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NUTCRACKERS IN NAPPANEE

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WINTER READING CHALLENGE

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Crack open a book! Earn tickets and prizes for reading this winter!

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NPL NEWS



Renovation Updates

- The south side of the Library Parking lot is closed during the renovation. The north side of the parking lot is reserved for library customers only.
- Curbside pickup is available during library hours. If you'd like materials brought to your vehicle, please park in the Curbside spot and give us a call when you arrive.
- The library will not be accepting book donations during the renovation.
- Collections and library items have been relocated to different areas of the building during the renovation.

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

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



ELC Heritage Collection & Nappanee Public Library Nutcrackers painted by Lydia B.

Nutcrackers in Nappanee

The first annual Nutcrackers in Nappanee season has begun, and downtown is looking extra festive. This new community event features 55 double sided nutcrackers created by local artists and sponsored by local businesses, and organizations. Each one has its own theme and personality, making it a fun way to explore Nappanee during the holidays. The nutcrackers will be on display through December, so bundle up and take a walk downtown to see them all.

Our Nutcrackers

The Library is proud to be part of this year's event with two nutcrackers painted by our very own Public Service Specialist, Lydia Bradbury. Lydia designed and painted a nutcracker for the Library (right) and one for the Heritage Collection (left), each with its own unique look and theme. Both turned out beautifully and show off Lydia's creativity and talent. If you spot them, make sure to snap a photo and tag the Library on social media.

We caught up with Lydia to learn a little more about her process and inspiration behind these two nutcrackers.

Q: What was your inspiration for each nutcracker design?

A: The astronauts were inspired by Lee Weaver, an Aeronautical Engineer from Nappanee, and the Librarian is a simple librarian. I wanted to incorporate elements of a library in one of them like bookshelves and books, which is how the Librarian's Collection came to be.

Q: How long did it take you to paint them?

A: About 80 hours, give or take.

Q: Did you have a favorite detail or feature that you added?

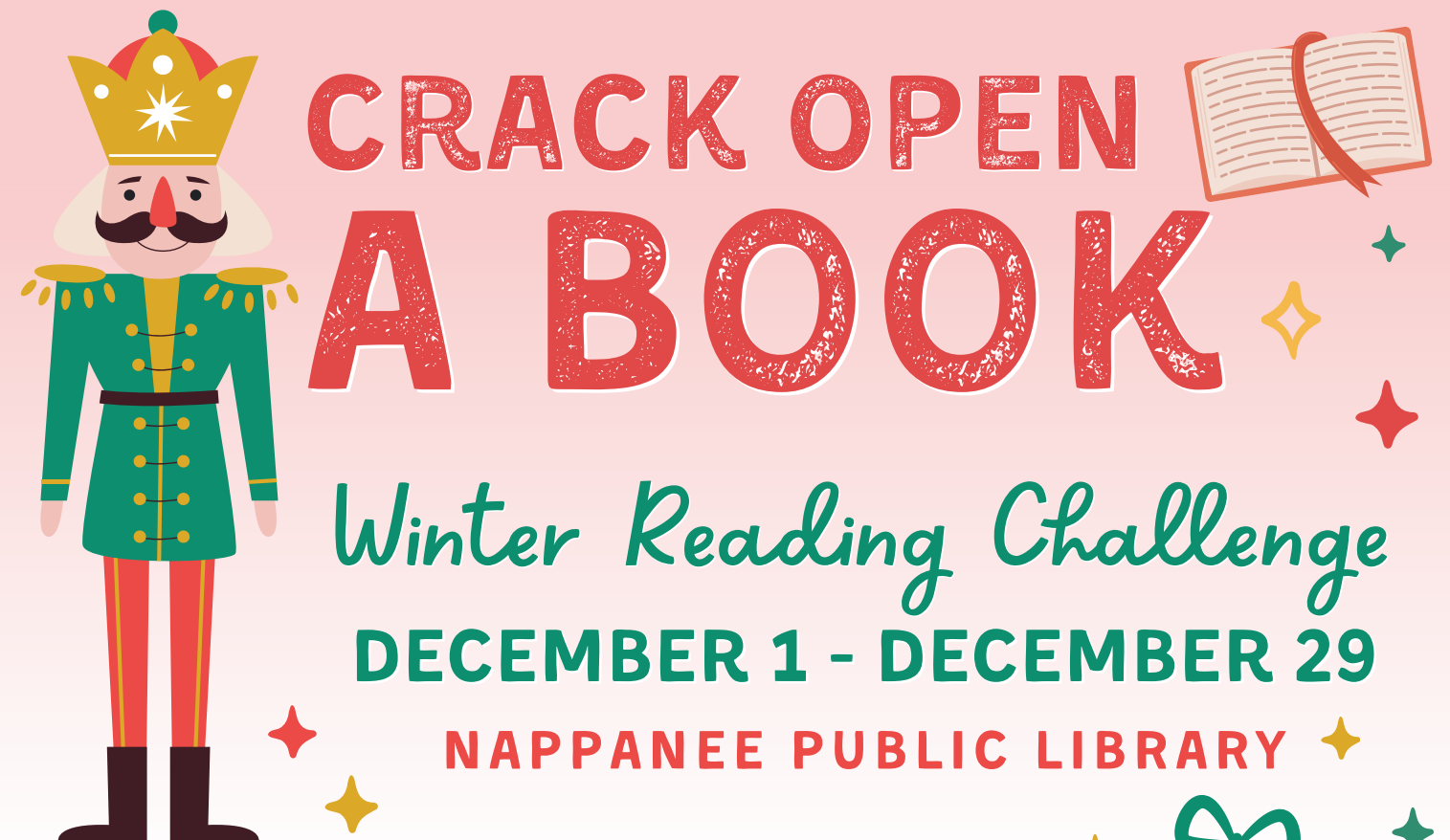
A: My favorite one is the Librarian's Collection, because of the book on top of the head and the open book in the middle.

Q: What was the most challenging part of creating them?

A: Finding the right colors for the designs was definitely the most challenging.

Q: How does it feel to have your artwork displayed as part of a citywide event?

A: I'm proud and nervous at the same time. I'm thankful I was given the opportunity to work on them and be part of a large scale art project for the community.



**READ 250 MINUTES OR
ATTEND 1 PROGRAM
TO EARN A PUNCH.**

**GET ALL 3 PUNCHES TO FINISH THE CHALLENGE!
FINISH AND GET 1 BOOK + CANDY!
+ EACH PUNCH EARNS A GRAND PRIZE TICKET.**

WINTER READING KICK OFF | DECEMBER 1, 4 - 6 PM

Join us for a fun start to the Winter Reading Challenge! Enjoy drinks from **Traveling Tom's Coffee**, snacks, and fun activities for all ages. Stop in, sign up for the challenge, and help us kick off a month of reading fun!

Punches, prizes, and tickets must be redeemed in person at NPL.
Registration is required. **No library card needed.**



KIDS

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

BOOK REVIEW SHOW & TELL

December 1 & January 5

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.**

MINI CHRISTMAS DECOR

December 2 | 4 - 4:45 pm

Age: 5 - 12

Make mini paper chains and stockings. Add some Christmas cheer to your locker or home.

STORYTIME

December 3, December 17,

January 7 & January 21

10 - 10:45 am | Age: 1 - 5

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

1,000 HOURS OUTSIDE

December 6 | 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Parents & Families

1,000 Hours Outside is a global movement to spend more time outside and match screen time with green time. Join Maggie to learn about the 1,000 Hours Outside challenge and decide if your family would like to kick off 2026 with more fresh air.

CARDBOARD GINGERBREAD HOUSES

December 8 | 4 - 5 pm

Age: 8 - 12

Make a gingerbread house that lasts using cardboard and paint.

DIY CERAMIC NUTCRACKERS

December 15 | 4 - 5 pm

Age: 5 - 12

Paint a mini ceramic nutcracker planter.

READ IT & EAT IT

December 16 | 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Age: 5 - 12

Read *Birthday Soup* by Grace Seo Chang together and enjoy a snack inspired by the book.

THESAURUS ART

January 15 | 4 - 5 pm

Age: 5 - 12

Get creative, artistic, and imaginative with art in celebration of thesaurus day!

SLIME CLUB

January 19 | 4 - 5 pm

Age: 5 - 12

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

LITTLE BOOK WORMS

January 26 | 4 - 5 pm | Age: 0 - 7

Find a spot in the library and read the book *I'm Going to Build a Snowman* by Jashar Awan with your child and then make a fun craft!

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

December 5 & January 2

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

HOT WHEELS CLUB

December 12 & January 9

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

BLOCK PARTY

December 19 & January 16

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

UNO CLUB

December 26 & January 23

Play all the different kinds of UNO.



Meet Fritz!

Fritz will be hiding around the library in a new spot, every day December 1 through December 23. If you can find him you'll get one ticket to enter a special nutcracker prize!
One ticket per person, per day.



FREE MOVIE AT THE NAPPANEE THEATRE THE MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL

December 6 | 10 - 11:30 am

Join us for a free showing of the 1992 classic *The Muppet Christmas Carol* at the Nappanee Movie Theatre. Free drinks and popcorn will be provided.

TEENS

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

DIY ORNAMENTS | December 9 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Design and paint a ceramic ornament. Decorate your tree or gift it to a friend.

BOOK BEDAZZLING | December 29 | 1 - 2:30 pm | Teens

We are bedazzling book covers! Add some sparkle to a book cover using gems and glue. Bring your own book from home or choose from a limited selection at the library. All other materials will be provided.

PONY BEAD KEYCHAINS | January 8 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Make your own keychain using pony beads. Try your hand at making the classic lizard keychain or choose a different design.

COCOA & CANVAS | January 22 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Enjoy some hot chocolate while painting a canvas.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR MOST RECENT READING CHALLENGE FINISHERS!

Delaney Jackson Read 100 Books Before Graduation!

Kenlyn Schwartz, Bethany Schwartz, & Selah Olson

Read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!



HOLIDAY READING LIST

It's the most paw-some time of the year! Albus the Corgi is here with a stack of wintry, cozy, and Christmas-ready reads to keep you warm all season long. These stories are perfect for curling up with a blanket, some cocoa, and your favorite four-legged reading buddy.



ADULTS

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BOOK CLUBS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

HANDMADE

Monthly | 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.

December 3 | Barn Quilt Ornament

January 7 | Chicken & Gnocchi Soup

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.

December 5 | Best of 2025

January 2 | Recent Favorites

COZY HOLIDAY CRAFTERNOON

December 5 | 12 - 4 pm

Join us for festive crafts and games while cozying up in front of a virtual fireplace. Enjoy our hot cocoa bar with snacks. Supplies may be limited.

GENEALOGY CLUB

December 9 & January 13

5:30 - 7 pm | Adult

at the Heritage Collection

Use genealogy resources and get help while you discover your family history. No registration necessary.

PINTEREST NIGHT

Monthly | 5:30 - 7 pm | Adult

Make a new craft each month!

December 10 | Book Page Ornaments

January 14 | Decorative Snowflakes

SATURDAY STITCHERS

December 13 & January 10

11 am - 3 pm | Adult

at the Heritage Collection

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

HERITAGE SKILLS

10 - 11 am | Adult

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

December 15 | Freshly Milled Bread

January 26 | Bone Broth

CREATIVE CANVAS

Monthly | Adult | 2 - 4 or 5:30 - 7 pm

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

December 16 | Flamingo Christmas

January 20 | Cozy Winter Cottage

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!

December 17 | Homemade Pizza

January 28 | Oatmeal

DIRECTOR CHATS

December 17 & January 21 | 12 pm

Join Seth, our library Director for an afternoon chat. Get updates on the current library renovation and learn more about what's going on at NPL. Refreshments will be available while supplies last.

BINGO

December 19, January 2,

& January 16 | 1 - 2 pm

at the Heritage Collection

Play BINGO with friends and win prizes!

LUNCH & A MOVIE

January 3 | 12 - 2 pm

Join us for a lunch time showing of the movie *Calamity Jane*, starring Doris Day and Howard Keel. Vegetable Beef Soup, bread, and dessert provided. Bring a chair or a cushion to sit on.



Library Shelfie Week!

#LibraryShelfieDay is Sunday, January 18! Visit the library anytime during January 12th to January 17th to pose with your favorite library shelves. Share your photo and receive an NPL mug, while supplies last.



VISIT WITH SANTA

December 22 | 1 am - 3 pm | at the Heritage Collection

Santa Claus is coming to the Heritage Collection! Celebrate the holiday season with a visit from Santa Claus! During his visit, Santa will pose for pictures, listen to children's Christmas wishes, and spread cheer!

Please bring your own camera. Visitors are responsible for their own pictures, but staff may be available to assist.

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.



December 16

The Wild Huntress by Emily Lloyd-Jones

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.



December 18

Trope: Holiday Romance

BOTM: *All I Want Is You* by Falon Ballard

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.



January 27

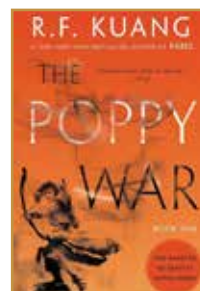
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

*No December Meeting

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.



January 21

The Poppy War by R.F. Kuang

Programs and Meeting Locations may have changed. Due to the library renovation, many library programs will be held in new locations. Some programs will now take place in the Kids Craft Room, Storytelling area, or The Cube, while others will be at the ELC Heritage Collection or at other offsite locations. **For the most up-to-date information, please check the calendar on our website or call the library with any questions. We apologize for any inconvenience.**

HERITAGE COLLECTION



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

BRICKSTORIC NAPPANEE

December 2 | 4 - 7 pm

December 23 | 9 am - 5 pm

Join us for hands-on fun as we explore the rich history of Nappanee through the creative world of LEGO!

PAINT BY NUMBERS

December 11 & December 27

10 - 11 am

Teen & Adult

Slow down and get creative with a relaxing morning of paint by numbers at the Heritage Collection.

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.

December 15 | Milestones in Nappanee

PLAIN & PAINTED

December 29

10 - 11 am or 3 - 4 pm

Turn a simple piece of wood into something special! Use paint and a phrase of your choice to create a handmade decoration or gift. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

MINI MASTERPIECES

December 30

10 - 11 am & 3 - 4 pm

Teen & Adult

Join the Heritage Collection staff for a fun and relaxing art session where you will create your own mini canvas masterpiece inspired by Emma Schrock.

NEW! BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES

January 7 | 12 - 1 pm | Adult

Enjoy your lunch at the Heritage Collection and learn about Nappanee History. Each month, we will be discussing and discovering a different topic. Lunch is not provided.

NEW! COPPES CLIPS

January 12 | 10 - 11 am

Live on Facebook

Coppes Nappanee is 150! Tune in on Facebook and join Martha each month as she dives deeper into their history and shares a variety of fun facts.

DIAMOND PAINTING KEYCHAINS

January 17 | 10 - 11 am

Come for a relaxing day and craft Diamond Art Keychains. Choose up to two and dot away! Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

NEW! CRAFTING WITH JEN

January 24 | 10 - 11 am

Teen & Adult

Join Jen for a fun day of crafting at the Heritage Collection and make a small tray. Each month will be a new craft.



OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO CRAFT

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LISTEN NOW!

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.

December 30 | Community in Nappanee with Haley Yoder

January 28 | UFOs in Nappanee with Eli Owen

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DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Book Review Show & Tell 1 - 2 pm Winter Reading Kickoff 4 - 6 pm	2 Mini Christmas Decor 4 - 4:45 pm Brickstoric Nappanee 4 - 7 pm	3 Storytime 10 - 10:45 am Handmade 11 am - 12:30 pm	4	5 Maggie’s Book Bites New Episode Holiday Crafternoon 12 - 4 pm LEGO Club 3:30 - 4:30 pm	6 Free Movie: Muppet Christmas Carol 10 - 11:30 am 1,000 Hours Outside 2:30 - 3:30 pm
7	8 Gingerbread Cardboard Houses 4 - 5 pm	9 DIY Ornaments 4 - 5 pm Genealogy Club 5:30 - 7 pm	10 Pinterest Night 5:30 - 7 pm	11 Paint By Numbers 10 - 11 am	12 Closed 12 - 2 pm Hot Wheels Club 3:30 - 4:30 pm	13 Saturday Stitches 11 am - 3 pm
14	15 History Chats 10 - 10:30 am Heritage Skills 10 - 11 am DIY Ceramic Nutcrackers 4 - 5 pm	16 Creative Canvas 2 - 4 pm or 5:30 - 7 pm Read It & Eat It 4:15 - 4:45 pm Not So YA Book Club 5:30 - 6:30 pm	17 Make-a-Mix 10 - 10:30 am Storytime 10 - 10:45 am Director Chats 12 pm	18 Grumpy Sunshine Book Club 6 - 7 pm	19 BINGO 1 - 2 pm Block Party 3:30 - 4:30 pm	20
21	22 Visit with Santa 1 - 3 pm	23 Brickstoric Nappanee 9 am - 5 pm	24	25	26 UNO Club 3:30 - 4:30 pm	27 Paint By Numbers 10 - 11 am
28	29 Plain & Painted 10 - 11 am or 3 - 4 pm Book Bedazzling 1 - 2:30 pm	30 Evie’s History Bytes New Episode Mini Masterpieces 10 - 11 am or 3 - 4 pm	31	Unless noted, registration is requested in advance for all programs. Register online at nappaneelibrary.org, call (574) 773-7919, or visit the library.		

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5 Book Review Show & Tell 1 - 2 pm	6	7 Storytime 10 - 10:45 am Handmade 11 am - 12:30 pm Brown Bag Lunch 12 - 1 pm	8 Pony Bead Keychains 4 - 5 pm	9 Hot Wheels Club 3:30 - 4:30 pm	10 Saturday Stitches 11 am - 3 pm
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18	19 Slime Club 4 - 5 pm	20 Creative Canvas 2 - 4 pm or 5:30 - 7 pm	21 Storytime 10 - 10:45 am Director Chats 12 pm Split Fiction Book Club 5 - 6 pm	22 Cocoa & Canvas 4 - 5 pm	23 UNO Club 3:30 - 4:30 pm	24 Crafting with Jen 10 - 11 am
25	26 Heritage Skills 10 - 11 am Little Bookworms 4 - 5 pm	27 Cover to Cover Book Club 5:30 - 7 pm	28 Evie’s History Bytes New Episode Make-a-Mix 10 - 10:30 am	29	30	

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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

December 12 | 12 - 2 pm

Closed for Staff Holiday Lunch

December 24 & December 25

Closed for Christmas

December 31 & January 1

Closed for New Years



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