

# The Library in Your Classroom

## Classroom Presentations with a Librarian

With advance notice, we will develop programs to meet your specific needs, whether it is helping students develop their online research skills or finding out more about Indiana History. Please contact us four weeks in advance to make arrangements.



## Themed Programs

We offer programs with themes that feature historical and literary characters. Our programs support Indiana State Academic Standards.

## Storyteller Visits and Booktalks

Your students will be delighted when you arrange a storytelling program with one of our library staff members! We will also present fun and interesting books through booktalks at your school, daycare, or preschool.

## Library Cards

Do you or your students need library cards for easy access to the library catalog and databases? Contact us to set up a card registration session for your students at your school open house or family fun night. Teachers are eligible for cards even if they live outside of the library's service area. Ask us for details.



# The Library Online

Here are just a few of the resources waiting for you and your students at [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org). Use them on classroom whiteboards or during computer lab instruction.

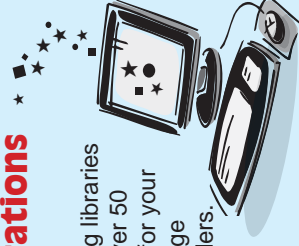


## Tumblebooks

A collection of electronic talking picture books and read-alongs which teach children the joys of reading in a format they'll love. Great for reluctant readers and beginning readers to improve reading fluency. Tumblebooks is compatible with Smart Boards and is available in Spanish, English and French.

## Early Literacy Stations (ELS)

The La Porte and Coolspring libraries have ELS, which provide over 50 learning programs. Perfect for your English as a second language students or Beginning Readers.



## Children and Teens

The library has new pages on our website designed especially for young people. Just click the tab for "Children" or "Teens" on our homepage at [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org).

## NovelList

NovelList provides lists of author read-alikes, award winners, and recommended reads, along with book reviews, reading levels, and discussion guides.

It answers questions like:

- "I'm doing a unit on the Civil War and I need a good chapter book to share with my class."
- "I love Diary of a Wimpy Kid! I want to read another book like that!"



## Request Materials

Anyone can request materials online and the location for pick up. We can also select materials for you if needed.

## Especially for Educators

Click the **Educators** tab on the Children's page for great research tools and links. Instructional videos on library use, research, and databases are coming soon, so check back often!



## Sharing Kits

We have developed **special theme kits** on a wide range of topics that feature a selection of materials including teacher guides, hands-on activities, DVDs, CDs, books, puppets, and more.

We encourage childcare providers, homeschool families, and teachers to use these materials to supplement instruction.

To locate a complete listing of Sharing Kits go to [www.laportelibrary.org](http://www.laportelibrary.org) and click on the catalog. Enter a title search for "Sharing Kit" and a complete list of our 68 kits will be shown.

The kits have a two week loan period with the option of two additional renewal periods.

## Library Tours

Schedule a tour of the library for your group. Homeschool groups, 4-H clubs, Boy Scout/Girl Scout troops and classes can visit the library for a behind-the-scenes tour.



## Contact us!

Contact us at any of our locations for the programs and services listed in this brochure.

### Main Library

904 Indiana Avenue, La Porte, IN 46350

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Teen Services: 219-362-6156

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County Schools:  
[Elizabeth Johnson / ejohnson@lapcat.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Johnson@ejohnson@lapcat.org)

Extension Services: 219-362-6156 x 320  
[Cherri Struss / cbstruss@lapcat.org](mailto:Cherri.Struss@cbstruss@lapcat.org)

Mobile Library: 219-362-7128 x 343  
[Rio Light / rlight@lapcat.org](mailto:Rio.Light@rlight@lapcat.org)

### Branches

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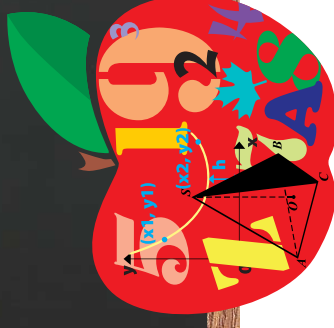
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