



Help shape the future of your Library: The Friends need YOU

Dear Library Community,

Our Friends of the Library group is at a critical juncture- and we need community members to step up and lead.

Why This Matters Now

For over 20 years, the Friends of the Library has been a pillar of our community and a trusted contributor to the library's operations. But without dedicated volunteers in leadership roles, we face a difficult reality: if we do not find volunteers in the coming months, the Friends of the Library will need to dissolve in 2026, ending over two decades of community support for this beloved treasure.

What We Do

The Friends of the Library serves as the gift-giving and fundraising arm of our library system. Because of the library's tax status, it is limited in what it can purchase and how it can raise funds- that's where we come in. We're like the boosters for your library, ensuring it thrives beyond basic operational needs.

Our impact includes:

- Annual donations supporting library programs
- Funding special projects like kitchen carts, LEGO kits, and the hot beverage station at North Dearborn
- Contributing to StoryWalk (pages of books installed along a walking path - coming this Spring to Lawrenceburg) and supporting bringing American Girl dolls to the library
- Providing resources that transform our library from a standalone entity to being a community builder, bringing people together at events like the Halloween Sensation



How we raise funds:

- Membership fees (starting at \$10 for individuals)
- Ongoing book sales
- Semi-annual \$5 fill-your-bag sales
- General donations, often given in memory of loved ones

Leadership Positions Available

We're seeking community-minded individuals for these essential roles:

President - Lead the group's vision and find creative ways to raise more funds for the library while making the best use of our volunteers' time and energy

Vice President - Support the President and ensure continuity of leadership

Treasurer - Manage donated funds, handle 501(c)3 tax reporting, and collect funds from the library weekly (a more hands-on role)

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How to Reach Us

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Hours/Locations

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.

North Dearborn Branch (NDB)

25969 Dole Rd, West Harrison IN 47060 • 812-637-0777

Monday-Thursday	10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday	Closed
Saturday	10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friends of the Library Executive Committee

President: Kate Cullen
Vice-President: OPEN
Secretary: Joyce Baer
Treasurer: Jenna Baumgartner
Membership Chairperson: Peg Loots
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Construction continues at L'burg Library

Construction continues for phase one of planned improvements in the youth services, teen, genealogy and Innov812 Workshop areas of the Lawrenceburg Main Library. Some of the walls have been painted and carpet is in the process of being installed.



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Secretary - Maintain quarterly meeting records, schedule and send Zoom links for meetings, coordinate the board agenda, contribute monthly columns to the library newsletter, and support Friends marketing materials

Membership Chair - Manage the annual membership renewal process, including once-a-year outreach via email and mail

Book Sale Chair - Organize the ongoing book sale, transport unsold books for donation, coordinate shelf replenishment, and develop pricing strategies and bag sale schedules

This is your opportunity to define what the future of the Friends of the Library will be. The board has the freedom to try new things, adjust meeting frequency (currently quarterly), and shape the organization based on volunteer capacity, ideas, and community needs. Whether you have nonprofit experience or simply love your library and want to give back, we need your energy, ideas, and commitment.

The Time to Act is Now

If you've ever thought "someone should do something to support our library," this is your moment. Be that someone. Our library has been there for you—now it needs you to be there for it. Rest assured that our current executive board is ready and able to support transitions over the course of 2026 to ensure you feel supported.

Interested in learning more or ready to volunteer? Contact LPLDFriends@gmail.com or stop by the library desk. Let's ensure the Friends of the Library continues its vital work for years to come.

With gratitude and hope,
The Friends of the Library

Even if you can't volunteer your time, starting at just \$10, you can become a member and support your local public library. Every contribution matters. Visit <https://givebutter.com/LPLDFriends> to donate.

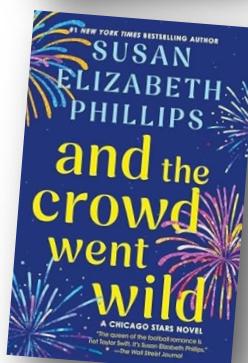
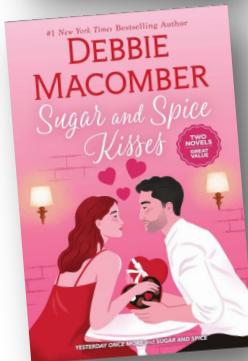
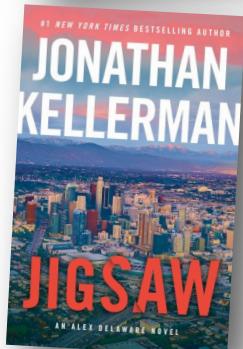
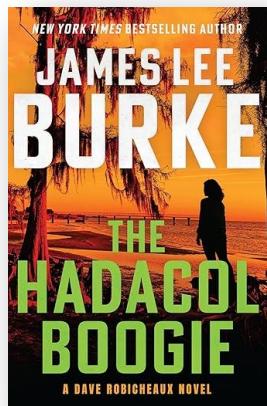
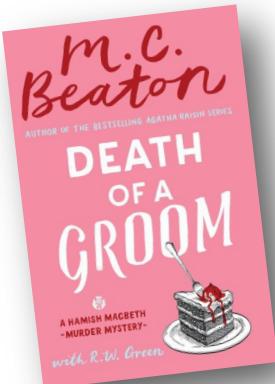


What's new at the library?

(We are glad you asked!)



Reading for Adults



The Hadacol Boogie

By James Lee Burke

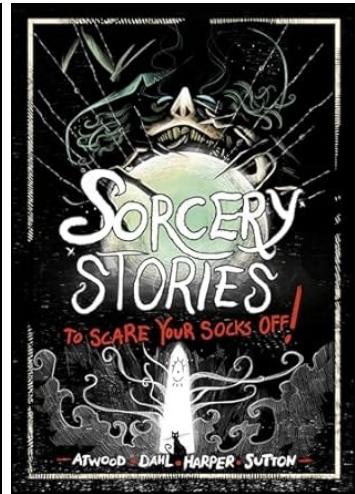
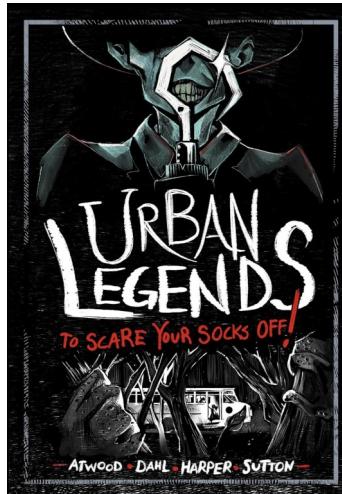
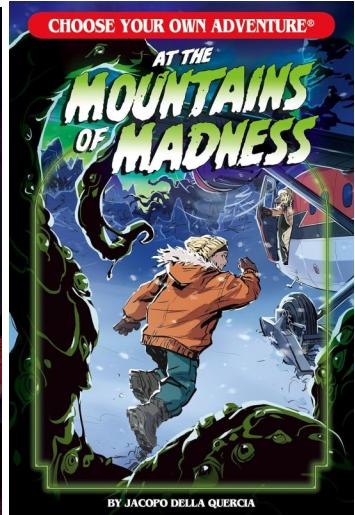
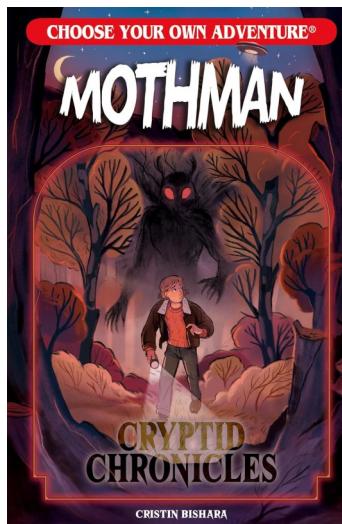
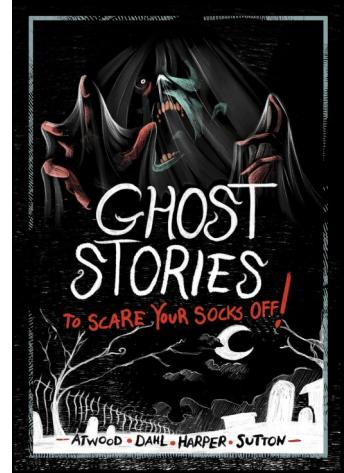
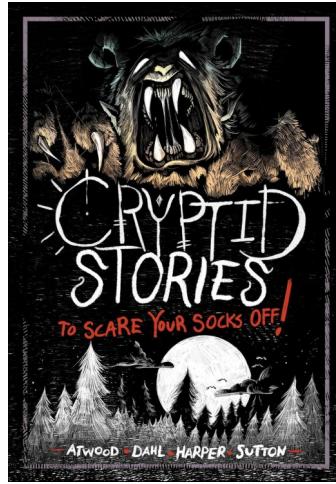
When a cloaked, disfigured man leaves a dead woman in a garbage bag on Dave Robicheaux's property, he knows his world and family are about to change.

With Valerie Benoit, a detective new to the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Department who is grappling with sexist and racist harassment from their colleagues, and the volatile but fiercely loyal Clete Purcel, Dave embarks on an investigation that brings him into the most dangerous moments of his career and threatens the lives of Valerie and his daughter Alafair.

He encounters a local handyman who leaves cryptic notes and warns of the ghosts who roam the shores of the bayou and is targeted by a vicious New Orleans button man and gangsters from the north.

Also: *The Crossroads* by C.J. Box
The Hard Line by Mark Greaney
Quantum Cage by T. Davis Bunn
Stolen in Death by J.D. Robb
The Heir of Whitestone by Catherine Coulter
A Mother's Shadow by Joy Fielding

New Scary Stories





Prepare for total lunar eclipse with Dean Regas

A total lunar eclipse is coming on March 3! Join expert astronomer Dean Regas from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mon., Feb. 23, at the North Dearborn Branch as he tells you all about the moon and gets you ready for one of the grandest shows in the universe. All ages welcome.



We want your recipes!

The LPLD Genealogy and Local History Department is collecting family recipes to celebrate the stories, traditions, and memories that come with them.

Do you have a well-worn recipe card, a handwritten note from a loved one, or a dish that's been passed down for generations? We'd love to see it! Recipes may be shared online, and they may also be included in a future community cookbook.

A few important notes:

*Recipes do not need to come from a Dearborn County resident- family traditions from anywhere are welcome.

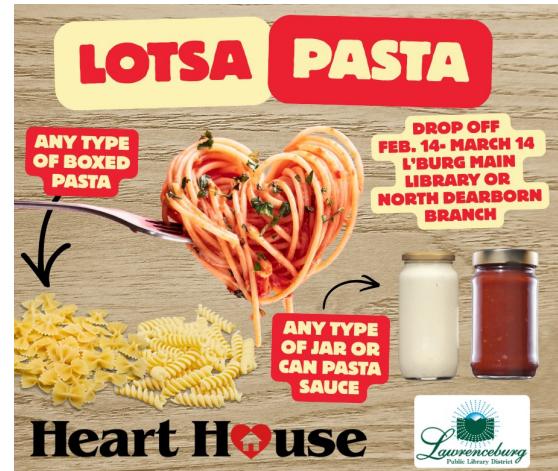
*By submitting a recipe, you're giving permission for it to be shared online and potentially printed in a cookbook.

*Photos, stories, and background about the recipe are encouraged, but not required.

Help us preserve these delicious pieces of history, one recipe at a time. Contact the genealogy and local history department for more information. rscott@lpld.lib.in.us

Pasta and sauce donations will benefit Heart House

We will be collecting pasta and pasta sauce Feb. 14 to March 14 to benefit Heart House. Drop off your donations at L'burg or North Dearborn.



Celebrating 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

Throughout 2026, the Lawrenceburg Public Library District will have programs that celebrate the earlier days of the United States, historic moments or have a patriotic spin. When we do, we will indicate it with this America Celebrates 250 logo.

We also hope to have a list together soon of some upcoming events for this year. First up – two events in February to kick it all off is a virtual tour of Guard Cemetery starting at 2 p.m. Tues., Feb. 10, at the North Dearborn Branch. Then learn about the history of print during the Curated Conversations for Curious Minds at 6 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 19, at the Hidden Valley Community Center.



Programs

Register: lawrenceburg.librarycalendar.com

Preschool

Play Café

L'burg: 10 a.m. Weds., Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Children play, sing, and hear stories while caregivers sip coffee and chat. **REGISTRATION REQUESTED**

Story Time

North Dearborn: 10:30 a.m. Thurs., Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26

Come 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., Feb. 11

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

Pokemon Club

L'burg: 4 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 26

Ready to become the next great Pokémon Trainer? Expand your Pokémon knowledge at this month's meeting by playing the card game and making a Pikachu Corner bookmark. If you're new to the world of Pokémon, you'll have the opportunity to learn the basics of this fun trading card game during the meeting. Already an expert? You can bring some friends and practice your skills! Cards are available to use, or bring your own deck. There will also be an opportunity to trade cards at the end of each meeting.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



All Ages

Clear the Craft Closet

L'burg: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat., Feb. 21

Our craft closet has become way too cluttered! Stop by to do some crafts at the library, a hodge-podge of fun for all ages. No registration needed, drop by any time between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. While supplies last.

Barks and Books

L'burg & North Dearborn: 11 a.m. to noon Sat., Feb. 21

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

Dean Regas: Lunar Eclipse

North Dearborn: 6 p.m. Mon., Feb. 23

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Adults



ALL IN

North Dearborn: 10 a.m. Tues., Feb. 3

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., Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25

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.

Taste and Trade

North Dearborn: 6 p.m. Weds., Feb. 4

Learn new recipes, make new friends! Bring a sample (not required) for theme: Pie, Cakes and Chocolates.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Income Tax Return Assistance with the United Way

L'burg: 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tues., Feb. 10, 17 & 24 and Thurs., Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26

The United Way of Greater Cincinnati offers free tax preparation and filing help for eligible participants. MUST register by calling United Way at 812-537-2009.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Meditation (with Journaling)

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 5

Meditation is known for creating clarity, increasing one's ability to focus, and so much more. In this session led by CherieDawn Haas, learn simple ways to practice meditation, including time to reflect in a journal (provided by the library, or bring your own). **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Genealogy Roundtable

L'burg: 11 a.m. Sat., Feb. 7

Love Letters, Scandals, and Family Secrets- Uncover the drama hidden in your family tree! Learn how to find and analyze old letters and newspaper clippings to reveal the surprising romances, scandals, and deeply personal stories that defined your ancestors' lives.



The Hangry Kitchen

L'burg: 11 a.m. Sat., Feb. 7

Dip, drizzle, pour and paint with always yummy white chocolate. Join author Susan Ray and fellow chocolatiers as we create with the "other" chocolate. Everyone will receive plenty of melt-ready chocolate, dip-ready fruits and drizzle-ready snacks during this fun program.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Keep It Sharp

Dearborn Adult Center: Noon Mon., Feb. 9

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.

Must Love Crafts: CD Painting

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Mon., Feb. 9

This will be a relaxed atmosphere with the library providing the craft, but the crafters will be expected to work on their own, supporting each other as needed. Only crafters age 18 and older will be permitted to participate. What is the first craft? Paint clear CDs! We will provide the CDs, paint and brushes while you provide the creativity. (We also will have some examples in case you get stuck for an idea.)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Let's Play Mah Jongg

L'burg: Noon Tues., Feb. 10 & 24

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Guard Cemetery Tour

North Dearborn: 2 p.m. Tues., Feb. 10

Join us from the warmth of the library for a virtual tour of the Guard Cemetery, where we will explore its rich history without braving the winter chill. Along the way, we'll uncover the fascinating stories of those laid to rest and spotlight the dedicated efforts to preserve this historic site.



The Crafty Crew

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Weds., Feb. 11 and Feb. 25

Welcome to The Crafty Crew- a group for new adults ages 18 to 30 who want to hang out and craft. There are two programs in February. Create foil/metal embossing at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11. Registration is required. Then the group will meet again at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, for a free craft- bring a craft to work on while you hang out with the group. No registration needed for this session.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR FEB. 11

Creative Writers Guild

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 12

The Creative Writers Guild is a support group for writers of all locales, genres, and skill levels. February theme is Cupid, but write whatever you want! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Curated Conversations for Curious Minds: The History of Print in Cincinnati



Hidden Valley Community Center: 6 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 19

Print & Type Museum will bring a printing press and give a presentation on the history of print in Cincinnati.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Learn to Quilt

L'burg: 6 p.m. Mon., Feb. 23

Learn some basics with an experienced quilter.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED *FULL*

All the Colors

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Mon., Feb. 23

All the Colors is a chance for LGBTQ+ adults and supporters to gather together. We will discuss what group members would like to do during the 2026 monthly programs.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Book Clubs

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all book clubs.

Bookies Book Club: Ages 18-30. *What Kind of Paradise* by Janelle Brown. A book about a young woman on a quest to understand how we come to know ourselves. 6 p.m. Tues., Feb. 3, L'burg Main Library. Read new, popular releases, discuss what you read and eat sweets.

Books & Banter: Ages 18 to 35. 6 p.m. Mon., Feb. 9, North Dearborn Branch. Discuss *The Memory Police* by Yōko Ogawa. A haunting Orwellian novel about the terrors of state surveillance, from the acclaimed author of *The Housekeeper and the Professor*.

Books for Dessert: Adults. 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 19, North Dearborn Branch. *Say You'll Remember Me* by Abby Jimenez. There's no such thing as a perfect guy, but Xavier Rush comes disastrously close. But after one incredible and seemingly endless date, Samantha is forced to admit the truth, that her family is in crisis and any kind of relationship would be impossible. Discuss the book while enjoying dessert.

Book Buzz: Grades three to six. 4 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 19, L'burg Main Library. Explore the what is hidden in this month's Book Buzz meeting focusing on the classic novel *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Participants will make a DIY paper seed bomb they can use to start their own garden and get to taste-test traditional English tea and mini sandwiches, just like the characters from the book would have had!

Book Chat: Adults. 10:30 a.m. on Mon., Feb. 23. L'burg Main Library. Monthly book discussion. February is *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah— his unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to *The Daily Show* desk began with a criminal act: his birth.



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