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Unearth A Story Summer Reading Program | A Night in the Stacks | Mental Health Resource Guide | Local History Fair



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Cover: Kim Davis at Left Grain, her studio and storefront in downtown Noblesville.

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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

Summer Reading Program

This Summer, join the Unearth A Story summer reading challenge! Log reading and activities in June and July to participate. Starting May 4, you can sign up by visiting our website or downloading the Beanstack app. Don't miss our Kickoff events at both branches, as well as **A Night in the Stacks**, an afterhours, open house-style fundraising bash!

Mental Health Resource Guide

Explore global, national, state, and local mental health resources, covering the topics of Mental Health, Well-Being, and Substance Abuse, in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month in May.

Sharing Our Story: A Local History Fair

Celebrate the United States' 250th Anniversary with our Hamilton County history organizations. This open-house-style free fair is the perfect way to learn more about your community, its historic places, and how to share your own family story.

From Library Laser to Local Brand

Meet Kim Davis, owner, designer, and maker behind Left Grain, a small storefront in downtown Noblesville that produces midwest-inspired leather patch hats, gifts, and custom merchandise. Read her story of using the laser engraver and other equipment at Ignite Studio at Fishers Library to transform art and ideas into a growing small business.

Community Spotlight



Get Active at the Fishers Community Center

New programming offers way for the entire family to have fun and stay active. Insurance-based memberships are available. Learn more and make reservations at [FishersCommunityCenter.com](https://fisherscommunitycenter.com).



Week of June 22 at Nickel Plate District

A reimagined Spark!Fishers returns with summer festival fun, including family-friendly events and programs, free stage entertainment, fireworks, a parade, and more! Learn more at SparkFishers.com.



Register for the Geist Half Marathon

The race will feature the 13.1-mile walk/run race, the popular 10K race, and a family-friendly 5K with optional VIP registration and volunteer opportunities. Get involved with this beloved community tradition at GeistHalf.com.



Embrace Downtown Noblesville

As construction continues on the Embrace Downtown project, we encourage everyone to visit businesses in downtown Noblesville. Street parking and other parking options are available nearby.



4TH OF JULY PARADE
4-6 p.m. Downtown Noblesville
FIREWORKS FESTIVAL
6-10 p.m. at Forest Park

4th of July

Each July 4, Noblesville comes alive with patriotic spirit – starting with the annual parade through the historic downtown square and continuing at Forest Park with live entertainment, family-friendly activities, and a spectacular fireworks finale.



Parks & Petals 5K

Designed for walkers, joggers, runners, families, and first-timers alike, the Parks & Petals 5K is all about enjoying the journey. Visit noblesvilleparksfoundation.org to register and learn more.



This Summer, join HEPL's Unearth A Story reading challenge! Log reading and activities from June 1 - July 31 to participate. Beginning May 4, sign up by visiting our website or downloading the Beanstack app.

Once you have enrolled, start reading, reviewing books, or exploring our activities to earn points! Earn 100 points to complete the program.

Prizes for every age category are tied to points badges at 25, 50, 75 and 100 points. Children and teen participants will earn a FREE book when they complete the program.

All age categories will earn e-tickets and/or smaller prizes along the way. Keep reading, and all ages can earn an e-ticket for every 25 points past 100, up to 300 points.

Get even more involved this summer by participating in activities to earn points! Some examples include attending a library program, visiting us at outreach events, and even participating in fun activities from home!

The grand finale prize drawings for each age group will be held at the end of the program, and winners will be notified via email. Participants have until August 3 to enter their age specific raffles.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party!

Saturday, May 30
1-4pm | FIS

Saturday, June 6
2-5pm | NOB

A NIGHT IN THE STACKS

FRIDAY, MAY 29 / 7-10PM / NOBLESVILLE LIBRARY
\$50 PER TICKET / ADVANCE PURCHASE REQUIRED

ADULTS 21+ ONLY

..... AN AFTERHOURS FUNDRAISING BASH FEATURING
BOUNCE HOUSE / BOOK SPEED DATING / LASER TAG / CRAFT / ARCADE GAMES / SILENT DISCO | & MORE
.....

With a carnival atmosphere, enjoy activities throughout the library tailored for adults who want to have fun! Grab a drink (admission includes 1 drink ticket) and explore the library as never before. This Foundation event kicks off the Summer Reading Program and will raise funds for library programs that foster the love of reading and support literacy in our community.

SPONSORS - OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE



HEPL ON THE MOVE

Hamilton East Public Library loves going out into the community! We've scheduled special visits to community events and parks this summer. You'll also find us at school events, concerts, and more!

Even when we're away from our buildings, we still strive to bring you library resources, information about programs and services, and a little bit of fun. You can usually register for or renew your library card (with ID) and get help using library services.

You'll also be able to learn about and register for the Unearth A Story Summer Reading Program, snag a giveaway, create a simple art project, and participate in fun activities. There might even be a secret code you can use to earn bonus points for Summer Reading!

HEPL at Parks & Farmers Markets

Fishers Farmers Market

8am-12pm at the Nickel Plate AMP
Saturday, May 2 (Hope for Happiness)
Saturday, June 13

Noblesville Farmers Market

8am-12pm at Federal Hill Commons
Saturday, July 18

Fishers AgriPark

11171 Florida Rd, Fishers
Thursday, June 4 at 10am-1pm

Tom Thumb Miniature Golf

Forest Park, Noblesville
Wednesday, June 10 at 11am-2pm
Wednesday, June 17 at 4pm-7pm

HEPL in the Community

Maternal & Child Wellness Fair

Fishers Community Center
Wednesday, May 13 at 9am-1pm

Fishers Touch-a-Truck

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater
Monday, May 18 at 4-7pm

Peony Festival

Downtown Noblesville
Saturday, May 16 at 10am-4pm

HATCH Fest

Downtown Noblesville
Saturday, June 20 at 11am-5pm

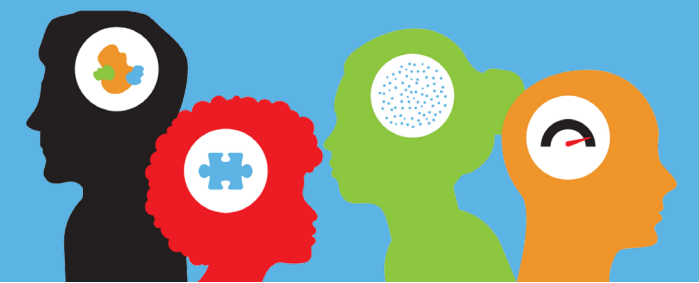
Spark!Fishers

Municipal Circle, Fishers
Saturday, June 27



Resources

for Mental Health, Well-Being and Substance Abuse



Mental health affects everyone in different ways - physically, mentally, financially, socially, and emotionally. The shared well-being of our community is dependent on ensuring that compassionate assistance is readily available for those who need it. If you or someone you know is struggling, there is help out there. Our staff are happy to help you locate additional library and community resources. In an emergency, call 911 for help.



Call **911** for any emergency
Call **988** for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
Call **211** for resources and referrals to health, human, and social services

Resource Guide Key:

Mental Health



Well-Being



Substance Abuse



M CDC — Mental Health Index

Info on managing stress, mental health data sources, mental health stigma, adolescent and school health, worker mental health, and coping with a disaster or traumatic event.
[cdc.gov/mental-health/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/mental-health/index.html)



M SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

SAMHSA's National Helpline (also known as the Treatment Referral Routing Service) is a confidential, free, 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year information service in English and Spanish for individuals and family members facing mental and/or substance abuse disorders.
Call 1-800-662-HELP (4357) or TTY: 1-800-487-4889
[samhsa.gov](https://www.samhsa.gov)



M Mental Health America

For people seeking help with mental health, crisis support, finding a warmline, navigating healthcare systems to work with providers, and finding support in your local community. A helpful feature is the Global Conflict Mental Health Resources option.
[mhanational.org](https://www.mhanational.org)



M NobleAct

NobleAct is a mental health crisis and substance abuse response program created by The City of Noblesville in partnership with Noblesville Police and Fire Departments. This program utilizes mental health police officers, community paramedics, and mental health clinicians to provide linkage to community services and divert those in crisis away from the criminal justice system.
Call 317-770-1420 for non-emergency needs or referrals | noblesville.in.gov/517/NobleACT



M StigmaFree Fishers & Hamilton County Credible Minds

Confidential and available 24/7, with CredibleMind you can learn new skills, understand your own mental health, take a mental health assessment, and browse the library of thousands of mental well-being resources. The platform brings together over 16,000 expert-rated and vetted videos, podcasts, apps, online programs, books, and articles, all in one easy-to-use place.
fishers.crediblemind.com | hamiltoncounty.crediblemind.com



See the full Mental Health Resource Guide at hamiltoneastpl.org/library-news/ or pick up a copy in the Library.

For Children & Families



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

Ball State University Presents: Family Reading: The Extraordinary World of Zara: Spotting Stars
Sat. 5/2 | 10-11am for Ages 0-5 & 1-2pm for Ages 6-8 | NOB

Arabee Learn & Play* | Ages 3-5
Mon. 5/11 | 10-11am | FIS

The Great Potato Derby of 2026* | Families
Sat. 5/16 | 2-3pm | NOB

Robot Obstacle Course* | Ages 6-11
Tue. 5/19 | 2-3pm | NOB

Adopt a Dinosaur | Families
Adoptions: Wed. 6/3 - Sun. 6/7 | FIS
Travelogue Slideshow: Wed. 7/22 | 6-7pm | FIS

Adventures in Ancient Egypt* | Ages 6-11
Wed. 6/3 | 3-4pm | NOB

Freddy Fossils Dino Show | Families
Thu. 6/4 | 2-3pm | FIS & Thu. 6/4 | 6-7pm | NOB
Join the legendary paleontologist Freddy Fossil for an exciting adventure where you can meet incredible life-sized dinosaurs!



Dino Dance & Foam Party | Families
Fri. 6/5 | 9:30-10am | NOB

Jurassic Adventure Escape Room* | Ages 7-11
Mon. 6/8 | 1pm, 2pm & 3pm | FIS

Treasure Hunters: Archeology* | Ages 6-11
Wed. 6/10 | 5:30-7pm | FIS

Dinosaur Stop Motion Films* | Ages 6-11
Thu. 6/11 | 2-3pm | NOB

Meet the Author: Jarrett J. Krosoczka*
Sat. 6/13 | 1-2pm | NOB



Fossil Fest* | Ages 8-11
Mon. 6/15 | 1:30-3:30pm | FIS

Digging through time with the Indianapolis Children's Museum | Gr. 3-5 & Families
Tue. 6/16 | 2-3pm | NOB

Dino Hunters* | Ages 6-9
Thu. 6/18 | 2-3pm | FIS

Roar & Craft: Dinosaur Puppet Workshop* | Ages 4-8
Fri. 6/19 | 3-4pm | NOB

School of Rock Fishers: Instrument Petting Zoo | All Ages
Sat. 6/20 | 2-4pm | FIS

Dino Trivia: Stomp Your Way to the Top! | All 6-11
Sun. 6/21 | 2-3pm | NOB

Bluey Party Season 4* | Families
Wed. 6/24 | 6-7pm | NOB

Hatch and Care for your Dinosaur* | Ages 7-11
Sat. 6/27 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Tea-Rex Party: Sip, Stomp, and Roar! | Families
Tue. 6/30 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

DIY Dino Eggs* | Ages 6-11
Thu. 7/2 | 3-4pm | NOB

Flesh out a Fossil* | Ages 6-11
Tue. 7/7 | 3-4pm | NOB

Slime Happens* | Ages 6-11
Wed. 7/8 | 10:30-11:30am | NOB

Dino Suncatchers* | Ages 6-11
Thu. 7/9 | 3-4pm | NOB

Stomp, Chomp, and ROAR!* | Ages 6-11
Fri. 7/10 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Stepping Stone Creations* | Ages 6-11
Mon. 7/13 | 1-2:30pm | FIS

Sketch the Summer Art Competition* | Gr. 1-5
Mon. 7/13 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Poured Painting* | Ages 8-11
Wed. 7/15 | 5:30-7pm | FIS



Sing-a-long & Play-a-long Concert with Jim Gill
Sat. 7/18 | 11am-12pm | FIS & 2-3pm | NOB

Dino Discoveries with the Indianapolis Children's Museum | Families
Tue. 7/21 | 2:30-4pm | FIS

Dino Academy: A Dinosaur Discovery Show Presented by Bright Star Theater
Sat. 7/25 | 2-3pm | NOB

KPop Demon Hunters Showdown | Families
Mon. 7/28 | 5-6pm | NOB

Dino Stomp with Mr. Dan | Families
Tue. 7/28 | 10-11am | FIS

Early Literacy Programs

Noblesville Branch

Babytime | Ages 0-2
Mon. May 4; June 1, 15, 22, 29; July 13, 20 | 9:30-10am
Wed. May 6; June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 8, 15, 22 | 10:30-11am

Storytime | Ages 2-5
Mon. May 4; June 1, 15, 22, 29; July 13, 20 | 10:30-11am
Thu. May 7; June 4, 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23 | 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am

Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5
Tue. May 5; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21 | 9:30-10am
Wed. May 6; June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 8, 15, 22 | 10:30-11am

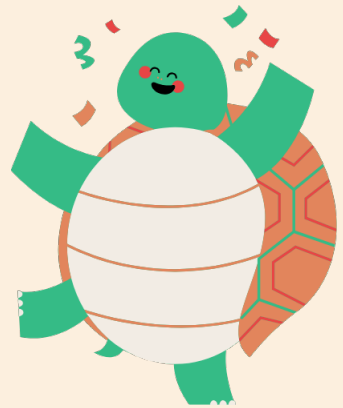
Pre-K Explorers | Ages 3-5
Thu. May 7 & June 18 | 1-2pm

Sunday Stories | Ages 2 and up
Sun. May 17, June 14, July 12 | 2-2:30pm

Toddler Rave | Ages 0-5
Mon. May 18 | 11-11:45am

Boogie Woogie Weekend | Ages 0-5
Sat. May 23 & June 20 | 11-11:30am

Messy Munchkins* | Ages 0-5
Mon. June 8 & July 6 | 10-11am & 11-12pm



Fishers Branch

Babytime | Ages 0-2
Wed. June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22 | 9:30-10am
Thu. May 7; June 4, 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23 | 9:30-10am

Storytime | Ages 2-5
Mon. June 1, 8, 22, 29; July 6, 20 | 9:30-10am
Tue. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21 | 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am
Thu. May 7; June 4, 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23 | 10:30-11am

Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5
Mon. June 1, 8, 22, 29; July 6, 20 | 10:30-11am
Wed. June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22 | 10:30-11am

Sunday Stories | Ages 2 and up
Sun. June 28 & July 26 | 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. 5/7, 6/4 | 6-7pm | NOB
 Thu. 5/21, 6/18 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS
 Thu. 7/9 | 2-3pm | Forest Park Shelter #2
 May & June: Game Night | July: Summer Festival

Crafty Teens*

Tue. 5/12 & 7/14 | 6-7pm | NOB
 Wed. 5/13 & 7/8 | 6-7pm | FIS
 Wed. 6/9 | 2-3pm | Forest Park Shelter
 May: Dinosaur Stuffie | June: Tie Dye | July: Beach Painting

After Hours Laser Tag Party*

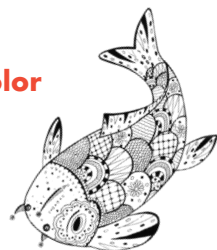
Fri. 5/15 | 5:45-7:30pm | NOB
 Fri. 6/12 | 5:45-7:30pm | FIS

Love on a Leash- Finals Week

Mon. 5/18 | 5-6pm | FIS
 Wed. 5/20 | 4-5pm | NOB

Study Break: Zentangle & Color

Tue. 5/26 | 6-7pm | NOB



Teen Video Game Club*

Tue. 5/19, 6/23, 7/28 | 6-7:30pm | NOB
 Wed. 5/27, 6/24, 7/22 | 6-7:30pm | FIS



Teen Gourmet*

Sat. 5/23, Tue. 6/16,
 Thu. 7/16 | 2-3pm | NOB
 Sat. 5/9, Mon. 6/15,
 Wed. 7/15 | 2-3pm | FIS
 May: Hummus | June: Smoothies | July: Ice Cream

Teen Video Game Tournament*

Thu. 6/11 | 2-3:30pm | FIS | Fortnite

Like Skills: Being a Leader

Mon. 6/22 | 2-3pm | FIS
 Teens are stepping beyond ready and into action with our Being a Leader Program.



Submit an original poster design with this summer's theme: **Monochrome**. Teens can submit one 11x17 inch poster that uses different shades of the same color. Winners will have their poster displayed in the TeenZones and win a gift card.

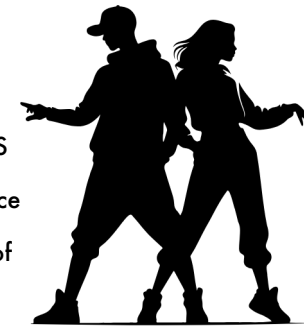
Meet the Author:
Jarrett J. Krococzka*
Sat. 6/13 | 1-2pm | NOB



Jarrett J. Krococzka is an award-winning, New York Times bestselling author and illustrator of more than forty books for young readers, including the graphic memoir *Hey Kiddo*, a finalist for the National Book Award, and its follow-up *Sunshine*. He also created the wildly popular *Lunch Lady* graphic novels and has written for Spider-Man, Star Wars, and Snoopy.

Basics of Hip-Hop Dance Class*

Thu. 6/25 | 12:30-1:30pm | FIS
 Learn the basics of hip hop dance from instructor Abigail Gerdes of the Academy of Dance Arts!



Cookie Decorating for Teens

Fri. 6/26 | 3-4:30pm | NOB

Teen Poster Contest Workshop*

Mon. 6/29 | 2-3:30pm | FIS
 Create a poster for the Teen Poster Contest with the Risograph in Ignite Studio!

Sketch the Summer Art Competition*

Mon. 7/13 | 2-3:30pm | FIS
 Compete in a timed art competition with a mystery summer related theme.

Stop Motion Animation*

Tues. 7/21 | 2-3:30pm | NOB
 Wed. 7/29 | 5:30-7pm | FIS
 Using the Stop Motion Studio app, learn how to make your own stop motion animation.



For Teens & Adults

The Beginner's Guide to Foraging: Part 2*
 Thu. 5/7 | 5:30-7:30pm | FIS

Pokémon GO Community Day with Shiny Hunters of Noblesville



Sat. 5/9 | 2-5pm | NOB

Acing the Interview*

Mon. 5/18 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Gamers Guild*

Sun. 5/24, 6/21, 7/19 | 1-5pm | NOB

Bling-A-Book - Unearth Your Creativity*

Sun. 6/7 | 2-5pm | NOB

Puzzle Swap

Sat. 6/20 | 10am-1pm | FIS

Puzzle Showdown: A Team Competition for Teens and Adults*

Sat. 6/20 | 11:30am-12:30pm | FIS

College Planning Made Clear: A Roadmap for Parents & Students*

Mon. 6/22 | 6-7pm | FIS & Sat. 7/11 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Soil is Alive! - Soil Health Pop-Up

Thu. 7/16 | 5-7pm | FIS

Cool Careers: Paleontology Professor* | Ages 6 - Adult

Thu. 7/23 | 2-3pm | FIS

Learn about teaching paleontology at a university and see some Indiana fossils!



For Adults

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

ENL Conversation Group

Every Wednesday | 11am-12pm | FIS

Indianapolis Chinese Orchestra Spring Concert: A Collection of Traditional and Contemporary Asian Music

Sat. 5/2 | 2-3pm | FIS

Supported by the Friends of the Hamilton East Public Library.

The Beginner's Guide to Foraging: Part 2*

Thu. 5/7 | 5:30-7:30pm | FIS

Pokémon GO Community Day with Shiny Hunters of Noblesville

Sat. 5/9 | 2-5pm | NOB

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

Tue. 5/12 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Decluttering as Self Care: How to Begin*

Wed. 5/13 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

The Write Stuff: A Virtual Adult Writers' Group*

New day - Wed. 5/13, 6/10, 7/8 | 6:30-7:30pm | Virtual

Adult Virtual Craft Series*

Thu. 5/14, 7/9 | 6:30-7:45pm | Virtual

Feel-Good Friday Chair Yoga*

New time - Fri. 5/15, 6/12, 7/17 | 3-3:45pm | FIS



Acing the Interview*

Mon. 5/18 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Essential Soft Skills for Employment and Career Growth with Ivy Tech Community College*

Tue. 5/19 | 5-7:30pm | NOB



Open Board Gaming

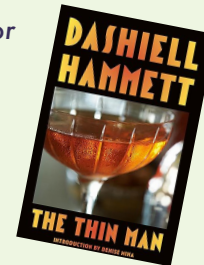
Tue. 5/26, 6/23, 7/28 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Book Clubs

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

Books on Tap

Wed. 5/27, 6/24, 7/22 | 6:30-7:30pm



Fiction Fans

Thu. 5/14, 6/11, 7/9 | 6:30-7:30pm



Mystery Loves Company

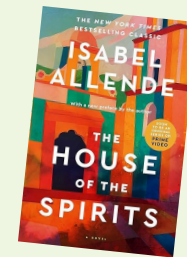
Wed. 5/20, 6/17, 7/15 | 6:30-7:30pm

On the Same Page

Tue. 5/12, 6/9, 7/14 | 6:30-7:30pm

Paging Through Time

Wed. 5/27, 6/24, 7/22 | 2-3pm



Read Around the World

Mon. 5/4, 6/1, 7/6 | 6:30-7:30pm

Speculative Fiction Guild

Mon. 5/11, 6/8, 7/13 | 6:30-7:30pm



True Brew Nonfiction

Thu. 5/28, 6/25, 7/23 | 7-8:30pm

Selling Smart: A Home Prep Crash Course

Thu. 5/28 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Cat Yoga: A Slow-Flow Session with Adoptable Cats!*

Sun. 5/31 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Bling-A-Book - Unearth Your Creativity*

Sun. 6/7 | 2-5pm | NOB

Puzzle Swap

Sat. 6/20 | 10am-1pm | FIS



Puzzle Showdown: A Team Competition for Teens and Adults*

Sat. 6/20 | 11:30am-12:30pm | FIS

College Planning Made Clear: A Roadmap for Parents & Students*

Mon. 6/22 | 6-7pm | FIS & Sat. 7/11 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Community Blood Drive*

Tue. 6/23 | 2:30-6:30pm | FIS

Library 101: Intro to HEPL + Branch Tour*

Tue. 6/23 | 2-3pm | NOB & Fri. 7/10 | 11am-12pm | FIS

Crafternoon at Noblesville*

Sat. 6/27 | 3-4:30pm | NOB

Writing Tiny Truths: Flash Creative Nonfiction*

Sun. 6/28 | 1-3pm | NOB

Writers will generate new, short-form work over the course of this guided Butler MFA Community Writing Workshop.

Soil is Alive! - Soil Health Pop-Up

Thu. 7/16 | 5-7pm | FIS

Visit the Soil Trailer interactive mobile museum and get the dirt about what's happening in the world beneath your feet!

Unearth A Story: A Trivia Expedition*

Sat. 7/25 | 5:45-7pm | FIS

SEED LIBRARY

Heirloom Gardening* Vegetable Gardening* Herb Gardening*

Wed. May 20

Thu. June 25

Thu. July 23

6-7:30pm | FIS

6-7:30pm | FIS

6-7:30pm | FIS

Computer Classes

Apple iOS Basics: iPhone and iPad*

Thu. 5/14 | 2:30-4pm | Fishers Community Center

Tech Time: Drop-in Assistance with Devices and Library Apps

Tue. 6/9 | 10am-12pm | NOB

Fri. 6/26 | 2-4pm | NOB

Fri. 7/17 | 10am-12pm | NOB

Thu. 7/23 | 10am-12pm | FIS

Mon. 7/27 | 2-4pm | NOB

Protecting Your Privacy Online: Cybersecurity Basics*

Thu. 6/11 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Introduction to Graphic Design Using Canva*

Fri. 6/12 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

Modern Resume Creation in Google Docs with AI Insights*

Mon. 6/15 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Mobile Device Basics: Android*

Thu. 6/18 | 2:30-4pm | Fishers Community Center

Introduction to Beginner-Friendly Website Builders*

Tue. 6/30 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Microsoft Word Basics*

Mon. 7/13 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Online Job Search Basics*

Thu. 7/16 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

Microsoft Excel Basics*

Fri. 7/24 | 2-3:30pm | NOB



Crossroads Discovery Center



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G.A.B.- Genealogy Advisory Board

Thu. 5/7 & 6/4 | 2:30-3:30pm | NOB

Join CRDC staff and Nancy Massey, Hamilton County Genealogist, for this lively discussion of all things genealogy. Share your brick walls and biggest questions and help others.

Family History Interview Workshop*

Sat. 5/9 | 11am-12:30pm | NOB

Join us in learning how to do family history interviews, from preparation, to the interview, to saving it for generations to come, especially useful for those booking our Audio Recording Lab.

Saving My Family's Memories with Digital Media Labs*

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

Discover what's available to preserve and share your family memories from old formats to new in the CRDC. Learn how to reserve and use the equipment and what you will need to bring to your appointment. Digitize slides, film negatives, VHS, 8mm and other formats to be able to watch, listen, and share them.

Beginning Genealogy*

Wed. 6/17 | 6:30-7:45pm | NOB

Just beginning to research your family tree? Returning to research after a break? Learn the 8 Steps to Genealogy. Basic methods, tips, online resources, and record types will be explored and discussed.

History of

Hamilton County's Reservoirs – Geist, Morse, and Riverwood*

Sat. 6/27 | 2-3pm | NOB

The county's reservoirs are a defining feature of Fishers and Noblesville. Learn how they came into existence and how water management has shaped our communities, from the earliest days of millponds and creeks, through today's concerns about preserving the aquifer.

How to Find A House's History*

Thu. 7/16 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Are you the owner of a historic or vintage home in Hamilton County or nearby? Is the Noblesville Preservation Alliance's Historic Home Tour (this year on October 3) one of your favorite fall events? Have you ever wondered about the history of a particularly beautiful home on your commute? Learn what resources are available and where to begin house history hunting in Noblesville and Hamilton County.

Hezzie, Red, Corky, and the Cheerio Inn: Hamilton County Jazz in the 1930s and 1940s*

Sat. 7/25 | 2-3pm | NOB

Hamilton County wasn't known for being a jazz hotspot, but there were local people and places that could swing with the best of them! Learn about these top musicians and hear them play by listening to their recorded legacy



Sharing Our Story: LOCAL HISTORY FAIR

Saturday, June 20 | 1 - 4pm | Noblesville Library

Celebrate the United States' 250th Anniversary with our Hamilton County history organizations. This open-house-style free fair is the perfect way to learn more about your community, its historic places, and how to share your own family story.

Check in with our staff and receive a history passport for the event. Visit all the booths and get your passport stamped for a prize and entry into a raffle!

Registration is not required but encouraged if you plan to attend our keynote from Kurt Meyer, Noblesville realtor and author, who will speak on "Story Telling: From Novels to Blogging to Social Media."

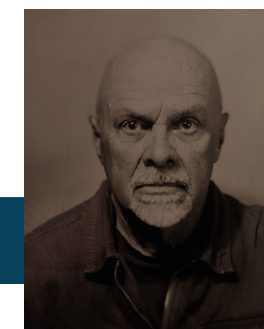


Exhibiting Partners

Clay Township Military Museum and Library
Conner Prairie
Fishers Historical Society
Hamilton County Historical Society
Hamilton County Parks and Recreation
Hamilton East Public Library Foundation
Roberts Settlement
Sheridan Historical Society
Westfield Preservation Alliance
Westfield Washington Historical Society

Schedule

1pm - Fair opens, displays open through 4pm
2pm - Keynote, Meeting Room B (ground floor)
4pm - Fair closes, raffle closes



Kurt Meyer is a life-long Hoosier. He's published nearly 300 local newspaper columns and feature stories in decades of area publications like the Noblesville Daily Ledger, the Noblesville Daily Times, and NUVO Newsweekly. His former blog, *The Hoosier Contrarian*, was part memoir, part commentary. Kurt's novel, *Noblesville*, was published in 2014 by *River's Edge Media*, and his second novel, *The Salvage Man* was published in 2015. Both novels are set in Noblesville. He's a local Realtor and father & step father to 7 children and grandfather to 6.

Ignite Studio

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

Professional Portraits for Creatives* | Ages 16+

Sun. 5/3 | 1-4pm | IGN

Wanting to upgrade your selfie to something more professional? Sign up for a 15-minute session in the AV studio with local photographer Stephanie Kaminski. She will provide great lighting, a backdrop and her trained eye to bring out your best. Registrants will be contacted with specific time slots closer to the date. These sessions are for individuals only; no group photos will be taken. Photos will be delivered via email no earlier than 5 days after the event.

Intro to Rug Tufting* | Ages 16+

Mon. 5/14 & Sun. 5/31 | 1-4pm | IGN

Harken back to 5 BCE with the advent of rug tufting! Use modern tools in this beginner-friendly, hands-on workshop that introduces the contemporized art form of making rugs. Participants will follow a template to create their own custom design using Ignite's newly acquired Clawlab tufting tools.

Riso Birthday Bash Print Party*

Ages 8+ (Ages 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

Sat. 5/23 | 11am-2pm | IGN

Happy birthday Riso! Join us to celebrate the first anniversary of our Risograph program launch. The Risograph is a stencil duplicator machine that makes beautiful, eco-friendly prints on paper - a tool available to printmakers and artists here at Ignite Studio. Drop in anytime during this event to grab a Riso-printed party hat, help decorate cake-shaped pinatas with Riso scraps, and make some art with the Riso.

Sewing Adventures for Parent and Child* Ages 6+

Fri. 5/29 & 7/17 | 10am-12pm | IGN

Start your sewing adventures in this hands-on class for beginners. Learn the basics of threading and operating a sewing machine as you and your child create a stuffie. Supplies and sewing machines provided.



"The Back Story" Silhouette Portraits with Teaching Artist Jeannette Parssi* | Ages 9-12

Mon. 6/15 | 11am-12:30pm & 1:30-3pm | IGN

Start by having your silhouette outlined on a large piece of paper. Cut your silhouette out and attach to a sheet of watercolor paper. Develop a design or story that represents you and paint that around your silhouette.

CMYK Riso Printing* | Ages 16+

Mon. 6/22 | 5-7:30pm | IGN

Learn how to use four drums to simulate the "CMYK" printing offered by full-color printers. This workshop will show you how to use Photoshop and our available ink drums to create a four-color print edition to replicate full color photographs. Walk away with prints of your photo, a photo from others in the print exchange at the end of the workshop, and resources that will outline how to replicate the process independently.

Digging Deep: An Interactive Zine Workshop with Teaching Artist Faith Wheat* | Family Friendly

Sat. 7/18 | 11am-12:30pm & 2-3:30pm | IGN

Create zines with the focus on the theme "Digging Deep." Learn the proper way to fold a zine and add interactive flaps. Under the flaps, participants can add silly pictures, stories or even poetry that that will be uncovered by all who read it.

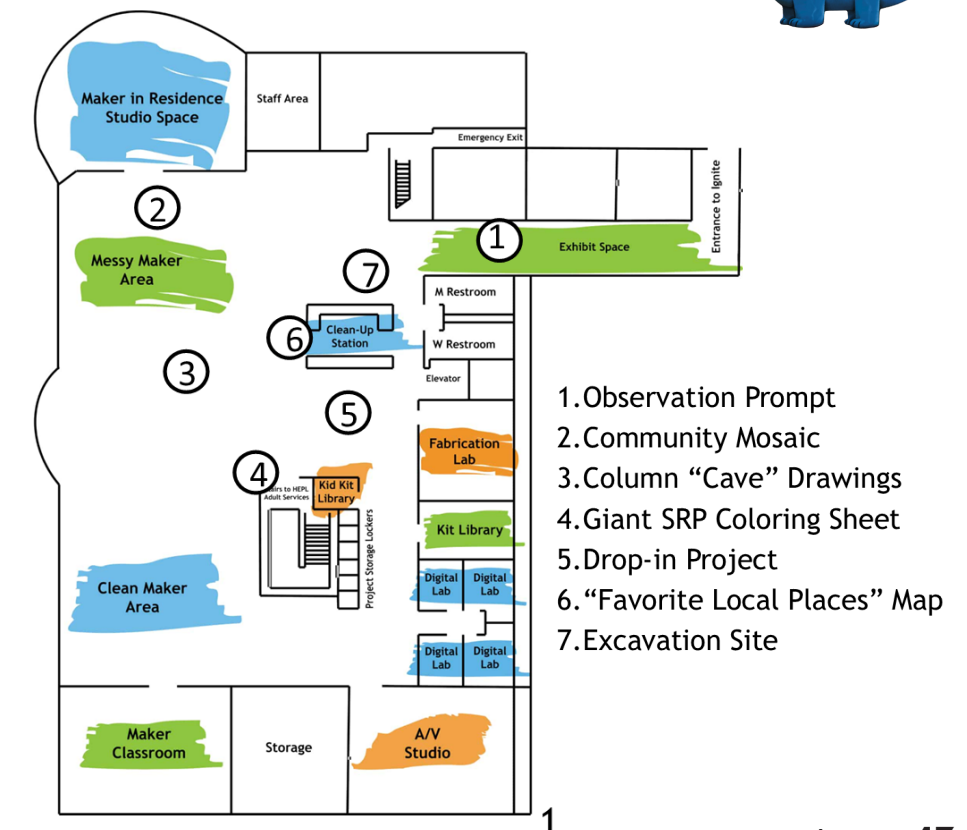
ART ADVENTURE TRAIL



Adventure begins at Ignite! Any time during the months of June or July, pick up an Art Adventure Trail map and a small notebook in Ignite Studio at Fishers Library and walk along the trail in the lower level of the library.

Participate in engaging activities at seven stations along your route. Check out current exhibits in the gallery spaces, replicate an ancient mosaic using colored squares, mimic prehistoric cave drawings, help color our giant SRP-themed coloring sheet, add a drawing to the community's "Favorite Local Places" map, unearth pottery shards in our sand pit, and participate in the latest drop-in art activity!

When you've completed the trail, show us your notebook for an Ignite swag prize!



1. Observation Prompt
2. Community Mosaic
3. Column "Cave" Drawings
4. Giant SRP Coloring Sheet
5. Drop-in Project
6. "Favorite Local Places" Map
7. Excavation Site

From Library Laser to Local Brand

By Kim Davis
owner, designer & maker
behind Left Grain

How one maker used the Ignite Studio to transform art and ideas into a growing small business



Photography by Lili Perez

I first discovered Ignite Studio the same way I discovered most things at the library in that season of life...while chasing little kids and looking for things to do around town!

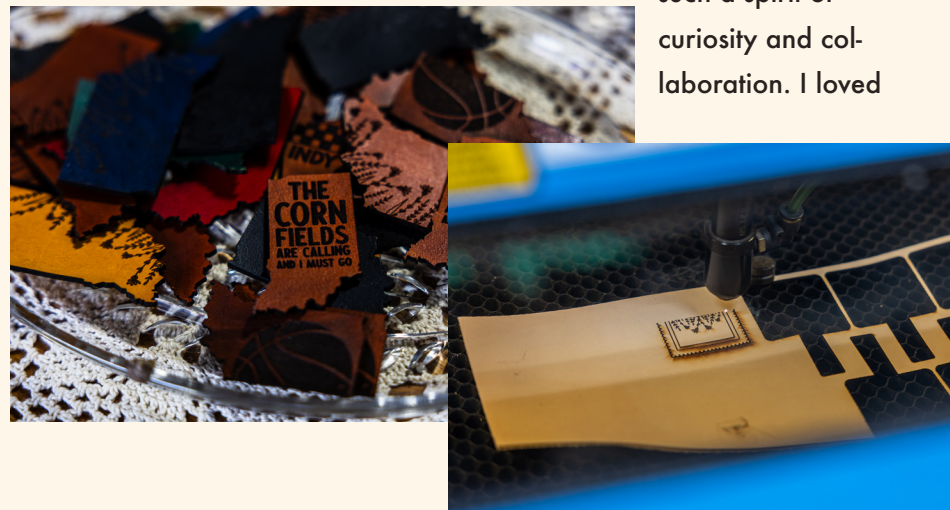
When my kids were small, we were at the library often, and I remember seeing the announcement that Ignite Studio was opening and thinking, "Wow, that's incredible." And then immediately feeling intimidated by tools

and machines...I'm a designer and artist by background with a degree in Computer Graphic Technology and had a career as a professional photographer, so learning tools felt out of reach.

My husband took the laser certification class first. We had just started our small business, Left Grain, where we design and make midwest-inspired goods from art, logos, and more. When we first started, we were primarily using traditional woodworking techniques. Brandon took my designs and artwork into the laser class, and he made pieces for a tic-tac-toe board. Watching him turn my artwork into something precise and repeatable, inspired me to take the class and start learning to use the laser. It truly changed everything for me. Left Grain is now known for leather patch hats, keychains, and personalized goods that are made in Indiana and can be gifted and loved for a long time.

Once I got certified, I started spending as many free hours at Ignite as I could. That studio became my classroom. I learned not just from the staff, who were incredibly patient and generous with their knowledge, but from other makers who were using the laser before and after me. There was

such a spirit of curiosity and collaboration. I loved



digging through the scrap bin to see what materials others had left behind and figuring out how to turn them into something new. I was playing and learning - and starting to sell some of the things I was making in the Studio.

drawing turn into an engraved piece of wood or a leather patch builds confidence in a way that's hard to replicate. Learning how to use tools, problem-solve through mistakes, and collaborate with people using other ma-



At that time, I didn't have the physical space or financial margin to purchase my own laser. Ignite allowed me to experiment, prototype, and refine products without the pressure of a major investment. I was able to test ideas, see what resonated with customers, and slowly build confidence, both technically and as a business owner, and save funds for my own machinery.

The laser completely shifted the trajectory of Left Grain. I finally purchased my own laser and began working out of my basement full time. I had a much shorter learning curve than I would have if I didn't have a jump start at Ignite, and I had products ready to sell that I had been making in the Studio.

What I think is especially powerful about Ignite is that you don't have to start a business for it to matter. There is something incredibly important about seeing your creative ideas become physical objects especially. Watching a

chines in the space is such an incredible and meaningful use of a public library. It turns creativity into something tangible and shared.

Today, after several years of operating out of my basement, I run Left Grain from my studio on Maple Avenue in downtown Noblesville, where I design and produce leather patch hats, gifts, and custom merchandise. But the foundation of everything I do... especially the technical skills, the confidence with

tools, and the belief that I belonged in a maker space...started at the library.

Ignite didn't just give me access to equipment. It gave me a career that I love and a sense of community with other individuals who also like to design and make and create.



Learn about all the equipment, kits, and resources available to you at Ignite Studio in Fishers and the Maker Lab in Noblesville at ignite.hamiltoneastpl.org.

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LIBRARY INFO

LOCATIONS

Noblesville Library

One Library Plaza
Noblesville, IN 46060
317.773.1384

Crossroads Discovery Center
317.770.3236

Ignite Maker Lab
317.770.3247

Fishers Library

Five Municipal Drive
Fishers, IN 46038
317.579.0300

Ignite Studio
317.579.0331

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Friday – Saturday

9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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