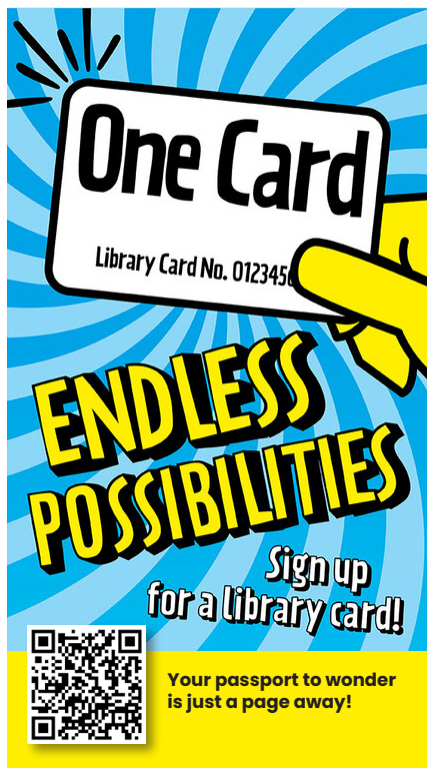




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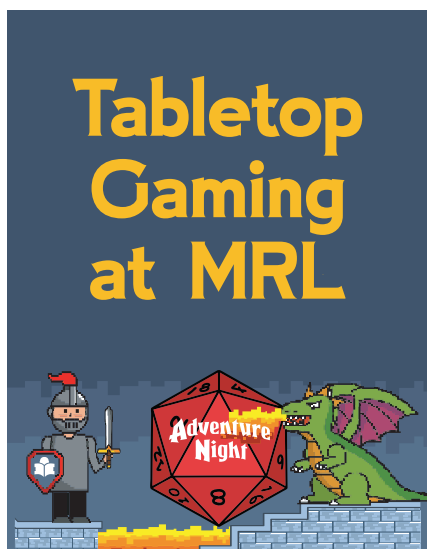


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CAPTURE THE MOMENT

**Virtual Author Talk:
Suzanne Woods Fisher**



**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11 4–6PM**

Join bestselling author Suzanne Woods Fisher for a captivating virtual presentation inspired by her novel, *Capture the Moment*. In this talk, Suzanne will reveal how our national parks are breathtaking landscapes and rich repositories of powerful, untold stories. Uncover the hidden stories within these natural wonders and discover how they connect to the human experience.

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS

PRESCHOOL

Music, Movement, and Stories Ages 2-5

Every Thursday 10am
September 4, 11, 18, 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20

Sing, move, and learn together at Music, Movement, & Stories! This interactive storytime is designed to engage your little one with fun songs, fingerplays, and stories, all while using diverse and exciting props. It's a fantastic opportunity for your child to develop their motor skills and language, and for you to connect with other caregivers in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Young Hoosier Storytime Ages 2-8

Mondays 6pm
September 8, 15, 22, 29
October 6

Each week, we'll read a fantastic Young Hoosier Picture Book, then get creative with a fun, coordinating craft. It's a wonderful way for young readers to discover new stories and express their creativity.

Wiggle Worms Ages 0-2

Every Friday 10am
September 5, 12, 19, 26
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November 7, 14, 21

Get ready to wiggle and giggle at Wiggle Worms! This interactive storytime is perfect for our youngest library visitors. We'll sing bouncy songs, play fun fingerplays, and explore a variety of toys together. It's a wonderful opportunity for your little one to socialize and for you to connect with other caregivers in a warm and supportive environment.

Back to School Storytime Ages 2-12

Saturday, September 20 11am

It's back to school time, and we know that means lots of hard work! So, come unwind at Back to School Storytime. Sit back, relax, and enjoy some fun stories with us.



GRAB-N-GO KITS

Pirate Grab and Go

September 15

Pool Noodle Pumpkins(ADULT)

September 22

Candy Corn Fun Faces

October 15

Halloween String Art (ADULT)

October 19 10am

Dinosaur Puppet

November 15

SCAVENGER HUNTS

All Month Long!

Pirate Scavenger Hunt

September

Monster Scavenger Hunt

October

Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt

November



CHILDREN

Homeschool Hangout

Wednesdays 10:30am

September 3

October 1

November 5

Looking for a supportive and social environment for your homeschool family? Come to our Homeschool Hangout!

Kids can collaborate on lessons and enjoy games, while parents connect and share valuable resources.

It's a great way to build friendships and find support within the homeschool community.

Cupcake Club Ages 6-8

Wednesdays 5:30pm

September 3

October 1

November 5

Sweeten your reading experience at Cupcake Club! Join us each month for a delightful book club designed for kids in grades K-2. We'll read exciting stories, discuss our favorite parts, and best of all, enjoy delicious cupcakes while we chat! Pick up your book at the Youth Services Desk and get ready for a tasty adventure in reading.

Sweet Reads Ages 6-12

Thursdays 4pm

September 4, 11, 18, 25

October 2, 9, 23, 30

November 6, 13

Indulge in a delightful weekly storytime experience at Sweet Reads! Join us for engaging stories and a tasty treat to complement each session. It's the perfect way to add a little sweetness to your week with fun stories and yummy bites.

Perfect Catch Egg Toss Ages 2-12

September 6 11am

Are you up for the ultimate test of coordination and a steady hand? Grab a partner and see how far apart you can get while tossing an egg back and forth without it breaking. Will you make the perfect catch? Come find out!

Mo Willems Storytime Ages 6-12

September 9 4pm

Participants will help choose which beloved books to read from our collection, including the hilarious adventures of Elephant and Piggie, the persistent pleas of Pigeon, and the heartwarming tale of Knuffle Bunny. Join us for a fun-filled storytime where your favorite characters come to life.

Dream Catcher

Ages 9-12

September 10 5:30pm

Transform repurposed CDs or DVDs into unique works of art using colorful yarn, thread, beads, and feathers. Craft your own special piece to hang and inspire sweet dreams.

Lego Free Build **Ages 5-17**

Fridays 4pm

September 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 17, 24

November 7, 14

Every Friday, spend an hour letting your imagination soar with the library's huge collection of Lego bricks. We also have Duplo blocks for our younger builders. Construct anything you can dream up, from towering castles to futuristic spaceships. It's an hour of open-ended fun for all builders!

Family Storytime

Saturdays 11am

September 13

October 11

November 22

Sing, listen, and create at our Family Storytime! We'll combine the joy of storytelling with the excitement of singing and the creativity of painting and coloring. It's an interactive experience designed for families to enjoy together.

Jory John Storytime

Ages 6-12

September 16 4pm

A fun-filled storytime with friends features hilarious books by Jory John. Stories highlight characters from grumpy cookies to dramatic potatoes. It's a chance to laugh and share great stories together.

Popcorn and Paperbacks **Ages 8-12**

Wednesdays 5:30pm

September 17

October 15

November 19

Love to read and talk about books? Then Popcorn & Paperbacks is for you! Join our book club for 2nd-4th graders, where we'll explore awesome stories and share our thoughts while munching on yummy popcorn. It's a great way to make friends and discover new favorite books.

Little Senses Storytime **Ages 6-12**

September 23 4pm

This storytime is for all those with big feelings and open minds. It offers a welcoming space for children to explore stories in a way that connects with their emotions and encourages understanding.

Wind Chimes Ages 9-12

September 24 5:30pm

Decorate a beautiful wind chime to add a touch of musical charm to your space. Personalize your chime with various materials and colors to create a unique piece that sings in the breeze.

Spooky Science Ages 6-12

Tuesdays 4pm
October 7, 14, 21

Tap into your inner mad scientist at Spooky Science! Each week, we'll conduct different eerie experiments. Get ready to create spooky slime, explore the mysteries of surface tension, and brew a bubbling potion. It's a ghoulishly good time where science gets a thrilling twist!

Mini Pumpkin Decorating Ages 9-12

October 8 5:30pm

Decorate a mini pumpkin to celebrate the season! Personalize your pumpkin with a variety of fun materials. Take home a festive decoration for your space.

Scarecrow Storytime & Craft Ages 2-12

October 18 11am

A storytime featuring a book about a scarecrow is followed by a coordinating craft. Participants will create their own unique scarecrow masterpiece.

Ghost in a Jar Ages 9-12

October 22 5:30pm

Create your own spooky, floating ghost in a jar. This fun activity combines a bit of science with creative crafting to make a hauntingly cool decoration.

Fall Into Crafts Ages 0-17

October 25 11am

Fall into crafts and spend an hour making seasonal crafts. During this time, participants will also enjoy listening to fall themed stories.

Fangtastic Fall Festival

October 30 5pm

Get ready for a spooktacular time at the Fangtastic Fall Festival! Join us for a family-friendly trick-or-treating adventure through the library, where every corner holds a sweet surprise. Local organizations will be on hand, passing out candy and trinkets in a safe, dry environment.

Important Note: To ensure a fun and secure event for everyone, please leave masks and any items resembling weapons at home.



Fossil Dig Ages 6-12

November 4 4pm

No need to travel far to hunt for fossils! Come to the library and dig for local fossils. Uncover ancient treasures right here and explore the fascinating world hidden beneath your feet.

Design-a-Saurus

Ages 6-12

November 11 4pm

Design your own Jurassic or Triassic creation! This fun craft time invites you to imagine and build prehistoric creatures. No science certification needed to bring your unique dinosaur to life.

Polymer Clay Dino

Ages 9-12

November 12 5:30pm

Make a cute dinosaur using polymer clay. This program provides all the materials and guidance to sculpt your own unique prehistoric pal.

Build a Dino Ages 5-12

November 15 11am

Families can work together to build their own dinosaur! This activity uses straws and marshmallows to create unique prehistoric creatures. It's a fun way for families to connect and get creative.

Stuffies Night at the Library Ages 2-12

November 17 6pm

Children are invited to a special stuffed animal-themed storytime! Bring your favorite stuffy to the library for stories and fun. After storytime, your stuffy will get to have a sleepover adventure at the library! We'll take photos of them participating in activities, like reading, having a snack, playing hide-and-seek, and sleeping. The next day, you can pick up your stuffie along with a special book filled with photos of their overnight escapades!

Prehistoric Storytime

Ages 6-12

November 18 4pm

Join us for a roaring good time as we read an exciting story all about dinosaurs. After our adventure, you'll get to create your very own dino-mite craft to take home. It's perfect for little paleontologists and big dinosaur fans alike!

Dino Tea Time Ages 6-12

November 25 4pm

Calling all dinosaur lovers, big and small! Get ready for a roaring good time at Dino Tea Time! Join us for a prehistoric party filled with dino-mite snacks and crafts that will have you stomping your feet with excitement. It's the perfect chance to dig into some fun and make new friends who love dinosaurs as much as you do!

TEENS

Teen Art

Thursdays 5pm

September 4

October 2

November 6

Unleash your creativity at Teen Art Night. All supplies are provided—just bring your imagination and get ready to make something unique to decorate your space or give as a gift!

Teen Game Night

Thursdays 5pm

September 11

October 9

November 13

Ready for some fun and a bit of friendly competition? Discover a new favorite game from the library's collection of tabletop games. Grab your friends or make new ones while you challenge each other to a variety of board games. It's the perfect chance to unwind, strategize, and have a great time!

Crispus Attucks High School Basketball Escape Room

September 18 5pm

This escape room experience focused on Crispus Attucks High School's historic basketball championship wins in 1955 and 1956. The challenge involves recovering a commemorative Converse shoe hidden by Sammy the

Interviewing Toucan. Participants will explore the legacy of the first all-Black school to win a state championship, immersing themselves in Indiana's basketball history.

Heat Changing Slime

September 25 5pm

Mix up a batch of special slime that magically shifts colors when it's exposed to different temperatures. Discover the science behind this thermochromic reaction and take home your color-changing creation.

Haunted High Escape Room

October 16 5pm

Can you break the curse of Haunted High? In 1953, mysterious events forced the school to shut its doors, all linked to a strange box that appeared in a student's homeroom. Now, a similar box has shown up in your room! You and your team have to work together to solve puzzles, uncover clues, and unlock the box. Will you be able to break the curse before time runs out?

Minute to Win It

October 23 5pm

Compete in a series of fast-paced games designed to be completed in under sixty seconds. Test your skills, speed, and steady hands with fun activities using everyday objects. It's a race against the clock, so bring your A-game!

Break Out the Zoom Escape Room

November 20 5pm

Uh oh, it looks like we're stuck in Zoomland! Someone clicked the wrong button, and now we can't get in or out. Cameras are off, microphones are muted and it's pure chaos! We need your help to sort through the confusion, work together, and Break Out of the Zoom. Can you and your team solve the puzzles and escape before it's too late?

ADULT

Tabletop Gaming with MRL at Table Games

Tuesdays 5pm

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18, 25

Join us for our weekly game night at Table Games, 818 E Main Street. Local game masters will guide players on a journey through an adventurous world filled with amazing creatures, perilous

tasks, and feats of strength and wit. We have enough gaming materials for everyone, so you need only bring your imagination and a friend, if you like!

Author Talk: Rick Kennedy, Jelly Roll, Bix, and Hoagy

September 5 4pm

Acclaimed author Rick Kennedy will discuss his book, *Jelly Roll, Bix, and Hoagy: Gennett Records and the Rise of America's Musical Grassroots*. Rick will share fascinating stories and showcase historical artifacts discovered during his extensive research, with a special focus on Richmond's unique musical heritage and the groundbreaking Starr-Gennett recording studio.

Yoga at the Library

Saturdays 11am

September 6, 20

October 4, 18

November 1, 15

Yoga at the Library is a free class available for all levels. Comfortable clothes are recommended. Bring your mat or use one provided.

You Matter Suicide Prevention Alliance Open Meeting

Tuesdays 1pm

September 9

October 14

November 11

Monthly open meeting of You Matter Suicide Prevention Alliance. This group was

formed in 2024 and established in 2025 to meet community needs relating to suicide prevention across three counties in East-Central Indiana. The board meets one Tuesday a month at Morrisson-Reeves Library.

Downtown Richmond's Iconic Architecture with MRL Archivist Sue King

September 10 6pm

Join us for a journey through downtown Richmond's architectural heritage. Morrisson-Reeves Library Archivist Sue King will delve into the stories behind four of our most beloved and historically significant buildings, offering a glimpse into the lives and events that shaped our city.

Lyricists' Corner

Thursdays 6pm

September 11

October 9

November 13

Join us for an evening of original live music with 2 to 3 featured songwriters in the round, hosted by Achilles Tenderloin. The music will begin at 6. Arrive early for your choice of seats!

Virtual Author Event: Capture the Moment with Suzanne Woods Fisher

September 11 4-6pm

Join bestselling author Suzanne Woods Fisher for a virtual presentation inspired by her novel *Capture the Moment*. In this talk, Suzanne will share how national parks hold more than just stunning views; they hold powerful stories.

Traditional Indian Meditation Yoga

Fridays 4:30pm

September 12, 26

October 10, 24

November 14, 28

This Indian Traditional Generic Meditation Yoga session combines breathing techniques and gentle stretches, offering a simple yet impactful way to enhance your overall well-being and manage stress.





One World, One Plate is back to celebrate diverse cultures through displays, activities, and food samples!

Drop in at Morrisson-Reeves Library and sample international cuisine while enjoying music, dance, and diverse cultural experiences. Cultural regions represented include Latin America, West Africa, East Africa, and South Asia. This popular program is free and first-come, first-served. Food and cultural samples are offered while supplies last.

Revitalizing Richmond's Historic Core

September 17 6pm

Discover how historical preservation is shaping the future of downtown Richmond. Roxie Deer, Executive Director of Richmond Neighborhood Restoration, will share insights into their impactful work, including the significant renovation of the Readmore Building, and talk about plans for future projects downtown and in the Starr Historic District.

Art with Arianna: Painting Paintbrushes

October 15 6pm

Unleash your creativity in a unique painting experience! In this workshop, you'll paint directly on a wide paintbrush, using it as your canvas. Create a miniature work of art, whether it's a vibrant landscape, a detailed portrait, or anything else your imagination desires.

Duane Hodgkin: The Men and Women of WW II

November 6 6:30pm

Discover the compelling stories of the men and women who served during World War II with local author Duane Hodgkin. This speaker event commemorates the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Hodgkin, author of works including *WW II Duty, Honor, Country*, will provide insightful perspectives on the sacrifices and contributions of those who lived through both America's darkest and finest hours.

ADULT BOOK CLUBS

**Participation Is Free
And Open To The Public**

Banned Book Club

Mondays 6pm

September 8

October 13

November 10

The Banned Book Club is a monthly discussion group that explores a mixture of classic and contemporary literature that has been challenged or banned at various points in American history. Call the library to register and reserve your copy of the book. Books are provided by the library.

Novel Conversation

Wednesdays 11am

September 17

October 15

November 19

Join the conversation! Each month we explore a different book. We provide the books, you provide the insights. Pick up your copy at MRL and prepare for an engaging discussion with fellow readers. It's a fantastic opportunity to broaden your literary horizons and connect with your community.

Book Besties

September 20 2pm

Join Val and Marthea, your Book Besties, for a delightful gathering centered around books. This isn't your typical book club. Instead of a shared text, you get to read whatever interests you. Come prepared to share your current literary adventures and hear what others are engrossed in, guaranteeing a significant boost to your TBR (To Be Read) list.

Remarkable Books Book Club

October 21 11am

Join fellow book enthusiasts for a thoughtful discussion of the selected title. The Remarkable Book Club focuses on shorter works (approximately 200 pages or less) chosen for their notable qualities. Copies are available for borrowing from Morrisson-Reeves Library and can be obtained at the Information Services Desk, beginning one month prior to the meeting. To join the conversation, please register in advance with Information Services.

This month's book is **A Fever in the Heartland** by Timothy Egan."

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