

Explore your **OPPORTUNITIES**

MARCH-MAY 2024

 KOKOMO-HOWARD COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fun and informative events at your library!

**Kokomo will
experience a
Total Solar
Eclipse
on Monday,
April 8**

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Look for this star that highlights evening programs for kids and families!

Women's History Month

Days for Girls Donation Drive

March 1-31

All Locations

Help inspire inclusion by contributing to our international drive. Days for Girls International is an award-winning nonprofit that aims to shatter stigma and limitations associated with menstruation for improved education and livelihood outcomes. Their largest need is 100% cotton underwear without designs for girls and women.



International Women's Day

Friday, March 8

All Locations

Drop in anytime to celebrate International Women's Day 2024! We will have various passive activities from puzzles to coloring sheets and so much more. This year, we inspire inclusion by highlighting the women-owned businesses in Kokomo. Put on your favorite purple shirt, strike the pose, and honor the amazing women in your life.



Cricut Craft Fun

6:00-7:00 p.m. • Fridays

KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room • Adults

Learn how to create using Cricut Design Space in these three classes!

♦ March 1 - Plant Markers

♦ April 5 - Mother's Day Cards

♦ May 10 - Tin Planter



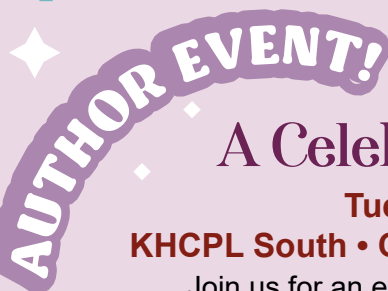
Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and

4:00-7:00 p.m. • KHCPL South Cardinal & Peony Room

Adults

Bring a project and drop in to learn sewing or quilting basics or get help. Sewing machines provided.



Voices Unveiled

A Celebration of Inclusion

Tuesday, March 12 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room • Adults

Join us for an evening of conversation and celebration at our panel discussion on inclusion, a tribute to Women's History Month and International Women's Day.

Our distinguished panelists - Angela Jackson-Brown, a prolific author and Indiana University English Professor; Jalyssa King, an insightful author and Program Outreach Manager at the Indiana Area Health Education Center; and Leah Johnson, a captivating author and independent bookstore owner - will guide us through a profound exploration of inclusion's pivotal role in shaping the narrative of women's history.

Seating is limited! To hold your spot, pick up a free ticket at any KHCPL location starting Wednesday, March 1.



Angela Jackson-Brown



Jalyssa King



Leah Johnson

Mental Health

Access Days

Tuesdays, March 5, 19,

April 2, 16, 30, May 14, 28

9:00 a.m.-Noon • KHCPL Main Quiet Study 2 • Adults

Are you an adult struggling with a mental health challenge? Come talk confidentially to a 4C Health associate who will help you find help locally.



Think outside the trash... Recycle!

Wednesday, March 6

6:00-7:00 p.m. • KHCPL South Adults

Ever wonder what to do with leftover cleaners and pesticides? Have old electronics that need to be discarded but not sure how to do it? Learn what you can toss in the recycling bins. The Howard County Recycling District will be at the library to answer your questions and fill you in on all the services they provide!

Legal Aid Clinic

Every Wednesday • 9:00 a.m.-Noon • KHCPL Main

Large Group Study • Adults

No appointment needed.

Need pro bono representation? Have questions for an attorney? Apply with Pro Bono Indiana, Inc. to get the legal assistance you need at no cost to you!

♦ **General Advice Clinic | 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

Kevin Jones - kevin.jones@probonoindiana.org
765.450.9534

♦ **Eviction Clinic | 11:00 a.m.-Noon**

Carmon Long - carmon.long@probonoindiana.org
765.416.3363

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Writers' Group

Wednesday, March 6, April 3, May 1 • 5:00-8:00 p.m.

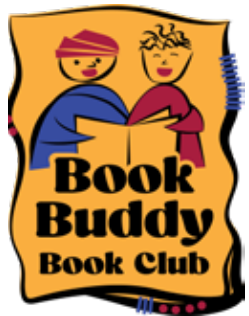
KHCPL South • Tulip Tree Room • Adults

If you are a writer and would like honest feedback from others, then that's what we hope to achieve. New members are encouraged to bring fictional prose to submit for feedback.

Craft Corner

R Saturdays • 1:00-3:00 p.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room • Adults

- ♦ **March 9** - Shabby Chic Mini Birdhouse
- ♦ **April 13** - Wooden Crate Mini Gift Basket
- ♦ **May 11** - Galvanized Bucket Makeover



Book Buddy Book Club

Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, 23, May 7 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.

KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults

Join our book club for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We enjoy books, make friends, and have fun! All are welcome, regardless of reading ability. Snacks and water are provided. If you have questions please call 765.626.0813.

Love this club? → Check out the **Adventure Party!** on page 5.

Book Discussions for Adults

R Expand your reading horizons by joining us for engaging and lively discussions of books from different genres.

KHCPL Main

Wednesdays • 10:00-11:30 a.m. • Meeting Room B

- ♦ **March 13** - *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke
- ♦ **April 10** - *Educated* by Tara Westover
- ♦ **May 8** - *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by V. E. Schwab

KHCPL Russiaville

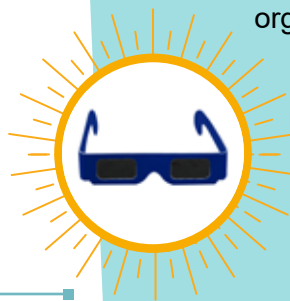
Thursdays • 1:00-2:00 p.m. • Meeting Room

- ♦ **March 14** - *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann
- ♦ **April 11** - *Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner
- ♦ **May 9** - *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke

Solar Eclipse

Monday, April 8 • 3:08 p.m.

Excitement is building as we approach the total solar eclipse on April 8! To ensure a safe and memorable experience for all, we would like to inform you that eclipse glasses will be exclusively distributed at our specially organized eclipse programs.



Eclipse glasses will be available to event attendees. One pair per family, while supplies last.

Poetry Group

Wednesdays, March 13, April 10, May 15 • 5:00-8:00 p.m.

KHCPL Main • Large Group Study Adults

Feedback for writers of poetry by writers of poetry. Members should bring something they're working on to submit for the group to review.

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Virtual Dementia Tour

**Fridays, March 15,
April 19, May 17
2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**KHCPL South • Meeting
Rooms • Adults**

Trained facilitators guide participants outfitted with patented devices to alter their senses while they try to complete common, everyday tasks. The tour builds a greater understanding of dementia by building awareness and empathy.

A Touch of the Irish Discovering Your Celtic Heritage

**Saturday, March 16
2:00-3:15 p.m. • KHCPL Main
Meeting Rooms A & B
Adults**

Angi Porter, a genealogy librarian from the Indiana State Library, will teach you how to research your Irish ancestors to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day!



**Wednesdays, March 20,
April 17, May 15
6:00-7:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Tulip Tree
Room • Adults**

We are well read and badly behaved. Are you? Join us! Call 765.453.4150 for the monthly title.

Eclipse Insights with Dr. Motl

**Sunday, March 24
7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Indiana University Kokomo
All Ages**

Join us at the IUK Observatory where Dr. Patrick Motl will share insights on the upcoming solar eclipse. Weather permitting, stargazers will have the opportunity to use the observatory's telescope. The observatory is located at 2660 S. Washington St. Free parking is available.



Exploring the Cosmos

**Thursday, April 4 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room • All Ages**

Embark on a journey through the wonders of space exploration with BJ Austin, president at IN Space, LLC, and distinguished NASA Solar System Ambassador.



Getting Down to Business

**R Saturday, April 6 • 1:00-2:15 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults**

Ever wondered about the first location or history of a Kokomo business? Learn how to research past and present businesses in this fun and informative program.

Share and Swap Low Carb Recipe Tasting

**R Tuesday, April 9
6:00-7:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main
Meeting Rooms A & B
Adults**

Bring a low carb recipe and samples to share then find some new ideas.

Invasive Species

**Tuesday, April 9
6:30-7:30 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville
Meeting Room • Adults**
Learn about invasive plant species and what to do to stop them with Purdue Extension Educator, Mathias Ingle.

Starry Skies Painting

**Wednesday, April 10 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room
Adults**

Using software to view the night sky at a time that is important to you, we will incorporate accurate night sky features into our painting.



Spelljammer Academy

Dungeons & Dragons in Space!

R Saturday, April 6 • 3:00-9:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults

Celebrate the total solar eclipse by joining us for a Dungeons & Dragons Journey in Space! All players welcome, including beginners.

Genealogy for Night Owls

Friday, April 12 • 5:00-11:45 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B

This after-hours research event is open to all experience levels with staff ready to help. We will have a buffet supper and snacks, as well as door prizes big and small. The cost to attend is \$20, which can be paid in the Genealogy Department by April 8.

Family History
Lock-In

Poetry Workshop

Saturday, April 13 • 1:30-3:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main

Join us for a workshop hosted by John R. Hinton from the Poetry Society of Indiana. As writers, we tend to focus on taking intangibles/abstracts and attempting to translate them into concepts that are explainable. This workshop turns that ideology upside down.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Join us at KHCPL Main to browse the annual Spring sale.

- ♦ Friends members - Friday, April 19 • Noon-5:00 p.m.
- ♦ The public - Saturday, April 20 • 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friends membership costs \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families and \$100 for a lifetime membership. You may purchase your membership at the door the day of the sale.

What Do You Need for a Great Looking Lawn?

Tuesday, May 7 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room • Adults

Learn lawn care tips from Purdue Extension Educator, Mathias Ingle.

Spring Plant Swap

Saturday, May 11
1:00-2:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Meeting Rooms A & B • Adults

Stop by, swap plants, and enjoy light refreshments and drinks while mingling with fellow plant lovers.

Senior Resource Expo

Saturday, May 18
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Adults

Explore local resources for seniors and caregivers.



Celebrate Arbor Day at KHCPL Russiaville

Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

Friday, April 26
6:00-7:00 p.m. • Adults
Pick up a free tree, while supplies last, and check out our seed library!

Seed and Plant Swap

Saturday, April 27
10:00 a.m.-Noon
Are you dividing huge irises or are you tired of your houseplants? Bring them to our swap!

Learn to Compost

Saturday, April 27
11:00 a.m.-Noon • All Ages
Learn about vermicomposting in this class that gets the whole family involved. Make a mini composter with or without worms, and learn how to create a larger one for your whole household.

Celestial Myths Unveiled

Thursday, April 25 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal Room • Adults
Embark on an odyssey through the captivating realm of myths and folklore! Join us for a night that unveils the rich tapestry of stories woven around solar eclipses and celestial wonders while crafting your own artwork.

Adventure Party!

Tuesday, May 21 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B
Adults

Join us for snacks, games, crafts, and music as we celebrate a sneak peek of our exciting Summer Reading Program! Open to all adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Digital Den Designs

✦ 3D Photo Diorama

Wednesday, March 6 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main Digital Den • Middle School-Adults

Bring a photo to transform into a one-of-a-kind, 3D diorama in a shadow box. Please provide your email address at time of booking and someone will reach out to you about photos needed.

✦ Terracotta Pot Painting

Friday, March 22 • Noon-1:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Digital Den • High School & Adults

Spring is here and it is time to start planting! Spice up your plants with these fun designs!

✦ Stencil Eclipse Painting

Wednesday, March 27 • 1:00-2:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Digital Den • High School & Adults

Want something fun to commemorate the total solar eclipse in April? In this class, we will be creating stencils to help make painting a beautiful picture of the eclipse a breeze.

✦ Eclipse Wall Hanging

Wednesday, April 3 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main Digital Den • High School & Adults

Celebrate this rare celestial event with the creation of a wall hanging featuring the phases of the upcoming eclipse.

✦ Picture Frame Art

Thursday, April 18 • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main Digital Den • High School & Adults

Celebrate Earth Day by upcycling old picture frames into beautiful, decorative works of art!

✦ Journal Prompt Jar

Wednesday, May 1 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main Digital Den • High School & Adults

Create a one-of-a-kind jar full of prompts for all your journaling adventures!

✦ Custom Cricut Stamps

Wednesday, May 15 • 6:00-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main • Digital Den High School & Adults

In this program make a custom stamp using the Cricut.

✦ Mother's Day Etched Wine Glasses

Tuesday, May 21 • 2:00-3:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main • Digital Den • Adults

Continue to celebrate Mother's Day! In this class, you will learn how to use etching cream along with Cricut stencils to make customized wine glasses!



The Digital Den at KHCPL Main is your one-stop location for getting started on all kinds of digital creative projects and basic technical support.

Digital Den Hours

Mondays • 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Tuesdays • Noon-5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays • 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursdays • Noon-5:00 p.m.
Fridays • Noon-5:00 p.m.

Did you know the Digital Den offers poster printing?



Scan the code to view the pricing guide.

Adults + teens

Hooked on Crochet

★ Intro to Crochet: Let's Get Hooked! ★

Tuesday, March 5, April 2 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

KHCPL Main • Meeting Room B • Ages 12+

If you want to learn how to crochet, then join us in this two-hour introductory course and learn the basics!

★ Spring Crochet-Along

Tuesday, May 21 • 6:00-8:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main

Meeting Rooms A & B • High School & Adults

Do you love to crochet? Want to follow along for a fun pattern? If so, join us to create a small, seasonal pattern.

Beginner-friendly, but basic crochet skills are required.

Manga and Anime Club

6:30-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL South

R Peony Room • High School & Adults

★ Thursday, March 7

Part 1: We will discuss *Fruits Basket* and recreate the zodiac stones!

★ Thursday, March 28

Part 2: Watch *Fruits Basket* and create a themed craft!

★ Wednesday, April 24

Solo Leveling watch party!

★ Wednesday, May 22

Come learn how to crochet Luffy's hat from *One Piece*!

Board Game Night

**Monday, March 11,
April 8, May 13**

5:30-8:00 p.m.

KHCPL Russiaville

**Meeting Room
High School & Adults**

Snacks and board games!

Join us for a fun evening

playing games like

WarMachine, Dice Throne,

Marvel United, Marvel

Champions, and Riot Quest!

No game experience

necessary! Everything

will be provided.

Yoga Does a Body Good!

**6:00-7:15 p.m. • Jeff Stout Community Center in
Russiaville • High School & Adults**

★ Yin Yoga for Spring Renewal

Tuesday, March 12 - Yin Yoga is a slow-paced practice with floor-based poses held a bit longer than traditional yoga styles. Yoga props will be used for support in poses.

★ Earth Day Chair Yoga

Thursday, April 11 - Tap into the Earth's energy with this grounding, stabilizing practice. Chairs will be used for support.

★ Yoga for Gardeners

Tuesday, May 14 - Spring is an exciting time to get out in the garden, but all that excitement can sometimes lead to body aches. Come learn some poses that will help stretch and strengthen your back and those achy hips, knees, and shoulders.

Become a Citizen Scientist!

Thursday, March 14

**6:00-6:30 p.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal Room • High School
& Adults**

Join a global community of citizen scientists making a difference in our understanding of space by learning how to contribute valuable data during the solar eclipse. The use of a smartphone is required for this event.

KHCPL offers this event through a collaboration with the following projects that are funded by NASA's Science Activation Program: NASA Earth Science Education Collaborative, which includes GLOBE Observer citizen science; NASA @ My Library; and GLOBE Mission Earth.



Adaptive Gardening

Tuesday, March 19

**6:30-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL
Russiaville • Meeting Room
High School & Adults**

Learn how you can adapt to your surroundings so you can continue to garden even when you might think it is physically impossible.

Adults + teens

Bad Art Night Unwind and Create

Tuesday, April 2 • 3:30-5:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B
High School & Adults

Unwind and create without the expectations of making something beautiful. This is a no-pressure, have-fun event. Materials and snacks are provided. Just bring your passion and energy! Come paint, make a sculpture, create jewelry, or whatever else you can think up. No judgment and no sign-up required.

A Kentucky Derby Tradition Create Your Own Fascinator

Thursday, April 25 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room
High School & Adults

Derby fans have dressed up for the race since the late 1800s. Drop in and create your very own fascinator to wear on Derby day!

Daughters of the American Revolution - Prospective Member Workshop

R Saturday, May 4 • 10:00 a.m.-Noon
KHCPL Main • GLHD

Members from the General James Cox Chapter will assist prospective members in filling out paperwork and gathering documents so you can join any lineage society.

The Big Secret

Starting and Finishing Your Novel

R Saturday, May 4 • 1:00-4:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B
Middle School-Adults

In this interactive workshop, Indiana author Larry D. Sweazy shares tips and tricks on how to start and finish your own novel.

Thanks to Indiana Humanities and the Indiana Authors Awards for sponsoring this event.

Writing Workshop!

Off the Books with B&S Podcast

During the Off the Books with B&S podcast, KHCPL employees Bethann and Samantha chat about all things books. If you're an avid reader or library lover, tune in using any podcasting platform.



An Evening of Upcycling!

Monday, May 6 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B
High School & Adults

Join the Howard County Recycling District for an evening of upcycling and crafting!

Dungeons & Dragons

R Saturday, May 11 • 5:00-8:00 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room
High School & Adults

Dungeons & Dragons offers endless possibilities for adventure and storytelling. All you need to bring are your imagination and ability to think outside the box while diving into a fantasy world!

Journal Making Class

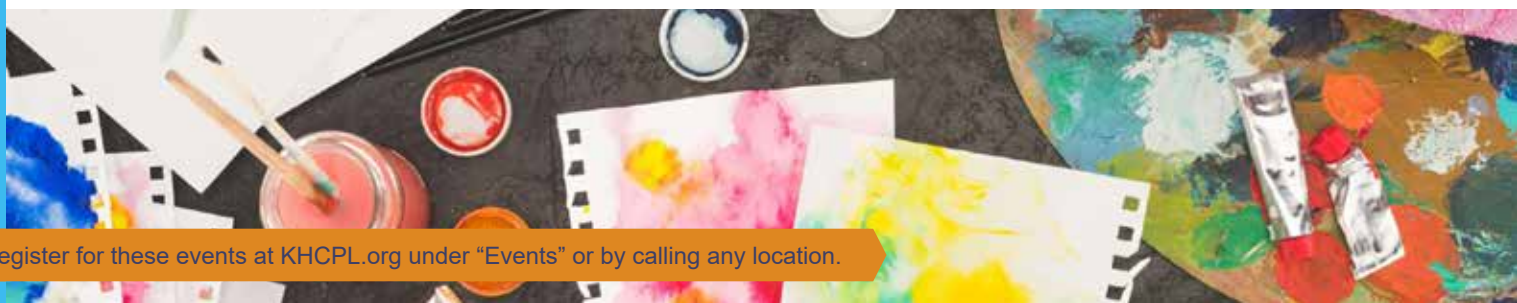
R Sunday, May 12 • 2:15-5:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Rooms A & B
High School & Adults

Spend Mother's Day making a one-of-a-kind handmade journal. We will have all the supplies needed, but come dressed for a (light) mess.

Learn the Texas 2-Step!

Thursday, May 23 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Nature Explore
Outdoor Classroom • High School & Adults

This energetic dance fits the rhythm of all your favorite country hits. In the class, you'll learn to travel around the dance floor with your partner with a few tricks and even a dip. This lesson is excellent for the beginner. No dance experience needed.





Brentwood Green • Disc • 1:15-2:00 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 12, 26, Apr. 9, 23, May 7, 21

Chippendale • Disc • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Mondays • March 11, 25, Apr. 8, 22, May 6, 20

Christy Lane • Disc • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays • March 13, 27, Apr. 10, 24, May 8, 22

Fox Acres Apartments • Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays • March 6, 20, Apr. 3, 17, May 1, 15

Friendship Haven • Disc • 3:00-3:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 12, 26, Apr. 9, 23, May 7, 21

Greenacres & Crestview • Adv • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays • March 13, 27, Apr. 10, 24, May 8, 22

Jefferson Manor • Adv • 3:45-4:30 p.m.
Mondays • March 11, 25, Apr. 8, 22, May 6, 20

Kingston Square • Disc • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Thursdays • March 14, 28, Apr. 11, 25, May 9, 23

Madison & Berkley • Disc • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 12, 26, Apr. 9, 23, May 7, 21

Oliene & McKibben • Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Thursdays • March 7, 21, Apr. 4, 18, May 2, 16

Primrose Community • Adv • 3:15-4:00 p.m.
Thursdays • March 14, 28, Apr. 11, 25, May 9, 23

Silver Birch • Adv • 2:30-3:15 p.m.
Thursdays • March 7, 21, Apr. 4, 18, May 2, 16

Spice Run • Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 5, 19, Apr. 2, 16, 30, May 14

Sugar Mill Farms • Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Mondays • March 4, 18, Apr. 1, 15, 29, May 13

Terrace Towers • Disc • 3:00-3:30 p.m.
Mondays • March 4, 18, Apr. 1, 15, 29, May 13

Turtle Creek Apartments • Disc • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 5, 19, Apr. 2, 16, 30, May 14

Villas at Waterford • Disc • 9:00-9:30 p.m.
Thursdays • March 7, 21, Apr. 4, 18, May 2, 16

Vinton Woods • Disc • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays • March 6, 20, Apr. 3, 17, May 1, 15

Windwood & Jeff • Adv • 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays • March 12, 26, Apr. 9, 23, May 7, 21

public bookmobile stops

Teens' Choice Book Club

First Tuesday of Each Month
5:00-6:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main
Large Group Study
Middle & High School

Teens meet up to discuss a book with their peers. Each month will have a theme.

✦ **March 5** - Growth

✦ **April 2** - Run

✦ **May 7** - Flower



Teen Art Group

Every Thursday • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Large Group Study
Middle & High School

Would you like the chance to sketch, color, and paint regularly with your friends? Then join the Teen Art Group! Use any of the materials provided or bring your own.

Teen Writers' Group

Every Thursday • 5:00-6:00 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Large Group Study
Middle & High School

Join us for the chance to sharpen your creative writing and critiquing skills and receive feedback from your peers!

Whodunnit? Play a Live Game of Clue

✦ **KHCPL Russiaville** - Friday,
March 8 • 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Meeting Room

✦ **KHCPL South** - Saturday,
March 2 • 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Cardinal & Peony Room

Teens can don a new identity and play a live game of Clue.

GROWING READERS

Introduce your little one to quality literature and the library in a fun, inviting way with age-appropriate activities.

Tiny Tykes

Come be a part of this engaging, fun-filled program and set your child on the path to becoming a lifelong reader.

KHCPL South - Fridays,
March 1, 8, 15, 22,
April 12, 19
10:00-10:45 a.m.
Cardinal & Peony Room
Ages 0-2

Little Learners

Little Learners is not just a fun-filled adventure, it's also a valuable opportunity for your child to develop essential literacy, social, and creative skills.

- ✦ **KHCPL South - Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, April 10, 17, 24 • 10:00-10:45 a.m. • Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 3-5**
- ✦ **KHCPL Russiaville - Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, April 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10:00-10:30 a.m. Meeting Room • Ages 2-5**
- ✦ **KHCPL Main - Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, April 11, 18, 25 • 11:00-11:45 a.m. Children's Dept. • Ages 3-5**

Peek-a-Boo Playdate

KHCPL Main
Mondays, March 4, 11, 18,
April 8, 15, 29
11:00-11:30 a.m.
Ages 0-2

Join us for a playful storytime full of fun rhymes and songs for babies and toddlers.

Super Hero Saturday! Family Storytime

KHCPL South - Saturday,
April 20 • 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Cardinal & Peony Room
Ages 3-11

Unleash your inner super hero as you navigate the training course, create your identity with masks and emblems, and hear stories that highlight values like courage, kindness, and teamwork!

Nursery Rhyme Time

KHCPL Russiaville
Mondays, May 6, 13, 20
10:00-10:30 a.m.
Meeting Room • Ages 2-5
Learn nursery rhymes accompanied by fun, hands-on activities!

Story Art Connecting Literature and Art

Thursday, March 7, 14, 21
10:00-10:30 a.m.
KHCPL Russiaville
Meeting Room • Ages 2+

Using picture books as inspiration, we'll create art with a variety of mediums.

Kindermusik

Laugh and Learn

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, April 9, 16, 23, May 7, 14, 21 • 3:30-4:00 p.m. • KHCPL South Tulip Tree Room • Ages 0-5

Join us for an engaging environment where music and play come together.

Wiggle and Grow

Thursdays, April 11, 18, 25 • 10:00-10:30 a.m. • KHCPL Russiaville Meeting Room • Ages 18 months to 3 years

Wiggle and Grow classes are designed to promote cognitive development through singing, dancing, and instrument play.



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IditaRead 1,049 Page Challenge

March 1-31 • KHCPL Russiaville • All Ages

You are challenged to read 1,049 pages during the month of March in support of the Iditarod! Stop by KHCPL Russiaville and track your progress, or keep track of your pages on Beanstack.



Iditarod Watch Party

What Do Astronauts and Dog Mushers Have in Common?

Sunday, March 3 • 5:30-6:30 p.m. • KHCPL Russiaville Meeting Room • All Ages

What does it take to prepare for a long mission in an extreme environment? Let's learn about some differences and similarities between sleds and spacecraft, astronauts and mushers. We'll do a cool craft and watch the start of the 2024 Iditarod Sled Dog Race live!



Balto ★

**Friday, March 15 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room • All Ages**

The movie "Balto" shares the story of an outcast dog who transports desperately needed medicine through blinding storms in Alaska. We'll also learn about Alaska and some of its culture also. We'll supply the popcorn and hot chocolate!

New Baby Bunch Every Monday

**9:30-11:00 a.m. • KHCPL South • Tulip Tree Room
Ages 0-2**

Do you have a new bundle of joy? Or maybe you feel like you're in the trenches of parenting? You're not alone! Join for friendship, support, and to share your parenting journey with other caregivers.

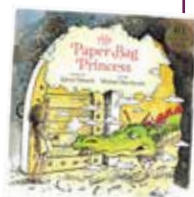
Paper Bag Princess Day Adventure

★ **KHCPL South - Friday,
March 1 • 2:00-2:30 p.m.
Peony Room • Ages 3-5**

★ **KHCPL Russiaville
Saturday, March 2
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Ages 3-11**

★ **KHCPL Main - Sunday,
March 3 • 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Discovery Center
Ages 3-11**

Your royal presence is requested! Join us for a magical Paper Bag Princess Day Adventure! Based on the book by Robert Munsch.



Reading With Pet Partners

Kids can practice their reading skills while a therapy animal listens.

Paws to Read

★ **KHCPL Russiaville**

**Saturdays, March 2,
April 6, May 4**

**11:00 a.m.-Noon
Meeting Room**

★ **KHCPL Main - Saturdays,
March 16, April 20, May 18
11:00 a.m.-Noon
Children's Department**

Love on a Leash

★ **KHCPL Main**

**Saturdays, March 2,
April 6, May 4**

**11:00 a.m.-Noon
Children's Department**

Preschool S.T.E.A.M.

Join us for experiments and activities safe for budding young scientists and artists. Dress for a mess!

★ Scoop 'n' Sprout Gardening

Tuesday, March 5

**2:30-3:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main
Meeting Room A • Ages 3-5**

★ Jellybean Science

Tuesday, April 23

**2:30-3:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main
Meeting Room A • Ages 3-5**

Little Meteorologists

**Thursday, March 7
1:00-2:00 p.m.**

**KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony
Room • Ages 2-5**

Do you know that clouds have names? Join us as we learn more about the whimsical world of clouds and spark our creativity through a hands-on activity.

KHCPL is able to offer this event through a collaboration with the following projects that are funded by NASA's Science Activation Program: NASA Earth Science Education Collaborative, which includes GLOBE Observer citizen science; NASA @ My Library; and GLOBE Mission Earth.



Discovery Center ★

at KHCPL Main

The Discovery Center is a STEM space for children ages 8-13 to have fun, meet new friends, and experience different high-tech and low-tech activities.

Video Games

Tuesday, March 5 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Girls Who Code Book Club

Wednesdays, March 6 and April 17
5:00-6:30 p.m.

Kids in third through fifth grades will read *Learn to Code and Change the World* by Reshma Saujanai and complete fun coding activities. For more information, call the facilitator at 765.626.0830. Attendees receive a FREE book, t-shirt, notebook, and sticker.

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Tuesdays, March 19 & April 30
4:00-6:00 p.m.

3D Pen

Tuesday, April 9 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

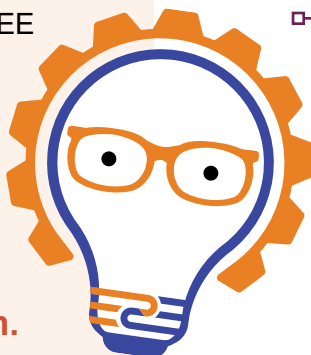
Wednesday, May 1 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Robots

Wednesday, April 10 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Hex Bugs

Tuesday, April 23 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.



New tutoring service! 2:00-11:00 p.m. • online

Using a library card, students can be paired with trained tutors for homework help, test prep, and more! Brainfuse offers tutors who speak English, Spanish and French.

Art in Progress - Kids' Art Club -

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, April 11, 18,
May 2, 16, 23, 30 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

KHCPL Main • Discovery Center ★
Ages 8-13

Explore creativity! Our kids' art club offers fun projects and painting sessions to nurture young artists' imaginations. Children can experiment, create, and express themselves through all mediums. Let your child's creativity blossom!

★ The Amazing World of Virtual Reality

Thursday, March 7, April 4, May 2
6:00-7:00 p.m. KHCPL Russiaville
Meeting Room • Ages 6-13

STEM is part of virtual reality fun! We'll also have other STEM gadgets to play with!



Leap into Science - Wind

Tuesday, March 12

5:30-6:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main
Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 6-13

Join us for a hands-on science program designed to introduce elementary students to the world of wind. Students will work together to design, build, and test their own wind-detecting device.



Get started!

Aurora Art - Creating Northern Lights

R Saturday, March 16 • 10:00-11:00 a.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room

Ages 6-11

Participants will dive into the science behind the Northern Lights, exploring the vibrant colors and swirling patterns that make this natural phenomenon so captivating. Young artists will then use collage and chalk pastels to create imaginative representations of the Northern Lights. Parents are invited to join the fun, creating a supportive and collaborative environment that celebrates the diverse artistic expressions of each child.



Spring is for Growing

Monday, March 18 • 5:30-6:30 p.m. ★
KHCPL Russiaville • Meeting Room
Ages 6-13

Learn about planting and what will grow where from Mathias Ingle, Purdue Extension Educator. Kids will plant their own seeds to take home and care for.

Countdown to Darkness

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Solar Eclipse Informational Session
Monday, March 18 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room
All Ages

Do you have questions about the upcoming solar eclipse? Join us as NASA Solar System Ambassador Pamela Roller shares more about the science behind the intricate dance of the sun, moon, and Earth.



Solar Eclipse Crafts

Friday, March 22

4:00-5:00 p.m. • KHCPL Main
Discovery Center • Ages 6-13

Join us for Solar Eclipse Crafts! Create celestial art, learn eclipse facts, and make fun DIY models. Let's explore the wonders of space together and prepare for the upcoming eclipse!



Wrangler & Friends Kindness and Friendship

Saturdays • 11:00 a.m.-Noon • All Ages

- ✦ KHCPL Main - March 23
- ✦ KHCPL South - April 13
- ✦ KHCPL Russiaville - May 11

Kindness and love create lasting relationships. Join us as Wrangler visits for storytime, and hear about "a little horse who did a very big thing!"

Cloudscape Explorers

Saturday, March 23 • 3:00-4:00 p.m.
KHCPL South • Cardinal &
Peony Room • Ages 8-13

Dive into the captivating world of clouds and weather patterns! Weather permitting, we'll work together on identifying clouds in the sky and create a take-home journal to record daily formations!

Homeschool Book Club

Monday, March 25, April 22, May 20
10:00-11:00 a.m. • KHCPL Main
Meeting Rooms A & B • Ages 6-13

Homeschoolers in first through sixth grade, join us to talk books. We read and discuss a variety of genres from fiction to graphic novels. Call the Children's Department at 626.0830 for the current booklist.

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Spring Fling

Spend Spring Break playing, making, and building at the library!

✦ Play Dough Play

- ✦ **KHCPL Russiaville - Monday, March 25**
10:00-11:00 a.m. • Meeting Room • Ages 2-11
- ✦ **KHCPL Main - Tuesday, March 26**
Noon-1:00 p.m. • Discovery Center • All Ages

✦ Big Games

- ✦ **KHCPL Russiaville - Monday, March 25**
2:00-4:00 p.m. • Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom • Ages 3-13

✦ Craft-a-Palooza


- ✦ **KHCPL Main - Wednesday, March 27**
Noon-1:00 p.m. • Ages 3-11

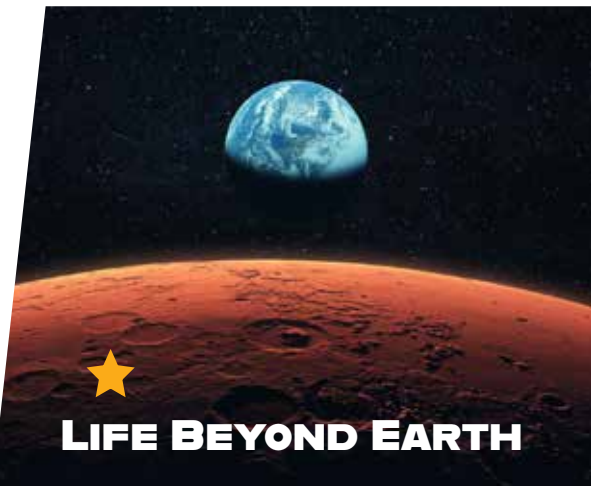
✦ Springtime Crafts

- ✦ **KHCPL Russiaville - Thursday, March 28**
10:00-11:00 a.m. • Meeting Room • Ages 3-11

Garden Grenades

Tuesday, April 16 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.
KHCPL Main • Meeting Room A
Ages 6-13

Join us for this hands-on seed bomb program and learn about the importance of plants, gardening, and environmental conservation in a fun and interactive way. Each participant gets to take home their handmade seed bombs to plant in their backyard or community garden.  Dress for a mess!



LIFE BEYOND EARTH

Eclipsing Colors

Solar Eclipse Painting

Friday, March 29 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room • Ages 6-11

Join us for a celestial celebration of creativity! This unique and educational experience combines the wonders of astronomy with the joy of painting, offering a perfect blend of science and art. This art project not only allows children to explore their artistic skills but also provides a hands-on way to understand the concept of a solar eclipse and the interplay of colors in the sky.

Eclipsed in Fun!

Monday, April 8 • Noon-4:00 p.m. • KHCPL South Meeting Rooms • All Ages

It's not just an eclipse, it's a party! Join us for an afternoon celebrating one of the most awe-inspiring spectacles in all of nature! We will have activities for all ages.


Totality, the period of time when the sun is completely shadowed by the moon, will begin at approximately 3:08 p.m.



For more information, scan the code or visit www.khcpl.org/2024-eclipse

EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES ON MARS

Wednesday, April 17
6:30-7:30 p.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room
Ages 6 - Middle School

Through activities and thought-provoking discussions, we will delve into the fascinating world of astrobiology and the conditions necessary for life to thrive. 



A partial solar eclipse is seen as the Sun rises to the left of the United States Capitol building on June 10, 2021, as seen from Arlington, Virginia. NASA/Bill Ingalls

The Chicken or the Egg?

Chicken Watch Camera

Wednesday, April 17 - Tuesday, May 14 • KHCPL Main

Watch as we hatch chickens from eggs! We have a chicken cam set up in the Children's Department.

Egg Candling

Friday, April 26 • 4:00-4:45 p.m.

KHCPL Main • Meeting Room A

Ages 6-11

Purdue Extension Educator Mathias Ingle will demonstrate egg candling: using a bright light source behind the egg to show details through the shell.



Cookies & Canvas Palette Pals ★

Thursday, May 9

5:30-7:00 p.m.

KHCPL Main

Meeting Rooms A & B

Ages 6-13

Join us for a night of painting, fun, and meaningful connection between generations! Then enjoy a treat when your project is complete! Canvases will be provided while supplies last. First come, first served. Dress for a mess.



Earth Day ★

Monday, April 22 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Foster Park, 721 W. Superior Street, Kokomo, IN

Kids of All Ages

Join us at Foster Park to celebrate Earth Day with crafts, plants, and outdoor fun!

Kitchen Chemistry Exploring DNA

Thursday, April 25

5:30-6:30 p.m.

**KHCPL Main • Meeting
Rooms A & B • Ages 6-13**

Learn about DNA, its structure, and its role in heredity. Then create a double helix DNA model with provided supplies. Dress for a mess! Supplies are limited. First come, first served.

World Bee Day ★

Monday, May 20 • 4:30-5:30 p.m. • KHCPL Main

Discovery Center • Kids of All Ages

Celebrate World Bee Day with us! Dive into bee crafts, learn about their importance, discover beekeeping tips, and grab bee-friendly plants for a buzz-worthy event! Explore bee habitats, crafts, interactive bee dances, honey tasting, and the importance of planting bee-friendly flowers.

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU DIY Star Wars Droids

Thursday, May 2

4:00-5:30 p.m.

KHCPL Main • Ages 8-13

Express your creativity and master the Force while using science, technology, engineering, art, and math skills to create upcycled droids to celebrate Star Wars Day.

Unleash the Adventure Summer Reading Program Sneak Peek

Wednesday, May 29 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.

KHCPL South • Cardinal & Peony Room

All Ages

Join us in preparing for the Summer Reading Program! This sneak peek offers a tantalizing glimpse into the adventures that await our readers during the upcoming summer months.



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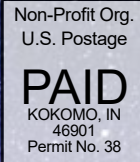
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Celebrate National Library Week with KHCPL!

April 7-13

Do you have overdue fines? Visit one of our branches or bookmobiles and mention any overdue fines on your account from before January 2024, and we will waive them for you! Unfortunately, we cannot waive replacement cost fees. If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Kayla Skiles, Head of Circulation, at 765.626.0831.

Drums Alive! ★

R Mondays, April 1, 15, 22, 29
6:30-7:15 p.m. • KHCPL South
Cardinal & Peony Room • All Ages
Experience the exhilarating beat of fitness
with Drums Alive! This event is designed to
cater to all ages and abilities.

Library Hours

Sunday: 2:00-5:30 p.m.
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
KHCPL Russiaville is closed on Wednesdays.

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