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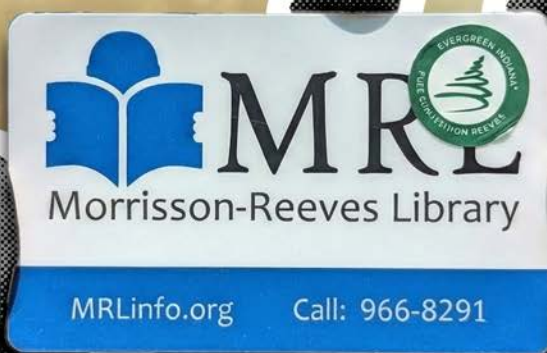
SUMMER

LIBRARY
PROGRAM GUIDE

JUNE JULY & AUGUST EVENTS

ONE CARD, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

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UNEARTH

A STORY™



May 30–July 25

MRL invites you to participate in the Summer Reading Program, themed “Unearth A Story.” This year’s program offers engaging activities, and winning fabulous prizes for completing reading challenges.

JUNE, JULY & AUGUST EVENTS

PRESCHOOL

Little Dino Travelers Storytime

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays 10AM

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

July 7, 14, 21

Visit a different dinosaur connected location each week! Little travelers will learn about the world through engaging stories, crafts, and hands-on activities while exploring sites where dinosaurs lived and were discovered. It's the perfect chance to get your roars out, unearth fascinating prehistoric facts, and explore far-off places you've never been!

Nature Neighbors

Ages 0-5

Thursdays 10AM

June 4, 11, 18, 25

July 2, July 9

Join us each Thursday for a storytime series celebrating our wild friends! Each week features a different animal theme, combining engaging stories with fun learning to help children discover the amazing creatures that live in the world around them.

Wiggle Worms

Ages 0-2

Fridays 10AM

June 5, 12, 19, 26

July 3, 10, 17, 24

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.



Ages 2-8

Fridays 1PM

June 5, 12, 19, 26

July 3

Discover your new favorite books at Firefly Fridays! Join us on the MRL Courtyard Patio for a five-week outdoor series where children ages 5 and under can explore the 2026 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award nominees. Each week, we'll dive into a nominated book and provide a fun grab-and-go activity. Best of all, your little ones will get to vote for their favorite!

Tasty Tales

Ages 2-8

Thursdays 10AM

July 16, 23, 30

August 6, 13, 20, 27

Join us for a delicious twist on storytime! Each week features a different food theme, pairing engaging stories with culinary-inspired fun. It's a flavorful way for children to explore new tastes and stories while discovering the wonderful world of food.

Kids Corner

Ages 6-12

Tuesdays 3PM

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

July 7, 14, 21

Tuesdays 4PM

August 11, 18, 25

Kids Corner features a new activity for kids every Tuesday. Each week focuses on a unique theme that might include science experiments, art projects, or celebrations of special days. Because the activities change every single week, there is always something fresh and interesting to do with your friends. See our website to see the specific topics we have planned for each upcoming date.

CHILDREN

Art Carnival

May 30 11AM-3PM



Join MRL for a vibrant Art Carnival as we celebrate the beginning of the Summer Reading Program! Create masterpieces at arts and crafts stations where participants of every age can unleash their creativity. Enjoy a fun, carnival atmosphere while engaging in hands-on activities, with projects ready to take home and display.

Mindful Mondays

Ages 6-12

Mondays 5:30PM

June 1, 15, 22, 29

July 6, 13, 20

August 10, 17, 24

Learn how to be present and increase awareness of your own feelings and the feelings of others. Participants will enjoy an emotional learning storytime and practice simple meditation and mindfulness techniques that both children and caregivers can use in their daily routines. It is the perfect way to wind down before bedtime while discovering how to feel more calm and grounded.



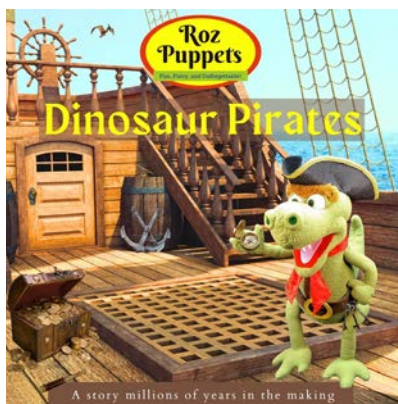
Book Exchange Party

Wednesday June 3 5:30PM

Lightly used or new books are brought in to trade with fellow readers. This community-driven exchange features books for all ages and interests, providing an opportunity to refresh personal bookshelves and discover new titles.



This celebration of the Wayne County Reads selection, **Crenshaw** by Katherine Applegate, features jelly beans, crazy socks, and cat-themed activities. Have fun inspired by the story's unique characters and whimsy. Free copies of the book are available at Morrisson-Reeves Library.



Dinosaur Pirates Puppet Show

All Ages

Monday June 8 6PM

High-seas adventure meets prehistoric proportions in this lively puppet performance. The show features a treasure chest of music, antics, and plenty of audience participation for an experience millions of years in the making.

Upside Down Art Night

Ages 9-12

Wednesdays 5:30PM

June 10, 24

July 8

Step into a dimension of creativity and craft your way through the world of Stranger Things! Each session features a new project inspired by the hit series, ranging from retro accessories to atmospheric decor. Join us to bring a touch of the Upside Down to your art collection and tackle unique DIY projects.

Wonderation

All Ages

**Friday, Saturday, Monday
All Day**

June 12, 13, 15

July 10, 11, 13

August 7, 8, 10

Drop in on Friday, Saturday, or Monday to explore various themed station activities! Designed for preschool and elementary aged children and their families, these interactive setups encourage curiosity and hands-on learning through a rotating variety of projects.

Relaxation Station

Ages 6-12

Fridays 4PM

June 26

July 31

August 28

Settle down and find your center! This yoga-based program introduces children to the benefits of mindful movement through gentle stretches, calming breathwork, and engaging storytimes. It's a wonderful way for kids to learn new techniques for staying calm and relaxed while enjoying a peaceful, focused environment.



Messy Festival

All Ages

Saturday June 27 1PM

Get ready to get gloriously messy at Morrison-Reeves Library's Messy Festival! Dive into a world of tactile fun where you can finger paint, squish and explore the gooeyness of oobleck, and discover even more wonderfully messy activities! And the best part is that you don't have to clean any of it up!

To the Future Ben Franklin

Ages 6-12

Wednesday July 1 5:30PM

Commemorate America's 250th anniversary by stepping back into history! Inspired by the book *To the Future*, Ben Franklin, this event invites participants to engage with the past through traditional colonial games and interactive activities. It is a unique opportunity to explore early American life and celebrate a historic milestone together.



STORY CON

Saturday
July 25 11:00AM

The convention experience comes to the library with activities for every kind of fan! The day is packed with gaming, cosplay, crafting, and LEGO building, alongside engaging panel discussions featuring local film, game, and toy experts. It is a full day of free, immersive fun designed for the entire family to enjoy together.

Get Inked Storytime

Ages 2-12

Friday July 17 4PM

Celebrate National Tattoo Day on July 17th with a session of rebellious fun! Children of all ages are invited to enjoy tattoo-themed stories and a creative craft. Best of all, participants can head home with some “fresh ink” in the form of cool temporary tattoos.

Read with Scotz

Ages 6-12

Saturday July 18 11AM

Saturday August 8 11AM

Beginning or reluctant readers are invited to share a story with a certified therapy dog! This program provides a calm and judgment-free environment where children can practice their skills and grow their confidence. Participants are welcome to choose any book they enjoy to read aloud to a furry friend who loves stories.

Archaeological Excavation

Ages 9-12

Wednesday July 22 5:30PM

Participants hunt for hidden pieces of a terracotta pot to simulate a real dig. Once every fragment is recovered, the pieces are glued back together and decorated to restore the artifact to its former glory.

The Earth’s Break Up Escape Room

Tuesday June 2 4PM

You’ve been invited to a free movie night to learn about Pangea and the shifting of Earth’s plates, but there’s a catch! Upon arrival, you are transported back in time and must use survival skills and geological knowledge to navigate the ancient landscape. You have only 40 minutes to solve the clues and return to the present day, or you’ll be stuck in the age of the dinosaurs forever.

SUMMER MEET UP!

Thursdays 6:30PM

June 4, 11, 18, 25

July 2, 9, 16, 23

Connect with fellow creators for a weekly series focused on a rotating variety of hands-on crafts and activities! This season features a mix of projects, including book edge stenciling, UV resin tumblers, and painting succulent pots. Participants can also try their hand at embroidered bookmarks, book folding, D&D mini-figure painting, and watercolor. Plus, don’t miss a special guest session hosted by the Master Gardeners to help sharpen your green thumb.

This program is open to teens and adults.

Teen Game Night

Tuesdays 4PM

June 9

July 14

Thursday 5PM

August 13

Teen Game Night brings the excitement of video games to the library with the help of Andy from IU East Esports. You can play a variety of popular gaming systems and challenge new friends to a friendly match or join in on a competitive tournament. We will also have plenty of snacks available to keep you energized throughout the evening.

Teen STEM

Thursdays 5PM

August 20

A fun challenge just for teens! Work individually or as a team to complete hands-on STEM challenges. Test your skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in this fast-paced and creative program.

Minute to Win It

Tuesdays, 4PM

June 23

July 21

Test your skills and speed in a series of high-energy challenges! Using everyday objects in unexpected ways, teens will race against the clock to complete hilarious and competitive tasks. It's a fast-paced environment where quick thinking and steady hands are the keys to victory.

Teen Lego Build

Tuesday June 16 4PM

Tuesday July 7 4PM

Thursday August 27 5PM

Test your skills and speed in a series of creative brick-building challenges! Teens will dive into various LEGO activities that push their engineering and design abilities to the limit. From following complex blueprints to tackling high-speed freestyle builds, it's a great way to connect with other creators and bring your most ambitious ideas to life.



Zombie Outbreak Escape Room

Tuesday June 30 4PM

A strange genetic mutation has sparked a global outbreak, and as the world's leading gene-editing scientists, you are our last hope! To finalize the cure, you must trace the mutation back to its source using a DNA sample from Subject Zero. Your mission is to re-sequence the mutated genes and formulate the correct chemical antidote before time runs out. The infection is spreading rapidly. Work quickly to save humanity!

Crafting Crew

Mondays 5:30PM

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

July 6, 13, 20, 27

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Bring your current project and settle in for an evening of creativity and conversation! All hand-held and easily contained crafts are welcome, providing a space for you to work on your latest piece alongside friends and fellow makers. Join us every Monday at 5:30 PM to focus on your craft while enjoying the company of a creative community.



Book Exchange Party

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5:30PM**

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Ask a Lawyer

First Thursdays, 4PM

June 4

July 9

August 6

Get free legal advice at the library! Once a month, the Whitewater Valley Pro Bono Commission offers free, 20-minute, one-on-one consultations with a local attorney on civil legal matters. Service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Yoga at the Library

1st & 3rd Saturdays 11:30AM

June 6

June 20

July 18

August 1

August 15

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

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You Matter Suicide Prevention Alliance Open Meeting

Tuesdays 1PM

June 9

July 14

August 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 with the public one Tuesday a month at Morrisson-Reeves Library.

Zine Workshop

Saturday July 11 12PM

Zines are a unique and innovative way to be creative with a handmade, individual print. They are whatever you want them to be. In this workshop, you will create a piece that will be compiled into MRL's very own zine. Pieces can include (but are not limited to) collages, poems, comic strips, drawings, etc.

Mug Exchange

Wednesday June 17 5:30PM

Take a mug, leave a mug. Trade mugs with other library patrons during this fun program. You might discover a mug from a faraway place or find a design by a new favorite artist. The library will provide coffee, tea, and other drinks so you can put your new mug to the test while chatting with other library users.

Jigsaw Puzzle Race

Thursdays 5:30PM

June 18
July 16
August 20

On your mark, get set, solve! Gather your friends and test your puzzle skills in this fun, competitive race. Teams of 2 to 4 players will go head-to-head against the clock to complete a challenging 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. The fastest team to finish wins bragging rights and a great prize! Form your team and prepare for some fast-paced fun.

Tumbler Bedazzle Workshop

Tuesday June 30 5:30PM

Add a brilliant sparkle to a tumbler. We provide all the necessary supplies, including the cups, gems, and tools to help you create a shimmering masterpiece. This hands-on session will guide you through the process, ensuring you leave with a great finish and the skills to continue bedazzling at home.

Lyricists' Corner

August 13 6:00PM

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

BOOK CLUB

Book Besties

Saturday June 13 2PM

Book Besties is a Book Sharing Club. Join for books and coffee! Read what interests you, share your thoughts, and hear what others are reading. At Book Besties, you get to enjoy reading your own specially chosen book while also hearing about a wide variety of other texts. You may even discover a new favorite author you never would have tried!

Banned Book Club

Mondays 6PM

June 15, July 13, August 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.

Remarkable Books Book Club

Tuesdays 11AM

June 16

July 21

Join fellow book enthusiasts for a thoughtful discussion of the selected title. The Remarkable Books Book Club focuses on shorter works chosen for their notable qualities. To join the conversation, please register in advance at the library or online.

Novel Conversation Book Club

Wednesdays, 11AM

June 17

July 15

August 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.

Paper Orbs

Week of June 22

Macrame Keychains

Week of June 29

Pressed Flower Tealights

Week of July 6

Beaded Bracelets

Week of July 13

Clay Wall Hangings

Week of July 20

Youth

Dino Bookmark

Week of June 1

Pottery Puzzle

Week of June 15

Patriotic Suncatcher

Week of June 29

Move Like A Dinosaur

Week of July 13

Grab-N-Go Kits

Adult

Dinosaur Terrariums

Week of June 1

Wooden Bookmarks

Week of June 8

Beaded Plants

Week of June 15

Scavenger Hunt

Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt

June and July





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SUMMER EXPEDITION EVENTS

 **May 30** **Art Carnival Summer Launch Party**
Kick-off event for summer reading! Fun for all ages!

June 8 **Dinosaur Pirates**
Presented by Roz Puppets



June 27 **Messy Festival**
3rd annual day of messy fun



July 25 **MRL Story Con**
Summer wrap-up party



Field Discoveries Include:
New storytimes, adult/teen crafts,
& lots more all summer long!



Reading Bingo

Earn prizes by tracking your reading and other this summer!

