2023 Annual Report
A review of the library, our programs, and our services from 2023. (pg 2 - 3)

Spring Break
Enjoy fun activities and programs during your staycation! at the Library (pg 4) at the Heritage Collection (pg 8)

Creative Writing Contest
April 1 - April 21
Open to any resident or student (grades 3+) in the WaNee School District. (pg 11)
Thank you for supporting NPL!

In 2023 our partnerships and collaborations continued to grow, allowing us to provide important resources and services to our customers. We partnered with more than 20 local businesses and organizations. A few notable partners include The Friends of the Nappanee Public Library, Sweet G’s Ice Cream, Main Street Roasters, Bella’s Books, The Dutch Kernel, and the Nappanee Movie Theatre. We are so grateful to our community of supporters who continue to visit the library, borrow materials, use our online resources, and more.

Reading Challenges

- 1253 Summer Reading Participants (42% Increase)
- 21,796 Digital Items Borrowed
- 898 Interlibrary Loans Received

New Users

- 786 New Library Cards (5% Increase)
- 116 Total Student Cards
- 400 Total Reciprocal Cards

Online Users

- 76,925 Total Wireless Internet Users

Followers

- 5,693 Total Followers on social media (22% Increase)

Circulation

- 96,561 Total Items Borrowed (5% Increase)
- 54,240 Kids Items Borrowed

Door Counts

- 93,884 Total Visitors (7% Increase)

Programs & Attendance

- 267 Adult Programs
- 3102 Total Attendance
- 317 Kid Programs
- 6317 Total Attendance
- 72 Heritage Collection
- 908 Total Attendance

Meeting Rooms

- 190 Reservations
- 1,165 Total Attendance

Evie’s History Bytes Podcast

- 1226 Total Listens

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ELC Heritage Collection
302 West Market Street, Nappanee, IN 46550
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KIDS
Age 0 - 12

PRESchool STORYTIMe*
April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15
10 - 10:45 am | PreK
Listen to Mrs. Maggie read a fun story and create a craft to take home!

LEGO CLuB
April 5 & May 3
3:30 - 4:30 pm | Kids
Stop in to build and play with LEGO
s.

MOVE & DO*
Thursday Evening | 6 - 6:30 pm
April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23
Friday Morning | 10 - 10:30 am
April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24
Babies & Toddlers
Bring the little ones to the library to try out different interactive activities.

ABSTRACT ART BOXES*
April 23 | 4 - 5 pm | Kids
Use a variety of supplies and paint to create out of the box art!

BOOK WORMS*
April 25
4 - 4:30 pm
Age 8 - 12
Book club for young readers! In April read and discuss Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo. Stop in and pick up a free copy of the book and join us for the discussion.

UNO CLuB
April 26 & May 24
3:30 - 4:30 pm | Kids
Join us monthly to play all different kinds of Uno. Drop in and play at your own pace.

MAY DAY FLOWERS*
May 6 | 4 - 5 pm | Kids
Make a flower bouquet to hang on your friend or family’s door for May Day.

LITTLE BOOk WORMS*
May 13
4 - 5 pm
Age 0 - 7
Find a spot in the library and read the book of the month together with your child. After reading, we will make a craft. In May, we will read Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin.

PAINT BEACH TOWELS*
May 14 | 4 - 5 pm | Kids
Get ready for summer and personalize your own beach towel.

SLiME CLUB*
May 20 | 4 - 5 pm | Kids
Kids get hands-on with colorful slime, creating squishy masterpieces.

SNACKY SPRiNG HOUSES* 
April 2 | 1 - 2 pm | Teens
Build a tasty house with graham crackers and frosting for your peeps!

CANDy & CRAYONS
April 18 & May 16 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens
Drop in for a bit or stay for the whole hour. Candy and snacks will be provided.

SHRiNKY DINK KEYCHAINS*
April 23 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens
Make keychains using Shrinky Dink paper, sharpies, and colored pencils.

PAINT & SNACK*
May 7 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens
Create a little work of art on a canvas. Snacks will be provided.

CAKESiCLES*
May 23 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens
Mold, dip, and decorate your own cakesicles.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOST RECENT 100 BOOKS BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL FINISHERS!
Isaiah Borkholder
Asa Hatcher

TEENS
Age 12 - 18

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!

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SPRING BREAK ACTIViTIES
ALL WEEK April 1 - 5
Scavenger Hunt During Library Hours
Find all the animals hiding at the library and get a prize.

MONDAY April 1
Zentangle* | 2 - 3 pm | Teens
Learn how to zentangle, with instructions and examples.

TUESDAY April 2
Paper Beads* | 2 - 3 pm | Kids
Tum colorful paper beads and make a bracelet.

WEDNESDAY April 3
Paint by Sticker* | 1 - 2 pm | Kids
Create awesome art using stickers!

THURSDAY April 4
Solar Eclipse Party* | 2 - 3 pm | Kids
Celebrate the solar eclipse with crafts, activities, and snacks.

COMMUNITY BRAiN HEALTH CHALLENGE
Screen Free Week | May 6 - May 15
Keeping your brain in shape is just as important as exercising and eating right! Complete five challenges to help you think about ways to keep your brain healthy and enter to win a Prize.
Visit the library to pick up a challenge sheet!
ADULTS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

HORIZON EDUCATION ALLIANCE (HEA)*
April 1, April 8, May 6 & May 13
3 - 7 pm | Adult
Join other adults as you work towards getting your High School Equivalency Diploma.

MOON PHASE CRAFT*
April 1
5:30 - 7 pm | Adult
Make a moon phase wall hanging using wood slices and beads.

YOGA*
April 3 & May 1
9:30 - 10:30 am | Adult
Bring your own mat, towel, and water!

BREAKFAST CLUB*
9 - 10 am | Adult
Make a variety of breakfast foods from scratch! Share recipes, tips, and tricks with other members.

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

GENEALOGY CLUB
April 9 & May 14
5:30 - 7 pm | Adult
Use genealogy resources while discovering your family history.

SATURDAY STITCHERS
April 13 & May 11
11 am - 3 pm | Adult
This crafty group meets once a month to chat and cross-stitch together.

CREATIVE CANVAS*
Monthly
5:30 - 7 pm | Adult
Follow a step-by-step tutorial to create a unique work of art.

HERITAGE SKILLS*
10 - 11 am | Adult
Return to your roots by learning classic heritage skills that help you have a more wholesome lifestyle.

APRIL 22 | Cast Iron
Learn about caring for and cooking with your cast iron cookware.

MICHIANA BEE KEEPERS
April 20 & May 18
9 am - 12 pm | Adult
Join the Michiana Bee Keepers for their monthly meeting and learn more about bees and beekeeping.

MAY 21 | Flowering Cactus

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!
SPRING BREAK AT THE HERITAGE COLLECTION
April 1 - 5
During Heritage Collection Hours
Drop in during Spring Break and do some out of this world activities. There will be a UV Friendship Bracelet station, straw rocket launchers and a space theme escape room.

HERITAGE COLLECTION GUIDED TOUR*
Monthly | Adult | $2 Donation
April 13 | 1 - 2 pm
May 16 | 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.

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.
April 15 | The Coppers Family
May 20 | The Mutscher Family

EVIE’S HISTORY BYTES PODCAST
New Episode Monthly
Each month Evie and her guests will discuss important parts of Nappanee history. Available on Spotify, iTunes, Pandora and Audible!
April 24 | Legends, Lore and the Famous in Nappanee with Eli Owen
May 29 | Service Clubs in Nappanee with Janie Dudley & Rick Jenkins

WHAT WAS THE NAPPAINE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION?
April 25 | 10 - 11 am | Adult
Learn more about the Nappanee Centennial Celebration and find out what fun they had!

ASK A CURATOR
May 2 | 4 - 6 pm | at the Library
with the Elkhart County Historical Museum
Do you have questions about preservation, want tips on safeguarding your keepsakes, or simply want to learn more about museums and archives? Drop by the nearest pop-up for valuable resources and engaging conversations with our team!

GRAVE CLEANING*
May 11 | 10 am - 12 pm | Adult
at Union Center Cemetery
Try your hand at cleaning tombstones at the Union Center Cemetery. Attendees will receive a kit of proper tombstone cleaning supplies. Kits are sponsored in part by the Friends of the Nappanee Public Library.

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New Town
Middle School
High School
Adults
$150 Prize
$200 Prize
$250 Prize
$350 Prize
Grade 3 - 5
Grade 6 - 8
Grade 9 - 12
Age 18+

Tracking Our Beginning
Train Decorating Contest | April 22 - May 17
Celebrate the new Nappanee Center Quilt Garden with a fun and creative train decorating contest! The contest is open to all ages. Beginning April 22, grab supplies from the Library and start decorating. Completed trains must be returned to the library by May 17 with a completed entry form for judging.

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Visit nappaneelibrary.org for contest rules and guidelines.

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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