



West Lafayette Public Library

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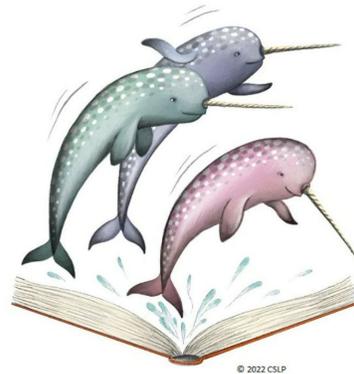
Featured Story: Summer Reading Program Starts Soon

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

Summer Reading Program is right around the corner and we are busy preparing a summer filled with events and reading for you. Adult, Teen and Children's SRP will all focus on the theme *Oceans of Possibilities* and in our newly renovated library there are so many exciting possibilities! Of course we will provide the high quality programs and reading incentives you've come to expect. This year we will have new-to-us performers as well as local talent you may already know and program collaborations across departments. Prizes from our prize vault and generous sponsor donations await you. There will be an activity, reading recommendation and/or prize for all participants. We aim to include as many readers, while encouraging those less interested in reading, as possible during June and July.

June 1, 2022 is the first day of the program. This year we will use the READSquared app and website to track reading. Complete all ten levels, earn badges along the way and be sure to come in and see us while you read this summer. For those of you who prefer

paper log tracking, rest assured that those will be available for you as well. Participate in the way that is fun and easy for you. Read with us through July 31 when the program ends. Be sure to visit our webpage, Facebook page and continue reading this newsletter for all the things going on during our *Oceans of Possibilities* Summer Reading Program.



Beginning Monday, May 2nd,
Library hours increase to 10 am -
6 pm Monday, 10 am - 8 pm
Tuesday through Thursday, and
10 am - 6 pm Friday and
Saturday.

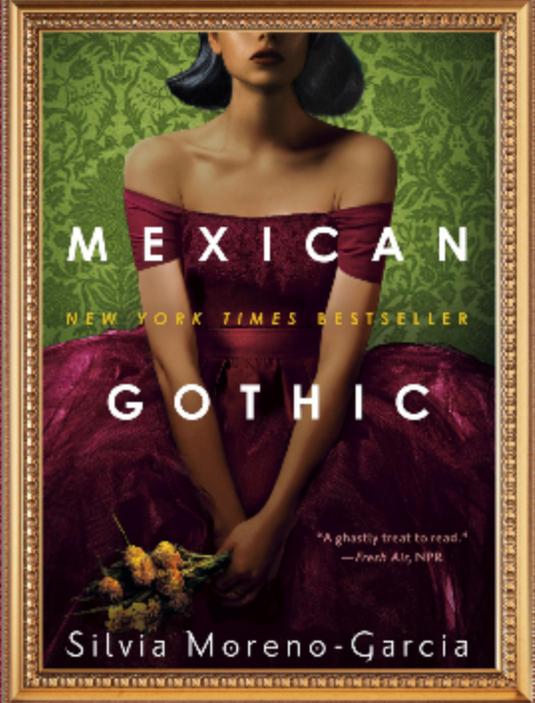
Join us for programming,
browsing, hold pick ups and
more!



good morning

Start your day with us
Now open at 10 am Monday - Saturday

The **2022** **BIG READ** and **P PURDUE UNIVERSITY** Department of English present



<https://cla.purdue.edu/academic/english/the-big-read>

Special thanks to our partners:



The 2022-23 Big Read selection is "Mexican Gothic" by Silvia Moreno-Garcia. Pick up a free copy at the Library and watch for more information regarding programs later in the year.



Book Sale Hiatus



The book sale is currently on hiatus while we prepare our new book shop. More details will be announced in later newsletters.

Children's Department Update



It is our pleasure and pride to welcome you to the all new Children's Area of the West Lafayette Public Library. We've kept all the best elements that you love and added more to update and refresh this important part of the library. Sentimental favorites remain on our shelves and in our furnishings while things we couldn't have envisioned in times past are now available to you and your child.

Our foundation remains the welcoming, knowledgeable staff of the Children's Department. Please come on in and let us give you a tour of this accessible, cheerful and safe place designed specifically for children. Feel free to ask us plenty of questions as you learn your way around the area. We are here to help you feel comfortable and informed.

Be sure to join us for in-person programming. Once again, you'll find a mix of familiar favorites and all new program opportunities. We are big believers in age appropriate programs. We will offer focused storytimes to meet your child where they are. You can find our program schedule in this newsletter, on our website or in the events on our Facebook page. We can't wait to greet you!

Recent Events

We Have
MOVED!



Browse
a bit



Thank you for the patience you showed during those few days when browsing the Children's collection wasn't an option for customers. We understand that some library visits aren't about picking up a specific title but rather about the joy of perusing for your next discovery. We encourage you to come in soon to browse our Opening Day collection as well as the existing materials.

April Program Pictures

Students from Purdue co-hosted each of these events. Big thanks to the Purdue Science Student Council, the sisters of Delta Kappa Delta along with brothers of Kappa Bi Beta and the students from EDCI 350. They were a big help and provided great opportunities to children in our community. Special thanks to our LEGO STEAM Challenge co-hosts who made a semester long commitment and formed connections with returning builders. We value each and every one of you!

CREATIVE KIDDOS



SCIENCE SATURDAY



LEGO STEAM CHALLENGE



Upcoming Children's Programs

Lapsit Storytime

A special time for babies and their caregivers

Tuesdays @ 10:30 & 11:15

Starbright Storytime

An evening storytime for little ones

Tuesdays @ 6:30

Music & Fun

Music and movement for ages 2 and up

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Sunshine StoryThyme

Sunny songs and stories at Fresh Thyme Market

May 5, 12 & 19 @ 9:15

Time for Twos

Storytime for two-year olds

Thursdays @ 10:30

No Program on Fourth Thursdays

Sunshine Storytime

Pre-K storytime and craft

Fridays @ 10:30

Creative Kiddos: Kites

Kids K-6 grade

Tuesday, May 3, 4:00-5:30 p.m., drop-in

Afterschool craft time featuring kites, paper airplanes and other fliers. The sisters of Delta Kappa

Read to the Dogs

This event is specifically designed for emergent readers to practice reading aloud with gentle listeners, the dogs from Pet Partners. Register readers in person at the Children's Services desk for a 15 minute reading time slot. Registration opens May 14.

Saturday, May 21, 1:00-2:00 p.m.



What's Happening in the Teen Department

April was Financial Literacy Month and we asked for our visitors' best financial advice. Feedback ranged from questionable ("marry into wealth") to solid ("are you going to wear that once or all the time").



Teens created otherworldly terrariums at our Fantasy Flora program on April 22



Volunteer Opportunities

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](#).

Applications are still 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

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.

All month - Creative Commons

Make a new mini-project every month in the teen department. No reservations required.

Friday, May 20, 3:30 - 5:45

Meet the Silhouette Cameo

Be among the first to use our Silhouette Cameo and learn to design and cut a papercut craft bookmark.

Saturday, May 28, 2:00 - 4:00

Wax-resist fabric dyeing

Learn how to dye designs into fabric using wax-resisting techniques and tools, inspired by the art of batik.

Adult Department Update



Our new areas are coming along nicely! Pictured above is our new periodicals section located on the first floor, directly across from the Columbia Street entrance. This lounge area, once fully furnished, will house our periodicals, new arrivals, and both booth and café style seating.

We've had several requests recently for more information regarding volunteering in the adult department. At this time, our main volunteering opportunity is in our new book shop, which is in the final stages of completion. If you are interested in volunteering in that area (including sorting, stocking, and staffing the book shop), please contact library staff or fill out the volunteer interest

form on the Adults page of the website. You'll be contacted as soon as the book shop is ready for volunteers.

This month, we have one adult program scheduled (a Plant Swap, see more details below). But beginning in June, look forward to weekly adult programs for all types of interests!

Upcoming Adult Programs

Plant Swap

Saturday, May 14th 2:00-4:00

Bring a healthy, pest-free clipping of an indoor or outdoor plant to swap with others. All participants are welcome to decorate a small pot to take home, as well. No plants? No problem! Everyone will receive a small plant to take home.



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

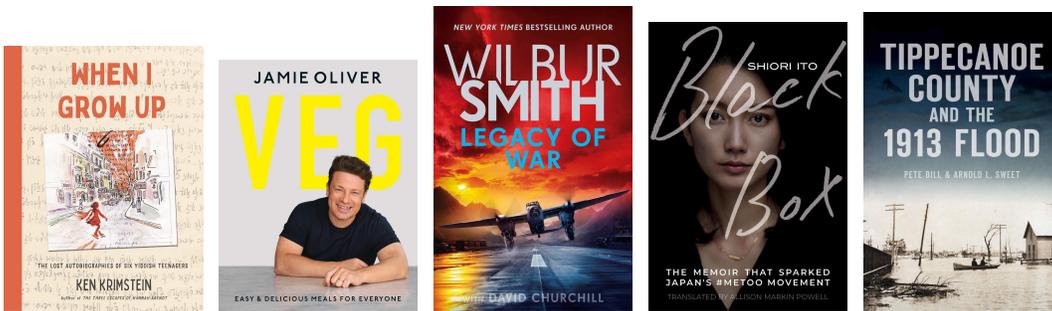
Sign up for Wowbrary, a free service that will keep you informed of the latest library materials.

[See What's New](#)

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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 [here](#).



Last Month's Picks:

3/25 - "[When I Grow Up: The Lost Autobiographies of Six Yiddish Teenagers](#)" by Ken Krimstein

4/1 - "[Veg: Easy & Delicious Meals for Everyone](#)" by Jamie Oliver

4/8 - "[Legacy of War](#)" by Wilbur Smith

4/15 - "[Black Box: The Memoir that Sparked Japan's #MeToo Movement](#)" by Shiori Ito

4/22 - "[Tippecanoe County and the 1913 Flood](#)" by Pete Bill and Arnold L. Sweet

BookPage®

Looking for your next great read? WLPL offers copies of BookPage for free. Find copies in the Columbia Street vestibule or at the first floor desk.

Get Involved

Interested in volunteering with the Library? We have opportunities available for teens and adults.

Visit the [Teens](#) and [Adult](#) pages 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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Current open hours:

Monday: 10:00am-6:00pm
Tuesday: 10:00am-8:00pm
Wednesday: 10:00am-8:00pm
Thursday: 10:00am-8:00pm
Friday: 10:00am-6:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am-6:00pm
Sunday: CLOSED

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