

# Check It Out!

NOVEMBER 2017

CROWN POINT COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

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## Automatic renewal to debut November 20

Starting, Monday, November 20, eligible library items will renew automatically, giving you more peace of mind as well as more time with your library materials.

So, what do you need to do to enjoy this new service? Nothing. Beginning November 20, eligible items will automatically renew when they become due. You don't need to do anything --it's automatic!

Items not eligible for automatic renewal are DVDs, Book Express, materials with holds placed on it, items that have exceeded renewals, blocked accounts or if the cardholder has fines of \$10 or more.

Cardholders who have an email address listed on their account will get an email letting them know which items were automatically renewed, and which were not. Cardholders can sign up for email notifications by asking a staff member in person at the library, by phone or logging into their account using the "My Account" tab on the website.

Questions? Please stop and ask any of our library staff for more information or visit [www.crownpointlibrary.org](http://www.crownpointlibrary.org)

## Give Thanks For Books

"What are you thankful for?"



*Tickets on sale now for the  
Friends of the Library  
Fall Literary Luncheon  
and  
Chicago Bus Trip  
Details on page 7.*

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

November 22 at 5 p.m.,  
November 23,  
November 24

December 24,  
December 25,  
December 26, '  
December 31

January 1, 2018

Beginning in 2018  
The Crown Point Library will  
be closed on Sundays.



## UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

### Holiday Open House Dec. 2 | 10 - 4 p.m.

Patrons of all ages will find something special to do at the library's Holiday Open House. The Library will be decked out in holiday decorations. The Children's Library will have special crafts and activities. The library's meeting rooms will have activities for all ages and storyteller, Grant Fitch returns for more holiday readings!

### Holiday Music Concerts

Be sure to mark your calendar for some special holiday music performances at the library in December. All music events are free, and do not require registration.

#### Harmony Handbells

Monday, Dec. 11 | 6:45 - 7:45 p.m.  
Crown Point Library lobby

Enjoy an informal handbell concert as the Harmony Handbells ring in the holidays at the library lobby.

#### Crown Point High School Choir

Monday, December 11 | 6 p.m.

Under the direction of Bill Woods, the choir will present an a Cappella concert.

#### Orchestra Concert

Monday, December 18 | 6 p.m.  
Library Meeting Rooms

The Friends of the Crown Point Library will host local student orchestra musicians, under the direction of Mr. Rovelli Grib, for a special holiday concert. The concert will also include a special performance by the Cello Ensemble under the direction of Carol Semmes. A special visitor from the North Pole will make a surprise appearance.

## Women in Politics in Northwest Indiana Monday, November 6 | 6 p.m.

The Crown Point Library will host LakeShore Public Radio and the League of Women Voters of the Calumet Area to bring you a special discussion of "Women in Politics in Northwest Indiana." A panel of guests will be moderated by Chris Nolte. The program will also air live on 89.1 FM as well as on LakeShore Public Radio Facebook page, and it'll re-air during "Regionally Speaking."

## Medicare Made Clear

Tuesday, November 7 | 6 p.m.

Saturday, November 18 | 10 a.m.

Cliff Havens, a certified Senior Consultant, will present and discuss your Medicare options. The program is free and no registration is required.

## Beginner Photography Class - Adults

Sundays, November 12 & 19

2 - 4 p.m.

Join us for a two-part photography class designed for beginners who would like to take better pictures documenting their daily lives. The class is an introduction to basics that will help you to get the best out of whatever camera you own. Topics covered will include: exposure basics, camera settings and functions, gear selection, composition and design, working with different light sources and people, editing your images, macro, travel, and still life photography with an emphasis on documenting your own family and life with pictures you will be proud to share.

Course instructor, Leah McLean, studied photography in college before opening a portrait business of her own. She is constantly educating herself through classes, workshops and personal projects and loves to share what she has learned with other photography enthusiasts.

Supplies to bring: Your digital camera. You can bring a point and shoot, mobile phone, DSLR or any camera in-between. If you have your camera's manual please bring to class each week. Free, registration required. Class size limited to 25 adults.

Master story teller, Grant Fitch, performed halloween favorites at both libraries.





Got game?



# INTERNATIONAL GAME DAY Saturday, November 4 from 10 - 3 p.m.

at the Crown Point Community Library

Join people of all ages in the library meeting rooms to play a variety of games. Xbox 360, Xbox One, and Wii gaming systems are all available to play with a library card in the Game Room.

## ON-GOING GAMES

Free | No registration.

Mahjong:  
Thursdays | 1 - 3 p.m.

Mahjong Instruction:  
Meets Monday, November 6  
from 1 - 3 p.m. for in-depth  
instruction on the game.

## Movies

Free | No registration.

FREE. Popcorn will be served.

Movie Matinee -  
GOING IN STYLE

Monday, November 13 | 1:30 p.m.

Film Movement -

HARMONIUM Japanese with English Subtitles

Wednesday, November 15 | 6 p.m.



## Adult Yoga

Thursday, Nov. 2 | 10 - 11 a.m. OR 6 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 16 | 10 - 11 a.m. OR 6 - 7 p.m.

## AARP Safe Driver Course

Tuesday, Nov. 14 | 10 - 2:15 p.m.

Class is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Registration is required. Call Jeanette at 219-949-6307 to register for the class. The library provides this course in partnership with the AARP. Be sure to bring your driver's license, AARP card, snack/drink, and a sweater.

## ON-GOING CREATIVITY CLASSES

Free | No registration.

New Group!

Sticks & Strings Knitting Club  
Mondays | 9:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Crochet Group:  
Mondays | 9 - 11 a.m.

Under Cover Quilters:  
Tuesdays | 10 - 3 p.m.

Wednesday Afternoon Knitters:  
Wednesdays | 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Color Your Stress Away  
Monday, Nov. 27 | 1 - 3 p.m.

Paper Crafting  
Wednesday, Nov. 15 | 10 a.m.  
or 1p.m. OR Thursday, Nov. 16 |  
5:45 p.m.

Playing with Paper  
Monday, Nov. 13 | 10 - 12 p.m.



# How to register for a program offered at the library

Registration can be done a variety of ways.

- Online: Visit the library's web-page, [www.crownpointlibrary.org](http://www.crownpointlibrary.org), and click on the tab labeled "EVENTS". Once you are on the EVENTS page, click on the green calendar of events box on the right margin. Once you reach the calendar, locate the date of the program you'd like to attend, and click on it. Click on the button, "Register Now" and enter your information. You may select to have a reminder email sent to you prior to the event.

- Crown Point programs:  
For adult programs call the CP Reference Desk at 306-4593 or visit the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor and they can register you for any class(s) you would like to attend.

- For children's programs call the CP Children's Library at 306-8068 or visit the Children's Service Desk on the 2nd floor and they can register you for any class(s) you would like to attend.

- Winfield Library programs: Call 662-4039 or visit the Circulation Desk at Winfield Branch Library to register for programs for all ages.

\*Important: If an event is full, please place yourself on the waiting list when available. Sometimes the library can meet demand with an additional class or may have a cancellation. Other times the library may plan a future event and use the waiting list to alert people of the new event. Be thoughtful of others and cancel your registration if you realize you are unable to come to class.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

"3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY AT 1" - CROWN POINT LIBRARY | 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Monday, November 20: *Circling the Sun*, Paula McLain

Monday, December 18: *No Assigned Book*, Book Share & Holiday Cookies

Monday, January 15: *The Book That Matters Most*, Ann Hood

WINFIELD BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK GROUP | 1- 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14: *The One-in-a-Million Boy*, Monica Wood

Tuesday, December 12: *No Assigned Book*, Book Share & Holiday Cookies

Tuesday, January 9: *Nightingale*, Kristin Hannah

EVENING BOOK GROUP- CROWN POINT LIBRARY | 6- 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 9: *The Mother*, Yvette Edwards

Thursday, December 14: *No Assigned Book*, Book Share & Holiday Cookies

Thursday, January 11: *365 Thank You's*, John Kralik

Ask for the books at the Circulation Desk. New members are always welcome!

## Indiana Room: Researching Veterans

If you have a veteran in your family, you may be able to find details about their service. Stop in the Indiana Room to view the display on researching veterans. The display includes hints on using the databases and resources available through the library and other places, as well as photographs from the Indiana Room collection.

Have a stumper in your genealogy research? Drop by the Indiana Room on Monday November 13 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. for the Descendant Drop-In: The Genealogy Help Program. This program is intended for quick questions and help; if you require additional services you may be asked to make an appointment.

Take your learning home and visit the Indiana Room's online blog *If Solon Could See Us Now?* <https://crownpointlibrary.org/research/indiana-room/if-solon-could-see-us-now/> Or, if you are on Twitter you can follow the Indiana Room @CPCL\_INRoom for tweets on genealogy, preservation, and history.

## FREE Online Research Databases are available on our website!

The Crown Point Community Library offers a variety of free online research databases available to all library users! Accessible from our website, library card holders may access databases from home by entering their library card number. Inside the library, all library users may use a library computer or their own device to access databases. Follow these steps, and you will find a world of information at your fingertips!

1. Go to [crownpointlibrary.org](http://crownpointlibrary.org)
2. Hover on "Research Tab"
3. Click on "Database List"
4. Choose the database that interests you!

Check out the display case in the Crown Point Library lobby to view the different databases available -- for free!





## KIDS PROGRAMS

### Lego Challenge Contest

Thursday, November 9 at 5:00 p.m.  
(ages 6-10)

Use your imagination to complete a Lego challenge. Challenge contest creations will be displayed and voted on for our Lego contest. All masterpieces will be on display for one month.

### Open Play

Friday, Nov. 10 | 11:00 a.m.

Open play is a self-directed play-time for ages 1-5. No registration required.

### Duplo Club

Friday, Nov. 17 | 11:00 a.m.

Use your imagination to build with Duplo blocks. No registration required.

### American Girl Club: Kaya

Tuesday, November 14 | 4 p.m.

American Girl fans in grades 1-5 are invited to our all new American Girl club. Each month we will focus on a new American Girl from the series, in chronological order. Come learn about America as Kaya knew it in 1764. A snack and activity from the time period will be included. Registration required.



## STORYTIME PROGRAMS

### Terrific Two's:

Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 28 and Dec. 5 and 12 at 10 or 11 a.m.  
(age 2 with a caregiver)

### Preschool Pals:

Wednesdays, Nov. 8, 15, 29 and Dec. 6 and 13 at 10 or 11 a.m.  
(ages 3-5 with a caregiver)

Registration required.

### Book Babies:

Thursdays, Nov. 9, 16, 30 and Dec. 7, 14 at 10 or 11 a.m.  
(ages 0-24 months with a caregiver)

### Fridays, Nov. 10 and 17 and

Dec. 1, 8 and 15 at 10 a.m.  
(ages 4 & 5 / caregiver remains in the library)

No Storytime during the week of Thanksgiving

## Greyt Readers

Saturday, Nov. 4 | 10 a.m.

Would your child like a patient, attentive friend to read to? Greyt Readers provides an opportunity for your child to read to retired greyhounds in a relaxed atmosphere. The dogs sit calmly and quietly for a story. Children can practice reading out loud without fear of judgement. It's a great way for children to gain confidence in their reading.

## HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

### Homeschool Science Experience:

Sports!

Monday, November 13 | 2:30 p.m.

Homeschool students are invited to use their engineering and design skills to create a tabletop basketball, football, or soccer goal and a device that will shoot the ball.

### Explore Together Family Science:

Senses

Tuesday, November 21 | 5:00 p.m.

Preschool scientists and their families are invited to explore your wonderful senses! What can we learn by touching? By smelling? By tasting? Seeing? Hearing? Let's explore together to find out!

### Homeschool Math Marvels

Monday, November 27 | 2:30 p.m.

Put away your textbook and join us for hands-on math. Homeschool students are invited to experience math concepts through the use of games, art, and other interactive activities. Registration starts Nov. 13



# WINFIELD BRANCH LIBRARY

In October, the Friends of the Crown Point Community Library held a "Meet the Friends" social hour at the Winfield Branch Library. They greeted patrons and handed out information about their organization, upcoming events to the visiting patrons. Refreshments were enjoyed and children received Halloween treats bag filled with goodies.



Friends of the Library members: Back Row: Rose Kendall, Carol Bangsberg, Vicky Klein; Middle row: Donna Selvaggi, Donna Hill, Carol Hill and front Nikola, Dario and Martin Minic. The Friends of the Library purchased the display case shown. Members of the Winfield Branch Library community are encouraged to display their personal collection of items or artwork.

## NEW WINFIELD BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday & Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-7 p.m.  
Wednesday & Friday: 10-5 p.m.  
Saturday: 10- 2 p.m.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Paper Crafting Workshop

Thursday, November 9 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Participants will make three projects. A materials fee of \$6 is due at the time of the class. Registration required.

### Winfield Book Group

Tuesday, November 14 | 1 - 2:30 p.m.

*The One-in-a-Million Boy*, Monica Wood

## ONGOING CREATIVITY CLASSES

### Winfield Fiber Crafters

The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

### Winfield Adult Coloring

The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

## KIDS PROGRAMS

Book Babies - Interactive story time with stories, crafts, and music for ages 0-3. Caregiver must attend with the child.

10:30 a.m. on Tues., Nov. 7, 14, 21

10:30 a.m. on Wed., Nov. 8, 15, 22

(NEW DATE AND TIME)

Little Listeners- Interactive story time with stories, crafts, and music for ages 3-5. Caregiver must remain in the library during the program.

11:30 a.m. on Tues., Nov. 7, 14, 21

### Lego Club

Tuesday, November 7 | 5:30 p.m.

Bring your imagination and build some amazing Lego creations. Legos will be provided. For childrens in Grades 1-5. Creations will be displayed with the builder's name. Caregivers must remain at the library during Lego Club. Registration required.





## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### Tickets still available for Friends of the Library Fall Luncheon

For over 25 years, the Friends of the Crown Point Community Library (CPCL) have made it their mission to enhance and promote the use and enjoyment of both the Crown Point and Winfield Branch libraries.

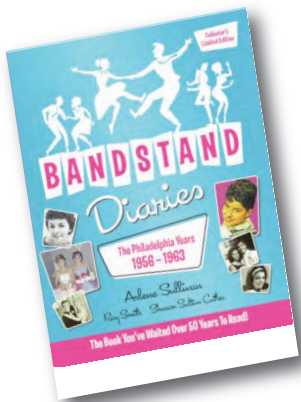
The Friends provide direct financial assistance to the library through fundraising. They purchase materials and equipment not covered in the library's general budget. They also fund cultural and educational programs, literacy and outreach initiatives and encourage gifts, endowments and memorials for the library.

The Friends invite you to support them at their upcoming annual Fall Literary Luncheon on Saturday, November 11. They have invited author Sharon Sultan Cutler to present her nostalgic American bandstand book *Bandstand Diaries: The Philadelphia Years 1956 to 1963*.

The event will take place in the library meeting rooms and will include the author's presentation, book signing, a sit-down lunch, special recognition of our veterans and raffle drawings.

Tickets to the event are \$25 per person, \$5 discount for Veterans and include lunch and the presentation. Tickets can be purchased at the Crown Point Library.

This luncheon is just one of the many ways the Friends of the Library raise funds to support the Library and to provide intimate interactions between community members and quality authors and programs.



## BANDSTAND DIARIES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

FROM 11 - 2 P.M.

**\$25 PER PERSON - \$5 DISCOUNT FOR VETERAN**

Includes Lunch & Presentation  
at the Crown Point Library Meeting Rooms

Lunch includes chili with all the fixings,  
corn bread, dessert, coffee and soda pop!

*Poodle skirts & uniforms welcomed!*

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, it was a weekday tradition for over 20 million teenagers and pre-teens to rush home from school to watch Dick Clark's American Bandstand on their black-and-white television sets. The main attraction for most fans was watching their contemporaries - Philadelphia teenagers age 14 to 18- dance to pre-recorded rock 'n' roll music from the top 40 hits.

**BANDSTAND DIARIES; The Philadelphia Years 1956 to 1963**  
is the first book to focus on these amateur dancers, known as the Regulars.



### Bus Trip to Downtown Chicago

Take a chartered bus to downtown Chicago with the Friends of the Crown Point Library! Participants will have the option to be dropped off/picked at State Street near Macy's or the Water Tower Place on Michigan Avenue. This is not a tour and participants will be on their own throughout the day.

The trip is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5 and the cost for the round trip ride to Chicago is \$20 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the Crown Point Library. The bus will leave the Crown Point Sportsplex promptly at 9:00 a.m. and depart from Chicago at 4:00 p.m. There will be no refunds after November 30.

### Friends Meeting

Friends of the Crown Point Library Meet  
at the Crown Point Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

Join us at our next meeting!

November 14,

December 12



*Check It Out!* is a monthly newsletter of the Crown Point Community Library. It is available at both libraries, online, or sign up on our website to have it emailed to you directly.

## LOCATIONS

Crown Point Library  
122 N. Main Street  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 663-0270

Hours:  
Monday - Thursday: 9 - 8 p.m.  
Friday: 9 - 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 - 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

Winfield Branch Library  
10771 Randolph St.  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 662-4039

Hours:  
Sunday & Monday: Closed  
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-7 p.m.  
Wednesday & Friday: 10-5 p.m.  
Saturday: 10- 2 p.m.

## LIBRARY MEETINGS

Friends of the Library -  
Tuesday, November 14 at 10 a.m.

Board of Trustees, -  
Monday, November 27 at 5 p.m.  
*Public Welcome!*

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

January 1, 2  
March 17  
April 16  
May 28, 29  
July 4  
September 3, 4  
October 9 - Staff In Service Day  
November 22 at 5 p.m., 23, 24  
December 24, 25, 26, 31

## Resources for Preschoolers

The Crown Point Community Library provides a wide variety of resources to prepare children for school readiness including a fun and exciting reading program called "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten."

The reading program is designed for children ages 0-5 years, it was developed to increase awareness of the importance of reading to very young children, as well as to inspire parents to embrace their role as their child's first teacher.

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. The 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program encourages families to read at least 1,000 books to their preschooler before they enter school. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just one book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around five years of age, you have more time than you think.

Families can sign up anytime they visit the Crown Point and Winfield Branch libraries. Each child will receive a reading log to record the books they read. Each time a goal of recording 100 books is reached, children are encouraged to bring their log to the library to receive the next reading log and receive a special reward!

The goal of this project is to help kids enter school ready to learn. Reading is one of the most important things you can do to ensure your child's success when they begin school. It also provides an opportunity to increase their exposure to a wide variety of books, and to promote use of the library – a gold mine of free material available to all community members. In addition, the bond shared between caregiver and child when reading helps to promote a lifelong love of reading.

### LIBRARY CARDS:

Parents/Guardians who are residents of Center and Winfield Townships may apply for a free library card for children 17 & younger. Reciprocal cards are also available for non-residents with a home library card in good standing.

### DIGITAL RESOURCES:

- Internet computers with access to ABC Mouse
- Tumblebooks (eBook story books) access is available in the library or from home with your library card
- Dedicated Early Literacy Computers (AWE)

### OTHER RESOURCES:

- Storytimes
- Open Play and Duplo clubs
- Play area with a train table, puppet theater, and manipulative toys to encourage cooperative play
- Educational and fun PreK programming incorporating Every Child Ready to Read practices to promote early literacy: singing, reading, writing, talking, playing
- An excellent selection of picture books and board books



Stay tuned for the date of our annual Preschool Preview held in January 2018. Local preschools will be present to hand out information and answer questions about their programs.