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NPL NEWS



Renovation Update

- **Phase 1: Upper Level**
Completion of Phase 1 of the library renovation is expected to be completed soon! Adult collections, including Fiction, Nonfiction, Media, and the Library of Things will be located on the Upper Level after the completion of Phase 1.
- **Phase 2: Lower Level**
Phase 2 of the library renovation will include the lower level of the library. The Kid's Department will be located on the Main Level during Phase 2 of the renovation.

Library Rebrand

The library has a new look! Check out our new brand, including a new logo, designed by Vala Marketing. Each element in the logo represents the library, from the arches to the stained glass window. We believe this new branding also meshes very well with our soon to be renovated library. This update honors our past, symbolizes our present, and looks forward to our future. We hope you enjoy this new chapter with us!

Don't forget to check out our updated library app and website!

Join the Friends!

Become part of the Friends of the Nappanee Public Library and help shape the future of our library together.

The Friends meet on the third Thursday of each month from 6 - 7 pm at the Library. Meetings are informal, welcoming, and a great way to see what Friends are working on right now. No long-term commitment required. Check the library calendar for the most up-to-date information.



Stay in the Loop

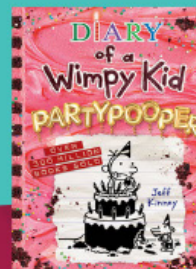
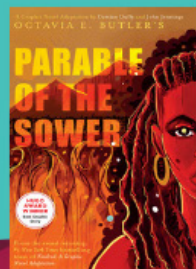
Not ready to attend a meeting yet? Share your contact information with the Friends to stay informed about volunteer opportunities, events, and ways to support the library that fit your interests and availability. Visit nappaneelibrary.org/friends or scan the code!

Whether you have an hour to help or ideas to share, there's a place for you with Friends of the Nappanee Public Library.



Not all heroes wear capes!

Borrow comics and graphic novels free from your library.



Libby.

The library reading app.

KIDS

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Register online at nappaneelibrary.org or call (574) 773-7919

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

BOOK REVIEW SHOW & TELL

February 2 & March 9
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.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS JR

February 2 | 4 - 5 pm
Age: 5 - 12

The 2026 Expand Your Horizons Jr. reading challenge begins February 2nd! Visit the library to sign up for the challenge and receive your new list of tasks. We will have snacks, bookmark crafts, and a board game giveaway!

WIGGLE GIGGLE: MIDWINTER DAY

February 3 | 1:30 - 2 pm
Age 0 - 5

Celebrate the midpoint of winter with Wiggle Giggle at the library! Bring some color and cheer to the season by wearing your favorite neon colors and move and dance to upbeat techno music!

STORYTIME

February 4, February 18,
March 4 & March 18
10 - 10:45 am | Age: 1 - 5

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

SNOWFLAKE CRAFTS

February 10 | 4 - 5 pm
Age: 5 - 12

Join us at the library for a snow-filled crafternoon. Choose from a variety of snowflake themed crafts to create.

READ IT & EAT IT

February 17 | 4:15 - 4:45 pm
Age: 5 - 12

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

MANDALA MONDAYS

March 9 & March 30 | 4 - 5 pm
Age: 5 - 12

Join us for Mandala Mondays. Enjoy an afternoon of quiet mandala coloring while steel drum music plays softly in the background.

SLIME CLUB

March 16 | 4 - 5 pm
Age: 5 - 12

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

LITTLE BOOK WORMS

March 23 | 4 - 5 pm | Age: 0 - 7
Find a spot in the library and read the book *Little White Rabbit* by Kevin Henkes 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

February 6 & March 6

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

HOT WHEELS CLUB

February 13 & March 13

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

BLOCK PARTY

February 20 & March 20

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

UNO CLUB

February 27 & March 27
Play all the different kinds of UNO.

TEENS

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Upcoming Programs

NATIONAL PIZZA DAY | February 9 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Celebrate National Pizza Day at the library! Design and create your own custom pizza plushie. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

POLYMER CLAY CREATIONS | February 26 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Get crafty and creative and make your own polymer clay creations. Create food inspired magnets, tiny animals, letter keychains, the possibilities are endless!

MAR10 DAY | March 10 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Celebrate MAR10 Day at the library! Dive into the world of Mario and Luigi with themed crafts, activities, snacks, and Mariokart on the Switch!

CERAMIC BASKETBALL PAINTING | March 24 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

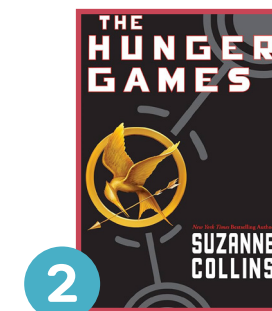
It's March Madness! Join us at the library to paint your own ceramic basketball.

Top Reads

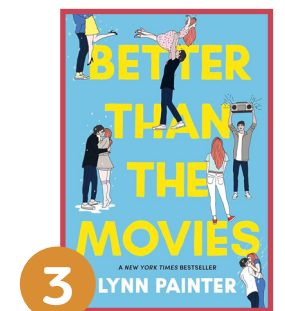
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3 most checked out
books from 2025:



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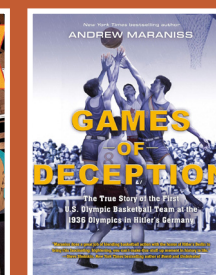
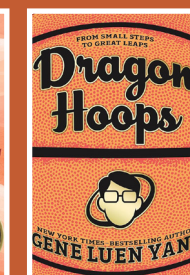
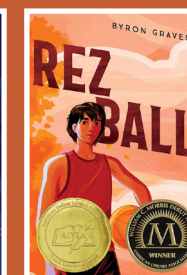
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March Madness

It's game time! Albus the Corgi is back with a fast-paced lineup of sports-filled, school spirit reads perfect for February and March. Whether you're cheering from the sidelines or just here for the drama, Albus has picked stories that are high energy, feel-good, and hard to put down. So grab a book, take your shot, and let the reading madness begin!



CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR MOST RECENT READING CHALLENGE FINISHERS!

Alyssa Protzman & Kylee Hochstetler

Read 100 Books Before High School!

Remi Wegmiller Read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

ADULTS

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BOOK CLUBS

Upcoming Programs

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

February 3 | 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 for the 2026 challenge.

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.
February 4 | Porch Sign
March 4 | Hamburger Helper & Biscuits

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.

February 6 | American History
March 6 | Expand Your Horizons

BINGO

February 6, February 20, March 6, & March 20 | 1 - 2 pm
at the Heritage Collection
Play BINGO with friends and win prizes. Donations for prizes are welcome.

GENEALOGY CLUB

February 10 & March 10 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!
February 11 | Jean Pocket Key Holder
March 11 | Light Switch Cover

SATURDAY STITCHERS

February 14 & March 14 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.

LUNCH & A MOVIE

12 - 2 pm | Adult
Join us for a movie and lunch! Bring a chair or a cushion to sit on.
February 14 | The Money Pit
March 21 | Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

CREATIVE CANVAS

Monthly | Adult | 5:30 - 7 pm
Follow a step-by-step tutorial to create a unique work of art.
February 17 | Books & Flowers
at the Heritage Collection
March 17 | Painted CD

MAKE-A-MIX

Monthly | 10 - 10:30 am | Adult
Make a different mix monthly.
February 25 | Scone Mix
March 25 | Cornmeal Coated Chicken

BEGINNING BEE KEEPING

February 28 | 9 am - 12 pm
at the Heritage Collection
Learn the basics of starting a backyard beehive. Questions are welcome. Presented by the Michiana Bee Keepers.

MICHIANA BEE KEEPERS

March 21 | 9 am - 12 pm
at the Heritage Collection
Join the Michiana Bee Keepers for their monthly meeting and learn more about bees and bee keeping.

HERITAGE SKILLS

10 - 11:30 am | Adult
Return to your roots with classic heritage skills that help you live a more wholesome lifestyle.
March 23 | Tallow

DIGITAL SPRING CLEANING

March 12 | 10 - 11 am | Adult
Let's talk about spring cleaning in your digital world, not just your home. Get some tips from Victoria, NPL's Technology Specialist, about cleaning up the cobwebs of old files, accounts, and devices.

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.



February 24
Casters and Crowns by Elizabeth Lowham

COVER TO COVER

General | Monthly | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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.



February 17
The Day the World Stops Shopping by J.D. MacKinnon



March 31
The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton

GRUMPY SUNSHINE

Romance | Bi-Monthly | 5 - 6 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.



February 19
Trope: Slow Burn
BOTM: *The Simple Wild (Wild, #1)* by K.A. Tucker

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.

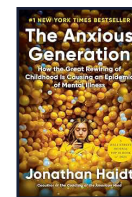


March 18
BOTM: *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells

NEW! READ BETWEEN THE NAPS

Parenting | Bi-Monthly | 6 - 7 pm

at the Heritage Collection
Calling all busy parents who love books but barely have time to read! No required reading, just a recommended book each month. Join us for conversations about books, parenthood, and everything in between.



February 12
Recommended book: *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt

Technology Programs

CREATE IN 3D

February 3 | 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 heart garland for Valentine's Day.

AI CAFE

February 26 | 12 - 1 pm
Drop by the AI Cafe to explore Generative AI tools and ways that they can be used. Bring your own lunch and join the conversation about Generative Artificial Intelligence. Feel free to come with questions or tips and tricks from your own experience. Lunch will not be provided.

Upcoming Programs



NEW! CRIME AND CRAFTING

March 24, 5:30 - 7 pm or March 25, 10 - 11:30 | Adults

Unwind, create, and get a little intrigued! Join us at the ELC Heritage Collection for Crime and Crafting, a monthly gathering where crafters of all kinds bring their projects and enjoy the suspense of true crime. While you knit, paint, scrapbook, or work on any craft of your choice, we'll play gripping true crime podcasts or audiobooks in the background. Whether you're here for the craft, the stories, or both, it's a perfect way to spend time with like-minded creatives and maybe even discuss your theories on the cases. Bring your supplies, your curiosity, and your detective instincts!

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES

February 4 & March 4 | 12 - 1 pm

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.

COPPE'S CLIPS

February 9 & March 9 | 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.

CRAFTING WITH JEN

10 - 11 am | Teen & Adult

Join Jen for a fun day of crafting at the Heritage Collection.

February 21 | Book Bedazzling

March 14 | Book Bedazzling

DIAMOND PAINTING BOOKMARKS

February 23 | 6 - 7 pm

Come for a relaxing day and craft Diamond Art bookmarks. Choose up to two and dot away!

FIVE MEDALS: HIS LIFE & TIMES

March 19 | 6:30 - 7:30

Hear Mike Judson share fascinating stories of Five Medals, a prominent regional leader, and view numerous artifacts from the 1812 era. Five Medals was a leader of the Elkhart River Potawatomi in the late 1700s and early 1800s, fighting and negotiating for the peace and safety of his people.

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EVIE'S HISTORY BYTES PODCAST

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.

New Episode Monthly

February 25 | Gathering at Five Medals with Five Medals Board Members

March 25 | Antiquing in Nappanee with Jeanne Focht

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Monday - Friday

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Saturday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday

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HOLIDAY HOURS

February 16

Closed for President's Day



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