FRED NEHER
Fred Neher sold his first cartoon for $2 at the age of 12, when he made a drawing of a lady hanging up clothes with a new type of clothespin. At the age of 14, he took a correspondence course in cartooning. His first published cartoon appeared in Judge magazine in 1920. He graduated from Nappanee High School in 1921. Then he went to the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. After a short time as a salesman in a department store, the young artist took a position as a background artist for a Chicago syndicate. This gave Neher the experience necessary for him to start freelancing in the early 1930’s, and it was during this time that “Life’s Like That” was born.

CALL FOR QUILTS
2018 QUILT EXHIBIT COMING IN MAY!
Do you have a quilt that tells a Nappanee story, commemorates a special event, or has been passed down through generations of your family? If you have a quilt made in or by someone from Nappanee, the Nappanee Center would like to include it in the 2018 Quilt Exhibit. Climb into the attic, open up the cedar chest, and share your heirloom with the entire community! “A Stitch in Nappanee History” will be on display May 30 - September 30, 2018, at the Nappanee Center. If you or someone you know wants to display a quilt, please contact Martha at 574.773.7812 or mowen@nappaneelibrary.org.

THE NAPPANEE SIX: MEN BEHIND THE COMICS
FEBRUARY 1 - APRIL 30 | During Nappanee Center Hours | ALL AGES
This exhibit is about the men behind the comics and how they helped Nappanee become home to Slim and Spud, Freckles and his friends, and Smokey Stover. See original artwork and cartoons by all of the cartoonists. The “From Pencils to Pixels: Hoosier Cartoons and Comics” traveling exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society will be joining this exhibit in April.

GENEALOGY CLUE
February 13 & March 13 | 6 - 8 pm | ADULTS | Nappanee Library

2018 BOOK BRACKET CHALLENGE: THE BATTLE BEGINS!
Spring has returned along with NPL’s Annual Book Bracket Challenge! Each day in March, two opposing picture books will go head to head in a battle to be named “2018 Book Bracket Picture Book Champion.” Anyone who has read the two opposing books can vote. Copies of each book will be available at any of our service desks, and extra copies will be available for check out. At the end of the day, the book with the most votes will move on to the next round to battle again.

“CHECK OUT” NPL’S SEED LIBRARY!
Seeds are now available to be checked out from our Seed Library! Participation is open to all interested gardeners. You do not need to have an NPL card in order to borrow or donate seeds. Choose from a variety of flower, fruits, and vegetable seeds. Donations of saved seeds are welcome to continue our efforts. You’ll see different seeds available at different times, so check in frequently to see what’s available. Browse and borrow from our physical collection of seeds at the reference desk. Call the Library for more information.

MEET OUR STAFF!
Lori Caskey-Sigety is NPL’s newest employee. Lori has over fifteen years of experience working with children, teens, and adults in a public library. We are excited to welcome her as our New Youth Services Manager. Here’s a bit more about her:

If money was no object, what would you do all day?
Travel around the U.S. and the world with my husband, visit loved ones, and write poems and stories about our adventures.

If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, who would they be?
My mother, my mother-in-law, my maternal grandparents, and my best friend from childhood.

Where is the best place you’ve traveled to and why?
We drove through Scotland and northern England. The countryside and the castles were beautiful. The scenery was breathtaking.

Who is your favorite author?
Eric Carle & April Pulley Sayre

Would you like to meet Lori?
She will be available Monday - Thursday, from 3 - 5 pm, every week to meet people, answer questions, and help you find a great book!
**LEARN & PLAY EVERYDAY**

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**MAKE AND TAKE: VALENTINE’S**
February 1 - 13 | 6:30 - 8 pm | KIDS - TEENS
Shop in and create a Valentine or two to share with family and friends. All materials will be provided in the children’s craft room. No registration necessary.

**LEGO CLUB**
6:30 - 8 pm | KIDS & TWEENS
Enjoy building challenges and win prizes. Meetings end with free build time. No registration necessary.

**PAJAMA STORYTIME**
March 31 | 9:30 - 10:30 am | KIDS - TWEENs
Families are invited to join us for a morning storytime at the library! Everyone is invited to wear pajamas and bring their special stuffed animal or blanket to this cozy storytime. No registration necessary.

**ART IN THE MAKING**
6:30 - 7:30 pm | KIDS & TWEENs
Kids are invited to dress for mess. Join us as we create non-traditional kitchen table art. Register one week in advance.

**AUTHOR VISIT**
March 26 | ALL AGES
Popular children’s nonfiction author, Jerry Pallotta, will be visiting the Nappanee Public Library. Food and drinks will be provided while supplies last. Times for this program are TBA.

**PAW PATROL: MEET AND GREET**
February 14 | 10 - 10:30 AM & 3 - 3:30 PM | ALL AGES
It’s time to get fired up! Marshall, from Paw Patrol is coming to the library! Come meet him, create a pawsome project to take home, and pose for photos! No registration necessary.

**TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMMING**
(Tweens: ages 8 - 12; Teens: ages 13 - 19)

**TEEN TUESDAY**
First Tuesday Monthly | 4 - 5 pm
Teens are welcome to join this monthly program to spend time with friends, participate in activities and crafts and enjoy snacks. Registration is requested, but not required.

**TWEEN THURSDAY**
First Thursday Monthly | 4 - 5 pm
Tweens are invited to join in various activities and crafts on the in The Cube. All supplies and snacks are provided. Registration is requested, but not required.

**BLENDING IN**
1st Saturday Monthly | 3 - 5 pm | TEENS - ADULTS
Blending in is a group or high functioning autistic teens and other unique teens seeking to meet others in a safe, laid-back, positive environment. Teens and parents are warmly invited. Registration is required. Call Cami for more information at 574.333.6201.

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**UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMMING**

Check out these exciting, upcoming programs held throughout the Library.

All programs are free, unless otherwise noted.

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**CARDIAC HEALTH ASSESSMENTS**
Saturday, February 10 - 11 am | ADULTS
Nurses from Goshen Health will be on hand to administer Cardiac Health Assessments. A health professional will review your results and discuss whether a follow-up is recommended.

Screening takes approximately 15 minutes. You must register and prepay by Thursday, February 8th for the cholesterol screening. Appointments are limited.

To register, please call 574.364.2904.

Cholesterol test (overnight fasting and appointment required) = $50

Blood pressure, pulse and oxygen saturation = FREE

No Appointment needed.

**GET ORGANIZED**
6 - 7:30 pm | TEENS - ADULTS
Learn how to organize specific areas in your home and life. Learn the tips and tricks to contain the clutter! Registration is required, at least one week in advance, for each night you want to attend.

March 7* | Clutter Control
March 21* | Organizing your closet
April 18* | Organizing your kitchen
April 25* | Meal Planning

**MOVIES IN THE PARK: 2018**
Movies in the Park is kicking off 2018 with a movie at the library! Watch Casablanca after hours at NPL. Bring blankets and chairs, or use ours. Snacks will be provided while supplies last.

February 10 | 7:30 pm
Casablanca
Nappanee Public Library
Other 2018 Showtimes:
April 14 | Mary Poppins
West Park
June 9 | Wonder
Recovery Park
August 11 | TBA
Municipal Pool
October 13 | Frankensteins Thirsty Twins
December 8 | A Christmas Story
The Downtown Pavilion

“Movies in the Park 2018” is sponsored by Nappanee Parks & Rec, Friends of the Nappanee Public Library, and Lake City Bank!