

CROWN POINT  
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

*Adventure*

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**YOUR LIBRARY**



**Crown Point Community Library  
2024 SUMMER READING REPORT**



## # of Participants

**1,863 - Birth-18**

(CP-1,449 | WB-414)

**416 - Adults**

(CP-360 | WB-56)

## # of Hours Read

**14,009 - Birth-18**

(CP-12,044 | WB-1,965)

## # of Adult Reading Logs

**993 - Logs Submitted**

(Two books per log)

**1,986 - Books Read**



# Adventure — begins at — YOUR LIBRARY

The Crown Point Community Library's Summer Reading program invited residents of all ages to embark on exciting adventures throughout the summer! From June 1 to July 31, the library offered activities ranging from exploring history and crafting to discovering new recipes, all aimed at making learning fun and engaging for everyone.

### Stories in the Park

"Stories in the Park," has become a community favorite and signals that the library's eight-week Summer Reading event has begun. Held weekly at two locations, Bulldog Park in Crown Point and Randolph Street Park in Winfield, this outreach effort extends the library's reach beyond its physical walls. Through partnerships with the Police Department, Fire Department, Post Office, Crown Point School Corporation, and local officials, these storytimes become interactive and educational, fostering community engagement and building positive relationships with public servants.

### Music, Movies, and More

Families enjoyed a live music performance with award-winning author and musician Jim Gill. The summer also featured monthly movie nights at Bulldog Park, where residents could gather to watch family-friendly films under the stars, play games, and enjoy concessions. Both of these events are made possible by the generous donation from our Friends of the Library group.

Library visitors traveled back in time, coming face-to-face with dinosaur models, skeletons, and real fossils at the "I Dig Dinos" exhibit, an interactive and educational experience for all ages.

Summer Reading participants were also treated to free tickets to the July 27th Gary Railcats baseball game when they submitted their reading logs by the end of June. Summer, reading, and baseball—what could be better?



## # of Volunteers

**14 Teen Volunteers**  
collected a total of 70.5  
community service hours

## # of Youth Programs

**120 programs** offered system-wide  
5,178 attendees

## # of Adult Programs

**36 programs** offered system-wide  
355 attendees

### Historical Adventures and Outdoor Exploration

The library celebrated Crown Point's rich history with trolley tours through the historic district and walking tours around the Courthouse. In collaboration with the Lake County Parks and Recreation and grant funding by Indiana Humanities, a special "History Speaks: Civil War Stories" event at Buckley Homestead allowed attendees to experience life in a Civil War camp. Visitors could also view the "Faces of the Civil War" exhibit, at the Crown Point Library's art gallery, on loan from the Indiana Historical Society.

Families gathered at Stony Run County Park to learn about moths through crafts, games, and hands-on activities like making special moth food to paint on trees for these unique nighttime creatures.

In addition, a park ranger visited the library to take attendees on a virtual tour of Indiana Dunes National Park, explaining the park's diverse ecosystems and bringing along interactive items to engage the audience.

Nature enthusiasts signed up for weekly guided walks at Lemon Lake County Park, led by Miss Elizabeth from Gibson Woods Nature Preserve. These nature walks explored different themes each week, offering a deeper connection to the local environment.







Students contributed a bead to their school's jar for every hour of reading. The school with the most beads by July 31 won the Summer Reading trophy. All public and private schools within the Crown Point Community School District, as well as homeschool students in grades K-12, were eligible to participate.



**Congratulations to winning school  
SOLON ROBINSON ELEMENTARY  
1,856 hours read!**



### **Adventures in Cooking and Crafting**

Throughout the summer, the library offered a variety of programs, for all ages, to learn crafting techniques, and make recipes from the library's collection of cookbooks. Programs hosted by Lake County Solid Waste Management's ReUz Room taught participants how to create with recycled materials, compost in their gardens, and even design an edible version of a landfill, blending fun with environmental education.

These activities, along with many, many others, helped make the summer at Crown Point Community Library both fun and educational for all ages.

Thanks to the support of community partners, sponsors, and donors, the library continues to empower residents to read, discover, and connect year-round!









# Community OUTREACH EVENTS



STORIES IN THE PARK | BEAR HUNT | CORN ROAST  
| CP FARMER'S MARKETS | 4TH OF JULY PARADE  
MOVIES AT BULLDOG PARK | ST. ANTHONY  
NURSING HOME BOOK DELIVERY | STORYWALK®

## Snoopy's READ Adventure!

### Summer Reading Raffle

Patrons, of all ages, received a ticket to enter the **Snoopy Camping Adventure** raffle every time they checked out library materials, during Summer Reading.

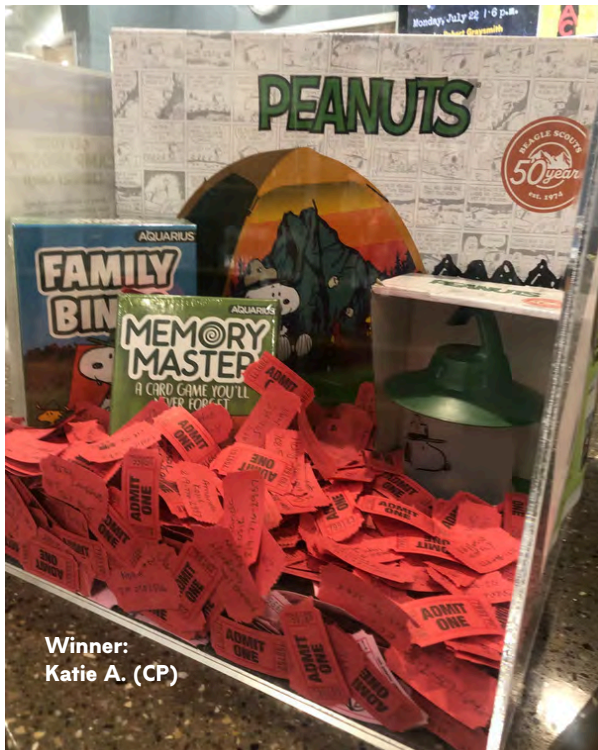
- 3,139 tickets entered!

### Summer Reading Special Edition Library Card

Throughout the summer reading program, patrons could request the special edition library card - Snoopy's READ, Adventure awaits!



- 161 New Adult cards
- 166 New Juvenile cards
- 63 Lost card replacements
- 340 Upgraded to the new card design



Winner:  
Katie A. (CP)

## We're Going on A Bear Hunt!

The library celebrated the 30th anniversary of We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury with a fun community bear hunt event!



Eight bears were hidden in the storefront windows of local businesses around Crown Point Square and Winfield's Doubletree Plaza. Participants could choose their preferred location and scan a QR code for an electronic guide or pick up a printed guide listing the bears locations. After tracking down all eight bears, participants had the chance to register to win a copy of We're Going on a Bear Hunt and a bear puppet!

- 103 Participants scanned the QR code to register for a prize



Winner:  
Peter H. (W)

### Thank you to these supporting businesses:

**Crown Point:**  
Alex's Barber Shop  
Twelve Islands  
The Artful Garden  
S&T Too  
Blue Ribbon Vintage  
Café Fresco  
Mr. CheezyCakes  
Blue Pear  
Bapple & Bapple, Inc.

**Winfield:**  
La Carreta  
Saturday Sangria  
Sugar Nails  
Lumi  
Alpha Family Resale  
Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy  
Strack & Vantil









## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **City of Crown Point**

- ~ Fire Department
- ~ P.A.C.E. Department
- ~ Police Department
- ~ Post Office
- ~ Public Works
- ~ Mayor Pete Land
- ~ School Corporation

### **Indiana Dunes National Park**

### **Lake County Fairgrounds**

### **Lake County Parks & Recreation Department**

### **Lake County Solid Waste Management District**

### **Lake of the Four Seasons Fire Department**

### **Town of Winfield**

## **PRIZE SPONSORS/DONORS**

### **Albanese Confectionery Group**

### **Bellaboo's Play & Discovery Center**

### **Chick-Fil-A**

### **Cold Stone Creamery**

### **Crown Point Lions Club**

### **Crown Point Psi Iota Xi**

### **Crown Point Tri Kappa**

### **Family Express**

### **Friends of the CP Library**

### **Gary SouthShore RailCats**

### **McDonald's**

### **Wendy's**

### **Julie Wendorf**



Crown Point Community

# LIBRARY

### Main Library

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

### Winfield Branch

10771 Randolph Street  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
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