Indian River Area Library
Newsletter

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

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
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www.indianriverlibrary.org

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.

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3546 S. Straits Hwy., Indian River, MI 49749
**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**

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

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

Children’s Storytime • 11 AM • Stories, songs, and activities for little ones! For ages 0-9.

BOOK CLUBS

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

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

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

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 Wondery
- JANUARY 25
  Gone South: Season 2
  by Audacy
- FEBRUARY 22
  Dirty John
  by LA Times

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Friends of the Indian River Area Library
P.O. Box 252, Indian River, MI 49749 Membership Dues for January-December 2024

NAME/BUSINESS
ADDRESS
EMAIL
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!

LIBRARY CLOSED
Staff in-Service Day
December 13 at noon
Christmas
December 25
New Year’s Day
January 1

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