6-12

Tue. 12/9 | 5:30-6:30pm | NOB

Wed. 12/10 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS

Art Supply Swap | Ages 5+

Sat. 12/13 | 1-3pm |

IGN

Simple Gifts |

Ages 6-11

Wed. 12/17 |

5:30-7pm | FIS

Heart Connectors |

Families

Thu. 1/8 | 3-4:30pm | FIS



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For Children & Families



Check the online events calendar for full event details at hepl.libnet.info/events. Programs with an asterisk (*) require registration.

Read to a Therapy Dog – Love on a Leash | Ages 5 & up

Sat. 11/1, 12/6, 1/3 | 11am-12pm | NOB
Sat. 11/8, 12/13, 1/10 | 11am-12pm | FIS

Wonder Lab* | Ages 3-7

Sat. 11/1, 12/20 | 11am-12pm | NOB
Wed. 1/7 | 2-3pm | FIS



**How to Train Your Dragon*
Ages 8-11**

Tue. 11/4 | 6-7pm | FIS

Gathering STEAM* | Ages 5-7

Tue. 11/4, 12/16, | 3-4pm | NOB
Wed. 1/28 | 3-4pm | NOB

Sticker Mania | Families

Wed. 11/5, 12/3, 1/7 | 3-4pm | NOB

Family LEGO Challenge* | Families

Wed. 11/5, 12/3, 1/7 | 4pm & 6pm | FIS
Thu. 11/13, 12/11, 1/8 | 4pm & 6pm | NOB

The Nightmare Before Christmas Family Movie* | Families

Sat. 11/8 | 2-4pm | NOB

Board Game Alliance | Ages 6-18 | Homeschool

Tue. 11/11, 12/2, 1/27 | 10-11am | NOB
Thu. 11/13, 12/11, 1/15 | 1-3pm | FIS

Jr. Chef* – Homeschool Edition

Tue. 11/11, 12/9, 1/6 | 1-2pm | NOB

Early Readers Book Club* | Grades K-3

Wed. 11/12, 12/10 | 6-7pm | FIS & Virtual

Full STEAM Ahead* | Ages 8-11

Wed. 11/12, 12/10, 1/14 | 3-4pm | NOB

Nutcracker Ballet Storytime | Ages 2-5

Fri. 11/14 | 10:30-11am | NOB
Fri. 11/21 | 10:30-11am | FIS
Sun. 11/23 | 2-3pm | NOB



Dog Man Interactive Movie* | Families

Sun. 11/16 | 2-4pm | FIS

The Whisk Kids* | Ages 6-11 & their Families

Sun. 11/16, 12/7, 1/18 | 2-3pm | NOB

Twist, Code & Roll* | Ages 8-11

Tue. 11/18 | 6-7pm | FIS



Mad Scientists* | Ages 8-11

Wed. 11/19, 1/21 | 6-7pm | FIS
Thu. 11/20, 1/22 | 1:30-2:30pm | FIS | Homeschool Ed.

Cool Crafting Club* | Grades 1-5

Wed. 11/19, 12/17, 1/21 | 2-3pm & 6-7pm | NOB

Pokémon Club* | Ages 6-11

Thur. 11/20, 12/18, 1/22 | 3-4pm | NOB
Tue. 11/25 | 6-7pm | FIS
Wed. 1/28 | 6-7pm | FIS

**Secret Mission: Bad Guys at the Library!* |
Ages 8-11**

Tue. 12/2 | 6-7pm | FIS

Up 2 STEAM* | Grades K-2

Thu. 12/4 | 3:30-4:30pm | FIS

Family Portrait Day | Families

Sat. 12/6 | 2-5pm | NOB

Stories with Mrs. Claus* | Ages 0-5

Wed. 12/10 | 6-7pm | NOB

**The Grinch Interactive
Movie* | Families**

Mon. 12/15 | 2-4pm | NOB

Minecraft IRL* | Ages 8-11

Tue. 12/16 | 6-7pm | FIS

Simple Gifts | Ages 6-11

Wed. 12/17 | 5:30-7pm | FIS

Breakpoint | Ages 3-12

Mon. 12/29 | 2-4pm | FIS

Craft-a-palooza | Families

Tue. 12/30 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Noon Year's Eve!* | Families

Wed. 12/31 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Owltastic Fun at the Library!* | Ages 5-9

Sun. 1/4 | 2-3pm | FIS

Heart Connectors | Families

Thu. 1/8 | 3-4:30pm | FIS

Mr. Lemoncello's Breakout Room* | Ages 9-11

Tue. 1/13 | 6-7pm | FIS



Storytimes & Music Programs

Noblesville Branch

Babytime | Ages 0-2

Mon. Nov. 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan. 5, 26 | 9:30-10am
Wed. Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:30-11am

Storytime | Ages 2-5

Mon. Nov. 10, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan. 5, 26 | 10:30-11am
Thu. Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25; Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 | 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am

Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5

Tue. Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16; Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 9:30-10am
Wed. Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:30-11am

Pre-K Explorers | Ages 3-5

Thu. Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18; Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 | 1-2pm

Boogie Woogie Weekend | Ages 0-5

Sat. Nov. 15, Dec. 6, Jan. 31 | 11-11:30am

Sunday Stories | Ages 2 and up

Sun. Nov. 9, Dec. 28, Jan. 25 | 2-2:30pm

Fishers Branch

Babytime | Ages 0-2

Wed. Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 9:30-10am
Thu. Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18; Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 | 9:30-10am

Storytime | Ages 2-5

Mon. Nov. 3, 17, 24; Dec. 1, 8, 15; Jan. 5, 12 | 9:30-10am
Tue. Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16; Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am
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Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5

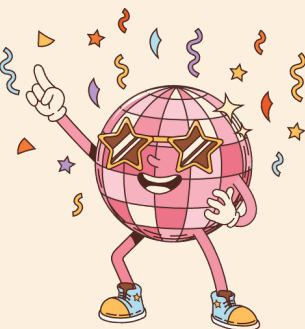
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Wed. Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:30-11am

Pre-K Explorers | Ages 3-5

Tue. Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25; Dec. 2, 9, 16; Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 1-2pm

Sunday Stories | Ages 2 and up

Sun. Nov. 23, Dec. 21, Jan. 11 | 2-2:30pm



For Teens

Check the online events calendar for full event details at hepl.libnet.info/events. Programs with an asterisk (*) require registration.

Neurodivergent Teen Hangout*

Thu. 11/6, 12/4, 1/8 | 6-7pm | NOB

Thu. 11/13, 12/18, 1/22 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS

This program is an opportunity for neurodivergent teens to hang out, do an activity, and connect with their peers.

Nov: Game Night | Dec: Winter Fest | Jan: Game Night

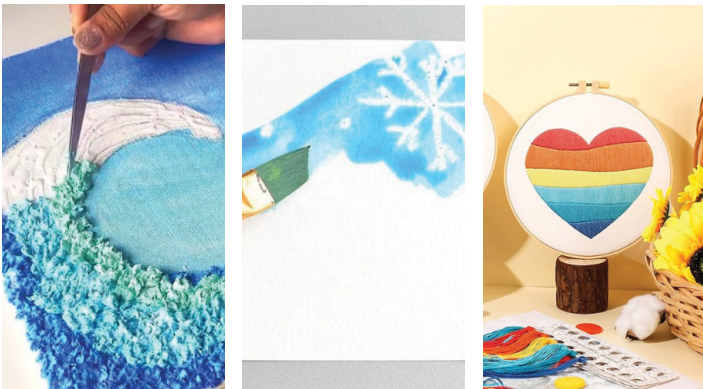
Crafty Teens*

Tue. 11/11, 12/9, 1/13 | 5:30-6:30pm | NOB

Wed. 11/12, 12/10, 1/14 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS

Get your craft on! Teens will make new and exciting creations each month and meet new friends in the process.

Nov: Tissue Paper Textured Art | Dec: Watercolor Resist Cards | Jan: Embroidery



Teen Video Game Tournament

Sat. 11/15 | 2-2:45pm | FIS

Sat. 1/31 | 2-3pm | NOB*

Compete against other teens for a chance to win it all!

Nov: Mario Kart | Jan: Smash Bros.

Teen Gourmet:

Brownies in a Jar*

Tue. 12/2 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Sat. 12/6 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Teens will create and decorate a brownie mix in a jar, perfect to gift to family or friends for the Season of Giving. We'll make a batch to try out the recipe as well!

Teen Video Game Club*

Wed. 11/19, 12/17, 1/28 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Tue. 11/25, 12/30, 1/27 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Calling all teen gamers! Come hang out with other teens and play video games on the library's Nintendo Switch, Xbox, or PS5.

Nov: VR Edition



MINECRAFT

Minecraft Breakout Room*

Mon. 12/29 | 2-3pm & 3:30-4:30pm | FIS

You've been trapped in the world of Minecraft and must escape to get back to reality! Work with other teens to solve clues, open locks, and escape before time runs out.



After-Hours Laser Tag*

Fri. 1/16 | 5:45-7:30pm | NOB

Join other teens to play laser tag in the library after-hours!

While you wait your turn for laser tag, hang out in the Teen-Zone to play video and board games and eat pizza.



Life Skills: Being a Leader*

Wed. 1/21 | 6-7pm | FIS

Teens are stepping beyond ready and into action with the Purdue Extension Office's Being a Leader Program, a dynamic experience designed to help young leaders discover their voice, grow their confidence, and lead with purpose. Presented by Kathleen Bohde of the Purdue Extension Office of Hamilton County. Participants will dive into hands-on activities and small group discussions that spark creativity, build leadership skills, and connect them with other motivated youth.

For Teens & Adults

Game On! A Drop-In Board Game Afternoon*

Sat. 11/1 | 2-5pm | NOB

Gamers Guild*

Sun. 11/16, 12/7, 1/4 | 1-5pm | NOB

Harmony in Motion: Jazz Improv Workshop Series

Sun. 11/23 | 3-5pm | FIS

Bling-a-Book*

Sat. 11/29 | 2-5pm | NOB & Sat. 12/13 | 2-5pm | FIS

An Austen Affair: Tea & Talk for 250*

Thu. 12/4 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday with tea, treats, and a lively discussion of *Pride and Prejudice* in a charming literary setting inspired by the elegance of Regency England. Supported by the Friends of the Library.

Among Us IRL*

Fri. 12/12 | 5:45-7:30pm | NOB

Join us for a live-action version of the hit social deduction video game Among Us at the library in this special after-hours event.



Puzzle Swap

Sat. 1/3 | 10-1pm | NOB

Puzzle Showdown*

Sat. 1/3 | 11-12:30pm | NOB

Cool Careers: Chef*

Tue. 1/6 | 6-7pm | NOB

Meet Chef Samir from the 9th Street Bistro to discover how he became a chef and started his own restaurant.



Create a Resume*

Mon. 1/26 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

For Adults



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ENL Conversation Group

Wednesdays (except 11/26 & 12/24) | 11am-12pm | FIS



Game On! A Drop-In Board Game Afternoon | Adults and Teens

Sat. 11/1 | 2-5pm | NOB

Virtual Tai Chi with Kayle*

Mon. 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15, 1/12 & 1/26 | 9:30-10:30am | Virtual

FlexAbility*

Tue. 11/4, 11/11, 11/18 | 9:30-10:15am | NOB

Feel-Good Chair Yoga*

Wed. 11/5 & Fri. 12/12 & 1/9 | 2-2:45pm | FIS

Adult Virtual Craft Series*

Thu. 11/13, 1/8 | 6:30-7:45pm | Virtual

LibraryCon! Blood Drive*

Sat. 11/15 | 11am-3pm | FIS
Donors receive a Versiti fantasy themed t-shirt AND a free book!



Harmony in Motion: Jazz Improv Workshop Series

Sun. 11/23 | 3-5pm | FIS

An Austen Affair: Tea & Talk in Celebration of Jane Austen's 250th Birthday* | Adults & Teens

Thu. 12/4 | 6-7:30pm | FIS
Supported by the Friends of the Library

Navigating the AI Age with Confidence

Tue. 12/2 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Among Us IRL* | Adults & Teens

Fri. 12/12 | 5:45-7:30pm | NOB

Book Clubs

Visit hamiltoneastpl.org/lets-read for meeting locations and book selections.

Books on Tap

Wed. 12/3, 1/28 | 6:30-7:30pm



Fiction Fans

Thu. 11/13, 12/11, 1/8 | 6:30-7:30pm



Mystery Loves Company

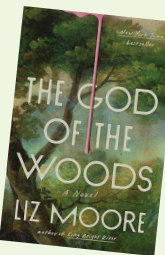
Wed. 11/19, 12/17, 1/21 | 6:30-7:30pm

On the Same Page

Tue. 11/11, 12/9, 1/13 | 6:30-7:30pm

Paging Through Time

Wed. 1/28 | 2-3pm

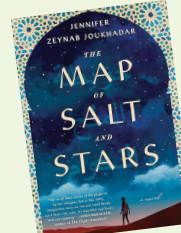


Read Around the World

Mon. 11/3, 12/1, 1/5 | 6:30-7:30pm

Speculative Fiction Guild

Mon. 11/10, 12/8, 1/12 | 6:30-7:30pm



True Brew Nonfiction

Tue. 11/25, 12/16, 1/27 | 7-8:30pm

Crafternoon: Macrame Tree Garland*

Sat. 12/13 | 3-4:30pm | NOB



World of Wingspan: A Guided Board Game Day*

Sat. 12/20 | 2-4:30pm | NOB

Keys to Homeownership: A First-Time Buyer's Guide

Tue. 1/6 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Selling Smart: A Home Prep Crash Course

Tue. 1/20 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Gardening Programs

Welcome to the Dark Side: Gardening for Moths

Thu. 11/6 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Prepping Your Garden for Winter: A Seasonal Guide to Winterizing Your Plants, Soil, and Tools

Thu. 11/20 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

DIY Composting Workshop: Simple Steps to Sustainable Living

Thu. 1/15 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

HEPL Music Series Concerts

An Afternoon at the Movies with Racoon Lake Sax Quartet *

Sat. 11/8 | 2-3pm | FIS

Circle City Ringers Holiday Concert *

Sat. 12/6 | 1-2pm | FIS

AARP Tax Assistance

The AARP Tax Aide Service will be offered at the Noblesville Branch by appointment only, February to early April on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The online appointment scheduler will open mid- to late January. Please check the Tax Preparation Resources page on our website for the most up-to-date information and to schedule an appointment.

Computer Classes

Microsoft Word Basics*

Mon. 11/3 | 2-3:30pm | NOB
Wed. 1/21 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Internet Basics*

Tue. 11/4 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Computer Basics: Windows 11*

Thu. 11/13 | 10-11:30am | NOB
Mon. 1/12 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Microsoft Excel Basics*

Mon. 11/17 | 6-7:30pm | FIS
Thu. 1/22 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Online Job Search Basics*

Mon. 1/12 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Cybersecurity Basics*

Wed. 11/19 | 1-2:30pm | Fishers Community Center
Tue. 1/13 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

Intro to Beginner-Friendly Website Builders*

Thu. 1/22 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

Mobile Device Basics: Android*

Fri. 1/23 | 10-11:30am | NOB

Email Basics*

Mon. 1/26 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

Create a Resume*

Mon. 1/26 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Tech Time: Drop-in Assistance with Devices and Library Apps (No registration required!)

Mon. 11/10, 1/5 | 2-4pm | FIS
Thu. 11/20 | 2-4pm | NOB
Wed. 1/7 | 10am-12pm | NOB

Crossroads Discovery Center



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The Music of Frederick Hunt, Hamilton County Composer*

Wed. 11/5 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Learn about the life of Frederick Hunt, a Carmel-born classical composer, and his struggles for his music to be heard. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a live performance of some of this music by clarinetist Eric Salazar.



G.A.B.- Genealogy Advisory Board

Thu. 11/6, 12/4 | 2:30-3:30pm | NOB

Join Crossroads Discovery staff and Nancy Massey, Hamilton County Genealogist, for this lively discussion of all things genealogy.

Saving My Family's Memories Using Digital Media Labs*

Thu. 11/6 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Learn about the equipment available in the Crossroads Discovery Center to preserve your family history and create new memories. Digitize slides, film negatives, VHS, 8mm and other formats to be able to watch, listen, and share them.

Beginning Genealogy*

Sat. 12/6 | 10:30am-12pm | NOB

Learn the 8 Steps to Genealogy. Basic methods, tips, online resources, and record types will be explored and discussed.

Finding Your 19th Century

Ancestors on Fold3- Is There a Better Way?*

Mon. 1/5 | 6:30-7:30pm | Virtual

Learn what records are available for your 19th-century military ancestors on Fold3 and pick up some search strategies to narrow down what you're looking for with Brian Rhinehart.

African American History of Noblesville: 1850-1980*

Sat. 1/17 | 11am-12:30pm |

NOB

Learn from community member and Roberts Settlement Trustee

Bryan Glover about a people's history of Noblesville's African American community.



Presbyterian Valley: How the Scots-Irish Populated Pennsylvania and Ohio*

Wed. 1/21 | 6:30-7:30pm | Virtual

Learn from forensic genealogist and Pennsylvania expert Megan Ann Clark Young (MACY) how the settlement of the Scots-Irish in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio established the largest geographic concentration of Presbyterianism.

Ancestry.com: Search Party*

Sat. 1/31 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Make the most of your searches with the library edition of Ancestry.com! Learn what can be found at Ancestry.com and then discover some tips and tricks to go beyond a simple name search.

Celebrating Historical Anniversaries

By David Heighway, Hamilton County Historian

In 2026, the United States will be celebrating its 250th birthday. Here in Hamilton County, plans for events to recognize this were started some time ago. The county has always been happy to participate in these big celebrations, and it is interesting to look back on how we have done it in the past. The Crossroads Discovery Center at HEPL has a lot of material about historic anniversaries and has done several blog posts as a part of their Highlights in History series.



1876 Fourth of July Celebration at Noblesville

Of course, there was huge enthusiasm in Noblesville for the 1876 United States centennial. There were special parades and an ox was roasted whole at the fairgrounds (the site of North Elementary today).

For the modern researcher studying the 1923 county centennial, the library has several resources to draw

information from. Among other things, HEPL has posted a large number of photos of the celebration in an online collection.

During the 1960's centennial of the Civil War, former County Historian Joe Burgess wrote a regular newspaper column in the *Noblesville Ledger* about the county and the war. This is available at the library on the Newspapers.com website which has all available county newspapers going back to 1837. Activities from the 1973 county sesquicentennial can be seen in a film which is on display at the Crossroads Discovery Center as a part of the interactive timeline.

Rolling into the twenty-first century, the state of Indiana celebrated its bicentennial in 2016. There was a special state-wide torch relay, and one of the torches used in the events is at the Crossroads Discovery Center.



1923 Centennial birthday cake



David Heighway. Photographer: Ron Wise

In 2019, we recognized 200 years of African American history in the county. Two years ago, in 2023, we celebrated the bicentennial of the county, and a new history of the county was published.

Finally, there is one more anniversary to think about in 2026. On March 20, 1856 – 170 years ago – the ancestral library of HEPL was founded. It was started under the auspices of the Hamilton County Working Man's Association



Working Man's bookplate

and has survived under a variety of names all the way to the present day.

For more on local history, find David Heighway's *Highlights in History* series on the HEPL blog.

Ignite Studio

Check the online events calendar for full event details at hepl.libnet.info/events. Programs with an asterisk (*) require registration.

Looking for community, collaboration and connection? Our monthly meet-ups are an informal way to make art and engage with other people. Meet-ups are held on the same night every month and have a variety of formats. Meet-ups are hosted by Ignite Staff and all skill levels are welcome.

Monthly Meet-ups

Creative Happy Hour * | Ages 18+

1st Tuesday of every month.

Socialize, share ideas or just hang with other artists. Bring something you are currently working on or check out one of our kits. We will provide non-alcoholic beverages and snacks.

Fiber Friends * | Ages 13+

2nd Thursday of every month

Come together with fellow fiber art friends from around

the community to create a collective craft space. Find sewing machines, fiber art materials, scrap fabric, and more in the Ignite soft seating space.



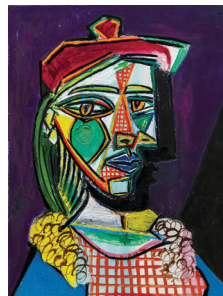
(NEW!) Art Thru History* | Ages 16+

4th Wednesday of every month.

Through various mediums, explore the world of art history and try your hand at an artwork that resembles the given period or artist. All supplies will be provided.

November - Pop Art |

December - Cubism | January - Street Art

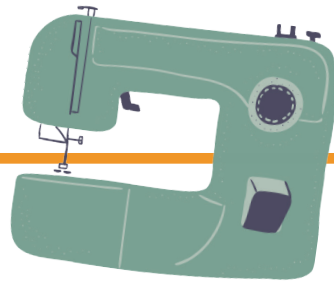


Quarterly Programs

Learn to Sew Rodeo* | Ages 6-12 w/an adult and 13+

Sat. 11/1 | 10:00am-12:00pm | IGN

Drop-in to get started and gain basic skills and familiarity with machine sewing. Staff and volunteers will walk you through how to thread a machine, wind a bobbin and sew in a straight line. You will leave with a small, finished project (adult and child projects available).



Fix-it Clinic* | Ages 5+

Sat. 11/22 | 11:00-1:00pm | IGN

Sewing machine not running right? Is your alarm clock pinging and you don't know why? Does your favorite pair of socks have a hole? You can fix it! Stop by the library during our Fix-It Clinic to receive guidance and support in how to repair your broken objects.

Art Supply Swap | Ages 5+

Sat. 12/13 | 1:00-3:00pm | IGN

Bring your gently used art supplies to Ignite and participate in our Art Supply Swap! This is a drop-in event to swap supplies, pick up something new and exciting, or just chat with your fellow artists to exchange ideas as well as materials..

COMIC BOOK

IN A DAY

SATURDAY ★ JANUARY 17, 2026

9 a.m.-5 p.m. ★ IGNITE STUDIO AT FISHERS LIBRARY



JOIN ARTISTS OF ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS
IN A ONE-OF-A-KIND COMPETITION!

NOBLESVILLECREATES.ORG



Celebrate your love of comics at the 13th Annual Comic Book in a Day competition. Professional artists will be on hand to help guide and inspire competitors to complete their own original comic book from scratch. Noblesville Creates will have two age groups competing during different time frames as well as an online option* prior to the actual competition. For more information, go to noblesvillecreates.org/comicbookinaday.

Teens and Adults Competition: 9am-4pm

Youth (12 and under) Competition: 10am-2pm

*Online option available for Adults & Teens on Friday, January 16 - inquire at info@noblesvillecreates.org

Workshops (Ages 8+)

Comic Quick Tips Workshop

Thu. 1/8 | 6:30-7:30pm | IGN

Dive head first into starting your comic.

Draw with confidence and learn the tools to take you there!

How to Draw Convincing and Meaningful Worlds for Your Story Workshop

Tue. 1/13 | 6:30-7:30pm | IGN

Sequential art comes alive when a good story is brought to life in unique worlds. Learn how to make your comic environments convincing and meaningful.

Advanced Comic Books Workshop

Thu. 1/15 | 6:30-7:30pm | IGN

Our professional comic book artist will reveal tips and tricks to enhance your sequential art skills just in time for Comic Book in a Day or just for fun.



ignite maker lab

STUDIO AT HEPL

The library is expanding its Makerspace offerings into the Noblesville Branch!



INTRODUCING THE IGNITE MAKER LAB - An adult (13+) makerspace opening January 31 in the Noblesville Library. The Maker Lab will house equipment geared toward experienced Makers and Creators. The Ignite Studio in the Fishers library will continue to offer access to equipment for beginner and advanced makers as well as the Kit Libraries for adults and children. The Ignite Maker Lab will not house a kit library.

Build on the skills you've gained in the Ignite Studio and take your creations to the next level. The Maker Lab will focus on equipment for advanced makers. The technologically inclined will enjoy exploring the 3D scanner and multi-color 3D Printers. Small business owners can create their own branded hats and tees with our Direct to

Garment Printer and our Industrial Embroidery Machine. The Thermal book-binding station will assist in creating your novel or family history booklet. The Lab will also provide a Cricut, advanced sewing machine, and a much-requested Long Arm Quilting Machine!

The Maker Lab is a self-directed space. All equipment will be available by appointment via the online reservation system. Staff will be on hand at all times to assist patrons. Certification/training is required for 3D Printing, Embroidery Machine and Long Arm Quilting.

We look forward to seeing you in the Ignite Maker Lab soon!

equipment



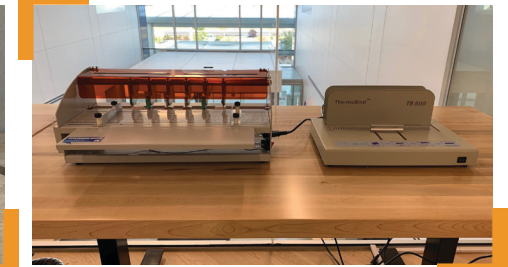
Janome 500HD Sewing Machine

Advanced users only. Beginning sewists please visit the Ignite Studio in Fishers.



Cricut Maker 4 + Heat Press

Customize and personalize with the Maker 4.



Book Binding Station (Heat Press)

Create your own family history tome or a small-scale run of your novel.



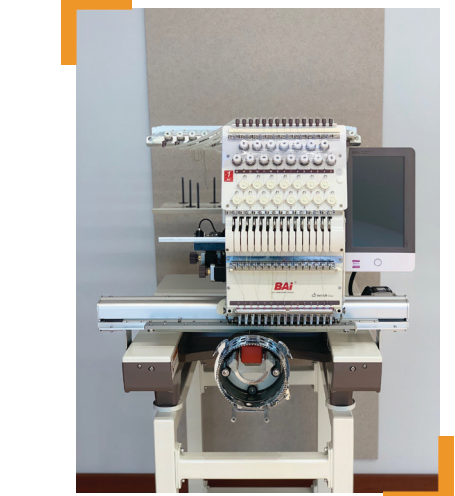
Two Bambu Labs X1C 3D Printers

Top tier 3D printing! Create multicolor designs with one touch printing.



Epson Surecolor F2270 Direct to Garment/Direct to Film Printer

Prints directly on t-shirts, sweatshirts, and garments of all kinds! (Garments not provided).



BAI The Mirror Embroidery Machine

Create your design on flat fabrics or hats and load up to 15 colors at once. The possibilities include monograms, custom hat designs, personalized towels, t-shirts and sweatshirts (thread and stabilizers provided, bring your own blanks to embroider upon).

Other equipment available:

Revopoint 3D Scanner – Scan a physical object and recreate it on the 3D printers.

Handi-Quilter Moxie Long Arm Quilting Machine with ProStitcher Lite and 8-foot loft frame. Certification required for advanced users. Beginning sewists please visit the Ignite Studio in Fishers.



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LOCATIONS

Noblesville Library

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Noblesville, IN 46060
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Fishers Library

Five Municipal Drive
Fishers, IN 46038
317.579.0300

Ignite Studio

317.579.0331

Crossroads Discovery Center

317.770.3236

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Friday – Saturday

9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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LIBRARY CLOSURES

November 7 | Staff Day

November 26 | Closed at 6 PM

November 27-28 | Thanksgiving

December 24-25 | Christmas

December 31 | Closed at 6 PM

January 1 | New Year's Day

January 19 | MLK Jr. Day



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