

CROWN POINT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2026
PROGRAM GUIDE

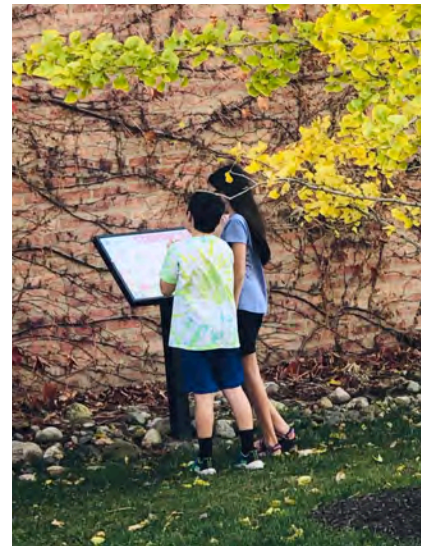
Indiana's Public Libraries: Check Out the Impact

Source of Data: Indiana State
Library's Annual Report of
Public Library Use - 2024



140,773
CHILDREN REGISTERED
FOR DOLLY PARTON'S
IMAGINATION LIBRARY

**99 TIMES THE NUMBER OF
ANIMALS AT THE
INDIANAPOLIS ZOO**



2,550,000
COMPUTER USES



**4,775 ROUND TRIPS
FROM GARY TO
NEW ALBANY**



129,000
PROGRAMS HOSTED



**41 PROGRAMS PER
PASSING YARD BY
FERNANDO MENDOZA
IN 2025-26 SEASON**

20,000,000
PHYSICAL BOOKS AVAILABLE

**ENOUGH TO GO
1,000 LAPS
AROUND THE INDY
500 TRACK, IF LAID
END TO END**



22,293,461
TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS



**MORE THAN 4 TIMES
THE AMOUNT OF CORN
ACREAGE HARVESTED
IN INDIANA IN 2025**



22,000,000
WIFI USES



**257 TIMES THE
2025 ATTENDANCE
AT THE INDIANA
STATE FAIR**



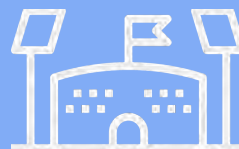
17,750,000
DIGITAL MATERIALS
CHECKED OUT

**537 ITEMS IN
EACH INDY
METRO AREA
HOTEL ROOM**




38,770,000
PHYSICAL MATERIALS CHECKED OUT


**553 BOOKS PER SEAT AT
LUCAS OIL STADIUM**



HOW TO REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM OFFERED AT THE LIBRARY

 Online: Visit crownpointlibrary.org, and click on the tab labeled "EVENTS".

 Call the library:
Adult | 219-306-4593
Children/Teen | 219-306-8068
Winfield: All ages | 219-662-4039

 In-person:
Adult | Reference Desk, 2nd Floor
Children/Teen | Children's Library, 2nd Floor
Winfield: All ages | Front Desk

- All events are free unless noted otherwise.
- Registration is required unless noted otherwise.
- Registration opens two weeks before the event.
- Register online or at the Library.


- **Family programming:** Designed for children under 18 with their caregivers.
- **All Ages programming:** Open to library patrons of all ages.
- **Adult programs:** ages 18 and above.
- **Preschool programs:** ages birth to 5.
- **School Age programs:** grades K-5
- **Teen programs:** grades 6-12

PHOTO/VIDEO RECORDING FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES

The Library reserves the right to photograph/video record program participants. Such material is only for Library use and may be published in any type of Library publicity materials. If you do not wish to be photographed/video recorded please notify staff.

CONNECT WITH THE LIBRARY!

As you visit the library and attend your favorite programs, take a photo and share it with us on social media! We would love to hear what you liked about the library event you attended and what your library means to you. #CPLibrary



**DOLLY PARTON'S
IMAGINATION LIBRARY
IS AVAILABLE
COUNTY-WIDE IN
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA!**


Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners. **Our local funding partner is the Crown Point Rotary Club.**

What is it?
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a 60 volume set of books beginning with the children's classic, The Little Engine That Could. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. Best of all, it is a FREE gift!

Who is eligible?
Preschool children, ages birth until their 5th birthday, who are residents of Lake County, Indiana.

Enroll your child today!
Official registration forms are available at both library locations. Completed forms can be dropped off at the library. Books will begin to arrive 8-10 weeks after your registration form has been received.

If you have any questions, email Julie Wendorf at jwendorf@crownpointlibrary.org



Crown Point Rotary

Crown Point Community LIBRARY
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Crown Point community foundation



<https://www.facebook.com/CrownPointLibrary>



<https://tinyurl.com/CPCL-Virtual-Programming>



<https://www.pinterest.com/CrownPointLib>



<https://www.instagram.com/crownpointlibrary/>



An open letter from Crown Point Community Library Director, Julie Wendorf

Dear Community Members,

Indiana state legislation, Senate Bill 8 (SB 8), has passed through the Senate and will now be considered by the Indiana House of Representatives. I wanted to share with you its impact on public libraries, and what this could mean for the Crown Point and Winfield communities we serve.

Public libraries are a public service; they do not operate for profit. The Crown Point Community Library relies on public funding, primarily from property taxes, to provide access to information, educational resources, and opportunities many in our community would not otherwise have. With the passage of SEA 1 in 2025, public library funding sourced from property taxes has already been significantly reduced. The addition of SB 8 places our ability to sustain, maintain, and grow services at further risk. SB 8 could risk the remaining library funding.

The Current System

For decades, the Crown Point Community Library's Board of Trustees has served as the official fiscal and governing body of the library. Board members are appointed by elected local officials (School Board, Lake County Council, and Lake County Commissioners), and strict state statutory protections are in place to ensure every tax dollar is used legally, ethically, and transparently. Currently, Trustees adopt library budgets within the prescribed limits, and must receive approval from our elected fiscal authority to issue bonds, spend funds outside our operating budget from library savings, or any budget increase above the state-established growth quotient.

What SB 8 Changes

New Thresholds: Currently, the state allows the Library's Board of Trustees to grow the library's spendable budget by 4.0% for 2026.

Binding Reviews: Under SB 8, if the library proposes a budget increase of 2.0% or more, it would trigger a mandatory "binding review" from our fiscal oversight body, the Lake County Council.

Risk to Library Budget Sustainability: SB 8 does not include existing statutory protections that cap budget reductions at 10% during a binding review, exposing libraries to potentially severe and unlimited cuts that threaten long-term financial sustainability and essential services.

Why This Matters

Simply stated, SB 8 would significantly limit the library's ability to plan responsibly, maintain our buildings, respond to community growth, and even maintain current services. The Crown Point Community Library strives to support our growing communities with reliable, forward-looking services, and additional financial instability would make that mission far more difficult.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Thank you for supporting your Crown Point Community Library,

Julie Wendorf
jwendorf@crownpointlibrary.org
(219) 306-8071

TAKE ACTION NOW

- Educate yourself.
[Read Senate Bill 8](#)
- Call or write Rep. Julie Olthoff and tell her NOT to support SB 8:
email H19@iga.in.gov or
call (317) 232-9619
- Call or write Sen Rick Niemeyer and thank him for voting NO on SB 8:
email S6@iga.in.gov or
call (317) 232-9489
- [See sample language for calls or emails](#)
- Calculate the value of your public library with the [Public Library Value Calculator](#)
- [Support the Crown Point Community Library](#) by gifting to the Friends of the Crown Point Library and sharing this message with other library lovers.

To access links, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://wp.me/p68Zvm-450>



BRR-ING *on the* BOOKS!

WINTER READING PROGRAM

January 1 - February 28, 2026  All Ages



GRAND PRIZES:

Drawings will take place in the first week of March.

Children/teens:

- Deluxe Art Set
- Bellaboo's Play Pass
- Squishmallow Bluey
- Mini Karaoke Machine
- Dog Squishmallow Bundle
- Little Tykes Dream Projector
- Kindle Fire 7 Kids Tablet (Ages 3-7)
- Kindle Fire 8 Pro Kids Tablet (Ages 6-12)
- Kindle Fire 8 HD (Ages 12+)
- Pokemon Bundle
- Laser Tag

Adults:

- Kindle Fire Tablets (2)

You can still sign up for Winter Reading!

ADULTS:

- Sign up online or at the library.
- Record the books you read during January and February.
- Submit your reading log online or at the library. Printed reading logs are available at both library locations.
- Participants will be entered into the weekly drawing for every reading log submitted. (Drawings occur weekly on Monday).

CHILDREN & TEENS:

- Sign up online or at the library.
- Receive a BINGO card or print one from the website.
- Follow the instructions in each BINGO box and mark them off as you complete them.
- Check in once a week with one or more BINGO boxes marked off to play the Plinko game and win a prize.
- A full BINGO earns a raffle ticket for our grand prize raffle. Earn a bingo by filling in a row vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Limit one entry per person, per week.



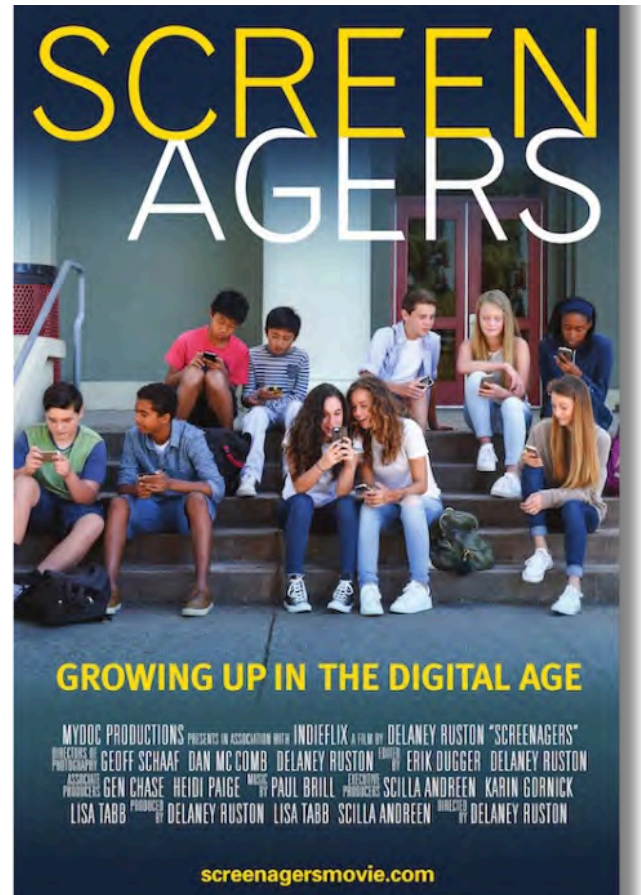
FREE COMMUNITY SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Join us for a powerful documentary that explores how screen time, social media, and gaming are shaping kids' mental health—and what adults can do to help.

A short panel discussion with local experts will follow the film.

PANELISTS:

- Ofc. Leslie Malerich- Crown Point Police Department Patrol Officer/School Resource Officer
- Mary Rhee, LCSW - Licensed School Social Worker
- Joshua Martin - Psychiatry Resident, Regional Health Systems



THURSDAY, MARCH 5
Crown Point Library
122 N. Main Street | Crown Point, IN
6 - 8 P.M.

DOORS OPEN 6 P.M.
SCREENING BEGINS at 6:15 p.m.
PANEL DISCUSSION 7:15 - 7:45 p.m.



FREE ADMISSION
REGISTRATION REQUESTED

Scan the QR code or
call (219) 306-4593



*“Parents are encouraged to
bring their children to the
movie for shared learning and
conversation.”*

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MISSION: The Friends of the Crown Point Library's mission is to enhance and promote the use and enjoyment of the library. They raise funds to support library programs and services and to help fund items not generally covered in the library's regular operating budget.

Passionate about your library? Step up and get involved.

The Friends of the Crown Point Library support programs, events, and special projects that help our library thrive. Join us to learn how you can make a difference—new members are welcome.

Friends Meeting:

- Tuesday, February 10 at 10 a.m. (Mtg. Room 2)
Crown Point Library

Interested in fundraising? Stay for the Fundraising Committee Meeting at 11 a.m. to help plan upcoming fundraising events.

Indiana Room Raffle — Hand-Painted Polish Tea Set

Support the Crown Point Library's Indiana Room by entering a raffle for a beautiful, hand-painted tea set from Poland, featuring a teapot, tray, and two cups with saucers.

Stop by, enter to win, and help support local history and genealogy research at your library.



Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5

The winner will be drawn on February 10

You can purchase tickets at the Crown Point Library.

Cash or checks made payable to
"Friends of CPCL" are accepted.

Friends of the Crown Point Library 2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ **New Member** ☐ **Renew my membership**

☐ **\$15 Adult Single**

☐ **\$25 Adult Family (2 members)**

☐ **\$150 New Lifetime**

TODAY'S DATE _____

First Name _____

Last Name _____

If purchasing a Family membership, please print the
name for the second card

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Cash, or check payable to Friends of the CP Library

☐ **Yes, contact me to volunteer at an event**

FRIENDS OF THE CROWN POINT LIBRARY

122 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307

cpclfriends@gmail.com

(219) 663-0270

www.crownpointlibrary.org/library-friends

DONATING BOOKS AND MEDIA TO THE LIBRARY

Have books or media you're ready to pass along? Donating to the Crown Point Community Library is a meaningful way to support literacy, learning, and community programs.

When you donate, your items may find new life on our shelves, encourage young readers through incentive programs, or support Friends of the Library book sales. *Proceeds from these sales help enhance library services and programs for the entire community.*

To ensure donations can be used effectively, we accept only select materials in good condition and are unable to accept items that are damaged, outdated, or outside our collection needs.

PLEASE REVIEW OUR ACCEPTED AND NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS BEFORE DONATING.

WHAT WE ACCEPT

Books (Hardback or Paperback):

- Children's Books (Fiction & Non-Fiction)
- Adult Books (Fiction & Non-Fiction)
- Adult Non-Fiction (categories accepted):
 - History
 - Biography
 - Cooking
 - Gardening
 - Crafting

Media:

- DVDs & Blu-ray discs
- Audiobooks (CDs, Playaway devices)
- Video Games (Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo)

WHAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT

- Wet, moldy, smelly, or damaged items
- Magazines (including National Geographic)
- Encyclopedias, dictionaries, phone books
- Textbooks or teacher editions
- Travel guides, reference materials, computer manuals
- VHS tapes, cassette tapes, vinyl records
- Reader's Digest Condensed Books, Time Life books
- Professional journals or non-commercial media

Why we limit donations:

Items that don't sell or cannot be reused take up limited space and staff/volunteer time—resources better used for materials that support library programs. The library has to pay for the disposal of unwanted items.

Donation Guidelines

- Donations accepted at both locations
- Items must be clean and in good condition
- Please use non-returnable bags, boxes, or bins
- Please call to make arrangements before bringing large donations (more than two bags/boxes) (219) 306-4599



Before You Donate Quick Checklist

✓ LOCATION

- Donation is going to:
Crown Point - 122 N. Main Street
Winfield Branch - 10771 Randolph St.

✓ CONDITION

- Clean and gently used
- No water damage, mold, odor, missing pages

✓ ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Children's books (Fiction & Non-Fiction)
- Adult Books (Fiction & Non-Fiction)
- Adult non-fiction - categories accepted:
History, Biography, Cooking, Gardening, Crafting
- DVDs or Blu-rays
- Audiobooks (CD or Playaway)
- Video games (Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo)

✗ NOT ACCEPTED

- Magazines or newspapers
- Encyclopedias, dictionaries, phone books
- Reader's Digest Condensed Books, Time Life books
- Textbooks or teacher editions
- Travel guides or computer manuals
- VHS, cassette tapes, vinyl records
- Damaged or outdated materials
- Professional journals or non-commercial media

✓ Drop-Off Prep

- Packed in non-returnable bags, boxes, or bins
- More than two bags/boxes? Please call ahead to make arrangements (219) 306-4599

QUESTIONS?

- Call: (219) 306-4599
- Email: cpclfriends@gmail.com
- Visit: crownpointlibrary.org/about/library-friends/



CROWN POINT

Adult Programs - Ages 18+

Registration required unless noted.

Registration opens 2 weeks prior to the event.

Scan the QR code to view event calendar.



ONGOING MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Registration not required

Undercover Quilters

Tuesdays, Feb. 10 & 24 • 9 a.m.

Hooked on Crochet

Mondays • 9 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon Knitters

Wednesdays • 12:30 p.m.

Mah Jongg (American) Instruction

First Monday of the month • 1 p.m.

Mah Jongg (American) Open Play

Thursdays • 1 p.m.

Bunco

Friday, Feb. 6 • 1 p.m.

Valentine Mosaic

Wednesday, February 11 • 2 p.m.

Get in the Valentine's spirit by creating a cute bean mosaic.

Registration required; opened January 26.

Mixed Media Art

Wednesday, February 18 • 2 p.m.

Experience the creative freedom of working with mixed media and make a decorative piece that is uniquely "you".

Registration required; opens February 2.

All-Ability Crafting

Friday, February 20 • 2 p.m.

Inclusive craft program painting mini birdhouses.

Registration required; opens February 2.

Puzzle Swap

Saturday, February 21 • 10 a.m.

Drop off puzzles February 16–20 and swap for new-to-you puzzles. No registration; while supplies last.

CPHS Stray Dogs Improv

Wednesday, February 25 • 6 p.m.

An interactive look at improvisational theater with Crown Point High School students. Free, all ages. Registration preferred.

Tea Tasting

Thursday, February 26 • 2 p.m.

Learn about tea history, brewing, and sampling. Bring your favorite cup or use one provided. Registration required.

Civil War Roundtable Meeting - Sunday, February 8 • 2 p.m.

Discussion of the Army of Northern Virginia at Gettysburg with Tom Rock.

C.U.R.E./Senior Planet Programs - Technology for Aging in Place

Tuesday, February 10 • 2 p.m.

Learn how smart technology can support independence, health, and safety.

Registration required by calling (219) 980-6907 or online at go.iu.edu/3AVG

Author Visit - Monday, February 16 • 2 p.m.

Local author Joseph Pete shares stories of historic Indiana places.

New Program!

Point in Time: A History Series

Marriage Mill Era in Crown Point

Thursday, February 19 • 6 p.m.

Join Indiana Room Specialist Jeanene for this new monthly program exploring and discussing local history. Topics will vary every month, focusing on Crown Point, Lake County, Northwest Indiana, or the Hoosier State.

Adult Caregiver Café

Monday, February 23 • 1 p.m.

Caregivers are invited to join us for coffee and conversation in a supportive, welcoming environment. Whether you care for a parent, child, friend, or work in a caregiving role, this gathering offers a space to share experiences, discuss challenges, explore resources, and connect with others who understand. Book recommendations and helpful caregiver resources will be available.



CROWN POINT Adult Programs - Ages 18+

Registration required unless noted.
Registration opens 2 weeks prior to the event.
Scan the QR code to view event calendar.



MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

- Movies are held monthly on the second Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Crown Point Library.
- These film screenings are intended for an adult audience.
- Free to attend • No registration required • Popcorn provided
- For movie titles and rating information, please call the library.



White Bird -
February 9 • 1:30 p.m.
Based on the novel by
R.J. Palacio

CROWN POINT BOOK CLUBS

Evening Book Club • 2nd Thursday • 6 p.m.

- February 12: Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger
- March 12: When All Is Said by Anne Griffin
- April 9: There There by Tommy Orange
- May 14: A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell
- June 11: Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

Third Monday Book Club • 1 p.m.

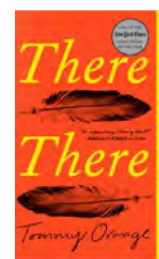
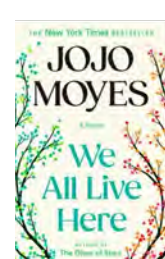
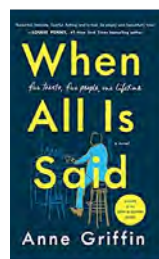
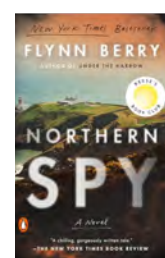
- February 16: Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty
- March 16: Northern Spy by Flynn Berry
- April 20: The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin
- May 18: The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick
- June 15: We All Live Here by Jojo Moyes

True Crime Book Club • Quarterly • 6 p.m.

- Monday, April 27: Book to be announced

Parent Book Club • Quarterly • 6 p.m.

- Monday, March 9: Bringing Up BeBe by Pamela Druckerman
- (Books available February 9)



Books are available at the
Circulation Desk.

New members are always welcome.

Questions? (219) 306-4593



CROWN POINT LIBRARY **PARENT BOOK CLUB**

2026 TITLES
QUARTERLY | MONDAY | 6 P.M.
AT THE CROWN POINT LIBRARY

Our quarterly **Parent Book Club** is designed to engage entire families while providing parents with valuable resources for supporting their children's mental health and development.

What makes this book club special?

- Family-friendly format with childcare built in
- Carefully selected books focusing on child development and mental health
- Quarterly meetings that fit busy schedules
- Free book lending (20 copies available per selection)
- Connection with like-minded parents in our community

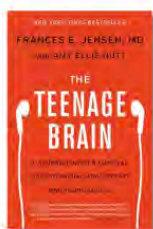
Monday, March 9 at 6 p.m. | Meeting Rms 2 & 3 ***Bringing Up Bébé* by Pamela Druckerman**

Pick up your copy starting February 9 at the front desk!

Bringing Up Bébé by Pamela Druckerman explores French parenting techniques, contrasting them with American methods, and highlights how French children learn to sleep through the night, eat diverse foods, and develop self-control through a framework of firm but flexible boundaries, encouraging independence, and allowing parents to maintain their own lives.



Bring the whole family: While parents talk, little ones (ages 0–5) can enjoy toys and coloring in the same room, and children ages 6–12 can take part in activities in the adjacent meeting room.



Mark Your Calendar:

- **June 15:** *There's No Such Thing as Bad Weather* by Linda Akeson McGurk
- **September 14:** *The Teenage Brain* by Frances E. Jensen & Amy Ellis Nutt

Sponsored by the Crown Point Rotary Club as part of its support of community mental health programming in partnership with the Crown Point Community Library

CROWN POINT Youth Programs

Registration required unless noted.

Registration opens 2 weeks prior to the event.

Scan the QR code to view event calendar.



PRESCHOOL

Storytime programs

Enjoy stories, songs, and engaging activities for children and their caregivers! Storytime lasts about 30 minutes.

Registration is not required, but space is limited.

- **Toddler Time (Ages 2-3 years) -**
Tuesdays • 10 & 11 a.m.
- **Preschool (Ages 3-5 years) -**
Wednesdays • 10 & 11 a.m.
- **Book Babies (Ages 0-24 months) -**
Thursdays • 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Sensory Play & Art

Monday, February 2 • 10 a.m.

Ages 1–3. Sensory play and art activities for toddlers and caregivers. Dress to get messy. Supplies may be limited. No registration required.

Preschool Preview

Monday, February 2 • 5:30-7 p.m.

Prospective preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to visit with representatives from several local preschools to answer questions and learn more about their offerings.

Babies 1-2-3 Sing With Me

Fridays, February 6 & 20 • 10 a.m.

Ages 3 and under. Music, movement, singing, and instruments. Registration required.

Preschool Sing & Play

Fridays, February 6 & 20 • 11 a.m.

Ages 3–5. Songs, movement, and instrument play. Registration required.

Let's Move

Monday, February 9 • 10 a.m.

Ages 5 and under. Movement-based activities to get the wiggles out. Space may be limited. No registration required.

Sunny Saplings

Tuesday, February 17 at 1:00 p.m.

Ages 3-5

Meet us out at Sauerman Woods Park for a (hopefully!) snowy-good time! Dress appropriately. Registration required.

Preschool "Drive-In" Movie

Monday, February 23 • 10 a.m.

Ages 3–5. Decorate a box "car," then enjoy a short movie and popcorn. Registration required.

Preschool Cook and a Book

Tuesday, February 24 • 1 p.m.

Ages 3-5. Join us for a special story time where we make a snack that goes along with our story. **If you are more than 5 minutes late, you may lose your spot.**

Registration required.

Stuffie Storytime

Friday, February 27 • 10 a.m.

Ages 2-5. Grab your favorite stuffed animal, and head to the library for a special animal-themed storytime. No registration.

Caregiver Cafe

Monday, March 9 • 10:00 a.m.

Adults caring for children ages 3 and under can enjoy a free cup of coffee while their little ones play with age-appropriate toys. This is a great way to meet other families with small children! No Registration.

Elephant and Piggie Storytime

Saturday, March 14 • 10 a.m.

Ages 2-5. Join us for a special storytime featuring characters from Mo Willems' popular books.

Registration is not required; supplies are limited.

Discover & Explore

Monday, March 16 • 10 a.m.

Ages 1–3 with caregiver. Explore early science, math, art, and more. No registration required.

If you're unable to attend a program you've registered for, please call (219) 306-8068 to open your spot for another participant. Thank you!



If you register for a program and cannot attend, please cancel your registration to make room for another person.

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ELEMENTARY - (GRADES K-5)

Pokémon Club

Tuesdays, Feb. 3, Mar. 3 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades K-5. Trade, battle, and show off Pokémon cards and devices. No registration required.

Let's Get Cooking!

Thursday, February 5 • 4:30 p.m.

Grades K-5. Young chefs will create delicious foods in this culinary program. Registration is required.

Extraterrestrial Culture Day Celebration

Tuesday, February 10 • 4:30 p.m.

Grades K-5. Space-themed crafts, games, and alien fun. Registration required.

American Girl Club (Note: New day & time!)

Wednesdays • 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 11 - Courtney | Mar. 11 - Isabel & Nicki

Grades 3-5. Learn U.S. history through American Girl characters with crafts, games, and snacks. Registration required.

Kids Latin Club

Thursdays, February 12 • 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3-12. Learn the basics of Latin with help from CPHS Latin Club volunteers. No registration required.

Hearts and Crafts

Thursday, February 12 • 4:30 p.m.

Grades K-5. Valentine-themed crafting fun. Registration required.

Lego Club

Tuesday, Feb. 17 • 4:30 p.m.

Grades K-5. Build with themed challenges using library-provided Legos. Space may be limited. No registration required.

Mysteries of History: Ancient Egypt

Wednesday, February 18 • 4:30 p.m.

Grades K-5. Explore Ancient Egypt through activities and stations inspired by History Smashers: Ancient Egypt. Registration required.

Not Quite President's Day Snack and Craft

Tuesday, February 24 • 4:30 p.m.

Grades K-5. Learn more about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln for President's Day! We will make a fun craft and a snack! Registration required.

ALL AGES

Greyt Readers

Saturdays, Feb. 7, Mar. 7 • 10 a.m.

Children of all ages are invited to read aloud to calm, retired greyhounds (from the Greyt Readers organization) in a relaxed, judgment-free environment. A great confidence builder for young readers. No registration.

Snowcone Party

Saturday, February 7 • 10:30 - 12 p.m.

All Ages. Enjoy icy treats, snowy crafts and activities, and watch a movie to celebrate the midway point of our Winter Reading Event. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Supplies available while they last.

Cabin Fever Cure

Monday, February 16 • 11 a.m.

All ages. Games, crafts, and fun to beat the winter blues in meeting rooms 1 & 2. Registration required.

Sunday Family Movies

Sundays • 2 p.m. • Youth Program Room

Enjoy a movie with popcorn! No registration.

- **February:** 1-Smallfoot; 8-Gabby's Dollhouse; 15-Igor; 22-Snow White
- **March:** 1 - Antz; 8 - Bee Movie; 15 - Garfield; 22 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Rodrick Rules; 29 - Open Season

Let's Do Lunch!

Tuesday, March 3 • 1 p.m.

Grades 4-8. Enjoy your day off from school, cooking lunch at the library! Registration is required. If you are more than 5 minutes late, you may lose your spot.

Yoga & Stories (Mtg Room 3)

Monday, March 9 • 6 p.m.

School-age kids are invited to join us for an hour of yoga, stories, and mindfulness activities.

Straw Rocket STEAM

Tuesday, March 10 • 4:30 p.m.

Grades 1-5. Join us for a fun afternoon constructing and launching Straw Rockets!

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Scan the QR code to view event calendar.



TEENS - (GRADES 6-12)

Teen Art Club - Monday, Feb. 2, Mar. 16 • 4:30 p.m.
Create guided projects or your own art using provided supplies.

Galentine's Day Party - Monday, February 9 • 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate friendship with crafts, snacks, and Valentine-themed fun. Registration required.

Will It Waffle? - Monday, February 16 • 4:30 p.m.

Test fun recipes to see what really works in a waffle iron. Registration required.

FREE COMMUNITY SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Presented by Rotary Club of Crown Point



**THURSDAY, MARCH 9 • 6-8
P.M.
Crown Point Library**

Free Admission
Register online or call (219) 306-4593



Sunny Saplings is a new monthly outdoor early learning program designed especially for young children, ages 3-5. Each session begins with a short story and a few songs, then shifts into free, child-led outdoor play—allowing kids to move, explore, and engage with nature at their own pace.

Held at different outdoor locations throughout the community, Sunny Saplings encourages curiosity, physical activity, and early literacy while giving children space to simply be kids.

Registration is required and opens two weeks prior to each event. Our first two sessions will meet at Sauerman Woods, 1000 E South St, Crown Point, IN.

Tuesday, February 17 | 1 p.m.

Sauerman Woods Park

Bundle up for a snowy good time. We'll share a winter-themed story and songs before enjoying open play in the park.

Tuesday, March 10 | 1 p.m.

Sauerman Woods Park

This month, we'll learn about robins and nests. After reading a story, we'll walk the trail to collect natural materials to build a nest.



Because this program is held outdoors, participants should dress appropriately for the weather. In the event of severe thunderstorms, wind chill below 32 degrees, or unhealthy air quality, the program will be moved indoors to the library. Registered participants will be notified by email if a location change occurs.

If you register for a program and cannot attend, please cancel your registration to make room for another person.

WINFIELD BRANCH

Youth Programs

Registration required unless noted.
Registration opens 2 weeks prior to the event.
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PRESCHOOL

Little Listeners

Thursdays • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 3–5

Books, songs, and rhymes designed for preschoolers. Held in the meeting room. Registration required (opens 2 weeks prior). Only one registration is needed per family.

Book Babies

Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 0–24 months

Stories, songs, and rhymes for babies, followed by playtime. No registration required, but space is limited.

READ TO A DOG!

Saturdays,
February 7, March 7
at 11 a.m.

All Ages welcome

Read your favorite book to a
Power Paws dog!
A calm, furry friend makes the
perfect listener.



ELEMENTARY (GRADES K–5)

Build-A-Snowball Game Workshop

Thursday, February 5 • 5 p.m.

Grades K–5. Kids and their grown-ups will work together to build a wooden Snowball Toss game to take home. All materials provided. Registration required.

Valentine Vibes: A Friendship Celebration

Thursday, February 12 • 5 p.m.

Grades K–5. Celebrate Valentine's Day with crafts, games, messy science, and activities focused on kindness and friendship.

LEGO Fun

Thursdays, Feb. 19, Mar. 12 • 5 p.m.

Grades K–5. An open-ended LEGO building program where creativity is the only rule. No registration required.

ASL Explorers

Saturday, Feb. 21 • 12 p.m.

Grades K–5. Start the new year by learning everyday ASL signs through games and fun, interactive activities.

Penny Power

Thursday, February 26 • 5 p.m.

Grades K–5. Explore all the big things a little penny can do through games, experiments, and hands-on STEM challenges.

Kid's Book Club

Thursday, March 5 • 5 p.m.

Grades K–3. A fun, no-pressure book club just for kids. We'll read a picture book together—no reading ahead required—followed by a themed activity or craft.

National Pi Day

Saturday, March 14 • 12 p.m.

Grades K–5. Celebrate National Pi Day with hands-on math fun!

March Madness

Thursday, March 19 • 5 p.m.

Grades K–5. Join us to tackle games, challenges, and quick competitions in this high-energy, hands-on program.



If you register for a program and cannot attend, please cancel your registration to make room for another person.

WINFIELD BRANCH

Adult Programs 18+

Registration required unless noted.
Registration opens 2 weeks prior to the event.
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Mahjong (Cantonese) - Wednesdays • 1 p.m.

Cantonese Mahjong offers an alternative to the American version. Whether you are new to the game or looking to try a variation, stop by to play, connect, and enjoy the fun! This program is intended for adults. Registration not required.

Flower Wax Lanterns

Tuesday, February 3 • 5 p.m.

Design a glowing pressed-flower lantern using dried flowers, wax paper, and basket reeds. All materials provided; no experience needed. Registration required; opens January 19.

Chocolate Truffle Making

Saturday, February 14 • 11 a.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day by making chocolate truffles from start to finish while learning simple shaping and finishing techniques. Registration required; opens January 26.

Woven Landscape Wall Hanging

Friday, February 20 • 12 p.m.

Create a small woven landscape using assorted yarns while exploring color, texture, and form. All supplies provided; no weaving experience required. Registration required; opens February 2.

Botanical Resin Jewelry

Tuesday, March 3 • 5 p.m.

Learn how to design and make jewelry using real flowers, leaves, and high-quality resin. Registration required; opens February 16.

Artful Details: Diamond Painting

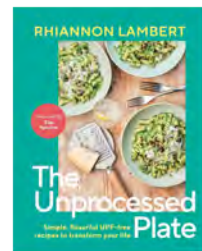
Friday, March 13 • 12 p.m.

This relaxing activity involves placing tiny resin "diamonds" onto a pre-printed canvas to create a sparkling work of art. No experience is needed, and all supplies are provided. Registration required; opens February 23.

Marbling

Saturday, March 21 • 11 a.m.

Learn the art of creating swirling, one-of-a-kind designs on paper and fabric. Registration required; opens March 2.



WINFIELD BRANCH BOOK CLUBS

Daytime Book Club

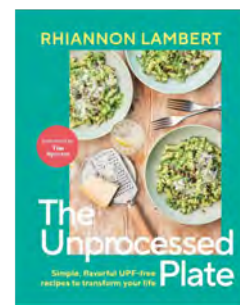
2nd Tuesday • 1 - 2:30 p.m.

- **February 10:** *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin
- **March 10:** *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick
- **April 14:** *We All Live Here* by Jojo Moyes
- **May 12:** *Northern Spy* by Flynn Berry
- **June 9:** *Here One Moment* by Liane Moriarty

Monthly Cookbook Club

Tuesday, February 17 • 5 p.m.

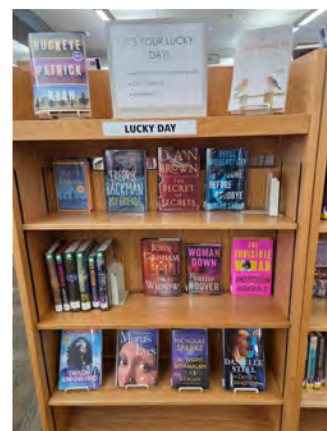
Sample a recipe from one of the library's cookbooks through a demonstration and hands-on cooking experience. Registration required; opens Monday, Feb. 2.





New at the Crown Point location: Lucky Day Collection!

We've introduced a new **Lucky Day** collection on the first floor at the Crown Point Library, replacing the former 7 Day Express books. Lucky Day features the top bestsellers and the most popular recent fiction, with occasional nonfiction titles mixed in—perfect for readers eager to get their hands on in-demand books.



Lucky Day borrowing guidelines:

- 14-day checkout
- Up to 2 Lucky Day books at a time
- No renewals

Stop by and see if today's your lucky day!

LIBRARY MEETINGS

Board of Trustees


- Monday, February 23 • 5 p.m.
Board Room, 3rd Floor, Public Welcome!

Friends of the Library

- Tuesday, February 10 - Meeting Room 2
Annual Meeting • 10 a.m.
Fundraising Meeting • 11 a.m.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

- February 13 - Staff In-Service Day


American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE

FEBRUARY 19 • 12 - 6 P.M.

To register for a time to donate:


- Call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org
- Sponsor code "CPCL"



Elementary 2026 Art Show

In celebration of Youth Art Month, the Crown Point Elementary School's annual Art Show will be on display at the Crown Point Library throughout February and March.

Stop by to enjoy the creativity and talent of local students.




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