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2022 Annual Report

A review of the library, our programs, and our services from 2022. (pg 2 - 3)

Creative Writing Contest

April 1 - April 30

Open to any resident or student (grades 3+) in the WaNee School District. (pg 11)

Birdhouse Decorating Contest

April 1 - May 5

Decorate a birdhouse for a chance to win a \$25 gift card. (pg 12)



Creating Young Readers

Encouraging kids to read regularly can help them build a lifelong love of learning and exploration. NPL is dedicated to providing a safe and encouraging space to create young readers inside the library and throughout our community. With this as our driving focus in 2022, we created new reading challenges for kids: **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Expand Your Horizons: Junior, 100 Books Before High School, and 100 Books Before Graduation.** We provided more than **145 outreach programs** to students, which included book talks, storytimes, and monthly book deliveries. **76** kids and teens entered the NPL Creative Writing Contest and **more than 500** kids and teens participated in the Summer Reading Challenge.



Followers



4,673
Total Followers
on social media
(36% Increase)



Online Users

76,114
Total Wireless
Internet Users
(35% Increase)

73,025
Website Visits
(26% Increase)

Reading Challenges



1,199,413
Total Minutes Read
781
Active Readers



2022 Library Annual Report



Circulation

92,219

Total Items Borrowed
(9% Increase)

54,319

Kids Items Borrowed

17,901

Digital Items Borrowed

985

Interlibrary Loans Received



Door Counts

87,481

Total Visitors
(16% Increase)



New Users

748

New Library Cards
(31% Increase)



Programs & Attendance

262

Adult Programs

5665 Total Attendance

225

Kid Programs

5869 Total Attendance

115

Heritage Collection

974 Total Attendance



Evie's History Bytes Podcast

862

Total Listens



Bus Tours

12 historical tour buses
from across the United States
visited the Evelyn Lehman
Culp Heritage Collection.



Start Here



Nappanee Public Library

157 North Main Street, Nappanee, IN 46550

Evelyn Lehman Culp Heritage Collection

302 West Market Street, Nappanee, IN 46550

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TRIPLE P PARENTING WORKSHOPS*

Parents are invited to join us for a series of workshops that address challenging behaviors when raising children presented by Triple P of Elkhart County.

Childcare will be provided.

Register online.

April 10 | 6 - 7 pm

All Parents

Supporting Healthy Relationships and Managing Disagreements

April 24 | 6 - 7 pm

All Parents

Balancing Work and Family

May 8 | 6 - 7 pm

Parents of Teens and Preteens

Coping with Anxiety

May 22 | 6 - 7 pm

Parents of Teens and Preteens

Taking Drugs



Move and Do: Birth to Two

DINO SCAVENGER HUNT

April 3 - April 7

During Library Hours

Stop by the library anytime this week to go on a dinosaur scavenger hunt. After you have found all the dinosaurs, stop at a desk to get a prize. Please bring a phone or borrow an iPad from the Kid's Desk.

PANCAKES AND PAJAMAS*

April 3 | 10 - 11 am | Babies - Kids

Come to the library wearing your favorite PJs and enjoy pancakes and activities.

DIY TOTE BAGS*

April 11 | 4 - 5 PM | Kids

Use fabric markers to design and decorate your own tote bag.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME*

April 12, April 26,

May 3, May 17

10 - 10:45 am | PreK

This storytime teaches young kids skills like using scissors, learning colors, and counting.

MOVE & DO: BIRTH TO TWO*

April 14, April 28,

May 12, May 26

10 - 10:30 am | Toddlers

Bring your little ones for music, dancing,

crafts, and more!

BOOK WORMS*

April 20 | 4 - 5 pm | Kids

A book club for young readers. Pick up a free copy of the book *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman and then join us for the discussion.

MINUTE TO WIN IT*

April 20 | 6 - 7 pm

Bring the whole family for a night of fun! We will be playing a variety of Minute to Win It games.

UNO & SNACKS*

April 25 | 4 - 5 pm | Kids

Play UNO, chat with friends, and enjoy snacks

WRITE TO YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR*

May 9 | 4 - 5 pm | Kids

Learn all about letter writing and write letters to your favorite authors.

DIY YARD SIGNS*

May 18 | 6 - 7 pm

Bring the whole family and make your own yard signs. Make a sign for a lemonade stand, wish someone happy birthday, or promote an upcoming garage sale.

FLOWER PRESSING*

May 23 | 4 - 5 pm | Kids

Learn how to press flowers and make your

TEENS

Age 13 - 18

Nappanee
Public
Library



READ 100 BOOKS BEFORE...

Take the **100 Books Before High School** (6-8 grade) or the **100 Books Before Graduation** (9-12 grade) challenge. You can read anything, including graphic novels and audiobooks!

If you complete the challenge, you will receive prizes as you participate including books, local giftcards, and more.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR MOST RECENT 100
BOOKS BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL
FINISHERS!**

Emily Miller

GAME ON!*

April 6 | 12 - 1 pm | Teens

Join us for an afternoon of video games, board games, and card games. Snacks will be provided.

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT*

April 17 | 4 - 5:45 pm | Teens

Watch the Disney animated movie, *Luca* (rated PG). Popcorn and snacks will be provided.

PAINT & SNACK*

May 15 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Get creative and paint anything you want on canvas. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

BOOKMARKED*

May 18 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Join Bookmarked, our book club just for teens! Bookmarked meets every other month. In May, we will read and discuss *The Downstairs Girl* by Stacy Lee. Stop in at the library anytime and pick up a free copy of the book.



MINI LIBRARY*

April 27 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Celebrate National Library Week by making your own mini-library! Add small details and books to make it your own.



MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU*

**May 4 | 4 - 5:45 pm
Teen**

Celebrate Star Wars Day at the library. We will be watching *Star Wars: A New Hope* (rated PG), making crafts, and eating Star Wars snacks. We will also have a raffle for a Star Wars prize.

Toddlers: 0-3 yrs, PreK: 3-5 yrs, Kids: 5-12 yrs, Teens: 12-18 yrs, Adult: 18+

All programs are free, unless otherwise noted. Programs are available for all ages unless a recommended age group is provided. *Indicates registration is required at least one week in advance. Call 574.773.7919 or go to the events calendar at nappaneelibrary.org to register.

Todos los programas son gratuitos, a menos que se indique lo contrario. Los programas están disponibles para todas las edades a menos que se proporcione un grupo de edad recomendado. *Indica que requiere registrarse al menos una semana con anticipación.

Para registrarse llame al 574-773-7919 ó vaya a el calendario de eventos de nappaneelibrary.org.

ADULTS



INGLES COMO SEGUNDO LENGUAJE*

Cada lunes A partir del 17 de abril
5:30 - 6:30 | \$20

Los hispanohablantes están invitados a aprender inglés como segundo idioma. Libros de trabajo proporcionados.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE*
Every Monday Beginning April 17
5:30 - 6:30 pm | \$20

Spanish speakers are invited to learn English as a second language. Workbooks provided.



DINING WITH DIABETES*

Mondays in May | 2 - 4 pm | \$40

A weekly cooking course for those with diabetes. Weekly topics include healthy recipes, cooking demonstrations, and an understanding of how diabetes affects your overall health.

SATURDAY STITCHERS

April 1 & May 6 | 11 am - 3 pm
Cross stitch with others in the community.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS GATHERING*

April 5 | 6:30 - 8 pm | Adult
Get to know other participants from the Reading Challenge! We will chat about tasks, books, and suggestions.

ELKHART COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.

April 5 & May 3 | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Discover information on health and safety services in our county.

BINGO

April 7 | 10:30 - 11:30 am
April 21, May 5, & May 19 | 1 - 2 pm
Play BINGO with friends and win prizes!

GENEALOGY CLUB

April 11 & May 9
5:30 - 7 pm | Adult
Use genealogy resources and get hands on help while you discover your family history.

HUTSELL CHIROPRACTIC WELLNESS WORKSHOP*

April 11 & May 2
6:30 - 7:30 pm | Adult
Informative monthly workshop for Hutsell Chiropractic patients and friends.

WARSAW MEADOWS SENIOR CARE & SUPPORT*

April 12 | 2 - 3 pm | Adults
Get information about Alzheimer's and dementia long-term care, support and education. Free blood pressure checks and snacks will be provided.

CREATE & CRAFT*

2nd Thursday, Monthly
5:30 - 7 pm | Adult
Learn how to make a new craft each month!
April 13 | Spring Hanger
May 11 | Beeswax Wraps

MICHIANA BEE KEEPERS

April 15 | 9 am - 12 pm | Adult
Join this monthly meeting and learn more about bees and bee keeping.

CREATIVE CANVAS*

Monthly | 5:30 - 7 pm | Adult
Follow a step-by-step tutorial to create a unique painting.
April 18 | Rooster
May 16 | Patriotic Mason Jar

MAKE-A-MIX*

10 - 11 am | Adult
Make a different mix monthly. Mixes are perfect for easy baking and they make the best gifts!
April 26 | Instant Oatmeal
May 24 | Hamburger Helper

LIVE MUSIC: ANDY & JUDY

May 20 | 1 - 2 pm
Relax and enjoy live music from the duo Andy and Judy. They will play traditional folk music bearing influences from country, gospel, and blues. Refreshments provided.

RECIPE SWAP

6 - 7 pm | Adult
Exchange your favorite recipes with others in the community. Each month has a new theme.
May 23 | Springtime Cooking

MUSICAL CRUISE

Tuesdays in April
2 - 4 pm | Adults
Join us for a musical movie marathon in April. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.



ROMANCE ON THE HIGH SEAS*
April 4

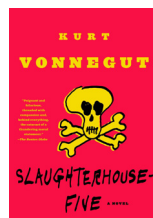
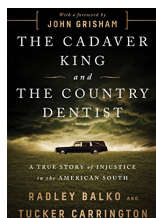
A hilarious series of romantic misunderstandings.



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BOOK CLUBS

New members are always welcome! Register online to borrow a copy of the book.

COVER TO COVER BOOK CLUB* | 5:30 - 7 pm | Adult

Join fellow book lovers as they discuss a new book each month. Titles alternate between fiction and nonfiction.

April 18 | *The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist: a True Story of Injustice in the American South* by Radley Balko & Tucker Carrington

May 30 | *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner

NOT SO YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB*

Bi-Monthly | 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Adult

Not So Young Adult Book Club is the book club for adults who love to read young adult and teen books.

April 25 | *White Smoke* by Tiffany D. Jackson

THE CLASSICS* | 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Adult | at the Nappanee Center

Read these literary classics then meet with the Heritage Collection staff at the Nappanee Center to discuss.

April 27 | *Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath

May 25 | *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut

END OF LIFE PLANNING

End-of-life planning is the process of making decisions and getting your affairs in order in preparation for when you pass away. This includes important decisions about your property, healthcare, finances, and more.

By creating an end-of-life plan, you can relieve your family members of a huge burden.



DOWNSIZING YOUR TREASURES*

April 6 | 2 - 3 pm | Adult

Learn about downsizing your personal possessions and get tips on what to keep, toss, donate, or recycle.



OBITUARY WRITING*

May 10 | 10 - 11 am | Adult

An obituary is a tribute to a life that has passed on and includes facts about birth and death and other milestones of most lives. This program will walk you through the process of writing an obituary, step-by-step.

MAGGIE'S BOOK BITES PODCAST

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New Episodes 1st Friday, Monthly

Listen for reviews and recommendations. Available on most platforms, including Apple and Spotify.

April 7 | Road Trip Reads

May 5 | Medical Community Favorites

ALL WE DANCE*

April 11
A ship threatens
alt a budding
dance between
allerina and a
dancer.



GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES*

April 18
Two showgirls go
on a cruise to Paris
hoping to marry
wealthy men.



ANYTHING GOES*

April 25
Two unlikely pairs
set off on a course
to true love.



MEET OUR STAFF

MARYSSA TURNER

Maryssa is a Heritage Collection Specialist at the Evelyn Lehman Culp Heritage Collection at the Nappanee Center. Learn a little more about her!

What are your hobbies?

I love to read and go to car shows with my husband.

What is your personal philosophy?

Leave every space and person better than you found them.

Where is the best place you've traveled to?

Washington D.C. because the history is incredible.

If you could share a meal with any 4 people, living or dead, who would they be?

- Alice Paul
- Hedy Lamarr
- Dolly Parton
- Madam CJ Walker

Who is your favorite author?

Amanda Hocking



DID YOU KNOW?

At one time the Hartman Brothers General Store was one of the biggest general stores in Elkhart County. It was owned and managed by brothers Jacob, John, and Tobias Hartman.

Learn more during the free program *Who Were the Hartman Brothers* on April 5.

WHO WERE THE HARTMAN BROTHERS? | April 5 | 6 - 7 pm

The Hartman Brothers had one of the largest general stores in Elkhart County in the early 1900s. Learn about the business, how it started, and the brothers who ran it.

HISTORY CHATS | New Episode Monthly | 10 - 10:30 am

Tune in on Facebook Live and listen to Martha, Heritage Collection Manager as she discusses different moments and memories from Nappanee History.

April 17 | The Nappanee 6

May 15 | Architecture in Nappanee

EVIE'S HISTORY BYTES PODCAST | New Episode Monthly

Each month Martha and her guests will discuss important parts of Nappanee history. [Evie's History Bytes](#) is available on Spotify, iTunes, Google, and Audible!

April 26 | *Emma Schrock Pt. 2*, Guest: Dr. Simon Bronner & Aleta Schrock

May 31 | *Photography in Nappanee*, Guest: Dale Tobias

NAPPANEE ON STRIKE: ESCAPE ROOM*

April 29 | 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm

Nappanee is on strike! Learn more about Coppes, Zook, and Mutschler. Solve the clues and puzzles to get the workers back to work and escape before the time runs out.

GRAVE CARE* | May 6 | 9 - 11 am | Adult | at Union Center Cemetery

Learn how to properly clean and restore tombstones from grave care expert Mark VanDiepenbos at Union Center Cemetery. This program is at Union Center Cemetery, Co Rd 11 and Co Rd 50, Nappanee, IN 46550.



April 1 - April 21

This creative writing contest is designed to challenge your imagination and take you on a journey of suspense, intrigue, and mystery. From whodunits to suspenseful thrillers, let your imagination run wild and write a mystery that will keep readers on the edge of their seats. Start writing and let the mystery unfold!



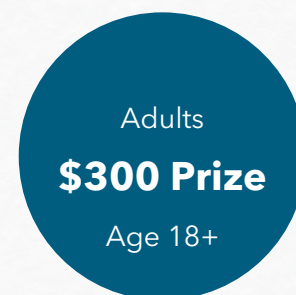
**SCARY
STORY**



**TOP
SECRET**



**Twists
and Turns**



**100 Word
Challenge**

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Visit nappaneelibrary.org for contest rules and regulations.

Eligibility: Open to any resident or student (grades 3+) in the Wa-Nee School District.

Deadline: Entries will be accepted April 1 - April 21. Only original materials may be entered. Entries can be submitted online, dropped off, or emailed to media@nappaneelibrary.org.

Judging: Entries will be judged anonymously on the set criteria of each category. Judges will include community volunteers and NPL staff.

Awards: Winners will be notified after May 1. 1st place winners will receive a cash prize and 2nd place winners will receive a \$20 gift card. Winning entries may be on display at the Library and on the Library's website and social media.

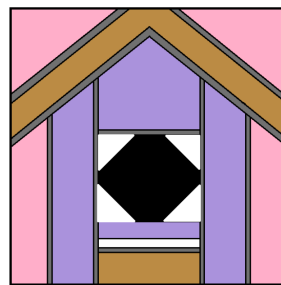
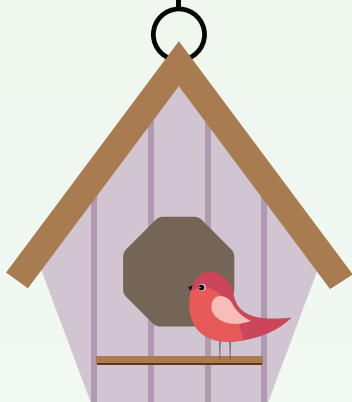


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2	3 Pancakes and PJs* 10 - 11 am Expand Your Horizons* 6:30 - 8 pm	4 Romance on the High Seas* 2 - 4 pm	5 Health Dept. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Hartman Brothers? 6 - 7 pm EYH Gathering* 6:30	6 Game On!* 12 - 1 pm Downsizing Your Treasures* 2 - 3 pm	7 Maggie's Book Bites New Episode BINGO 10:30 - 11:30 am CLOSING AT 12 PM FOR GOOD FRIDAY	8
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9	10 Triple P* 6 - 7 pm	11 Shall We Dance* 2 - 4 pm Tote Bags* 4 - 5 pm Genealogy 5:30 pm Wellness Workshop* 6:30 - 7:30 pm	12 Preschool Storytime* 10 - 10:45 am Senior Care & Support* 2 - 3 pm	13 Create & Craft* 5:30 - 7 pm	14 Move and Do* 10 - 10:30 am	15 Michiana Bee Keepers 9 am - 12 pm
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MAY 2023

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2023 Nappanee Center
Quilt Garden Pattern

Home Sweet Home

Birdhouse Decorating Contest

April 1 - May 5

Spring is here! Celebrate the new Nappanee Center Quilt Garden with a fun and creative **birdhouse decorating contest!** The contest is open to **all ages** and skill levels and provides an opportunity for you to showcase your imagination and artistic talents.

Beginning April 1, **grab supplies from the Nappanee Public Library** and start decorating – the sky's the limit when it comes to decorating your birdhouse.

Completed birdhouses must be returned to the library by May 5 with a completed entry form for judging.

One artist from each age group will win a **\$25 gift card.**

Completed birdhouses will be sealed and displayed outside at the Nappanee Center Quilt Garden from June 1-September 15th

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THE NAPPANEE ARTS CENTER



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NAPPANEE CENTER HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday
Closed

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday - Saturday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Closed