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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.

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

Cover photo by Peter Ringenberg Photography
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 for dates, times, locations and to register.

We welcome local authors:

- Rosanne Bittner
- Matthew Brewster
- Bruce Cashbaugh
- Kasia Derbiszewskia
- Kevin Drury
- Tasha Elzingier
- 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 Klubek
- 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

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.

**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.

**CLC, Leighton Auditorium | 6:00pm**
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- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

**ST. JOE COFFEE CO.**

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
**BABYTIME**

(AGE 0-2)

- **Centre**
  - Tuesdays, 10:30am - Main Library
  - Wednesday, 10:30am - Francine
- **TINY TUMBLERS**
  - (AGE 0-2)
  - **Main Library**
    - Monday, Mar 18, 10:30am - Centre
    - Monday, May 6, 10:30am - Francine
  - **Tutt**
    - Monday, Apr 8, 10:30am

**STORYTIME**

(AGE 3-5)

- **Main Library**
  - Thursdays, 10:00am - Thursday, 5pm | Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23
  - Centre
  - Wednesdays, 10:30am
  - **Sensory Storytime**
    - Mondays, 5pm | Mar 25, Apr 22

- **Francine**
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- **German**
  - Mondays, 10:30am
- **LaVille**
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MAR/APR/MAY

Spring 2024

Plants as we welcome Jennifer Jewell, author of
Explore the power and potential of growing
Friday, March 29 | 6pm
Cultivating Place Live - An Evening of Community & Conversation with
Visit the WorkOne Job Fair and meet over 20
Looking for employment opportunities?
Thursday, March 28 | 1pm
WorkOne Job Fair
Considering Homeownership
CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall
Wednesday, March 27 | 5:30pm
Planning for Retirement
CLC - Beutter-Kernan Hall
Wednesday, March 27 | 5:30pm

What if the Sun Doesn’t Come Back? Prevention by the University of Notre Dame
Wednesday, March 27 | 6:30pm
Philip S. Sakimoto, Professor of the Practice of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Notre Dame, will share what we expect and what we need to look for during the April solar eclipse

Great North American Eclipse Celebration
The Solar Eclipse Spectacle
CLC - Richard Pfeil Family Courtyard
Saturday, April 22 | 10am
Enjoy the Great North American Eclipse from Main Library’s courtyard. Enjoy yard games, music— and the eclipses 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 Club
Tuesday, March 12, April 9, May 14 | 6pm
Enjoy a new art, science, or engineering activity each month. Recommended for ages 8 and up
Music Makers with Ms Darla
Monday, May 23 | 10:30am
Get ready to shake your wiggles out! Enjoy dances, dancing, and sing-alongs followed by a music playtime. Ages 3 - 5 are welcome.
Mixed Media Art with Deliyannides Studios
Monday, March 25 | 10:30am
Explore the world of comics through combining poetry and drawing to create your own poetry comic! Led by Kelcy Evrick, you will practice filling panels, writing captions, and paneling like a pro

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Zine Books and a Drawing Exchange
Thursday, May 16 | 5pm
Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network
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 all turn to a new book and read for a different branch each month
Eviction and Housing Legal Clinic Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network
Tuesday, May 17 | 1pm
Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

**Adventures in Bad Cinema**

Wednesday, Mar 27, April 3, Apr 10 | 6:30pm
Derek performs a variety of films, ranging from unskilled writing, directing, and acting to the worst of the worst. Attendees will be picked to play the role of the ‘host’ or ‘hostess’ of the evening, depending on the selected film.

**Advanced Classical Concert Series**

Mar 10 | Apr 7 | May 8 | June 5
Take a tour of the symphony performed in the new South Bend Symphony Orchestra's concert hall.

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

Thursday, April 4 | 4pm
Enjoy an after-hours performance from the South Bend Symphony Orchestra's string quartet.

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**ART Club for Adults**

No Experience Necessary

Tuesday, April 23 | 6pm
Join us as we partner with Muncie 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.

**Family Story Night - Go Wild Edition**

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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 or clear a problem 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, 21, April 18, 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 15, April 19 and May 3, 17
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

Tech Drop-in

Spring Cookie Decorating*
Monday, May 13 | 5 pm
Pam Derr from Chips & Doodles Bakery will teach frosting decorating techniques and tricks. Teens will be able to decorate their own cookies. Ages 12-18.

ADULT
Free Income Tax Assistance at Tutt Branch
Monday, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15 | 10 am
Trained volunteers will provide tax assistance by appointment.

Eviction & Housing Legal Clinic Presented by the Volunteer Lawyer Network
Thursday, March 7 | 1 pm
Free legal advice for evictions and housing issues provided to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Handcrafts and the Brain
Tuesday, March 26 | 6 pm
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!

Sonnet Slam - With Shades of Orange
Saturday, May 18 | 10:30 pm
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 poets, performers, and audiences of Orange is a unique opportunity for writers, poets, performers, and audiences of all kinds to gather for a celebration of the poets, performers, and audiences of Orange is a unique opportunity for writers, poets, performers, and audiences of all kinds to gather for a celebration of the poets, performers, and audiences of Orange is a unique opportunity for writers, poets, performers, and audiences of all kinds to gather for a celebration of the poets, performers, and audiences of Orange is a unique opportunity for writers, poets, performers, and audiences of all kinds to gather for a celebration of the poets, performers, and audiences of Orange is a unique opportunity for writers, poets, performers, and audiences of all kinds to gather for a celebration of the poets, performers, and audiences 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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOOKSTORE

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

EVERY FRIDAY
12 - 6 p.m.

327 S. Michigan St.
574.282.4646 | sjcpl.org/bookstore

Spring New Releases

Books for Children

Books for Teens & Adults

Grab a treat!

MONDAY-FRIDAY | 8 A.M. - 2 P.M.
305 S. MICHIGAN STREET, SOUTH BEND

Our cafe in the Community Learning Center offers a variety of hot and cold beverages, pastries and fresh baked goods. Feel good knowing that your purchase supports the Library’s ability to offer valuable, free services and programs to the community.

sjcpl.org/cafe
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

Ashley Ramirez
Youth Associate Librarian
Book Recommendation: The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear
For Ages 2+

Denny Raven
Library Assistant
Book Recommendation: Miss Rumphius
For Ages 3+

Emily Lovell
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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?

Learn More
Brain Care is Self Care and Our Mortality
Presented by Self-Healing Communities of Greater Michiana

Western Branch, April 24 | 1:30pm
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.

Brain Care is Self Care and Our Mortality
Presented by Self-Healing Communities of Greater Michiana

North Liberty, April 6 | 1:30pm
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
“Tombstone Tourist” Joy Neighbors will take the stage to explain the rigid rules and customs of mourning during the Victorian Age that turned grief into a social status.

Breaking the Loss Silence: How a Loss Timeline Can Help Us Age with Dignity
Saturday, April 27 | 1pm
CLC - Auditorium
Edwina, an Edwardian librarian, 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 | 5pm
Western Branch, April 17 | 6pm
North Liberty, April 6 | 10:30am
Tutt Branch, April 17 | 6pm
Learn more about the Victorian Age that turned grief into a social status.

Tutt Branch, April 24 | 5:30pm
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
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.

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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
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Digitization Stations
If you have treasured family memories on home movies, tapes or photographs you can use a digitization station to preserve those memories. Supported formats include slides, negatives, 8mm film, VHS, audio cassettes, and LP records.

Celebrate
Caregiver Appreciation Night
Wednesday, April 17 | 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.
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.