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LIBRARY
PROGRAM GUIDE



SEPTEMBER OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS



Experience the world at Morrisson-Reeves Library
with One World, One Plate!

This free, drop-in program invites you to sample international cuisine, enjoy music and dance, and explore diverse cultural experiences. Be sure to come early, as food and cultural samples are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last!

Saturday September 19, 1PM



FANG-TASTIC Fall Festival

Thursday, October 29 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 onhand, passing out candy and trinkets in a safe, dry environment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PRESCHOOL

Music, Movement, and Stories

Ages 2-5

Thursdays, 10AM

September 3, 10, 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19

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.

Wiggle Worms

Ages 0-2

Fridays, 10AM

September 4, 11, 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 20

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.



Pre-K Pages and Play

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays 10AM

September 8, 15, 22, 29

October 6, 13, 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17

Join us for some weekly Pre-K fun at MRL. We will explore stories, complete a craft, and at the end of every session... PLAY! Each week will have a different theme, so make sure to join us each week.

Kids Corner

Ages 6-12

Tuesdays 4PM

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

October 6, 13, 20, 27

November 3, 10, 19, 24

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.

Homeschool Hangout

All Ages

First Wednesdays, 10:30AM

September 2

October 7

November 4

Looking for a supportive and social environment for your homeschool family? Come to our Homeschool Hangout! Kids can engage in fun activities, while parents connect and share valuable resources. It's a great way to build friendships and find support within the homeschool community.

Nano Mini Squishy

Ages 9-12

Wednesday

September 9, 5:30PM

Create a glittery nano squishy using the viral sensation nano tape! This hands-on crafting session guides you through the process of creating a squishy, sparkling nano tape squishy. All materials are provided.

Registration Required

Read with Scotz

Ages 6-8

Saturday September 12, 11AM

Saturday October 10, 11AM

Saturday November 14, 11AM

Beginning or reluctant readers are invited to read to an ATD certified dog in a calm, judgment-free environment! Reading to a therapy dog has shown to grow a reader's confidence and love for reading. Children are able to choose any book they would like to read to Scotz!

Please sign up for a 15 minute time slot at the Youth Services desk at the time of the event.

Nano Mini Cube

Ages 9-12

Wednesday

September 23

5:30PM



Kids will learn how to craft their own ultimate, squishy stress-relief toy! Create a nano mini cube in this fun, hands-on session.

All materials are provided.

Registration Required

Cupcake Club

Ages 6-8

**First Mondays, 5:30PM
October 5
November 2**

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.

Ghost in a Jar

Ages 9-12

Wednesday October 14, 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.

Registration Required

Popcorn and Paperbacks

Ages 7-10

**Third Mondays, 5:30PM
October 19
November 16**

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.

Not-So-Scary Scary Animal Show

Tuesday, October 20, 5PM

All Ages



Join us for an amazing blend of fact and fun as some not-so-scary SCARY animal friends for a meet and greet! Children will be introduced to a variety of creatures to see, learn about, and even touch. It's an entertaining and educational experience that is fun for the whole family!



Not-So-Spooky Family Bingo

All Ages

Saturday October 24, 1PM

Come have a fun afternoon playing Not-So-Spooky Bingo. Families and children of all ages are welcome to come have some fun with us at this Fall themed Bingo hour and maybe even win a prize.

Apple Skull

Ages 9-12

Wednesday October 28, 5:30PM

Decorate a replica shrunken head using paint, glitter, and creative embellishments. All materials are provided.

Registration Required

Grab-N-Go Kits

SEPTEMBER

**Autumn
Grab-n-Go Kit**
Available September 15

OCTOBER

**Witch Wreath
Grab-n-Go Kit**
Available October 15

NOVEMBER

**Dinosaur Suncatcher
Grab-n-Go Kit**
Available November 16



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Dinosaur Ceramic Magnet

Ages 9-12
Wednesday November 11,
5:30PM

Paint and customize a miniature ceramic dinosaur to create a unique magnet for your refrigerator or locker.

Registration Required

SCAVENGER HUNT

**SEPTEMBER
Life Cycle Leaf
Challenge Scavenger
Hunt**

**OCTOBER
Monster
Scavenger Hunt**

**NOVEMBER
Dinosaur Scavenger
Hunt**

Biz Kids Financial Education

Ages 9-18

Tuesdays 5PM

September 1, 15

October 13, 27

November 3, 17

In partnership with the Natco Community Empowerment Center, this program provides hands-on financial education to youth in our community. Kids and teens will be introduced to money-basics like saving, budgeting, and smart spending, helping them build healthy financial habits early. Biz Kids encourages lifelong learning and empowers young people to make confident financial decisions as they grow. Each date covers a different topic.

Teen Game Night

Ages 13-18

Second Thursdays, 5PM

September 10

October 8

November 12

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.

Craft & Create Meetup

Ages: Ages 12+

Thursday, September 24, 5:30PM

Thursday, October 22, 5:30PM

Connect with fellow creators for a hands-on crafting session! Projects include creating custom decorative potion bottles and festive pumpkin embroidery hoops. All materials are provided by the library.

College Application Essay Workshop

Ages 13-18

Monday, October 5, 5:30PM

Help your high schooler take the stress out of college applications! Led by former college English professor Gail Kienitz, Ph.D., this workshop guides teens through the Common Application essay process. Students preparing for the 2027-2028 academic year will learn how to select the best prompt and discover expert strategies for writing a standout personal statement.

Ask a Lawyer

First Thursdays, 4PM

September 3

October 1

November 5

Get free legal advice at the library! Once a month, the Whitewater Valley Pro Bono Commission offers free, 20-min, 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

September 5,

October 3, 17

November 7, 21

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

You Matter Suicide Prevention Alliance Open Meeting

Second Tuesdays 1PM

September 8

October 13

November 10

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.

Lyricists' Corner

Second Thursdays 6PM

September 10

October 8

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!

Unplug and Play Game Night

Second Tuesdays, 5:30PM

September 8

October 13

November 10

Ditch the screens and join the fun! Browse and play from the library's fantastic collection of tabletop games, or bring a favorite from home to share. Connect, relax, and make new friends. Bring the family, bring a friend, or just bring yourself!





One World One Plate

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Jigsaw Puzzle Race

Third Thursdays, 5:30PM

September 17

October 15

November 19

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.

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Trivia Night

Wednesday Sept 30, 6:30PM

Wednesday Nov 18, 6:30PM

Enjoy pub trivia without the pub! Pit your team of friends against other library patrons to see who knows the most about books and libraries. The winning team walks away with a prize and ultimate bragging rights!

Tumbler Bedazzle Workshop

Monday, October 19, 5:30PM

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.

Registration Required

Art with Arianna: Fabric Pumpkins

Wednesday October 21, 6PM

Craft a cozy piece of autumn decor! Learn how to design and assemble a beautiful, textured fabric pumpkin using a variety of seasonal materials and embellishments. All supplies are provided for this hands-on workshop, and no prior sewing experience is necessary.

Registration Required

Mug Exchange

Monday, October 26, 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.

Sound Bath Sessions with Alyssa Hanson

Tuesday, November 10, 5:30PM

Reduce stress and promote overall wellness with a sound bath session led by Alyssa Hanson. Experience a deep meditative state as vibrational music from singing bowls encourages harmony and healing. These ancient instruments, rooted in Tibetan and Himalayan cultures, are believed to resonate with the body's energy fields.

Author Talk: Charlie Dahan, "Don't Lose Your Good Thing: Rescuing America's Music Landmarks"

Thursday, November 19, 6PM

Discover the struggle to save America's historic music spaces. Author Charlie B. Dahan discusses his new book, *Don't Lose Your Good Thing: Rescuing America's Music Landmarks*. Learn how vital sites of musical innovation like Richmond's own Gennett Records reflect larger stories of American creativity, race, labor, and community.

Eastern Indiana Veterans Benefits Seminar

Tuesday November 24, 5PM

Learn about the Federal and State benefits you've earned! Join the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) and the Wayne County Veteran Services Office will be on hand for to share information about vital resources. Learn about Federal benefits (Disability, VA Healthcare, Education, and Burial) and Indiana-specific benefits (Property Tax Deduction, Tuition Exemption, and the Military Family Relief Fund). This seminar will help you and your family understand and access the full range of support available.

Novel Conversation

Third Wednesdays 11AM

September 16

October 21

November 18

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.

Banned Book Club

Second Mondays, 6PM

September 14

***October 12**

November 9

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.

***Special Location!**

The October meeting of Banned Book Club will take place at Oblivion Cinema & Arts, in Richmond's historic Depot District. The address is 414 N 10th St.

Remarkable Books Book Club

Tuesdays, 11AM

September 22

October 27

November 17

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

Book Besties

***Saturday October 3, 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. Come ready to add to your TBR (To Be Read) list. 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!

***Special Location!**

**5th Street Coffee & Bagels
211 S 5th St**

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**SIGN UP FOR A
LIBRARY CARD
TODAY!**



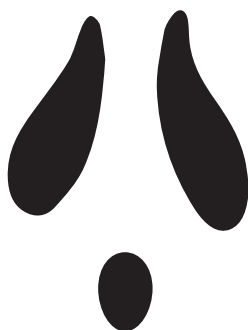
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WORDS

BAT CANDY

GHOST HALLOWEEN

PUMPKIN SCARY SKULL

SPOOKY TOMBSTONE VAMPIRE

Join our new **Beanstack** reading program and make your reading count!

Log your reading days in Beanstack each month! Read for 15 days in a month to earn a fun digital badge and celebrate your achievement. Visit mrinfo.beanstack.org to log your reading and claim your badge!

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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