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NPL RENOVATION UPDATES PHASE 1 BEGINS THIS FALL

Learn more about the library renovation
and get a sneak peek at the design!
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October 24 - October 25

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for sale for low prices.
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LIBRARY RENOVATION: SERVICE UPDATES

- Meeting rooms will be unavailable after October 15. Limited meeting room spaces will be offered at the Heritage Collection during this time.
- The library will not be accepting book donations during the renovation. We will no longer accept donations after October 23.
- Lamination will not be available starting October 1 and throughout the renovation.
- Collections and library items have been relocated to different areas of the building to prepare for the renovation.

If you need help finding anything or have questions about these changes, please ask a staff member. We’re here to help!



Main Street Entrance | Entrance to the Original 1936 Library & Facade + Meeting Rooms

LIBRARY RENOVATION BEGINS THIS FALL

The Nappanee Public Library is excited to share plans for our upcoming renovation. This renovation will help make better use of our space by highlighting our rich history and improving our access and services for the community. NPL is working with Arkos Design, an architectural firm based in Mishawaka, for this project. While the library is still finalizing details, we are excited to share some updates and renderings!

Please note that these images are a preview of our proposed renovation design and not all elements are fully rendered. Final designs are subject to change and could look different once the project is complete.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The renovation will refresh 20,000 square feet of the library, adding updated furniture, better technology access, and improved accessibility. The Children’s Department will expand to create a more inviting space for families, while a brand-new Teen Space will provide a dedicated area for young adults (see right). Meeting rooms and study spaces will be relocated and improved, making them easier to access for community gatherings, tutoring, and remote work. The adult collections will be reorganized for better browsing, and staff areas will be updated to improve efficiency.

The historic facade of the 1936 building will not be altered, but the historic nature of our building will be emphasized and highlighted even more in the new renovation. Throughout the building, there will be design features that were inspired by the library’s history. For example, the original entrance of the 1936 building will feature new custom-made doors that are meant to resemble the original doors (see photo above).

Phase 1 of the renovation is expected to begin in November 2025.

The project will be completed in three phases, allowing the library to remain open throughout construction. While some areas may be temporarily relocated, all library services, programs, and resources will continue as usual with minimal disruptions.

For more information about the Library Renovation, please visit our website.

ADDITIONAL DESIGN RENDERINGS - PHASE 1



MAIN ENTRANCE (WALNUT ST. ENTRANCE)

The library is dedicated to keeping the traditional charm of the original building. The Main Entrance of the library will have plenty of space to access the elevator, find popular materials, and work with library staff.

READING ROOM & NON-FICTION

We are excited to have the Adult collection together in one space. Adult fiction and nonfiction collections and AV items will be located on the Upper Level. Along with a new reading room for magazines, newspapers, and the Local History collection.



FICTION

New shelving will provide additional space to grow our collection and allow easier browsing. Public computers will be positioned throughout the library, along with comfortable seating and space to enjoy library materials and technology.

TEEN ROOM

A space just for teens. There will be room for Teen programming, public computers, and a safe and inviting supervised area just to hang out. The Teen collection will have more room to grow, right outside this room, so it can be enjoyed by everyone.



KIDS

Unless noted, registration is requested for all programs.
Register online at nappaneelibrary.org or call (574) 773-7919

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DISGUISE A DUCK

October 1 - October 22

Disguise a duck this fall season in our Duck-orating contest! Sign up for the challenge at the library and pick up the official rules, entry form, and your rubber duck. Return completed ducks to the library by October 21st. Voting will take place from October 22nd through October 31st. Available while supplies last.

STORYTIME

October 1, October 15, November 5 & November 19
10 - 10:45 am | Age: 1 - 5

Enjoy stories, songs, and crafts. A great way to learn and play together.

BOOK REVIEW SHOW & TELL

October 6 & November 3

1 - 2 pm | Age: 5 - 18

Bring your latest book review to life and share it with others show-and-tell style. This program is recommended for homeschool students but all kids and teens are welcome.

GHOST GARLAND

October 7 | 4 - 5 pm | Age: 5 - 12

Add fun faces to coffee filter ghosts and string them together to make a fun decoration for Halloween.

MOVE & DO

Thursday Evening | 6 - 6:30 pm

October 9, October 23, & November 13

Friday Morning | 10 - 10:30 am

October 10, October 24, & November 14

Age: 0 - 3

Bring your little ones to the library for a fun-filled program for babies and toddlers!

FREE MOVIE: THE PARENT TRAP

October 11 | 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Find a cozy seat at the library, snack on peanut butter and Oreo's, and watch a showing of the 1998 movie, The Parent Trap. The film is rated PG.

FAMILY PAINT NIGHT:

GHOST PAINTING

October 14 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Add your own personal touch and transform old paintings into a spooky scene perfect for the fall season.

STORYTIME ON THE GO!

2 - 2:30 pm | Age 0 - 12

Join Mrs. Maggie around town for Storytime on the Go. Enjoy a story, fun activity, and a take-home craft!

October 20 | Neighbors Mercantile

READ IT & EAT IT

October 21 | 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Age: 5 - 12

Read a story together and enjoy a snack inspired by the book.

GLOW LAVA LAMPS

November 4 | 4 - 5 pm

Age: 5 - 12

Create groovy art work using glow in the dark paint.

SLIME CLUB

November 10 | 4 - 5 pm

Age: 5 - 12

Kids get hands-on with colorful slime, creating squishy masterpieces.

SWEATERED CATS AND DOGS

November 20 | 4 - 5 pm

Age: 5 - 12

Make cozy yarn sweaters for cat and dog cutouts.

LITTLE BOOK WORMS

November 24 | 4 - 5 pm | Age: 0 - 7

Find a spot in the library and read the book with your child and then make a fun craft! In November read *Penguin and Pinecone* by Salina Yoon.

FRIDAYS @ NPL

Hang out at NPL on Fridays!

3:30 - 4:30 pm | Age: 5 - 12

Join us for a fun after school activity in the Kid's department most Friday afternoons! No registration necessary.

LEGO CLUB

October 3 & November 7

Hang out with your friends and build something new and fun with LEGOs.

HOT WHEELS CLUB

October 10 & November 14

Bring your Hot Wheels cars and tracks to the library and play with friends.

BLOCK PARTY

October 17 & November 21

Get creative with Lincoln Logs, Magna Tiles, Tinker Toys, and more.

UNO CLUB

October 24

Play all the different kinds of UNO.

TEENS

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

WANDERLUST WINDOWS | October 9 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Choose from a variety of landscape photographs and turn it into your very own window scene. Add a magnet to the back and bring inspiration to your school locker or fridge.

PUMPKIN COASTERS | October 20 | 2 - 3 pm | Teens

Use mini pom poms and cork to create your own pumpkin themed coaster, perfect for your mug of hot chocolate or pumpkin spice latte.

BOOK BOXES | November 6 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Decoupage paper onto wooden book boxes and create a unique place to store your keepsakes.

COCOA, COOKIES, AND CANVAS | November 26 | 1 - 2 pm | Teens

Come to the library for a cozy afternoon of painting, hot chocolate, and cookies.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR MOST RECENT READING CHALLENGE FINISHERS!

Aaron Miller Read 100 Books Before High School!
Maddox Hochstetler Read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!



FALL IN LOVE WITH READING!

The leaves are falling, the air is chilly, and **Albus the Corgi** has rounded up the coziest (and spookiest!) reads to get you through autumn. From swoony romances to ghostly mysteries and curl-up-by-the-fire favorites, these books are perfect for sweater weather and pumpkin-spice everything.



ADULTS

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BOOK CLUBS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

HANDMADE

11 am - 12:30 pm | Adult

Create something from scratch! Learn simple crafts, easy recipes, and other handmade skills that are fun, creative, and practical.

October 1 | Flannel Wreath

November 5 | Spiced Holiday Jam

MAGGIE'S BOOK BITES PODCAST

New Episodes Monthly

Maggie and her book-loving guests will be talking about all things books - The good, the bad, favorites, and books we are looking forward to. Listen for reviews and recommendations.

Listen on Apple podcasts, Spotify, Amazon, Pandora or Stitcher.

October 3 | Time Slip

November 7 | Audiobooks

BINGO

October 3, October 17, November 7, & November 21 | 1 - 2 pm

Play BINGO with friends and win prizes!

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

October 7 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Adult

Get to know other participants from the Expand Your Horizons Reading Challenge! We will discuss tasks, book lists, and offer up suggestions.

PINTEREST NIGHT

Monthly | 5:30 - 7 pm | Adult

Make a new craft each month!

October 8 | Fall Decor

November 12 | Paper Turkey

SATURDAY STITCHERS

October 11 & November 8

11 am - 3 pm | Adult

This crafty group meets once a month to chat and cross-stitch together. No registration necessary.

MEMORY PRESERVATION TOOLS

October 13 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Adult

Learn about the variety of tools the library has to help preserve your family's memories. Photographs, letters and other forms of media may become damaged over time so digitize them to keep those memories safe and accessible for years to come.

MICHIANA BEEKEEPERS

October 18

9 am - 12 pm | Adult

Join the [Michiana Bee Keepers](#) for their monthly meeting and learn more about bees and bee keeping.

HERITAGE SKILLS

10 - 11 am | Adult

Return to your roots with classic heritage skills that help you live a more wholesome lifestyle.

October 20 | Tortillas

November 17 | Pie

CREATIVE CANVAS

Monthly | Adult

Follow a step-by-step tutorial to create a unique work of art.

October 21 | 5:30 - 7 pm

Halloween Paver

November 18 | 2 - 4 or 5:30 - 7 pm

Highland Cow

MAKE-A-MIX

Monthly | 10 - 10:30 am | Adult

Make a different mix monthly. Mixes are perfect for easy cooking or baking and makes wonderful gifts!

October 22 | Sugar Cookie

November 26 | Chicken Noodle Soup

CREATE IN 3D

Bi-Monthly | November 6

5:30 - 6:30 pm | Adult

Learn how to use a 3D Pen to create fun and useful items out of nothing more than melted plastic and imagination. This month we will be making a stained glass suncatcher.

GENEALOGY CLUB

November 11 | 5:30 - 7 pm | Adult

at the Heritage Collection

Use genealogy resources and get help while you discover your family history.

PUZZLE SWAP

November 14 - November 15

During Library Hours

Bring a puzzle without any missing pieces to trade for one that's new-to-you. Bringing a puzzle is not required.

Join a Library Book Club! Connect with fellow readers and dive into great discussions at our library book clubs for adults. New members are always welcome!

Registration is required to borrow a copy of the monthly book pick.

NOT SO YOUNG ADULT

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

The Not So Young Adult Book Club is for adults who love to read YA books. Whether you've been a YA fan for years or are just discovering the genre, this book club offers a welcoming space to celebrate the joy of reading and sharing stories.



October 21

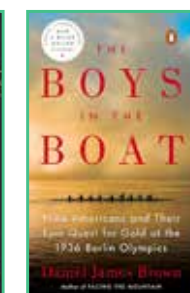
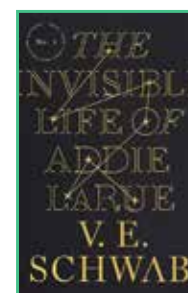
Silent Sister by Megan Davidhizar

Free copies available while supplies last.

COVER TO COVER

General | Monthly | 5:30 - 7 pm | Adult

Join us each month to read a book selected by the members. Our selections alternate between fiction and nonfiction each month and with the diversity of the group it is always a lively discussion.



October 28

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue, V.E. Schwab

November 25s

The Boys in the Boat, Daniel Brown

GRUMPY SUNSHINE

Romance | Bi-Monthly | 6 - 7 pm | Adult

Read the book of the month (BOTM) or any book of your choice that features the trope of the month, or choose from the list of recommendations, then join us for a fun chat about the trope and discuss your favorite reads.



October 16

Trope: Fairytales / Retellings

BOTM: *Tangled Up in You* (Meant to Be, #4) by Christina Lauren

SPLIT / FICTION

Sci-Fi & Fantasy | Bi-Monthly | 5 - 6 pm | Adult

Read everything from epic battles to exotic planets, from cozy creatures to terrifying monsters, let's not forget the dragons! Read a book from one of the two genres (and their respective subgenres) and you can join us for a good discussion about the book.



November 19

Hogfather by Terry Pratchett

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE



October 24 - October 25 | During Library Hours

Stock up your shelves at the Friends of the Library Book Sale! Hundreds of books, movies, furniture and more will be for sale for low prices.

The sale will be held in the Library's meeting rooms. Doors will close to shoppers fifteen minutes before the listed closing time. Cash, card, or check (to the Friends of the Nappanee Public Library) is accepted. All sales are final.



Cooking | Quarterly | 10 - 11 am | Adult

Dive into delicious reads all about cooking, food, and diet—whether it's a chef's memoir, a foodie adventure, or a book packed with recipes to try at home. If you have a passion for cooking (or just love eating), join us for a fun, flavorful discussion!

November 29

American Cake by Anne Byrn

HERITAGE COLLECTION



UPCOMING PROGRAMS



GENEALOGY-PALOOZA

October 17 | 10 am - 7:30 pm | Adult

Join the Heritage Collection for the 24th Annual Genealogy Lock-In on Friday, October 17. This all-day event, offered in partnership with leading genealogy centers, features expert-led sessions on writing family stories, researching court and international records, using AI in genealogy, and more.

Attend in person at the Heritage Collection or join virtually for a full day of family history learning and inspiration.

HISTORY CHATS

New Episode Monthly | 10 - 10:30 am | Live on Facebook

Tune in on Facebook Live and listen to Martha discuss different moments and memories from Nappanee History.

October 20 | Nappanee Carriage Company November 17 | The Community Building

BRICKSTORIC NAPPANEE

October 21, November 4, & November 18 | 4 - 7 pm | Teen & Adult

Join us for a night of hands-on fun as we explore the rich history of Nappanee through the creative world of LEGO! Grab one of our LEGO bins and learn more about Nappanee's history while building a LEGO creation.

PAINT BY NUMBERS

October 25 & November 15 | 10 - 11 am | Teen & Adult

Slow down and get creative with a relaxing morning of paint by numbers at the Heritage Collection. We'll provide everything you need. Just come ready to unwind and enjoy some quiet time with a brush in hand.

EVIE'S HISTORY BYTES PODCAST

New Episode Monthly | Available on Spotify, iTunes, Pandora, or Audible!

Each month Martha and her guests will discuss important parts of Nappanee history. Hear fascinating stories from your neighbors, get to know the world around you, and discover more about the city of Nappanee.

October 29 | Renew NPL with Seth James, Director of the Nappanee Public Library

November 26 | Toys in Nappanee with Scott Boehner, owner of Thingamabaubles.

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**HERITAGE
COLLECTION**

*The Nappanee Public Library
& The ELC Heritage Collection Presents*

Night at the Museum

INNOVATION & INVENTIONS

Saturday, October 11 | 6 - 8 pm

302 W. Market St. Nappanee, IN

Guides will take you on interactive flashlight tours through the Heritage Collection, with live actors portraying the parts of Nappanee citizens.

Contact the library to reserve your tour time.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday - Saturday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday

Closed

ELC HERITAGE COLLECTION HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday

Closed

HOLIDAY HOURS

October 11

The Heritage Collection will be closed all day.

November 26

The library will be closing early at 5 pm for Thanksgiving.

November 27 - 28

The library and the Heritage Collection will be closed all day for Thanksgiving.

