



2018



Crown Point Community

LIBRARY

GIVING

MISSION

The Crown Point Community Library is a community center for lifelong discovery.

VISION

The Crown Point Community Library provides a community center for information and discovery through innovative programming, diverse collections, and responsive services in a safe and comfortable environment. The Library is a gathering place to read, discover, and connect. The Library is an integral component in creating a strong community.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ACCESS The Library believes in the freedom to read, to learn, and to discover.

COLLABORATION The Library develops and nurtures partnerships to help build a better community.

PROMOTE LITERACY The Library recognizes the importance of reading as a critical tool for successful lives of individuals of all ages.

RESPONSIVE The Library listens and responds to the needs of the community it serves.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE The Library staff offers quality service to all individuals that is helpful, courteous, respectful, and values diversity.

INNOVATION AND LEARNING The Library values continuous learning and invests in staff development and technology to meet current community needs and anticipate future needs.



CROWN POINT • WINFIELD

MAIN LIBRARY

122 N. Main St., Crown Point, IN 46307
Phone: 219-663-0270
Fax: 219-663-0403

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. - 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

Phone: 219-662-4039
Fax: 219-662-4068

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

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GRANTS AT WORK

ESL SERVICES AND MORE

The library has demonstrated commitment to literacy in a significant way by re-purposing space to create a dedicated literacy instruction space within the library called the Conlon Community Literacy Center (CCLC). The Center houses the Crown Point Adult Learning Center (CPALC). Winning the \$10,000 American Dream grant from Dollar General in December of 2017 allowed the library to expand on its literacy services currently offered in the CCLC and the creation of a new ESL program. Funds were used to purchase ESL educational support items including language databases and related software, update existing teacher - selected curriculum and instructional aids for ESL/HSE classes offered through the CPALC, develop a new volunteer tutor training for the CPALC, update the library's ESL and HSE materials in all formats, create a library professional collection of literacy books and purchase Hi/Low book sets used for the CPALC instructional uses, ESL conversational classes and recreational book club use.

The CPALC has experienced immense growth of students since its relocation to the library. The program, in a more visible location, benefits from the dedicated, literacy-rich, rent-free and accessible space in the library. The library's literacy center is the only location offering ESL, HSE, ABE and job training programs in one location in the community and surrounding area. As a result, the CCLC attracts students from inside and outside the community. The library continues to benefit from the diversity and richness of inviting new users from groups not currently using the library as a personal resource.



EBOOK SUBSCRIPTION EXPANDS BEYOND LIBRARY WALLS

The Library received a \$3,000 grant from the Crown Point Community Foundation to fund the Tumblebooks Library database for both library locations and "card-less access" for all Crown Point Community School Corporation elementary schools and exceptional learners. The grant will cover the cost of the database subscription for the next two years.

TumbleBookLibrary is a curated database of children's e-books, available by subscription. It has over 1,100 titles for grades K-6, and includes unique animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books, national geographic videos, non-fiction books, playlists, as well as books in Spanish and French. Plus, the collection features Graphic Novels – a student favorite!

Once only accessible to library cardholders, the grant has now allowed "card-less access" for teachers to incorporate the service inside the classroom. The electronic format has proved to be especially engaging for reluctant readers and since implementation into the schools, the library has seen 00% increase in the Tumblebook Library database usage.

LIBRARY RECEIVES CHARGING STATIONS

The library offers charging stations, for mobile devices, at both locations for the next two year. This opportunity is made possible by the partnership with Mark Galyean of EBSCO, and the generous donation (totaling \$4,500) from Jennifer Mantai of Academy Mortgage Corporation and Christine Favies of Century 21 Affiliated.

The stations offer a variety of cables for up to eight devices, including iPads, iPhones, Android, Kindle and more.

*Today's libraries strengthen communities
and transform lives every day.
Beyond well-loved books, many libraries
offer innovative programs that
promote lifelong learning, connect
patrons to technology,
and advance knowledge.*

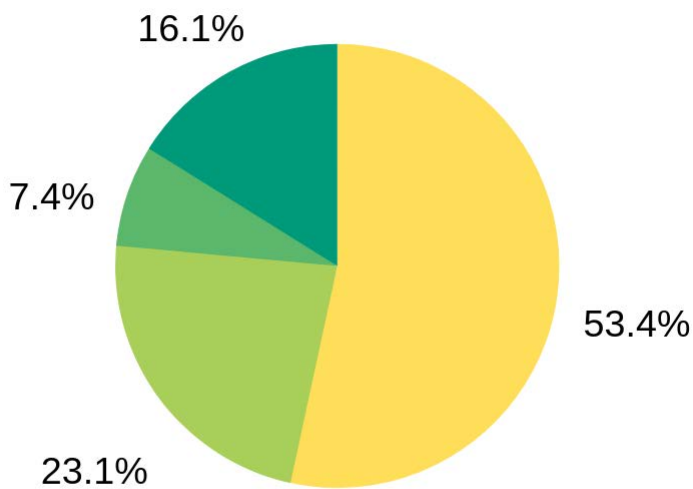
HISTORIC CROWN POINT

The Friends of the Library received a \$1,000 grant from the CPCF Women's Giving Circle event to fund the cost for ten historic home trolley tours in summer of 2019. The popular tour was created in 2017 by Jeanene Letcher, Indiana Room Specialist to explore the history of Crown Point's historic homes while riding Molly the Trolley.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN 2018

- General Donations: \$32,398.37
- Grants: \$14,000
- In-Kind: \$4,500
- Event Fundraising: \$9,790.67

TOTAL LIBRARY CONTRIBUTIONS
\$60,689.04



IT'S GOOD TO HAVE FRIENDS!

The Friends of the Crown Point library raised over \$11,000 through book sales, bus trips, travel tours, and fundraising events like Bunco For Books!

Their mission is to enhance and promote the use and enjoyment of the library. They raise funds to support library programs, services and to help fund items not generally covered in the library's regular operating budget.

Ongoing book sale coordinator, Lois Lovekamp, received special recognition from the Friends of the Library for her dedication and hard work organizing incoming donations for the ongoing book sale.

YOUR SUPPORT MADE IT POSSIBLE

fun facts in 2018

- We welcomed over 215, 800 visitors
- Patrons checked out 387,964 library materials
- Visitors logged in over 21,000 sessions on our computers and nearly 16,000 WiFi sessions
- 7, 080 adults attended 534 adult programs
- 13,048 children attended 444 children's programs
- 402 teens attended 36 teen programs
- 328 non-library reservations for meeting rooms
- 32,710 residents have a library card
- Our Reference librarians assisted with more than 17,4000 inquiries



PARTNERSHIPS

The Library commits to strong partnerships with our city and local organizations in order to enhance the community's quality of life and to maximize our efforts. We acknowledge our current partners and looks forward to increasing them in the future:

- Crown Point Community Foundation
- Crown Point Adult Learning Center
- Center of Workforce Innovation and WorkOne
- Crown Point Community School Corporation
- Businesses on the Crown Point Square
- Hometown Happenings
- Town of Winfield
- Books to Bridge the Region
- Lake County Public Library
- Rotary
- Crossroads Chamber of Commerce
- Crown Point Mayors Office of Special Events
- Crown Point Parks Department
- Cedar Lake Historical Museum
- Lake County Courthouse Foundation





SHARE YOUR STORY

Everyday, people of all ages turn to their library to find a job or use a computer, meet up with friends, learn something new, connect with their kids or simply find a place to relax.

For every person who loves libraries, there is a story about what the library means to them. The Library wants to collect and share those stories.

What do you love about The Crown Point Community Library? Here is what people, like you, are saying about the Library they love!

“Our family loves this library! Our community lacks a good option of family friendly toddler inclusive activities and we come here often to spend time together and with other local children.”

Stefani F.

“The library is only place I can bring all of my kids and they can all find something to do that they enjoy. We come here often; it’s perfect for a rainy, snowy, or sunny day! We love the craft days!”

Sarah B.

During your next visit to the library please ask for a story form and share your library story or submit your story online at crownpointlibrary.org/about/whats-your-library-story/

LIBRARY MINI GOLF

The community was given a fun and unique way to explore the library at the bi-annual “A Hole Lot o Fun” Library Mini Golf event on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Decorated holes with obstacles and a handmade gutter system for the hole located on the main staircase creates a challenge and a lot of enthusiasm for all the participants! The course ends in the “family fun zone” (the library meeting rooms) which include games, a balloonist, face painting, tattoo station and refreshments free to the golfers.

Additional parking is made available at the Wheeler Middle School parking lot, and Molly the Trolley provides free transportation to and from the library throughout the event.

The 2018 event was a record breaker, with over 566 golfers of all ages playing 18

holes and over 1,700 people visited the library throughout the day.

This event is planned in April, in even numbered years, to celebrate National Library Week, the committee also incorporates the celebration of “School Library Month” with a hole decorating contest open to Crown Point schools. The Friends of the Library sponsor the contest with a cash prize. Golfers vote for their favorite hole the day of the event, and three winning schools receive a cash prize to purchase books for their school library. In 2018, five schools participated: Solon Robinson, Lake Street, Timothy Ball, Trinity Lutheran and Winfield Elementary. The winning schools were 1st place, Lake Street; 2nd Place, Solon Robinson; and 3rd place, Winfield Elementary. The hole





To view pictures from the 2018 Library Mini Golf event visit: <https://tinyurl.com/LibraryMiniGolf>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The next Library mini Golf event is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2020.

decorating contest is so much fun and the ideas the schools came up with really make the golf course more interesting and fun.

This unique fundraiser raises money to support library programming and stimulate the community's interest in all the library has to offer. As our community grows, so do the needs for programming for all ages. Our librarians have many great ideas, and dollars for programming are not included in our general budget. All the proceeds from this event allow our librarians to expand the traditional boundaries of library programming.

Thank you to our supporters, volunteers, and sponsors:

- The 2013 Crown Point High School Industrial Technology Department for constructing the 18-hole indoor mini golf course for us. You read correctly...students built our course!

- The 2017-18 Crown Point High School football members for setting up the course: Trevor Bieszczat, Ethan Potosky, Griffin Atherton, Adam Hilliard, Scott Mills, Sam Koutz, Cole Staley, Alex Tran.

- 2018 event sponsors: Presenting Sponsor, McCarroll Dental; Hole In One Sponsor, Prime Real Estate; Family Fun Zone Sponsors, Friends of the Crown Point Library, Hubinger Landscaping, Carstar, Puntillo & Crane Orthodontics, Higgins Overhead Door and Adam Decker, Attorney; Hole sponsors, Centier Bank, Janet Katich, Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club, Olthoff Homes, Tech Credit Union, Geisen Funeral Homes, Chris Mallers, Commercial Sweeping Corp. and a special thanks to Crown Point Parks & Recreation for the use of Molly the Trolley.

- Raffle donations: Bennett-Curtis House, Crown Town Grill, Friends of the Crown Point Library, Library Quilters, Library Crochet Group, Julie Wendorf, Jaks Warehouse, Carol Bangsberg, Louann Horvath, Yoga Room, Levin Tire, Antique Vault Records, YMCA, Gill Knip, Connect Church, Judy Samter, and Belinda Bosch.



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caring communities.*

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LEAVE A LITERARY LEGACY

It's never too early to start planning a gift to preserve the Library's collection, programs and services for future generations.

Donations can be made in your name, in honor of another person or organization or in memory of someone special.

Naming opportunities for rooms are also available to those making a gift of \$10,000 or more.

For more information please email giving@crownpoinlibrary.org or call (219) 306-4601.



The Children's Program Room located at the Crown Point Community Library was renamed to honor Sharon Greening.

The memorial gift of \$10,000 donated by the Birdzell Family in her memory will be used to perpetuate Sharon's devotion and dedication to early reading programs for all children and continue to impact the lives of the children of the community.

Disclaimer Note: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information. If your name has been misspelled, please accept our apologies and contact the Communications Office at (219) 306-4599.