Indian River Area Library Newsletter

SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR:

JUNE
- June 1 - Summer Reading Program begins!
- June 11 - Basic Bike Maintenance Class
- June 13 - Mastering Map Reading Class
- June 28 - Campfire Skies Program

JULY
- July 4 - Indian River Independence Day Parade
- July 7 - Author Talk with Tim Mulherin
- July 15 - Children’s Storytime at the Pavilion
- July 20 - Agnes S. Andreae Nature Walk
- July 22 & 23 - Summerfest Book Sale
- July 25 - Yooperlites Class

AUGUST
- Aug. 5 - Nature 101 Workshop
- Aug. 9 - 3D Printer Sundial Class
- Aug. 12 - Summer Reading Party
- Aug. 13 - Summer Reading Program Ends!

Now offering free Library services to the following townships:

- Tuscarora
- Burt
- Walker
- Ellis
- Koehler

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

We're open Mondays!

Arts & Crafts Classes!

New technology options!
To the community members of Northern Michigan,

I am Kelsey Rutkowski, your new Library Director. I am so proud to represent such a unique area, filled with natural beauty and hidden wonders that can only be found through real exploration (and many hours lost in the forest). I grew up downstate in the hustle & bustle of metropolitan Detroit before I made my way to Indian River. You can imagine the culture shock when I found out that there is a whole other world just a few hundred miles up north! As the years continue, and I become more familiar with the beautiful and varied landscapes of Northern Michigan, I grow increasingly certain that this is exactly where I was meant to be.

Our Library staff is committed to providing an enriching, welcoming, and engaging environment for all members of our community. No matter if you’re a friend or complete stranger, we will do whatever we can to make sure that you have everything you need to be successful at whatever you do. When you don’t know where to go, just head to the Library and we can point you in the right direction.

Libraries are no longer just about books, they are about people. We strive to continue this shift to better support our area and all of its individual needs, going beyond the books in the building to provide timely, essential services & programs and keep our community informed, entertained, and connected to each other and the global world. Our growing Makerspace room is the perfect example of this transformation - not only do we provide extensive supplies to create anything you can think of, but we also focus on bringing in knowledgeable instructors to nurture and encourage the growth of new skills and ideas.

I am thrilled to be your Library Director. I cannot wait to share all that we have in store for the community this summer as we embark on another Summer Reading Program, starting this June. Make sure to stay updated with our Facebook, Instagram, website, and monthly e-newsletter to see all of the latest news about the Library. We would not be able to do what we do without your continued care and support. Thank you for welcoming me into this rare gem of an area and in turn, I encourage you to stop by the Indian River Area Library this summer!

Kelsey Rutkowski, Library Director
June Events

**Summer Reading Program begins!**

- **June 1st**: Pick up your SRP materials at the Library!
- **Teen & Adults Recommended**

**Basic Bike Maintenance**

- **Saturday, June 11th**
- **11 am - 12 pm**

Learn about simple tricks & tips to fix up your bicycle so it is ready to ride the trails this summer!

**Mastering Map Reading Class**

- **Monday, June 13th**
- **2-3 pm**

Learn how to read a physical map in this class! Best for when your phone is dead and you have no idea where you are.

**Campfire Skies**

- **Tuesday, June 28th**
- **6-7 pm**

Explore the night skies in the Library with Dynamic School Assemblies! A portable, inflatable Mylar Starlab dome will bring a star-filled planetarium right into our Library!

**Reading Class**

- **www.indianriverlibrary.org**

You do not need to be a cardholder to participate!
July Events

Indian River Independence Day Parade
Monday, July 4th
11 am
See our camping float in the parade! We will have lots of goodies to pass out during the parade. See you there!
All ages welcome

Listen to author Tim Mulherin talk about his book, “Sand, Stars, Wind, and Water: Field Notes from Up North”. Northern Michiganders will love Tim’s take on this special area. Presentation & Q&A.
Tim Mulherin
Thursday, July 7th
2 - 3 pm
Adults & Teens Recommended

Children’s Storytime at the Pavilion
Friday, July 15th
11 am
Mike Ridley will be singing songs and reading a story at the Pavilion at Marina Park for this extra special Storytime!
For ages 0-9 with caregiver

Join us at the Agnes S. Andreae Nature Preserve for a hike & a bonfire story!
All ages welcome

Yooperlite Rocks Class
Friday, July 15th
11 am
Make your own Northern Michigan glow-in-the-dark rocks in this fun class for everyone!
All ages welcome
August Events

Nature 101 Workshop
Friday, Aug. 5th
1-2 pm

Join us as Hartwick Pines Naturalist Craig Kasmer shares his knowledge on all things nature! Tips & trick for surviving the elements included.

All ages welcome

Use our brand new 3D printer to create your very own working sundial in this exciting class! Supplies are provided.

3D Printer Sundials Class
Monday, Aug. 8th
2-3 pm

All ages welcome

Summer Reading Party
Friday, Aug. 12th
1-2 pm

Join the Library to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program with a fun party! Enjoy games, songs, and goodies as we wrap up the summer!

Children recommended

Summer Reading Program is over!
August 13th

Drop off your finished Activity Sheet to be entered into a drawing to win a prize!

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IRAL Newsletter
### Weekly Programs

#### Color Club
- **Fridays, 11 am**
- A fun-filled hour with a story or two and time for a craft/activity!
- All ages welcome

#### Hobby Hangout
- **Wednesdays, 1-3 pm**
- Our Makerspace is the perfect hangout for a weekly time to sit and work on your projects, whether it is fiber arts, painting, making fishing lures or whatever hobby you enjoy working on.
- Adults & Teens Recommended

#### Children's Storytime
- **Fridays, 11 am**
- A fun-filled hour with a story or two and time for a craft/activity!
- For ages 0-9 with caregiver

#### Mahjong Club
- **Saturdays, 10:30 am**
- Players of all skill levels are welcome and we love to introduce beginners to the game! Tiles will be supplied.
- Adults & Teens Recommended

#### Monthly Adult Book Club
- Our book club meets every third Wednesday of the month.
- Simply pick up a copy of the book, read it, and come to the meeting! Books are supplied by the Library and new members are always welcome.
- **June 15th @ 5:30 pm**
- [Text & Learn](https://texttolearn.com) for Kindergarten
- Check out our brand new service to prepare children before Kindergarten!
- Sign up at texttolearn.com

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Beyond the Building
Access the Library wherever you may travel this summer

Check out our E-resources!

**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**
In addition to providing books to our library if we do not have them, Mel has extensive learning E-resources for all ages.

**HOOPLA (for Tuscarora residents)**
like Libby providing E-books, Audiobooks and Magazines but also includes Music, Movies, Comics, and TV Shows on most devices

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The new **Cooperation Book Walk**
*Find it at Cooperation Park!*

The Book Walk is a partnership between the Great Start Collaborative and the Indian River Area Library that offers a unique way to enjoy a children’s book while getting outside and staying active, made possible through a grant from the Michigan Dept. of Education & the office of Great Start.

The Book Walk combines Literacy with Nature & Physical Activity for people of all ages. Pages of a children's book are mounted on posts and set along a path for people to read.

**COOPERATION BOOK WALK GRAND OPENING**

**Tuesday**
**June 7**
**1:00 p.m.**
@ Cooperation Park

Goodies & snacks provided!
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LIBRARY CLOSED

Memorial Day
May 30

Independence Day
July 4

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See what the Friends are up to!

Friends Book Sale room at the Library

Hours:
Tuesdays, 10 am - 3 pm
Fridays, 3 pm - 5:30 pm
*also open whenever room is not in use

Annual Summerfest Book Sale
Find our booth during Indian River Summerfest!
Pay your price for used books, kids’ crafts, art prints from local artists, and more!

Homebound Delivery Service
In Fall 2021, the Friends launched a new service in partnership with the Library to deliver library materials to homebound patrons. Check out the Library website for more information and how to sign up.

Annual Mahjong Tournament
3rd Annual Tournament will be September 22 from 1-4 pm!
Test your skills at this annual fundraising event! Cash prizes for winners. Coffee, Tea, Punch, and Dessert included!

Be a Friend to the Friends!

DONATE: The Indian River Area Library is always accepting donations for the Book Sale Room. We accept books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and puzzles in good condition. We no longer accept VHS or audio cassette tapes.

BE A MEMBER! Basic membership in the Friends is only $10/year. Pick up an application at the Library to get started.

Keep an eye on the Library website for upcoming fundraisers!

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