**Expand Your Horizons**

2024 Challenge Begins February 1

18 new reading tasks to introduce you to new authors, genres, and books! *(pg 6 - 7)*

**Book Bracket Challenge**

March 1 - March 31

Visit the library every day and vote for your favorite picture book. *(pg 3)*
BOOKWORMS*
February 22
4 - 4:30 pm | Age 8 - 12
Book club for young readers! In February discuss the book *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* by Chris Grabenstein. Sign up for a free copy of the book.

NEW! LITTLE BOOKWORMS*
March 25
4 - 5 pm | 7 & Under
Grab a copy of the book, find a cozy spot in the library, and read the book together with your child. After the reading session we’ll come together to create something fun! In March, we’re reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, followed by a caterpillar craft.

DISGUISE A HEART CONTEST
February 1 - February 10
Age 0 - 12
Pick up a wooden heart from the Kid’s Desk and disguise it. Turn it into something new - a ladybug, a book character, a cupcake, etc. Return your heart to the Kid’s Desk by February 10th to be entered into the contest. Winner will receive a gift basket full of Valentine’s Day goodies.

LEGO CLUB
February 2 & March 1
3:30 - 4:30 pm | Kids
Stop in to build and play!

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME*
February 7, February 21, March 6, & March 20
10 - 10:45 am
Preschool
Listen to Mrs. Maggie read a fun story and create a craft to take home! This storytime teaches young kids preschool skills like using scissors, learning colors, counting, and more!

MOVE & DO*
Thursday Evening | 6 - 6:30 pm
February 8, February 22, March 7, & March 21
Friday Morning | 10 - 10:30 am
February 9, February 23, March 8, & March 22
Babies & Toddlers
Bring the little ones to the library to try out different interactive activities.

NEW! BOOKS, MOVIES, AND MORE!

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**Image:** Children engaged in various activities at the library, including reading, crafting, and playing with LEGO.
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**2024 Book Bracket Challenge**

March 1 - March 31

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 2024 Book Bracket 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 the book with the most votes will move on to the next round to battle again.

Watch the giant bracket fill up throughout the month. Stop in at NPL to get your own bracket and follow along with us!

Thirty-two books will be part of the challenge, but only one will be named the winner! Remember to follow our social media pages to stay updated. Message us your votes, listen to stories, and learn about daily winners.

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**Watercolor Hearts***
February 13
4 - 5 pm | Kids
Design two halves of a heart then weave the pieces together to create a cute piece of art.

**Uno Club**

February 23 & March 22
3:30 - 4:30 pm | Kids
Join us monthly to play all different kinds of Uno. Drop in and play at your own pace.

**Stained Glass Suncatcher***
February 27
4 - 5 pm | Kids
Learn about light and color while expressing your creativity!

**Leap Day Party***
February 29
4 - 5 pm | Age 0 - 12
Celebrate Leap Day at the library! Enjoy snacks, make crafts, and write a letter to your future self to open in 2028.

**Lucky Charms Mobile***
March 12
4 - 5 pm | Kids
Create a hanging mobile inspired by Lucky Charm shapes and colors.

**Slime Club***
March 18
4 - 5 pm | Kids
Dive into gooey greatness at our Slime Club! Kids get hands-on with colorful slime, creating squishy masterpieces.

**Paper Spinner***
March 26
4 - 5 pm | Kids
Craft your own paper spinner in a flash – it’s quick, it’s cool, and it’s all about having a blast with paper!

**Congratulations, Silas Elliot for completing 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**

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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.

REWARDS:
If you choose to accept the challenge, you will receive prizes as you participate!
- **25 books**: Choose a book and bookmark.
- **50 books**: Choose from our prize box.
- **75 books**: Choose a $10 gift card to a local business.
- **100 books**: Receive a bag filled with goodies, a certificate, and your name will be featured in our newsletter.

CHOCOLATE HEARTS*
February 6
4 - 5 pm | Teens
Make your own chocolate hearts. Choose your own chocolate and toppings.

CANDY & CRAYONS
February 15 & March 21
4 - 5 pm | Teens
Drop in for a bit or stay for the whole hour. Candy and snacks will be provided.

PI(E) DAY*
March 14
4 - 5 pm | Teens
Celebrate Pi Day (3.14) at the library! Taste test and rate different pie fillings and make your own mini pie.

PAINT & SNACK*
March 26
4 - 5 pm | Teens
Create a little work of art on a canvas. Snacks will be provided.

Congratulations, Brandon Miller
for completing 100 Books Before High School!

BORROW MORE THAN BOOKS!
Use your library card to borrow books, movies, puzzles, board games, and more! Check out our Library of Things on the Main Level near the Reference Desk!
*Card restrictions may apply

Congratulations, Brandon Miller
for completing 100 Books Before High School!

Toddlers: 0-3 yrs, PreK: 3-5 yrs, Kids: 5-12 yrs, Teens: 12-18 yrs, Adult: 18+
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Saturday, March 16
Nappanee Public Library
157 N Main St. Nappanee, IN 46550

Presented By RUHE ROAD RUNNERS

Leprechaun Chase  Leprechaun Leap
(5 Mile Run)  (1 Mile Run/Walk)

$35  $5

5 mile run begins at 10 am & 1 mile run/walk begins at 10:05 am.
Participants are encouraged to dress for the occasion in green or a costume.

Sign Up Online
Scan the code with your camera!

runsignup.com/Race/IN/Nappanee/RRRLeprechaunChase
ADULTS

BINGO
1st & 3rd Friday | 1 - 2 pm
Play BINGO with friends and win prizes!

HORIZON EDUCATION ALLIANCE (HEA)*
February 5, February 12,
March 4, & March 11
3 - 7 pm | Adult
Join other adults as you work towards getting your High School Equivalency Diploma.

BIRDSEED ORNAMENT*
February 5
5:30 - 7 pm | Adult
Make a birdseed ornament using natural ingredients.

YOGA*
February 7 & March 6
9:30 - 10:30 am | Adult
Bring your own mat, towel, and water!

BEGINNING BEE KEEPING*
February 10 | 9 am - 12 pm | Adult
Learn the basics of starting a backyard beehive. Questions are welcomed.
Presented by the Michiana Bee Keepers.

SATURDAY STITCHERS
February 10 & March 9
11 am - 3 pm | Adult
This crafty group meets once a month to chat and cross-stitch together.

GENEALOGY CLUB
February 13 & March 12
5:30 - 7 pm | Adult
Use genealogy resources while discovering your family history.

VALENTINE’S COOKIE DECORATING
February 14 | 1 - 2 pm | Adults
Decorate a homemade heart cookie for Valentine’s Day!

CREATIVE CANVAS*
Monthly
5:30 - 7 pm | Adult
Follow a step-by-step tutorial to create a unique work of art.
February 20 | Valentine’s Day
March 19 | St. Patrick’s Day

BREAKFAST CLUB*
9 - 10 am | Adult
Make a variety of breakfast foods from scratch! Share recipes, tips, and tricks with other members.
February 2
Waffle Breakfast Sandwich
March 1
Sugar Donut Muffins

SECRETS OF THE MODERN DAY HIPPIES*
February 12
10 - 11 am | Adult
Learn about different oils popular with modern day hippies, what to use them for, and how to incorporate them into your life!

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS READING CHALLENGE
February 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025
Complete reading tasks that will expand your horizons by introducing you to new authors, new genres, and new books! Tasks will excite you and push your boundaries!
HERITAGE SKILLS*
10 - 11 am | Adult
Return to your roots by learning classic heritage skills that help you have a more wholesome lifestyle.

February 26 | Bone Broth
Learn how to make your own nutritious bone broth.

March 25 | Sourdough
Learn how to make and care for your own sourdough starter.

MAKE-A-MIX*
Monthly | Adult
Make a different mix monthly. Mixes are perfect for easy baking and gifts!

February 28 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Chocolate Chip Cookies

March 27 | 10 - 11 am
Sugar Donut Muffin

ELKHART COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (ECHD)
March 6 | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
The Elkhart County Health Department will be here to offer information on health and services, answer questions you may have, and provide resources.

FARMHOUSE CHICKEN ART*
March 8 | 2 - 3:30 pm | Adult
Join us as we make a fun farmhouse chicken picture using buttons!

ST. PATRICK’S DAY COOKIE DECORATING
March 13 | 1 - 2 pm | Adults
Decorate a homemade clover cookie for St. Patrick’s Day!

LUNCH & MOVIE
March 16
12 - 2 pm | Adults
Join us for a lunchtime showing of the 1978 movie Grease. Bring your lunch. Dessert will be provided.

Complete all 18 tasks and get $10 to Bella’s Books.

Read a Dystopian Fiction
Read a Book with 200 pages or less
Read a Book Set in the 1800s
Read a Book with or about Tom Hanks
Watch a Movie Based on on a Book

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE NAPPANEE PUBLIC LIBRARY
The Friends of the Nappanee Public Library is a group of dedicated library advocates who support and sponsor many of the Library’s programs, services, and events. The Friends make NPL even better by helping it to promote literacy and increase community access to information, innovation, and inspiration.

Become a Friend and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping improve services to Library users and making your wonderful Library an even greater asset to the Nappanee community!

JOIN THE FRIENDS
Annual dues for an individual are $5 and a benefactor membership is $50.

All new members are welcome and appreciated.

Meetings will be scheduled as needed with one annual meeting in the first quarter.

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WHO WAS LAMB BROTHERS AND GREENE?  
February 8 | 10 - 11 am | Adult  
Learn more about the historic Nappanee company Lamb Brothers and Greene.

HISTORY CHATS | New Episode Monthly | 10 - 10:30 am | Live on Facebook  
Tune in on Facebook Live and listen to Martha, Heritage Collection Manager, as she discusses different moments and memories from Nappanee History.  
February 12 | Thursday Club  
March 18 | Woodworking in Nappanee

HERITAGE COLLECTION GUIDED TOUR* | Monthly | Adult | $2  
February 17 | 1 - 2 pm  
March 21 | 7 - 8 pm  
Take a guided tour of the Heritage Collection. Learn more about the artifacts and learn some of our favorite stories behind them. $2 donation is suggested per person for the tour.

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, Pandora and Audible!  
February 28 | Nappanee Parks, with Parks Superintendent, Chris Davis, and Director of Programming, Tiffany Sayler  
March 27 | NASA, with Dave Berger, STEM Engagement Embed for Aeronautics at NASA

WOMEN BEHIND THE MEN OF THE KITCHEN INDUSTRY  
March 8 | 10 - 11 am | Adult  
Discuss the women who supported the men of the Nappanee kitchen industry.

SPEAKEASY: ESCAPE ROOM*  
March 16 | 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm | Adult  
Will you push for prohibition or fight against it? Solve the puzzles and all the clues to break out of the escape room.

NEW! LOCAL HISTORY CLUB | March 28 | 4 - 5 pm | Adult  
Do you love Local History as much as the Heritage Collection staff does? Join us at Local History Club to talk about all things local history.
BOOK CLUBS
New members are always welcome! Register online to borrow a copy of the book. nappaneelibrary.org/bookclubs

NOT SO YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB*
Bi-Monthly | 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Adult
The Not So Young Adult Book Club is for adults who love to read young adult books. If you are too old for our teen book club, but secretly want to join it... this is the book club for you! We will discuss a new book every other month.

February 20
Gallant by V.E. Schwab

COVER TO COVER BOOK CLUB*
Monthly | 5:30 - 7 pm | Adult
Join fellow book lovers as they discuss a new book every month! Titles will alternate between fiction and non-fiction.

February 20
Notre Dame vs. The Klan: How the Fighting Irish Defeated the Ku Klux Klan by Todd Tucker

March 19
Chariot on the Mountain by Jack Ford

SILENT BOOK CLUB
February 22 | 5 - 7 pm
Stop in anytime from 5-7 and read anywhere in the Library silently. You can read anything you like! Complete an hour or more of reading and get a code to do the Leprechaun Leap (1-mile walk) for free! (pg 5).

MAGGIE’S BOOK BITES PODCAST
New Episodes Monthly
Maggie and her book-loving guests will be talking about all things books. Listen for reviews and recommendations. Available on most platforms, including Apple and Spotify.

February 2 | Dragons
March 1 | Olympics

Start a new Book Club!
Complete the book club interest form available on our website at nappaneelibrary.org/bookclubs to let us know what type of book club you would like to start at the library!
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|        |        | Breakfast Club* | 9 - 10 am | Maggie’s Book Bites  
New Episode | BINGO | 1 - 2 pm |
|        |        |          | LEGO Club | 3:30 pm |        |         |

| 4      | 5      | 6        | 7          | 8        | 9      | 10        |
|        |        | Chocolate Hearts* | Yoga* | Who was Lamb Brothers & Greene?  
Preschool Storytime* | Move and Do* | Beginning Bee Keepers*  
9 - 10 am | 10 - 11 am  
Move & Do* | 9 am - 12 pm  
Saturday Stitchers |
|        |        | 4 - 5 pm | 9:30 - 10:30 am | 10 - 10:45 am | 10 - 10:30 am |        |
|        |        |         | Preschool Storytime* |         |         |          |
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| 11     | 12     | 13       | 14         | 15       | 16     | 17       |
|        |        | Watercolor Hearts* | Valentine’s Day Cookie Decorating | Candy & Crayons | BINGO | Heritage Collection Guided Tour*  
10 - 11 am  
Modern Day Hippies* | 4 - 5 pm | 4 - 5 pm | 1 - 2 pm  
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10 - 11 am |
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|        |        | Creative Canvas* | Preschool Storytime* | Book Worms*  
Silent Book Club | Move and Do* |        |
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| 25     | 26     | 27       | 28         | 29       |        |          |
|        |        | Heritage Skills* | Evie’s History Bytes  
Make-a-Mix* | Leap Day Party* |        |          |
|        |        | 10 - 11 am | New Episode | 10 - 11 am | 4 - 5 pm |          |
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