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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 3rd annual LibraryCon! on Saturday, November 14 from 11 AM – 3 PM at the Fishers Branch. Attendees can expect to enjoy tabletop gaming, crafting, local vendors, food trucks, and more!

**Season of Giving**  
Join us this holiday season, December 1 through January 10, by collecting, donating, and creating items for Hamilton County residents. Show your support by dropping off donations at collection spots in either the Fishers or Noblesville branch. The season is officially here, so let’s join in giving!

**Small Projects Renovations Are Complete**  
We’re excited to welcome you into our newly renovated spaces at both the Fishers and Noblesville Libraries! We’re thrilled to see these refreshed spaces come to life and hope you’ll stop by and explore them for yourself!

**Comic Book in a Day**  
Ready. Set. DRAW! Comic Book in a Day returns on January 16, 2027, challenging artists of all ages and skill levels to imagine, create, and complete an original comic in just one day! This year, we’re turning the page and exploring the incredible storytelling possibilities of manga-inspired comics.

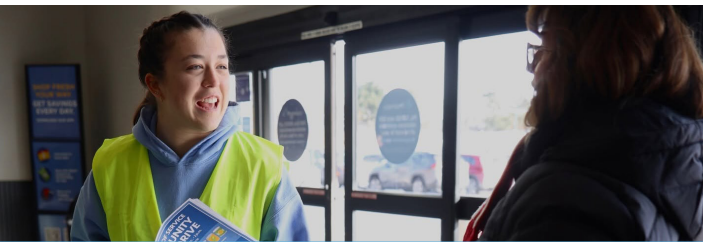
Community Spotlight



**Holiday Fun in Fishers**  
Community Tree Lighting: Friday, November 27 | NPD  
Jingle Bell Junction: December 8 - 13 | NPD AMP  
Night Market: Saturday, December 12  
Holiday Market + Thrift-A-Thon: Sunday, December 13



**Big Ten Women’s Volleyball Tournament**  
The inaugural Big Ten Women’s Volleyball Tournament is coming to the Fishers Event Center, home of the Indy Ignite, November 20-25! Visit FishersIN.gov/Big10 for more information.



**MLK Day Food Drive**  
Monday, January 18 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Fishers Kroger locations. The City of Fishers will host a community-wide food drive as part of the National Day of Service on MLK Day. For a list of donation needs and locations, visit FishersIN.gov/MLK.



**Holiday in Lights Parade**  
Each December, the Gaylor Electric Holiday in Lights Parade lights up downtown with sparkling floats, festive music, and holiday spirit! Applications will open in early November 2026.



**Noblesville Boom**  
In 2025, the Noblesville Boom, the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers, kicked off their inaugural season inside Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile. View their schedule and get tickets for this season: [www.noblesvilleboom.com/tickets](http://www.noblesvilleboom.com/tickets).



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



**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 14**

**11AM-3PM | FISHERS LIBRARY**

**Get ready for loads of family-friendly geeky goodness and fandom activities for all ages at HEPL's 3rd annual LibraryCon!**

Attendees can expect to enjoy tabletop gaming, crafting, local vendors, food trucks, and more!

## Featured Programs

Check the online events calendar at [hepl.libnet.info/events](http://hepl.libnet.info/events) for the most up-to-date information. Please note that due to limited supplies, workshops with an asterisk(\*) require registration.

**EVA Foam Bracers: Cosplay Skills\* | Ages 13+**

11am-12:30pm | Ignite Classroom

Learn the basics of working with EVA foam from experienced cosplayers!

**The Art of Four Panels\* | Ages 13+**

1:15pm- 2:45pm | Ignite Classroom

Learn about the storytelling benefits of a four-panel comic!

**LibraryCon! Blood Drive\* | Adults**

11am-3pm

Each donor will receive a piece of HEPL swag AND a free book! Appointments are highly recommended; scan the QR code to register for a spot!



**Jedi Training Academy\* | Ages 7-11**

12-1pm & 1-2pm

**Teen Super Smash Bros Tournament\* | Grades 6-12**

1:20-2:30pm

**Adult Super Smash Bros Tournament\* | Ages 18+**

11:20am-12:30pm



**MISAKO ROCKS!**

**Keynote Speaker  
2-3 PM | East/Center Room**

Let's Make Manga! - Listen as Japanese Manga artist, Misako, shares the behind-the-scenes process of how she creates her books. Learn what it's like to be an artist and how she makes her manga books, step by step. Tap into your creativity and engage in an interactive manga drawing workshop followed by a book signing and author meet and greet.

KidsInk Books will be onsite selling various titles from Misako Rocks!



# SEASON — OF — Giving

## DECEMBER 1 – JANUARY 10

The year is coming to an end, which means it is time to join Hamilton East Public Library in our annual Season of Giving campaign.

We have partnered again with HamCo Love, a local non-profit that focuses on providing period-care products to Hamilton County residents. The Noblesville Township and Delaware Township trustee offices will be collaborating with HEPL to collect hygiene items such as shampoo and conditioner, along with things that are especially helpful during the colder months, like lotion, tissues and chapstick.

And as a reminder, HEPL hosts Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank donation bins year-round, where community members can donate nonperishable food items that will be distributed locally.

Along with our donation drive, we have several special programs taking place throughout the Season of Giving. There are opportunities to customize and create donations through embroidery, knitting, decorating, and more in the Ignite Studio! These meaningful projects make amazing donation items that are appreciated by Hamilton County residents.

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## Featured Programs

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### Homemade for the Holidays\* | Ages 6-11

Sat. 11/7 | 2-4pm | NOB



### Crafty Teens\* | Grades 6-12

Wed. 11/11, 12/9, 1/13 | 6-7pm | FIS

Tue. 11/10, 12/8, 1/12 | 6-7pm | NOB

November: Leaf Luminaries

December: Winter Landscape

January: Open Art Night

### Traditions in Giving: The Ladies Aid Society in Noblesville\*

Sat. 11/14 | 2:30-3:30pm | NOB

Learn more about the traditions of our community during this Season of Giving. Between the 1870s and 1950s, the most prominent charity in Noblesville was the Ladies Aid Society. This program will look at their impact on the city.

### Become a Dementia Friend

Tue. 12/1 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

### Holiday Handprint Handiwork\* | Ages 3-8

Fri. 12/11 | 4-5pm | NOB

### Card Decorating | Ages 5 and up | Drop In

Mon. 12/14 - Fri. 12/18 | FIS

### Book Swap Café\*

Sat. 12/12 | 10am-12pm | FIS | Adults

Bring up to two gently used books, published within the last 10 years, to contribute to the swap. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, with coffee from local vendor Bedrock Coffee, while mingling and chatting about books in a relaxed environment. Made possible with generous support from the Friends of the Library.

### Community Blood Drive\*

Tue. 12/22 | 2:30-6:30pm | NOB

### Stitch-A-Thon\*

Sat. 1/23 | 2-5pm | NOB

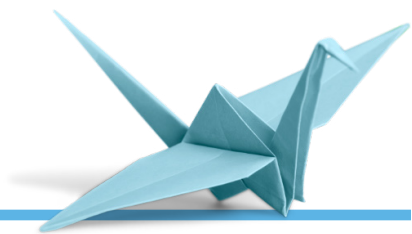


### Craft for the Community

Stop by Ignite Studio or Ignite Maker Lab during November and December to work on a donation for people (or furry friends) in the community. Get more details on page 16.



# For Children & Families



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**Day of the Dead Story Celebration\* | Families**

Sun. 11/1 | 2-3pm | NOB



**Nostalgia Dance Center Presents: Little Sparks\***

Tue. 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 | 10:30-11am | NOB  
12/15 Showcase

Join Nostalgia Dance Center for a six-week introduction to dance for ages 3–6! Dancers will learn, move, and twirl while building confidence and preparing a special showcase on December 15. Registration opens 10/20.



**Nutcracker Storytime | Ages 0-5**

Dance Creations Academy | Sat. 11/7 | 10-10:30am | FIS  
Central Indiana Academy of Dance | Sat. 12/5 10-10:30am | FIS

**Stomp, Chomp, and Roar: Dinovember Edition\***

Grades K-4

Sat. 11/7 | 2-3pm | FIS

**Homemade for the Holidays\***

Ages 6-11

Sat. 11/7 | 2-4pm | NOB



**Origami Club | Ages 8-11\***

Mon. 11/9, 12/14, 1/11 | 6-7pm | NOB

**Mystery Science\* | Ages 6-11**

Tue. 11/10, 12/8, 1/12 | 3-4pm | NOB

**Up 2 STEAM\* | Grades K-2**

Wed. 11/11 & 1/13 | 6-7pm | FIS

**Family LEGO Challenge\* | Families**

Wed. 11/4, 12/2, 1/6 | 4-5pm & 6-7pm | FIS

Thu. 11/12, 12/10, 1/14 | 4-5pm & 6-7pm | NOB

**Unicorn Diaries\***

Ages 6-11

Thu. 11/12 | 6-7pm | FIS



**Jedi Training Academy\***

Ages 7-11

Sat. 11/14 | 12-1pm & 1-2pm | FIS

**Pumpkin Science\* | Ages 6-11**

Tue. 11/17 | 3-4pm | NOB

**Princess Jubilee**

Wed. 11/18 | 3-4pm | NOB

**Mad Scientists\* | Grades 3-5**

Wed. 11/18 & 1/20 | 6-7pm | FIS

Thu. 11/19 & 1/21 | 1:30-2:30pm | FIS | Homeschool

**Pokémon Club | Ages 6-11**

Thu. 11/19, 12/17, 1/14 | 3-4pm | NOB

Tue. 11/24 | 6-7pm | FIS

Wed. 12/23 & 1/27 | 6-7pm | FIS

**Wonder Lab\* | Ages 3-7**

Sat. 11/21, 12/12, 1/9 | 11am-12pm | NOB

Wed. 12/2 | 2-3pm | FIS

**Once Upon a Birthday\***

Walt Disney | Sat. 12/5 | 2-3pm | FIS | Ages 6-10

A.A. Milne | Sat. 1/30 | 2-3pm | FIS | Ages 4-8

**Winter Holiday Crafts\* | Families**

Wed. 12/9 | 5-7pm | FIS

**Kitchen Creations\* | Ages 6-11**

Wed. 12/9 & 1/13 | 3-4pm | NOB

**Stories with Mrs. Claus\* | Families**

Wed. 12/9 | 6-7pm | NOB

**LIVE Reindeer with Silly Safaris**

Families

Thu. 12/10

4-5pm | NOB

6-7pm | FIS



**Holiday Handprint Handiwork\***

Ages 3-8

Fri. 12/11 | 4-5pm | NOB



**Gingerbread House Decorating**

Grades 2-5 | Drop In

Sun. 12/13 | 2-4pm | FIS

**Card Decorating**

Ages 5+ | Drop In

Mon. 12/14 - Fri. 12/18

FIS

**Button Bonanza | Families**

Tue. 12/15 | 3-4pm | NOB

**Mr. Dan the Music Man | Families**

Mon. 12/21 | 10-11am | FIS

**Craft-a-palooza | Ages 6-11 & Families**

Wed. 12/30 | 2-3pm | NOB

## GLOW PARTY

Wed. 12/30 | 5:30-7:30pm | FIS | Ages 6-11\*

**Noon Year's Eve Party**

Families\*

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

**Balloon Olympics\***

Ages 6-11

Tue. 1/5 | 3-4pm | NOB

**Messy Minions\***

Ages 5-10

Fri. 1/8 | 4-5pm | NOB



**Snowball Madness\* | Ages 6-11**

Tue. 1/19 | 3-4pm | NOB

**Kids Trinket Trading | Ages 6-11**

Sun. 1/24 | 2-4pm | FIS

**Open Book Club | Ages 6-11 | Drop In**

Thu. 1/28 | 3:30-4:30pm | FIS

**Piece by Piece | Families**

Fri. 1/29 | 3-4pm | NOB



# Storytimes & Early Literacy Programs

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

## Noblesville Branch

### Babytime | Ages 0-2

Mon. 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30; 12/7; 1/4, 1/25 | 9:30-10am  
Wed. 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25; 12/2, 12/9, 12/16; 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27 | 10:30-11am

### Storytime | Ages 2-5

Mon. 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30; 12/7; 1/4, 1/25 10:30-11am  
Thu. 11/5, 11/12, 11/19; 12/3, 12/10, 12/17; 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 | 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am

### Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5

Tue. 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24; 12/1, 12/8, 12/15; 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26 | 9:30-10am  
Wed. 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25; 12/2, 12/9, 12/16; 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27 | 9:30-10am

### Pre-K Explorers | Ages 3-5

Thu. 11/5, 11/12, 11/19; 12/3, 12/10, 12/17; 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 | 1-2pm

### Boogie Woogie Weekend | Ages 0-5

Sat. 11/7 & 1/23 | 10-10:30am

### Sunday Stories | Ages 2+

Sun. 11/29, 12/20, 1/17 | 10-11am & 11-12pm

### Messy Munchkins\* | Ages 2-5

Mon. 11/23 & 1/11 | 10-10:45am & 11am-12pm

## Fishers Branch

### Babytime | Ages 0-2

Wed. 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25; 12/2, 12/9, 12/16; 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27 | 9:30-10am  
Thu. 11/5, 11/12, 11/19; 12/3, 12/10, 12/17; 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 | 9:30-10am

### Storytime | Ages 2-5

Mon. 11/9, 11/16, 11/23; 12/7, 12/14; 1/4, 1/11, 1/25 | 9:30-10am  
Tue. 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24; 12/1, 12/8, 12/15; 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26 | 9:30-10am & 10:30-11am  
Thu. 11/5, 11/12, 11/19; 12/3, 12/10, 12/17; 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 | 10:30-11am

### Tot Tunes | Ages 0-5

Mon. 11/9, 11/16, 11/23; 12/7, 12/14; 1/4, 1/11, 1/25 | 10:30-11am  
Wed. 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25; 12/2, 12/9, 12/16; 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27 | 10:30-11am

### Pre-K Explorers | Ages 3-5

Tue. 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24; 12/1, 12/8, 12/15; 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26 | 1-2pm



# For Teens

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### Crafty Teens\*

Wed. 11/11, 12/9, 1/13 | 6-7pm | FIS  
Tue. 11/10, 12/8, 1/12 | 6-7pm | NOB  
Nov: Leaf Luminaries | Dec: Winter Landscape Paintings | Jan: Open Art Night

### Teen Super Smash Bros Tournament\*

Sat. 11/14 | 1:20-2:30pm | FIS

### Teen Gourmet\*

Tue. 11/3 | 5:30-7pm | NOB  
Sun. 11/15 | 2-3:30pm | FIS  
Sat. 12/12 | 2-3pm | FIS  
Mon. 12/21 | 2-3pm | NOB  
Tue. 1/5 | 6-7pm | NOB  
Wed. 1/20 | 6-7pm | FIS  
Nov: Dinner Rolls  
Dec: Homemade Pop-Tarts | Jan: Chili

### Teen Video Game Club\*

Wed. 11/18 | 6-7pm | FIS  
Wed. 12/16 | 6-7:30pm | FIS  
Tue. 11/24 & 1/26 | 6-7pm | NOB  
Tue. 12/22 | 2-3:30pm | NOB  
Dec: Virtual Reality



### Neurodivergent Teen Hangout\*

Mon. 11/23 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS  
Thu. 12/17 & 1/28 | 5:30-6:30pm | FIS  
Thu. 11/5, 12/3, 1/7 | 6-7pm | NOB  
Nov: Game Night | Dec: Winter Festival | Jan: Craft Night



### After-Hours Laser Tag Party\*

Fri 12/11 | 5:45-7:30pm | NOB  
Fri. 1/22 | 5:45-7:30pm | FIS

### Study Break: Zentangle & Color

Mon. 12/14 4-5pm | NOB



### High School Teen Video Game Club\*

Sat. 1/9 | 2-3pm | FIS | Grades 9-12

### Middle School Teen Video Game Club\*

Wed. 1/27 | 6-7pm | FIS | Grades 6-8

## For Teens & Adults

### Gamers Guild\*

Sun. 11/15, 12/27, 1/24 | 1-5pm | NOB

### Pokémon GO Community Day with Shiny Hunters of Noblesville

Sat. 11/21 | 2-5pm | NOB

### Pokémon GO Battle Night with Shiny Hunters of Noblesville

Tue. 1/12 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

### Puzzle Showdown\*

Sat. 1/9 | 11:30am-12:30pm | NOB



# For Adults



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### ELL Conversation Group

Every Wed. except 12/23 & 12/30 | 11am-12pm | FIS  
NEW! Mon. 11/16, 12/21, 1/11 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

### FlexAbility\* | Older Adults

Tue. 11/3, 11/10, 1/19, 1/26 | 9:30-10:15am | NOB

### Virtual Tai Chi with Kayle\*

Thu. 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17, 1/7, 1/21 | 9:15-10am | Virtual

### Shuffle & Roll | Older Adults

Thu. 11/5, 12/3, 1/7 | 2-4pm | FIS

### Prepping Your Garden for Next Year\*

Thu. 11/5 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

### Microsoft Excel Basics\*

Mon. 11/9 | 6-7:30pm | NOB  
Wed. 1/6 | 2-3:30pm | FIS

### The Write Stuff\*

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

## Tax Assistance

Appointment Required. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers return to the Noblesville Branch starting in February on Tue. and Wed. mornings. For updates, visit [hamiltoneastpl.org/services/tax-preparation](http://hamiltoneastpl.org/services/tax-preparation) (AARP often opens registration website in mid-January).

### Dungeon Delvers\*

Tue. 11/10 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

### Adult Virtual Craft\*

Thu. 11/12, 12/10, 1/14 | 6:30-7:45pm | Virtual

### Community Blood Drive\*

Sat. 11/14 | 11am-3pm | FIS  
Tue. 12/22 | 2:30-6:30pm | NOB

## Book Clubs

Visit [hamiltoneastpl.org/lets-read](http://hamiltoneastpl.org/lets-read) for meeting locations and book selections.

### Books on Tap

Wed. 12/2 & 1/27 | 6:30-7:30pm

### Fiction Fans

Thu. 11/12, 12/10, 1/14 | 6:30-7:30pm

### Mystery Loves Company

Wed. 11/18, 12/16, 1/20 | 6:30-7:30pm

### On the Same Page

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

### Paging Through Time

Wed. 1/20 | 2-3pm

### Read Around the World

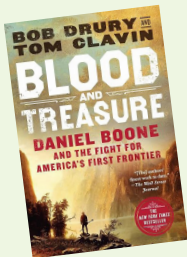
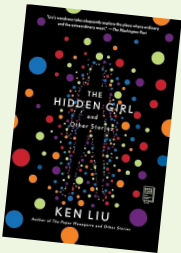
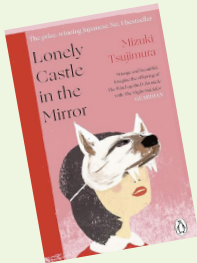
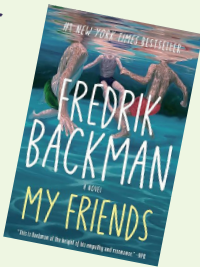
Mon. 11/2, 12/7, 1/4 | 6:30-7:30pm

### Speculative Fiction Guild

Mon. 11/9, 12/14, 1/11 | 6:30-7:30pm

### True Brew Nonfiction

Thu. 11/19, 12/17, 1/28 | 7-8:30pm



### Monthly Board Gaming

Tue. 11/17, 12/15, 1/19 | 5:30-7:30pm | NOB

### Apple iOS Basics: iPhone and iPad\*

Wed. 11/18 | 2-3:30pm | Fishers Community Center

## HEPL Music Series

Supported by the Friends of the Library

### Fishers Community Chorus Holiday Concert\*

Sat. 11/21 | 2-3pm | FIS

### Circle City Ringers Holiday Concert\*

Sat. 12/5 | 1-2pm | FIS



### Become a Dementia Friend

Tue. 12/1 | 6:30-7:30pm | FIS

### Crafternoon

Sun. 12/6 | 2-4p | NOB

### Library 101: Intro to HEPL + Branch Tour\*

Tue. 12/8 | 2-3pm | NOB & Tue. 1/26 | 1-2pm | FIS

### Book Swap Café\*

Sat. 12/12 | 10am-12pm | FIS  
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library  
& coffee provided by Bedrock Coffee.



### Puzzle Swap

Sat. 1/9 | 10am-2pm | NOB

## ROMANTASY NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, January 23 | 6:30-8:30pm | FIS | Adults 18+\*

Join other romantasy fans for an after-hours event celebrating this super popular book genre. Enjoy dancing, crafts, sword fighting, authors, trivia and more!

# TECH TIME

30-min. appointments for  
1-on-1 help on select topics!

| Noblesville | Fishers    |
|-------------|------------|
| Mon. 11/2   | Tue. 11/10 |
| Fri. 11/20  | Tue. 11/17 |
| Fri. 12/4   | Fri. 12/11 |
| Wed. 1/6    | Thu. 1/14  |
| Fri. 1/8    | Mon. 1/25  |

### Puzzle Showdown\* | Teens & Adults

Sat. 1/9 | 11:30am-12:30pm | NOB

### Acing the Interview\* | Teens & Adults

Tue. 1/19 | 2-3:30pm | NOB

### Stitch-A-Thon\*

Sat. 1/23 | 2-5pm | NOB

### Intro to Beginner-Friendly Website Builders\*

Mon. 1/25 | 6-7:30pm | NOB

### Decluttering as Self Care: How to Begin\*

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

### Learn How to Winter Sow\*

Thu. 1/28 | 6-7:30pm | FIS

### Winter Sound Bath\*

Sun. 1/31  
2-3pm | FIS



# Crossroads Discovery Center



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

## G.A.B.- Genealogy Advisory Board

Thu. 11/5 & 12/3 | 2:30-3:30pm | NOB

Join Crossroads Discovery staff and Nancy Massey, Hamilton County Genealogist, for this lively discussion of all things genealogy. Note: no meeting in January.

## Saving Family Memories with Digital Media Labs\*

Thu. 11/12 | 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.

## Traditions in Giving: The Ladies Aid Society in Noblesville\*

Sat. 11/14 | 2:30-3:30pm | NOB

Learn more about the traditions of our community during this Season of Giving. Between the 1870s and 1950s, the most prominent charity in Noblesville was the Ladies Aid Society. They provided help to those in need and supported civic institutions. This program will look at their impact on the city.

## Soulful Journeys of Women: Harriet Tubman & Sojourner Truth\*

Saturday, January 30 | 2-3pm | Fishers Library

Discover the inspiring journeys of Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth in a live stage performance that celebrates resilience, freedom, and the enduring legacy of women's courage.

## Beginning Ancestry.com

### Library Edition\*

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

Just starting out in genealogy research? Learn how to use the library edition of Ancestry.com for free! Learn what can be found at Ancestry.com and then discover some tips and tricks to go beyond a simple name search.

## Intermediate Ancestry.com Library Edition\*

Wed. 1/6 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

Are you familiar with Ancestry.com but aren't finding any more useful sources? Dive deeper by using the Ancestry Card Catalog and explore some of the other collections and resources that aren't indexed and may not show up by searching for an individual.

## Finding Your Farming Ancestors\*

Thu. 1/14 | 6:30-7:30pm | NOB

In the 1820s, 72% of the American workforce was engaged in "farm occupations." Learn more about how to research your farming ancestors in the U.S. by looking at a local farm family from Wayne Township.



# Small Projects Renovations Are Complete!

We're excited to welcome you into our newly renovated spaces at both the Fishers and Noblesville Libraries!

These updates were designed to make your library experience more welcoming, comfortable, accessible, and easier to navigate.

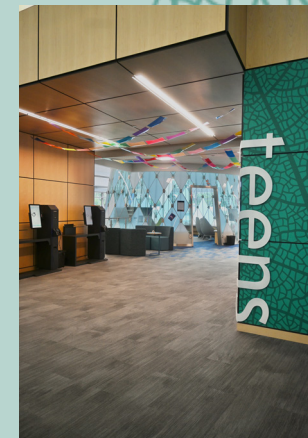
At the Fishers Library, families will enjoy refreshed Youth Services spaces, including new play areas, cozy reading nooks, child-friendly seating, and updated program rooms for learning and play. Fishers also features refreshed meeting rooms and new furniture and seating throughout the building, creating comfortable spaces for reading, studying, meeting, and gathering.

At both libraries, updated service points and clear wayfinding signage make it easier to find what you need and navigate the buildings with ease.

We're thrilled to see these refreshed spaces come to life and hope you'll stop by and explore them for yourself!



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# Ignite Studio

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

## CRAFT for the COMMUNITY

Stop by Ignite Studio in Fishers or Ignite Maker Lab in Noblesville during November and December to work on a donation for people (or furry friends) in the community during this Season of Giving. Between the hours of 5-7pm on Tuesdays (at Ignite Studio) or 10am-12pm on Saturdays (at both locations), staff will be available to offer guidance and have materials out for use. Otherwise, ask at the desk for materials (while supplies last) and/or check out the corresponding kit or equipment to create on your own. Leave or drop off what you've made in the Studio or the Lab, and we will ensure it gets delivered.



### Hats, Mittens, and Scarves Ignite Studio and Library of Things

Pick up a ball of our recycled or donated yarn and knit it into a colorful scarf or mittens via hand knitting or a hat by checking out the knitting loom from the Library of Things.

### One Sock, Two Sock | Maker Lab and Ignite Studio

At Ignite Studio, pick up a pair of socks from staff and check out the Embroidery Kit to create a "doodle design". At the Maker Lab, check out the heat press to adhere a design onto provided footwear.



### Tote Bags for HEPL Hygiene

Supplies | Maker Lab and Ignite Studio

Decorate a canvas bag using an Acrylic Paint Kit from the Kit Library. Paint our pre-made geometric designs or embroider a design using our embroidery machines.

### Sleeping Mats | Ignite Studio

Bring in plastic bags and try your hand at weaving them together on the floor loom. After the community weaving is complete, these will be cut into sleeping sized mats and distributed to those in need.

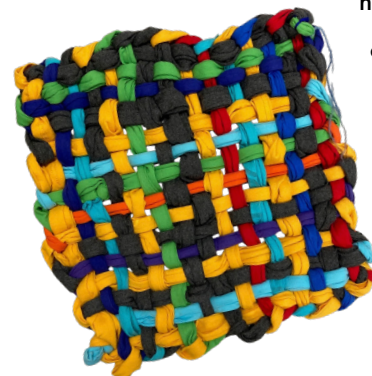
### Embroidery Thread Friendship Bracelets | Ignite Studio

Weave a multiple strand bracelet to add to a birthday box that is distributed to patients at Riley Children's Hospital through the Confetti Foundation.



### Cat Mats and Pup Quilts for Hamilton Humane Society | Maker Lab and Ignite Studio

At Ignite Studio, bring in old t-shirts (adult small and medium sizes work best) to weave a soft square on our t-shirt loom for cats at the Hamilton County Humane Society. Lend an additional hand by sewing a backing onto our already completed squares. At either location check out a sewing machine to make a small, sturdy mat for pups.



**Saturday, January 16, 2027 | 9 AM - 5 PM**

### Ready. Set. DRAW!

Comic Book in a Day returns, challenging artists of all ages and skill levels to imagine, create, and complete an original comic in just one day!

This year, we're turning the page and exploring the incredible storytelling possibilities of manga-inspired comics. From expressive characters and dramatic action to cinematic pacing, bold emotions, and inventive panel layouts, participants are encouraged to explore the visual storytelling techniques that have helped manga captivate readers around the world.

You don't have to be a manga artist to participate. Whether manga is your favorite way to make comics, something you've always wanted to try, or completely new territory, this year's challenge is an invitation to experiment, learn, and tell a story in your own voice.

Artists can draw traditionally or digitally and bring their own artistic style to the challenge. Manga influence is this year's creative inspiration—not a requirement for how your finished comic must look.

### Teens and Adults Competition: 9am-4pm

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

One day. One artist. One original comic. What story will you create?

Noblesville Creates will have an online option for Adults & Teens prior to the competition.

**For more information and to register, go to [noblesvillecreates.org/comicbookinaday](http://noblesvillecreates.org/comicbookinaday).**



## Workshops (Ages 8+)

### Comics 101: Crack the Comic Code!

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

### Shapes & Symbols: Make Your Manga Move!

Tue. 1/12 | 6:30-7:30pm | IGN

### KISHŌTENKETSU: Give Your Story a Twist!

Thu. 1/14 | 6:30-7:30pm | IGN

# A Community of Plenty: Working Together to Fight Food Insecurity



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## An interview with Lori Holewinski of Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

*In a community of plenty, everyone deserves access to enough food. Addressing food insecurity may seem like a challenge too large for one person or organization, but meaningful change begins with neighbors working together. During this Season of Giving, Hamilton East Public Library is highlighting its partnership with the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and the many ways our community can help. Food donation barrels are available year-round at both library branches, offering a convenient way for library patrons to help keep local food pantries stocked throughout Hamilton County.*

As a retired public librarian, I am aware of a wide variety of needs in Hamilton County. It can be overwhelming to think about how I, as a retiree, can help meet those needs. I chose food insecurity as a place to start because food is a basic need common to everyone. In a community of plenty, no one should watch on the sidelines while others eat.

Eighteen months ago, I joined the Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCHFB). It is a place where my simple efforts can make a direct impact. I don't have the expertise or position to tackle complex societal needs, but I can do my part in making sure all the organizations that feed our citizens are supported.

Fifteen years ago, HCHFB was created to support local efforts to reduce food insecurity in the county. Today, HCHFB has become the county's food hub, providing food to over 40 pantries and expanding awareness of hunger related issues.

Watch our interview with HCHFB here:



### What is the difference between a food bank and a food pantry?

A food bank works to collect food and provide other support for food pantries. A food pantry gives out food directly to people in need. HCHFB is committed to keeping the county's food pantries' shelves stocked year-round.

Food pantries and food programs that are partners with HCHFB are able to order perishable and non-perishable items once a month at no cost. HCHFB also distributes fresh produce each week during market season.

With pantry grants, HCHFB supports pantries with a small grant to purchase much needed items, such as shelving or freezers, to keep the food organized and fresh until it is distributed.

### Where does the food come from?

HCHFB does not receive any tax dollars. The food comes from community and corporate donations, purchases from local grocery stores, and donations from local farmers. Through new partnerships, produce and other perishables are being added to food distribution.

Last year, HCHFB provided 184,468 meals, or 221,000 lbs of food, to their pantry partners. Volunteers sort food and fill pantry orders at the HCHFB warehouse in Cicero, and pantries come to the warehouse to pick up the food. In 2025, 505 volunteers gave 5,468 hours to making sure this and other food bank projects were completed.



### Why do people become involved with HCHFB?

Once people become aware of food insecurity, they want to help. The population of Hamilton County is projected to top 400,000 by 2030. That means an estimated

40,000 residents will need food assistance.

There are many opportunities to help. Simple ways include following HCHFB on social media at @hchfood, and donating non-perishable food items to the HCHFB collection bins in the libraries and other community locations. For those who want to give hands-on help, volunteer time slots for helping at the warehouse are listed at HCHFoodBank.org under the "Give Help" tab. You can also volunteer to pick-up from farmers' markets and help at annual events like Pack the Cruiser and Stamp Out Hunger.

Additionally, local businesses can choose HCHFB when they offer employees a day of service, or they can host a food drive.

### Why are HEPL and HCHFB great partners?

Libraries and food banks have a core similarity — collecting resources that are shared throughout the community. Access to information and recreational reading fuels the mind, while access to healthy food fuels the body. A perfect combination!

HEPL has a long-standing tradition of offering a convenient location for community members to donate much needed items, from food and school supplies to hats and mittens. Last year, HEPL began hosting a HCHFB food collection bin year-round. This gives patrons a consistent place to make food donations and promotes awareness of food insecurity in Hamilton County.

Both the library and HCHFB are connectors in our community. HCHFB is grateful for our partnership with HEPL. We make a great team!



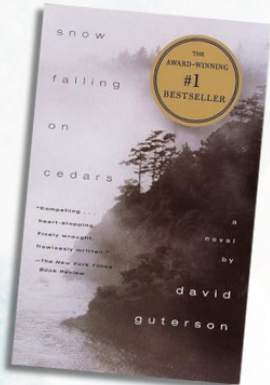
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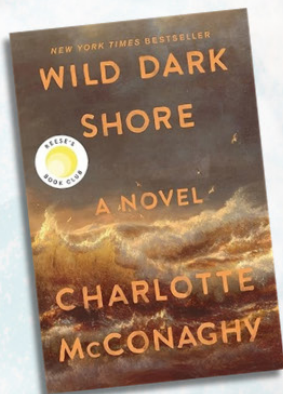
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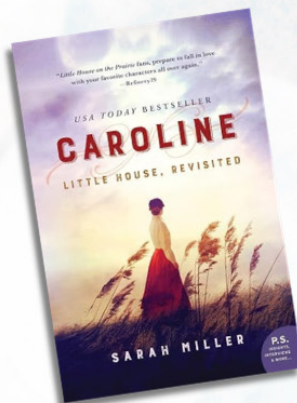
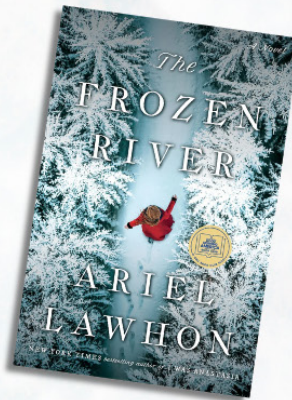


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## LIBRARY INFO

### 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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