



Review Club celebrates 130 years with displays at the L'burg library



Photo by Denise Freitag Burdette

The Review Club members attended the opening of the organization's time capsule in October 2025 in the Children's Garden of the Lawrenceburg Main Library. Some of the items found in the capsule will be on display in the library during May.

By Susan Ray
The Review Club Member

As the dust begins to settle and the paint starts to dry, the Lawrenceburg Public Library enters its 117th year refreshed and bright. The men who organized the Lawrenceburg Library Company in 1820, predating our current public library's founding by nearly 100 years, surely would be astounded to see what they inspired.

The same is true for the individuals who organized the 1910 Lawrenceburg Public Library. Just the quantity of books available today; the

variety of programs offered; the glowing screens that transport us to the moon and back while never leaving earth - ahh, such would be the stuff of their dreams.

And yet, within that century of bold imagination and concerted effort, another group of curious, capable, and community-focused Hoosiers made their mark. Women who were passionate about far more than the weather, sipping tea, or twirling parasols began meeting in one another's homes, and even in local restaurants, to share books



The Review Club members gather for its 100th anniversary.

they had read, to discuss current events, and to ponder philosophical questions.

Founded in 1896, The Review Club began as so many

groups do: with a conversation. An idea.

In spite of being denied the right to vote, these women

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Lawrenceburg Public Library (LPL)

150 Mary St, Lawrenceburg IN 47025 • 812-537-2775

Monday	9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Drive-through, Ring doorbell service

M-Th 10 a.m.-7 p.m. & F 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Friday	Closed
Saturday	10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Lawrenceburg Public Library District

Ages: 19+ Challenge Dates: April 1-May 31

**Prize: Complete the challenge and
pick an item from the prize box**

Step into the season of renewal by diving into a good book and rediscovering the joy of reading. Everyone knows that April showers bring May flowers-but what you might not realize is that spring also is the perfect time to refresh your reading habits and get back into the rhythm of logging your reading minutes.

Go to: lpld.beanstack.org



LPLD joining SWON Libraries Consortium gives cardholders more options and benefits

Big news! The Lawrenceburg Public Library District is now a member of SWON Libraries Consortium!

What does that mean?

LPLD resident cardholders are now eligible to get reciprocal borrowing cards at many libraries in the region, including

Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library, Kenton County Public Library, Campbell County Public Library, and Clermont County Public Library, among others.

A full list of member libraries can be found at www.swonlibraries.org/

[list-of-supporting-members](#)

In order for eligible LPLD cardholders to receive library cards at any of the libraries found in the link, you'll need to show a photo ID and, in some cases, your LPLD card.

Some libraries may also have specific limitations on services

available (e.g. University of Cincinnati does not allow SWON patrons use of the medical library).

If you have any questions, please ask the staff at the Lawrenceburg Main Library or North Dearborn Branch for help!

Library patrons collect food for Heart House residents

Between Valentine's Day and the Lawrenceburg Public Library District Community Kindfulness Fair, library patrons participated in the Lotsa Pasta collection for Heart House, a nonprofit organization serving those facing housing insecurity.

Thanks to your generous donations at the Lawrenceburg Main Library and North Dearborn Branch, 65 jars of pasta sauce and 56 boxes of pasta were donated to Heart House.

The residents were very happy and asked to pass along their thanks and their appreciation to the community.



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who created The Review Club were well-informed critical thinkers. They were active in this community in their own right, and in many cases, as wives working with their husbands to ensure a safer, more equitable future for all of their fellow residents.

According to the club's earliest program booklets, meetings included musical presentations, discussions about international geopolitical issues, poetry readings, and of course, the sharing and reviewing of books.

Fortunately, 130 years later, the spirit of that small gathering of women who liked to ask questions, who insisted upon thinking for themselves, and who loved to read and learn has continued into the present day. Nearly 20 members strong, this group whose roots are so closely intertwined with our public library and with the growth of the City of Lawrenceburg, is proud of its history, and at the same time, humbled by the responsibilities of its future.

To celebrate the 130th anniversary of this auspicious group, The Review Club in conjunction with the LPLD's Genealogy staff, is sharing its story with the community. Each week in May, the display case located below the stairwell, at the Vine Street entrance, will feature a different facet of The Review Club.

Week One will showcase the unearthing of the club's time capsule. Week Two will introduce patrons to Miss Ada Fitch. Week Three will highlight the years 1896 through today, and

Week Four will hopefully ignite that spark of curiosity each of us has to know more.

The Lawrenceburg Public Library District is shaking off the dust of construction as it adds splashes of color to our lives.

From reading just one more chapter in actual books to exploring the stars virtually, our library is a place to not only discover what is "out there," but offers each of us opportunities to find ways to share our interests and passions and dreams with our ever evolving community.

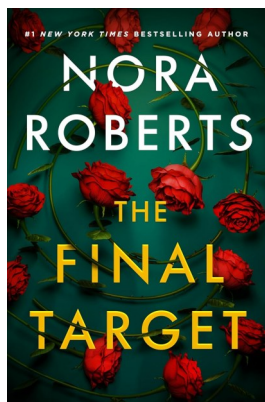
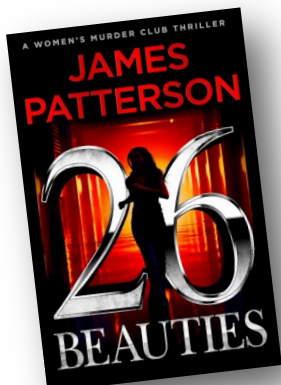


What's new at the library?

(We are glad you asked!)



Reading for Adults



Final Target

By Nora Roberts

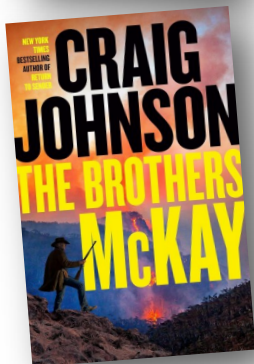
He showed up at Arden Bowie's debut author appearance with a copy of her novel and an eager smile. He showered her with compliments and got her autograph. Then he came to her next event. And the one after that.

Dustin was just an aspiring writer who wanted advice, Arden reassured herself. But after giving in to one of his incessant invitations and chatting with him over coffee, she discovered that ignoring her inner alarm bell had been a terrible mistake...

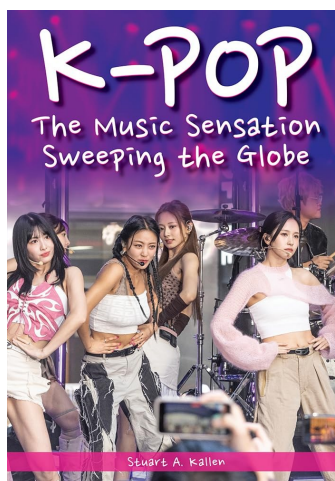
An introvert at heart, Arden had long craved solitude- but now, after a harrowing assault, she finds herself hiding behind locked doors and startling at every sound. And her relief at his imprisonment is tempered by anxiety when Dustin's wealthy mother helps to get him a paltry five-year sentence at a psychiatric facility.

He still believes Arden's purpose on earth is to serve and please him.

Also: *Ironwood* by Michael Connelly
Robert B. Parker's Booked by Alison Gaylin
Out Law by Jim Butcher



K-pop



Construction is almost complete as third phase wraps up at L'burg Main Library

We have had to block off areas, switch around entrances and wait patiently for the return of the Friendly Bean Café.

But the wait is almost over!

The construction improvements at the Lawrenceburg Main Library entered the third and final phase in April with completion scheduled for early May—just in time for our Summer Reading Challenge.

The third phase brings improvements to the adult

fiction area. Patrons can continue to borrow adult fiction books, but staff members will need to help retrieve the books.

The two main entrances on Mary and Vine streets are open again, while the temporary entrance on High Street is now closed.

The Friendly Bean Café officially opened again on Monday, April 20.

Stop by and see the new spaces and we hope to see you at the library soon!



The new and improved central area of the Lawrenceburg Main Library was busy during the 2026 Local Authors Fair.

Celebrating 250th anniversary of United States

Throughout 2026, the Lawrenceburg Public Library District will have programs celebrating the early days of the U.S., historic moments or have a patriotic spin. When we do, we will indicate it with this



Patriotic Paper Pinwheel, Historical Book Club will read

America Celebrates 250 logo. In May, we will have the craft Take & Make:

Crosley: *Two Brothers and a Business Empire that Transformed a Nation* and there will be the programs Feisty Ladies of Dearborn County and Looking Back at Apollo & Looking Forward to Artemis. In June we

will have the programs Stars, Stripes and Simple Remedies, Must Love Crafts: Patriotic Bandana Wreath, St. John the Baptist Cemetery Tour, America 250 Quilt Show and *The American Revolution* Film Screening.

Congrats to our 2026 Book Cover Design Contest winners

In March kids and teens had the chance to enter the LPLD Book Cover Design Contest.

Our winners are Briar Brookbank, Sienna Visconti, Kallen Piche and Kerrigan Piche.

They each received a \$10 Amazon gift card for winning their age category.

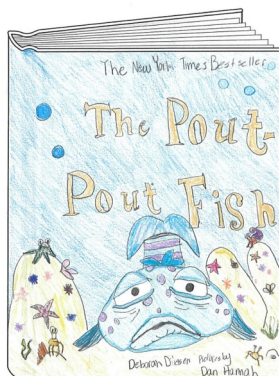
The winning entries were displayed during LPLD's 2026 Local Authors Fair.

Book Cover Design Contest



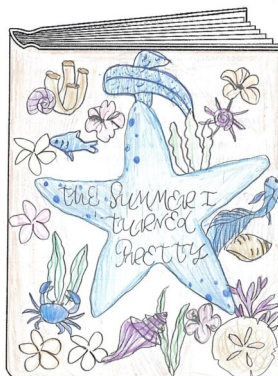
Book Title: The secrets of the Dinosaur
Author: Briar Brookbank

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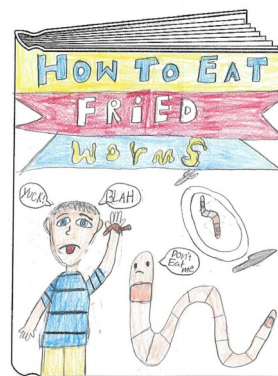
Book Title: The Pout-Pout Fish
Author: Deborah Deson

Book Cover Design Contest



Book Title: The Summer I turned pretty
Author: deany Han

Book Cover Design Contest



Book Title: How to Eat Fried worms
Author: Thomas Rockwell



Programs

Register: lawrenceburg.librarycalendar.com



Preschool

NEA Big Read and Books Alive for Kids: **The Little Creek that Could**

L'burg: 6 p.m. Mon., May 4

Families, your children can participate in the Big Read Kickoff through Learning Through Art's literacy program, Books Alive! For Kids® and their Companion Book Series to the NEA theme of nature. The selected book for our special event at the Lawrenceburg Public Library is, *The Little Creek That Could*, by Mark Angelo! Young participants receive free books and art materials to make a diorama. **REGISTRATION REQUESTED**

Story Time

North Dearborn: 10:30 a.m. Thurs., May 14, 21 & 28

Come to the library to enjoy story time! Hear 2-3 books, songs, snacks, and do a fun craft.



School-age

LEGO Robotics Club

Lawrenceburg Community Center:

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Weds., May 13

This Month's Challenge: Build a Ferris wheel. Contact the Community Center for more info.

Pokemon Club

L'burg: 4 p.m. Thurs., May 28

Play the card game and make your own deck box. Cards are available to use, or bring your own. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



Teens



Teen Homeschool Hangout

L'burg: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Fri., May 1

Enjoy snacks, play video games on our Wii or Xbox, explore our collection of board games, or simply read and study while socializing with peers. No registration needed.

Teen Drop-In Gaming

L'burg: 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tues., May 19

Stop by the Teen Room for a drop-in gaming night featuring our XBOX, snacks, and fun. No registration needed.

Board Together

North Dearborn: 5:30 p.m. Weds., May 20

Come play some tabletop/card games at the library!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



All Ages



Plant & Seed Swap

North Dearborn: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sat., May 2

L'burg: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sat., May 16

Bring surplus plants, seeds, and gardening tools to exchange. You can drop off swap items the day of the swap (as close to the start time as possible) or anytime during business hours Mon., April 27, through Thurs., April 30, at the North Dearborn Branch or Mon., May 11, to Fri., May 15, at L'burg.

D&D at the Library

L'burg: 5 p.m. Tues., May 5, 12, 19 and 26

We offer a friendly, low-pressure environment for anyone who wants to play. We provide character sheets, dice, and snacks, but you can bring your own. No registration needed.

LEGO Family Challenge

North Dearborn: 6 p.m. Tues., May 5

L'burg: 4:30 p.m. Weds., May 6

One hour to complete a design. Library provides LEGOs. All participants will get a small prize and design displayed.

NDB: Build an bird house. L'burg: Build a bouquet.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Barks and Books

L'burg & North Dearborn: 11 a.m. Sat., May 16

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

Family Adventure Night:

Digging for Dinosaur

Greendale Cabin: 6 p.m. Weds., May 27

Uncover fossils on a mock paleontological dinosaur dig with the Cincinnati Museum Center. Discuss Cincinnati's world-famous Ordovician fossils, learn how fossils are formed and unearth how to differentiate them from rock. Plus touchable dinosaur fossils. No registration needed.

Friends Furniture Sale

L'burg: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat., May 30

Friends of the LPLD host a used furniture sale featuring items no longer needed after the recent L'burg Main Library upgrade. Goodwill donation. Must take furniture that day and load yourself. Proceeds benefit the Friends.



Adults



Genealogy Roundtable

L'burg: 11 a.m. Sat., May 2

Genealogy: How to be a Good Ancestor! Exploring simple, meaningful ways to document for future generations.

Take & Make: Patriotic Pinwheel

North Dearborn: Starts 10 a.m. Sat., May 2

L'burg: Starts 10 a.m. Sat., May 16

Grab a kit to make a patriotic paper pinwheel. No registration needed. While supplies last.





Get WalkIN

North Dearborn: 8:30 a.m. Mon., May 4, 11, & 18
Free 12-week program that offers email support by Dearborn County Purdue Extension. To sign up: mparcell@purdue.edu. If you'd like a group to walk with, meet at library parking area.

Yo-Chi

North Dearborn: 10:30 a.m. Mon., May 4, 11 & 18
Video-led class focuses on 30 minutes of Yoga, followed by 25 minutes of beginner's Tai-Chi.

ALL IN

North Dearborn: 10:30 a.m. Tues., May 5
ALL IN encourages adults with intellectual/developmental difficulties and their families and caregivers to feel comfortable navigating the library. No registration needed.

Chair Exercise

North Dearborn: 11:30 a.m. Weds., May 6, 13, 20 & 27
Become stronger with video-led chair exercise routines.

In the Kitchen with Marcia

North Dearborn: 6 p.m. Weds., May 6
Learn new recipes, make new friends! Bring a sample (but not required) for the theme of the month. The theme for May is Breakfast. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Keep Calm and ... Try Yoga

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Thurs., May 7
Welcome to Keep Calm and ... a monthly program where we offer different ways to take time for yourself! This month is Try Yoga with CherieDawn Haas! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Keep It Sharp

Dearborn Adult Center: Noon Mon., May 11
This interactive program consists of a variety of activities. The program is for seniors 65 and older. No registration needed.

Must Love Crafts

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Mon., May 11
Relaxed atmosphere with the library providing the craft. Crafters age 18 and older. May: Shabby Chic Wind Chimes. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Let's Play Mah Jongg

L'burg: Noon Tues., May 12 & 26
Want to play American mah jongg? Join a group playing and learning together. All skill levels! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Oxbow Tuesday Night Educational Series: Untangling Plastics

L'burg: 7 p.m. Tues., May 12
Untangling Plastics is a comprehensive investigation of the manufacturing, use and disposal of plastics and their impacts on the health of the environment and humans with author, Bob Gedert. No registration needed.

Laugh Lines with Ron Nicholson

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Weds., May 13
Listen to some of the best humorous and comic poetry with a little science, jokes, and fun stories mixed in. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Whimsical Sourdough

North Dearborn: 6 p.m. Weds., May 13
Judy, with Whimsical Sourdough, will teach participants all about beginning sourdough. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

The Crafty Crew

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Weds., May 13 & May 27
Welcome to The Crafty Crew- a group for new adults ages 18 to 30 who want to hang out and craft. Create beaded plants at 6:30 p.m. May 13. Bring own craft May 27. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED May 13**

Feisty Ladies of Dearborn Co.

L'burg: 2 p.m. Thurs., May 14
Discover the remarkable women who shaped Dearborn County's history! From trailblazers and community leaders to unsung heroines with bold stories. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Creative Writers Guild

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Thurs., May 14
The Creative Writers Guild is a support group for writers of all locales, genres, and skill levels. Write whatever you want! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Learn to Quilt

L'burg: 6 p.m. Mon., May 18
Learn some basics with an experienced quilter. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

All the Colors

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Mon., May 18
All the Colors is a chance for LGBTQ+ adults and supporters to gather together. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Curated Conversations for Curious Minds: Apollo and Artemis

Hidden Valley Community Center: 6 p.m. Thurs., May 21
Astronomer Dr. Wes Ryle from the Cincinnati Observatory will explore the past, present, and future of American lunar exploration. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

True Crime: Donald Harvey

L'burg: 6 p.m. Thurs., May 21
True Crime: Donald Harvey was an American serial killer who claimed to have murdered 87 people, though he has 37 confirmed victims. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

The Hangry Kitchen: Fruit Salad

L'burg: 11 a.m. Sat., May 23
Slice and chop a tempting variety of fresh fruits before mixing up a refreshing citrus dressing as well as a cooling yogurt-based dressing. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Book Clubs

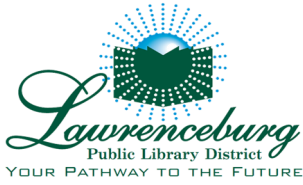
REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all book clubs, except Historical Book Club.

Bookies Book Club: Ages 18-30. *The Ministry of Time* by Kaliane Bradley. 6 p.m. Tues., May 5, L'burg Main Library. Read new, popular releases, discuss what you read and eat sweets.

Book Chat: Adults. 10:30 a.m. Mon., May 18. L'burg Main Library. *Magic Hour* by Kristin Hannah.

Historical Book Club: Adults. 10 a.m. Weds., May 20, L'burg Main Library. Take a book back in time! In May, we will be reading *Crosley: Two Brothers and a Business Empire that Transformed the Nation*, by Rusty McClure.

Books for Dessert: Adults. 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Thurs., May 21, North Dearborn Branch. *One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin. Discuss the book, enjoy dessert.



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