



Exciting changes are coming to the Lawrenceburg Library

By Jake Moore
LPLD Director

As we turn the page (see what I did there?) from 2025 to 2026, it's time to share some exciting news at the Lawrenceburg Public Library.

Thanks to generous assistance from the Lawrenceburg Public Library Services and Resources Foundation, we are getting ready to launch what we're affectionately calling our Main Library Refresh, and it will kick off right at the beginning of the New Year!

But why are we doing this? Frankly, the carpet and paint are worn out and need to be replaced, and if you've spent time relaxing in our chairs, you'll notice there are fewer and fewer available for you to sit in.

Furniture tends to break after 20 years. We have previously renovated spaces on the second floor and the Ewbank Meeting Room, and this refresh will connect those three spaces, making the building feel like a more unified space. Let's get into a bit of the details:

The current paint and flooring have served us well, but years of traffic, rolling carts, and general wear and tear and have taken their toll.

We will be replacing the existing flooring and painting throughout much of the Library. This specifically includes the Children's Area, the Main Atrium and Cafe, and the collection space on the first floor. These spaces will have bright and welcoming options that will help to create a relaxing environment where you can browse for something new to read, enjoy a cup of coffee, or sit down to work on a puzzle.

Perhaps the most exciting change will be the new furniture! While not every piece will be new, the upgraded furniture will include reading chairs and study tables, seating and play spaces in our Children's and our Teen areas, and cafe tables and seating in the Friendly Bean.

What will probably be the most dramatic change is a new circulation desk designed to better serve our community. The new furniture will be flexible, comfortable, and most of all, usable.

We hope it will encourage you to spend more time here, whether you're seeking quiet solitude or collaborative space.

We won't lie to you, renovation projects can be disruptive, and



In December, efforts began to start moving books in preparation for the upcoming construction.

we want to be upfront: there will be noise and temporary adjustments while these changes are being implemented. But through all of this work we are planning to keep the library open.

We will minimize inconvenience as much as possible by tackling the work in three phases. This means that while one area of the building might be temporarily closed for painting or flooring, the rest of the collection, the ability to check out materials, and all our programs and events will still be available to you.

Please note, however, that The Depot Meeting Room will need

to be closed for the duration of the project to accommodate storage needs.

These phases will kick off at the beginning of January and should be finished by April (just in time for our Local Authors Fair). Please be patient and flexible with the staff as we navigate the logistics.

This refresh reflects the deep commitment that the library has to our community and our dedication to providing a top-tier resource for Lawrenceburg and Dearborn County.

We are so excited for you to see the transformed spaces and create new memories in your Library!

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

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Executive Committee

President: Kate Cullen, **Vice-President:** OPEN, **Secretary:** Joyce Baer,
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LAWRENCEBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT



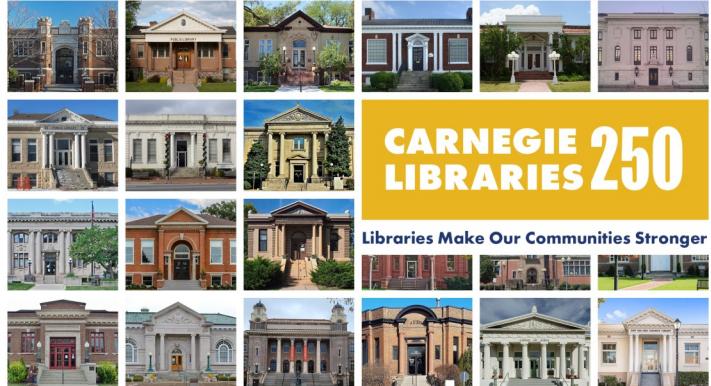


Library district receives \$10,000 gift from Carnegie Corporation

Carnegie Libraries hold a special place in American history and in the hearts of generations of Americans. Andrew Carnegie helped build 1,681 libraries across the United States, including the Lawrenceburg Main Library.

Carnegie Corporation of New York is honoring that legacy with \$10,000 gifts to the roughly 1,280 Carnegie Libraries still in operation as part of America's 250th anniversary.

The money will be used to maintain the Carnegie portion of the Lawrenceburg Main Library



New online catalog will be unveiled

In January, a new online catalog will debut at the Lawrenceburg Main Library and North Dearborn Branch, aimed at creating a more streamlined, efficient experience for patrons. The new catalog system will be linked to our website starting in February.

With this new system, library patrons can now:

- *Navigate the catalog on their phone, tablet, or computer
- *Use Smart Searches, which have spellcheck, automated search suggestions, and the option to see related keywords to their search
- *Check out and hold eBooks, audiobooks, and more, right from the catalog
- *Select a preferred pickup location from any participating library location
- *Change their communication preferences to be contacted via email, text, or automatic calls
- *See library locations integrated with Google Maps

This is all in addition to the existing features that library patrons can take advantage of, including the ability to enable reader history to let you keep track of what you've checked out, keep existing holds (even if they're frozen), and create reading lists. All of these changes make it easier than ever to save time and money while supporting your local library.

The library software system also supports behind-the-scenes library operations such as cataloging, acquisitions, patron records, and more. Replacing the system is a significant financial investment and commitment of staff to migrate library data and learn the new system.

Train leaves station



You may have noticed the train in the youth services department has left the station. But it is OK! Great things are happening. Thanks to the City of Lawrenceburg crew, headed up by Brad Massey, the train is now at the Lawrenceburg Community Center. Over the next few months, improvements will be made to the youth services department to better serve the community!

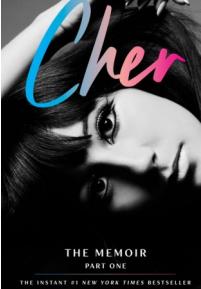
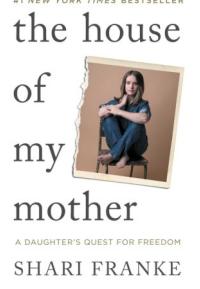
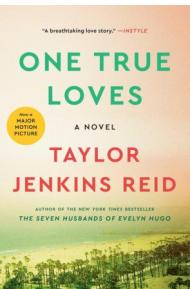
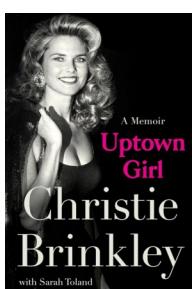
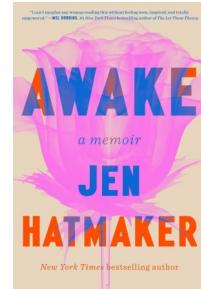
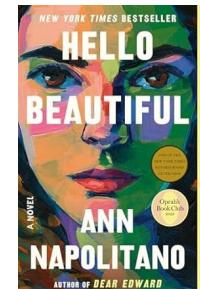
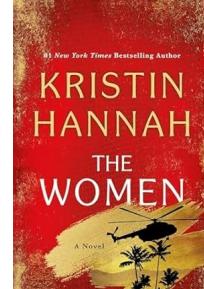
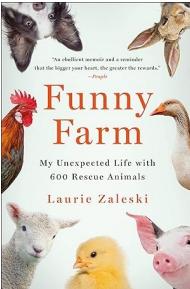
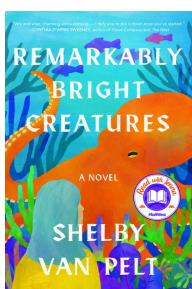
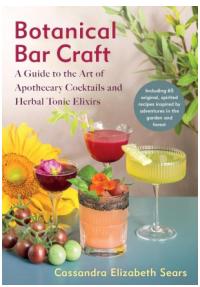
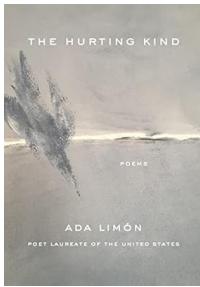
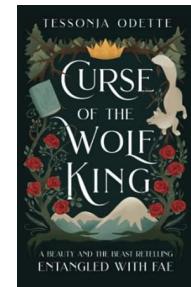
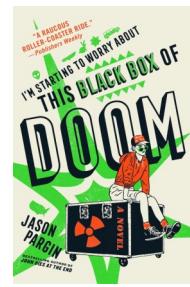
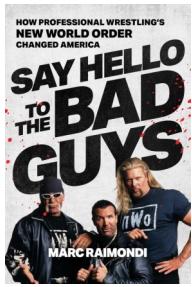
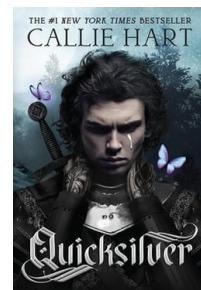
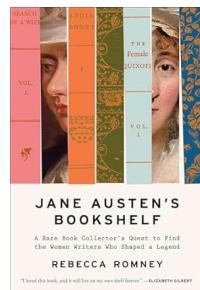
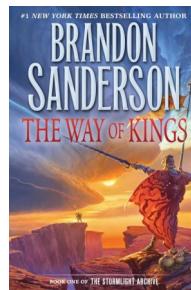
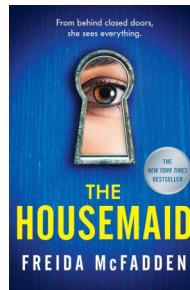
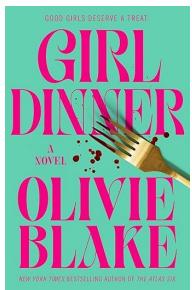
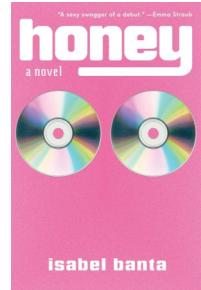
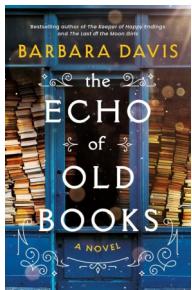
Calling all local authors!

The Local Authors Fair will return to the Lawrenceburg Main Library Sat., April 11! If you are an author based in the Tri-State area, contact Denise at dfreitagburdette@lpld.lib.in.us. She will send you the information to apply. Applications will be accepted starting Mon., Jan. 5.



Staff Book Recommendations

What should you read in 2026? Here are some of the best books the Lawrenceburg Public Library District Staff read during 2025.





2025 TOP BORROWED ITEMS

Here are some of the top borrowed items in 2025, not counting the digital collection. What did you borrow this year?

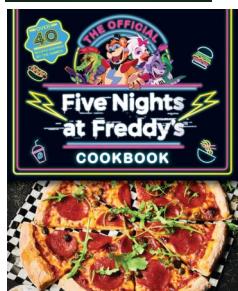
ADULTS



JUVENILE



YOUNG ADULT



NONTRADITIONAL

Hotspot



Puzzles



Instruments



Visit the library today to see what we have!



DVD Player Kit





Programs

Register: lawrenceburg.librarycalendar.com

School-age

LEGO Robotics Club

Lawrenceburg Community Center:

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Weds., Jan. 14

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

Pokemon Club

L'burg: 4 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 29

Expand your Pokemon knowledge by playing the card game and designing your own Pokemon card. If you're new to the world of Pokemon, 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.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

All Ages



Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange

North Dearborn: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Tues., Sat., Jan. 10

Looking to trade some of your puzzles for some new ones? This is the event for you! Bring your puzzles to North Dearborn to trade with a fellow puzzler! Puzzles must be in good condition, in original box and no missing pieces.

Barks and Books

L'burg & North Dearborn: 11 a.m. to noon Sat., Jan. 17

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



Emmy

Adults



Genealogy Roundtable

L'burg: 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 3

How Did They Die, and Why Does it Matter? Learn how to trace your ancestors' final moments through death certificates, funeral programs, historical epidemics, and so much more. No registration needed. Unless you want a Zoom link.

Take & Make: Make Your Popcorn 'POP'

L'burg and North Dearborn: Starts Mon., Jan. 5

It is cold. The holiday season is over. Watching a movie while eating some popcorn sounds good. So pick up a take and make kit with a bag of microwave popcorn and some seasoning to try! Just add butter. Don't forget to pick up a DVD or find a movie to stream on Hoopla. While supplies last.

New Year, New You

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Mon., Jan. 5

Kick off the year fresh with clean beauty essentials made by YOU, presented by Alyssa Buckhave and Nicki Haft. In this hands-on workshop, we'll create three everyday staples that support your wellness goals: natural deodorant, makeup remover and beauty. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

ALL IN

North Dearborn: 10 a.m. Tues., Jan. 6

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

The Steps to Publishing Your Own Children's Book

L'burg: 6 p.m. Tues., Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Local, published children's author Susan Troutt and author/illustrator Emily Wetterich will help you through the steps of creating and publishing your own children's book! You can attend every session, or just the ones you need. You must register for every session you want to attend individually. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Chair Exercise

North Dearborn: 11:30 a.m. Weds., Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28

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.

In the Kitchen with Marcia

North Dearborn: 6 p.m. Weds., Jan. 7

Join Dearborn County Purdue Extension Health and Human Sciences Educator Marcia Parcell as she hosts and teaches a variety of cooking classes. This is a hands-on program; participants will learn recipes and create dishes to take home or create at home. January is SOUP! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Creative Writers Guild

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 8

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



The Hangry Kitchen

L'burg: 11 a.m. Sat., Jan. 10

We'll learn about green, white, and black teas, tasting varieties from all over the globe. Discover the art of making and pouring tea, and look into the history of tea as a ritual and as a commodity. Presented by *The Hangry Kitchen* author Susan Ray. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Take & Make: Salt Shaker Snowman

L'burg & North Dearborn: Starts Mon., Jan. 12

If making the real deal is too cold, try this salt shaker snowman craft. No registration needed. While supplies last.

Keep It Sharp

Dearborn Adult Center: Noon Mon., Jan. 12

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.

True Crime: Ed Gein

L'burg: 6 p.m. Mon., Jan. 12

Edward Theodore Gein was an American murderer, serial killer, and grave robber. His crimes gathered widespread notoriety in 1957 after authorities discovered that he stole corpses from local graveyards and fashioned keepsakes from their bones and skin. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Let's Play Mah Jongg

L'burg: Noon Tues., Jan. 13 & 27

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Crafty Crew

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Weds., Jan. 14 & 28

Welcome to The Crafty Crew- a group for young adults ages 18 to 30 who want to hang out and craft! This month create paper stars. Meet again Jan. 28 for a free craft- bring your own. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR JAN. 14**

Take & Make: Winter Lantern

L'burg & North Dearborn: Starts Tues., Jan. 20

Create a winter lantern with paper materials printed in the Lawrenceburg Public Library District Innov812 Workshop and a tea light. No registration needed. While supplies last.

Chakra Connection Meditation Class

L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Weds., Jan. 21

Learn about the 7 major chakras with Jenny Flannery. These energy centers are believed to influence physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Take & Make: Cardinal Button Art

L'burg & North Dearborn: Starts Mon., Jan. 26

Create a cardinal out of buttons for some bright winter artwork. No registration needed. While supplies last.

All the Colors

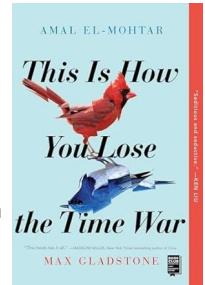
L'burg: 6:30 p.m. Mon., Jan. 26

All the Colors is a chance for LGBTQ+ adults and supporters to gather together. Discuss plans for 2026. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

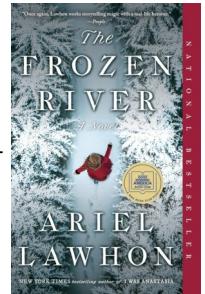
Book Clubs

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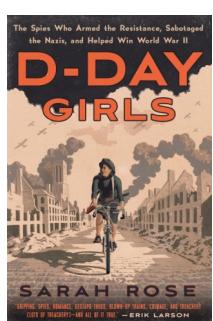
Bookies Book Club: Ages 18-30. *This is the Hour You Lose the Time War* by Max Gladstone. 6 p.m. Tues., Jan. 6, L'burg Main Library. Read new, popular releases, discuss what you read and eat sweets. Among the ashes of a dying world, an agent of the Commandment finds a letter. It reads: Burn before reading. Thus begins an unlikely correspondence between two rival agents hellbent on securing the best possible future for their warring factions.



Books for Dessert: Adults. 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 15, North Dearborn Branch. *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Discuss the book while enjoying dessert. Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. But when a local physician undermines her conclusion, declaring the death to be an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the shocking murder on her own.

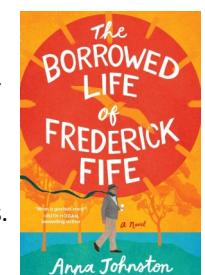


Historical Book Club: Adults. 10 a.m. Weds., Jan. 21, L'burg Main Library. Take a book back in time! *D-Day Girls: The Spies Who Armed the Resistance, Sabotaged the Nazis, and Helped Win World War II* by Sarah Rose. In 1942, the Allies were losing, Germany seemed unstoppable, and every able man in England was on the front lines. To "set Europe ablaze," in the words of Winston Churchill, the Special Operations Executive (SOE), whose spies were trained in everything from demolition to sharpshooting, was forced to do something unprecedented: recruit women.



Book Chat: Adults. 10:30 a.m. Mon., Jan. 26.

L'burg Main Library. Monthly book discussion group. January is *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Ana Johnston. Frederick Fife was born with an extra helping of kindness in his heart. If he borrowed your car, he'd return it washed with a full tank of gas. The problem is, at age 82, there's nobody left in Fred's life to borrow from, and he's broke and on the brink of eviction. But Fred's luck changes when he's mistaken for Bernard Greer, a missing resident at the local nursing home, and takes his place. Now Fred has warm meals in his belly and a roof over his head- as long as his look-alike Bernard never turns up.





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North
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Dean Regas Lunar Eclipse



Mon.,
Feb. 23

All
ages
welcome

A total lunar eclipse is coming on March 3.
Join expert astronomer Dean Regas as he tells you all about the Moon
and gets you ready for one of the grandest shows in the universe.