

## Visiting Our Website



Discover the library online at [www.lapcat.org](http://www.lapcat.org)

**Visit the library's website any time to:**  
Set up your personal account.

Search the catalog; all our locations are linked electronically.

Reserve and renew materials.

Arrange to receive automatic online alerts about items that are going to be due.

Pay library fines or make a donation with a debit or credit card.

Sign up for an E-card to use the databases and online services.

Download an audiobook to listen to or an e-book to read.

### Reliable Databases

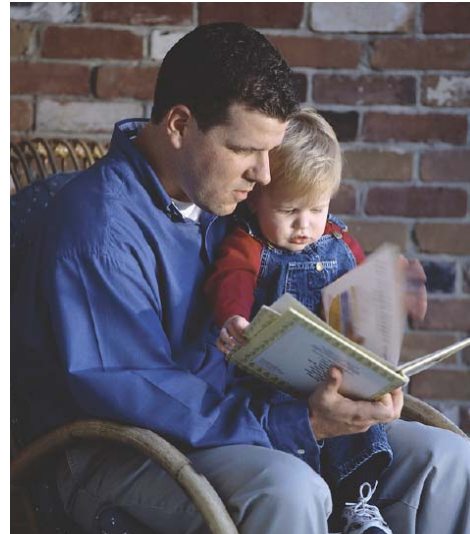
Current, reliable information on investing, genealogy, business, and other topics is only a click away with our online databases. Most have remote access so that you can use them wherever the Internet is available.

## Our Mission

The La Porte County Public Library offers access to information and opportunities for lifelong learning, enrichment, and enjoyment.

## Our Vision

La Porte County Public Library is that special place, beyond home and work, where people come to improve their lives, nourish their intellect, or simply to be entertained.



### Board of Trustees

The La Porte County Public Library is governed by a seven-person Board of Trustees, each appointed to a four-year term by various local government entities.

### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit volunteer group dedicated to supporting the Library. Fundraising, conducted through book sales, provides special programming and materials not otherwise available through the Library's operating budget.

### Donations

Used books or audiovisual items in good condition are accepted at all locations for the Friends' Book Sales.

Bequests and other monetary gifts can be designated for general use or to a specific department, in memory or in honor of someone. Donations may be made online at the library's website, as well as in person or by mail.

## La Porte County Public Library

### 8 Convenient Locations

#### Main Library

904 Indiana Avenue, La Porte, IN 46350

219-362-6156

Children's Services: 219-362-7128

AV Services: 219-325-0875

#### Branch Libraries

##### **Coolspring**

7089 W 400 N, Michigan City, IN 46360

219-879-3272

##### **Fish Lake**

7981 E. State Road 4, Walkerton, IN 46574

219-369-1337

##### **Hanna**

202 N. Thompson, Hanna, IN 46340

219-797-4735

##### **Kingsford Heights**

436 Evanston, Kingsford Heights, IN 46346

219-393-3280

##### **Rolling Prairie**

1 E. Michigan Avenue, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371

219-778-2390

##### **Union Mills**

3727 W 800 S, Union Mills, IN 46382

219-767-2604

##### **Mobile Library**

The Mobile Library has several routes throughout the district.

For more information,  
call 219-362-6156, Ext. 343.

## Welcome to La Porte County Public Library

**Learn, enrich, enjoy!**



## Get a Library Card

Any resident of the La Porte County Public Library district may get a free library card at any of our library locations. Not a resident of the library district? We have reciprocal borrowing agreements with many libraries throughout Indiana which might allow you to get a card. Ask us for details.

## Requests and Renewals

Most items in the library may be requested and you will be notified via mail or e-mail when they are ready. Many items may be renewed if no one else has requested the item. You can request or renew items online at the library's website - [www.lapcat.org](http://www.lapcat.org).

## Loan Periods

14 Days  
Most print materials  
Audiobooks  
Educational DVDs  
Music CDs  
Electronic Games

7 days  
Entertainment DVDs  
Hot Picks Books

2 days  
Popular DVDs

A valid library card  
is required to  
check out materials.  
Some restrictions apply.



## Check It Out



*All locations, including the mobile library, offer print and non-print materials for all ages.*

### Fiction Books

Bestsellers, westerns, mysteries, classics, science fiction, and paperbacks.

### Non-Fiction Books

Bestsellers, how-to, biographies and more!

### Magazines and Newspapers

Over 300 magazine subscriptions and 17 newspapers. The La Porte newspapers are on microfilm back to 1836.

### DVDs

Both entertainment and educational.

### Audiobooks

Formats include Playaways (pre-loaded MP3), CD, and downloadable from the library website.

### Electronic Games

Wii, PS2, PS3, and Xbox 360.

### Computer Software

Games, instructional, and entertainment.

### Music CDs

Soundtracks, pop, country, and more!

### Special Collections

Spanish and Polish Language

Genealogy

Large Print

Indiana Collection

Literacy Collection

## Services

*Vary by location; please call the location if you have questions.*

- **Free Internet access and Wi-Fi**
- **Photocopy machines**
- **Meeting rooms and quiet study rooms**
- **Free notary public service**
- **Reference services**  
Personal help for your information needs. Call 219-362-6156, Ext. 312, or email [reference@lapcat.org](mailto:reference@lapcat.org).
- **Doorstep Delivery**  
Monthly delivery of materials for patrons unable to visit the library. Call 219-362-6156, Ext. 348.
- **Interlibrary Loan**  
Request items from other libraries for a small fee.
- **Speaker's Bureau**  
Library staff members will speak to community groups free of charge on a variety of subjects.
- **Hospital service**  
Library volunteers supply patients with reading materials.
- **Dial-a-Story**  
Listen to favorite children's stories by calling 324-6508.
- **Library tours and special programs**  
Available to groups and organizations.

## Special Programs

All library locations offer a wide variety of free programs for all ages.

- Storytimes
- Family Fun
- Summer reading program
- Teen events
- Author visits
- Book discussions

For more information, visit the library website and click the "Events" tab or call the location nearest you for more details.

## FYI

### Lose Your Card?

Notify the library if your card is lost or stolen. Materials checked out on a card not reported lost or stolen are the responsibility of the card holder. The cost of a replacement card is \$2.00.

### Lost or damaged materials

Charges for lost or damaged items will be the item's replacement cost plus a \$3.00 processing fee.

### Fines

**Fines may be paid in person or online**

**\$1.00 per day:** Hot Picks books, electronic games, popular entertainment DVDs

**15¢ per day:** All other materials

### Age Requirements

*Patrons may check out items based on the following age restrictions:*

0 to 10: Materials from the Children's section only

11 to 13: Materials from the Children's and Young Adult sections only. Anyone under the age of 14 can check out print materials from the adult collection with a signed parental permission slip on file.

**14 to 18:** Materials from the Children's and Young Adult sections, print materials from the Adult Collection, music CDs, audiobooks, CD Roms, educational DVDs, and electronic games.

*No one under 18 will be allowed to use the Internet without being accompanied by a legal guardian or having a signed permission slip from their parent or guardian. Computers set aside for children, which have limited access, can be used.*

Over 18: All materials from all locations.

## Free Technology Classes

The library regularly offers classes to help community members understand new and existing technology. Classes are hands-on, using library-owned laptops. Personal laptops are welcome as all library locations provide free Wi-Fi.

Registration is usually required so that library staff can be adequately prepared. For more information, give us a call!