



FRIENDS OF THORNTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Holiday Closings

TPL will close at **4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 12th**, for a staff meeting.

The library will be **closed Wednesday, Dec. 24th and Thursday, Dec. 25th** for Christmas. TPL will open on Saturday, Dec. 26th at 10:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, **Dec. 31st**, the library will **close at 4:00 p.m. for New Year's Eve and remain closed on January 1st for New Year's Day**. The library will open on Friday, Jan. 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Under the Sea

Join us “*Under the Sea*” for our annual family Christmas event on Monday, December 8th from 6-8 p.m. Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus and have your picture taken. Magician Marc Lehmann will entertain while you wait in line. Silly Safaris will also be here with a live reindeer! All kids will receive a Christmas craft and a book to take home. Snacks and drinks will be provided. All activities are free! This evening of family fun is completely **free** and open to the public. Registration is not required. We hope to see you all December 8th!



Visit with Santa at Thorntown Heritage Museum



Thorntown Heritage Museum is hosting a Christmas Open House on December 13th. The museum will be open 1-3pm. Guests are invited to take a tour, check out the vintage toy exhibit, visit with Santa and the Grinch, and decorate sugar cookies for free! Santa will have a limited number of surprises for visitors. Sugar Creek Historical Society would like to remind everyone the museum is open by appointment by calling 765-436-7348.

2025 Annual Reading Challenge

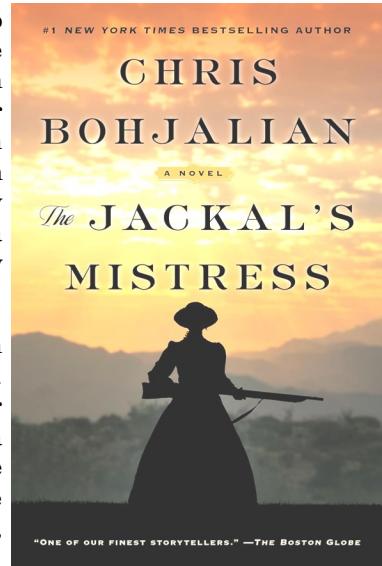
There's still time for readers to meet their 2025 reading goals! If you've signed up for the Annual Reading Challenge, be sure to stop by the circulation desk to log your final numbers before the end of the year. Those who meet (or exceed) their 2025 goal will receive a reward in January! Start thinking of your 2026 pledges, too!

December 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 December 8th at 1:30 the book club will meet in the Room 116 to discuss *The Jackal's Mistress* by Chris Bohjalian.

Virginia, 1864—Libby Steadman's husband has been away for so long that she can barely conjure his voice in her dreams. While she longs for him in the night, fearing him dead in a Union prison camp, her days are spent running a gristmill with her teenage niece, a hired hand, and his wife. All the grain they can produce is requisitioned by the Confederate Army. It's an uneasy life in the Shenandoah Valley, the territory frequently changing hands, control swinging back and forth like a pendulum between North and South, and Libby awakens every morning expecting to see her land a battlefield.

And then she finds a gravely injured Union officer left for dead in a neighbor's house, the bones of his hand and leg shattered. Captain Jonathan Weybridge of the Vermont Brigade is her enemy—but he's also a human being, and Libby must make a terrible decision: Does she leave him to die alone? Or does she risk treason and try to nurse him back to health? And if she succeeds, does she try to secretly bring him across Union lines, where she might negotiate a trade for news of her own husband?



December Euchre Night

Thanks to everyone who came to last month's Euchre Night. \$307 was raised for Thorntown Church Association Outreach. The next Euchre Night will be Saturday, Dec. 27th in the TPL meeting rooms. Sign up before Friday, Dec. 26th. December's proceeds will go to the Sugar Creek Art Center. **NEW TIME!** Sign-in begins at **4:30 p.m.**, and play starts at **5:00 p.m.**

Please register by visiting or calling the library. You can also register online through the library calendar. There is a \$10 buy-in fee to be collected when you arrive. 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 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".



High Points: Diane Burris



Low Points: Kirsten Wamsley

Countdown to the New Year!

We are excited to invite children ages 0-12 and their families to our upcoming Noon Year's Eve Party...a festive daytime celebration packed with creativity, laughter, and an early countdown to 2026! This year's event will feature a variety of hands-on craft stations where kids can design their own colorful party hats and personalized countdown clocks. Every child will have the chance to make something special to ring in the "Noon" Year. Families can also look forward to

snacks, upbeat music, and other fun activities. Right before 12:00 p.m., everyone will gather for a joyful countdown as we welcome the "Noon" Year with cheers, noisemakers and a burst of confetti!



This Noon Year's Eve Party is a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate together without staying up late, and we can't wait to see everyone come together for this fun event! Mark your calendars and join us as we ring in the Noon Year in style!

TPL Puzzle Showdown January 2

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-7275>

Puzzle Swap



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.

A Gourd Life

The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch meets upstairs in the library's Guinn Room on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 2-4:00 p.m. On December 2nd & 16th, participants are invited to "do your own thing" so that you may finish or start whatever projects you would like. Visitors are welcome to participate and a few dried gourds will be available as well as paints and markers. Contact Karen at the library for more information.

New Materials @ TPL

ADULT NONFICTION

The Tech Exit - Morell - 004.678 MOR
 We the People - Lepore - 342.7302 LEP
 The 36-Hour Day - Mace - 616.831 MAC
 Taste of Home Annual Recipes 2026 - 641.5 TAS
 Nobody's Girl - Giuffre - 921 GIU
 Star of the Show - Parton - 921 PAR
 The Book of Sheen - Sheen - 921 SHE

ADULT FICTION

Nash Falls - Baldacci - FIC BAL, Walter Nash #1
 Turn of Fate - Bishop - FIC BIS, Isle of Wyrd #1
 Exit Strategy - Child - FIC CHI, Jack Reacher #30
 Ghost Soldier - Cussler - FIC CUS, Oregon Files #18
 Over Yonder Dietrich - FIC DIE
 The King's Ransom - Evanovich - FIC EVA, Gabriela Rose #2
 Her One Regret - Freitas - FIC FRE
 Boleyn Traitor - Gregory - FIC GRE, Plantagenet & Tudor #11
 A Ferry Merry Christmas - Macomber - FIC MAC
 Santa's Holiday Spectacular - Michaels - FIC MIC, Santa's Crew #4
 Code Blue - Michaels - FIC MIC, Sisterhood #37
 Life, & Death, & Giants - Rindo - FIC RIN
 Wild Card - Silver - FIC SIL, Rose Hill #4

CHRISTIAN FICTION

Girl Lost - Angelo - CH FIC ANG, King Legacy #1
 Through Dust & Ashes - Bonner - CH FIC BON, Oregon Promise #1
 Beneath Brazen Skies - Bonner - CH FIC BON, Oregon Promise #2
 Across Barren Plains - Bonner - CH FIC BON, Oregon Promise #3
 Not a Sparrow Falls - Bonner - CH FIC BON,

Wyldhaven #1

On Eagles' Wings - Bonner - CH FIC BON, Wyldhaven #2

Written in Secret - Caudill - CH FIC CAU, Art of Love and Danger #1

Voice of the Ancient - Cossette - CH FIC COS, King's Men #1

Shield of the Mighty - Cossette - CH FIC COS, King's Men #2

Splendor of the Land - Cossette - CH FIC COS, King's Men #3

Out of Time - Hannon - CH FIC HAN, Undaunted Courage #3

The Second Story Bookshop - Hunter - CH FIC HUN

A Simple Kindness in Flatsboro - Smith - CH FIC SMI

DVD/TV

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - PG - DVD FIC BES
 Caught Stealing - R - DVD FIC CAU
 Downton Abbey, The Grand Fanale - PG - DVD FIC DOW
 Freakier Friday - PG - DVD FIC FRE
 The Naked Gun - PG13 - DVD FIC NAK
 House of David - TV14 - TV DVD HOU, #1

AUDIOBOOKS

How to Test Negative for Stupid - Kennedy - CD BOOK 320.973 KEN
 Twice - Albom - CD BOOK FIC ALB
 The Proving Ground - Connelly - CD BOOK FIC CON, Mickey Haller #8
 Sharp Force - Cornwell - CD BOOK FIC COR, Kay Scarpetta #33
 The Intruder - McFadden - CD BOOK FIC MCF
 Remain - Sparks - CD BOOK FIC SPA
 Gone Before Goodbye - Witherspoon - CD BOOK FIC WIT

Our Overdrive library is always open! <https://idl.overdrive.com>

Check out our Hoopla collection: <https://hoopladigital.com>

New Materials @ TPL

WESTERN

Manhunter's Moon - Dundee - WES FIC DUN, Lone McGantry #12
 Calamity James - Johnstone - WES FIC JOH
 The Man From Blood Gulch - Johnstone - WES FIC JOH, Ghost McCoy #1
 Gunpowder Mountain - Keene - WES FIC KEE, Gunpowder Mountain #1
 The Fast Gun - Lee - WES FIC LEE

MYSTERY

The Girl from Devil's Lake - Jance - MYS FIC JAN, Joanna Brady #21
 Coyote Hills - Kellerman - MYS FIC KEL, Clay Edison #6
 Return of the Spider - Patterson - MYS FIC PAT, Alex Cross #34

E YOUTH FICTION

The Christmas that Almost Wasn't - Alary - E FIC ALA
 Time for Bed, Little Owls! - Alves - E FIC ALV
 If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur - Bailey - E FIC BAI
 Lena the Chicken (But Really a Dinosaur!) - Bailey - E FIC BAI
 Billie Jean Peet, Athlete - Beaty - E FIC BEA
 Faith, Hope, and Love Treasury - Berenstain - E FIC BER
 Bluey's Night Before Christmas - Bluey - E FIC BLU
 Knight Owl and the Early Bird - Denise - E FIC DEN
 Everything Will Be OK - Dewdney - E FIC DEW
 We Are Definitely Human - Fang - E FIC FAN
 Attack of the Scones - Funk - E FIC FUN
 Who Donut? - Funk - E FIC FUN
 Gingerbread Monster - Gemeinhart - E FIC GEM

The Flower Thief - Hemming - E FIC HEM
 The Winding Willow - Hillenbrand - E FIC HIL
 Tiny Owls Scary Day - Horacek - E FIC HOR
 I'm Very Busy - Jeffers - E FIC JEF
 How to Teach Your Monster to Read - Jones - E FIC JON
 Croco - Lopez - E FIC LOP
 There's No Place Like Gnome's - Magoon - E FIC MAG
 Amelia Bedelia Storybook Treasury - Parish - E FIC PAR
 Molly, Olive, and Dexter Who's Afraid of the Dark? - Rayner - E FIC RAY
 The Complete Adventures of Curious George - Rey - E FIC REY
 Dude, Be Nice - Scheerger - E FIC SCH
 In the Wild - Smith - E FIC SMI
 Little Owl's Fog - Srinivasan - E FIC SRI
 I Like Cheese! - Yoon - E GN YOO
 The Dog and Pony Show Dance Pants! - Mack - LR1 FIC MAC

J YOUTH FICTION

The Rise of Nicholas Noble - Bell - J FIC BEL
 How to Save an Otter - Messner - J FIC MES
 Pokémon Chasing a Legend - Scholastic - J FIC POK
 Ron Weasley - Rowling - J FIC ROW
 Steve Born to Run - Collier - J GN COL
 Dog Man Big Jim Believes - Pilkey - J GN PIL

MIDDLE GRADE

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Partypoooper - Kinney - MG FIC KIN
 Hurricane Heist - Ponti - MG FIC PON
 The Court of the Dead - Riordan - MG FIC RIO

Search our catalog: <https://thorntown.evergreenindiana.org>

To register for Wowbrary visit: <https://bit.ly/3mOPOc2>

December Events

Tue. Dec. 2	Sugar Creek Gourd Patch 2-4
Thu. Dec. 4	CICOA Produce Day
Mon. Dec. 8	Book Discussion 1:30
Fri. Dec. 12	Family Christmas Program 6-8
Sat. Dec. 13	Closing at 4:00 Heritage Museum Christmas 1-3
Mon. Dec. 15	Library Board Meeting 6-7
Tue. Dec. 16	Sugar Creek Gourd Patch 2-4
Thu. Dec. 18	CICOA Produce Day
Wed. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve - Closed
Thu. Dec. 25	Merry Christmas! - Closed
Wed. Dec. 31	Noon Years Eve Party 11:30
Fri. Jan. 2	New Years Eve - Closing at 4: Winter Puzzle Showdown 2-4

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

December 2025



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Sloppy Joe Roasted Sweet Potatoes Brussel Sprouts w/ Onion WG Bun Diced Pineapple Milk	2 Chicken Parmesan Parmesan Cheese Apples w/Cherries & Almonds Roasted Potatoes Wheat Bread Mango Cup Milk	3 Teriyaki Chicken & Noodles Stir Fry Veggies Fresh Orange Milk	4 Grilled Chicken w/ Salsa & Cheese Black Beans Carrots Corn Bread Mandarin Oranges Milk	5 Turkey Ham & Beans Diced Beets Diced Carrots Corn Bread Mixed Fruit Milk
8 Oven Fried Chicken Collard Greens Whipped Sweet Potatoes Orange Juice Milk	9 Smoked Pork Sausage w/Peppers & Onions Peas Roasted Potatoes Wheat Bread Strawberry Applesauce Milk	10 Chicken Marsala Red Skinned Potatoes Broccoli w/ Red Peppers Mixed Fruit Milk	11 Vegetarian Chili California Veggies Roasted Sweet Potatoes Corn Bread Tropical Fruit Milk	12 Holiday Meal! Pot Roast w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Brussel Sprouts w/ Onions Wheat Bread Diced Pineapple Cheesecake Milk
15 Grilled Hamburger Mac & Cheese Festive Green Beans Diced Pineapple WG Bun Milk	16 Braised Beef Over Egg Noodles Collard Greens Diced Carrots Wheat Roll Applesauce Milk	17 Beef Stew Corn Turnip Greens Wheat Bread Diced Peaches Milk	18 Bagel w/ Pork Sausage, Egg & Cheese Roasted Sweet Potatoes Sliced Apples Milk	19 Beef Barbacoa Cilantro Lime Rice Pinto Beans Fajita Vegetables Mango & Papaya Cup Milk
22 Sliced Turkey w/ Southwest Pasta Corn Peas Pudding Cup Milk	23 Country Fried Steak w/Gravy Spinach Baked Potato Tropical Fruit Milk	24 Meal Site Closed	25 Merry Christmas! Meal Site Closed	26 Meatloaf w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Wheat Bread Mandarin Oranges Milk
29 Smothered Chicken Breast w/ Gravy White and Wild Rice Key West Veggies Birthday Treat Milk	30 Chicken & Noodles Rosemary Potatoes Broccoli Wheat Roll Diced Pears Milk	31 Beef Stroganoff w/ Egg Noodles Italian Cut Green Beans Diced Carrots Wheat Roll Fresh Orange Milk		Cultural Meal Day 

CICOA Senior Lunch Program

Mon.-Fri. 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 Wed. at noon for the meals the following week. Donations for meals are accepted.



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Daytime Phone# _____ Evening Phone# _____ Delivery preference print email

All memberships expire December 31 annually.

SCHS (Museum)

- Member—\$10 (family or individual)
- Business/Organization—\$20
- Sponsor—\$25 & up
- Patron—\$50 & up
- Supporter—\$100 & up

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