



Library art award winners never stop learning while trying something new

By Denise Freitag Burdette
LPLD Communications Manager

When Terri LeSaint Keller joined the Southeastern Indiana Art Guild in 2012, she started off showing her work as a photographer.

She did not have experience in other areas of the visual arts, unless you count doodling. Then a few years ago she took a workshop on scratchboard.

"I fell in love with it. ... I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I can do something!'" laughed Keller.

Fast forward to 2025- she is the art guild's current president and the latest winner of the Lawrenceburg Public Library District Services and Resources Foundation's Library Select Award. The art guild members held their fall art show at the Lawrenceburg Main Library in October.

"I live in Cincinnati, but this is my second home, I think. I've become part Hoosier," said Keller.

She has met so many people during her time with the art guild. Every Tuesday some of the artists meet at their space in Aurora to chat, eat lunch

and work on their art, she said.

Her work begins with a blank, black scratchboard. She uses a white chalk pencil to create the drawing before taking the black off with a blade to reveal the white underneath. There are different types of blades to give the drawing a smooth or textured appearance, said Keller.

The art can remain black and white, but she often uses color. She will photocopy her work in black and white, then draw colors on the paper to see what it will look like before adding color to the actual scratchboard, she said.

Her winning artwork, named *Tiffany's Topper*, was inspired by a display of Tiffany lamps at the Cincinnati Art Museum, said Keller.

"I love glass and love the colors ... and I took a whole bunch of pictures," she said.

As a member of an international scratchboard society, she said about 85 to 90 percent of the artists tend to create images of animals, because scratchboard is a great way to add the appearance of texture, such as fur,

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Terri LeSaint Keller is the fall winner of the Lawrenceburg Public Library District Services and Resources Foundation's Library Select Award for her scratchboard work *Tiffany's Topper* displayed during the Southeastern Indiana Art Guild Fall Art Show.



Guilford resident Pam Yahl's color pencil work, *Cornered*, was awarded the Mayor's Choice Award.

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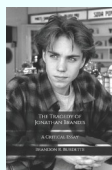
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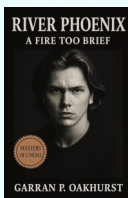
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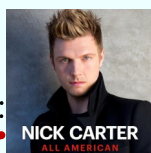
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3. Share your child's photo from our page to YOUR social media and rally your friends. The photo with the most likes wins a spot on the calendar!

Contest ends Nov. 30. The completed 2026 calendar is just \$10!

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she said.

She prefers creating different types of images including landscapes and flowers, said Keller.

"Of course, I always go against the grain," laughed Keller.

Meanwhile, spring Lawrenceburg Public Library District Services and Resources Foundation's Library Select Award winner, Helmut Kientz, of Bright, also started his art career later in life.

Born in Achern, Germany, his family emigrated to the United States when he was six years old in 1955.

At age 19, his father was wounded during World War II, spending a year in the hospital. After he returned to battle, he was captured by the English, then handed over to the French where he became a prisoner of war, said Kientz.

Kientz's mother waited for him, getting married in 1948. Kientz was born the next year. After the war his father lost everything, so he eventually decided to go to America, he said.

It was not easy for Kientz, who lived for a time in Cheviot before moving to North College Hill in Ohio. He did not speak English when he arrived, and his parents made him wear lederhosen to school. His mother would be crying every day for almost five years because she was so homesick, he said.

Around age 10 the family returned to Germany. He reconnected with new friends and returned to school. But after six months his mother decided

farm life was not for her anymore without appliances and other modern conveniences. The family returned to Ohio.

Both moves were tough for Kientz, but the second one was especially difficult because he was older and had more memories, he said.

"It was not easy to leave his friends and family behind," said Kientz.

But he moved forward with his life in the United States, with no particular plan in mind as he went through high school.

"I am not goal oriented. I just do what comes along," said Kientz.

Though his inner artist had not yet revealed himself, he did have some early influences. His father dabbled in sketches. His aunt sent him a set of drawings that inspired him to play around with geometric drawing. During his junior year he made a model for a drafting class in high school, he said.

"It did not mean anything yet," he said.

But what came along in the years after high school led him to studying architecture at the University of Cincinnati, and later Ohio University.

He worked with different architecture firms before becoming a project architect at Hixson Architecture in Cincinnati.

He ended up lead designer after it became obvious his talents are in design and illustration. He used to create sketches ideas in real time so decisions could be made during meetings, said Kientz, who



Helmut Kientz was the spring Lawrenceburg Public Library District Services and Resources Foundation's Library Select Award winner with his watercolor *Outer Banks*. He showed the work during the Southeastern Indiana Art Guild's spring show.

retired about 10 years ago.

Eventually he started pursuing more of his artistic side, taking a watercolor class with Lois Schaich. He started participating in art shows and creating paintings on commission, he said.

He also joined a plein air art group, he said.

"I think I enjoy painting that way the most, sitting there painting what I see," said Kientz, adding he never thinks about winning awards when he is painting.

"There are times you get so focused that you get in a zone. When you are in that zone, everything almost becomes automatic. You just do what naturally comes and you get it done. ... Once you get into that zone, that's when painting is fun," he said,

You never know who sees value in your paintings, said Kientz.

His winning watercolor painting, *Outer Banks*, was created while visiting his son's in-laws in Raleigh, South Carolina, during a day at the coast, he said.

"I was so enamored by it. There was a sunset, and the colors were just unbelievable, and the sea was kind of calm ... and there was this breeze. It was the remains of the day," said Kientz.

What caught my eye was that there was a foreground of water with boats and piers, and beyond that is the dock, and beyond that is the ocean with an ocean-going ship, he said.

"The light transition going from the close to the far, this beautiful glow. That is what I wanted to capture. ... The feeling of the painting is what you are supposed to get out of it. It's the evening, everything is finished, it's beautiful sky and you just want to sit and enjoy it," he said.



What's new at the library?

(We are glad you asked!)



Reading for Adults



The King's Ransom

By Janet Evanovich

Gabriela Rose, recovery agent extraordinaire, can find just about anything. Too bad she can't seem to lose her gorgeous-but-infuriating ex-husband Rafer Jones. And now he needs her help. His cousin, Harley, is in trouble...big trouble.

As the president of a too-big-to-fail bank, he invested an astronomical amount of money in insuring some of the world's most priceless artifacts at the urging of his board. It seemed like a low-risk, high-reward business move, so he jumped in with both feet. But recently, these insured pieces started going missing and worse, there's no paper trail of Harley being directed to make these risky investments. Unless the artwork can be recovered soon, it looks like Harley is going to be heading to jail as the fall guy for an ingenious crime.

Also: *The Color of Hope* by Danielle Steel

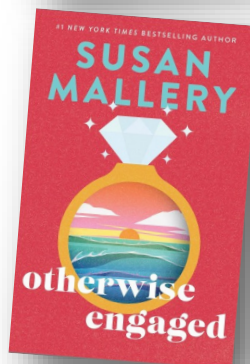
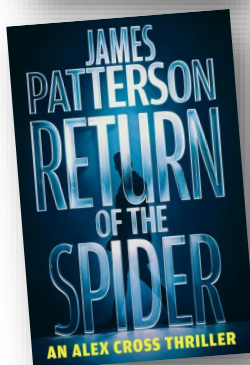
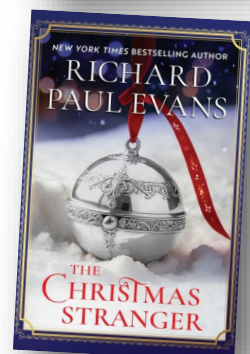
Evil Bones by Kathy Reichs

Exit Strategy by Lee Child

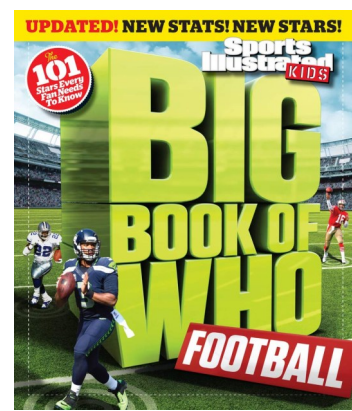
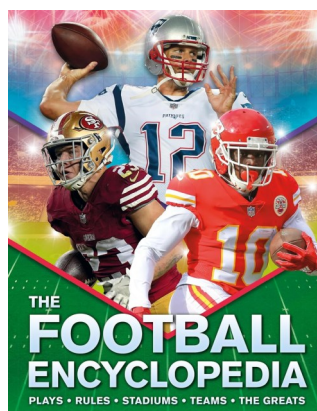
Nash Falls by David Baldacci

Clive Cussler Quantum Tempest by Mike Maden

Otherwise Engaged by Susan Mallery



Football Books



Help us name our mini Highland cow

In November you will see a new facing hanging around the North Dearborn Branch Library—our super cute Highland cow.

Now, we know what you are thinking. What is up with the cow? Glad you asked.

In December, the library district will once again present our Winter Wonderland events. And let's just say North Dearborn will have some special guests.

OK. Mini Highland cows. Those are the special guests. We just cannot not keep it a secret anymore.

But we really hate that our new buddy does not have a name. So we are asking for your help.

Stop by the North Dearborn Branch Library during business hours Nov. 1 through Nov. 22 to submit a name. The winning name (chosen by the staff) will receive a Highland cow blanket. Open to all ages!

We want our cow to have a name before the Winter Wonderland events this year.

Winter Wonderland will take place Sat., Dec. 6, at the Lawrenceburg Main Library (crafts, Jimmy Lee's Merry Misfits Caroling, Santa and Madcap Puppets) and Sat., Dec. 13, at the North Dearborn Branch (crafts, Boots N' Mini Moos Highland Cows, Santa and Madcap Puppets.)



Annual program helps veterans receive services

Join Dearborn County Veterans Service Officer, Dave Currence, to learn more about benefits offered to those who have served 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sat., Nov. 8, North Dearborn Branch Library.

Currence will speak about various benefits such as VA healthcare, VA disability claims, burial benefits and transportation to the VA Medical Center in Cincinnati along with questions and answers at the end of the program.

Complimentary pastries and coffee will be offered.

Learning from the best



Did you know members of the Southeastern Indiana Art Guild often teach art classes at the Lawrenceburg Public Library District? Here are some recent collage creations by Elijah, Jesse and Trenton.

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Programs

Register: lawrenceburg.librarycalendar.com

Preschool

Play Café

L'burg: 10 a.m. Weds., Nov. 5, 12 and 19Children play, sing, and hear stories while caregivers sip coffee and chat. **REGISTRATION REQUESTED**

Story Time

North Dearborn: 10:30 a.m. Thurs., Nov. 6, 13 and 20Come to the library to enjoy story time! Hear 2-3 books, songs, snacks, and do a fun craft. **REGISTRATION REQUESTED**

School-age



LEGO Robotics Club

**Lawrenceburg Community Center:
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Weds., Nov. 12**

This Month's Challenge: Build a hopper robot. Contact Lawrenceburg Community Center for more information.



Teens



Junk to Journal

L'burg: 4:30 p.m. Mon., Nov. 10Receive a journal and have access to stickers, patterned paper, magazines, and more to design your first junk journal page. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Teen Craft Club

North Dearborn: 4 p.m. Mon., Nov. 10Stop by the library for Teen Craft Club and make a Festive Tree ornament out of yarn! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Teen Homeschool Hangout

L'burg: 1 p.m. Fri., Nov. 14

A fun and relaxed space for homeschool teens to connect! Enjoy snacks, play video games or board games and more.

Anime Club

L'burg: 4:30 p.m. Weds., Nov. 19

Meet fellow fans, discuss your favorite shows, enjoy watch parties, and explore manga. No registration needed.



All Ages



D&D at the Library

L'burg: 5 p.m. Tues., Nov. 4, 18 and 25

Join us for 5th Edition Dungeons and Dragons. Welcome to new players and veterans alike! We offer a friendly, low-pressure environment. No registration needed.

LEGO Family Challenge

North Dearborn: 6 p.m. Tues., Nov. 4You have one hour to design and build a creation based on the theme. LEGOs are provided. Each participant can pick out a LEGO themed button. Nov. challenge: The Mayflower. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Barks and Books

L'burg & North Dearborn: 11 a.m. to noon Sat., Nov. 15

Grab a book and take a paws to read out loud to a trained therapy dog! No registration needed.



Adults



Genealogy Roundtable

L'burg: 11 a.m. Sat., Nov. 1

Explore how to use floating trees in Ancestry and FamilySearch to research individuals with uncertain relationships, such as those with common names or DNA matches you haven't yet connected. No registration needed.

Escape Experience: Case of the Missing Diary

**L'burg: Noon or 2 p.m. Sat., Nov. 1 or
10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Wed., Nov. 5**Iris Baughman's 1904 diary- filled with stories from the World's Fair- has gone missing. Use vintage tools like a stereoscope, a hollow book, and a jigsaw map to uncover clues and find the diary before time runs out! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

ALL IN

North Dearborn: 10 a.m. Tues., Nov. 4

ALL IN encourages adults with intellectual/developmental difficulties and their families and caregivers to feel comfortable navigating the library. No registration needed.

Let's Play Mah Jongg

L'burg: Noon Tues., Nov. 4 and 25

Want to play American mah jongg? Join a group playing and learning together. All skill levels welcome!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Chair Exercise

North Dearborn: 11:30 a.m. Weds., Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26

Become stronger by participating in video-led chair exercise routines focusing on helping to improve mobility, strengthen daily life functions, and start a new fitness routine.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Taste and Trade

North Dearborn: 6 p.m. Weds., Nov. 5Learn new recipes, make new friends! Bring a sample (not required) for theme: Desserts. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



Know Your Veteran Benefits

North Dearborn: 10:30 a.m. Sat., Nov. 8

Dearborn Co. Veterans Service Officer Dave Currence will speak about VA healthcare, VA disability claims, burial benefits and transportation to the VA Medical Center in Cincinnati along with questions and answers at the end of the program. Complimentary pastries and coffee offered.

Keep It Sharp

Dearborn Adult Center: Noon Mon., Nov. 10

This interactive program consists of a variety of activities. The adult center offers a free lunch right before the program. The program is for seniors 65 and older. No registration needed.

Sip N Deesign: Snowman Painting



North Dearborn: 6 p.m. Weds., Nov. 12

Create an adorable Snowman in this paint party! Presented by Dee Brown, from Sip 'n Deesign. All supplies included with step-by-step instructions. Hosted by the Dearborn Highlands Arts Council. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

The Crafty Crew

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Weds., Nov. 12

For new adults ages 18 to 30 who want to hang out and craft. On Weds., Nov. 12, create some ribbon charm bookmarks! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Justice House Shadows

L'burg: 6 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 13

Local author Ron Nicholson presents debut novel, *Justice House Shadows*. He will start with an introduction, then read from the book. Then it is time for Q&A. Afterward there will be a chance to purchase the book.

Creative Writers Guild

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 13

The Creative Writers Guild is a support group for writers of all locales, genres, and skill levels. The theme/writing prompts for November are Wood Smoke and Family Ties, but write whatever you want! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Fall Into Wellness

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 13

Create a charming mini gourd succulent diffuser, mix a natural chest rub to help with seasonal sniffles and a powerful wellness roller to assist daily immune support.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

All the Colors

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Mon., Nov. 17

All the Colors is a chance for LGBTQ+ adults and supporters to gather together. Join us for a true crime story.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Gift of Stillness: Meditation

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Mon., Nov. 17

Join us for a guided meditation designed to ease holiday stress and restore your sense of calm with CherieDawn Haas.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Curated Conversations for Curious Minds: John A. Roebling

Hidden Valley Community Center: 6 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 20

Dr. Don Heinrich Tolzmann will give a presentation on John A. Roebling and the Roebling Suspension Bridge.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Learn to Quilt

L'burg: 6 p.m. Mon., Nov. 24

Learn some basics with an experienced quilter.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED *FULL*

Kitty Cat Diamond Art Magnets



L'burg: 6 p.m. Tues., Nov. 25

Would you like to make a fancy blinged magnet to spruce up the face of your fridge? Join us to make your own Kitty Cat Diamond Art Magnet.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Create Your Own Holiday Wreath

L'burg: 10 a.m. Sat., Nov. 29

We have the wreath and decorations. You bring the imagination. Register to decorate your own wreath for the holidays.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Book Clubs

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all book clubs, except Historical Book Club.

Bookworms Book Club: First-Fifth Grade. 4 p.m. Mon., Nov. 3 North Dearborn Branch. *Thanksgiving on a Thursday* by Mary Pope Osborne. Plus activity and snacks.

Bookies Book Club: Ages 18-30. *Middle of the Night* by Riley Sager. 6 p.m. Tues., Nov. 4, L'burg Main Library. Read new, popular releases, discuss what you read and eat sweets.

Book Buzz Jr.: Grades one to four. 4 p.m. Tues., Nov. 18, L'burg Main Library. *Night of the Ninjas* by Mary Pope Osborne. Japanese-inspired activities, stealthy ninja moves, and enjoy a tasty themed snack. We will be making animal prints.

Historical Book Club: Ages 18-30. *The Wager* by David Grann. 10 a.m. Weds., Nov. 19, L'burg Main Library. Take a book back in time!

Books for Dessert: Adults. 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 20, North Dearborn Branch. *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Discuss the book while enjoying dessert.

Book Buzz: Grades three to six. 4 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 20, L'burg Main Library. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Play Pin the Gum on Violet's Ear, candy bar science experiment, colorful swirly lollipop craft and whip up snozzberry ice cream.

Book Chat: Adults. 10:30 a.m. Mon., Nov. 24. L'burg Main Library. Monthly book discussion group. November is *The Talent-ed Mrs. Mandelbaum* by Margalit Fox.



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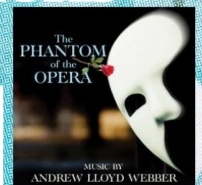
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