



Books and Beyond

A newsletter from La Porte County Public Library
September 2011

New at the Library: Early Literacy Stations™

Early Literacy Stations™ will soon be available in the Children's Department at the Main Library and at the Coolspring Branch. These stations offer a choice of 50 learning programs in English, Spanish, and French for children ages 2-10. They are very helpful for English as a second language learners. Even children with no computer experience are able to sit down and start learning immediately. Programs include Dora, Reader Rabbit, Math Doodles and more!



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Meet Mary Todd Lincoln

Tuesday, September 13 / 6:15 PM / Main Library

Travel back in time as Jessica Michna, historical impressionist, portrays First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln in a free dramatic presentation, sponsored by the library and the American Association of University Women. Last year, Michna portrayed Eleanor Roosevelt and she is welcomed back this year to bring to life the joys and sorrows of Mary Todd Lincoln.

In this presentation, Mrs. Lincoln's life has come full circle as she returns to Springfield, Illinois to take up residence with her sister Elizabeth. She recalls the days of her girlhood in the genteel society of Lexington, Kentucky, her marriage to the gangly young lawyer, and eventually her rise to become the First Lady.

Real Women Read

Thursday, September 29 / 6:00 PM
Hanna Library

Local celebrities will share their love of reading with kids and parents. Everyone is invited to listen to the favorite stories of these well known women:

Nancy McGriff

South Central School Librarian

Judge Kathleen Lang

La Porte County Superior Court 1 judge

Dr. Lovera Miller

Physician and co-author of the recently released, Womenopause: Stop Pausing and Start Living

For more information, call the Hanna library at 219-797-4735.

Sunflower Fair Book Sale and Coloring Contest

Saturday, September 17 / Main Library
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Friends of the Library will hold their final used book sale of 2011 in the large meeting room of the Main Library. It's a great opportunity to buy gently used books, audiobooks, videos and more. There is no admission charge.

Kids can enter the coloring contest anytime from now until Monday, September 12.

Entries may be picked up in the Children's Department. Prizes are awarded by the community Sunflower Fair Committee in three age brackets.



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Where else can one little card get you so much information and entertainment?

And it's free!

Look at what a library card offers:

DVDs

Whether you are looking for current box office hits, classics, or informational videos on travel, cooking, history and more, the library has them.

Books

In addition to traditional print books, we now offer downloadable books for electronic devices. Also available are books on CD and Playaways, which are book recordings on a device the size of a deck of cards.

Online Resources

Our website is available 24/7. It offers some great tools for homework, research, and entertainment.

Databases such as Mango Languages, World Book, and Morningstar.

Tumblebooks, which is a collection of animated books for kids

NextReads e-newsletters: Sign up to receive regular lists of new and recommended titles.

Request and Renew: Want to reserve that new bestseller? Need to extend the borrowing time on something you already have? You can do it online whenever it is convenient.

2nd Saturday Fall Finale Quilt Show

Saturday, September 10

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Large Meeting Room at the Main Library

Enjoy a free quilt show during the 2nd Saturday Fall Finale. Throughout the evening, the beautiful and intricate work of the Pioneer Land Quilters will be on display at the Main Library. Please enter through the meeting room doors on the Maple Avenue side of the building.



Wowbrary

The fastest way to discover what's new at the library!

Do you want to find out what's new, or what will be new, at the library each week? Use Wowbrary! You can sign up to receive free weekly email alerts or check the library's website (look for the icon, *above*, or click on the *Great Picks!* tab.)

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Eight locations to serve the community!

Coolspring: 219-879-3272

Kingsford Heights: 219-393-3280

Main Library: 219-362-6156

Fish Lake: 219-369-1337

Rolling Prairie: 219-778-2390

Hanna: 219-797-4735

Union Mills: 219-767-2604

The mobile library has several routes throughout the library district.

Call the Main Library, 362-6156, Ext. 348, for more information.