

# Books and Beyond

News for the community from La Porte County Public Library  
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## Plan, Prepare, and Test for College

[www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org) > Research > Testing & Education Reference Center

Need information about preparing for college? Check out the Testing & Education Reference Center on the La Porte County Public Library's website - [laportelibrary.org](http://laportelibrary.org). It is a free start-to-finish resource with all the information and support materials you'll need to make informed, confident decisions about college, graduate school, and career choices.

- Over 300 practice tests and courses
- Dozens of ebooks containing valuable study material and practice tests
- Information on over 4,000 accredited schools
- Scholarship search featuring \$8 billion in available scholarships
- Resume builder with over 1,000 brainstorming phrases to get you started
- Career modules covering subjects from career change to salary negotiations

### Undergraduate Scholarship Search & Financial Tools

Whether you're interested in planning ahead, searching for aid, or making a final decision about your aid offer, the financial tools can help manage the process each step of the way.

If you're seeking guidance about how to pay for college, check out the following tools:

- Undergraduate Scholarship Search
- Award Analyzer
- Financial Aid Quiz
- College Savings Calculator
- Tuition Cost Finder

There's also a convenient link to the official website for the FAFSA to fill out your form online and follow up on your application.



## Thrills, Chills, Mystery, and Suspense

Are you a fan of mystery, intrigue, and suspense? If so, discover what the library offers you!

**Wowbrary:** Receive free alerts about the library's newest books, movies, and music.

**NextReads e-newsletter:** Sign up to have great book suggestions emailed to you; then check immediately to see whether the items are available.

**Download:** With download media available 24/7, the library is always open! Load audiobooks, videos, and music onto your favorite device.

**Novelist:** Discover similar authors, award winners, and recommended reads - along with book reviews and discussion guides.

**Search the catalog:** Find books, audiobooks, and movies with just a few clicks in the library's online catalog

*When you find an interesting title, reserve it immediately for pick-up at the most convenient library location.*

*If you're not quite done with a title, renew it online!*



## What Happens in the Library When the Lights Go Out?



Friday, October 21 / 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
Main Library

Our annual *What Happens in the Library When the Lights Go Out* is coming your way!

This free family event is a great way to celebrate the season without the scare-factor. Find out what happens when the librarians go home and your favorite book and television characters come to life.

Meet Elmo, Spiderman, Batman, Angelina Ballerina, and more.

## Novel Yarn - A Success Story

*A Novel Yarn* is a knitting and crocheting group that meets once a month at the library. For the last 18 months, the group has been busy on a service project of making hats for people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments. During that time, 107 hats have been delivered to the hospital and there are more waiting to go. A new afternoon spin-off group has also started up for homeschool families.

The group meets the first Monday of each month at 5:30 PM at the Main Library. If you would like more information or would like to donate yarn to the group, please contact Sarah Morrison at the Main Library, 219-362-6156.



## The Cat in the Hat knows a lot about early literacy!

Come meet him and find out about  
our new Early Literacy Stations.

**Saturday, October 15**

10:00 AM - Noon

Main Library

The Cat will make appearances at 10:30 and again at 11:30. Play a game, check out a Dr. Seuss book, and try our new computers.

**Wednesday,  
October 19**

6:00 PM

Coolspring Library

7089 W 400 N

Michigan City

Wear your jammies and join the Bumble Tub Club with The Cat in the Hat.

After you have completed the Bedtime Checklist, check out the new computer.



## Thank You!!

The library recently received a grant to help fund the upcoming Winter Reading program for children.

We would like to thank the  
**Literacy Council of La Porte County**  
for writing the grant, and the  
**Unity Foundation** for awarding it.

## La Porte County Public Library

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

Eight locations to serve the community!

Coolspring: 219-872-3272

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. 343, for more information.