



Indian River Area Library Newsletter



Spring Edition

MARCH: March into Reading Month

- March 2 - Racing the Iditarod Program for Kids
- March 8 - Mango Languages for Beginners Class
- March 12 - "Foster Ware" Party
- March 16 - Teen Tech Week: DIY Cell Phone Projectors
- March 19 - Dinosaur Day! with PaleoJoe
- March 28 - Birdwatching with the Young Birder Program

APRIL: Let Your Imagination Soar

- April 5 - ASLDeafined for Beginners Class
- April 6 - More! Mushroom Hunting Program
- April 9 - Racing the Iditarod Program for Teens/Adults
- April 18 - Paws & Read Program
- April 22 until May 4 - Comic Strip Contest

MAY: Planting Ideas

- May 4 - Free Comic Book Day! & Nature Journals Class
- May 8 & 11 - Resin Flower Bookmarks Class
- May 16 - All About Plant-Based Diets Program
- May 25 - Spring Plant Swap
- May 30 - Plant-Based Potluck



Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri	10 am - 5:30 pm
Tues, Thurs	10 am - 7 pm
Saturday	10 am - 2 pm
Sunday	CLOSED



FREE Library cards for the following townships:

Tuscarora
Burt
Walker
Ellis
Koehler

Stay in Touch!

- @indianriverlibrary
- @indianriverarealibrary
- www.indianriverlibrary.org



Beyond the Building



Access the Library wherever you may travel this spring



MANGO LANGUAGES
Learn a new language on the go with the Mango app by signing up through the Library website.



LIBBY (formerly Overdrive)
Provides thousands of E-books, Audiobooks, and Magazines



CREATIVEBUG
Over 1,500 instructional video classes to explore that are self-paced and cover subjects from art to sewing, food & home to jewelry, kids crafts to holiday/party ideas



MEL
MeL has extensive learning databases & references for all ages, in addition to providing books to our library if we do not have them.



HOOPLA (for Tuscarora residents)
Access E-books, Audiobooks, TV shows, Movies, and more with the app on any device.



TUMBLEBOOKS FOR KIDS
Tumblebook Library is a curated database of over 1,100 children's ebooks.



ANCESTRY.COM LIBRARY EDITION
Dive into your family history with the world's largest online database.



ASLDeafined
Learn sign language with guided, self-paced lessons. Also available as an app.



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Spring Events

**Event dates are subject to change
Please check website & social media for updates*

MARCH

Racing the Iditarod for Kids

Learn all about the Iditarod Race from 2023 Iditarod Musher, Gerhardt Thiant! Gerhardt will share stories from the trail and take the audience across 938 miles of Alaskan wilderness. No signup needed.
SATURDAY, MARCH 2 • 11 AM - 1 PM

Mango Languages for Beginners

Dive into our digital resource, Mango Languages, and find out how to use the FREE app to learn a new language wherever you go this year. Sign up on our website or walk-ins welcome to attend.
FRIDAY, MARCH 8 • 2 - 3 PM

Foster Ware Party

Our friends at the Wellspring Foster Care from Gaylord, MI will be visiting to share information about what foster care is like, how to become a foster family, and how else to help support the cause and get involved. No registration required.
TUESDAY, MARCH 12 • 5:30 - 7 PM

DIY Cell Phone Projectors Class

Come to this class to make your own wall projector using your cell phone! Sign up on our website to attend.
SATURDAY, MARCH 16 • 11 AM-1 PM

Dinosaur Day! With PaleoJoe

Learn all about dinosaurs from a real paleontologist! All are welcome to attend; sign up on the website or come in day of the event, with space permitting.
TUESDAY, MARCH 19 • 6 - 7 PM

Birdwatching with the Young Birder

Explore the joy of birdwatching for those just beginning their journey with lifelong birder, Greg Bodker. Photos, audio recordings, and humorous videos along with guides and handouts to prepare new birders for their adventures in the field. Sign up on our website to attend or walk-ins welcome.
THURS., MARCH 28 • 4:30-5:30 PM

APRIL

ASLDeafined for Beginners Class

Explore our latest FREE digital resource to learn sign language on the go! Sign up on our website to attend or walk-ins welcome day of event.
FRIDAY, APRIL 5 • 2 - 3 PM

Morel Mushroom Hunting

Get ready for morel mushroom season with five-time National Morel Hunting champion, Anthony Williams! Listen to fascinating stories from his decades of picking and tips for a successful outing. Sign up on our website or walk-ins welcome to attend, space permitting.
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 • 11 AM- 1 PM

Racing the Iditarod for Teens/Adults

Learn all about the Iditarod Race from 2023 Iditarod Musher, Gerhardt Thiant! Gerhardt will share stories from the trail, including some extreme highs and lows, and take the audience across 938 miles of Alaskan wilderness. No signup needed.
TUESDAY, APRIL 9 • 5 - 7 PM

Paws & Read Program

Read to Sky & Luna, our friendly Library dogs during Paws & Read! Sign up for a timeslot on our website to attend and the Library will contact you to confirm your time.
THURSDAY, APRIL 18 • 5 - 6:30 PM

Comic Strip Contest!

Flex your artistic muscles and create your own comic strip to enter into a contest to win your own illustration kit! Entries can be submitted via our website, email, or at the Library. Find additional information about the rules for the contest on the website.
**ACCEPTING ENTRIES APRIL 22
THRU MAY 4 END OF DAY**

MAY

Nature Journals Class

Create a simple nature journal to take with you in the field! For all ages. All supplies provided; sign up on the website to attend.
SATURDAY, MAY 4 • 11 AM- 1 PM

MAY 4 is Free Comic Book Day!

Pick up your free comic book at the Library anytime today! For kids & teens.

Resin Flower Bookmarks

Learn how to make handmade bookmarks with resin & pressed flowers! All supplies provided; sign up on the website to attend. For teens and adults.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 • 1 - 2 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 11 • 11 AM-1 PM

All About Plant-Based Diets

Learn about the benefits of going plant-based with local expert, Jess Miller in this program! He will share his experiences with plant-based eating and help provide the tools to embark on your own plant-based journey. Sign up on the website or walk-ins welcome to attend.
THURSDAY, MAY 16 • 5:30-7 PM

Spring Plant Swap

Swap your extra seeds, plants, and gardening knowledge with others at the Plant Swap! No signup needed.
THURSDAY, MAY 25 • 11 AM-1 PM

Plant-Based Potluck

Share a delicious meal with others at this special event! Bring a plant-based dish to pass or come to simply enjoy the samplings with the company of others interested in this diet. No registration required to attend.
THURSDAY, MAY 30 • 5 - 7 PM



Ongoing Programs

No registration required!

TUESDAYS



Chess with Jess • 5-7 PM • Learn to play quality chess with others; for mature players of all ages; all supplies provided.

WEDNESDAYS



Hobby Hangout • 1-3 PM • On days without special crafting classes, bring in your own art projects to work on in our Makerspace room.

THURSDAYS



Children's Playgroup • 10:30 AM in MARCH & MAY • Socializing, snacks, storytelling, songs and more in this program. For ages 0-5 & caregivers.



Learn to Play Mahjong • 3-5 PM • Play Mahjong with friends; instructors are available for new players; all supplies are provided.



Dungeons & Dragons Club • Learn how to play D&D with others in this fun club! All supplies provided or bring your own.
- TEEN CLUB: 5-7 PM
- ADULT CLUB: 7-9 PM

SATURDAYS



Children's Storytime • 11 AM • Stories, songs, and activities for little ones!

You can always join the Friends of the Indian River Area Library!



BE A MEMBER! Basic membership in the Friends is only \$25/year. Pick up an application at the Library or visit the Library website under the "Friends" tab to get started.

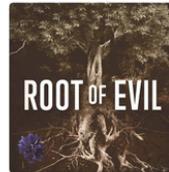
FRIENDS ACTIVITIES 2023

- Cooperation Park Book Walk
- Homebound Delivery Drivers
- Mahjong Tournament
- Summer Gala Booth
- Used Book Sale
- Outdoor Summer Movie Nights
- Purchased ASLDeafined digital resource for patron use
- Free Student Library Cards
- IR Christmas Volunteers

TRUE CRIME PODCAST CLUB

Every 4th Thursday at 6 PM

MARCH 28



Root of Evil: Black Dahlia

by TNT/Cadence13

APRIL 25



World of Secrets: Season 1

by BBC News

MAY 23



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by Studio BOTH/AND

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BOOK CLUBS

Pick up the books at the Library

New members are welcome!

NONFICTION

Every 1st Thursday at 5:30 PM



MARCH 7

Fearless Harriet Quimby

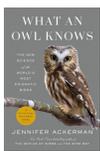
by Don Dahler



APRIL 4

Don't Forget Us Here

by Mansoor Adayfi



MAY 2

What An Owl Knows

by Jennifer Ackerman

COOKBOOK

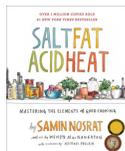
Every 2nd Thursday at 3 PM



MARCH 14

The Complete Irish Pub Cookbook

by Parragon Books



APRIL 11

Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat

by Ophelia Chien



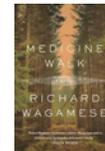
MAY 9

An Unapologetic Cookbook

by Joshua Weissman

ADULT FICTION

Every 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 PM



MARCH 20

Medicine Walk

by Richard Wagamese



APRIL 17

The Secret Stealers

by Jane Healey



MAY 15

Famous in a Small Town

by Viola Shipman





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LIBRARY CLOSED

Memorial Day
May 27

See what the Friends are up to!



Friends Book Sale Room at the Library

You never know what you will find here! Books for all ages, movies, music, puzzles, games, and more!

***Open whenever room is not in use**

Wine with Friends

Join us for a glass (or two) of wine to enjoy with Friends! Purchase a ticket at the Library or from a Friends member for \$30, which covers the entry fee and your first glass.



Thursday, June 13 @ 5:30-7:30 PM
at the Crooked Vine Winery

8370 Lakeview Rd, Alanson, MI 49706

Thank you Friends!

Thank you to our Homebound Delivery Drivers for braving the wintry roads to ensure our patrons would receive their Library materials right at their door!

Thank you as well to all of our volunteers from our Christmas in Indian River event. Your support is invaluable and we are so appreciative of everything you do.



Thank you Jim Anglewicz

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to our Library as the Board Treasurer! Your impact has made all the difference in our community for the better.

Welcome Sue Fisher!

Say hello to our new Board Treasurer, Sue Fisher! Sue is a long-time member of the Indian River community and many will be familiar with her current position as DDA Treasurer and her previous work as Tuscarora Township Clerk. Sue is an avid reader and shares a lifelong love for books. She will be a wonderful addition to our Library Board and we are so thankful to have her input.

