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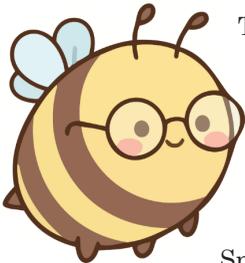
ReUSE Heart & Sole Shoe Collection Feb. 2 - 17

Bring your used shoes to the library February 2nd - 17th! TPL is pleased to again serve as a site for Boone County Solid Waste Management District's annual ReUSE Heart & Sole shoe collection. Shoes of all types and in all conditions will be accepted. Those that are paired and in good condition will be distributed to those in need throughout Central Indiana by Changing Footprints. Shoes that are unusable will be recycled. Donate your shoes to a worthy cause and keep them out of landfills.



Adult Spelling Bee Registration is Open!

Are you a good speller? Do you like to have fun? Do you enjoy friendly competition? If you answered yes to any of these questions, consider forming a team and entering our Adult Spelling Bee! The Bee will be held on Saturday, March 7th at 4:30 p.m. at the library. This is a free event open to those 18 and older; a registered team of three members is required to participate. Returning emcee Tyson Warmoth will be back to host our competition!



The competition will be points-based with eliminations after the third and fifth rounds; teams will also earn "style points" from the audience for creative team names, costumes, props, and table decorations! Teammates will be able to confer during the competition and the Designated Writer will write the spelling on a dry erase board. Winners will receive a trophy and bragging rights for the year. 2025 Spelling Bee Champs "Chester Bee Arthur" have been invited to defend the title.

Space is limited to eight teams! Stop by the library or email csterle@thorntownpl.org for an entry form. Once the eight slots are filled, additional teams will be waitlisted. All are invited to attend and cheer for their favorite spellers. Contact Christine at the library with any questions.

Free BP Screening

To celebrate American Heart Month, IU Health will be administering free blood pressure screenings and distributing free take-home monitors to those interested on Monday, Feb. 23rd from 12-1 p.m. in meeting room 120. No sign-up required! Join us in improving heart health!

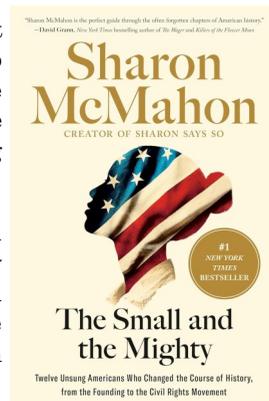
February Book Discussion

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 February 9th at 1:30 the book club will meet in the Room 116 to discuss *The Small and the Mighty* by Sharon McMahon.

In *The Small and the Mighty*, Sharon McMahon proves that the most remarkable Americans are often ordinary people who didn't make it into the textbooks. Not the presidents, but the telephone operators. Not the aristocrats, but the schoolteachers. Through meticulous research, she discovers history's unsung characters and brings their rich, riveting stories to light for the first time.

You'll meet a woman astride a white horse riding down Pennsylvania Ave, a young boy detained at a Japanese incarceration camp, a formerly enslaved woman on a mission to reunite with her daughter, a poet on a train, and a teacher who learns to work with her enemies. More than one thing is bombed, and multiple people surprisingly become rich. Some rich with money, and some wealthy with things that matter more.

This is a book about what really made America – and Americans – great. McMahon's cast of improbable champions will become familiar friends, lighting the path we journey in our quest to make the world more just, peaceful, good, and free.



Teen Puzzle Challenge

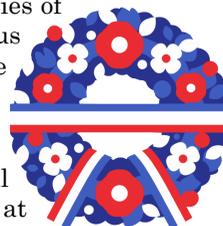
We are excited to announce a teen jigsaw puzzle challenge at the library on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 4:00 p.m.! Teams of two or three teens are invited to compete. Each team will receive an identical 300-piece puzzle and will have one hour to complete it. At the end of the hour, the team with the fewest remaining pieces will be declared the winner. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. Registration is required. To sign up your team, please stop by the library or call us at 765-436-7348.



Honoring Boone County Patriots

Thorntown Heritage Museum and Sugar Creek Historical Society have partnered with Discover Boone County, the Daughters of the Revolution James Hill Chapter, & Boone County Extension Homemakers to honor Boone County's Revolutionary War patriots with a series of wreath-laying ceremonies. Twenty patriots, who are buried across various cemeteries in Boone County, will be individually recognized in these respectful events.

The wreath-laying events will take place at noon at the cemetery of each honored patriot on the following dates in 2026: February 5, March 11, April 14, May 6, June 4, and June 24. More details on the locations can be found at the library or on the museum's Facebook page.



Lincoln Visits for President's Day!



President Abraham Lincoln is paying a visit to the library on February 16th at 4:30 p.m. for President's Day! Lincoln will relive his journey from log cabin to the White House, touching on his time here in Indiana and Boone County. There will be an exhibit highlighting Lincoln's connection to Boone County and a presidential and patriotic activity. All ages welcome; students & homeschool groups encouraged to attend.



**CARDS &
GAMES
NIGHT**

**Fri. February 13th
6-7:30 p.m.**

TPL meeting rooms.
Free to play!



Think Gourd!!

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. New participants are always welcome to join. Clean gourds and colored pencils/paints/markers are available or participants may work on their own projects. On February 3rd and 17th, red and white will be the theme and hearts as a focus. On March 3rd and 17th, spring flowers will be created in 3-D form using seed art and gourds or gourd pieces cut as flowers for painting. Questions and reservations may be directed to Karen at the library.

Thorntown Basketball History Night

Thorntown Heritage Museum is bringing Basketball Historian and Author David White to share his research on Thorntown's Basketball History on February 20th at 4:30 in the library meeting rooms. David will talk about his research that went into writing "*Thorntown Basketball 1956-1959: When Basketball Was King In Indiana*". Books will be available to purchase. Basketball memorabilia from the museum's collection will be on display.



February Euchre Night

The next Euchre Night will be Saturday, Feb. 28th in the TPL meeting rooms. Sign up before Friday, Feb. 27th. February'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 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".



New Materials @ TPL

ADULT NONFICTION

The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2026 - 031 WOR
 Boone County Resource Guide - 261.832 BOO
 The Lucky Egg - Sekhon - 304.632 SEK
 How to Test Negative for Stupid - Kennedy - 320.973 KEN
 Quick & Legal Will Book - Clifford - 346.7305 CLI
 ACT Study Guide 2026 - Stewart - 378.1662 BAR
 Squirrel - Castaldo - 599.36 CAS
 The Gales of November - Bacon - 910.452 BAC
 100 Rules for Living to 100 - Van Dyke - 921 VAN
 Declaring Independence - Larson - 973.313 LAR
 The Mighty Land - Farrell - 978 FAR

ADULT FICTION

The Last Dress from Paris - Beer - FIC BEE
 The Perfect Dress - Brown - FIC BRO
 The Keeper of Happy Endings - Davis - FIC DAV
 The First Time I Saw Him - Dave - FIC DAV,
 Hannah Hall #2
 Anatomy of an Alibi - Elston - FIC ELS
 Dark Joy - Feehan - FIC FEE, Dark #39
 The Lindbergh Nanny - Fredericks - FIC FRE
 Firefly Lane - Hannah - FIC HAN, Firefly Lane #1
 The Storm - Hawkins - FIC HAW
 Out of the Clear Blue Sky - Higgins - FIC HIG
 The Island - Hilderbrand - FIC HIL
 Regretting You - Hoover - FIC HOO
 Woman Down - Hoover - FIC HOO
 Half His - McCurdy - FIC MCC
 Dear Debbie - McFadden - FIC MCF
 Meet the Newmans - Niven - FIC NIV
 The Invisible Woman - Patterson - FIC PAT
 Wreck Your Heart - Rader-Day - FIC RAD
 What Boys Learn - Romano-Lac - FIC ROM
 Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl - Rosen - FIC ROS
 The House Across the Lake - Sager - FIC SAG
 One Italian Summer - Serle - FIC SER

Snow Kissed - Thayne - FIC THA

CHRISTIAN FICTION

Upon the Broken Range - Bonner - CH FIC BON,
 Oregon Promise #4
 The Pretender - Brunstetter - CH FIC BRU, Mifflin
 County #3
 Prowl - Coble - CH FIC COB, Sanctuary #2
 Down in the Dumpster - Davis - CH FIC DAV,
 Dumpster Diva #1
 When the Avalanche Roared - Bliss - CH FIC DAY,
 Day to Remember #5
 A Daughter's Choice - Irvin - CH FIC HEA, Heart of
 the Amish #10
 Rescued Heart - Hunt - CH FIC HUN, Matriarchs #1
 A Fall of Marigolds - Meissner - CH FIC MEI
 Spark of the Revolution - Soja - CH FIC SOJ,
 Harbor of Spies #1

DVD/TV

The American Revolution - DVD 973.3 AME
 Good Fortune - R - DVD FIC GOO
 Homestead - PG13 - DVD FIC HOM
 One Battle After Another - R - DVD FIC ONE
 Roofman - R - DVD FIC ROO
 The Senior - PG - DVD FIC SEN
 The Shining - R - DVD FIC SHI
 Smurfs - PG - DVD FIC SMU
 Tron Ares - PG13 - DVD FIC TRO
 Wicked for Good - PG - DVD FIC WIC

YOUTH NONFICTION

Animal Migrations - Brundle - E 591.56 BRU
 Bugs Hide and Seek - Buller - E 595.7 BUL
 Home is Calling The Journey of the Monarch
 Butterfly - Pryor - E 595.78 PRY
 Gifts from the Garbage Truck - Larsen - E 628.4
 LAR
 Doctor Esperanto and the Language of Hope -

New Materials @ TPL

Rockliff - E 921 ZAM

Hansel and Gretel - King - J 398.21 KIN

Indigenous Ingenuity - Havrelock - J 500.89 HAV

Eyewitness Dinosaur - Lambert - J 567.9 LAM

Dinosaur! - Woodward - J 567.9 WOO

Who Would Win? Walrus vs. Elephant Seal -

Pallotta - J 599.79 PAL

An Absolute Beginner's Guide to Keeping a Pet

Rabbit - Cinteza - J 636.9 CIN

What are the Winter Olympics? - Herman - J Who

What Where 796.98 HER

What Do We Know About the Lost Colony of

Roanoke? - Berne - J Who What Where 975.6 BER

YOUTH FICTION

Mr. Willowby's Head Over Heals Christmas - Barry

- E FIC BAR

When Santa Wrote Back! - Christopher - E FIC CHR

Pete the Cat Scuba Cat - Dean - E FIC DEA

Cat Problems - John - E FIC JOH

The Humble Pie - John - E FIC JOH

Buffalo Fluffalo and Puffalo - Kalb - E FIC KAL

Jingle Bells - Kirchner - E FIC KIR

5-Minute Marvel Stories - Marvel - E FIC MAR

Elmore and the Big Christmas Rescue - Petty - E

FIC PET

Playtime Express with the Easter Bunny - Sutton -

E FIC SUT

Merry and Hark a Christmas Story - Tucholke - E

FIC TUC

Pup and Dragon How to Catch an Elf - Walstead - E

GN WAL

The Big Orange Book of Beginner Books - Seuss -

ER FIC SEU

The Complete Brambly Hedge - Barklem - J FIC

BAR

Sparrow, Always - Donovan - J FIC DON

The Simple Art of Flying - Leonardo - J FIC LEO

Polar Bears Past Bedtime - Osborne - J FIC OSB

Magic Tree House #12

Dolphins at Daybreak - Osborne - J FIC OSB Magic

Tree House #9

Earl & Worm Snow Problem - Pizzoli - J FIC PIZ

Curiosity Killed the Cat - Hariman - J FIC POI

Her Evil Twin - McCoy - J FIC POI

Midnight Owl - Hutton - J FIC POI

Now You See Me... - Mason - J FIC POI

The Ghoul Next Door - Nelson - J FIC POI

The Green-Eyed Monster Fielder - J FIC POI

Mean Ghouls - Deutsch - J FIC ROT

Zombie Dog Hutton - J FIC ROT

Willow's Woods Sam Squirrel - Selfors - J FIC SEL

Goblin Monday - Stine - J FIC STI

Class Dismissed Woodrow - J FIC WOO

FGTeeV Into the Game! - FGTeeV - J GN FGT

FGTeeV Saves the World! - FGTeeV - J GN FGT

Lego Ninjago Tomb of the Fangpyre - Farshety - J

GN LEG

Hilda and Twig Hide from the Rain - Pearson - J

GN PEA

MIDDLE GRADE

Partypooper - Kinney - MG FIC KIN

Impossible Creatures - Rundell - MG FIC RUN

Skandar and the Phantom Rider - Steadman - MG

FIC STE

Skandar and the Unicorn Thief - Steadman - MG

FIC STE

The First Unicorn Rider - Steadman - MG FIC STE

Miles Morales Stanger Tides - Reynolds - MG GN

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

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

February Events

- Mon. Feb. 2 **ReUSE Shoe Collection Begins**
 Tue. Feb. 3 Sugar Creek Gourd Patch 2-4:00
 Teen Puzzle Showdown 4:00
 Thu. Feb. 5 CICOA Produce Day
 Toddler & Preschool Storytime 3:30
 Adventure Storytime 3:30
- Mon. Feb. 9 2nd Monday Book Disc 1:30
 Library Board Meeting 6-7
 Tue. Feb. 10 Lego club 3:30
 Thu. Feb. 12 Toddler & Preschool Storytime 3:30
 Adventure Storytime 3:30
 Fri. Feb. 13 Cards & Games Night 6-7:30
- Mon. Jan. 16 **Presidents Day**
 Lincoln Visit 4:30
 Tue. Jan 17 **Last Day to Turn in Shoes!**
 Sugar Creek Gourd Patch 2-4:00
 Makerspace 3:30
 Thu. Feb. 19 CICOA Produce Day
 Toddler & Preschool Storytime 3:30
 Adventure Storytime 3:30
 Sugar Creek Historical Society Meeting 7:00 @ THM
 Fri. Feb. 20 Thorntown Basketball History & Book Signing 4:30
- Mon. Feb. 23 Free Blood Pressure Screening 12-1
 Tue. Feb. 24 Play with Me! 10:30
 Thu. Feb. 26 Toddler & Preschool Storytime 3:30
 Adventure Storytime 3:30
 Sat. Feb. 28 Euchre Night 4:30

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

**The Thorntown
 Heritage Museum
 is open by appoint-
 ment 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

February 2026



CICOA
Aging & In-Home Solutions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Oven Fried Chicken Whipped Sweet Potatoes Collard Greens Orange Juice Milk	3 Spaghetti/Meatballs Parmesan Cheese Italian Cut Green Beans California Veggies Mixed Fruit Milk	4 Beef & Broccoli Lo Mein Noodles Carrots Diced Pears Milk	5 BBQ Beef Green Beans Scalloped Potatoes WG Bun Diced Peaches Milk	6 Vegetarian Chili California Veggies Roasted Sweet Potatoes Corn Bread Tropical Fruit Milk
9 Grilled Hamburger Mac & Cheese Festive Green Beans Diced Pears WG Bun Milk	10 Cheesy Smothered Chopped Steak White Rice Pilaf Peas Wheat Bread Mandarin Oranges Milk	11 Turkey Ham & Beans Beets Carrots Corn Bread Mixed Fruit Milk	12 Pot Roast w/Gravy Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Wheat Bread Applesauce Milk	13 Almond Crusted Fish California Veggies Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Fruit Wheat Bread Milk
16- Happy President's Day! Meal Site Closed	17 Gnocchi Carbonara w/ Peas Green Beans Diced Pineapple Milk 	18 Meatloaf w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Mandarin Oranges Milk	19 Beef Stew Corn Turnip Greens Wheat Bread Diced Peaches Milk	20 Pollock Sandwich Peas & Corn Collard Greens Tartar Sauce Tropical Fruit Milk
23 Chicken & Noodles Rosemary Potatoes Italian Cut Green Beans Wheat Roll Birthday Treat Milk	24 Ginger BBQ Chicken Whipped Sweet Potatoes Collard Greens Wheat Bread Diced Pears Milk	25 Italian Bowtie Pasta w/Beef Broccoli w/Red Peppers Green Beans Applesauce Milk	26 Country Fried Steak w/Gravy Spinach Baked Potato Tropical Fruit Milk	27 Herb Crusted Hake Roasted Potatoes Broccoli Wheat Bread Tropical Fruit Cup 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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All memberships expire December 31 annually.

SCHS (Museum)

- Member—\$10 (family or individual)
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