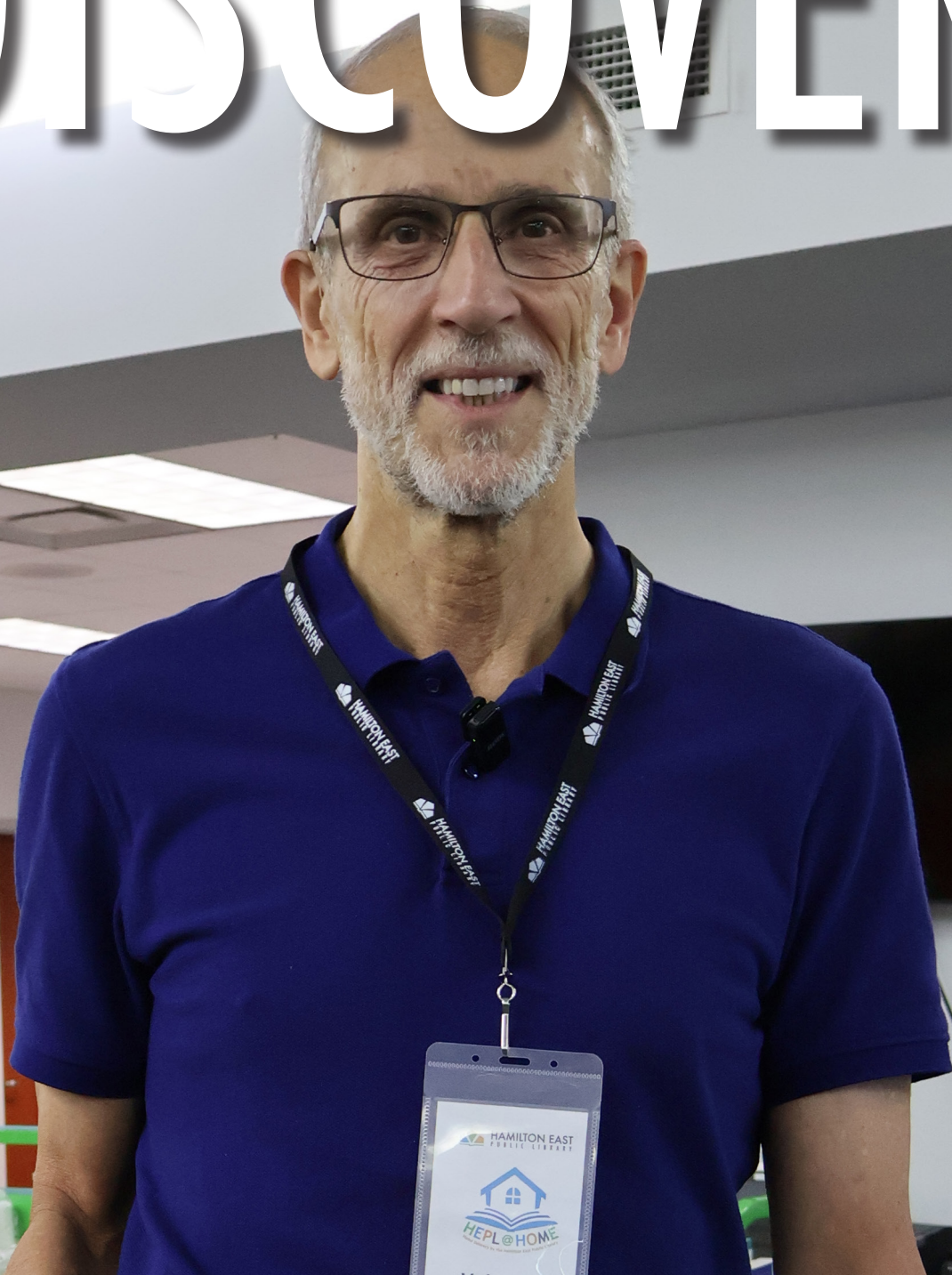


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Discover Guide

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



Highlights

Library Card Sign-Up Month
Join us in celebrating all the ways the library empowers discovery, creativity, connection, and more during Library Card Sign-Up Month this September. Show your library card at participating local businesses between September 1-30 to get a special deal.

Welcoming Week
During Welcoming Week, we will celebrate our vibrant, multicultural community and the ways we put our mission, vision, and guiding principles into practice year-round.

Family History Day
Enjoy an afternoon of classes and networking with fellow genealogists! Professional genealogists and archivists will present programs for family history researchers at all levels. Door prizes and giveaways will go home with some lucky winners.

Ignite Studio’s Fall Maker-in-Residence
From September - December, meet Gina M. Baird, a celebrated multimedia artist, educator, and therapist who loves using art to explore emotions, personal challenges and the awe of nature.

Stories Delivered to You
Get to see the behind the scenes for the Library’s home delivery service, and what it means for those who use it. Stories and resources are delivered right to your door, bringing the library to you!

Community Spotlight



Family Fun at the Geist Half Race Series
Families can enjoy the 5K or the new 1-Mile race, perfect for kids, first-time runners, walkers, and all ages and abilities. All participants receive a race shirt and finisher medal. Register at GeistHalf.com



Glow in the Park
Get messy while enjoying face painting, live DJs, dancing, neon splash zones and more! Black lights and lasers will light up the night, so wear white and get ready to glow. Learn more at FishersParks.com.



Boo Bash
Join Fishers Parks for spooky fun at the reimagined Halloween festival around the Municipal Complex featuring music, food, games, costumes, and more. Find details at FishersParks.com.



EMBRACE DOWNTOWN
This project will enhance safety and walkability, nurture a vibrant local economy, and invest in a connected, inclusive community. We encourage visiting businesses in downtown Noblesville!



Concerts at the Commons
Don’t miss the final concerts in Noblesville Parks & Recreation’s Concerts at the Commons series! Gather your friends, bring a lawn chair, and enjoy great live music in the heart of downtown Noblesville.



Shop Local
The City of Noblesville encourages you to shop local all year round to support local businesses, which are the heartbeat of our community.

September Library Card SIGN-UP month

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT CHAPTER?

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month!

What's your next chapter? There are many different seasons of life, and the library has something for whatever comes next. Whether you're discovering a new hobby, planning your next adventure, finding your next favorite author, or exploring something completely unexpected, your next chapter starts at Hamilton East Public Library.

This September, we're celebrating Library Card Sign-Up Month by highlighting the many ways a library card opens doors to learning, creativity, entertainment, and connection. Throughout the month, we'll share reading recommendations from staff and community members, showcase what people are reading and listening to, and invite patrons to share their own recommendations. After all, sometimes the best way to discover your next chapter is through a recommendation from someone else.

No matter what chapter comes next, there's never been a better time to sign up for a library card and discover all it can unlock!



Show Your LIBRARY CARD *and Save!*

Back by popular demand, our Show Your Card and Save campaign returns this September!

Sign up for or renew your library card at the Fishers or Noblesville branch, then enjoy special discounts at participating local businesses all month long – from September 1 through 30 – just by showing your library card.



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It's our way of celebrating the power of a library card – and supporting our local community at the same time.

See the full list of participating businesses and discounts at hamiltoneastpl.org starting September 1st!

2026 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

9th Street Bistro

Free glass of prosecco or a sparkling mocktail

A & B Farmhouse

15% discount on one regular priced item

Adrenaline

25% off admissions

Angelo's Italian Market

10% off purchase

Aspen Creek Grill

\$5 off \$25 dine in or carryout

Big Blue Swim School

1 free trial swim lesson & waived annual membership fee

BT-GO Travel Advising

Contact BT-GO & receive a \$100 restaurant card

CIDE Dance

\$5 off tickets with discount code "MYCARD"

Cruise Planners

\$50 onboard credit for booking a cruise

Dig Dig For Kids

25% off admission and play passes

Emerge Personal Training

Get 4 FREE Classes

Fishers Mathnasium

\$100 off the first month (for new enrollments)

Fit Chicks

BOGO Buy 2, Get 3 FREE Sessions

Handel's Ice Cream (Fishers and Noblesville)

10% off purchase

Hoosier Balloon Company

10% off bookings

Indie Coffee Roasters

20% off beverages

Kiln Creations

20% off one piece per visit

Kilwins (Fishers)

Buy 1 Get 1 Free ice cream

KruFit

1 week (3 classes) of Muay Thai or Brazilian Jiu Jitsu training. \$25 off your first month

Left Grain

\$5 off a hat or shirt items

Le Macaron French Pastries

20% off macarons in Fishers

Lindsey Wilson

Free quotes & a goodie bag

Nicey Treat

Buy one get one

Noblesville Peony Farm

10% off peony roots + free delivery w/ code "HEPL26"

Orange Theory

2 free classes

Parks Place Pub

Free appetizer with purchase of a meal

Penn & Beech (Fishers)

\$5 off your purchase

Puccini's

20% off Fishers & Geist stores

Rush Bowls

15% off purchase

Schoolhouse 7 Cafe

17% off orders over \$7.77* (excluding alcohol, rental and catering)

Smitten Kitten Cat Cafe

Free beverage

Twisters Soda Bar

\$1 off orders of \$10 or more

Unplug Soy Candles

10% off

Yafa Golden Coffee

10% off full order

The Now Kinda Love

Get 20% off an item w/ code YAYLIBRARYFRIENDS20



WELCOMING WEEK

STORIES WE SHARE

The Courage to Connect

September 10–19, 2026

WHAT IS WELCOMING WEEK?

Welcoming America is an organization that encourages U.S. cities, counties, states, and non-profit organizations to bring together immigrant and non-immigrant communities. Welcoming Week is a series of events each September when neighbors, newcomers, and long-time residents come together in a spirit of unity. These gatherings demonstrate that in places large and small, people of all backgrounds create stronger communities by building meaningful connections and affirming the benefits of welcoming everyone.

During Welcoming Week we will celebrate our vibrant, multicultural community and the ways Hamilton East Public Library's mission, vision, and guiding principles are put into practice year-round. Join us for cultural programming and more, during Welcoming Week. Be sure to check our events calendar and blog for more details and more featured events!

Drop-in Activity: Momigami | Ages 5+ | IGN
All week, join us to make the Japanese craft of momigami, which turns paper into a soft, fabric-like material. Supplies will be provided.

FEATURED EVENTS:

Taste of Community – A Cultural Storytelling Experience | All ages*

Sat. 9/12 | 2:30-4:30pm | NOB

Arabee Learn and Play | Ages 3-5*

Fri. 9/11 | 10-11am | FIS

Dabke Dance Workshop with Arab Alliance of Indiana | Adults & Teens*

Sat. 9/12 | 1-3pm | FIS

Glass in Hamilton County: Art, Craft, Immigration and Economics | Adults*

Sun. 9/20 | 2-3pm | NOB

Paint with Paper with Teaching Artist Heather Ray Boelke | Ages 16+

Wed. 9/19 | 11am-12:30pm & 2-3:30pm | IGN



Family HISTORY DAY GENEALOGY CONFERENCE



Saturday, October 10 | 12:45pm - 4:45pm | Noblesville Library | Free - Registration required

Enjoy an afternoon of classes and network with fellow genealogists! Professional genealogists will present programs for family history researchers at all levels on using newspapers, land and probate records, records from the National Archives, and immigration to the Midwest. Historical and genealogical groups will be here to answer questions and provide more information on their work. Door prizes and giveaways will go home with some lucky winners.

SCHEDULE

12:45 PM - Check-in begins

1:00 PM - **"Genealogy Inspiration"**

Our keynote speaker **Lori Samuelson** will speak about creative approaches to family history research.

2:00 PM - Choose a session:

Researching Newspapers Outside of Newspapers.com by Amber Oldenburg- One Branch at a Time Genealogy

The availability of digitized newspapers grows each day. Discover sites that make newspapers available to researchers for free or very little cost, such as Advantage Archives and Chronicling America, as well as the resources for newspaper research available at local FamilySearch Centers and archives.

Using Land and Probate Records to Create Your FAN Club presented by John Barr- Old Northwest Genealogy

Create a list of family, associates, and neighbors that can add context to your lineage research. Learn how to compile a FAN Club from Land and different probate record and how use it to advance your research. Explore example of creating and using a FAN Club from land and probate records.

3:00-3:35 PM - Break

Visit with representatives from local historical and genealogical groups and lineage societies. Door prize drawings and snacks available.

3:45 PM - Choose a session:

Accessing Tools and Records from the National Archives for Family History with Ryan Johnson- RJJ Genealogy

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), holds records relevant to a wide range of family history research goals. Join us to learn about the importance of knowing what NARA offers and how to start finding your ancestors and their entourage in federal records.

From Feet to Flight: (Im)migrating to the Midwest with Amy Vedra - Director Reference Services, Indiana Historical Society

Discover the journeys of families moving to the Midwest, exploring their experiences, challenges, and factors shaping their arrival through personal accounts and historical insights.

For Children & Families

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

Wonder Lab* | Ages 3-7

Wed. 10/7 | 2-3pm | FIS
Sat. 8/1, 9/26, 10/24 | 11am-12pm | NOB



Toddler Rave | Ages 0-5

Wed. 8/5, Mon 10/19 | 11-11:45am | NOB

Egg Carton Art* | Ages 6-11

Thur. 8/6 | 3-4pm | NOB

Masterpiece Makers* | Ages 8-11

Fri. 8/7, 9/4, 10/2 | 1-3pm | FIS

Read to a Therapy Dog | Love on a Leash | Ages 6-11

Sat. 8/8, 9/12, 10/10 | 11am-12pm | FIS
Sat. 8/1, 9/5, 10/3 | 11am -12pm | NOB



Mermaid Tales Live!* | Ages 6-11

Tue. 8/11 | 6-7pm | FIS

Full STEAM Ahead* | Ages 8-11

Wed. 8/12, 9/9, 10/14 | 3-4pm | NOB

Mad Scientists* | Grades 3-5

Wed. 8/19, 9/16, 10/21 | 6-7pm | FIS
Thurs. 8/20, 9/17, 10/22 | 1:30-2:30pm | FIS | Homeschool

Duck Boat Challenge* | Ages 6-11

Tue. 8/25 | 3-4pm | NOB



Young Hoosier Award Book Club | Ages 8-11

Tues. 8/25, 9/22, 10/27 | 3:30-4:30pm | NOB

Pokémon Club | Ages 6-11

Wed. 8/26, 9/23, 10/28 | 6-7 PM | FIS
Thur. 8/20, 9/17, 10/15 | 3-4pm | NOB

Jr Chef* | Ages 6-11

Wed. 8/26, 9/23 | 3-4pm | NOB

Open Book Club drop in | Ages 6-11

Thur. 8/27, 9/24, 10/29 | 3:30-4:30pm | FIS

Mystery Science* | Ages 6-11

Thur. 9/3 | 3-4pm | NOB

Kids Birding Club* | Ages 6-11

Sat. 9/5, 10/3 | 10-11:30am | FIS



Family Board Game & Building | Families

Thur. 9/10, 10/15 | 3:30-4:45pm | FIS

Arabee Learn and Play* | Ages 3-5

Fri. 9/11 | 10-11am | FIS



LEGO™ Breakout Room* | Families

Sun. 9/13 | 2-2:45pm, 3-3:45pm, 4-4:45pm | NOB

DIY Dollhouse | Ages 6-11

Tue. 9/15 | 3-4pm | NOB

Once Upon A Birthday* | Ages 6-10

Sat. 9/19, 10/17 | 2-3pm | FIS

Fall Art Nature Creations | Ages 6-11

Tue. 9/24 | 3-4pm | NOB



Fall Break Family Bingo | Families

Wed. 10/14 | 2-3pm | NOB

Movie Matinee: Zootopia 2 | Families

Thur. 10/15 | 2-4pm | NOB

Nerf Wars* | Ages 6-11 | Grades 1-5

Sun. 10/18 | 2-3 pm | FIS

Pajamas, Plushies, Pancakes, and Parachute Fun | Ages 0-5

Mon. 10/19 | 10-11am | NOB

Haunted Candy Land | Families

Mon. 10/19 & Tues 10/20
5-6pm lights on, 6-7pm low lights | FIS

Minute to Win it (Fall Edition)* | Ages 6-11

Tue. 10/20 | 3-4pm | NOB

Haunted Gingerbread Houses* | Ages 5-11

Fri. 10/23 | 3-4pm | NOB

Octoboo | Families

Wed. 10/28 | 6-8pm | NOB

Halloween Spooktacular | Families

Fri. 10/30 | 10am-12pm | FIS



Storytimes & Music Programs

Noblesville Branch

Babytime | Ages 0-2

Mon. Aug. 17, 24; Sept. 14, 21; Oct. 5 | 9:30-10am
Wed. Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7 | 10:30-11am

Storytime | Ages 2-5

Mon. Aug. 17, 24; Sept. 14, 21; Oct. 5 | 10:30-11am
Thu. Aug. 20, 27; Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8 | 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am

Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5

Tue. Aug. 18, 25; Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6 | 9:30-10am
Wed. Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7 | 9:30-10am

Pre-K Explorers | Ages 3-5

Thu. Aug. 20, 27; Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8 | 1-2pm

Boogie Woogie Weekend | Ages 0-5

Sat. Aug. 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 10 | 11-11:30am

Sunday Stories | Ages 2-5

Sun. Aug. 9, Sept. 6, Oct. 11 | 2-2:30pm



Fishers Branch

Babytime | Ages 0-2

Wed. Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 28 | 9:30-10am
Thu. Aug. 20, 27; Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8 | 9:30-10am

Storytime | Ages 2-5

Mon. Aug. 17, 24, 31; Sept. 14, 21, 28; Oct. 26 | 9:30-10am
Tue. Aug. 18, 25; Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 27 | 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am
Thu. Aug. 20, 27; Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 29 | 10:30-11am

Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5

Mon. Aug. 17, 24, 31; Sept. 14, 21, 28; Oct. 26 | 10:30-11am
Wed. Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 28 | 10:30-11am

Pre-K Explorers | Ages 3-5

Tue. Aug. 18, 25; Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6, 27 | 1-2pm

Sunday Stories | Ages 2 and up

Sun. Aug. 23; Sept. 20; Oct. 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.

Teen Writing Challenge: School Setting August 1-31

Teen writers can submit an original short story for a chance to win a gift card and have their story shared on our website. Challenge yourself to write a fictional story set in a school or university.

Entries are due by Monday, August 31, 2026. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive gift cards and the winners' stories will be shared on HEPL's website! Find out more about guidelines and requirements on our Teen Blog.



Neurodivergent Teen Hangout*

Thur. 8/20, 9/17, 10/15 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS
Thu 8/6, 9/3, & 10/1 | 6-7pm | NOB

Crafty Teens*

Wed. 8/12, 9/9, 10/14 | 6-7pm | FIS
Tues. 8/11, 9/8, & 10/13 | 6-7pm | NOB
Aug. Open Art Night | Sept. Kinusaiga Art | Oct. Book Vases



Teen Gourmet*

Wed. 8/19, 9/16, 10/21 | 6-7pm | FIS
Sat. 8/15 | 12-1pm | NOB
Tue. 9/22 | 6-7pm | NOB
Thur. 10/22 | 2-3pm | NOB
Aug. Microwave Baked Potatoes
Sept. Fried Rice
Oct. No Bake Cookies

After-Hours Laser Tag Party*

Fri. 8/21 | 5:45-7:30pm | NOB

Teen Video Game Club*

Wed. 8/26 | 6-7pm | FIS
Wed. 9/23 | 6-7:30pm | Virtual Reality | FIS
Mon. 10/19 | 2-3pm | FIS
Tue. 8/25, 9/29 | 6-7pm | NOB
Fri. 10/16 | 2-3pm | NOB



Teen Breakout Room: Alien Invasion*

Sat. 9/26 | 2-3pm | FIS



Teen Fright Night*

Tue. 10/27 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB
Wed. 10/28 | 5:30-7:30pm | FIS

Teens are invited to the library for an evening of frightful fun! Enjoy pizza & snacks, create creepy crafts, and watch a spooky movie on the big screen.



After Hours Haunted Mini Golf* Grades 6-12

Fri. 10/9 | 5:45-7:30pm | FIS



For Teens & Adults

Professional Headshots with Lili Perez*

Mon. 8/10 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Gamers Guild*

Sun. 8/16 | 1-5pm | NOB

Pokemon Go Community Day with Shiny Hunters of Noblesville

Sun. 8/16 | 2-5pm | NOB

Acing the Interview*

Mon. 8/17 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

D&D One Shot Hosted by Moonshot*

Sat. 8/29 | 12-4pm | FIS

Dabke Dance Workshop with Arab Alliance of Indiana*

Sat. 9/12 | 1-3pm | FIS

Community Board Game Day with Who's Yer Gamers

Sat. 9/26 | 12-4pm | NOB

Fall Migration Bird Walk

Sat. 10/10 | 10-11:30am | Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve



LibraryCon! 2026 | All Ages

Saturday, November 14 | 11 AM – 3 PM | FIS

Get ready for loads of family-friendly geeky goodness and fandom activities for all ages at Hamilton East Public Library's third annual LibraryCon!

For Adults

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

ELL Conversation Group
Every Wed. | 11am-12pm | FIS
Mon. 9/21, 10/19 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Crafternoon
Sun. 8/1, 10/4 | 2-4pm | NOB

Shuffle & Roll
Thu. 8/6, 9/3, 10/1 | 2-4pm | FIS

HEPL Music Series
Jay Daniels - A Place for Us: The Music of Stephen Sondheim*
Sat. 8/8 | 2-3pm | FIS
Supported by the Friends of the Hamilton East Public Library. All ages are welcome. Registration is requested.

Decluttering as Self Care: How to Begin*
Tue. 8/11 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

The Write Stuff: A Virtual Adult Writers' Group*
Wed. 8/12, 9/9, 10/14 | 6:30-7:30pm | Virtual

Virtual Tai Chi with Kayle* (New day & time!)
Thu. 8/13, 8/27, 9/10, 10/8, 10/22 | 9:15-10am | Virtual

Adult Virtual Craft Series*
Thu. 8/13, 9/10, 10/8 | 6:30-7:45pm | Virtual



Feel Good Friday Chair Yoga*
Fri. 8/14, 9/11, 10/9 | 3-3:45pm | FIS

Pokemon Go Community Day with Shiny Hunters of Noblesville
Sun. 8/16 | 2-5pm | NOB

Acing the Interview*
Mon. 8/17 | 6-7:30pm | NOB



Book Clubs

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

Books on Tap
4th Wednesday each month, 6:30-7:30pm

Fiction Fans
2nd Thursday each month, 6:30-7:30pm

Mystery Loves Company
3rd Wednesday each month, 6:30-7:30pm

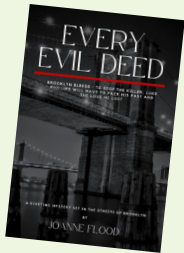
On the Same Page
2nd Tuesday each month, 6:30-7:30pm

Paging Through Time
4th Wednesday each month, 2-3pm

Read Around the World
1st Monday each month, 6:30-7:30pm

Speculative Fiction Guild
2nd Monday each month, 6:30-7:30pm

True Brew Nonfiction
4th Thursday each month, 7-8:30pm



Monthly Board Gaming
Tue. 8/25, 9/22, 10/27 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

Community Blood Drive*
Thu. 8/27 | 2:30-6:30pm | NOB



Teas & Tisanes presented by Conner Prairie*
Thu. 8/27 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

FlexAbility
Tue. 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27
9:30-10:15am | NOB

Keys to Homeownership: A First Time Buyer's Guide*
Wed. 9/9 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Late Summer/Fall Foraging*
Sun. 9/13 | 3-4:30pm | NOB

Library 101: Intro to HEPL + Branch Tour*
Fri. 9/18 | 10-11am | FIS
Fri. 10/16 | 2-3pm | NOB

Medicare 101 presented by SHIP
Fri. 9/18 | 10-11am | FIS
Fri. 9/9 | 3-4:30pm | NOB

Essential Soft Skills for Employment and Career Growth with Ivy Tech Community College*
Fri. 9/25 | 2-4:30pm | FIS

Stop the Bleed – Training & Certification with HamCo Health Dept*
Tue. 9/29 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Family & Children's Mental Health Matters with HamCo Health Dept
Tue. 10/20 | 6-7pm | NOB



Computers and Technology

Protecting your Privacy Online: Cybersecurity Basics*
Fri. 8/7 | 10-11:30am | FIS
Fri. 10/23 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

Microsoft Excel Basics*
Mon. 8/17 | 6-7:30pm | FIS
Thu. 9/17 | 10-11:30am | NOB

Introduction to Canva*
Wed. 8/19 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

Parenting in the Online World with HamCo Health Dept
Tue. 9/18 | 6-7pm | NOB

Senior Scam Prevention with HamCo Health Dept
Fri. 9/25 | 1-2pm | NOB

Introduction to Beginner-Friendly Website Builders*
Mon. 9/28 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

Online Job Search Basics*
Wed. 10/21 | 3-4:30pm | NOB

Navigating the AI Age with Confidence*
Tue. 10/27 | 6-7:30pm | FIS



Tech Time: Schedule an Appointment for 1-on-1 Help on Select Topics!*

Noblesville	Fishers
Thu. 8/6	Mon. 8/10
Fri. 8/7	Thu. 8/27
Wed. 9/2	Mon. 9/21
Fri. 9/18	Mon. 9/28
Fri. 10/2	Tue. 10/13
Tue. 10/6	Fri. 10/30

Crossroads Discovery Center



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

Before Dred Scott: A New Look at the Rhodes Family Incident and the Underground Railroad*

Sun. 8/2 | 2-3pm | NOB

The Local Underground Railroad story of the Rhodes family and their escape from enslavement is well-known in this county. However, new research has been uncovered. Learn about the family and "the incident", and closely examine their trial for freedom.

Organizing Your Genealogy Research*

Wed. 8/5 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Wondering where to keep your family tree and research? CRDC staff will discuss some of the different software and how to organize your research digitally and in print.

Preserving Family History for the Future: Stories, Documents, and Artifacts*

Sat. 8/15 | 10:30am-12pm | NOB

Learn ways to pass on both digital and physical genealogical research, including online family trees, archival donations, printed heirlooms, and historical family artifacts. Registration required.

G.A.B.- Genealogy Advisory Board

Thu. 9/3, 10/1 | 2:30-3:30pm | NOB

Join Crossroads Discovery 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 with suggestions that have worked in your research.

Glass in Hamilton County: Art, Craft, Immigration, and Economics*

Sun. 9/20 | 2-3pm | NOB

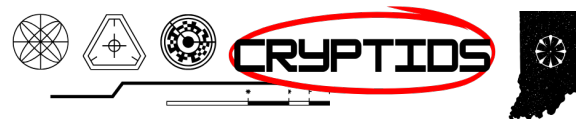
The Natural Gas Boom brought glass production to central Indiana in the late 1800s, and to Hamilton County. This program will look at technology, social impact, and the rise and fall of the industry locally. From "end-of-day glass" to a Belgian glass-making cooperative company, there's a lot to learn!

Cryptids: Strange Beasts in Hamilton County*

Wed. 10/14 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

Did Hamilton County have a Sasquatch or Loch Ness Monster?

This program will look at stories of unusual creatures in the Hamilton area. We'll have a lively discussion on where they might have come from and whether they might be real.



Crownland Cemetery Tour*

Sat. 10/24 | 1-2pm | Crownland Cemetery

Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville is a great starting point for many stories about county history. Join the staff of the CRDC for a stroll through the grounds to explore the diverse people of the community and hear their stories. From national celebrities to the first Chinese immigrants to military monuments and more. An indoor version is planned in case of rain. Registration required.



Family History Day

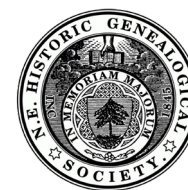
Sat. 10/10 | 12:45pm-4:45pm | NOB

Free genealogy conference! More details on Page 7. Registration is required.

Genealogy & Ancestry Databases

One of the ways genealogical and history research has changed over the years is the huge amount of material that has become accessible online. We are here to help you find and access all types of original sources and documents.

To access our online database, go to our web page, hamiltoneastpl.org, look for "Research & Learn" then choose "Genealogy & History" then the database. If you're at the library, it will take you to that database. If you are somewhere else, you will need to enter your library card number (or student ID) on the login screen. Not all types of borrower accounts are able to access these resources from outside the library, in which case we encourage you to visit the library!



American Ancestors includes The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1847-1994, church and cemetery records, land and military records, various newspapers and periodicals, immigration and vital records, local histories, town and probate records, and other miscellaneous records.

Ancestry.com operates a network of genealogical, historical records, and related genetic genealogy websites. As of 2022, the company said it had provided access to 30 billion historical records. Ancestry can only be accessed in the library.



Fold3 specializes in military genealogy. Users can access an online database with military records, including stories, photos, and personal documents.



Archives Unbound includes 262 titles covering thirteen Indiana cities and regions. These tables comprise lists of vital statistics, military services records, municipal and county officers, chronologies, portraits of individuals, and views of urban and rural life not found anywhere else. The atlases provide additional information on land use and settlement patterns and scarce early town and city plans.



Newspapers.com covers digitized newspapers. By 2024, the site had more than 25,000 newspapers able to be searched, including some from ten different English-speaking countries and dating back to the 1700's.



Heritage Quest is a database of genealogical sources, local and family histories, and research aids. It has records for individuals in more than 60 countries. The Revolutionary War Pension collection contains files for American military, naval, and marine officers and their dependents. The Freedman's Bank Records contains names of bank applicants and their dependents from 1865-1874, helping people trace their African American ancestors.



The Crossroads Discovery Center has also created its own Online Resources site. While largely focused on local history, it links to state and national databases like Hoosier State Chronicles and Chronicling America. These can be reached by going to the Crossroads Discovery Center page on the HEPL website. Come visit us and we look forward to helping you make the most of our resources!

Meet Our Fall Maker-in-Residence

Gina M. Baird



Gina M. Baird is a multi-media artist and a credentialed art therapist. In addition to maintaining a long-term private practice, Gina is a celebrated artist known for her contagious love for expressive art. Her art celebrates multiple layers in both materials used and in the symbolic presence of the artworks themselves. Some examples of her impact as a local artist include a leadership award as adjunct faculty, Penrod Grant Awards, a creative renewal grant through United Way, a Hoosier Women Artist award, and a fellowship of Creative Renewal through the Indy Arts Council. Gina's art has been featured in publications, such as the cover images with a personal commentary on the art and her work with trauma survivors, in the text *Art Therapy and the Neuroscience of Trauma: Theoretical and Practical Perspectives* in both the 1st and the 2nd Edition.

Q&A

What mediums do you work in and why?

I am a mixed media artist with a strong affinity for ceramic sculpture. I am self-taught and I demonstrate a constant need and desire to create. My attitude and approach to life, paired with my deep love for art and learning, has me engaging with many media and techniques. However, I have always felt that ceramic sculpture offers me the best of all worlds.



Where do you draw artistic inspiration from?

I draw inspiration from my emotions, the awe and the energy in nature, animals, visits to art museums, my clinical work, my dreams, my relationships, books I read, and challenges I have overcome.

What kinds of things will you be doing during your residency in Ignite?

The classes I teach will offer layers of ideas, tips and ways to personalize your relationship to your creation. In my classes, we will explore working with clay, mixed media and upcycling designed around a wide variety of experiences. I will be attending Harvest Fest and celebrate with you at LibraryCon! I will hold several open studios devoted to working on the community art quilt and have a collection box for fabric items you wish to contribute. I will also be looking for a few community artist volunteers to help sew our quilt together.



Ignite Studio



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

Maker-in-Residence Workshops

Mini Ceramic Picture Frames* | Ages 13+

Fri. 9/4 | 2-4pm | IGN

Sat. 9/5 | 1-3pm | IGN

For the Love of Animals: Clay* | Ages 10 +

Sat. 9/5 | 3-5pm | IGN

Little Clay Ocarinas and Whistles* | Ages 13+

Sun. 9/6 | 1-3pm | IGN

Fri. 9/11 | 1-3pm | IGN

Gelli Plate Portrait Prints* | Ages 8+

Fri. 9/11 | 4-6pm | IGN

Sat. 12/5 | 10am-12pm & 1-3pm | IGN

Korean Tradition inspired Joomshi Felted Collage* | Ages 8+

Mon. 9/21 | 10am-12pm & 1-3pm | IGN

Fri. 9/25 | 1-3pm | IGN

Ages 13+

Mon. 11/23 | 1-3pm & 4-6pm | IGN

For the Love of Animals: Strike a Pose using a Wire Armature* | Ages 7-10 w/ parent, 11+

Sat. 10/3 | 10am-12pm & 1-3pm | IGN

The Stars of the Story: Posable Little Fridge Magnets* | Ages 3-7 w/ parent

Sun. 10/4 | 1-3pm | IGN

Mixed Media Relay* | Ages 10+

Fri. 10/9 | 1-3pm | IGN

Sat. 10/24 | 10am-12pm | IGN

Good Jeans Creations with Upcycled Denim* | Ages 16+

Denim Personalized Coin Purse

Sun. 11/1 | 12:30-3:30pm | IGN

Sun. 11/8 | 1-4pm | IGN

Denim Junk Journal

Sun. 11/15 | 1-4pm | IGN

Sat. 11/21 | 3-6pm | IGN

Gelli Plate Creature Prints* | Ages 8+

Sat. 12/5 | 4-6pm | IGN

Sat. 12/12 | 10am-12pm & 1-3pm | IGN

Gina's Big Art Party | All Ages

Sun. 12/13 | 1-3pm | IGN

Celebrate Gina's time as maker! Sign and "artify" a thank you card for the Friends of the Library, view the finished community quilt and enjoy some chocolate cake. Gina will also announce art giveaways to 3 random participants who attended classes.

Open Studio and Community Quilt | All Ages

Mon. 9/21 | 5-7pm | IGN

Fri. 9/25 & 10/30 | 3-5pm | IGN

Mon. 9/28 | 4-6pm | IGN

Sat. 10/3 | 3-5pm | IGN

Wed. 10/14 | 10-11am | IGN

Sat. 10/31 | 9-11am | IGN



Bring your own art projects, meet with the maker or contribute to the community quilt project!

Stories Delivered to You

How a Home Delivery Volunteer Helps Deliver Stories, Smiles, and Connection

By Keith Ecker, HEPL Home Delivery Volunteer



I often compare our home delivery service to Meals on Wheels, except instead of delivering meals, we deliver books, movies, and other library materials that nourish the mind. On a typical delivery day, I pick up materials that have been selected by the patrons and deliver them directly to their homes. Along the way, I have the opportunity to visit with patrons, hear about what they have enjoyed, and often receive recommendations for what I should read next. It is a simple service that makes a meaningful difference by bringing the joy of reading and lifelong learning to those who cannot easily visit the library.

People use the home delivery service for a variety of reasons. Many of the patrons I serve live in assisted living communities or are no longer able to drive. Others include parents caring for babies or toddlers, homeschooling families, caregivers with limited time to visit the library, and individuals with temporary or permanent disabilities that make traveling to the library difficult.

This is a valuable service for all of the people I noted above and in this age of a multitude of items being delivered directly to homes, this service keeps in step with current trends/needs. Overall, the service helps ensure that everyone has access to books and other library materials, regardless of their circumstances.

Resources for Everyone

Hamilton East Public Library is full of resources for it's community to use, but some are not able to come in person to take advantage of them. Through the library's home delivery service, we bring the library to you. Any resident of Delaware, Fall Creek, Noblesville, or Wayne Township in Hamilton County who is unable to visit the library is eligible for this service. Get to know the service by reading about Keith, and his experience as a home delivery volunteer.

Keith's Experience

Now that I am retired, I wanted to devote some of my time and energy to serving my community. Volunteering with the library's home delivery service was the perfect opportunity because it allows me the flexibility to fit it into my schedule while making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

What has surprised me most about participating in the home delivery program is how avid many of our patrons are as readers—sometimes I am delivering a large bag filled with books or DVDs to a single home. I am also struck by how wide an area our public library system serves. As I travel from stop to stop, I often discover new neighborhoods, parks, and restaurants that I make a note to explore later. I am especially grateful for my GPS, which helps me reliably locate each delivery address along the way.

Beyond helping patrons expand their thoughts and ideas through literature and media, these deliveries help extend the reach of the library itself, reinforcing it as a vital and valued resource within the community.

While many of my deliveries are simply left on a patron's front porch, those who are home always seem happy to see a friendly face. For many individuals who are unable to get out very often, these brief visits provide a welcome opportunity for conversation and connection. It is heartwarming to hear their appreciation for the service and to share in their excitement about the books, movies, or music they have been looking forward to enjoying. Those small interactions often brighten both their day and mine.

Many people may not realize that the library offers this home delivery service. It is free, easy to use, and designed to make library materials more accessible. I would encourage anyone who is unable to travel to the library—or who simply prefers the convenience of having items brought to them—to take advantage of this wonderful service.



I have met many wonderful patrons who are eager to share their appreciation for this service. One of my favorite moments is when a patron recommends a book to me—I quickly add it to my Goodreads account so I can enjoy it later! One gentleman requests only

music DVDs, and it is always rewarding to see his face light up when I arrive with new selections for him to enjoy. Another patron proudly showed me her latest piece of artwork, excited to share her creativity.

These personal connections have made volunteering especially meaningful and are experiences that have stayed with me.



Home Delivery photos and videos by Sydney Pinchouck

Join our staff in a ride along for home delivery. Scan the QR code to watch the video! Learn more about Home Delivery here: hamiltoneastpl.org/services/homebound-delivery





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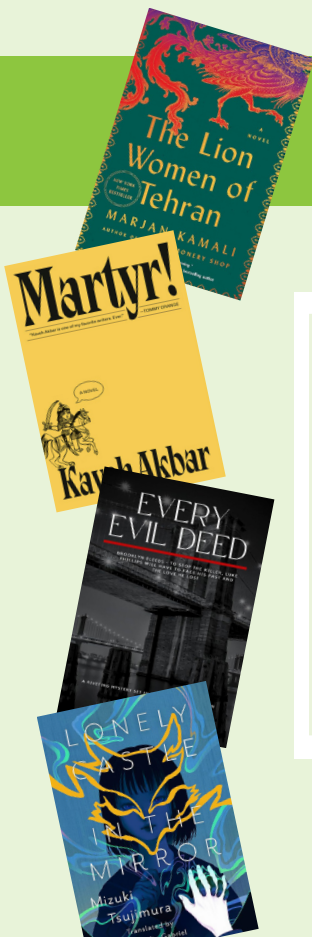
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LIBRARY INFO

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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