

# Books **and** Beyond

La Porte County Public Library 2/12

## New Winter Reading Program

There's a new reason to love your library this February! Children from birth to fifth grade are invited to have some reading fun with ***Chill Out and Read***, La Porte County Public Library's first systemwide winter reading program.

**Kids in grades K-5** are welcome to stop by any of our eight locations each week to pick up a bookmark filled with easy activities. They then complete seven of the activities and return the bookmark to the library to select a special treat. There's new bookmark each week and anyone finishing all four bookmarks will receive a book to keep AND a book for their classroom.

**For little ones who are not in school**, there is a calendar of activities. Parents or caregivers simply complete 14 of the activities throughout the month and their child will receive a board book of their choice.

*Chill Out and Read* is made possible through a grant from the La Porte Literacy Council and the Unity Foundation, as well as funding from the Friends of the Library.



## Public Workshop Meetings

La Porte County Public Library will host five public workshop meetings for the purpose of getting input from the community about the library's budget issues.

Meeting schedule:

Tuesday, February 14	6:30 to 8:00 PM	South Central Schools
Wednesday, February 15	6:30 to 8:00 PM	Rolling Prairie Elementary School
Friday, February 17	8:00 to 9:30 AM	Main Library in La Porte
Tuesday, February 21	6:30 to 8:00 PM	Main Library in La Porte
Saturday, February 25	10:00 to 11:30 AM	Coolspring Library

Input will be sought to discuss issues relating to the library's structure, organization, and financing, and to receive and consider proposals from the public to address these issues. All the meetings will be conducted by an outside facilitator.

An online survey will be created as an opportunity for people who cannot attend a meeting, to offer their thoughts on issues relating to the library's structure, organization, and financing. It will contain both the summary report from Umbaugh and Associates and the same questions as the meetings.





Have you visited the library's website lately?  
If so, perhaps you have recognized some of  
the local people who are featured as the  
Geek of the Week.

In addition seeing a variety of people from  
the community, you can read about what  
they geek (are interested in.)

Visit [laportelibrary.org](http://laportelibrary.org)  
every week to see who appears!

## Library & YMCA Team Up

La Porte County Public Library and the YMCA  
are teaming up on Wednesday afternoons at  
the Y's Youth Activity Center. The center is  
open Monday through Friday between 3:00 and  
7:00 PM for students ages 11 to 18. It's free!

Each Wednesday, library  
staff will host afterschool  
activities.

We will play games, do crafts,  
make movies, and more. So if  
you are looking for something to  
do after school, meet us at the Y!



## Free Tech Help at the Library

You can get free help from the IT professionals at  
the Main Library.

## Social Networking & Employment

*Tuesday, February 7 / 1:00 - 2:30 PM*

Learn how to use sites such as LinkedIn, Indeed.  
com and Monster Jobs to find employment oppor-  
tunities.

## Borrowing eBooks from Your Library

*Tuesday, March 6 / 5:00 - 6:30 PM*

Learn how to download free eBooks from the library  
onto your Kindle, Nook, smart phone, laptops and  
other devices. Bring your device with you or just  
come and soak up the information.

To register for either class, please call the computer  
lab at 219.325.7128.

## Great Backyard Bird Count

Saturday, February 11 / Main Library  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Our friends from the  
Potawatomi  
Audubon Society  
are back to educate  
and inform us about  
local birds.  
Make a pine cone  
bird feeder and  
drink apple cider!

Bring a friend!

Be part of something Big!  
February 17 - 20, 2012  
[www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)



*Check the library's online calendar for up-to-the-minute information about free programs and events.  
Thank you to the Friends of the Library for their funding of library programs!*



## La Porte County Public Library

[laportelibrary.org](http://laportelibrary.org)

Coolspring: 219.872.3272

Fish Lake: 219.369.1337

Hanna: 219.797.4735

Kingsford Heights: 219.393.3280

Rolling Prairie: 219.778.2390

Union Mills: 219.767.2604

Main Library in La Porte: 219.362.6156

The mobile library has several routes throughout the library district.

Call the Main Library, 219.362.6156, Ext. 343, for more information.