

FRIENDS OF THORNTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The library will close at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31st, for New Year's Eve and remain closed on January 1st for New Year's Day. Have a Happy New Year!

TPL Puzzle Showdown January 18

Up to 8 teams of four will compete to see who can complete a 500-piece puzzle first! Registration is required. Individuals who do not have a team are encouraged to participate - teams will be randomly assigned prior to the event. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! The Puzzle Showdown begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. in library meeting rooms. Each team will work to complete the same puzzle. Register at the adult circulation desk or through LibraryCalendar:



https://thorntown.librarycalendar.com/event/puzzle-showdown-winter-edition-5144

Taste of Home Sampler

The next Taste of Home will be on Monday, January 6th from 6-7:00 p.m. Participants bring a dish to share and their own table service. Water is provided as the beverage. The selected recipe(s) need to be submitted to Karen so that she may make copies for everyone.

Youth Winter Reading

Warm up with a good book this winter and join our 2024 Youth Winter Reading Challenge! Sign up at the youth desk now. Read for 6 hours to complete your goal and receive a FREE book and a chance to win a big prize! Read 6 more hours and get another chance to win the big prize. Youth Winter Reading ends on January 25th so there will be plenty of time to read!

Community Bingo!

Join us Friday, January 10th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the meeting rooms for BINGO! It's free to play and open to all ages. There will be fun prizes and light snacks. No registration necessary.

Congrats 2024 Readers!

At the time of this writing, 18 individuals met or exceeded their 2024 reading goals! Congratulations to Shazia Baker, Kathy Bowen, Margaret Carter, Myrtle Cox, Barbara Darnell, Chris Davis, Joyce Dobbs, Rebekah Fields, Barb Lebo, Dorothea Mickschl, Alyssa Morgan, Phyllis Myers, Karen Niemeyer, Linda Porter, Alec Smith, Christine Sterle, Mandy Stillwell, and Kirsten Wamsley. Those who met their goals can visit the adult circulation desk on or after January 6 to claim their prize. Thank you to all who participated!

2025 Annual Reading Challenge

Adult readers are again challenged to set a reading goal and log progress throughout the year!

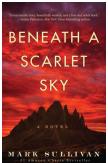
Readers can pledge a reading goal at the adult circulation desk any time after

January 1st. How ambitious will you be? Keep track of all the books you read and

mark them down when you visit the library. Those who complete their goal will
receive something sweet!

January Book Discussion

Book discussion meets on the second Monday of each month and is open to all adult readers, even those who haven't completed the reading. On January 13th at 1:30 the book club will meet in room 116 to discuss *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark T. Sullivan



Pino Lella wants nothing to do with the war or the Nazis. He's a normal Italian teenager—obsessed with music, food, and girls—but his days of innocence are numbered. When his family home in Milan is destroyed by Allied bombs, Pino joins an underground railroad helping Jews escape over the Alps, and falls for Anna, a beautiful widow six years his senior.

In an attempt to protect him, Pino's parents force him to enlist as a German soldier—a move they think will keep him out of combat. But after Pino is injured, he is recruited at the tender age of eighteen to become the personal driver for Adolf Hitler's left hand in Italy, General Hans Leyers, one of the Third Reich's most mysterious and powerful commanders.

Now, with the opportunity to spy for the Allies inside the German High Command, Pino endures the horrors of the war and the Nazi occupation by fighting in secret, his courage bolstered by his love for Anna and for the life he dreams they will one day share.

Storytimes Resume

Toddler & Preschool Storytime with Kathy & Adventure Storytime with Barb will start back up on Thursday, Jan. 9th at 3:30 p.m.

Adult Spelling Bee



Spellers get ready! TPL is hosting an Adult Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 8th at 4:30 p.m. Look for details in the next newsletter!

Puzzle Swap & Board Games

Did you know the library has an ongoing puzzle swap? We have an ever-growing and ever-changing collection of puzzles that can be borrowed and/or swapped at any time - no library card necessary! Puzzles range from 100-piece to 1000-piece (and sometimes more!). Check out the offerings during your next visit. The Puzzle Swap is located in the library's upper level near the computer lab.



We also have a collection of board and tabletop games available to circulate. It includes classics like chess, Chutes and Ladders, and Clue!, as well as newer games such as Herd Mentality, Really Loud Librarians, and The Uzzle. Board games can be checked out for a week and renewals are available. The board game collection is located upstairs near adult nonfiction.

Gourd Plans

The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Join us in meeting room 116 from 2-4:00 p.m. On Wednesday, January 14th participants will create gourd snowmen bearing the phrase "Let it snow...someplace else" or work on individual projects. We will also make plans for Valentine projects on Feb. 5th & 19th, and Spring projects on March 5th & 19th. On April 12th & 16th participants will make stained glass cannonballs with silver "leading" surrounding the colors. There is no cost to participate, but let Karen know you will attend so that adequate supplies will be on hand.

January Euchre Night

Thanks to everyone who came to December's Euchre Night. Donations raised will go to the Sugar Creek Art Center. The next Euchre Night will be Saturday, January 25th in the TPL



meeting rooms. Donations for January will go to TPL's Youth Summer Reading. Sign up before Friday, Jan. 24th. Sign-in begins at 5:30 p.m., and play starts at 6:00. Please register by visiting or calling the library. You can also register online through the library calendar.

There is usually a \$10 buy-in fee to be collected when you arrive, but for this Euchre Night, donations are not required. Have you wanted to see what Euchre Night is like? Now is your chance to play without having to pay! Please brush up on your euchre skills if it has been a while since you have played and plan to stay to the end. We will play 7 to 8 games, which will be approximately 3 hours. Single players are welcome. Please bring a food or snack to share and dollar bills for the "Kitty".

CICOA Senior Lunch Program

Monday-Friday at 11:30, CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions provides a healthy meal for adults ages 60+ in the library meeting rooms. Coffee and iced tea are available daily. Reservations are submitted on Wednesday at noon for the meals the following week. Donations for meals are accepted.

New Materials @ TPL

ADULT NONFICTION

The Power of a Praying Couple - Omartian - 248.8 OMA

A Kind Life - Wohlleben - 304.2 WGI

The Lost World of the Dinosaurs - Schmitt - 567 SCH

The Serviceberry - Kimmerer - 581.63 KIM

The Sunflower Family in the Upper Midwest - Antonio - 583 99 ANT

Advanced Home Wiring - 621.3 BLA

What the Chicken Knows - Montgomery - 636.5 MON

Taste of Home Annual Recipes 2025 - 641.5 TAS

The Glucose Goddess Method - Inchauspe - 641.563 INC

Not Too Sweet - Seinfeld - 641.5639 SEI

Very Good Bread - Weller - 641.815 WEL

Cheap Old Houses - Finkelstein - 643.7 FIN

Home Maintenance - Kraeutler - 643.7 KRA

What Time is Noon - Leighton - 649.125 LEI

The Art of Small Business Social Media - Fitzpatrick - 658.872 FIT

The Science of Cleaning - Bressanini - 668.1 BRE

Digging Into Nature - Tandon - 796.083 TAN

From Here to the Great Unknown - Presley - 921 PRE

ADULT FICTION

Ambush in the Mountains - Alford - FIC ALF

Talking to Strangers - Barton - FIC BAR Elise King #2

What the Mountains Remember - Callaway - FIC CAL

What I Know About You - Chacour - FIC CHA

In Too Deep - Child - FIC CHI, Jack Reacher #29

The Instrumentalist - Constable - FIC CON

The Co-op - DeWitt - FIC DEW

Christmas in Bethel - Evans - FIC EVA

The Fearless One - Foster - FIC FOS, Osborn

Brothers #2

A Five Letter Word for Love - James - FIC JAM

The Christmas Inn - Kelley - FIC KEL

The Starlets - Kelly - FIC KEL

The Silverblood Promise - Logan - FIC LOG

An Insignificant Case - Margolin - FIC MAR

The Coworker - McFadden - FIC MCF

The Locked Door - McFadden - FIC MCF

The Holiday Cottage - Morgan - FIC MOR

Lawbreaker - Palmer - FIC PAL, Long Tall Texans

Lies He Told Me - Patterson - FIC PAT

Raised by Wolves - Patterson - FIC PAT

House of Glass - Pekkanen - FIC PEK

The Girl from Guernica - Robards - FIC ROB

Catch You Later - Strawser - FIC STR

Beneath a Scarlet Sky - Sullivan - FIC SUL

CHRISTIAN FICTION

Brave - Andrews - CH FIC AND

Where Trees Touch the Sky - Barnett - CH FIC BAR

Rocky Mountain Journey - Beller - CH FIC BEL,

Sisters of the Rockies #3

The Christmas Gathering - Grav - CH FIC CHR

A Year of Flowers - Fisher - CH FIC FIS

A Lancaster Amish Christmas - CH FIC LAN

The Vanished - Putman - CH FIC PUT

The Burning of Rosemont Abbey - Stephens - CH

FIC STE

Out For Blood - Steck - CH FIC STE, Matthew Redd

#3

WESTERN FICTION

Devil's Tower - Dundee - WES FIC DUN, Lone McGantry #8

A Long Year in Outlaw Country - Gunn - WES FIC GUN, Jack Slater #2

The Edge of Nowhere - Johnstone - WES FIC JOH

A Lamb to the Slaughter - Johnstone - WES FIC

Our Overdrive library is always open! https://idl.overdrive.com Check out our Hoopla collection: https://www.hoopladigital.com/

New Materials @ TPL

JOH, Tinhorn #2

Pecos Law - Scott - WES FIC SCO

Slaughter at Rebel Ridge - Vaughan - WES FIC

VAU

YOUNG ADULT

Games Untold - Barnes - YA FIC BAR, Inheritance #5

Streetlight People - Thomas - YA FIC THO

JuJutsu Kaisen - Akutami - YA GN FIC AKU,

#7,8&10

Blue Exorcist, - Kato - YA GN FIC KAT, #28,29,30

I Am Not Santa Claus - McBeth - E FIC MCB

All the Books - Rocco - E FIC ROC

Cold Turkey - Schwartz - E FIC SCH

Let's Build a Snowman - Thompson - E FIC THO

The Cat That Grew and Grew - Twiddy - E FIC $\,$

TWI

A Cozy Winter Day - Wheeler - E FIC WHE

The Dog and Pony Show We Are Up a Tree! - Mack

- E GN MAC

Pizza and Taco Best Christmas Ever - Shaskan - E

GN SHA

DVD/TV

Hallmark Movie Set - DVD FIC HAL

Never Let Go - R - DVD FIC NEV

White Bird - PG13 - DVD FIC WHI

The Wild Robot - PG - DVD FIC WIL

EASY FICTION

Santa's First Christmas - Barnett - E FIC BAR

Farmhouse - Blackall - E FIC BLA

Alice in a Winter Wonderland - Brett - E FIC BRE

Sniffles, Sneezes, Hiccups, and Coughs - Durant - E

FIC DUR

We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt - Hawk - E FIC

HAW

Everything is Grape! - Heim - E FIC HEI

Little Red Autumn on the Farm - Hillenbrand - E

FIC HIL

Olaf Gives Thanks - Hosten - E FIC HOS

Something's Wrong! - John - E FIC JOH

Stray Dog for Christmas - Jokinen - E FIC JOK

Fox is Coming! - Kulka - E FIC KUL

It's Winter! - Kurilla - E FIC KUR

Duck Duck Taco Truck - Lavoie - E FIC LAV

JUVENILE FICTION

Wallace and Grace and the Lost Puppy - Alexander

- J FIC ALE

Mr. Lemoncello's Fantabulous Finale - Grabenstein

- J FIC GRA

Forest Frights - Lerner - J FIC LER

Bad Food Night of the Living Bread - Luper - J FIC

LUP

Pug the Sports Star - May - J FIC MAY

The Time Travel Twins - Patterson - J FIC PAT

Bambi's Children - Salten - J FIC SAL

Banjo - Salisbury - J FIC SAL

Haunting of the Ghost Dragon - West - J FIC WES

Wildflower Emily - Corry - J GN 921 DIC

The Bad Guys in One Last Thing - Blabey - J GN

BLA

Bird and Squirrel All or Nothing - Burks - J GN

BUR

Bird and Squirrel All Together - Burks - J GN BUR

The Great Turkey Walk - Karr - J GN KAR

Super Pancake and the Mini Muffin Mayhem -

Lloyd - J GN LLO

Dog Man Big Jim Begins - Pilkey - J GN PIL

Search our catalog: https://thorntown.evergreenindiana.org/ To register for Wowbrary visit: https://bit.ly/3mOPOc2

January Events

Tue. Dec. 31 Library Closes at 4:00 p.m.

Wed. Jan. 1 Library Closed - New Year's Day

Thu. Jan. 2 CICOA Produce Day

Mon Jan. 6 Taste of Home 6-7

Tue. Jan. 7 Teen Advisory Group 4:30

Thu. Jan. 9 Toddler & Preschool Storytime 3:30

Adventure Storytime 3:30

Fri. Jan. 10 Community Bingo 6-7:30

Mon. Jan. 13 Book Discussion 1:30

Library Board Meeting 6:00

Tue. Jan. 14 LEGO Club 3:30

Wed. Jan. 15 Sugar Creek Gourd Patch 2-4

Thu. Jan. 16 CICOA Produce Day

Toddler & Preschool Storytime 3:30

Adventure Storytime 3:30

Sat. Jan. 18 Puzzle Showdown 2-4

Tue. Jan. 21 Maker Action Center 3:30

Thu. Jan. 23 Toddler & Preschool Storytime 3:30

Adventure Storytime 3:30

Sat. Jan. 25 Euchre Night 5:30

Tue, Jan. 28 Kids Board Games 3:30

Thu. Jan. 30 Toddler & Preschool Storytime 3:30

Adventure Storytime 3:30

Library Hours: Mon. & Fri. 9-6 Tue. - Thur. 9-8 Saturday 10-4 Sunday Closed

The Thorntown
Heritage Museum
is open by
appointment only.
Call the library to
schedule a visit.







CICOA luncheons served at 11:30 Monday through Friday! Questions about programs? Call the library at (765) 436-7348



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cultural Meal Day		Happy New Years! Meal Site Closed	2 Scrambled Eggs Pork Sausage Roasted Potatoes Spiced Peaches Milk	3 Beef Stroganoff w/ Egg Noodles Italian Cut Green Beans Diced Carrots Wheat Roll Fresh Orange Milk
6 Grilled Hamburger Mac & Cheese Festive Green Beans Diced Pears Wheat Bun Milk	7 Almond Crusted Fish Spinach Scalloped Potatoes Wheat Bread Diced Peaches Milk	8 Braised Beef Over Egg Noodles Collard Greens Diced Carrots Wheat Roll Applesauce Milk	9 Swedish Meatballs Broccoli Diced Carrots Brown Rice Wheat Bread Mandarin Oranges Milk	10 Cheese Lasagna w/ Veggie Marinara Capri Veggies Lima Beans Wheat Roll Diced Pineapple Milk
13 Oven Fried Chicken Whipped Sweet Potatoes Collard Greens Orange Juice Milk	14 Italian Bowtie Pasta w/Beef Broccoli w/Red Peppers Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	15 Bagel w/Egg, Pork Sausage & Cheese Sliced Apples Roasted Sweet Potatoes Milk	16 Turkey Ham & Beans Diced Beets Diced Carrots Corn Bread Mixed Fruit Milk	17 Potato Pollock Peas and Corn Turnip Greens Wheat Bread Tropical Fruit Milk
20 Meal Site Closed	21 Teriyaki Chicken & Noodles Stir Fry Veggies Fresh Orange Milk	22 Hoppin John w/Turkey Ham Cooked Cabbage White Rice Pilaf Diced Peaches Milk	23 Sliced Turkey over Southwest Pasta Broccoli Peas Chocolate Pudding Milk	24 Beef Stew Corn Turnip Greens Wheat Bread Diced Peaches Milk
27 Meatloaf w/Gravy Brussels sprouts Mashed Potatoes Mandarin Oranges Birthday Treat Milk	28 Indiana Style Chili Mac California Veggie Blend Applesauce Corn Bread Milk	29 Jamaican Pork Roast Key West Veggies Root Veggies Corn Bread Diced Pears Milk	30 Smoked Pork Sausage w/Peppers & Onions Peas Roasted Potatoes Wheat Roll Strawberry Applesauce Milk	



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	All memberships expire	e December 31 annually.		
SCHS (Museum)		Friends of Thorntown Public Library		
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☐ Business/Organization—\$20		☐ Business/Organization—\$20		
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