

CROWN POINT COMMUNITY

# LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2026  
PROGRAM GUIDE



## City of Crown Point **PUMPKIN WALK**

**Oct. 24 | 12 - 2 p.m.**

Wear your costume and Trick-or-Treat  
Around the Square - and make sure to  
stop by the Library!

**READ DISCOVER CONNECT**

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR A LIBRARY

Unless noted otherwise:

All events are free and require registration.

- **Family programming:** children under 18 with their caregivers.
- **All Ages programming:** open to 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

 **Online:** Visit [crownpointlibrary.org](http://crownpointlibrary.org), and click on the tab labeled "EVENTS".

 **Call the library**  
**Crown Point:**

- 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

## LIBRARY MEETINGS

### Board of Trustees

Monday, September 28 • 5 p.m. • CP, Board Room  
Public Welcome!

### Friends of the Library

Tuesday, December 8 • 6 p.m. • CP, Meeting Room 2  
New members welcome!

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

September 6 - Labor Day Weekend (Sunday)  
September 7 - Labor Day  
September 19 - Winfield Branch Closed (Winfield Festival)



### Main Library

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

### Winfield Branch

10771 Randolph Street  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 662-4039

[www.crownpointlibrary.org](http://www.crownpointlibrary.org)



**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](mailto:jwendorf@crownpointlibrary.org)**

**Crown Point Rotary**  
**Crown Point Community LIBRARY**  
**CROWN POINT • WINFIELD**  
**WINFIELD COUNTY community foundation**

## 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



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



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



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



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

# Friends of the Crown Point Library

**FUNDRAISER for EARLY LITERACY!**

# ***BUNGO!***



## ***NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY!***

## **Friday, Nov. 6 | 6-8:30 p.m.**

**Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m.**

**New to Bunco? It's SUPER EASY to play!  
We will give a quick tutorial before we play.**

### **Tickets on sale now!**

- Purchase tickets at the Crown Point location
- Cash or check payable to the Friends
- Includes pizza, salad, desserts, and pop.

**First Prize \$100  
Second Prize \$40  
Third prize \$25**

### **Members: \$30**

### **Non-Members: \$35**



**FRIENDS**  
*of the*  
Crown Point Library

## ***A GOOD TIME - FOR A GOOD CAUSE!***

# 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.

## Get Involved with the Friends!

Have you ever considered taking a more active role in supporting your library? Now is the perfect time to learn more!

The Friends of the Crown Point Library will hold their **next meeting on Tuesday, December 8, at 10 a.m.** at the Crown Point Library, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Friends are seeking members interested in serving as officers for 2027. If you've been thinking about becoming more involved with the organization, this is a great opportunity to learn about leadership roles, ask questions, and discover how you can help shape the Friends' future. Elections for the 2027 slate of officers will be held in December.

Whether you're a longtime member or recently joined, we encourage you to attend and see how you can make a difference!

## Mark Your Calendar:

**Leslie Goddard Presents: Marshall Field's at Christmas**

**December 10 • 6 p.m.**

Tickets go on sale in November; more information to come.



## Special Promo 2027 MEMBERSHIP FORM

- ☐ **New Member**      ☐ **Renew**
- ☐ **\$15 Adult Single**
- ☐ **\$25 Adult Family (2 members)**
- ☐ **\$150 New Lifetime**
- ☐ **Update my contact information**

## SPECIAL PROMO FOR OCTOBER

In celebration of National Friends of the Library Week (Oct. 18-24) if you join the Friends of the Crown Point Library:

- Your membership is good through December 31, 2027
- You will be entered in the drawing to win a Lifetime Membership (winner drawn Nov. 2, 2026)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or bring to either library location.

## FRIENDS OF THE CROWN POINT LIBRARY

122 N. Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307

email: [cpclfriends@gmail.com](mailto:cpclfriends@gmail.com)

(219) 663-0270 | [www.crownpointlibrary.org/library-friends](http://www.crownpointlibrary.org/library-friends)

# NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

October 18-24, 2026

Friends of the Crown Point Library

# FALL BOOK SALE!

## OCT. 22 & 23

Thursday 10/22 • 9–6 p.m.

Friday 10/23 • 9–12 p.m.

Crown Point Library  
Meeting Rooms

**Members pay  
\$1 a Bag!**

**Non-Members: \$5 a Bag**

Mix and match items!

## Become a Friend!

### Special Membership Offer

New and renewing members who sign up in October will be entered to win a Lifetime Membership (\$150 value).

The lucky winner will be announced on November 2.  
Sign up anytime at the front desk or during the book sale.



FRIENDS  
of the  
Crown Point Library

All proceeds benefit the Crown Point Community Library

# CROWN POINT

## Adult Programs - Ages 18+

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**Program requires registration**  
**Registration opens two weeks before the event**

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### BANNED BOOK EVENING

**Monday, October 5**

**5 p.m. - Banned Book Read-In**— Browse frequently challenged titles during our read a few pages, check out a book, or bring your own current read.

**6 p.m.** - Enjoy a screening of the Emmy-winning documentary *The Librarians*, preceded by a brief update from Library Director Julie Wendorf on statewide library-related legislation and the current landscape surrounding banned and challenged books. Popcorn and lemonade provided. Free and intended for adults. Registration appreciated but not required.

### ADULT CRAFT: COFFEE FILTER LEAVES

**Wednesday, October 7 • 1 p.m.**

Create colorful fall leaves using coffee filters, markers, and water to make unique designs. Use your finished leaves to create a garland or add them to your fall décor. Registration is required; opens September 21.

### CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

**Sunday, October 11 • 2 p.m.**

Join fellow history enthusiasts for a discussion of the Civil War.

### ONLINE SHOPPING

**Tuesday, October 13 • 2 p.m.**

Learn how to search for products, make comparisons, and add items to an online shopping cart. This program is presented by C.U.R.E. Senior Planet. Registration required. Call (219) 980-6907 or online: [go.iu.edu/3AVG](http://go.iu.edu/3AVG)

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### CARD MAKING CLASS

**Tuesday, October 13 • 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 15 • 5:30 p.m.**

Join fellow paper crafters to create several projects while learning new techniques in a fun, social setting. Please bring your own adhesives, including a tape runner, glue dots, and liquid glue. Morning and afternoon/evening sessions feature the same projects. A \$7 supply fee is payable to the instructor at class. Registration is required; opens September 28.

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### POINT IN TIME: A HISTORY SERIES

**Family Cookbooks & Recipes of Crown Point**

**Thursday, October 15 • 6 p.m.**

Celebrate Family History Month and National Cookbook Month by discovering Hub City family recipes and the stories behind them. Registration is appreciated but not required.

## ONGOING MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Registration not required unless noted

### Undercover Quilters

Tuesdays, October 13 & 27 • 9 a.m.

### Hooked on Crochet

Mondays • 9 a.m.

### Wednesday Afternoon Knitters

Wednesdays • 12:30 p.m.

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### Mah Jongg (American) Instruction

First Monday of the month • 1 p.m.

### Mah Jongg (American) Open Play

Thursdays • 1 p.m.

### Bunco

First Friday of the month • 1 p.m.

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### ADULT CRAFT: EMBROIDERY HOOP PUMPKINS

**Friday, October 16 • 1 p.m.**

Give an embroidery hoop a new purpose by transforming it into a unique pumpkin decoration for your home. Registration is required; opens September 28.

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### ORGANIZE YOUR HOME: FALL CLEANUP WITH BRIDGETTE ROCHA

**Sunday, October 18 • 2 p.m.**

Get ready for fall with tips and tricks from local home organizer Bridgette Rocha. Learn how to plan your seasonal cleanup and get answers to your home organization questions during an "Ask the Organizer" segment. Registration is not required but is appreciated; opens September 28.

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### FALL REFRESH YOGA

**Sunday, October 25 • 2 p.m.**

Join local instructor Becca to refresh your body and mind with a relaxing yoga session. Registration required.

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### ADULT CRAFT: MACRAME GHOST

**Monday, October 26 • 6 p.m.**

Looking for a hauntingly good time this fall? Join us for an afternoon of knotting, crafting, and cozy conversation as we create macramé ghosts. These charming little spirits are perfect for your Halloween décor. Registration is required.

**To register: Call (219) 306-4593 | Online: [crownpointlibrary.org/events](http://crownpointlibrary.org/events)**

# CROWN POINT Adult Programs - Ages 18+



Online  
Event  
Calendar

## MEDICARE 101

Wednesday, Oct. 28 • 6:15 p.m.

Changes are coming in 2027! Attend this FREE educational presentation and get the answers to your Medicare questions. Registration not required; resented by LifeSmart Senior Services.

## THE STRAY DOGS

Thursday, November 5 • 6 p.m.

Come see the talented Crown Point High School improv group, The Stray Dogs, in action! Get ready for a night of quick thinking, big laughs, and unexpected fun as they show how "Improv" really works. Free for all ages, registration appreciated but not required.

## CAREGIVER WELNESS & SUPPORT EXPO

Tuesday, November 10 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Free community event for caregivers presented by CoAction. Connect with local resources, discover helpful services, and find support for your own health and well-being.

## MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Free to attend • No registration required • Popcorn provided  
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. For movie titles and rating information, please call the library.



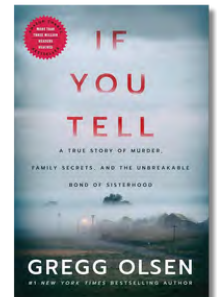
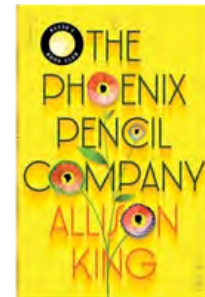
Monday, October 12 • 1:30 p.m.

LINCOLN

2012 film starring Daniel Day Lewis and Sally Field. This movie is intended for adults.

## BOOK CLUBS - CROWN POINT

The following book discussions are held at the Crown Point Library. Books are available at the Circulation Desk approximately a month before the event date. New members are always welcome. For more information, call (219) 306-4593.



### Evening Book Group

2nd Thursday, Monthly | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

- October 8: *The Bright Years* by Sarah Damoff
- November 12: *The Names* by Florence Knapp
- December 10: NO ASSIGNED BOOK
- January 14: *All the Beauty in the World* by Patrick Bringley

### 3rd Monday at 1

3rd Monday, Monthly | 1 - 2:30 p.m.

- October 19: *The Phoenix Pencil Company* by Allison King
- November 16: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
- December 21: NO ASSIGNED BOOK
- January 18: *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach

### True Crime

Mondays, Quarterly | 6 - 7:30 P.M.

- October 26: *If You Tell* by Gregg Olsen

American Red Cross

# BLOOD DRIVE

Oct. 8 • 12 – 6 p.m.

[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code CPCL.

# FALL

# LIFESAVERS NEEDED

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CROWN POINT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# Banned Book Evening

**Monday, October 5**

Crown Point Community Library,  
122 N. Main Street,  
Crown Point, IN 46307

**FREE**

**ADULTS**

**5 p.m.**

**Banned Book Read-In**

**6 p.m.**

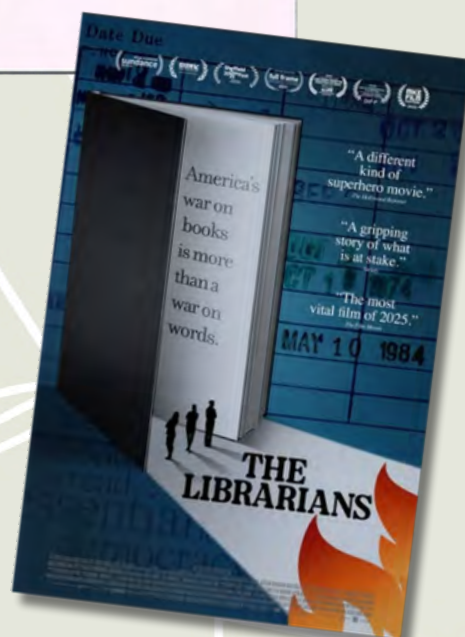
**Screening of the  
Emmy-winning documentary  
*The Librarians.***

Peruse frequently banned and challenged books, read a few pages, check one out to take home, or bring your own current read.

Before the screening, Library Director Julie Wendorf will provide a brief update on statewide library-related legislation and the current landscape surrounding banned and challenged books.

Popcorn and lemonade provided.  
Registration appreciated but not required.

Come for either part or both.



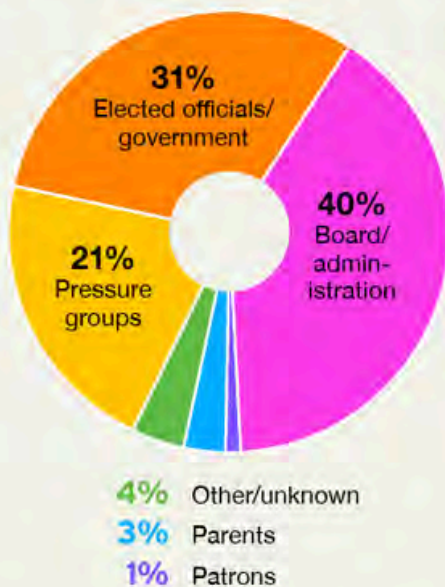
# CENSORSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

In 2025, the American Library Association documented the second highest level of book censorship attempts ever and the continuation of an organized effort to systematically suppress voices and ideas that began in 2021. Last year, **4,235 unique titles** were challenged, only five titles short of the highest number ever documented by ALA and significantly exceeding the annual average of 273 unique titles over the period from 2001–2020.

*LEARN MORE AT [ALA.ORG/BBOOKS](https://www.ala.org/bbooks)*

## WHO CHALLENGES BOOKS

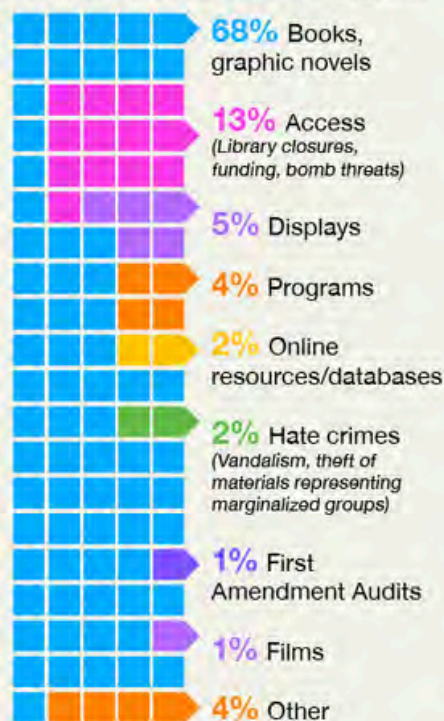
Nearly **92% of censorship attempts** in 2025 were initiated by pressure groups and decision makers swayed by them. This marks a 20-point increase over 2024.



Statistics based on 8,596 total titles targeted for censorship.

## BOOKS AND BEYOND

ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked **713 distinct censorship incidents** in 2025. Here's the breakdown:



## WHERE CHALLENGES HAPPEN



Statistics based on 696 incidents with known locations and include challenges to all materials and services. About 1% of censorship attempts took place in other locations.

## CENSORSHIP TRENDS

The majority of library censorship remains tied to organized campaigns. Pressure groups and the decision makers they influenced targeted **7,884 total titles** in 2025. From 2001–2020, this constituency tried to remove an average of 46 titles per year. From 2021–2025, they targeted an average of 5,238 total titles annually.

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL TITLES TARGETED BY ORGANIZED CAMPAIGNS, 2001–2025



CENSORSHIP  
STATISTICS  
COMPILED BY:



OFFICE FOR  
Intellectual Freedom  
American Library Association

# CROWN POINT Youth Programs



Program requires registration  
Registration opens two weeks before the event

## ALL AGES

### GREYT READERS

Oct. 3, Nov. 7 • 10 a.m.

Every first Saturday of the month, children of all ages are invited to read aloud to calm, retired greyhounds (from the Greyt Readers organization) in a relaxed, judgment-free environment.

### SUNDAY FAMILY MOVIES

Sundays • 2 p.m. • Youth Program Room

Enjoy a family movie with popcorn!

- 4: Red Shoes and the Seven Dwarves
- 11: Chicken Little
- 18: The Pirate Fairy
- 25: Scooby Doo and the Goblin King

## PRESCHOOL - BIRTH TO 5 YEARS

### TODDLER TIME

Tuesdays in October & November • 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Children ages 2–3 are invited to toddle on over for storytime at the library! Each approximately 30-minute session includes stories and a craft. Siblings are welcome.

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays in October & November • 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Children ages 3–5 are invited to enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement during this approximately 30-minute storytime.

Siblings are welcome.

- On the second Wednesday of each month, join us at 10 a.m. for Super Storytime in the downstairs library meeting rooms in place of the regular Preschool Storytime. There will be no 11 a.m. session on those days.

### BOOK BABIES

Thursdays, October & November\* • 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Babies aged 24 months and younger are invited to enjoy books, songs, and rhymes during this special storytime. Siblings are welcome, and playtime follows each session. \* (No session on Oct. 29, or Nov. 26)

### BABIES 1-2-3 SING WITH ME

Fridays, October 2 & 30 & Nov. 13 • 10 a.m.

Children ages 3 and younger are invited to enjoy a program filled with music and movement. Participants will sing, dance, and play instruments.



### PRESCHOOL SING & PLAY

Fridays, October 2 & 30 & Nov. 13 • 11 a.m.

Children ages 3–5 are invited to sing, dance, and play instruments during this energetic music and movement program.

### BABY PLAY AND LEARN

Mondays, October 5 & November 9 • 10 a.m.

Babies and toddlers ages 24 months and younger are invited to play and learn at the library. Each program features a variety of toys and age-appropriate educational, creative, and sensory activities to explore.



### LITTLE PUNKINS PUMPKIN PATCH AND CRAFTS

Monday, October 12 • 10 a.m.

Children ages 2–5 are invited to pick a tiny pumpkin from our pumpkin patch, decorate it, and enjoy pumpkin-themed crafts.

### SUPER STORYTIME

2nd Wednesdays • 10 a.m. Theme changes monthly

Children ages 6 and younger and their families are invited to a large-scale family storytime in the downstairs library meeting rooms.

- October 14 - Winnie the Pooh Party!
- November 11 - Pigeon & Friends from Mo Willems

**To register: Call (219) 306-8068 | Online: [crownpointlibrary.org/events](https://crownpointlibrary.org/events)**



**Online  
Event  
Calendar**



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# TOY EXCHANGE

**Monday, November 9 at 5 p.m.  
Crown Point Library**

Do your children have toys they've outgrown but are still in great shape? Give those toys a second life—and bring home something “new-to-you”—at our annual Toy Exchange at the Crown Point Library! This community event is a fun, eco-friendly way to clear out the playroom before the holidays while helping other families discover new treasures.

## How It Works

- Families are invited to bring in up to five gently used toys to the Youth Services Desk between November 1-8.
- All donated toys will be organized for a special “shopping” event on Monday, November 9, from 5-6 p.m.
- 5 p.m.: open to families who donated items
- 5:15 p.m. open to the public

**SCAN THE QR CODE  
FOR DONATION GUIDELINES**



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## **PRESCHOOL COOK AND A BOOK**

**Saturday, October 17 • 11 a.m.**

Children ages 3–5 are invited to enjoy a special storytime followed by a snack inspired by the story. Participants arriving more than five minutes late may lose their spot.

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## **PRESCHOOL HALLOWEEN CRAFTS**

**Monday, October 26 • 10 a.m.**

Children ages 3–5 are invited to celebrate the Halloween season by creating simple, spooky crafts.

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## **SUNNY SAPLINGS**

Children ages 3-5 are invited to join us for outdoor fun with books and more! Dress appropriately for the weather and prepare to potentially get muddy! Registration is requested.

- **Tuesday, October 27 at 1 p.m. - Triangle Hills YMCA**

Meet at the Y-shaped outdoor rock climbing wall. YMCA membership not required to attend.

- **Tuesday, November 10 at 1 p.m. - Sauerman Woods**

Meet by the playground at Sauerman Woods.

**Weather notice:** The program will be held outside unless there are severe thunderstorms, - 32 degrees, and/or unhealthy air quality. Registered participants will be contacted.

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## **TODDLER TRICK OR TREAT**

**Thursday, October 29 • 10:30 a.m.**

Children ages 1–5 are invited to trick-or-treat at the library! Enjoy a short Halloween-themed storytime, decorate a treat bag, and then trick-or-treat throughout the library. Treats will include candy and non-candy surprises. Costumes are encouraged.

## **SENSORY PLAY**

**Friday, November 6 • 10 a.m.**

Children ages 2–5 are invited to explore their senses through sensory stations and hands-on toys. All ages are welcome, but choking hazards may be present. Dress to get messy. No registration.

## **OPEN PLAY AND CAREGIVER CAFE**

**Friday, November 20 • 10 a.m.**

Children ages 3 and younger can enjoy open play while parents, grandparents, and other caregivers enjoy free coffee and conversation. Connect with other caregivers of young children in the community. No registration.

## **ELEMENTARY - GRADES K–5**

### **POKÉMON CLUB**

**Tuesdays, October 6 & Nov. 3 • 4:30 p.m.**

Calling all Pokémon Trainers! Bring your cards or handheld gaming devices to show, trade, and battle with fellow fans. Younger siblings are welcome with an accompanying adult.

### **FAT BEAR WEEK CELEBRATION**

**Wednesday, October 7 • 4:30 p.m.**

Celebrate Fat Bear Week with stories, crafts, and activities inspired by the famous brown bears of Katmai National Park in Alaska. Learn about the bears as they prepare for winter and cast your vote for your favorite contender.

### **KNITTING CLUB**

**Saturday, October 10 • 11 a.m.**

Children in grades 3–6 are invited to enjoy an hour of yarn crafting. No previous experience is necessary. Some yarn, needles, and looms will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own supplies if they would like to take a project home and continue working on it. Straight size 8 knitting needles and worsted-weight yarn are recommended. Those who crochet are welcome to attend, though crochet instruction will not be available.

### **CHESS CLUB**

**Saturdays, October 10 • 2 p.m.**

Children in grades 2–6 are invited to enjoy an hour of chess at the library. This is not an instructional program, but beginners are welcome.

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# CROWN POINT Youth Programs

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**Online  
Event  
Calendar**

## **R HALLOWEEN STEAM**

Monday, October 12 • 4:30 p.m.

Join us for spooky, sticky, creepy, kooky Halloween fun, including potion-making activities. Dress to potentially get messy! Registration is required.

## **ELEMENTARY STORYTIME: YOUNG HOOSIER BOOKS**

Tuesday, October 13 • 4:30 p.m.

Children are invited to hear selections from books nominated for a Young Hoosier Award, explore similar books, and complete a fun craft. No registration.

## **R FALL BREAK CHEFS**

Friday, October 16 • 10:30 a.m.

Young chefs are invited to enjoy a fun culinary program at the library. Registration is required.

## **LEGO CLUB**

Tuesday, October 20 • 4:30 p.m.

The library provides the LEGO bricks—you bring the imagination! Each month features a different theme.

## **COME PLAY!**

Tuesday, October 27 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Children are invited to join us for some fun, putting their your creativity to work. We will be building, writing, and playing! Hope to see you here!

## **LATIN FAIR**

Sunday, November 1 • 2–4 p.m.

Children in grades K–8 are invited with their caregivers to explore the classical language and culture of Latin at our first Latin Fair. Presented in conjunction with the Crown Point High School Latin Club, this drop-in program will feature activity stations where participants can learn about the ancient Roman world and the language spoken by its people. Siblings are welcome.

## **R HOMESCHOOL S.T.E.A.M.**

Monday, November 2 • 10 a.m.

Homeschool families with children in grades K–5 are invited to work together on an open-ended challenge incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Registration is required.

## **ONE DISTRICT-ONE BOOK READ-ALOUDS**

November 9, 11, 14 (11 a.m.), 16, 18 • 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a live reading of chapters from the Crown Point Community School System's One District-One Book. Chapter readings will be followed by a brief discussion and an activity to take home or do at the library. The chosen book will be announced on Monday, November 9. Complete details to follow.

## **TEEN - GRADES 6-12**

### **TEEN ART CLUB: Bedazzle!**

Monday, October 5 • 4:30 p.m.

Create, explore, and express yourself through art. The library will provide the supplies and space—you bring the creativity!

## **R TEEN TASTE TEST CHALLENGE**

Monday, October 19 • 5 p.m.

Come eat some awesome (and gross!) foods with us. Registration is required. There will be different rounds:

1. Blindfold Challenge: You will try some different foods, while blindfolded, and have to guess what you're eating.
2. Gross Out Challenge: You will eat a prepared (disgusting!) combo of foods and try to identify the ingredients.

### **ZOMBIE BARBIE**

Monday, October 26 • 4:30 p.m.

Transform Barbies and other dolls into spooky creations for Halloween. Bring your own doll/Barbie to customize, or use one from the library's limited supply. The library will provide the materials needed to bring your zombie creation to life.

## **R TEEN CUPCAKE WARS!**

Monday, November 16 • 5 p.m.

Show off your decorating skills! Use frosting, candy, cookies, and other supplies provided by the library to decorate your cupcake. Then, patrons at the library will vote for on the best! Registration required.



**CROWN POINT GARDEN CLUB  
present the 2027**

**Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl  
POSTER CONTEST**

Children in grades 3-5 are invited to participate in the poster contest featuring conservation icons Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl!  
Entry forms/guidelines are available at both libraries.

**Starts: September 15  
Deadline: October 15  
Judging: October 22  
Ceremony for winners: November 14**



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

## MEET THE NOMINEES

### JULIE WENDORF

DIRECTOR, CROWN POINT COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Women in Leadership Award Nominee  
EMPOWERING WOMEN'S BRUNCH

## Library Director Named 2026 Women in Leadership Nominee

We're proud to announce that our Library Director, Julie Wendorf, has been nominated for the 2026 Women in Leadership Award by the Crossroads Chamber!

Julie is one of 10 incredible women being recognized for their leadership, achievement, resilience, and community impact across Northwest Indiana. We're thrilled to see her dedication to our library, our community, and the people we serve recognized in this way.

The 2026 Women in Leadership Award recipient will be announced at the Crossroads Chamber's Annual Empowering Women's Brunch on October 1.

Please join us in congratulating Julie and celebrating all 10 outstanding nominees!



LIONS INTERNATIONAL

# PEACE POSTER

# CONTEST



**Presented by  
CROWN POINT LIONS CLUB**

In partnership with Crown Point Community Library

## Calling All Young Artists!

**Crown Point students, ages 11-13, are invited to enter the  
Lions International 2026-2027 Peace Poster Contest.**



**Theme:** Harmony in Humanity

**Entry Deadline:** Sunday, November 1, 2026, by 5 p.m.

**PICK UP THE CONTEST RULES/GUIDELINES AND ENTRY  
FORM AT THE LIBRARY OR ONLINE:**

**[www.crownpointlibrary.org/events](http://www.crownpointlibrary.org/events)**

# WINFIELD BRANCH

## Youth Programs



**Program requires registration**  
**Registration opens two weeks before the event**

### ALL AGES

#### READ TO THE DOGS

**Saturdays, October 3 & November 7 • 11 a.m.**

Children of all ages are invited to practice their reading skills by sharing a favorite book with a friendly Power Paws therapy dog. No registration.

### PRESCHOOL - BIRTH - 5 YEARS

#### LITTLE LISTENERS

**Thursdays • 10:30 a.m.**

Children ages 3–5 are invited to enjoy books, songs, and rhymes during this interactive storytime held in the library's meeting room. No registration is required, but space is limited.

#### BOOK BABIES

**Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m.**

Babies aged 24 months and younger are invited to enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and playtime following storytime. No registration is required, but space is limited.

### ELEMENTARY - GRADES K-5



#### LEGO Club

**Thursdays, October 8 & November 19 • 5 p.m.**

This is a LEGO free-build club where you can create anything you can dream up. No registration.



#### MONSTER ART LAB

**Thursday, October 1 • 5 p.m.**

Create your own monster masterpieces, from paint-splatter monsters to silly yarn creatures and haunted houses from cardboard. Materials provided.



#### WITCH ACADEMY

**Thursday, October 15 • 5 p.m.**

Join us for a magical afternoon of potions, spells, and enchanting crafts as you work your way through Witch's Academy. Registration Required.



#### THE GREAT LIBRARY BOO BASH

**Thursday, October 29 • 5 p.m.**

Celebrate Halloween with spooky games, creepy crafts, fun activities, and plenty of Halloween surprises. Costumes are encouraged.



#### Tiny Chefs: Fall Edition

**Thursday, November 5 • 5 p.m.**

Calling all little chefs! Grades K-5 join us for a fun, hands-on cooking adventure where we'll mix, make, decorate and enjoy some delicious treats. Come ready to get creative in the kitchen! Registration Required.



#### STEMTASTIC FALL

**November 12 • 5 p.m.**

Get ready to experiment, explore and discover the science hiding all around us! Registration Required.

### TEENS - GRADES 6-12

#### TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

**Tuesday, October 13 • 4 p.m.**

A new adventure begins! Whether you're brand new to Dungeons & Dragons or an experienced player, you're invited to join a new campaign. Pre-made characters are available, so everyone can jump right into the action. Registration Required. No registration.

#### TEEN Halloween Mask Making

**Friday, October 16 • 3 p.m.**

Learn professional fabrication techniques like scoring, cardboard slotting, and multi-layered relief modeling using templates and special tools to create an epic Halloween Mask.



#### TEEN SHRINKY DINKS

**Tuesday, November 10 • 4 p.m.**

Create custom keychains, pins, or backpack tags on special plastic sheets and watch them magically shrink in the oven.

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

# WINFIELD BRANCH Adult Programs 18+



Online  
Event  
Calendar

## MAHJONG (CANTONESE)

Wednesdays • 1 p.m.

Learn and play Cantonese Mahjong, a traditional version of the game with its own rules and style of play. This program is intended for adults.

## MAH JONGG (AMERICAN)

Monday, October 12 • 1 p.m.

Learn and play American Mah Jongg, a popular variation of the game with its own rules and traditions. This program is intended for adults.

## R ADULT CRAFT: FALL KINUSAIGA

Tuesday, October 6 • 5 p.m.

Experience Kinusaiga, a relaxing Japanese art form that uses small fabric scraps tucked into carved grooves in a foam board to create mosaic-like designs. Registration is required.

## R ARTFUL DETAILS: WHIPPED PUMPKIN SPICE CANDLES

Friday, October 9 • 12 p.m.

Learn how to mix, scent, and whip wax using jars, premium wax, and pumpkin spice fragrance. All supplies are provided. Registration is required and opens Monday, September 21.

## R GOTHIC DECOR CRAFT DAY

Saturday, October 17 • 11 a.m.

Get creative with gothic-inspired décor ranging from subtly spooky to haunting. Registration is required.

## R CARD MAKING CLASS

Thursday, October 15 • 1 p.m.

Create multiple paper crafting projects while learning new techniques in a fun, social setting. A \$7 supply fee is payable to the instructor at class. Registration is required.

## R Adult Craft: Holiday Plate Etching

Tuesday, November 3 at 5 p.m.

The holidays are here. Make your own etched glass cookie dish for your next family gathering. Supplies are provided. Registration is required.

## MEDICARE 101

Changes are coming in 2027! Attend this FREE educational presentation and get the answers to your Medicare questions.

Presented by LifeSmart Senior Services



**Saturday, Oct. 10  
at 10:30 a.m.**

**WINFIELD BRANCH  
FREE | NO REGISTRATION**

## BOOK CLUBS - WINFIELD BRANCH

Books are available at the front desk.  
New members are welcome.

### DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

2nd Tuesday, Monthly  
1 - 2:30 p.m.

- October 13: *The River Is Waiting* by Wally Lamb
- November 10: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
- December 8: NO ASSIGNED BOOK
- January 12: *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman



**NEW**

### NOVEL INTRIGUE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 27 • 6 p.m.

*Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier

This new book club explores dark, dynamic plots, high-stakes stories, and a touch of romance across a variety of genres.



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### COOKBOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 20 • 5 p.m.

*Cuisine To Kill For* by Amy Brunt

Sample a recipe from one of the library's cookbooks while watching a cooking demonstration, preparing your own dish, and enjoying your culinary creation.



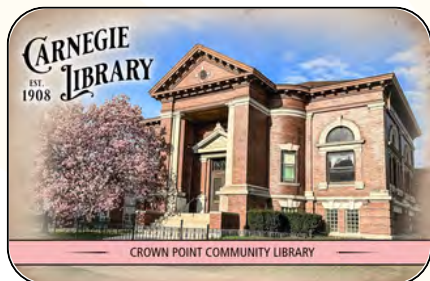
**REGISTRATION OPENS 2 WEEKS BEFORE EVENT | (219) 662-4039 | [crownpointlibrary.org/events](https://crownpointlibrary.org/events)**

# New Library Cards Have Arrived!

Four new designs. One library. Endless possibilities.

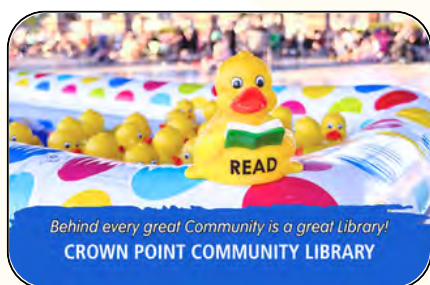
Choose a card that celebrates what you love about the Crown Point Community Library.

## WHICH ONE WILL YOU CHOOSE?



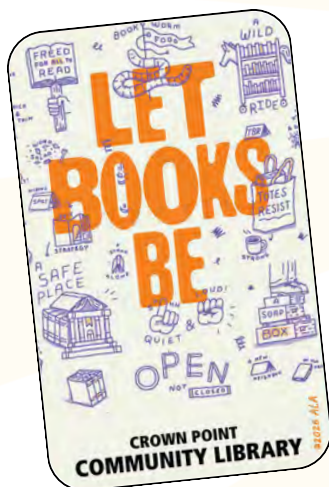
### HONORING OUR HISTORY

Celebrate the legacy of our Carnegie Library and the history of the library in our community.



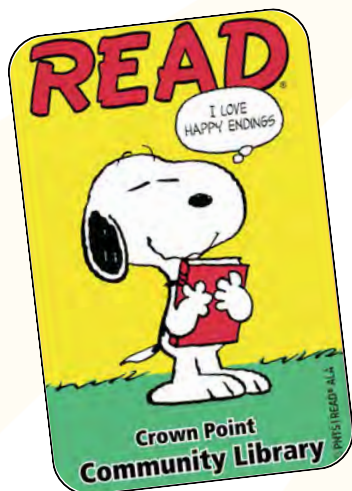
### MAKING CONNECTIONS

A design celebrating the Crown Point Community Library's commitment to outreach and connecting with our community in Crown Point and Winfield.



### LET BOOKS BE

Celebrate the freedom to read with a design inspired by Banned Books Week and the Library's commitment to access to books and ideas.



### SNOOPY: I LOVE HAPPY ENDINGS

A playful celebration of the joy of reading—and those satisfying happy endings that make a good story worth finishing.

## GET YOUR NEW LIBRARY CARD

### How Can I Get a Library Card?

- Visit the Crown Point Library or Winfield Branch, or apply online.
- Residents of Center or Winfield Townships are eligible for a library card at no charge.
- Reciprocal cards are available to individuals outside our library district at no charge.

### Applied for a Library Card Online?

Visit the Library to convert your virtual card into a physical card.

### Already Have a Library Card?

Bring your current library card with you the next time you visit the Library and exchange it for one of our new designs.

**Available while supplies last.**



**SCAN HERE**  
To apply for a  
library card online