



# Indian River Area Library Newsletter



## Winter Edition

### DECEMBER: Deck the Halls!

- Dec. 6 - DIY Paper Bows Class
- Dec. 9 - Hand-Stitched Reindeer Ornaments Class
- Dec. 14 - Paws and Read Program



### JANUARY: Health and Wellness in the New Year

- Jan. 10 - Bath Bombs Hobby Hangout Class
- Jan. 17 - Snowshoeing at Seven Springs Nature Preserve
- Jan. 24 - Mermaid Sugar Scrubs Hobby Hangout Class
- Jan. 25 - "Made in the Mitten" Program

### FEBRUARY: Love is in the Library!

- Feb. 3 - DIY Resin Coasters Class
- Feb. 7 - Valentine's Day Craft Class
- Feb. 8 - Paws and Read Program
- Feb. 24 - Journey to the South Pole Program



### 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 winter



**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 (NEW!)**  
Learn sign language with guided, self-paced lessons. Also available as an app.



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# Winter Events

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

## DECEMBER

### DIY Paper Bows Class

Learn how to make elegant holiday bows using paper for your gift-giving this season! All supplies provided; sign up on our website.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6 • 1 - 3 PM**

### Hand-Stitched Reindeer Ornaments Class

Make your own reindeer ornament and learn the basics of embroidery! All supplies provided; sign up on our website to attend.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 9 • 11 AM - 1 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.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 14 • 5 - 6:30 PM**

## JANUARY

### Bath Bombs Class

Make your own bath bomb in this Hobby Hangout class! All supplies provided; sign up on our website.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10 • 1 - 3 PM**

### Snowshoeing at Seven Springs Nature Preserve

Snowshoe with the Library and Little Traverse Bay Conservancy at the Seven Springs Nature Preserve in Indian River! Sign up on our website to attend; snowshoes are available as needed or bring your own. We will be meeting at the Seven Springs Nature Preserve.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17 • 10:30 AM**

### Mermaid Sugar Scrubs Class

Make your own mermaid-inspired sugar scrub in this Hobby Hangout Class! All supplies provided; sign up on our website to attend.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24 • 1 - 3 PM**

### “Made in the Mitten” Program

Learn about Michigan’s rich foodie history as the second-most agriculturally diverse state in the country! Attendees can sample Michigan-made products as well. Sign up on our website to attend.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 25 • 5 - 6 PM**

## FEBRUARY

### Valentine’s Day Craft Class

Make a fun Valentine’s Day craft! All supplies provided; sign up on our website to attend.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7 • 1 - 3 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.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 8 • 5 - 6:30 PM**

### DIY Resin Coasters Class

Learn how to make homemade cup coasters with resin & decorative elements! All supplies provided; sign up on the website.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 3 • 11 AM - 1 PM**

### Journey to the South Pole

Paul Daniels spent 10 months in the South Pole during a winterover in 2001. He will share photos, stories, and a documentary of his life in one of the harshest climates in the world.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 24 • 11 AM - 1 PM**



## WHOOOO KNEW? THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES 2023

- Provided free student cards to any student attending schools within Tuscarora Township
- Maintained the Library’s Book Walk at the Children’s Playground in Cooperation Park
- Provided drivers for our Homebound Book Delivery Service
- Purchased new Library digital resource, ASLDeafined
- Hosted a booth at the Summer Gala with used books and free crafts for kids
- Held Annual Mahjong Tournament in September
- Sponsored Outdoor Movie Nights with a new inflatable movie screen and projector, as well as volunteers at the event
- Purchased new rug for Young Adult area in the Library
- Organized and maintained the Used Book Sale room in the Library
- Promoted the Library with Inland Lakes Schools Spirit Week T-Shirt advertisements

***Want to become a Friend?  
Fill out the form at the end  
of this newsletter!***

### ***Thank you to our community!***

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for all of your help with our Book Walk from spring-fall! We could not do it without you.

Thank you to the Indian River Kiwanis Club for your generous donation for the purchase of over 100 children’s books for our Halloween treat bags!

Thank you to the Inland Lakes Kindergarteners & their teachers for a wonderful visit at the Library!







No registration required!

# Ongoing Programs

## 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 JANUARY • Socializing, snacks, storytelling, songs and more in this program. For ages 0-5.



Learn to Play Mahjong • 3-5 PM • Play mahjong with friends; instructors are available for new players; all supplies 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! For ages 0-9.

## HOMEBOUND DELIVERY SERVICE



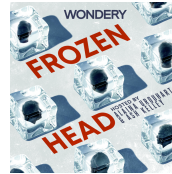
PROVIDED BY THE INDIAN RIVER AREA LIBRARY AND FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Are you or someone you know homebound this winter season? Library materials (books, movies, puzzles, etc.) can be delivered right to your home! You can pick your items or have the librarians do it for you. Sign up on our website or pick up a paper form at the library. Open to all residents and outlying township members.

## TRUE CRIME PODCAST CLUB

Every 4th Thursday at 6 PM

DECEMBER 21



**Frozen Head**  
by Wonderly

JANUARY 25



**Gone South: Season 2**  
by Audacy

FEBRUARY 22



**Dirty John**  
by LA Times

## BOOK CLUBS

Pick up the books at the Library

New members are welcome!

### NONFICTION

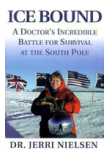
Every 1st Thursday at 5:30 PM



DECEMBER 7  
**What the Dead Know**  
by Barbara Butcher



JANUARY 4  
**The Blue Sweater**  
by Jacqueline Novogratz



FEBRUARY 1  
**Ice Bound**  
by Jerri Nielson

### COOKBOOK

Every 2nd Thursday at 3 PM



DECEMBER 14  
**Baking for the Holidays**  
by Sarah Kieffer



JANUARY 11  
**Healthy, Quick, & Easy Bento Box**  
by Ophelia Chien



FEBRUARY 8  
**The Blue Zones Kitchen: 100 Recipes to Live to 100**  
by Dan Buettner

### ADULT FICTION

Every 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 PM



DECEMBER 20  
**West with Giraffes**  
by Lynda Rutledge



JANUARY 17  
**Hell of a Book**  
by Jason Mott



FEBRUARY 21  
**The Red Tent**  
by Anita Diamant





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**LIBRARY CLOSED**

Staff In-Service Day  
December 13 at noon

Christmas  
December 25

New Year's Day  
January 1



**Join the Friends of the Indian River Area Library!**  
Take this form to the library, or mail it, with **your check payable to:**

**Friends of the Indian River Area Library**

P.O. Box 252, Indian River, MI 49749

Membership Dues for January-December 2024

NAME/BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues: \$25**     **Other donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Volunteering:**

*Contact me when volunteers are needed*     *No, not at this time*

**Please check your interests:**

- Used Book Sale       Mahjong Tournament       Homebound Delivery Driver
- Summerfest Booth       Serve on FOL Board       No Preference/Other

**Friends of the Library Board meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Library meeting room. All are welcome. THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND!**

