



West Lafayette Public Library

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Featured Story: Construction Project Update

The West Lafayette Public Library's construction and expansion project is nearing completion. Frequent visitors to the Library will see obvious changes appearing nearly every day. At this point, most of the structural work to the building and to rooms have been completed. Flooring, paint, and doors have been completed or installed in most areas.

With the recent delivery of some of our new furniture, it's easy to think that many areas are ready to be used - but not quite. We are still waiting on final installations and approvals for several of our meeting rooms and public areas.

Meanwhile, our collections are being moved around yet again - but this time, many are landing in their final locations. If you are looking for a specific book or collection, please ask a staff member for directions. Notably, the following major changes are something to consider when browsing for materials:

- DVDs (Films, TV Series, Nonfiction, Great Courses) have been moved to their new home on the 2nd floor. Global DVDs are temporarily staying on the 1st floor until their spot is cleared on the 2nd floor.
- Audiobooks and CDs are now located on the 2nd floor.
- Fiction is gradually moving back to the 1st floor as space allows. The early alphabet is available for browsing but you will need to see a staff member for other items to be retrieved from storage.
- Science Fiction has been moved to its new home on the 2nd floor.

We appreciate the patience and flexibility that our community has extended to the library as we have undergone this process. We look forward to showing off our new spaces once the project is fully complete!



INDIANA DIGITAL LIBRARY

Important Changes to Overdrive/Libby

If you like to use our library's digital collections through OverDrive or Libby, there are two important things that you should know:

1. Since February 23rd, 2022, the legacy OverDrive app has been removed from app stores. If you already have the app installed on your device, you will still be able to use it. But any new users looking for OverDrive in the

app store will be directed to install Libby instead. **This is due to an eventual retirement of the OverDrive app. If you currently use the OverDrive app, it is encouraged that you anticipate a switch to the Libby app sooner rather than later.**

2. WLPL has joined the Indiana Digital Library consortium; this replaces the Indiana Digital Download Center consortium. Nearly 200 libraries have joined this consortium and materials are shared between all members. **This means that our decision to join allows you to borrow from the biggest eBook collection offered in the state!** The following items were moved from IDDC into IDL: holds, checkouts, wishlist items, star ratings. The following items were not moved: recommendations, reading history, and tags.

If you have any questions about these changes, feel free to contact the Library. Our staff are available for technology-related questions and tutorials in-person or over the phone.

Children's Department Update



The Children's Department is excited to welcome you to our entirely new Children's Area this spring. You will be greeted by a mix of familiar faces, furnishings and play spaces along with amazing additions to discover in this fresh setting. Your favorite characters, topics, materials and programs await along with new technologies and novel opportunities to learn and play.

The Children's Activity room sparkles! Soon it will host a robust set of regular weekly programs as well as special events. Whatever mix of activities your child enjoys (reading, creating, building, dancing and singing), we will offer programs for you. This is the space for you to sing, talk, read, write and play while we grow together.

We would especially like to thank those of you who stuck with us during our interim service. The divided collection and temporary spaces functioned well enough but we are thrilled to move to next level service for you. Our friends who joined us for Music & Fun and Beansprouts Storytime at The Bean in Margerum City Hall helped us to keep our focus on the children who make our work so meaningful.

The young and young-at-heart are all welcome to this next chapter of the West Lafayette Public Library Children's Department. Come see us soon!

Upcoming Children's Programs

Final Programs at the Bean in Margerum City Hall Beansprouts Storytime and Music & Fun

Wednesday, March 9, 11:00 and 11:30

Music & Fun

Continue the fun and familiar songs and dances in Room 126 of City Hall.

Wednesdays: March 23, 30 and April 6, 13

We encourage you to head across to the library when it opens at noon.

We will transition to weekly programs at the library as renovation allows.

Thanks to our great hosts at City Hall.

LEGO STEAM Challenge

Kids K-3 are invited to build with Purdue Education Students.

Each week they will create a new challenge for you.

Thursday, March 10 in the BEAN at City Hall

Thursdays: March 24, 31 and April 7, 14, 21 in the library.

Drop in between 4 and 5:30

Read to the Dogs

Our friends from Pet Partners return with their pooches Saturday, March 19, 2-4 pm.

This event will take place in the library and requires registration. It is specifically designed for emergent readers to practice reading aloud with gentle listeners. See the Children's Program page of our website for more information.



What's Happening in the Teen Department

Our Teen Room was the first to have books moved in, but the space is far from completed! Meant as a place in the library just for teens and young adults, the Teen Room will feature flexible seating and tables, great book displays, and multiple avenues for art, expression, and relaxing. A laptop bar and lounge space was installed in mid-February and improvements will continue to roll in this spring!

Applications are now being accepted for the 2022-23 Teen Department Library Assistant. Please find information about the role and eligibility at westlafayettepubliclibrary.org/teens.

Upcoming Teen Programs



Fun at past programs

All activities open only to library patrons in 7th – 12th grades. Some programs may require advance registration. Please arrive at the program start time unless noted as a drop-in event.

March 15-18, Drop-in during open hours

Every day at the library is a mini-adventure. Try something new every day of Spring Break!

Thursday, March 17, 3:00 - 4:00

Spring Break Yoga

Even though you're stuck in town, relax and rejuvenate with a free yoga session led by an instructor from Community Yoga! Bring your own yoga mat, or use one provided.

Friday, March 18, 3:00 - 5:00

Switch Tournament

Compete against your friends and foes in Super Smash Bros or Mario Kart 8.

Saturday, March 26, 2:00 - 4:00

Make a Plushie

Learn to sew a unique new friend for yourself or someone else.

Teen Volunteers Needed

Know a teen who needs to be first in line for new releases? Who loves to recommend books to others? We're looking for volunteers to serve on our Book Selection Committee!

Teen volunteers will read professional book reviews and meet once a month to suggest new department purchases. Teen volunteer information can be found on our Department page at westlafayettepubliclibrary.org/teens.

Adult Department Update

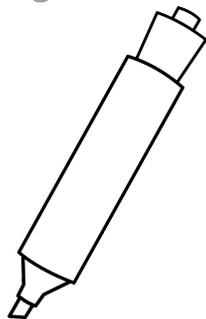


Many of the adult spaces are still being finished at this time but we promise the wait will be worthwhile. We look forward to once again offering meeting and study spaces to the general public. As these areas open up, you'll see it announced on our website, social media, and newsletter.

We're also in the process of adding a new Library of Things collection and a Creativity Lab space within the Library. Soon you'll be able to check out craft supplies, specialty equipment, and recreational items. If you like to create, tinker, or do - this collection is perfect for you!

As we think about warm weather, don't forget: summer reading will be here soon.

Upcoming Adult Programs



DIY Dry-Erase Board Program
Saturday, March 19th 2:00pm-4:00pm
Creativity Lab

In this crafting session, we'll be using picture frames to create unique and colorful dry-erase boards, perfect for grocery lists, to-do's, or just fun office notes! This is a

free program and all materials are provided. Open to adults (18+) only. No registered required.

Heads up: in celebration of **Preservation Week (April 24th - 30th)**, we'll be hosting a "Memory Lane" board game session in which families can preserve their history and memories by creating their own playable game. If you are interested in this session, you might want to begin collecting and copying family pictures or small treasures to use. More information on this program will be in our April newsletter.



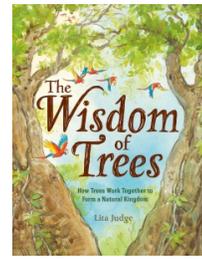
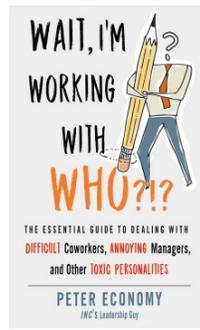
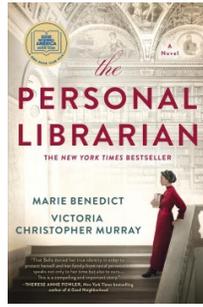
Did you know that you can get a notification of the newest items delivered right to your inbox each week?

Sign up for Wowbrary, a free service that will keep you informed of the latest library materials.

For more information, see a staff member or visit wlaf.lib.in.us.

Nick Schenkel's Book Reviews on WBAA

Did you miss the latest book review from library director, Nick Schenkel? Find all of his past reviews on WBAA's website.



February's Picks:

- 2/4 - **Commissioning of USS Indianapolis (LCS 17)** by Tom Harton
2/11 - **The Personal Librarian** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
2/18 - **Wait, I'm Working With Who?!?** by Peter Economy
2/25 - **The Wisdom of Trees** by Lita Judge
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Get Involved

Interested in volunteering with the Library? We have opportunities available for teens and adults. Visit the library website or see one of our staff members to get started.

Looking for a place to donate your old books? The Library accepts donations of all print or audiovisual materials in good condition. These items are either added to the Library's collection or sold in our bookshop. Either way, your donation is offered back into the community! Small donations can be brought in while the library is open; please call or email if you have a large donation.

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Tuesday: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Friday: 12:00pm-6:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: CLOSED

Monday: CLOSED

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