

# UNFOLD

EVENTS CALENDAR | NEWSLETTER



**Public  
Library**  
ST. JOE COUNTY

**SPRING 2024**  
MAR/APR/MAY



**Main** | 574.282.4646  
304 S. Main St., South Bend 46601  
Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Centre Township** | 574.251.3700  
1150 E. Kern Rd., South Bend 46614  
Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Francis** | 574.282.4641  
52655 N. Ironwood Rd., South Bend 46635  
Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**German Township** | 574.271.5144  
52807 Lynnewood Ave., South Bend 46628  
Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Lakeville** | 574.784.3446  
120 N. Michigan St., Lakeville 46536  
Mon-Thurs: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**LaSalle** | 574.282.4633  
3232 W. Ardmore Tr., South Bend 46628  
Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**North Liberty** | 574.656.3664  
105 E. Market St., North Liberty 46554  
Mon-Thurs: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**River Park** | 574.282.4635  
2022 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend 46615  
Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Tutt** | 574.282.4637  
2223 Miami St., South Bend 46613  
Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Western** | 574.282.4639  
611 Lombardy Dr., South Bend 46619  
Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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### UPCOMING CLOSINGS

All locations will be closed on these dates:

- Sunday, March 31, Easter
- Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day
- Monday, May 27, Memorial Day

### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Community Learning Center, Beutter-Kernan Hall

- Monday, March 25 at 4:15 p.m.
- Monday, April 22 at 4:15 p.m.
- Monday, May 27 at 4:15 p.m.

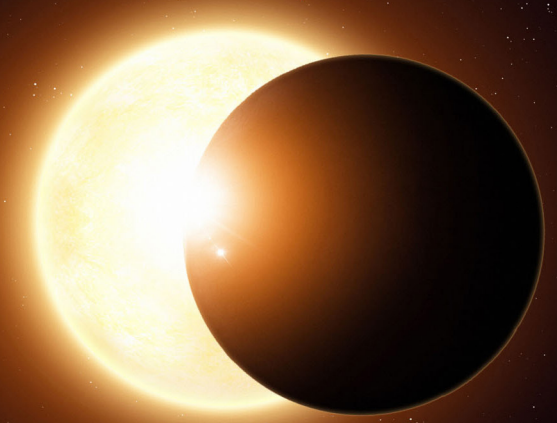
*All programs subject to change. Visit [sjcpl.org](http://sjcpl.org) for the most current information.*

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## Great North American Eclipse Celebration

Monday, April 8 | 1:30pm  
CLC - Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard

Watch the Great North American Eclipse from Main Library's courtyard. Enjoy yard games, music, crafts—and the eclipse, of course!



## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear reader,

The last total solar eclipse was in 2017. Due to the fact that I'm married to a science geek, we traveled to my brother's place in Nashville, so we could be in the zone of totality. Not being a science geek myself, I did not understand why we would take a seven hour drive just to see this solar phenomenon. But, I have to admit that I was wrong. It was essentially a 360° sunset and absolutely amazing.

The next total eclipse is coming in April. And Indiana is in the zone of totality. I highly recommend making the short drive south to that zone. You can learn more about how to view the eclipse at a number of locations with the help of Michiana Astronomical Society. Or, of course, you could also check out a book on astronomy!

I'd also like to invite you to our annual BookCon at the Main Library on March 23. You'll have the opportunity to meet many local authors. It's a great way to support them, find something new to read, and learn about your neighbors.

Happy reading,

Stephanie Murphy  
Executive Director



# BookCon 2024

**Saturday, March 23**  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Community Learning Center

Celebrate local writing talent at BookCon, our annual book convention! Meet local authors, attend writing workshops, make crafts and browse local booksellers. Get a book recommendation on the spot!

## We welcome local authors:

- Rosanne Bittner
- Matthew Brewster
- Bruce Cashbaugh
- Kasia Derbiszewska
- Kevin Drury
- Tasha Eizinger
- Ken Glennon
- Talyn Gore
- David Griffith
- Aaron Helman
- Katherine Higgs Coulthard
- Vicky L. Holt
- Brandon Davis Jennings
- Amanda Valerie Judd
- Mei Keiling
- Barbara M. Kelly
- Martin Klubeck
- Karen B. Kurtz
- Jalen Lee
- Vivienne Lorret
- Patrick Luther
- John Mitchell
- Mary Ann Moore
- Roger Parent
- Cat Rambo
- Gabrielle Robinson
- Kathy Smart
- Brian Vukadinovich
- Kelly Wiseman
- James and Marianne Murphy Zarzana



Stop by the St. Joe Coffee Co. for a specialty drink. Proceeds benefit the library's programs!

## FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Taxes due Tuesday, April 18, 2024

In collaboration with the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) through Goodwill Industries, the St. Joe County Public Library is offering free income tax preparation.

Income limits apply. Bring your 2022 federal and state income tax returns, 2023 W2 forms, a valid photo ID and social security card. If applicable, bring the following statements: pension, social security, property tax, interest and dividend income and rent as well as dependent social security card.

Visit [sjcpl.org/tax\\_assistance](http://sjcpl.org/tax_assistance) for dates, times, locations and to register.

### Tax Preparation with ND/SMC

**Make an appointment:** Online registration opens two weeks prior to each date at [sjcpl.org/tax-assistance](http://sjcpl.org/tax-assistance).

**Main Library**  
See full schedule online.

### Tax Preparation with VITA

**Make an appointment:** Call (574) 800-1361.

**Tutt Branch**  
Mondays, Now to April 15  
10 a.m. - 3:30pm

**Western Branch**  
Wednesdays, Now to April 10  
10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**LaSalle Branch**  
Thursdays, Now to April 11  
12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## MONDAYS AT THE MOVIES

CLC, Leighton Auditorium | 6:00pm

In partnership with the University of Notre Dame DeBartolo Performing Arts Center and the First Presbyterian Church of Downtown South Bend, the Library is screening a series of films focused on themes of social justice. Each week, a panel of community experts will discuss the film in relation to our community.



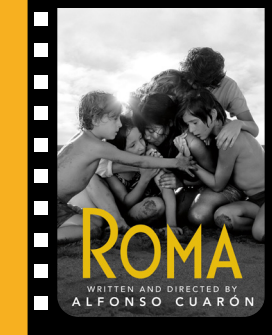
### WOMEN TALKING Showing March 4

Released: 2022  
Rated: PG13  
*Do nothing, stay and fight, or leave. In 2010, the women of an isolated religious community grapple with reconciling a brutal reality with their faith.*



### PARIAH Showing March 11

Released: 2011  
Rated: R  
*A Brooklyn teenager juggles conflicting identities and risks friendship, heartbreak and family in a desperate search for sexual expression.*



### ROMA Showing March 18

Released: 2018  
Rated: R  
*A vivid, emotional portrait of a domestic worker's journey set against domestic and political turmoil in 1970s Mexico.*

### OTHER SHOWINGS

**How to Die in Oregon (NR) - March 25**  
*An examination of the Death with Dignity Act in Oregon, which became the first U.S. state to legalize physician-assisted suicide in 1994, features stories of terminally ill patients, their families and doctors struggling with the decision to end a life.*



Visit [sjcpl.org/events](https://sjcpl.org/events) to confirm the date, time, and location of the program as events may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

## BABYTIME

(AGES 0-2)

### Centre

Tuesdays, 10:30am

### Main Library

Wednesdays, 10:30am

### Francis

Thursdays, 10:30am

## TINY TUMBLERS

(AGES 0-2)

### Main Library

Monday, Mar 18, 10:30am

### Centre

Monday, May 6, 10:30am

### Francis

Monday, Apr 8, 10:30am

## STORYTIME

(AGES 3-5)

### Main Library

Thursdays, 10:30am

Thursdays, 5pm | Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23

### Centre

Wednesdays, 10:30am

### Sensory Storytime\*

Mondays, 5pm | Mar 25, Apr 22

### Francis

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:30am

### German

Mondays, 10:30am

### Lakeville

Alternating Thursdays, 10:30am

### LaSalle

Mondays, 10:30am

### North Liberty

Alternating Thursdays, 10:30am

### River Park

Thursdays, 10:30am

### Tutt

Tuesdays, 10:30am

### Western

Wednesdays, 10:30am

## PLAYTIME

(AGES 3-5)

### Main Library

Tuesdays, 10:30am | Weekly

### Centre

1st Mondays, 10:30am | Mar 4, Apr 1

### Francis

2nd Mondays, 10:30am | Mar 11, May 13

### German

2nd Wednesdays, 10:30am | Mar 13,

Apr 10, May 8

### North Liberty

1st Wednesdays, 10:30 am | Mar 6,

Apr 3, May 1

### River Park

3rd Wednesdays, 10:30am | Mar 20,

Apr 17, May 15

### Tutt

4th Wednesdays, 5:30pm | Mar 27,

Apr 24, May 22

### Lakeville

3rd Wednesdays, 10:30am | Mar 20,

Apr 17, May 15

### LaSalle

2nd Wednesdays, 5:30pm | Mar 13,

Apr 10, May 8

## Main Library

### CHILDREN

*Events take place in the Story House unless otherwise noted.*

#### Creative Dramatics: Mo Willems Presented by South Bend Civic Theatre\*

**Saturday, March 2 | 12:30pm**  
Would YOU let the Pigeon drive the bus? Join us as we dive into a book featuring the beloved literary characters of Mo Willems. Recommended for K-2nd Grade.

#### At-Home Learning Meet Up

**Thursdays, Mar 7, 21, Apr 4, 18, May 2, 16 | 1pm**  
Whether you are home-schooled or doing virtual learning, bring your friends and family to the library to meet new friends and engage in fun activities.

#### Paws & Pages - Presented by the Humane Society of St. Joseph County

**Saturday, March 16 | 11am**  
Books, Bunnies, Bow-Wow! Join the Humane Society of St. Joseph County as we learn about how to care for our furry friends and introduce your little ones to some 4-legged companions! Ages 3-10.

#### Three Little Pigs - STEAM and a Story

**Tuesday, March 19 | 5pm**  
Build and engineer your own house based on the story of the Three Little Pigs. Recommended for ages 5 - 10. Families are welcome.

#### Abacadabra Magic Show

**Wednesday, April 3 | 4pm**  
**CLC - Leighton Auditorium**  
Magician Kevin Wilson will mystify and entertain with his unique magic tricks. All ages are welcome.

#### The Queen of the Flowers Presented by South Bend Civic Theatre

**Saturday, April 6 | 11am & 1pm**  
**CLC - Leighton Auditorium**  
This original telling of the classic fairytale brings to life the characters of the natural world through shadow puppetry, film and live performance. Presented as part of SBCT's Spring Break Camp.

#### Little Mermaid Workshop

**By South Bend Civic Theatre\***  
**Saturday, April 20 | 12:30pm**  
Meet the cast and enjoy a performance from SBCT's upcoming production of The Little Mermaid. Make a craft and enjoy a short performance from Ariel, Ursula and the rest of the under the sea crew! Recommended for K-2nd Grade.

#### Shein Trust Community Classics Concert Series - Presented by South Bend Symphony Orchestra

**Friday, May 3 | 4pm**  
Join the South Bend Symphony woodwind quintet for a family-friendly concert. All concerts are free to attend and will feature a variety of musical styles. All are welcome.

#### Cuentos y Cantos - Stories & Songs with I Heart Spanish

**Monday, May 6 | 10:30am**  
Join Señora Velasco as she shares bilingual songs and stories. Learn numbers, letters and greetings in Spanish. Spanish and non-Spanish speakers are welcome. Recommended for ages 3 to 5.

#### We Come in Peace - Presented by the Children's Choir of Michiana

**Tuesday, May 7 | 7pm**  
**CLC - Leighton Auditorium**  
Enjoy a free public performance by the Children's Choir of Michiana. The cosmic-themed concert will celebrate the power of unity and the beauty that lies in embracing the perspectives of our youth.

#### Anything But a Brush - Ages 0-5

**Monday, May 13 | 10:30am**  
Discover new ways to paint with anything but a paintbrush! Learn the difference between Process and Product art by creating a masterpiece with your child.

#### Anything But a Brush - Ages 6-11

**Monday, May 13 | 5pm**  
Discover new ways to paint with anything but a paintbrush! Learn the difference between Process and Product art by creating a masterpiece with your child.

#### Jump Off the Page!

**Presented by South Bend Civic Theatre\***  
**Saturday, May 18 | 12:30pm**  
Discover new ways to paint with anything but a paintbrush! Kids will learn the difference between Process and Product art and create their own masterpiece.

### TEEN

*Events take place in the Teen Room unless otherwise noted.*

#### D&D Character Creation Workshop

**Saturdays, Mar 2, 16, 30, Apr 13, 27, May 11, 25 | 1pm**  
Interested in participation in our Dungeons & Dragons Club? Come to the Teen Room an hour before the club time to create your character, so you'll be ready for the session.

#### D&D Club

**Saturdays, Mar 2, 16, 30, Apr 13, 27, May 11, 25 | 2pm**  
Ready for an adventure? Come prepared to play various mini-games inspired by the D&D multi-verse. Drop in to learn or play along. For ages 12-17.

#### Physics of Ballet Presented in partnership with the University of Notre Dame\*

**Mondays, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr 1, 8, 15 | 5pm**  
**CLC**  
Join us for a seven week course on the physics of ballet! April 15 is the final preformance. For ages 9-17.

#### Board Games Club

**Saturdays, Mar 9, 23, Apr 6, 20, May 4, 18 | 1pm**  
Do you love board games? Try something new or play one of the classics as you engage with friends and meet other teens from around the community!

#### Intro to Button Making\*

**Tuesday, April 2 | 4pm**  
Design your own button using a template, the teen room computers, and the Button Making Machine. Everyone will leave with two custom, personalized buttons. For Teens 12-18.

#### Gaming Tournament: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

**Wednesday, April 3 | 2pm**  
Put your gaming skills to the test as you battle others in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. Food and drinks provided while supplies last. For ages 12-18.

## STUDIO 304

#### Studio 304 Crash Course

**Wednesday, March 13 | 6pm**  
For all of those that are curious about just what you can do in Studio 304 we will show you!

#### Animating Video\*

**Wednesday, April 10 | 6pm**  
Learn how to use ProCreate Dreams to add animated objects to video files.

#### Drawing with 2B\*

**Tuesdays, Apr 30, May 7, 14, 21 | 6pm**  
Whether you draw all the time or want to learn how, this series art class is for you! You will create optical illusion drawings that consist of line-work, shading, inking and detailing. Ages 12-18.

#### Digital Techniques to Improve Your Traditional Art\*

**Wednesday, May 8 | 6pm**  
Discover techniques for using the hardware and software in the lab to improve and facilitate your drawing, painting and sculpting work.

#### There There Book Discussion for Teens with Tara Kenjockety & David Martin

**Wednesday, April 10 | 6pm**  
Join us as we explore topics from the book, There There by Tommy Orange. We will learn about different aspects of Indigenous culture and explore our own identities. For ages 12-18.

#### Young Writer's Workshop - with Kelcey Ervick, author of The Keeper

**Saturday, April 13 | 11am**  
Explore the world of comics through combining poetry and drawing to create your own poetry comic! Led by Kelcey Ervick, you will practice filling panels, writing captions, and more. For ages 12-18.

#### Teen Improv Workshop - Presented by South Bend Civic Theatre\*

**Mon & Tues, April 15, 16 | 5:30pm**  
**CLC**  
Learn the art of improvisational theatre with South Bend Civic Theatre. Each session will be taught by theatre professionals and will culminate in a short performance on stage in Leighton Auditorium.

### ADULT

#### Becoming Neighbors, A Refugee's Journey - Presented by United Religious Community of St. Joseph County\*

**Saturday, March 2 | 10am**  
**CLC - Ballroom**  
Learn about the refugee experience through an interactive cross-cultural simulation exercise.

#### The Cinemates

**Mondays, Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6 | 6pm**  
**CLC - Classroom B**

Do you watch movies or any type of show? If the answer is yes, and even if the answer is no, then please join as we discuss movies, shows, music, etc. There is no required viewing for this club.

#### German Language Conversation Group Deutscher Stammtisch\*

**Tuesdays, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7 | 6pm**  
**CLC - Classroom A**  
German Speakers in the Michiana area, come join us for a casual German conversation group!

#### When Numbers Lie: Algorithms and AI Our Universe Revealed Series

**Tuesday, March 5 | 6:30pm**  
**CLC - Leighton Auditorium**  
Discover how AI works (what is ChatGPT actually doing?!) and explore the pros and cons of data sharing in a presentation by Victoria Woodard, Ph.D.

#### Yoga for EveryBODY

**Wednesdays, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr 3, 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15, 29 | 5:30pm**  
**CLC**  
Community yoga classes offered with the aim of making yoga accessible to all.

#### Tax Assistance\*

**Thursdays, Mar 7, 21, Apr 4, 11 | 5pm**  
**CLC - Ballroom**  
Free tax assistance for low and middle income individuals provided by students from the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College.

#### French Language Conversation Group Francophones of Michiana\*

**Thursdays, Mar 7, 14, 21, Apr 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 30 | 6:30pm**  
**CLC - Classroom B**  
Join us to practice your French language skills and meet others in our community learning the language!

#### 11th Annual Unity Gardens Growing Summit - Presented by Unity Gardens

**Saturday, March 9 | 9am**  
**Main Library - CLC**  
Join us for the 11th annual Unity Gardens Growing Summit! This event will offer free classes for all ages and cover all things growing. Class topics will include gardening, health, and wellness.

#### Compassionate Caregivers - a Conscious Parenting Discussion Group

**Mondays, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13 | 6pm**  
**CLC - Classroom A**  
Conscious parenting is a practice that focuses on awareness, connectedness, and mindfulness. This is a parent-led group for parents, caregivers, and educators who wish to learn more about the topic.

#### Silent Book Club

**Tuesday, March 12 | 5pm**  
**CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall**  
A monthly gathering to share what you're reading then settle in for an hour of silent, sustained reading. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize—or not! Held at a different branch each month

#### Mental Health and Relationships Presented by Mental Health Awareness of Michiana\*

**Thursday, March 14 | 6pm**  
**CLC - Classroom E**  
This presentation describes different types of relationships, healthy traits, and unhealthy relationship patterns. We will explore boundaries and effective communication skills.

#### Michiana Science Cafe

**Wednesday, Mar 20, Apr 17 | 4:30pm**  
**CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall**  
This discussion is interactive and open to the those who are interested in learning about policy implementation and how they can make a difference. Led by the Science Policy Initiative at Notre Dame.

#### Re-Entry Simulation of St. Joseph County - Presented by Dismas House of Indiana, Inc.\*

**Friday, March 22 | 9:30am**  
**CLC - Ballroom**  
Participate in a simulation as a person coming home from incarceration (a returning citizen) trying to navigate their way back into society.





**BookCon**  
Saturday, March 23 | 11am  
CLC

Celebrate local writing talent at BookCon! Join fellow readers to meet local authors, attend writing workshops, make crafts and browse local booksellers. Get book recommendations on the spot!

**Understanding Investments and Planning for Retirement**

Wednesday, March 27 | 5:30pm  
CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall

In this workshop participants will learn the different types of investment options and how to plan for a successful retirement

**WorkOne Job Fair**  
Thursday, March 28 | 1pm  
CLC - Ballroom

Looking for employment opportunities? Visit the WorkOne Job Fair and meet over 20 participating employers.

**Books on Tap**  
Thursdays, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 30 | 7pm  
Literary discussions and heady libations on the last Thursday of each month. Follow us on Facebook or ask to be added to our email for the location for that month.

**Cultivating Place Live - An Evening of Community & Conversation with Jennifer Jewell\***

Friday, March 29 | 6pm  
CLC - Leighton Auditorium  
Explore the power and potential of growing plants as we welcome Jennifer Jewell, author and host of Cultivating Place. Presented in partnership with The Botany Shop.

**Genealogy Coffee Chat**  
Saturday, March 30 | 9am  
CLC - Classroom A

Meet with fellow genealogists to share success stories and brick walls.

**Eclipses in Outer Space - Our Universe Revealed Series**

Tuesday, April 2 | 6:30pm  
CLC - Leighton Auditorium

One way to find planets around other stars in the universe is the eclipse transit method. Learn how Dr. Lauren Weiss uses observational techniques to discover exoplanets.

**Generative Experiments in Poetry\***  
Wednesdays, Apr 3, 10, 17 | 5pm  
CLC - Classroom E

Join this workshop to practice three modes of generating poems. Using source materials like magazines, nature videos, and music, we will embolden our poetry practices through experimentation and play.

**Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network**

Thursday, April 4 | 1pm  
CLC - Classroom B

Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Shein Trust Community Classics Concert Series - Presented by South Bend Symphony Orchestra**

Friday, April 5 | 4pm  
CLC - Leighton Auditorium

Join the South Bend Symphony woodwind quintet for a family-friendly concert. All concerts are free to attend and will feature a variety of musical styles. All are welcome.

**Protecting your Identity and your Assets**

Wednesday, April 24 | 5:30pm  
CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall

In this workshop participants will learn about identity theft, identity protection and how to understand the basics of insurance.

**Spring Natural Landscaping Fair Presented by Wild Ones South Bend**

Saturday, April 27 | 9am  
CLC - Ballroom

Join the South Bend chapter of Wild Ones for a morning of natural landscaping inspiration in celebration of National Native Plant Month.

**Using Hoosier State Chronicles & Indiana Memory**

Wednesday, May 8 | 1:30pm  
CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall

Indiana Historical Bureau staff will share an overview of two free resources for browsing historical newspapers and documents, plus tips and tricks for searching and using site features.

**Navigating the Mental Health System presented by the Mental Health Alliance of Michiana\***

Wednesday, May 15 | 6pm  
CLC - Classroom E

This class is an overview of treatment and support options that are available when someone is experiencing mental illness. We review types of help, when to seek help, finding a provider, and more.

**Executing the Dream\***

Thursday, May 16 | 5pm  
CLC - Leighton Auditorium

Tracie Davis, Business Advisor at the North Central Indiana SBDC, will moderate a panel discussion on challenges and opportunities for Latino entrepreneurs.

**Puppetry Secrets at Arm's Length Presented by Roz Puppets\***

Monday, May 20 | 5:30pm  
CLC - Leighton Auditorium

Are you interested in learning about the art of puppetry? Join us as we welcome Roz Puppets in introducing the artistry and skills behind puppet shows. For ages 18+.

**Considering Homeownership**

Wednesday, May 29 | 5:30pm  
CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall, Classroom B

In this workshops the participants will learn how to assess if they are ready for homeownership and what are the loan and mortgage options.

**ALL AGES**

**Spill the Ink Poetry Contest**

Monday, March 4 | All Day

Spill the ink & share your voice in our all-ages poetry contest. Participants will be invited to share their work at a celebratory public reading on April 25. Submissions accepted March 4 - April 8.

**Performing Media Festival - Presented by IUSB and the South Bend Museum of Art**

Thurs, Fri & Sat, March 7, 8, 9 | All Day  
smARTbox

Visit the smART box to experience Octet, an installation by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, as part of the 2024 Performing Media Festival.

**SJCPL Writes Release Party**

Wednesday, March 27 | 6pm  
CLC - Ballroom

Celebrate the third release of SJCPL Writes. Listen to authors and artists read and reveal their published works. Light refreshments will be available.

**What if the Sun Doesn't Come Back? Presented by the University of Notre Dame**

Wednesday, March 27 | 6:30pm

Philip J. Sakimoto, Professor of the Practice in Physics and Astronomy at the University of Notre Dame, will share what to expect and what to look for during the April 8 solar eclipse.

**Great North American Eclipse Celebration**

Monday, April 8 | 1:30pm  
CLC - Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard

Watch the Great North American Eclipse from Main Library's courtyard. Enjoy yard games, music, crafts—and the eclipse, of course!

**Spill the Ink Poetry Reading**

Thursday, April 25 | 6pm  
CLC - Leighton Auditorium

A live reading in celebration of our Spill the Ink poetry contest. All are welcome!

**Centre**

**CHILDREN**

**STEAM Lab**

Tuesdays, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7 | 4pm

Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**Dungeons & Dragons Club - for kids, ages 6-11**

Saturdays, Mar 9, 23, Apr 13, 20, May 4, 18 | 2pm

Join a roving band of adventurers in a mini-game of Dungeons & Dragons. Who will you be today?

**Pokémon Lunch Bunch**

Saturdays, Mar 16, Apr 13, May 25 | 11am

Bring your lunch and chat about Pokémon, whether you play TCG, video games, or PoGo. Trade cards, play decks, join in party play or remote raids, or just meet friends and share your love of Pokémon.

**The Solar Eclipse Spectacle Presented by the Michiana Astronomical Society**

Wednesday, March 20 | 4pm

Prepare for one of nature's greatest spectacles. Discover what to expect and how to witness the solar eclipse safely. Totality is the sight of a lifetime! Recommended for ages 8 - 12.

**Sensory Storytime\***

Mondays, Mar 25, Apr 22 | 5pm

Explore stories, music, movement, and play in an adaptive setting. Designed for children ages 3-9 who are neurodiverse, but children of all ages and abilities are welcome.

**Homeschool Club**

Thursdays, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23 | 2pm

Homeschool families and at-home learning students are invited to gather monthly and engage in activities around STEM, reading, and more.

**TEEN**

**Rocks, Minerals & Fossils - With the Michiana Gem & Mineral Society**

Tuesday, March 26 | 5:30pm

Come to a hands-on program that will touch on the methods used to determine what kind of minerals we see. Examine specimens, find out why minerals look the way they do and identify small samples.

**ADULT**

**Crochet & Knitting Club**

Mondays, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5pm

Looking for a group to crochet or knit with? All are welcome to join this group of needlework enthusiasts.

**Euchre Club**

Tuesdays, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14 | 6pm

Euchre beginners and experts alike are invited to meet up for a lively game.

**Pages In Time - A Historical Fiction Book Club**

Thursdays, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9 | 1pm

Read and discuss a new historical fiction book each month with fellow history enthusiasts.

**Beginning Genealogy\***  
Monday, March 18 | 6pm

Begin climbing your family tree with an introduction to genealogy research.

**Silent Book Club**  
Tuesday, May 14 | 5pm

A monthly gathering to share what you're reading then settle in for an hour of silent, sustained reading. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize—or not! Held at a different branch each month

**Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network**

Thursday, May 16 | 1pm

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**Francis**

**CHILDREN**

**STEAM Lab**

Tuesdays, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21 | 4pm

Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**Music Makers with Ms Darla**  
Monday, March 25 | 10:30am

Get ready to shake your wiggles out! Enjoy scarves, dancing, and sing-alongs followed by a music playtime. Ages 3 - 5 are welcome.

**Mixed Media Art with Deliyannides Studios**

Thursday, May 2 | 4pm

Make art and illustrate a new place in the style of Eric Carle. Join us as we collage and create mixed media shapes, layer color combinations, and create a texture plate to take home. Ages 6 - 12.

**TEEN**

**Zine Books and a Drawing Exchange with William Tourtilotte from IUSB\***

Thursday, May 16 | 5:45pm

Explore making books from a single sheet of paper! Create books filled with drawings and ideas from the group. Each member will get a copy of a collaborative work of art made during the event.

**ADULT**

**Cribbage Club**

Mondays, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 1pm

Cribbage offers an opportunity to meet new people, and learn a fun game. Cribbage is a card game in which each player tries to form various counting combinations of cards.



**YOUNG WRITER'S WORKSHOP**

with Kelcey Ervick,  
author of *The Keeper*

**Saturday, April 13  
11:00AM - 12:15PM**

Explore the world of comics through combining poetry and drawing to create your own poetry comic! Led by Kelcey Ervick, you will practice filling panels, writing captions, and more. For ages 12-18.

**Chess Club**

Wednesdays, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 1pm

All chess players are welcome, from the beginner wanting to learn for the first time to the advanced player.

**Origami Club**

Fridays, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10 | 10am

Everyone is welcome to come and share their knowledge of origami art and exchange ideas for origami art projects.

**Symphony-to-Go - Presented by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra**

Friday, March 8 | 3pm

Enjoy an afternoon of classical music with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra's brass quintet.

**Green Dragon - A Fantasy Book Club**

Thursdays, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9 | 5:30pm

Do you love fantasy literature, or are you hoping to expand your reading world? Join us at The Green Dragon, a fantasy book club hosted by the Francis Branch.



**Series Presented By:**  
**Luis Zapata**  
1st Source Bank  
Vice President and Financial  
Wellness Administrator

**Understanding Investments and Planning for Retirement**

Wednesday, March 27 | 5:30 - 6:30pm  
CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall

In this workshop participants will learn the different types of investment options and how to plan for a successful retirement

**Protecting your Identity and your Assets**

Wednesday, April 24 | 5:30 - 6:30pm  
CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall

In this workshop participants will learn about identity theft, identity protection and how to understand the basics of insurance.

**Considering Homeownership**

Wednesday, May 29 | 5:30 - 6:30pm  
CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall

In this workshops the participants will learn how to assess if they are ready for homeownership and what are the loan and mortgage options.



**Book Talks**  
**Tuesdays, Mar 26, Apr 30, May 28 | 1:30pm**  
 Come join us for Book Talks! This book club meets in person on the last Tuesday of every month. Be a part of the discussion by sharing your review of your current reads!

**Spring Tea Time\***  
**Tuesday, May 7 | 6pm**  
 Enjoy three to four different types of spring teas while learning tips for brewing at home, how tea is grown and processed, and the history and culture of tea from countries around the world.

**ALL AGES**  
**Feeling Crafty\***  
**Thursday, March 7 | 4pm**  
 Make, take and create with us at Francis Branch! Sign up for a class or participate in our craft exchange.

## German

**CHILDREN**  
**STEAM Lab**  
**Wednesdays, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 22 | 4pm**  
 Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**Native Plants in Your Backyard**  
**Wednesday, May 29 | 5pm**  
 Discover the importance of native plants to wildlife, the environment, and to us. Participants will get their hands dirty and make their own native "seed flings" to take home! Ages 6 to 12.

**Nurture the Nature**  
**Monday, April 22 | 3pm**  
 Learn more about the natural wonders all around us as we celebrate Earth Day. Meet reptiles and amphibians from Rum Village Nature Center, make a seed bomb, and take home your very own seedling.

**TEEN**  
**Rocks, Minerals & Fossils - With the Michiana Gem & Mineral Society**  
**Tuesday, April 23 | 5:30pm**  
 Come to a hands-on program that will touch on the methods used to determine what kind of minerals we see. Examine specimens, find out why minerals look the way they do and identify small samples.

**ADULT**  
**Quilts with Love**  
**Tuesdays, Mar 5, 19, Apr 2, 16, May 7, 21 | 1pm**  
 Meet up with other quilting enthusiasts to sew quilts and create other items for local charities.

**Handcrafts and the Brain**  
**Wednesday, March 6 | 6pm**  
 Join Self-Healing Communities to learn about the brain benefits of handcrafts! The presentation will be followed by crafting and conversation.

**Duplicate Bridge Club**  
**Thursdays, Mar 7, 21, Apr 4, 18, May 2, 16 | 12pm**  
 Play duplicate bridge with the Battell Duplicate Bridge Club on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

**Symphony-to-Go - Presented by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra**  
**Thursday, April 4 | 2pm**  
 Enjoy an afternoon of classical music with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra's string quintet.

**Silent Book Club**  
**Tuesday, April 9 | 5pm**  
 A monthly gathering to share what you're reading then settle in for an hour of silent, sustained reading. At the end of the hour, attendees can socialize—or not! Held at a different branch each month

**Searching Local Death Records\***  
**Wednesday, April 17 | 6pm**  
 Explore a variety of records that document the deaths of your St. Joseph County ancestors.

## LaSalle

**CHILDREN**  
**STEAM Lab**  
**Wednesdays, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 8 | 4pm**  
 Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**Native Plants in Your Backyard**  
**Tuesday, April 9 | 4pm**  
 Discover the importance of native plants to wildlife, the environment, and to us. Participants will get their hands dirty and make their own native "seed flings" to take home! Ages 6 to 12

# STEAM Lab

Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each week. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**Centre Branch • Tuesdays, 4pm**

*Mar 5 | Apr 2 | May 7*

**LaSalle Branch • Wednesdays, 4pm**

*Mar 6 | Apr 3 | May 8*

**Lakeville Branch • Thursdays, 4pm**

*Mar 7 | Apr 4 | May 9*

**River Park Branch • Tuesdays, 4pm**

*Mar 12 | Apr 9 | May 14*

**Tutt Branch • Wednesdays, 4pm**

*Mar 13 | Apr 10 | May 15*



**North Liberty Branch • Thursdays, 4pm**

*Mar 14 | Apr 11 | May 16*

**Western Branch • Thursdays, 4pm**

*Mar 21 | Apr 18 | May 23*

**German Branch • Wednesdays, 4pm**

*Mar 20 | Apr 17 | May 22*

**Francis Branch • Tuesdays, 4pm**

*Mar 19 | Apr 16 | May 21*

## Shein Trust Community Classics Concert Series

**Presented by South Bend Symphony Orchestra**

**April 5 | 4:00pm - 4:45pm**  
 Community Learning Center  
 Leighton Auditorium

**May 3 | 4:00pm - 4:45pm**  
 Main Library - Story House

Join the South Bend Symphony woodwind quintet for a family-friendly concert. All concerts are free to attend and will feature a variety of musical styles. All are welcome.



**Family Story Night - Go Wild Edition with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources**  
**Wednesday, May 15 | 5:30pm**  
 Join us for stories, crafts, and food celebrating the animal kingdom and all creatures great and small. Visit up close and personal with a few wild animal friends.

**TEEN**  
**Spring Cookie Decorating\***  
**Wednesday, March 27 | 5pm**  
 Pam Derr from Chips & Doodles Bakery will teach frosting decorating techniques and tricks. Teens will be able to decorate their own cookies.

**ADULT**  
**Free Income Tax Assistance at LaSalle Branch**  
**Thursdays, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr 4, 11 | 12:30pm**  
 Trained volunteers will provide tax assistance by appointment.

**Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network**  
**Thursday, April 18 | 1pm**  
 Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Symphony-to-Go**  
**Wednesday, May 1 | 4pm**  
 Enjoy an afternoon of classical music with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra's string quintet.

**No Experience Necessary Art Club for Adults\***  
**Wednesday, May 22 | 5:30pm**  
 Join us as we partner with Raclin Murphy Museum of Art for a No Experience Necessary art class! Come prepared to flex your creative muscles. For this session, we will be exploring optical art.

## River Park

**CHILDREN**  
**STEAM Lab**  
**Tuesdays, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14 | 4pm**  
 Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**The Solar Eclipse Spectacle Presented by the Michiana Astronomical Society**  
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 Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Sonnet Slam - With Shades of Orange**  
**Tuesday, March 26 | 6:30pm**  
 The Sonnet Slam hosted by Shades of Orange is a unique opportunity for writers, poets, performers, and audiences of all kinds to gather for a celebration of the spectacular art form that is the Sonnet

**Adventures in Bad Cinema**  
**Wednesdays, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 29 | 6:30pm**  
 We again gather to mock, cringe and enjoy terrible filmmaking. Failed by unskilled writing, directing or acting. Unmitigated audacity. Inexcusable craft. No budget. Cheap thrills. Yes, oh yes.

**Symphony-to-Go - Presented by the South Bend Symphony Orchestra**  
**Friday, April 19 | 4pm**  
 Enjoy an afternoon of classical music with the South Bend Symphony Orchestra's string quintet.

**Celebrating Poetry Month - with the Acting Ensemble**  
**Tuesday, April 23 | 6pm**  
 Celebrate the artistry of poetry. Local poets and members from the Acting Ensemble will perform their favorite poems and some of their own work as we honor William Shakespeare's 460th birthday.

## Tutt

**CHILDREN**  
**STEAM Lab**  
**Wednesdays, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 15 | 4pm**  
 Tinker, build and create in our library STEAM lab. Enjoy a new art, science or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

**LEGO Club**  
**Thursdays, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23 | 4pm**  
 Join us each month for a new building challenge! Recommended for Ages 6+, but all are welcome!

**Mixed Media Art with Deliyannides Studios**  
**Thursday, April 4 | 4pm**  
 Make art and illustrate a new place in the style of Eric Carle. Join us as we collage and create mixed media shapes, layer color combinations, and create a texture plate to take home. Ages 6 - 12.





# Tech Drop-in

Do you have a technical question? The library staff at the Centre Township Branch, Francis Branch and Main Library are ready to help you. You may need to know how to print a document you have on your phone, set up an email account, use common software on your laptop, or solve a problem with your smart phone. Stop by during the following times:

**Centre Township Branch**  
The second and fourth Thursdays of the month  
March 14, 28, April 11, 25 and May 9, 23  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Roger B. Francis Branch**  
The first and third Friday of the month  
March 1, 15, April 5, 19, and May 3, 17  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Main Library,**  
Third Floor Computer Lab  
Tuesdays, 3-5 pm, March, April and May

## TEEN

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## ADULT

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Mondays, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr 1, 8, 15 | 10am  
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**Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network**  
Thursday, March 7 | 1pm  
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**Handcrafts and the Brain**  
Tuesday, March 26 | 6pm  
Join Self-Healing Communities to learn about the brain benefits of handcrafts! The presentation will be followed with the chance to create a craft. Look forward to an hour of learning and relaxation!

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## Western

### CHILDREN

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Thursdays, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 23 | 4pm  
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**Mixed Media Art with Deliyannides Studios**  
Monday, May 20 | 4pm  
Make art and illustrate a new place in the style of Eric Carle. Join us as we collage and create mixed media shapes, layer color combinations, and create a texture plate to take home. Ages 6 - 12.

### TEEN

**Zine Books and a Drawing Exchange with William Tourtillotte from IUSB\***  
Thursday, April 18 | 5:45pm  
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**No Experience Necessary Art Club for Adult \***  
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**Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network**  
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## Lakeville

### CHILDREN

**STEAM Lab**  
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**Native Plants in Your Backyard**  
Wednesday, March 13 | 4pm  
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**Homeschool Club**  
Thursdays, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9 | 2pm  
Lakeville Homeschoolers club will meet monthly for socialization, guest speakers, and educational planning.

### TEEN

**Rocks, Minerals & Fossils - With the Michiana Gem & Mineral Society**  
Thursday, May 2 | 5:30pm  
Come to a hands-on program that will touch on the methods used to determine what kind of minerals we see. Examine specimens, find out why minerals look the way they do and identify small samples.

### ADULT

**Lakeville Gardening Club**  
Tuesdays, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21 | 4pm  
Join us once a month to plan and plant. Club members will plant the community garden on the Lakeville Branch patio, learn to compost, and take part in a plant swap. Gardeners of any age welcome.

**Spring Tea Time\***  
Thursday, March 21 | 4pm  
Enjoy three to four different types of spring teas while learning tips for brewing at home, how tea is grown and processed, and the history and culture of tea from countries around the world.

## North Liberty

### CHILDREN

**STEAM Lab**  
Thursday, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 16 | 4pm  
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**The Solar Eclipse Spectacle Presented by the Michiana Astronomical Society**  
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Prepare for one of nature's greatest spectacles. Discover what to expect and how to witness the solar eclipse safely. Totality is the sight of a lifetime! Recommended for ages 8 - 12.

### TEEN

**Zine Books and a Drawing Exchange with William Tourtillotte from IUSB\***  
Thursday, March 28 | 5:45pm  
Explore making books from a single sheet of paper! Create books filled with drawings and ideas from the group. Each member will get a copy of a collaborative work of art made during the event.

### ADULT

**Yarn Rodeo**  
Tuesdays, Mar 5, 19, Apr 2, 16, May 7, 21 | 1pm  
Knit? Crochet? Macrame? Sew? Do other fiber crafts? Bring your tools and supplies and work on your projects together at the North Liberty Branch!

**Euchre Club @ North Liberty**  
Wednesdays, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8 | 6pm  
You might be a Hoosier if you already know the rules. Join us for Euchre Club at North Liberty, second Wednesday of every month.

**Liberty's Readers**  
Tuesdays, March 26, April 23, May 28 | 4pm  
Explore a wide range of genres with our fearless readers!

**Annual Community Plant Swap Sponsored by Unity Gardens**  
Saturday, May 18 | 10am  
Kick off gardening season by planting the North Liberty Unity Garden and taking part in the North Liberty Branch community plant swap.

**Local and Family History Resources**  
Wednesday, May 22 | 5:30pm  
Learn how the Local & Family History Department can help with your research needs.

## Virtual Events

**Club de Conversación en Español\***  
Tuesdays, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr 2, 9, 16 | 3pm  
Zoom  
If you're interested in practicing authentic conversation in Spanish, this club is for you. Listen to an interesting, informal presentation in Spanish, then discuss in small groups.

**Write Space\***  
Tuesdays, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21 | 7pm  
Zoom  
Writers and aspiring writers are invited to join our Zoom meeting to participate in writing prompts, chatting, and dreaming about next steps in your writing life.

**SJCPL Online Book Club - Also a Poet\* Zoom**  
Monday, April 15 | 8pm  
Zoom  
Also a Poet is a groundbreaking and kaleidoscopic memoir that weaves compelling literary history with a moving, honest, and tender story of a complicated father-daughter bond.

**SJCPL Online Book Club - Good Company\* Zoom**  
Monday, May 13 | 8pm  
Zoom  
A tale of two marriages and a long-buried secret.



# LET'S GROW!

## 11th Annual Unity Gardens Growing Summit

Presented by Unity Gardens  
Saturday, March 9 | 9am  
Main Library - CLC  
Join us for the 11th annual Unity Gardens Growing Summit! This event will offer free classes for all ages and cover all things growing. Class topics will include gardening, health, and wellness.

## Spring Natural Landscaping Fair

Presented by Wild Ones South Bend  
Saturday, April 27 | 9am  
Main Library - CLC  
Join the South Bend chapter of Wild Ones for a morning of natural landscaping inspiration in celebration of National Native Plant Month.



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**BOOKSTORE**

The Friends of the Library Bookstore is open every Friday and offers donated books and media for sale at discounted rates.

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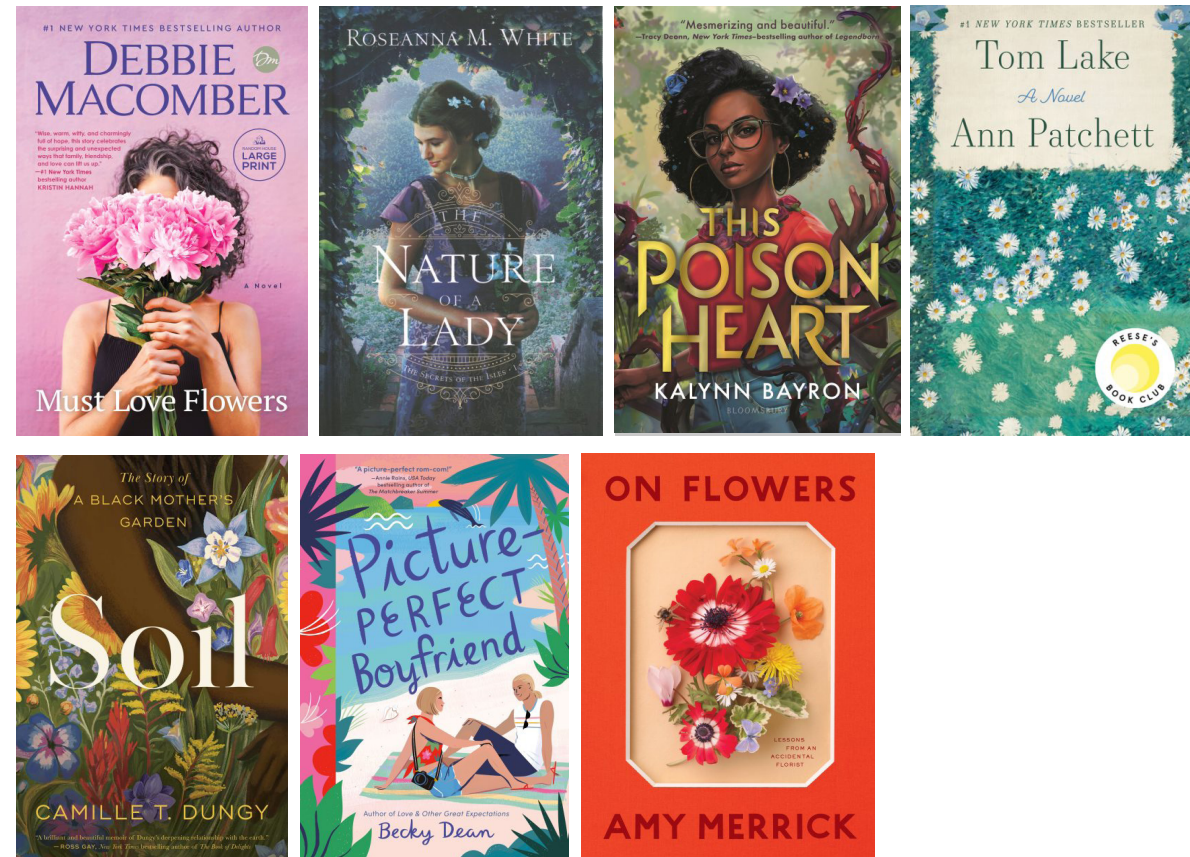
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 **Spring New Releases**

**Books for Children**



**Books for Teens & Adults**



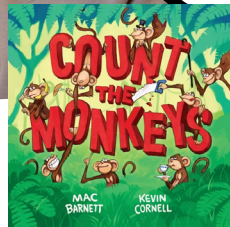


# MEET OUR TEAM: YOUTH SERVICES!!!



**Heidi Lovett**  
Manager

Book Recommendation:  
*Count the Monkeys*  
For Ages 3+



**Elaine Albaugh**  
Assistant Manager

Book Recommendation:  
*Legendborn*  
For Ages 12+



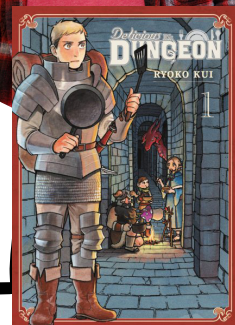
**Emily Lovell**  
Early Literacy Librarian

Book Recommendation:  
*Pokko and the Drum*  
For Ages 3+



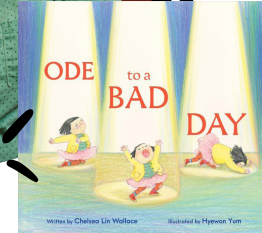
**Carter Lubelski**  
Teen Librarian

Book Recommendation:  
*Delicious in Dungeon: Volume 1*  
For Ages 12+



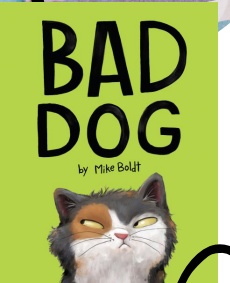
**Kelly Carter**  
Youth Associate Librarian

Book Recommendation:  
*Ode to a Bad Day*  
For Ages 2+



**Donna Heverly**  
Youth Associate Librarian

Book Recommendation:  
*Bad Dog*  
For Ages 3+



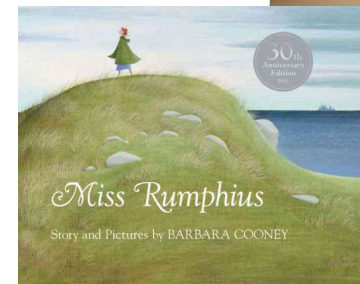
**Erin Donaldson**  
Youth Associate Librarian

Book Recommendation:  
*A Place at the Table*  
For Ages 10-12



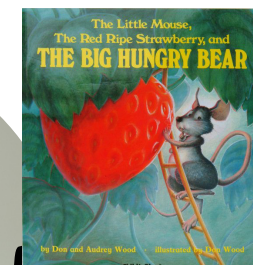
**Denny Raven**  
Library Assistant

Book Recommendation:  
*Miss Rumphius*  
For Ages 3+



**Ashley Ramirez**  
Youth Associate Librarian

Book Recommendation:  
*The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear*  
For Ages 2+





# ONE BOOK ONE MICHIANA

## BEING MORTAL

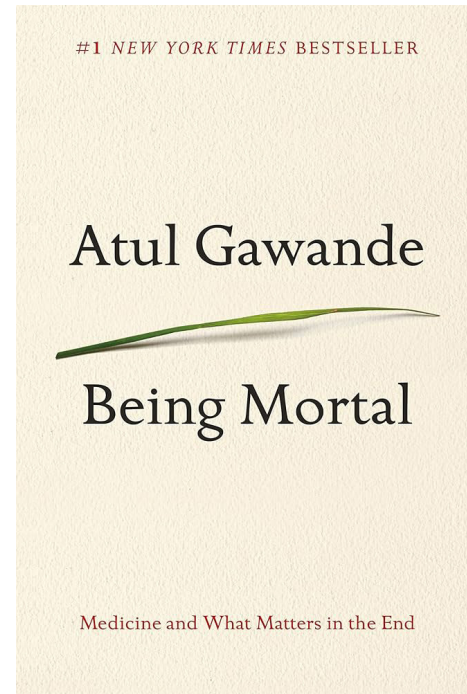
### Medicine and What Matters in the End

#### Written by Atul Gawande

Every year in April the community comes together to read and discuss one book. This year, our community selected *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande.

Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming the dangers of childbirth, injury, and disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, the author argues what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should.

He argues against modern medical practices that extend life at the expense of quality of life while isolating the dying, outlining suggestions for freer, more fulfilling approaches to death that enable more dignified and comfortable choices. Riveting, honest, and humane, *Being Mortal* shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life - all the way to the very end.



## Learn More

**Brain Care is Self Care and Our Mortality Presented by Self-Healing Communities of Greater Michiana**  
German Township Branch, April 24 | 10:30am  
Western Branch, April 17 | 5pm  
Self-Healing Communities will explore brain care through the discussion of compassion, human connection, and the enriching elements that art and nature bring to the exploration of mortality.

**Understanding our Nervous System and Our Need for Connection Presented by Self-Healing Communities of Greater Michiana**  
River Park Branch, March 19 | 11:30am  
LaSalle Branch, March 25 | 4pm  
Have you heard of sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems? Join us to discuss how these systems play a crucial role in shaping our daily experiences, human connection and building resilience.

**Understanding the Nervous System Can Help You Navigate Grief**  
Main Library, March 27 | 6pm  
To better understand grief, this community gathering will focus on our "fight or flight" and "rest and digest" systems, also known as the sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems.

**Breaking the Loss Silence: How a Loss Timeline Can Help Us Age with Dignity**  
North Liberty, April 6 | 10:30am  
Tutt Branch, April 17 | 6pm  
Learn how loss impacts the aging process in this workshop led by Dr. Kathryn Lyndes, Associate Professor of Social Work and Gerontology at Saint Mary's College.

**Leave No Stone Unturned**  
Saturday, April 27 | 10am  
CLC - Classroom D  
"Tombstone Tourist" Joy Neighbors will share advice for locating and learning from ancestors' graves. The program will also cover finding cemetery records and sharing your discoveries.

**A Victorian Celebration of Death**  
Saturday, April 27 | 1pm  
CLC - Auditorium  
Edwina, an Edwardian librarian, will take the stage to explain the rigid rules and customs of mourning during the Victorian Age that turned grief into a social status.

## Discuss

**Book Discussion of Being Mortal**  
Lakeville Branch, April 9 | 6pm  
Centre Township, April 18 | 2:30pm  
Francis Branch, April 29 | 5:30pm  
Being Mortal is SJCPL's 2024 One Book, One Michiana community read. Surgeon and best-selling author Atul Gawande uses personal and professional experience to ask us to consider modern end-of-life care.

## Celebrate

**Dinner and a Book\***  
Wednesday, April 3 | 2pm  
WNIT Studios  
Being Mortal, our 2024 One Book Michiana selection, will be featured on WNIT's Dinner and A Book studio recording.

**Caregiver Appreciation Night**  
Wednesday, May 1 | 6pm  
CLC  
We conclude our One Book, One Michiana community reading initiative with a celebration of caregivers. Join us as we recognize the dedication and commitment of the amazing caregivers in our community.

## Visit our Local and Family History Department

Located on the third floor of Main Library, the Local and Family History Department is brimming with research resources and knowledgeable, friendly staff to guide you in your next research endeavor.

## Databases

Whether you are looking for more information about your relative that served in the military, worked at Studebaker, or lived locally, you can find that information in one of the eleven databases available in the department, including these:

- Ancestry, Library Edition
- Bendix and Studebaker newsletter index
- Family Search
- Michiana Memory
- Military Service Notes Index
- Obituary Index (1830 to present)

## Digitization Stations

If you have treasured family memories on home movies, tapes or photographs you can use a digitization station to preserve those memories. There are four stations that may be reserved. Supported formats include slides, negatives, 8mm film, VHS, audio cassettes, and LP records.



## An Evening with Barbara Becker

*Heartwood: The Art of Living with the End in Mind*

Monday, April 22 | 6pm

Community Learning Center

In her critically acclaimed debut memoir, author Barbara Becker sets off on a quest to immerse herself in what it means to be mortal. Can we live our lives more fully knowing some day we will die?





# SOLAR ECLIPSE

On Monday, April 8, 2024, a solar eclipse will begin over the South Pacific Ocean and continue east over the United States. In the path of totality, where the Moon completely covers the Sun, the sky will become dark, as if it were dawn or dusk. Discover what to expect and how to witness the solar eclipse safely.

## Great North American Eclipse Celebration

Monday, April 8 | 1:30pm  
CLC - Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard

Watch the Great North American Eclipse from Main Library's courtyard. Enjoy yard games, music, crafts—and the eclipse, of course!

## What if the Sun doesn't come back?

March 27 | 6:30 pm | Community Learning Center,  
Leighton Auditorium | All Ages

As a veteran of two previous total solar eclipses, Notre Dame Physicist Philip Sakimoto, Ph.D. will explain what to expect and what to look for if you are lucky enough to be in the path of totality.

