



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!

Quack Open a Book! Youth Winter Reading Program

This winter, we're inviting young readers to *quack* open a book and dive into a season full of stories and fun! Our Youth Winter Reading Program, "**Quack Open a Book**," runs through January 31, and it's packed with fun incentives to keep kids reading during their winter break and beyond.

When children sign up, they'll receive a rubber duck reading buddy, the perfect companion for reading at home or anywhere a good book is enjoyed. Kids will receive a reading log and track their progress throughout the six week program. Every child who completes their reading goal will be entered to win a BIG prize!

The program is designed to encourage reading, build strong habits, and make literacy fun during the winter months. Whether your child is a brand-new reader or already loves books, "**Quack Open a Book**" is a great way to keep those pages turning. Let the winter reading fun begin!



2026 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!

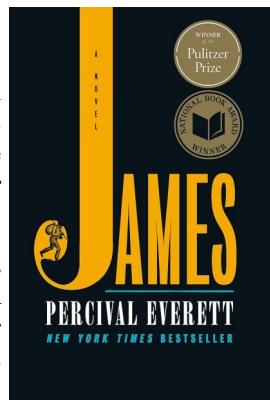


January Book Discussion

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 12th at 1:30 the book club will meet in the Room 116 to discuss ***James*** by Percival Everett.

When Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he runs away until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck has faked his own death to escape his violent father. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond.

Brimming with the electrifying humor and lacerating observations that have made Everett a literary icon, this brilliant and tender novel radically illuminates Jim's agency, intelligence, and compassion as never before. *James* is destined to be a major publishing event and a cornerstone of twenty-first century American literature.

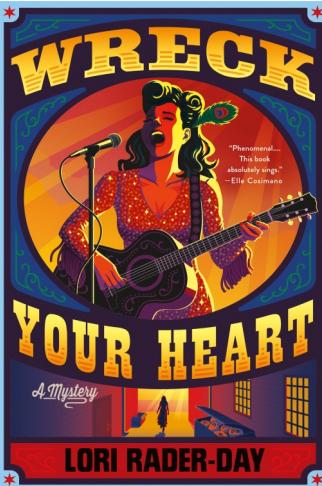


Author Visit - Lori Rader-Day

Lori Rader-Day's newest book, *Wreck Your Heart*, launches on January 6, and the library is thrilled to be included on her book launch tour! She'll visit the library at **2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 17**.

Her latest book has Lori seeing stars, having received starred reviews from *Library Journal* and *Publisher's Weekly*, as well as positive reviews from *Booklist* and *Kirkus*.

Wreck Your Heart is an engaging, "wisecracking and wonderful" (Ann Cleeves) crime novel with a big heart, about a country and midwestern singer out to catch her big break before family—or murder—wrecks everything.



Lori will share about her newest book, take questions from guests, and have copies available for purchase. Please join us; all are welcome.

Lori Rader-Day is the Edgar Award-nominated and Agatha, Anthony, and Mary Higgins Clark award-winning author of *The Death of Us*, *Death at Greenway*, *The Lucky One*, *Under a Dark Sky*, and others. Lori lives in Chicago, where she co-chairs the crime fiction readers' event Midwest Mystery Conference.

January Euchre Night

Thanks to everyone who came to last month's Euchre Night. \$150 was raised for the New Beginnings Fellowship Food Pantry. The next Euchre Night will be Saturday, Jan. 24th in the TPL meeting rooms. Sign up before Friday, Jan. 23rd. January's proceeds will go to Chicken Nugget & Gang. 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



High Points: Tim Caldwell



Low Points: Kathy Lowder

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".

Storytimes Resume

Toddler & Preschool Storytime with Kathy & Adventure Storytime with Barb will start back up on Thursday, Jan. 8th at 3:30 p.m.

Adult Spelling Bee

Spellers get ready! TPL is hosting an Adult Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 7th at 4:30 p.m. Look for details in the next newsletter!

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.

Versiti Bloodmobile - Jan. 19

 The need for blood never takes a holiday. Your donation helps to restock hospital shelves during National Donor Month. The Versiti Bloodmobile will be at the library to accept donations. Schedule your time slot by visiting the donor portal or visit the Bloodmobile any time from 1:30-5:30 on Monday, Jan. 19th; walk-ins are welcome.

Donor portal: https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11627577

In about an hour's time, your lifesaving gift brings hope for up to three Indiana patients and their families.

New Materials @ TPL

ADULT NONFICTION

Holy Hot Mess - Backstrom - 270.092 BAC
 The Sailing of the Intrepid - Williams - 359.94 Wil
 Sisters in Death - Frankel - 364.152 FRA
 The Grave Robber - Carpenter - 364.16289 CAR
 Chase's Calendar of Events 2026 - 529.3 CHA
 Starting & Building a Nonprofit Guide - Pakroo - 658.048 PAK
 Scott Postage Stamp Catalogue - 769.56 SCO, Vols. 1A-6B
 Awake - Hatmaker - 921 HAT
 Nations Apart - Woodard - 973 WOO

ADULT FICTION

Brigands & Breadknives - Baldree - FIC BAL,
 Legends & Lattes #3
 Good Spirits - Borison - FIC BOR, Ghosted #1
 A Sea Glass Christmas - Bunn - FIC BUN, Outer
 Banks #2
 Hellburners - Cussler - FIC CUS, Oregon Files #16
 Fire Strike - Cussler - FIC CUS, Oregon Files #17
 Quantum Tempest - Cussler - FIC CUS, Oregon
 Files #19
 Dark Watch - Cussler - FIC CUS, Oregon Files #3
 Three Sisters, Three Queens - Gregory - FIC GRE,
 Plantagenet & Tudor #8
 The Other Boleyn Girl - Gregory - FIC GRE,
 Plantagenet & Tudor #9
 The Women of Bandit Bend - Harrison - FIC HAR
 Secret Nights and Northern Lights - Oliver - FIC
 OLI
 Bees in June - Parman - FIC PAR
 The Time Hop Coffee Shop - Patrick - FIC PAT
 The Radio Hour - Purman - FIC PUR
 The Seven Rings - Roberts - FIC ROB, lost bride #3
 The Falls First - Shalvis - FIC SHA
 Sonora - Walsh - FIC WAL

CHRISTIAN FICTION

The Royal Artisan - Afshar - CH FIC AFS, Queen
 Ester's Court #2
 Through Water and Stone - Barnett - CH FIC BAR,
 Zion National Park #1
 Christmas in Wisconsin - Byler - CH FIC BYL
 When the Waters Came - Patterson - CH FIC DAY,
 Day to Remember #1
 When the Flames Ravaged - Dragomir - CH FIC
 DAY, Day to Remember #2
 When Hope Sank - Weimer - CH FIC DAY, Day to
 Remember #3
 When the Mountain Crumbled - Couch - CH FIC
 DAY, Day to Remember #4
 Dark Design - Mehl - CH FIC MEH, Erin Delaney
 #2
 Detecting Concealed Evidence - Mentink - CH FIC
 MEN, Security Hounds #5

WESTERN FICTION

Sudden Country - Estleman - WES FIC EST
 Card, Man of Justice - Garner - WES FIC GAR,
 Card Jordan #2
 Deadly Trail Griffin - WES FIC GRI
 Zekial - Richards - WES FIC RIC
 Outpost in the Desert - Vaughan - WES FIC VAU
 The Hunt for Big Cat - Vaughan - WES FIC VAU

DVD/TV

The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle - PG -
 DVD FIC ADV
 The Ant Bully - PG - DVD FIC ANT
 Bone Lake - R - DVD FIC BON
 The Conjuring 4 - R - DVD FIC CON
 Dream Girls PG13 - DVD FIC DRE
 Eden - R - DVD FIC EDE
 Eleanor the Great - PG13 - DVD FIC ELE

New Materials @ TPL

Flow - NR - DVD FIC FLO

The Long Walk - R - DVD FIC LON

The Other Guys - NR - DVD FIC OTH

The Roses - R - DVD FIC ROS

AUDIOBOOKS

Nash Falls - Baldacci - CD BOOK FIC BAL, Walter
Nach #1

The Jackal's Mistress - Bohjalian - CD BOOK FIC
BOH

Exit Strategy - Child - CD BOOK FIC CHI, Jack
Reacher #30

Spasm - Cook - CD BOOK FIC COO

The King's Ransom - Evanovich - CD BOOK FIC
EVA, Gabriela Rose #2

The Widow - Grisham - CD BOOK FIC GRI

Queen Esther - Irving - CD BOOK FIC IRV

Blown Away - Woods - CD BOOK FIC WOO, Teddy
Fay #8

YOUTH NONFICTION

Aircraft Carriers - Marlin - E 623.74 MAR

Bombers - Marlin - E 623.74 MAR

Drones - Marlin - E 623.74 MAR

Fighter Jets - Marlin - E 623.74 MAR

Helicopters - Marlin - E 623.74 MAR

Ships - Marlin - E 623.74 MAR

Submarines - Marlin - E 623.74 MAR

Tanks - Marlin - E 623.74 MAR

If I Ran the Horse Show, All About Horses - Worth
- E 636.1 WOR

Coding for Kids - McCue - J 005.13 MCC

Jurassic World Dinosaur Field Guide - Holtz - J
567.9 HOL

Rain Forests - Vogt - J 577.34 VOG

Trees, Leaves, Flowers & Seeds - Jose - J 580 JOS

Epic Encounters in the Animal Kingdom - Peterson
- J 591.47 PET

The King of Sting - Peterson - J 591.47 PET

A Kid's Guide to Keeping Chickens - Caughey - J
636.5 CAU

YOUTH FICTION

Piney the Lonesome Pine - Bekernik - E FIC BAK

Gray Squirrel Loses It! - Federman - E FIC FED

Moomin and the Winter Snow - Jansson - E FIC
JAN

Turkey vs. Santa - Tarpley - E FIC TAR

Rapunzel and the Sea Witch & The Little Mermaid
and the Tower - Bussing - J FIC BUS

Teddy vs. the Fuzzy Doom - Hallett - J FIC HAL

I Am Rebel - Montgomery - J FIC MON

Delphine and the Silver Needle - Moon - J FIC
MOO

Creep from the Deep - Stine - J FIC STI

Dr. Maniac vs. Robby Schwartz - Stine - J FIC STI

My Friends Call Me Monster - Stine - J FIC STI

The Streets of Panic Park - Stine - J FIC STI

Welcome to Camp Slither - Stine - J FIC STI

Welcome to Horrorland - Stine - J FIC STI

When the Ghost Dogs Howl - Stine - J FIC STI

Who's Your Mummy? - Stine - J FIC STI

Busted - Gemeinhart - MG FIC GEM

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

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

January Events

Wed. Dec. 31 **Library Closes at 4:00 p.m.**

Thu. Jan. 1 **Library Closed - New Year's Day**

Fri. Jan. 2 CICOA Produce Day

Tue. Jan. 6 Sugar Creek Gourd Patch 2-4:00
Teen Advisory Group 3:30

Thu. Jan. 8 Toddler & Preschool Storytime 3:30
Adventure Storytime 3:30

Fri. Jan. 9 Community Bingo 6:00

Mon. Jan. 12 2nd Monday Book Discussion 1:30
Library Board Meeting 6:00

Tue. Jan. 13 Lego Club 3:30

Thu. Jan. 15 CICOA Produce Day
Toddler & Preschool Storytime 3:30
Adventure Storytime 3:30
Sugar Creek Historical Society 7:00 @THM

Sat. Jan. 17 Author Lori Rader-Day Visit 2:00

Mon. Jan. 19 Versiti Bloodmobile Drive 1:30-5:30

Tue. Jan. 20 Sugar Creek Gourd Patch 2-4:00
Makerspace 3:30

Thu. Jan. 22 Toddler & Preschool Storytime 3:30
Adventure Storytime 3:30

Sat. Jan. 24 Euchre Night 4:30

Tue. Jan. 27 Play with Me! 10:30

Thu. Jan. 29 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



CICOA January 2026

Aging & In-Home Solutions

5
 Grilled Hamburger
 Mac & Cheese
 Festive Green Beans
 Diced Pears
 Wheat Bun
 Milk

6
 Herb Crusted Hake
 Red Skinned Potatoes
 Broccoli
 Wheat Bread
 Tropical Fruit
 Milk

7
 Braised Beef Over Egg Noodles
 Collard Greens
 Diced Carrots
 Wheat Roll
 Applesauce
 Milk

1 - Happy New Year!

Meal Site Closed

2
 Hoppin John
 Cabbage
 Rice Pilaf
 Diced Peaches
 Milk

12
 Oven Fried Chicken
 Whipped Sweet Potatoes
 Collard Greens
 Orange Juice
 Milk

13
 Italian Bowtie Pasta w/Beef
 Broccoli w/Red Peppers
 Green Beans
 Mandarin Oranges
 Milk

14
 Bagel w/Egg, Pork Sausage & Cheese
 Sliced Apples
 Roasted Sweet Potatoes
 Milk

15
 Turkey Ham & Beans
 Beets
 Carrots
 Corn Bread
 Mixed Fruit
 Milk

16
 Orange Chicken
 Rice Pilaf
 Broccoli
 Tropical Fruit
 Milk

19 Happy MLK Day!

Meal Site Closed

20
 Chicken Parmesan
 Parmesan Cheese
 Apples w/Cherries & Almonds
 Roasted Potatoes
 Wheat Bread
 Diced Mangos
 Milk

21
 Sloppy Joe WG Bun
 Roasted Sweet Potatoes
 Brussel Sprouts w/ Onion
 Diced Pineapple
 Milk

22
 Teriyaki Chicken & Noodles
 Stir Fry Veggies
 Fresh Orange
 Milk

23
 Beef Stew
 Corn
 Turnip Greens
 Wheat Bread
 Diced Peaches
 Milk

26
 Meatloaf w/Gravy
 Brussels sprouts
 Mashed Potatoes
 Mandarin Oranges
 Birthday Treat
 Milk

27
 Indiana Style Chili Mac
 California Veggie Blend
 Applesauce
 Corn Bread
 Milk

28
 Smoked Pork Sausage w/Peppers & Onions
 Peas
 Roasted Potatoes
 Wheat Roll
 Strawberry Applesauce
 Milk

29
 Chicken & White Bean Chili
 Brussel Sprouts
 Corn
 Corn Bread
 Mixed Fruit
 Milk

30
 Ginger BBQ Chicken
 Whipped Sweet Potatoes
 Collard Greens
 Wheat Bread
 Diced Pears
 Milk

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.



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Friends of Library & Sugar Creek Historical Society Memberships

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

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

Friends of Thorntown Public Library

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- Business/Organization—\$20
- Sponsor—\$25 & up
- Patron—\$50 & up
- Supporter—\$100 & up

Make **Friends membership** checks payable to: **Friends of Thorntown Public Library, Inc.**

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