

# Preview Shelf Articles: 2018

## Preview Shelf: December 2018

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By Deanna Burkett, Reference & Local History Assistant

“Full Catastrophe Yoga” at CDPL

In the movie, *Zorba the Greek*, when Zorba is asked if he was ever married, he scoffs and says that of course he had been married, “wife, children, house, everything, the full catastrophe!”

In *Full Catastrophe Living: Using the Wisdom of Your Body and Mind to Face Stress, Pain, and Illness*, Jon Kabat-Zinn writes that Zorba’s response does not mean that being married or having a family is a “catastrophe.” Instead, Kabat-Zinn describes Zorba’s response as showing “a supreme appreciation for the richness of life and the inevitability of all its dilemmas, sorrows, tragedies and ironies.”

“There is not one person on the planet,” Kabat-Zinn writes, “who does not have his or her own version of the full catastrophe.”

If this is true, how do each of us face our full-catastrophe mornings and sleepless nights? When a stressful situation arises at work, at home, in traffic, or in line at the grocery store, what strategies and resources help us face these situations skillfully?

Asked a different way, do we have the right tools for the job? Or has our internal toolbox become a little outdated and under-maintained, which could leave us feeling like we are trying to address every stressful situation with a hammer, duct-tape, and a piece of worn out sandpaper?

In 2004, *Good Morning America* co-anchor, Dan Harris, had a panic attack on live television in front of millions of viewers. In his book, *10% Happier: How I Tamed the Voice in My Head, Reduced Stress Without Losing My Edge, and Found Self Help that Actually Works—A True Story*, he recounts how the tools that had helped him succeed in the highly-competitive world of network news also began eroding his ability to do his job and to feel at home in his own life.

For much of his life, Harris’ tools had worked for him, but as he watched his old patterns becoming ineffective and harmful, he found himself in a difficult position. How could he learn to meet stress differently without losing his edge or throwing out tools that had brought him so much success?

*10% Happier* and *Full Catastrophe Living* both point to “mindfulness training” as an option for maintaining, updating, and diversifying the internal tool box.

Harris relates his own highly skeptical journey toward mindfulness and meditation, while *Full Catastrophe Living* describes the rigorous protocol of the 8-week Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) Program, which was founded at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in 1979 and is taught in hospitals, universities, and healthcare settings worldwide.

Both books are available at the Crawfordsville Public Library, and in January and February of 2019, CDPL will also sponsor free “Full Catastrophe Yoga” classes. Adapted from the Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) program and taught by an MBSR teacher, CDPL “Full Catastrophe Yoga” will be an introduction to mindfulness training through movement (Yoga) and stillness (Body Scanning), two of the foundational practices of MBSR.

Stress reduction and mindful awareness are the focus of these classes. Yoga mats are provided, and registration is required for each session. Registration for the January 8 session is now open through the CDPL website. Registration for the five subsequent sessions will open two weeks prior to each class.

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December 6, 2018



By Shelbi Hoover

It’s time to reflect on 2019 goals and resolutions at CDPL

How do you decide what to read next? Do you have a towering pile (or three) of “I’ll read it someday” books wobbling in the corner of your reading space that you choose from? Or perhaps you’re taking advantage of your CDPL account tools and keep running TBR lists when a new title catches your eye? If you’re anything like me, you might find yourself occasionally falling in a reading rut and struggling to choose what’s next. I can always tell this is happening because I revert back to my comfort zone of terrible high fantasy novels that have forgettable plots, my reading equivalent of junk food; they’re very enjoyable to consume in large quantities, but I regret it afterward and don’t absorb any real nutritional value.

There’s no shame in reading within your comfort zone – all reading is valuable, unlike junk food! – but if you find yourself wondering how to venture into new reading territory you might consider setting a reading challenge as your New Year’s resolution. Reading challenges come in many forms and a basic internet search can show you the full range that are being hosted by various groups online, so if this topic speaks to your reader’s soul I recommend you check out all the options available (there are challenges for Victorian literature, memoirs, classics, and many other topics).

One of the most popular reading challenges that you'll find online is Read Harder, hosted by the website Book Riot. Read Harder is an annual challenge in which participants can read books for twenty four tasks, or categories, throughout the year. The categories are interesting, detailed, and sure to take you on a diverse journey to books you would never choose otherwise! While fans eagerly await the release of the categories for the 2019 challenge, you can glance through previous years to get a feel for Read Harder tasks. Over my past three years of attempting the challenge (and not always succeeding) I've discovered genres and items which have become dear favorites — task #18 in 2017, a superhero comic with a female lead, introduced me to my now beloved heroine Kamala Khan aka "Ms. Marvel" (GN FIC Ms) and task #2 in 2018, a book about true crime, lead me to pick up "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann (976.6 Gra), the mind-blowing story of the birth of the FBI and a plot to steal the headrights of Osage tribe members in the early 20th century.

Perhaps taking on a list of challenges isn't something you can work into your 2019 schedule, but starting small sounds manageable? Let the library help guide you! We have multiple items to help inspire and direct you toward your next great read. Leaf through our amazing reader's advisory titles, "What Do I Read Next? A Reader's Guide to Current Genre Fiction" (REF 808.83 Wha) and "Genreflecting: A Guide to Popular Reading Interests" (REF 813.009 Gen). These reference tools can point you in the right direction for your next read based from what you've already read and loved, suggesting titles based on authors, specific books, and genres. You might also be interested in flipping through our new title "What to Read and Why" by Francine Prose (028.9 Pro) for a quick celebration of great literature to spark your inspiration.

All of these tools will come in handy if you're considering participating in our own reading challenge at CDPL, the Winter Reading program, happening from January 2nd to February 11th. Anyone taking part in Winter Reading can submit a slip for every two hours you read (up to twelve hours total from any material) to be entered to win one of our seven prizes, including an Amazon gift card grand prize!

If a reading challenge just isn't in your future, don't let that stop you from making CDPL your headquarters for setting resolutions and goals – there's plenty of other things to discover here besides books! Take a listening journey through our extensive CD collection, set a goal to watch as many classic movies that we have on DVD as possible, or check out some of our new database offerings like Universal Class and ArtistWorks for free skill development tools and classes from the comfort of your own home! Whatever you're working toward in the New Year, we'll be right here to assist you along the way.

## **Preview Shelf: November 2018**

November 30, 2018



By Kathy Brown, Carnegie Museum Business Manager

Are you looking for stocking stuffers or unique gifts with a Montgomery County twist? Check out the Carnegie Museum Gift Shop! We have numerous books by local authors, books about our area's history, creative gifts for kids, plus several Montgomery County and Carnegie Museum branded items. We've even reduced prices on many items for the holidays.

Of the nearly 40 different books we carry at the Carnegie Museum, all have a tie to the area, either through the author or the subject matter. "Collector's Guide to Crawfordsville Crinoids" by William M. Morgan would be perfect for the natural history buff in your life, while the autobiography "Unforeseen" tells the fascinating story of retired Wabash professor James J. Barnes, the first blind Rhodes Scholar. "Love Where You Live" and "For the Love of Cities" author Peter Kageyama recently visited Crawfordsville and spent several days touring the county and talking to groups about community development, while former resident Kenneth L. Turchi explored the rich history of the Indianapolis department store "L. S. Ayres & Company" in his book by the same name. We also have a variety of local history books, such as "Images of America: Crawfordsville" by William P. Helling, "Crawfordsville: Athens of Indiana" by Karen Bazzani Zach, and "Hidden History of Montgomery County" by Jodie Steelman Wilson, Emily Griffin Winfrey, and Rebecca McDole.

If stocking stuffers or gifts with a local connection are on your list, you should check out a deck of our Montgomery County playing cards, each card featuring a different local historic photo. For the kids, you can't go wrong with our very popular "Glux" putty, make your own super-ball kit, "Volcano in a Box", or a variety of colorful items printed in-house on our 3D printer. Jigsaw puzzlers in your life would appreciate either of our two 500-piece Chamber of Commerce-sponsored puzzles featuring photographs of Deer's Mill Covered Bridge and the Pattison Pavilion on the Lane Place grounds. We also have Carnegie Museum holiday ornaments on sale through the end of the year.

And don't forget that gift memberships also make a great holiday present. We can send the membership card to you to give to your friend or family member, or mail their membership directly to them with your compliments. Members of the Carnegie Museum gain access to the Association of Science & Technology Centers (ASTC) Passport Program, which provides free admission to over 300 museums around the world. Participating museums include the very popular Field Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, as well as others in Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, and more. You can download a list of participating programs and rules at the ASTC website: <http://astc.org/passport/>.

To purchase a membership in the Friends of the Carnegie, you can visit the museum at 222 S. Washington St., call us at 765-362-4618, or download a copy of our membership form at [www.cdpl.lib.in.us/services/carnegie](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us/services/carnegie).

The Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County is open year-round, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. We're wheelchair and stroller accessible, and admission is free. We'd love to have you visit us.

November 22, 2018

## Needle Felting at CDPL



By Angela White, Digital Initiatives Librarian

As the holidays draw near, we here at CDPL get in a crafting mood. Come join us in learning the basics of needle felting. We will use these new skills to make holiday ornaments and decorations. The library will provide everything you need to make a basic needle felting creation.

So what is needle felting? Well, most of us know what felt is but we are used to seeing in flattened squares of cloth that we can cut out shapes. However, in needle felting we start with the felt material before it has been pressed into those squares. We give you loose felt wool and a long needle that you will use to “stab” the wool into shapes. Needle felting is begun by rolling up a small amount of wool and stabbing it with the needle. When the wool is stabbed with the felting needle it pulls the wool into itself. By stabbing the wool with the needle over and over while turning the wool it continues to pull wool into itself and the wool, with its tiny scales, locks together. Continued stabbing and turning results in a firm round shape. Once there is a basic shape to start with wool is added where it is needed to form a sculpture. You can even use pipe cleaners to form a fuzzy skeleton to wrap your felt around to help you form your creation!

We will learn the basics on how to make a sphere, square, and oblong. From there, we will add colored felt, beads, and sequins to decorate our shapes.

Danger warning: Due to the fact that we will be working with a 3 inch long needle, ages 16 and up unless accompanied by an adult. Even adults can hurt themselves so bandages will be on hand. Sign up today to join us Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30pm. We will have all the supplies you will need to let your creativity soar and decorate 3D sculptures for your home. They also make fun gifts!

Maybe you’re looking to get started with crafting for the holidays but working with needles isn’t your idea of a fun time? Make us your first stop before heading off to the store to buy your craft supplies! Check out our beautiful titles “Glitterville’s Handmade Christmas: A Glittered Guide for Whimsical Crafting” (745.5941 Bro), “Creatively Christmas: Inspired Yuletide Decor” (745.59 Riz), “An Old-fashioned Christmas: Sweet Traditions for Hearth and Home” (641.5 Sti) or “Artful Christmas: 30 Elegant Craft Projects” (745.59412 Was). Crocheters and knitters, we also have titles about projects you can make specifically for the holidays, including “The Night Before Christmas in Crochet” (745.5924 Hos), “Christmas Crochet for Hearth, Home, and Tree” (746.43 Eck), and “Knit Christmas Stockings!: 19 patterns for Stockings & Ornaments” (746.43 Kni). We look forward to crafting with you this holiday season!

November 15, 2018



By Paul Utterback, Reference & Local History Assistant

Hygge (pronounced hoo-gah), a Danish word that roughly translates as coziness, is an unlikely thing that should take the world by storm, but in our turbulent times of divided politics (to say nothing of the impending arrival of Old Man Winter), it may be just the soothing salve we need. From outlets as diverse as *The Economist* to *Slate* to the *Wall Street Journal*, a chorus of praise has erupted for this Danish cultural export.

Why care about Nordic lifestyle? There's something remarkable about the citizens of countries that spend nearly 16 hours a day in winter darkness still ranking near the top of happiest places in the world year in and year out. The hygge lifestyle is accessible blending familial comforts, simplicity, and friendship. It requires you to buy virtually nothing beyond ordinary provisions and instead encourages the quiet enjoyment of life's simple pleasures.

If I sound a bit vague, that's because there's a fair bit about hygge that's subject to individual tastes. One person's coffee is another's green tea and so on. Still, there are some overarching tenets to guide a person to a more hygge-suffused life. As always, the library is here with a slew of resources to help you find out more about hygge and integrate it into your life.

Meik Wiking's *The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living* (646.7 Wik, also available from us in large print format) is a great place to start. The book is thoughtfully illustrated, colorful, warm, and inviting—in short, the book attempts to espouse its own principles. This book doesn't exhaustively treat any one subject but touches on the major themes coursing through hygge: game nights with friends in cozy sweaters holding hand-warming mugs of cocoa all lit by soft candlelight. This is an enjoyable and infectiously positive primer on the Danish art of living well.

Maybe your idea of happiness is making something amidst the darkness of winter. Well, you're in great company with the Danes for that too is a part of hygge! Consider checking out *Making Winter: a Hygge-Inspired Guide for Surviving the Winter Months* by Emma Mitchell (745.5 Mit). You had better believe there are how-to sections in this book for creating the cozy things hygge encourages along with recipes and tips for, as the title implies, peacefully passing the time in the bleak midwinter.

Does hygge have things to say about parenting? You bet! In Linda Åkeson McGurk's impassioned (and funny!) *There's No Such Thing as Bad Weather: A Scandinavian Mom's Secrets for Raising Healthy, Resilient, and Confident Kids*, found at 649.1 McG, the author weaves a tale of stark juxtaposition between the habits of her outdoor-centric Sweden with children napping in carriers at the park in freezing temperatures and playgrounds populated rain (erm, snow) or shine to, well, the way we do things here in Indiana where the author was reported to CPS for allowing her children to play in the freezing cold. Deer hunters and ice fishermen of the area will cheer the oft-repeated Scandinavian adage that "there's no such thing as bad weather—only bad clothes!"

Lastly, cooking is a key part of hygge as well. Live healthfully, but as Meik Wiking notes in his book, “cake is definitely hygge.” We have a veritable cornucopia of cookbooks (check out books with the call number 641), but I’d like to point you to a database to which library patrons have access. It’s called A to Z World Food. You can access it by clicking on the eContent link at our website, and then it’s the first database on the list. On the map of the world, click on Denmark (or any other country in which you may have an interest), and behold: frikadeller (meatballs), smørrebrød (artfully made open-faced sandwiches), grønærtesuppe (pea soup with lots of veggies), vikinggryde “viking pot,” which is a traditional pork curry stew, and so much more. Try out some Danish dishes to complement your good efforts at hygge.

I’ve only just scratched the surface. Find these titles and many more that may interest you on the second floor of the library where you’ll find our new hygge display. After you stop by, head home, put on your favorite sweater, light some candles, brew a cup of coffee, get cozy with a book, and enjoy contented simplicity—the Danish “secret” to happiness.

November 8, 2018

Cheers! Holiday feasting and crafting inspiration from CDPL



By Shelbi Hoover, Reference Assistant

November has arrived and ushered in the chilly drizzling rains that we at Crawfordsville District Public Library know make for great days reading cozily inside. Next week we’ll be writing more about nurturing that comfy atmosphere, but with major holidays looming on the horizon we know you may be turning your thoughts toward preparing for your celebrations. As the days turn cold and dark, warm thoughts of food and crafts are dancing in our heads here, and we invite you to share in the feeling by checking out our new display on the second floor, “Cheers! Holiday Foods and Crafts.”

For the chefs at the table, you won’t want to miss our diverse offerings of holiday cookbooks. Looking to host a classic dinner this year with all the fixings that everyone knows and loves? Sample some advice from the pros and check out “Wanda E. Brunstetter’s Amish Friends Christmas Cookbook” (641.5 Bru), “The Good Housekeeping Christmas Cookbook” (641.5686 Goo), or “Jamie Oliver’s Christmas Cookbook” (641.5686 Oli). For the modern chef who has to juggle special dietary considerations, you’ll find plenty of inspiration here! Check out “Vegan Holiday Cooking from Candle Cafe” (641.5636 Pie), “Vegan, Vegetarian, Omnivore: Dinner for Everyone at the Table” (641.5 Tho), or “Comfort Foods Made Healthy” (641.5 Pri).

Maybe you’re looking to be adventurous with your holiday menus? Check out some of newest and coolest cookbooks, including “Cravings: Hungry for More” (641.5 Tei) by Chrissy Teigen, “Platters and Boards: Beautiful Casual Spreads for Every Occasion” (642.4 Wes), or “Magnolia Table: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering” by Joanna Gaines (641.5975 Gai). You might also consider taking your menu international, and for that we recommend you take a look at “Jul: Swedish American Holiday Traditions” (641.5 Joh) or “The Swedish Christmas Table” (641.59 Lin) for



inspiration about unique traditions you can fold into your own. And finally, how could we talk about holiday foods without mentioning baking? We've got you covered there, too: browse the Williams-Sonoma Kitchen Library title "Holiday Baking" (641.815 Kel), "Lomelino's Pies: A Sweet Celebration of Pies, Galettes & Tarts" (641.86 Lom), or "The Pastry Queen Christmas: Big-Hearted Holiday Entertaining" (641.568 Rat).

Perhaps you dread the holiday food prep rush, but the thought of glitter, ribbons, and glue warms you up? Make us your first stop before heading off to the store to buy your craft supplies! Check out our beautiful titles "Glitterville's Handmade Christmas: A Glittered Guide for Whimsical Crafting" (745.5941 Bro), "Creatively Christmas: Inspired Yuletide Decor" (745.59 Riz), "An Old-fashioned Christmas : Sweet Traditions for Hearth and Home" (641.5 Sti) or "Artful Christmas : 30 Elegant Craft Projects" (745.59412 Was). Crocheters and knitters, we also have titles about projects you can make specifically for the holidays, including "The Night Before Christmas in Crochet" (745.5924 Hos), "Christmas Crochet for Hearth, Home, and Tree" (746.43 Eck), and "Knit Christmas Stockings!: 19 patterns for Stockings & Ornaments" (746.43 Kni).

Finally, if all of this talk of cooking and crafting makes you feel a bit like the Grinch, might we suggest you instead take a look at the many holiday movies and CDs CDPL has to offer? We have the best of the best, including some classics you may have never seen, like "Holiday Inn" (starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, and Irving Berlin) and the romantic comedy "The Shop Around the Corner." No matter what you're celebrating this winter, and no matter how you celebrate it, we have the materials to infuse some warm, good cheer into your routine! Please stop by the reference desk if you need any help finding these titles or more, and let us help you get prepped so that you can sit down with friends and family this winter and relish in the good moments together.

November 1, 2018



By Angela White, Digital Initiatives Librarian

"You can't get a cup of tea big enough or a book long enough to suit me." C.S. Lewis

Here at the Crawfordsville District Public Library, we completely agree with Mr. Lewis's statement. On Saturday, November 10th, we will be hosting a Tea Tasting and Education event at CDPL. Teas from all around the world will be sipped and savored while we learn about the ancient beverage's long and sometimes scandalous history.

Most of us in the United States consider tea a British drink that early American revolutionaries considered a symbol of our oppression by the English crown. But we hope to greatly expand this definition for our attendees. Learn more about this aromatic beverage and its delicious simplicity of cured leaves and hot water. In our two-hour event, we will discuss the different types of tea, how to prepare a proper cup of tea, where tea is grown, how it is processed, and some special history and science surrounding tea and how it has traveled the world.



Did you know that tea is the oldest beverage on the planet aside from water itself? Ever want to know what exactly is in those little Lipton's bags you get from the grocery store? What does tea have to do with the nefarious opium drug trade? Does tea have a lot of caffeine or a little? Where is the best tea grown? What is a tea ceremony and where do they do them? What even is an oolong?

Our primary focus will be tea derived from the traditional tea plant, the *Camellia sinensis*, an evergreen shrub native to Asia, although we will also briefly discuss herbal teas and other lesser known species and variants. In addition to tea, we will be serving light snacks.

Space is limited, so please go to the library's website calendar (<http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us/>) to register your spot online today. Simply click the calendar tab at the top of our home page, find the event on the calendar and click on "View More" to access the web form. Or please call 765-362-2242 ext. 117 for information and assistance.

If you're new to library programming, the library does offer a wide variety of events and programs to our Montgomery County community in addition to our Children's Programs, which are offered on a continuing basis. Please search upcoming events for adults by viewing the library's website home page. Each event is displayed in chronological order with basic information visible. To view more detailed information, click the event you're interested in learning more about. Upcoming events for November include Robotics Day (November 3) at the Carnegie Museum, a Bad Art Night (November 13) at CDPL, a CINEMAPS movie (November 20) that will transport us to Australia (Try some Vegemite?) and finally, don't miss tasting some veggie noodle recipes with our Plant Based Living Group (November 27)!

Please give us a call at 765-362-2242 ext. 117 with any questions you may have about upcoming programs. We hope to see you soon at a library event!

## Preview Shelf: October 2018

October 25, 2018



By Ivette de Assis-Wilson

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### CINEMAPS – Traveling Around the World through Movies

Movies can provide an open window into other spaces. They tell of everyday lives, fantasies, mysteries, love, etc. as perceived through the eyes of others. Movies represent a way of seeing the world by a director, a character, a story teller – or an entire community. By totally immersing ourselves into a movie we are able to travel through time and space and enter someone else's

experiences – as observers or participants, it's our choice. We are not exactly 'there', but if we let go, we can 'feel' it. It's an arduous task to try to explain, but a great movie takes you by the hand through a journey of happiness and pain, amazement and despair, sadness, anger and triumph in a little over two hours. In many ways, the experiences of a lifetime.

Here at the Crawfordsville Public Library we are striving to give our patrons these great experiences through movies. Our new program "CINEMAPS – Movies from Around the World" offers a snapshot of life in other countries. A few questions we try to examine are how different cultures may respond to conflict, hardship, loss, and more. Which values are important at those times? Does the heart speak louder than reason? There are also movies for when we need a good laugh, or for when we want to solve an intricate mystery, but most of all, our goal is to share with our community, the beauty of the world we live in.

Thus, let's take a peek at some of the upcoming films for November and December, and if you have any suggestions for future showings, send us your recommendation to [ref@cdpl.lib.in.us](mailto:ref@cdpl.lib.in.us). We'd be happy to hear from you.

Our choice for the month of November is "Rabbit Proof Fence" (2002), an Australian film by Phillip Noyce that narrates the story of three aboriginal sisters who live at the edge of the Gibson desert. The girls are removed from their original home and placed on a harsh environment from which they desire to escape. A twelve-hundred-mile journey is the backdrop for the girls' experiences of love and loss, and their search for home. This is a visually stunning film, with a great deal of emotional baggage.

For December, let's keep the brain gears going during the sleepy cold nights of winter. The Argentinean film "Nine Queens" (2002) by director Fabián Bielinsky is a crime drama filled with thriller and suspense that will keep you alert to the end. Cunning, betrayal, ambiguity and deception make this movie about counterfeiting valuable, rare stamps a must see.

Finally, don't forget to stop by for our final instance of "Thriller Thursdays" when we take you back in time to enjoy horror classics of the past. This Thursday we'll be watching "The Haunting" (1963) by Robert Wise. If you are enjoying the Netflix series "The Haunting of Hill House" you must see this classic depiction of the terrifying family drama.

Interested in checking out previous instances of "CINEMAPS" and "Thriller Thursdays"? The films "Life is Beautiful" (1997), "Central Station" (1998) and "Wait Until Dark" (1967) are available at CDPL. Please come see us!

October 18, 2018



By Shelbi Hoover, Reference & Local History Assistant  
It Came From the Library! Horror and Halloween at CDPL

Fellow horror connoisseurs, our time of year has finally come. You know of what I write: we're halfway into October and, if you're anything like me, celebrating all things spooky this month. There is no greater pleasure for fans of fear than finding a story into which you can sink deeply, one which causes your heart to pound and makes you both dread to see what awaits you on the next page while also racing to get there. This month, Crawfordsville District Public Library has chosen items specifically for their ability to evoke this feeling in our patrons and we guarantee that you'll be scared into the Halloween mood!

So what frightens you the most? If stories that could happen to you in 2018 get your heart racing, I recommend you take a look at some modern horror writings that give the classics a run for their money. I couldn't personally put down "The Cabin at the End of the World" by Paul Tremblay, about a family interrupted on their vacation by outsiders bearing bizarre news and a terrible choice that must be made. Discerning readers might also look at "My Best Friend's Exorcism" by Grady Hendrix for an 80's themed horror-humor crossover, "Bird Box" by Josh Malerman for a post-apocalyptic tale that regularly tops Best Of Horror lists, and "The Changeling" by Victor LaValle, a modern-day dark fairy tale set in New York City.

If you want to be a true horror authority, I recommend you dig a little deeper past the familiar classics to discover stories that have been overshadowed. Feeling up to the challenge? Start with "Bloodchild," a collection of dark sci-fi short stories written Octavia Butler; "The Haunting of Hill House" by Shirley Jackson, the book that created the idea of the haunted house as we know it; and "The New Annotated HP Lovecraft" for a sample of some of the finest Cosmic Horror written by the man who created the genre.

I would be remiss to not mention the modern king of horror-fantasy fusion, Neil Gaiman, whose list of works could double as a primer to the genre. Though best known for his outstanding novel "American Gods," which has traces of Weird horror woven throughout, his lesser-known works "Neverwhere" and "Good Omens" have plenty of spooky scenes that make them appropriate for Halloween reading, too. If you have trouble reading longer works, Gaiman has multiple short story collections stuffed with creepy writings, including "Trigger Warning," "Smoke and Mirrors," and my favorite, "Fragile Things."

Finally, for those of you prefer nonfiction, there's no lack of real life horror to read about. Be the first to check out our new title "The Indifferent Stars Above," by Daniel Brown, which recounts the distressing survival tale of the Donner Party, a group of pioneers who were snowbound in the Sierra Nevada mountains during the winter of 1846. You might also be interested in Truman Capote's "In Cold Blood," a masterful and pioneering true-crime novel about a family murdered in Kansas in 1959.

Let CDPL be your one-stop for all your horror needs this Halloween season! We also have a huge variety of scary movies for you to take home, from classic thrillers to modern masterpieces. If none of these titles jumped out at you, stop by our Reference Desk to check out our Reader's Advisories or to ask our library staff what chilling tales they recommend. Happy haunted reading!

October 11, 2018



By Paul Utterback

Several years ago, I read a piece from NPR by Linda Holmes entitled “The Sad Beautiful Fact that We’re Going to Miss Almost Everything.” She notes that, “it’s just numbers,” which means that in any given year we’re going to miss out on the majority of books, music, movies, and TV coming out of people’s endlessly creative minds. What is the author’s sage advice? Follow your passions, ruthlessly cull, and — be okay with it! I have a little trouble with that last bit, but I use book awards to help with the culling—maybe they’ll help you too.

There are a lot of book prizes out there, but here at the library, we try to keep track of some of the most popular. You can find them on our website by clicking on “Reader’s Advisory” under the “Services” tab. Once there, you’ll see a list of all the different awards we follow along with entries dating back through the decades to help you zero in on some of the finest books in any given year.

This year’s National Book Award went to Jesmyn Ward for the second time! Her novel, *Sing, Unburied, Sing*, (FIC War) packs a wallop. It follows Jojo, a young black boy in Mississippi forced into adulthood before his time because all he has is an imprisoned father and a drug-addicted mother. He heads north to encounter others, living and not, in a lyrical, immersive novel sure to capture your attention.

Less dark, but no less absorbing, is the PEN/Faulkner-winning *Improvement* by Joan Silber (arriving soon). The butterfly effect is in full swing here as characters meander through the world touching others’ lives in unique and unexpected ways. We see true hope for human flourishing and generosity even in the face of loss.

Maybe graphic novels are your thing. Look no further than the Eisner Award which honored Emil Ferris for *My Favorite Thing is Monsters* (GN FIC Fer.) This is a treat indeed if you’re a fan of the 60s, Chicago, WWII, and/or B-movie horror because this book has it all. Follow the graphic diary of 10-year-old Karen Reyes as she attempts to solve the murder of her upstairs neighbor, Anka Silverberg, a Holocaust survivor. In the process she discovers how the past intersects with the present.

The Hugo and Nebula awards honor sci -fi, and this year, they coalesced on a single book: N.K. Jemisin’s *The Stone Sky* (FIC Jem). It is the stunning conclusion to the marvelous (and so many other adjectives) *Broken Earth* trilogy. Start with *The Fifth Season* (FIC Jem), and jump into this brilliantly imagined far-future earth where generation-long storms ravage our one-continent planet, and humans live under the shadowy remnants of a highly advanced civilization. This is speculative fiction at it’s finest!

No less important are awards for young readers. This year’s Newbery Medal went to *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly (j FIC Kel) for her funny and touching story about surprising friendships celebrating bravery, uniqueness, inner-strength. Closing near home, Indiana Library Federation’s Eliot Rosewater Award went to Nicola Yoon’s *Everything, Everything* (YA FIC Yoo). This book packs

“all the feels,” and it does so through a rich textual array of diary entries, illustrations, vignettes, and more.

While we may have to come to terms with the fact that we’ll miss most excellent things, let the library help you find just a few gems. We invite you to come check out any of the above titles and to visit our website to see more award-winning books you might enjoy!

October 4, 2018

Spice is the Variety of Life



By Angela White, Digital Initiatives Librarian

If you think that spice is the variety of life and love international cuisine, AtoZ World Food has you covered. The Crawfordsville District Public Library is pleased to announce that it has recently added AtoZ World Food to its online reference offerings. This new library resource contains more than 7,000 traditional recipes from 174 countries, along with thousands of ingredient, food culture, and reference articles, making it the largest food database of its kind.

AtoZ World Food is also the only database that covers food culture for 174 countries of the world in six categories: National Cuisine, Regional Cuisine, Daily Meals, Dining Etiquette, Special Occasion Foods, and Food Trivia and in all course categories: appetizers, soups, salads, breads, main courses, side dishes, desserts, and beverages.

Cookbooks are always a popular at the library, especially with the upcoming holidays but in the past, we’ve never been able to offer a cookbook for so many countries of the world, so we’re very excited to offer this database to our patrons. In addition to all the wonderful recipes, you can search by ingredient or dietary restriction such as vegan or gluten-free. Every recipe has prep and cook times, easy ways to print and share, and beautiful photos of delicious food and drink.

There is also extensive information about customary beverages from all over the world. How is tea served in Bangladesh? What kind of beer is popular in Uruguay? What is the national liquor of Indonesia? We now have the answers at our fingertips!

This amazing resource has over a thousand articles about food culture by country, recipes by country, food articles about sauces, food glossaries, historic timelines, and over 500 ingredient specific articles. Not sure what to do with those lentils? Now you can learn all about them and many recipes that feature lentils from all over the world.

Now our patrons can access AtoZ World Food using the library’s computers, or from anywhere in the world from the library’s portal at [www.cdpl.lib.in.us](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us) with their library card. “World Food” also enables

users to forward recipes to friends by email and even create their own personal cookbook of favorite recipes. AtoZ World Food is mobile friendly, automatically adapting to the screen size of any desktop, laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

AtoZ World Food was designed for culinary institutes, students, world travelers, cooking clubs, adventurous eaters, and anyone who wants to learn about world cuisine without having to purchase individual country cookbooks. Stop by our homepage ([www.cdpl.lib.in.us](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us)) today to find a link to this exciting new library resource!

## Preview Shelf: September 2018

September 27, 2018



By Jodie Wilson, Assistant Director

It hardly seems possible, but it's true — the new CDPL building opened to the public at this time of year 13 years ago! What was once brand-new and high-tech eventually needs some upgrading but we are still working hard to keep the library well-equipped and ready for the future.

Over the last few years, we've updated much of our internal technology infrastructure, and after a number of upgrades, we now offer 1 Gigabit (1,000 mbps) per second internet speeds in the library, a huge increase from the 100 megabits per second we previously offered. As far as we know, we're the only open-to-the-public site in Montgomery County with internet speeds this fast! We're very grateful for the services of EdgeIT, which have allowed us to renew the design and security of our technology in order to be stable for current services as well as prepared for new technology possibilities.

Some simple upgrades we've done in the past may have been obvious to our users, such as our website update, and the change from Axis360 e-book service to the OverDrive e-content platform, which is much easier to use for our patrons. Our e-book circulation has grown dramatically for the past year since OverDrive was adopted, and we encourage you to explore its features. Feel free to ask for more information in the library, or call 765-362-2242 ext. 117 for more information. Explore all our e-content options on our website, located at [www.cdpl.lib.in.us](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us), by selecting the middle "Econtent" tab for a listing of all our offerings.

Other library facility improvements continue. We are still in the process of converting all our lighting to a more energy-efficient LED technology, and the next project is even larger in scope. The library has contracted with Performance Services to replace the library's HVAC systems, a process that will take approximately 5 months to complete.

The project was timed to allow a portion of the air conditioning units to be removed at the time of year when it is less likely that they will be needed, so we're looking forward to cooler temperatures. For the next few months, the library may be unusually warm or cool as changes in equipment are made.

In terms of building access, the Pike Street exits from the library parking lots will be closed for the duration of the project, and contractors will be using the Pike Street end of the parking lot west of the building as a staging area. However, the largest area of the parking lot will still be available for patron parking.

Inside the building, protective materials will, at times, cover the floors where heavy machinery will be carried into, and out of, the library. The elevator will also have padding and floor protection which protects it from damage during transfer of materials within the building.

Please pardon our dust, additional noise, and possible temperature fluctuations throughout the facility as we work to prepare the library for the future.

At this time, we are not anticipating a need to close the facility at any time during the process but if we do, we will do our best to share this information widely. Please keep in touch with the library via social media, through our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts to stay in touch with current activities and announcements from CDPL. Our library website will also be updated in the event of a library closure. Thank you for your ongoing support.

September 20, 2018

CDPL celebrates Banned Books Week



By Shelbi Hoover

The end of September approaches and here at CDPL that means we have a new themed display about books that are “full of filth,” “psychologically damaging for 3- and 4-year-olds,” and “not morally acceptable.” I’m writing, of course, about the great novels and stories we’re celebrating with our new Banned Books Week display!

Banned Books Week is recognized nationally from September 23-29 and is partially sponsored by the American Library Association. The event “highlights the value of free and open access to information” and “brings together the entire book community ... in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular” ([bannedbooksweek.org/about](http://bannedbooksweek.org/about)). CDPL’s display puts the reasons that books have been challenged front-and-center this year (and I encourage you to stop by on the second floor to see what I mean).

Perhaps it’s time for you to finally pick up that classic book that has been on your “to-read” list for more years than you’d care to admit? Stop by to grab “The Color Purple” by Alice Walker, a



harrowing tale about racial inequality that has been banned multiple times; “A Separate Peace” by John Knowles, a coming-of-age novel set during WWII; or “Lord of the Flies” by William Golding, a story that explores themes of power and rule through children.

There are no shortages of challenged Young Adult materials to choose from, either: pick up “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” by Sherman Alexie, number 2 on the ALA’s list of most challenged books in 2017 or “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas, which took 8th place (and has a new movie coming out this October). Indiana native John Green has multiple books that have been challenged, including “Looking for Alaska” and “Paper Towns.” If you have children who are interested in the subject, we have books for them, too! Come in a grab one of our copies of “Where the Wild Things Are” by Maurice Sendak, and while you’re here be sure to also take a look at “And Tango Makes Three” by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson, which was another of the most challenged books of 2017.

Finally, censorship disproportionately impacts comics and graphic novels, so if you’re a fan, you’re in luck! Check out the graphic novel “Drama” by Raina Telgemeier, a coming-of-age story that takes number 3 on the ALA’s 2017 challenged books; “Persepolis” by Majane Satrapi, an autobiographical recounting of growing up in Iran after the Islamic Revolution; or “Saga” by Brian K. Vaughn, an absorbing space opera about an alien couple raising their child on the run from authorities.

The books listed in this article and on display have been banned for a variety of reasons, some of them quite bizarre (including Anne Frank’s diary being “a real downer”), and we encourage you to come in and examine these titles for yourself and to draw your own conclusions. We hope you’ll stop by our Reference Desk if you have any questions or concerns about the subject of Banned Books, want to know more about how the library defends your freedoms, or need help locating an item listed here. Now what are you waiting for? Defend your right to information – read a banned book!

September 13, 2018

An Open Invitation for Presto



By Angela White, Digital Initiatives Librarian

As many of you know, the Crawfordsville District Public Library’s local history and genealogy department has had a long standing tradition of preserving and storing our community’s history. Our local history department and archives are well known and we have had many of our resources available online for 18 years. Digital storage of valuable information requires staying current on technology and archival methods. In the world of technology, five years can be an eternity with all its changes. It is because of this need to stay current, that CDPL took its local history databases to the next level with Inmagic’s Presto.

Our databases first appeared online in 2000 thanks to the Inmagic software package DB/Textworks — and the wonderful dedication of some former and still current staff who collected, scanned,

indexed, and generally kept building our digital collection over the years. By the time we were ready to migrate services, we had well over a million records available to the public, including 48,000 images, 134,000 marriage records, 330,000 vital records, 450,000 yearbook records, and so on. Thanks to the upgrade, this valuable information is now stored both onsite as well as on a remote cloud server to assure permanence of the data.

With our new database interface, we have all the information that we've been gathering and curating for all these years in a shiny new outfit. And we are still adding new records!

When following the Presto link from our Local History and Genealogy webpage (<http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us/services/local-history-and-genealogy>) and using the dropdown menu at the top-left corner, we can still search any one of our original sixteen databases, each with their own custom search options. A new feature that has never been available through our online databases is the quick search. With this feature, which is available on the main Presto page, you can search all sixteen databases at once! Now, with a single search, you can find resources and references about that ancestor you're looking for without going to all databases individually, as you were required to do in the previous system. Presto offers a very custom search experience with more ways to download or print records than we have ever been able to offer before.

This is a big change and with all change, there is a period of adjustment. We know this is a wonderful product with unlimited customization options but it is different and it will take time to learn and teach ourselves how to best utilize this amazing resource. We here at CDPL understand that, and want to help you get the most out of our new product so we want to extend our support to you with free in-person help. Call us at 765-362-2242 ext. 117 and set up a free Presto training with a patient member of our local history or technology department. We can help you find your way around this new amazing resource!



By Ivette de Assis-Wilson

### Ready to Make Plans for Some Fun This Fall?

If you are like me, your answer is probably a resounding 'NO!' I am the kind of person who likes to stretch summer days as long as I possibly can. But most of all, I am not great at this 'planning' thing. However, the staff at CDPL has all of us covered! They are well known for offering fun and exciting events for all ages, and assisting people like us in filling up our agendas really quickly.

Here are some highlights of upcoming programs CDPL is offering during the month of September. Most programs are free to the public, but may require advance registration.

We are celebrating Grandparent Day on September 8th! Join us, and bring your grandparents for some story time, crafts, snacks and more. The program runs from 10-11AM and registration is required. Please call 362-2242 ext. 115 to register (ages 3 and up).

“CINEMAPS: Movies from Around the World” is a new series on international film that will start on September 19th at 6pm. “Life Is Beautiful” (1997), by Italian director Roberto Benigni, is a comedy-drama about a Jewish librarian who uses humor and a lot of imagination to protect his son from the horrors of the Holocaust. Recommended for audiences 14 and older. Light snacks provided, but you are welcome to bring your own brown bag supper. Due to limited seating an RSVP (362-22-42 ext. 117) is strongly recommended, but not required.

If you, or someone you know, are fans of the Doctor Who series, you will definitely enjoy the celebration of “BBC at the CMMC” on September 20th at 7PM at the Carnegie Museum. Bring family and friends to a night of crafts, trivia, door prizes and snacks. Guests in costume according to the theme will receive an extra door prize entry. There will be a photo booth available, too! Due to limited seating, please RSVP by September 14th by calling 765-362-4618. There is a \$3 fee per person that may be paid in advance, or at the door. Ages 13 and up.

Our Plant-Based Living Series continues to attract a lot of attention. For the month of September, the theme is “Desserts”. Join us on the 25th at 6PM and share your favorite plant-based dessert and recipe with a group of aficionados. Also, Real Food’s Helen Hudson will guide you through the preparation of some sweet treats during the event. To register, call 765-362-2242 x. 117 or RSVP on the library’s Facebook page. No time to prepare something to bring? You are still welcome to participate.

Finally, our tried and true programs for the young ones can be a fun after school activity this fall. “Elementary Explorers” happens every Tuesday at 4PM and the activities include cooking, crafts, literature, experiments, music, and more. No registration required. This program is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. “Kindergarten Book Club” is held on Wednesdays at 4PM and registration is required (call 362-2242 ext. 115). Every week, kindergarteners will read a book, then get together the following week for a discussion of the readings. Both of these programs offer a great way to stimulate those young minds!

As fall is almost ready to descend upon us, do enjoy these last days of summer, and gear up for a season full of fun at CDPL. If you have any questions about any of our programs, do stop by or give us a call at 362-2242. The staff at CDPL will be happy to assist you!

## Preview Shelf: August 2018

August 30, 2018



By Jodie Steelman Wilson, Assistant Director

Music lovers, please take note: CDPL has a large variety of collection items just for you! Among the items we offer are a number of sheet music collections for various instruments and/or voice including Disney's movie blockbuster, Frozen (782.42 And); the Piano Guys Simplified Favorites, Volume 1 (782.42 And); Moana, music from the motion picture soundtrack (781.542 Moa); the Disney Fakebook (782.4215 Dis) with 237 songs from their popular movies; La La Land, music from the motion picture soundtrack (782.14 Hur) ; Star Wars: A Musical Journey, Episodes I-VI (788 Wil), just to name a few of the possibilities.

Or maybe you're just getting started and are interested in learning how to play a musical instrument. Chances are we've got something just for you. Check out "Piano for Dummies" by Adam Perlmutter (786.2193 Per); "Banjo for Dummies" by Bill Evans (787.88 Eva); "Guitar Theory for Dummies" by Desi Serna (787.87 Ser) or a number of great resources available from OverDrive, the library's e-book provider.

Love Broadway? We have the official book with all the details you crave about "Dear Evan Hansen," including the libretto and over 200 pages detailing the production of this hit musical, written by Steven Levenson, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (782.1 Lev). "Hamilton: The Revolution," by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter (792 Mir) is the story of another Broadway smash hit, including how it was researched and composed, with lots of photographs of the cast. Next, you can borrow the musical recording of "Dear Evan Hansen," or "Hamilton: The Revolution" for a seven-day loan from library online e-content provider, Hoopla, along with over 400,000 musical albums available from the service! Please ask for details if you'd like to learn more about taking advantage of Hoopla.

If you're wanting to use a free library service to download musical mp3s that you are able to keep forever, please check out CDPL's Freegal subscription. Find the links to all our e-content services from our library website at <http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us/econtent> Please note you must have a library card in good standing for e-content access to be successful.

In terms of recent movies, we have "I Can Only Imagine," the story of the Christian band MercyMe's hit single of the same name (DVD FIC I). The DVD is now available from the library's collection (please ask to place a hold if the item is currently checked out) and the library also owns "I Can Only Imagine," a memoir by songwriter Bart Millard (921 Millard, B.) that tells his own story, including how the song was inspired by his father's Christian transformation. Looking for other movies or soundtracks? The library owns thousands of DVDs and CDs, including brand-new releases such as "Coco" (DVD FIC COC) and "La La Land" (DVD FIC LA) The original "Mamma Mia" DVD (DVD FIC MAM) is already in the library collection, with the newest set to arrive upon release.

Please check our online catalog and ask any of our helpful staff if you'd like to learn how to place items on hold. Held items will remain for you to pick up at the circulation desk for 5 days, allowing you to check them out at your convenience. Feel free to call the library at 765-362-2242 ext. 117 for help finding the right resource for your needs. We hope to see you soon at the library!

August 23, 2018



By Shelbi Hoover, Reference & Local History Assistant

### Explore immigration perspectives with “Coming to America” display

No matter your opinion on the subject, it’s hard to deny that immigration has been a dominant theme in US news and a common topic of conversation around the dinner table for many years now. You may have even found yourself engaging in lively debates with others and finding yourself wanting to know more about the issue. If that sounds like you, or if you’re just looking to have a better-informed opinion, consider stopping by the new display up in the Reference Department at Crawfordsville District Public Library this month, “Coming to America.” Whatever your view or reading interest, we have materials for you to boost your knowledge relating to this subject.

If you’re the type who likes to walk a mile in someone’s shoes to better understand their perspective, one of our many memoirs/autobiographies might be your new favorite book: pick up “‘Tis: A Memoir,” by Frank McCourt if you’re interested in a classic immigrant narrative from the 20th century, or for a very different perspective try “West of Kabul, East of New York,” the story of an Afghan-American struggling to reconcile his two very different cultural backgrounds. If the modern Latinx immigrant experience is more on your mind, CDPL has some excellent options. Check out “The Devil’s Highway” for Luis Alberto Urrea’s re-telling of the attempted crossing of the Mexican border through a deadly desert by a group of men in 2001, and learn more about the motivations for immigrating without documentation. If reading a perspective from the other side of the border sounds more educational, try out “The Line Becomes a River” by Francisco Cantú, a Mexican-American who writes about his observations from his time working the Border Patrol.

If you find it hard to get into tales from real-life, fiction might be more your thing and we’ve picked out some of the best for you. For stories from the Latinx perspective try the award-winning “The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao” by Junot Díaz, the story of a Dominican-American teenager and the curse that haunts his family, or “How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents” by Julia Alvarez, the story of three sisters and their attempts to assimilate to American culture once they relocate to New York City from the Dominican Republic. Younger readers might start their exploration of the topic with “The House on Mango Street” by Sandra Cisneros, a timeless coming-of-age tale about a Mexican-American girl growing up in Chicago. Are you more of a visual learner and reader? Check out the bestselling graphic novel “The Best We Could Do” by Thi Bui for a very different immigrant story about a family’s escape from South Vietnam in the 1970’s and the universal theme of the sacrifices parents make for their children.

Maybe you’re looking for more of an analysis on the topic of immigration rather than a personal perspective? That’s not a problem. Start with “A Nation of Immigrants” by former president John F. Kennedy for a succinct summary of the history of immigration in the US up to the 1960’s and JFK’s recommendations for US immigration policy. After that, follow up with a very modern look at the issue with “Immigration in America” from the Unlocking Current Issues series and explore the topic through primary sources and easy-to-understand summaries. From there, we have plenty of books that examine modern facets of immigration policy regarding DACA recipients, refugees, and other

topics from many opposing viewpoints. Another option for those who like visuals is “A Nation of Strangers,” published by the Museum of Photographic Arts; in it, you can explore an overview of nearly two centuries of U.S. immigration history through collected photos, cartoons, and text.

Lastly, nearly everyone reading this article is the descendant of an immigrant. If these stories sparked your interest to find out more about when your own family came to America, we invite you to come in and take advantage of our numerous genealogy resources and knowledgeable staff who can help you with your search into family information. The library has extensive databases about Montgomery County genealogy and local history, we offer Ancestry.com to our patrons to consult in the library building, plus the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County meets at the library as well. Whether you’re focusing on your own roots or your personal tree of knowledge, we’re here to help you grow!

August 16, 2018



By Ivette de Assis-Wilson, Assistant Head, Reference & Local History Department

It's 'Back to School' time!

The end of summer is slowly catching up with us and it's that time of year again: 'Back to School' days are here!

Whether you have a young one starting kindergarten, or you're about to start your "empty nest" years, it's a good idea to learn some strategies to help you and your loved ones adjust. With that in mind, the Crawfordsville District Public Library has a current display of publications related to a variety of back-to-school topics. Here you will find fun and educational materials to make your life easier, while assisting your student in developing successful and mindful habits for a lifetime.

For those who want to foster the love of reading from a young age, "The Daily 5: Fostering Literacy Independence in the Elementary Grades" and "The Read Aloud Handbook" provide a wealth of information and tools to inspire children to become readers for life. Furthermore, reading aloud has many positive side effects, from developing vocabulary and listening skills, to providing a wonderful family bonding time.

Trying to teach your teen strategies to cope with the high school years? We can help! "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens: The Ultimate Teenage Success Guide", "Test Taking Strategies" and "Student Success Secrets" are some of the books available to empower your teen with effective organizational skills to tackle homework, exams, and many other projects and assignments.

As a caregiver, one must be reminded that learning to be a successful student while balancing the time dedicated to self, family, and friends can be stressful for anyone, including young people. Many



of our resources at CDPL offer helpful advice to those seeking to unwind. “The Mindful Teen”, “Bored and Brilliant” and “High School is not Forever” are some of the titles available that address the personal struggles of growing up and going through the challenges of a school day.

Preparing and applying for college is also on our list. The CDPL offers study and practice manuals for the SAT and the ACT tests, books on the college application essay, and materials on how to pay for college if you live on a budget. If you are curious about potential majors, we also have a book for you: The College Board’s “Book of Majors” which claims to be “the only book that describes majors and lists the colleges that offer them.”

College life can be a little overwhelming with new opportunities, new courses, living away from home for the first time, and having to make hard decisions about one’s health and diet. “The Dorm Room Diet” is a program on how to make good decisions and stay healthy during the college years. On a budget, but still health conscious? “College Vegetarian Cooking” offers a variety of nutritious and delicious recipes without breaking the bank.

Finally, if you are an adult looking forward to continuing your education, we have materials for you on choosing the right college, applying for financial aid, finding internships that will boost your career, and much more. At CDPL we have a variety of services online and materials onsite for you to consult. Please come talk to us at the Reference desk on the second floor and let us help you find the information you need.

August 9, 2018



By Lauren Chapman, Carnegie Museum Intern

Crawfordsville has history coursing through its roots ranging from Lew Wallace to the many famous alumni of Wabash College. The Carnegie Museum is a place that enjoys exploring the background of Crawfordsville and sharing it with others. The newest addition to the collection at the Carnegie is about the Crawfordsville Jaycees, an organization that was started in the 1920’s by Henry Giessenbier Jr. Its mission was to help young men learn working skills by helping their community. The Jaycees began to appear all over the United States, and the Crawfordsville chapter of the Jaycees was first established in 1948 by Ralph Haas. The number of members started and remained small throughout the years, but this small group made big changes in the community. It has since disbanded; however, the museum’s exhibit would like to celebrate and share the history of the Jaycees.

The Jaycees, who also went by many other names including the Junior Chamber of Commerce, were extremely involved in community building. In Crawfordsville, the chapter embraced the idea of community by sponsoring events including the Junior Miss Contests, the Christmas Parade, car shows, and even soap box derbies. The Jaycees exhibit displays pictures of these events and many more of the activities that the Jaycees were known for including a trip to the Jamaican chapter of the Jaycees in 1971.



Since the organization disbanded in the early 2000's, many people have come forward to donate their Jaycees memorabilia to keep the history of the group alive. The Carnegie Museum's exhibit features artifacts like Jaycees t-shirts, log books from the female Jaycees group called the Jayshees, and a large collection of pins. The pins were a signature part of the Jaycees. They were originally used as icebreakers for when local chapters would visit other chapters at meetings and conventions like the one held in Indianapolis in 1976. Each pin was unique to its chapter and the state they came from. The Indiana pins featured signature images of the state including race cars.

Through these artifacts and information about the Jaycees, visitors can learn about all aspects of the Jaycees like the names the organization went by, how women became involved in the program, and local people who were influential in running the Jaycees. The Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County invites you to come explore and learn about the Crawfordsville Jaycees. For more information about the exhibit or the Carnegie Museum, please call 765-362-4618.

August 2, 2018



By Jessica Mondy

At the end of March, CDPL had a display on the second floor dedicated to gardening materials. While this display was up, I wrote a column about some of the many materials we have in our collection relating to gardening pursuits. Many of you took advantage of this display and also visited the gardening section of our collection! Now, gardens are in full production and much of your hard work is paying off in the form of delicious fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Some of you might be wondering how to best use the produce from your own garden, or be looking for creative ways to use the delicious seasonal fruits and veggies available at our local grocery stores and the Farmers Market. I have some good news! In addition to our gardening collection, we also have many materials that help you find ways to use the produce that is available at this time of year!

For fruit and veggie lovers who are looking to incorporate more raw recipes into their diets, we have titles such as *Raw Garden: Over 100 Healthy & Fresh Raw Recipes* by Lisa Montgomery (641.5 Mon). In line with this same topic is *Serving Up the Harvest* by Andrea Chesman (641.651 Che). If you are looking for some unique ways to use the fruits of your labor, consider *Inspiralized: Turn Vegetables into Healthy, Creative, Satisfying Meals* by Ali Maffucci (641.6 Maf), *Infused Water: 75 Simple and Delicious Recipes to Keep You and Your Family Healthy and Happy* by Dalila Tarhuni (641.87 Tar), or *Rustic Fruit Desserts: Crumbles, Buckles, Cobblers, Pandowdies and More* by Cory Schreiber (641.86 Sch).

If you're looking to preserve this season's produce, you can check out CDPL's collection of items about canning and preserving. Titles such as *Not Your Mama's Canning Book* by Rebecca

Lindamood (641.42 Lin), *The Amish Canning Cookbook* by Georgia Varozza (641.5), and *Ball Canning Back to Basics: A Foolproof Guide to Canning Jams, Jellies, Pickles, and More* by the Ball Corporation (641.42 Bal) will help you get started canning, or add to canning skills you may already have. For preserving needs, try *Foolproof Preserving: A Guide to Small Batch Jams, Jellies, Pickles, Condiments and More* by The Editors at America's Test Kitchen (641.4 Foo), *The River Cottage Preserves Handbook* by Pam Corbin (641.63 Cor), or *Edible DIY: Simple, Giftable Recipes to Savor and Share* by Lucy Baker (641.5 Bak).

Don't forget to check out e-content providers, Hoopla digital and OverDrive if you prefer e-books. Have questions? For help in locating any of these items, or materials that are similar, visit the Reference Desk on the second floor of the library or call 362-2242 ext. 117. We are always happy to help!

## Preview Shelf: July 2018

July 23, 2018



By Suzie Baldwin, Circulation Department Head

What did you do on your eleventh birthday? Most of us probably ate cake, had a few friends over, watched a movie at the cinema, or maybe even went on a vacation. The star of our show on July 31st is none other than Harry James Potter. On his birthday, he found out that he was a wizard. That would definitely stir things up. If you or your little ones enjoy the tale of Harry Potter, join us for a birthday celebration at Crawfordsville Library from 6-7 p.m. in the basement.

Play two games involving Quidditch and visit Ollivander's Wand Shop. Watch one of the movies and enjoy a chocolate for warding off the effects of dementors. Stop by Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  for a picture and enter for a chance to win one of our Potter-themed prizes at the end of the event.

Even if you can't make it to Harry's party, the library has the entire series of books, books on CD, and movies. There are also several other items regarding Hogwarts, Hermione, and even Hagrid. *The Magical Worlds of Harry Potter* by David Colbert highlights the myths, legends and fascinating facts of the magical world of Harry Potter and can be found on the second floor of the library (823.914 Col).

In *A Little History of Literature* by John Sutherland (809 Sut) he states, "Children's literature – a non-existent thing 150 years ago – is now, as Rowling supremely demonstrates, not merely a vast money-making enterprise but where many of the most interesting things, for readers of all ages, are

happening. It is evolving, excitingly. Keep reading” (p. 133). Sutherland also tells about the success of the Potter series, which has sold over a half billion copies worldwide.

Also on the library’s second floor is the Unofficial Guide Beyond Disney (917.59 Seh). The book highlights SeaWorld, Universal Orlando and the best of Central Florida. A section on Diagon Alley attractions, Hogwarts Express, and Ollivander’s are discussed with touring tips and descriptions. There is a cd with the soundtrack from the first movie (1st floor CD 781.542 Wil) and even a French Horn music selection by John Williams including Hedwig’s Theme, Diagon Alley, Hogwarts Forever, Nimbus 2000, Cast a Christmas Spell, Harry’s Wondrous World, and the Fingering Chart (2nd floor 781.5 Wil).

Other selections include The Wisdom of Harry Potter: What our Favorite Hero Teaches us about Moral Choices (823 Ker), and The Sorcerer’s Companion: A Guide to the Magical World of Harry Potter (1st floor – j 823.914 Kro). Stop by for a visit anytime Sunday thru Saturday or stop by on July 31st. The event should be magically fun for muggles and wizards alike.

July 19, 2018



By Shelbi Hoover, Reference & Local History Assistant

Celebrating women who break The Rules.

Who runs the world? You and I (and Beyonce) already know the answer – girls! Here at Crawfordsville District Public Library we know a thing or two about women who have left their mark on history, oftentimes by breaking societal expectations and “misbehaving” in the process. This month, with our Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History display, our Reference Department is celebrating women from across the globe who have broken The Rules in various ways, and we hope you’ll come and join the party. While some of the women we’re highlighting behave badly according to The Law, we’re also featuring ladies who have disobeyed a different set of standards – Mens’ standards. Pick up “I Am Malala” by Malala Yousafzai and read the story of how the author was shot by members of the Taliban at the age of 15 for her activism and involvement in pursuing education rights for girls in Pakistan. You can also check out “Notorious RBG” by Irin Carmon and read about the fiery Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, or “Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions” by Gloria Steinem and brush up on some classic pieces of feminist writing in your spare time.

Perhaps you’ve been meaning to read that memoir by (Insert Popular Female Celebrity Here) but haven’t had the time to stop by the library and find the book? Not a problem! We have all of the bestsellers in one spot for your convenience. Grab “Bossypants” by Tina Fey, “#GIRLBOSS” by Sophia Amoruso, “Why Not Me” by Mindy Kaling, or “Yes Please” by Amy Poehler and your summer reading list will be set. We’re also highlighting women who made history for the wrong reasons – for example, in “The Trunk Murderess” by Jana Bommersbach, you’ll read about Winnie Ruth Judd (born in Montgomery County!), who killed her two best friends in 1931, rode with their dismembered

bodies in her luggage on a train, was put on trial and found guilty, and then commenced to escape from prison six times during her sentence. You could also check out books we have on women who belonged to Charles Manson's murder family, the women who were the inspiration for the musical Chicago, or pick up "Orange is the New Black" by Piper Kerman as you wait for the new season of the show to drop on Netflix later this July! Whether you like to read about well-behaved ladies or bad girls who break rules, we have stories that will keep you entertained this summer. Grab a book for while you're at the pool, download an audiobook to keep you entertained on your road trip, or check out an e-book to keep your luggage light as you fly, and never find yourself without a good read to dig into!

Check our website to see if we have your favorite books in print, or check e-content providers hoopla and OverDrive for e-books and e-audiobooks available free to you through CDPL. See all the fabulous things we offer at [cdpl.lib.in.us](http://cdpl.lib.in.us) !

July 12, 2018



By Jessica Mondy, Reference & Local History Assistant

At Crawfordsville District Public Library, we are constantly adding materials of all types to our collection in order to best meet the needs of our patrons. One department that has been curated to meet a specific need is the large print section, located on the second floor of the library, directly across from the computer terminals. Large print books are a fantastic way to continue enjoying your favorite authors when your eyes need a break from focusing on computer screens, newspapers, or books published in a smaller font size. At CDPL, we offer a variety of large print materials, including both fiction and nonfiction books from a diverse selection of authors. Several books that are currently on the New York Times Bestseller List have been added to our collection in large print. These titles include: *The 17th Suspect* by James Patterson (FIC PAT), *The Fallen* by David Baldacci (FIC BAL), *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate (FIC WIN), *The High Tide Club* by Mary Kay Andrews (FIC AND), *Twisted Prey* by John Sandford (FIC SAN), and *A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies, and Leadership* by James Comey (921 COMEY, J.). We invite you to explore our newest large print books, located on the first floor of the library, across the walkway from the circulation desk. If you are looking for new bestsellers, or other books that might be popular and find that they are checked out, please ask our helpful staff, who will be able to help you place a hold on the title so you will get it faster.

One of our digital services, OverDrive, has even more popular titles in addition to those in the physical collection at the library. Books such as *It* by Stephen King, *The Shack* by William Paul Young, *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins and *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie have all been popular lately, and OverDrive has them available to check out! Using OverDrive, any book can become a large print book. The text size can be changed by clicking on the "Reading Settings" option. In addition to increasing text size, the color scheme of the ebook can be changed to "bright," "sepia," or "dark" to further decrease eye strain, regardless of how well or poorly lit your reading environment may be. There are several methods for using OverDrive, so if you ever need help getting started, or locating or adjusting these settings on your device, please visit the

reference department on the 2nd floor of the library. Our staff will be happy to help you learn to use the controls to make your reading experience comfortable. OverDrive does have a check-out limit of 10 items, but as soon you return one item, you may borrow another. If you are interested in a popular title that is currently unavailable, you can place a hold on it, and you will be notified by e-mail when it's ready for you to borrow. Again, please ask for help with any part of learning to use OverDrive or any of our library resources. We're here to help! Please contact the library's Reference Desk at 362-2242 ext. 117 for assistance with locating specific items in the collection or requesting an appointment for technology assistance.

July 5, 2018



By Jessica Mondy, Reference Assistant

Have you ever wanted to learn more about a famous scientist? How about a pop culture comedy icon? A famous musical composer? A modern day prince? An infamous dictator? If any of these subjects sound interesting to you, I have good news! Crawfordsville District Public Library has an ever-increasing supply of biographies about people from all walks of life. The subjects of these books range from individuals who are well loved by millions to people who are universally disliked by all. Some of the new biographies in our collection include *Stephen Hawking: An Unfettered Mind* by Kitty Ferguson (921 Hawking, S.), *The Last Black Unicorn* by Tiffany Haddish (921 Haddish, T.), *Unmasked* by Andrew Lloyd Webber (921 Lloyd Webber, A.), *Harry: Life, Loss and Love* by Katie Nicholl (921 Henry) and *Becoming Hitler: The Making of a Nazi* by Thomas Weber (921 Hitler, A.). The variety represented in these books is huge, and these are just some of our recently acquired titles!

Among our older biographical titles is an even more diverse collection. Books like *Hank Aaron and the Home Run that Changed America* by Tom Stanton (921 Aaron, H.), *Mom & Me & Mom* by Maya Angelou (921 Angelou, M.), *David Bowie: A Life* by Dylan Jones (921 Bowie, D.), *My Life* by Bill Clinton (921 Clinton, B.), *Leonardo da Vinci* by Walter Isaacson (921 da Vinci, L.), and *The Princess Diarist* by Carrie Fisher (921 Fisher, C.) are popular in our collection. We also have quite a few biographical DVDs, including *Ludwig van Beethoven* (DVD 921 Beethoven, L.), *JFK: Like No Other* (DVD 921 Kennedy, J.), and *Margaret Mitchell: American Rebel* (DVD 921 Mitchell, M.). Don't forget to check out the biographies available on Overdrive, which can be accessed with your library card information. These ebooks and eaudiobooks can be downloaded to your device using the Libby app. If you are unsure about how to use your Overdrive account, visit the reference desk, located on the second floor of the library. Our reference staff will be happy to help you explore Overdrive, and learn about all the content you can access digitally just by having a CDPL library card!

If none of the titles mentioned in this short list look interesting to you, please have no fear! Our collection spans many subject areas, and we are adding biographical DVDs and movies to our collection all the time. Please stop by and let us know if you are looking for a historical figure or pop culture icon we are missing from our collection! We are always interested in hearing from our patrons, and we will we will try to find what you need. Have questions? Please call our Reference Desk at 765-362-2242 ext. 117.

## Preview Shelf: June 2018

June 28, 2018



By Jodie Wilson, Assistant Director

The National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that about half of all Americans experience mental illness at some time during their lifetime. As each individual in our local community impacts other lives around them, offering information that supports all who are affected by mental illness is a high priority at CDPL.

The library's collection includes general works, such as "Understanding Mental Disorders: Your Guide to DSM-5" by the American Psychiatric Association (616.89 Und); "Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America" by Robert Whitaker (616.89 Whi); and "Child and Adolescent Mental Health: A Practical, All-In-One Guide," by Jess Shatkin (616.89 Sha.)

Among the most frequently consulted materials in the library collection are those dealing with Bipolar Disorder. Among the many collection items on mental health, the library owns "Bipolar Disorder: A Guide for Patients and Families" by Francis Mark Mondimore (616.89 Mon); "Back from the Brink: True Stories and Practical Help for Overcoming Depression and Bipolar Disorder," by Grame Cowan (616.8527 Cow); and "Loving Someone with Bipolar Disorder: Understanding and Helping Your Partner," by Julie Fast (616.89 Fas).

Depression is also commonly researched, with many books available on this subject. "Out of the Shadows: Revealing the Path to Recovery" by Mark Litzsinger and Sarah Hamaker (616.8527 Lit); "Depression in Later Life: An Essential Guide," by Deborah Serani (618.97 Ser); and "When Depression Hurts Your Relationship: How to Regain Intimacy and Reconnect with Your Partner When You're Depressed," by Shannon Kolakowski (158.2 Kol) are just a few of our offerings in this area.

Another important subject area is Anxiety, with items such as "The Anxiety Survival Guide: CBT Skills to Overcome Fear, Worry and Panic" by Jennifer Shannon (155.5 Sha); "My Age of Anxiety:



Fear, Hope, Dread, and the Search for Peace of Mind” by Scott Stossel (616.85 Sto); “On Edge: A Journey Through Anxiety,” by Andrea Petersen available in the collection.

Books on Attention Deficit Disorder include information about the common characteristics of the disorder, plus coping strategies and expert advice on medications, especially for children. Books such as “Mind over Meds: Know When Drugs Are Necessary, When Alternatives Are Better – and When to Let the Body Heal on its Own, by Andrew Weil, (615.5 Wei); and “ADHD Nation: Children, Doctors, Big Pharma, and the Making of an American Epidemic,” by Alan Schwarz (618.92 Sch) question the current surge in diagnosis and prescriptions while other collection items offer detailed information in managing ADD and ADHD symptoms. The library collection has many materials specific to children, as well as others relating to adults.

Many other mental health diagnoses such as Schizophrenia, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, and Borderline Personality Disorder are included in the library collection, along with materials on other complicating factors that may also be present. Substance addiction and codependency are other areas covered in depth.

The library also offers information on suicide prevention, recovery after an attempted suicide, and family support for those living with grief following the death of a loved one, with some brand-new books on this subject expected at the library soon.

If you or a loved one are dealing with mental illness, please seek help first from a qualified medical professional. And if you’re searching for more information, please stop by CDPL’s second-floor Reference Desk, where we will be available to help you find the information you need.

June 21, 2018



By Ivette de Assis-Wilson, Reference & Local History Assistant

Summer is here!

If lots of sunshine and warm weather fills you with positive energy, this is the ideal time to invest in your health and well-being and the Crawfordsville District Public Library (CDPL) is the right place to start. From books to DVDs as well as self-paced independent courses, we can assist you in finding information to meet your needs. Here are a few recommendations to help you start your journey:

If you are ready to change your eating habits, there’s no better time than now. Summer brings a wide array of rich flavors with fresh, colorful vegetables and fruits. If you are not sure how to prepare them, or if you are tired of the same old recipes, we have a collection of cookbooks for the beginner as well as the experienced cook. A Midwest Gardener’s Cookbook by Marian K. Towne introduces us to cooking with local, seasonal vegetables, and Saladish: A Crunchier, Grainier, Herbier, Heartier, Tastier Way with Vegetables by Ilene Rosen is the right choice for the curious and adventurous cook



who wants to try something new. Other selections for a delicious home-cooked meal are *The Summertime Anytime Cookbook* by Dana Slatkin, *The Home Cook* by Alex Guarnaschelli, *Rocco's Healthy and Delicious* by Rocco DiSpirito, and Maya Angelou's *Great Food, All Day Long: Cook Splendidly, Eat Smart*. These books are sure to satisfy the craving for comfort food for the health conscious, without compromising the flavors.

Summer is also a great time to reclaim those New Year resolutions left in the past. The outdoors is a wonderful place to discover your love for staying fit while having a good time. If you enjoy camping, hiking, or biking we have books and DVDs with information on National and State Parks. You may also take advantage of beautiful days and take your regular exercising outside. Our collection on fitness includes popular DVDs such as Leslie Sansone's *Walk away the pounds: 7-day calorie blast*, *Easy yoga : the secret to strength & balance*, and *Weight Watchers 15-minute boot camp series*. Need to stay focused and keep a positive attitude? Check out *Train Your Head & Your Body Will Follow: Reach Any Goal in 3 Minutes a Day* by Sandy Joy Weston. Additionally, *The Great Courses* series offers an instructional handbook and a DVD on *How to Stay Fit as You Age*. Finally, the "Wellness Letter", by the University of California, Berkeley, is a reliable tool for up-to-date information on health and well-being.

This list is an invitation for you to come 'check us out' and is a small sample of what we can offer on a variety of topics and interests. As an added bonus, if you stop by on Saturdays, you will find fresh and tasty food available at the Farmers Market (open at the CDPL west parking lot from 8am-1pm) to enhance your success. Please come and visit us! We are here to assist you with locating items in our collection that will help you achieve your goals.

June 14, 2018

Large Print at CDPL



By Jessica Mondy, Reference & Local History Assistant

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June 7, 2018

From Student to Soldier to Hero



By Amie Cox, Local History and Archives Librarian

Do you have a Montgomery County hero in your family?

100 years ago today, on June 7th, 1918, Troy Davis, a Crawfordsville citizen and 1914 Crawfordsville High School graduate, was stationed in France as a Marine in the 96th Company of the 6th Regiment of the U.S. Marine Corps. There, he was engaged in a pivotal World War I battle and fight for his life.

Davis and his fellow soldiers were on a midnight mission to wrest the French town of Bouresches from German control. After crossing a 700-yard wheat field amidst German machine gun and artillery fire, only 21 American men were still alive to continue their advance towards Bouresches.

The remaining Marines stealthily crept their way along a ravine under the main road of Bouresches, through a stone archway, and then jumped over a 6-foot wall to enter the town unnoticed. They then successfully fought a 250-man German Machine Gun Company and won. Many historians deem the Battle of Bouresches as a turning point in World War I.

On June 12th, almost a week later, in another German offensive strategy, most of the members of the 96th Company were gassed with mustard gas. Though weak from its poison, Davis survived and returned aboard the ship "George Washington" from Brest, France, to the United States and then to Crawfordsville in 1919.

Davis was born March 30, 1895 to Albert E. and Alice (Mitchell) Davis. After graduating from Crawfordsville High School in 1914, he was a teacher in Ripley Township under W. W. McClure. In 1942, he worked for the Indiana State Highway Commission. He married but had no children. He died in 1974 and is buried in Zachmire Cemetery in Fountain County.

Thanks to World War I researcher Lenny Moore, the Crawfordsville District Public Library now knows the story of the incredible courage of our Crawfordsville hero, Troy Davis.

If you have a Montgomery County hero in your family, and would like to share his or her story, the Local History Department of the Crawfordsville District Public Library would love to hear about it. The Local History Department is interested in obtaining donations and/or copies of military memorabilia, photographs, and documents to help preserve these stories.

Besides having the ideal climate-controlled environment for preserving archival materials coupled with convenient hours for access, the Local History Department is working towards using archival artifacts to help provide educational opportunities for students in our community. The library also maintains a comprehensive historical research collection for those interested in researching our county's history.

To contact or donate to the Local History Department of the Crawfordsville Public Library, call 765-362-2242, ext. 117 or email [ref@cdpl.lib.in.us](mailto:ref@cdpl.lib.in.us). We thank our local residents for their partnership in creating a collection that is consulted by researchers around the country, and even around the world! Would you like to take advantage of our local history information? Now you can search our local history databases — all at the same time — at <http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us/services/local-history-and-genealogy> or from the "Services" tab, select "Local History" on the library's website at [www.cdpl.lib.in.us](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us).

## Preview Shelf: May 2018

May 31, 2018

Youth Summer Reading Program



By Karen Record, Head of Youth Services

The Youth Services Department at the Crawfordsville District Public Library invites all children up through the age of 18 to register for the summer reading program, "Read With Me – Under the Sea". Registration began Tuesday, May 29, 2018. When children register they will be given a chart with sea animals on it. They will find the different animals and read for a specific number of minutes. Once a group of animals has been completed children may come in for a prize. When all five groups have been completed, the elementary children will earn a T-shirt, a book to keep, and a ticket for a chance to win a tablet computer. The preschoolers will earn a book bag, a book to keep, and a ticket for a chance to win a tablet. (We thank the Crawfordsville Masonic Lodge #50 for donating the tablets.)

Every day the children may find Ollie the Octopus and enter a drawing to win a small stuffed animal. (We thank a patron for donating the animals.)

Each week children will have the opportunity to do a new drop-in "under the sea" craft except for a patriotic craft the week before July 4th (while supplies last).

Please plan to join us for a story time each week. Baby story time for ages up to 18 months will be on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., toddler story time for ages up to 3 will be on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., preschool story time for ages up to 5 will be on Thursdays at 10 a.m., and activity time for elementary students will be on Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

There are several family activities during the summer as well. There will be outside activities under the pavilion like bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and fireworks painting the week before July 4th. Frequently there will be a new picture hunt for children to enjoy while they visit the library. Of course, there are always regular things to do while you visit the library like work puzzles, color, play games on the computer, and play in the play corner. On Thursday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. Karen Land and her dog Noggin will be here for a special program telling us about the experience of running in the Iditarod. No registration is required for any of these programs.

The program for tween and teens is different from the younger children. The readers will keep track of time read and will earn a prize from the treasure chest for every 3 hours read. They will also place the tickets in a bucket for weekly and grand prize drawings.

The program ends Tuesday, July 10, 2018. All time for reading must be turned in by 6 p.m. that day, followed at 6:30 p.m. by the final program for summer reading, Professor Steve's Wild Water and Fantastic Fire Show.

Please visit [www.cdpl.lib.in.us](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us) to see the events calendar. You can also call us at 362-2242 ext 115 with any questions or to sign-up for a specific activity.

We want to thank the Friends of the Library for funding a good portion of this program. We can do so much more with their generosity.

We hope to see you this summer (if not before)!

May 24, 2018

Summer Reading at CDPL



By Suzie Baldwin, Circulation Department Head

Now that the weather has finally reached a level of spring/summer-type warmth it is time to enjoy the Adult Summer Reading program at Crawfordsville District Public Library. 20,000 Reads Under the

Sea will begin on May 29th, 2018. The theme is a spin-off of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea and the Circulation Department will be decorated as an underwater paradise. Adults will be encouraged to read a variety of genres to broaden their horizons.

The library has been very blessed with some wonderful donations already this summer. The American Legion, The Pacers, Pettit & Sons, Dr. Walker, Service Master, S. Bryan Donaldson, Crawfordsville Paper Products, Pace Dairy, AMC, Best Nails, Gould Body & Paint, Vanity Theater, Culvers, Plaza Lanes, Franciscan Health, and Nucor Sheet Mill Group have all generously donated to assist us in spoiling the adults who participate in the reading program. If you or your business would like to donate a prize or even just \$10.00 we would be thrilled. You can contact the Circulation Department at 362-2242 x 109 if you have any questions.

Other exciting things occurring during the summer months will be a Jurassic Park event and a Harry Potter party. Chess is played every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm on the 2nd floor. Deweys Do book club meets on the 2nd Monday of every month in the Conference Room at 6:30 pm. If interested in discussing at the Deweys Do meeting, stop by the Circulation Desk to borrow that month's book. The Genealogy Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Donnelley Room. RPG will be the 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month in the basement of the library. The Friends Sale is every 2nd Saturday from 10 am -4 pm. The Farmer's Market is currently held in the far library parking lot too – come for the veggies, stay for the books.

There is also a Digital Drop-In every Wednesday from 4 pm-6 pm where one can attain technical assistance for computers, tablets, etc. (main lobby area). The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the basement. The DAV meets on the 3rd Saturday in the basement. On May 17th there will also be a Natural Cleaning Class at 6:00 pm in the Donnelley Room. This free class is open to the public.

Even if you don't have time to stop and check out a physical book at the library, we offer a plethora of items on Overdrive, Hoopla, RB Digital (e-magazines), REF USA, RB Digital (eAudioBooks), Freegal (free downloadable music), and Rocket Languages – be sure to check these out (you just need a current CDPL library card). Be sure to check the CDPL website for more programs and updates. There are also Facebook pages, Instagram accounts and Twitter for CDPL (and the Carnegie Museum). Please stop by to see us beginning May 29th to explore 20,000 Reads Under the Sea.

May 17, 2018

By Craig Lefteroff

Although this year it seemed like the snow would never end, summer will be here soon. And, for many people, that means that it's time to think about travel. Before you head South for warmer climes or journey West to the mountains, you should visit the library for a massive selection of books about travel and intriguing destinations.

If you don't have a specific location in mind, you might consult Lonely Planet USA (917.3 Lon), which includes all the popular travel options, from Hawaii to Rhode Island. For meandering road trips, the adventurous traveler might opt for William Least Heat Moon's classic *Blue Highways: A Journey Into America* (917.3 Hea). It's full of lesser-known spots like: Why, Arizona; Remote, Oregon; and Whynot, Mississippi—places that are sure to be less crowded with tourists, but offering more opportunities for unique experiences. Joshua Foer's *Atlas Obscura* (910.41 Foe) is similar in its focus on "hidden gems", but tilts a bit more toward the unusual. Crawfordsville's own Rotary Jail gets a mention, as does the very entertaining *Mystery House* in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Acclaimed novelist Joan Didion's *South & West: from a Notebook* (818.54 Did) isn't a travel guide per se, but offers a deeper perspective on those regions, which could be useful in your travels.

Neighboring states have much to offer and the library has plenty of material on nearby destinations. If Florida or Alaska isn't an option this year, you might choose Cameron M. Ludwick's *My Old Kentucky Road Trip: Historic Destinations and Natural Wonders* (917.69 Lud) or George Zimmerman's *Off the Beaten Path Ohio: A Guide to Unique Places* (917.71 Zim). Or stick strictly to Indiana—Jessica Nunemaker's *Little Indiana: Small Town Destinations* (977.2 Nun) and Michele Zavatsky's *Kids Love Indiana* (917.72 Zav) offer plenty of ideas for nearby travels. Love to hike or camp? We have a variety of resources, for example, *Best Hikes Near Indianapolis* (796.51 Wer) by Nick Werner details some options nearby.

But sometimes it pays to undertake a long drive, especially when you're going to Florida! *Hidden Mickey's: A Field Guide to Walt Disney World's Best-Kept Secrets* by Steven M. Barrett (917.59 Bar) and *The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World 2018* by Bob Sehlinger (917.5924 Seh) will help you navigate the most magical parts of the Magic Kingdom. And Sehlinger's *Beyond Disney* (917.59 Seh) covers the rest of central Florida's major attractions, in case you need a break from Disney.

If a cruise vacation is more to your liking, CDPL has books on most popular ports of call and even a register of the cruise ships themselves. *Berlitz' Cruising and Cruise Ships 2018* (910.45 War) is still on the new shelf and details all the ships operated by all the cruise lines. *Fodor's the Complete Guide to Alaska Cruises* (917.98 Bal) is a great resource for those looking to cruise north.

Wherever you're heading this summer, make sure to visit the library and stock up on books! No vacation is complete without them. Or if you're flying, stop by and learn about OverDrive, the library's newest e-book service. You can be sure to take plenty of books to read on your trip, but still meet that baggage weight limit. Happy Travels!

May 10, 2018

Mother's Day



By Jessica Mondy, Reference Assistant



You may know that there are always a lot of different things going on at the library, but did you know that even in each department, we have multiple projects going on at the same time? One of the features of the second floor of the library is our ever-changing book displays, located in the center aisle of the Reference and Local History Department. Sometimes these displays are simply a collection of materials relating to a general topic to showcase the Crawfordsville District Public Library collection. Often, we time our displays around specific holidays or events that are going on in the world. For the month of May, we have chosen the latter for one of our upstairs book displays, focusing on the holiday of Mother's Day.

Even with all of the different opinions in the world today, I think one thing everyone can agree on is that motherhood is an amazing thing. Whether they stay at home or work full time, have one child or seven, homeschool or enroll their children in public school, loving, dedicated moms are superheroes! There are so many wonderful things about involved mothers that make them amazing people, and here at CDPL we want to celebrate them.

In honor of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13, there is a display of materials all about moms and motherhood on the 2nd floor of the library. The display contains memoirs of famous mothers, parenting tips, fiction books about moms, and other items related to motherhood. When you come to the library to check out this display, make sure to look out for books such as "What Mothers Do, Especially When it Looks Like Nothing" by Naomi Stadlen (306.874 Sta), "The Joy Luck Club" by Amy Tan (FIC Tan), and "Glitter and Glue" by Kelly Corrigan (921 Corrigan, K.). Even if your relationship with Mom hasn't been perfect, or if you are trying to be the best mom you can be without having had the guidance of a mother yourself, we have books for you. For example, "I Love My Mother, But . . . : Practical Help to Get the Most Out of Your Relationship" by Dr. Linda Mintle (306.874 Min) explores our complicated, and sometimes problematic relationship with Mom and offers hope for changing it for the better. "Will I Ever Be Good Enough?: Healing the Daughters of Narcissistic Mothers" by Karyl McBride (616.8585 McB) offers advice on overcoming your history to be an emotionally healthy person as an adult. "Motherless Mothers: How Mother Loss Shapes the Parents We Become," by Hope Edelman (155.937 Ede), examines the effects of losing a mother to death or abandonment, and how understanding and addressing some common themes can guide and support these motherless daughters through motherhood. These titles and many more are available to check out with your library card today. If you get to the library and find that an item you're looking for has already been checked out, you are always welcome to put a hold on that item so you can be next in line. Please ask for help at any public service desk.

We welcome your input for subjects you'd like to see featured for book displays in the future. Our collection at CDPL includes many topics of wide interest, and a large number of both fiction and nonfiction items. We want to display the things that will be of use to you in your life.

May 3, 2018

CDPL's New Hummingbird Garden



By Angela White, Digital Initiatives Librarian

Did you know the library had a balcony off the south side of its second floor? Some of you may have seen the large white and grey outside area on the southwestern side of our second floor. Unfortunately, for safety reasons, patrons are unable to use this lovely space so we thought maybe another community member might enjoy that space: Hummingbirds!

We are very excited to announce our own little hummingbird garden on the library's second floor balcony. With this garden, we hope to provide food and (and soon) water to the local hummingbird population. Currently, we have four nectar feeders with homemade sugar water and a series of four potted plants. This is our first attempt at rooftop gardening so adjustments will gradually be made to create a suitable environment for hummingbirds to visit on their migrations. In the coming weeks, we will be adding a bird bath with moving water and hopefully potted bushes for a much needed wind break, rest, and shelter.

The hummingbird feeders are located on the easternmost south-facing window on the second floor, looking out onto our balcony area. We currently have four large blue pots with three plant types. Two of the pots contain the petunia variety, Easy Wave Red Velour. Then we have one pot of Rockin'™ Deep Purple: black and blue salvia hybrid, and one pot of 'Starmaker' Bright Red Nicotiana. We are hoping to expand in coming seasons with a greater variety of native plants as hopefully our hummingbird friends return year after year. Feel free to stop by and see if you can spot a hummingbird!

If you'd like to learn more about hummingbirds, how to attract wildlife to your yard, or how to set up your own garden, check out our resources like: *Birds, bees, & butterflies: bringing nature into your yard & garden*. This book can be found at call number 639.978 Haj or *The Bird-Friendly Backyard: Natural Gardening for Birds*, 639.978 Zic. To learn more about the different species of hummingbirds to look out for: *Hummingbirds: A Life-size Guide to Every Species*, 598.764 Fog. Also be on the lookout for more books on these subjects in the coming weeks. If any of our patrons would like to help our garden grow, we'd love your native plants, supplies or expertise from our community. Please contact Angela White at CDPL at (765) 362-2242 ext. 100 or di@cdpl.lib.in.us.

## Preview Shelf: April 2018

April 26, 2018

Happy Arbor Day



By Jodie Wilson, Assistant Director

Did you know that Earth Day was Sunday, April 22nd? All week long, between Earth Day observances and National Arbor Day on April 27, we have many reasons to consider the health of our environment and the plants, trees, and wildlife that share our earth, air, and water.

This year, the Earth Day Network highlighted ending plastic pollution as a priority for Earth Day events. CDPL has a number of resources to help you make this happen. In “Life Without Plastic,” (668.4192) by Chantal Plamondon and Jay Sinha, you can learn about plastics in your life to see how they can be replaced by natural products with a smaller environmental impact. Some compounds in plastics are endocrine-disrupting chemicals, and may cause problems in the body due to their similarity to natural hormones. The book discusses the toxicity of the products we use every day but may not be aware of, and encourages us to reconsider how much plastic we use.

Certainly, plastics do have many advantages, but their durability is a significant drawback. In another CDPL collection item, “Plastic Ocean,” (363.738 Moo) Capt. Charles Moore relates his own personal story, that of a mariner who sailed through the Pacific Ocean and discovered an enormous area full of floating plastic trash. Capt. Moore’s boat took a week to cross the sea of plastic debris, and further study on this area has shown there is 6 times more plastic than plankton in this part of the Pacific. Unfortunately, this means the lowest links of the food chain are eating tiny pieces of disintegrating plastic, which absorb toxic materials in the water, instead of their natural food, zooplankton. Moore’s discovery of the trash-clogged part of the ocean christened the “the Great Pacific Garbage Patch,” has motivated many private citizens, scientists, and environmentalists to work toward protecting our world’s oceans.

In environmental matters a little closer to home, on Friday, April 27, at 10 a.m., the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County will be planting a Patriot Elm donated by the Crawfordsville Main Street Tree Committee in the yard behind the building. Mayor Todd Barton will be reading the Community Arbor Day Proclamation. Please join us for the event.

Also in honor of Arbor Day, we’re happy to share that the library has some great new books on forests. “The History of the Indiana State Forests,” edited by Ronald V. Morris and Glory-June Greiff (337.78 His) is a brand-new arrival in the collection, and “The Living Forest: A Visual Journey Into the Heart of the Woods,” is also a new item with lovely photography. The book, written by Joan Maloof with photography by Robert Llewellyn, is full of dramatic photographs relating to the forest, its inhabitants, and the cycle of seasons.

In an effort to lower the environmental impact of food production and increase personal health, many people are exploring diets that minimize or eliminate meat and increase plant foods. CDPL now offers a Plant Based Living class which meets every other month. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15th in Meeting Room B. Helen Hudson will be leading our discussion on GBOMBS. Greens, Beans, Onions, Mushrooms, Berries and Seeds. Come join us, and if you can,

please bring a salad with recipe to share. Please reserve a spot for the event by calling the Reference Desk at 765-362-2242 ext. 117. We hope to see you there!

April 19, 2018

True Crime at CDPL



By Jessica Mondy

Have you ever been flipping through TV channels and become enticed by an episode of Criminal Minds, NCIS, CSI, Bones, or any one of the numerous crime-solving shows out there? Chances are good that you've found yourself glued to one of these shows at least once. Have you wondered where these shows get the inspiration for their often crazy plotlines?

Many of these shows borrow bits and pieces of their material from crimes that actually happened. True crime is a genre that seemingly cannot get enough exposure in today's media. Here at CDPL, we have a huge assortment of books that focus on true crime. Famous cases such as the Manson Family murders have multiple books in our collection, like *Helter Skelter: The True Story of the Manson Murders* by Vincent Bugliosi (364.1523 Bug), and *Member of the Family: My Story of Charles Manson, Life inside his Cult, and the Darkness that Ended the Sixties* by Dianne Lake (364.152 Lak). Lesser known real life crimes are also included in our collection. Some of these titles include *Bloodlines* by Melissa Del Bosque (364.1 Del), the story of a drug cartel's involvement in the horse racing industry; *The Notorious Mrs. Clem* by Wendy Gamber (364.152 Gam), which details the murders of an Indiana couple in 1868; and *Get Capone* by Jonathan Eig (364.1092 Eig), a book that details the plot to convict the infamous Al Capone of his crimes.

Yet another category in the true crime genre is that of unsolved cases. These fascinating crimes have baffled law enforcement officers, sometimes for decades, due to a variety of circumstances. Some of our unsolved crime books are *Who Killed These Girls?* by Beverly Lowry (364.152 Low), written about a cold case from 1991 in which four teenage girls were murdered by an unknown assailant; *Amanda Knox: Waiting to be Heard* by Amanda Knox (364.152 Kno), a memoir about the college student whose roommate was mysteriously killed while the women were studying abroad in Italy; and *Murder in the Bayou* by Ethan Brown (364.152 Bro), which details the circumstances of eight deceased women who were discovered between 2005 and 2009 in Jennings, Louisiana.

If you are interested in reading about these crimes, or discovering other books about true crimes from history, stop by the second floor of Crawfordsville District Public Library to check these titles out! Our Reference Desk staff will be happy to help you locate these, or any other books you are looking for. In addition to these true crime books, we also have DVD seasons of the action packed TV shows I mentioned at the beginning of this article, if televised crime-solving drama is what you're looking for. *Criminal Minds* (DVD Fic Cri), *NCIS* (DVD FIC NC!), *CSI* (DVD FIC Cri) and *Bones* (DVD FIC Bon) all have seasons which can be picked up on the first floor of the library. Our first floor staff will be able to help you find these items, as well as others like them on your next visit to CDPL.

April 12, 2018

Get something Graphic at CDPL

By Craig Lefteroff

Some of you might read the term “graphic novel” and think about *Peyton Place* or *Tobacco Road*, but it’s actually a synonym for “comic book”—the same Batman and Captain America comics that many of us grew up reading. The library maintains a robust collection of graphic novels, including lots of superhero titles, but also has plenty of books for those who don’t care about people fighting in costumes and masks.

Brian Vaughan’s *Saga* (GN FIC Vau) is a sci-fi space adventure series with warring worlds and aristocratic robots and a couple who just want to escape and raise their newborn baby. Vaughan also wrote *Y: the Last Man* (GN FIC Vau), which details a plague that kills everyone with a Y chromosome, leaving only one last man and his pet monkey Ampersand and an otherwise female cast of characters.

Those interested in more reality-based works might enjoy *Blue Is the Warmest Color* (GN FIC Mar), a graphic novel from France that was adapted into a Palme d’Or-winning film. It’s a love story about relationships, but you can also find realistic works of a different sort in our collection, including the chilling *My Friend Dahmer* (GN 921 Dahmer), Derf Backderf’s memoir about his teenage friendship with the infamous murderer. Emil Ferris’s *My Favorite Thing Is Monsters* (GN FIC Fer) also deals with murder, but in a fictional context. It’s the story of a horror-obsessed young girl attempting to solve the mystery of a neighbor’s murder. The book took six years to finish after the author became partially paralyzed from West Nile virus!

If we’re talking about comic creators, I can’t neglect to mention my favorite, the bearded and angry Alan Moore. His works are some of the best that you’ll read in the medium. I’d recommend starting with *Saga of the Swamp Thing* (GN FIC Moore), which is more of a traditional superhero comic. That should prep you for *Watchman* (GN FIC Moore), Moore’s serious masterpiece. It’s technically also a superhero story, but is far more ambitious and bleak than the comics you might have bought as a teenager.

If you never bought comics and don’t understand them, I’d recommend *Understanding Comics* by Scott McCloud (GN 741.5 McC). It delves into the history of comics/graphic novels and explains how they function as a narrative form. Once you’ve finished it, you’ll be ready to explore our graphic novel collection!

April 5, 2018

Beverly Lewis at CDPL!



By Jodie Wilson, Assistant Director

The Crawfordsville District Public Library is pleased to announce that popular author Beverly Lewis, widely known for her works of Amish fiction, will be visiting the library on Monday, April 9th, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend Ms. Lewis' discussion and book signing, which will be held in the library's basement meeting rooms. She will be signing copies of her most-recent release, "The Road Home," which was released by Bethany House Publishers on Tuesday.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event for \$15.99 each, and proceeds of the book sale will go to support the Friends group of the Library and Museum. Please be sure to bring check or cash for your purchases; the library does not currently accept credit cards. Reservations are not required to attend the event.

Ms. Lewis has been one of the most popular authors with CDPL patrons for many years, and is the author of the Heritage of Lancaster County series, including "The Shunning," "The Confession," and "The Reckoning," which in the CDPL collection have circulated over 100 times each. Counting all the 51 copies of Beverly Lewis books included in the library collection, her books have been borrowed from CDPL a total of 2,638 times!

Ms. Lewis was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, which is well-known for its numerous Amish communities. Her grandmother was raised as an Old Order Mennonite, who later left her roots to marry a student at a Bible College. The family story inspired Ms. Lewis to write the book, "The Shunning," which is loosely based on her grandmother's experience. Interested to learn more about Ms. Lewis? Please go to [www.beverlylewis.com](http://www.beverlylewis.com) to read the story of her life.

She has written a total of 36 books in the Amish Fiction genre; more than 70 books for children and young adults, including the Cul-de-Sac Kids Series, the Girls Only Series, the Holly's Heart Series, and the Summerhill Secrets Series; and 6 children's picture books – a total of 17 million books in print today. Her Amish series includes: Home to Hickory Hollow; The Rose Trilogy; The Seasons of Grace Series; The Courtship of Nellie Fisher Series; Annie's People Series; The Abram's Daughters Series; The Postcard/The Crossroad Series; and the Heritage of Lancaster County Series.

Have questions about this event? Please call the Reference Department staff at 362-2242 ext. 117 for more information. To be sure you don't miss the library's many other programs and events, please be sure to follow CDPL's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram social media accounts. You will find links to each of them on the library's home page at [www.cdpl.lib.in.us](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us). To receive a weekly bulletin of the library's newest purchases, please subscribe to our e-newsletter at [www.wowbrary.org](http://www.wowbrary.org). We look forward to seeing you at the library!



# Preview Shelf: March 2018

March 29, 2018

Diving into Dirt with CDPL



By Jessica Mondy

Some weeks, it seems like the Winter weather will never end. Despite the still-cold temperatures, the official first day of Spring was March 20th. After what we hope will be our final snow storm for the season, I think we're all ready to see the start of warm days and sunny skies. April is just a few days away now! As the weather continues to improve, many people will want to prepare their yards and gardens for the months ahead. At Crawfordsville District Public Library, we have a large variety of resources to help accomplish this goal.

Gardening is such a broad topic, and we have books that range from general gardening tips, to those that are narrowed to a specific gardening topic. Included in the CDPL collection are books such as *The Bee Friendly Garden* by Kate Frey (595.73 Fre), *Step by Step Gardening Techniques* by Oliver Allen (635 Ste), and *How to Eradicate Invasive Plants* by Teri Dunn Chace (581.62 Dun). We also have DVDs about gardening, including *How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening for Everyone* (DVD 635 How) and *Gardening with Jerry Baker: Garden Magic* (DVD 635 Gar).

In addition to the topic of gardening, we also have several items about landscaping. Some examples of our landscaping titles include *Home Landscaping: Plants, Projects and Ideas for Your Yard* by Better Homes and Gardens (712.6 Bet), *Landscaping with Fruits and Vegetables* by Fred Hagy (712.6 Hag), and *Gaia's Garden: a Guide to Home Scale Permaculture* by Toby Hemenway (635.048).

These titles are all located on the second floor of the library. Please ask a reference librarian for help in locating any of these materials, or to help you find additional materials that suit your gardening needs! For the next few weeks, we will have a display dedicated to the gardening theme upstairs. Stop by to check out the display, and get some ideas to make your yard bloom this Spring. We even have a few seed packets to give away, one per visitor while supplies last, to help inspire you to try to grow some of your own food.

If e-books are more your speed, feel free to take advantage of the 24-7-365 availability of our OverDrive service, with an incredible number of available materials of every subject you can imagine. Hoopla, another of CDPL's e-content services, also has many books related to gardening. Don't forget our e-magazine collection, available through our website: *Hobby Farms*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *Mother Earth News*, along with about 80 other titles are available for CDPL patrons with

current library cards. Also, be on the lookout for Spring-related events taking place at CDPL during the next few weeks. Think Spring!

March 22, 2018

New adaptive computer workstation available!



By Angela White, Digital Initiatives Librarian

Adaptive (also called Assistive) technologies are electronic solutions that enable people with disabilities to live and work independently. Blind persons can hear computer-screen text read aloud, and people with visual impairments can enlarge text, enabling independent reading. People who are unable to manipulate a traditional mouse can use a larger and easier to manipulate trackball mouse, and those who cannot physically hear a computer prompt can view prompts. There is also computer software that helps persons with learning differences see and hear the information displayed on the screen.

Here at the Crawfordsville District Public Library we are pleased to announce that we now have a Low-Vision Adaptive Technology Workstation available for public use. Thanks to a generous grant from the Luella Brake Trust, administered by the Montgomery County Community Foundation, CDPL now has a public computer workstation that includes:

- A 32" monitor
- Zoomtext software that allows for magnification and speech to text options
- A high visibility keyboard
- A BIGtrack 2.0 Trackball mouse for low visibility or low fine motor skills users
- Privacy screen
- Headphones with microphone

Our new adaptive technology workstation is located on the second floor of the library on the East side of the Reference desk area and is available anytime the library is open for use by patrons with disabilities. The Reference staff members have been trained to help assist patrons on how to log in and use this new station.

This workstation is the latest of many efforts by the library to offer collection items and services for patrons with low vision. The library also offers an extensive collection of best-selling books, including books by such popular authors as James Patterson, David Baldacci, Janet Evanovich, and Harlan

Coben, that will be found in our Large Print collection. Library e-content partners Hoopla and OverDrive also offer an abundance of popular e-books with adjustable type sizes, making text easier to read for those with vision impairments. Both Hoopla and OverDrive also offer an extensive collection of e-audiobook materials. The library also has many bestselling titles available as audiobooks on CD by authors such as Lee Child, Sandra Brown, Tess Gerritsen, and John Grisham. Due to the popularity of these items, please ask if you need assistance locating an item. Staff member will be happy to help you find the items, or will help you to place a hold on materials that are currently checked out so that they will be held for you upon their return.

Have questions about the library's offerings for low-vision patrons? Would you like to make an appointment to see how the new workstation is operated? Please call the Reference & Local History Department for assistance at 765-362-2242 ext. 117. We look forward to helping you at the library.

March 15, 2018

More than books at the library



By Jodie Wilson

Many people associate libraries with books. But have you taken advantage of CDPL's DVD materials? While our media collection is certainly large, it's not possible to see how large it is just by visiting the library. Why? Because at any moment, a large percentage of the library's offerings are borrowed, and are being utilized by our community members. Only a catalog search will reveal whether or not your favorite title is available from the library. Please read on for a few strategies to be sure you borrow the movie you're waiting for as quickly as possible.

So how many movies are in the general collection? Over 3,000 movies are included in just the library's Fiction collection, which is located on the library's first floor! The library also has children's movies in the children's department, as well as non-fiction DVD materials such as documentaries, histories, and travel DVDs, which are kept upstairs on the second floor.

Documentaries, such as National Geographic, BBC video's Planet Earth series, and Cosmos, offer great educational content for students and families. From comedy (Jeff Foxworthy, Jim Gaffigan, Bob Newhart) to classic "In Search of Shakespeare," "Handel's Messiah," CDPL has it covered.

Most recently-added movies for 2018 include Pixar Studio's "Coco;" The Stephen King horror film "It;" the story of Winston Churchill's early years as British Prime Minister in "Darkest Hour;" and the new Agatha Christie remake, "Murder on the Orient Express."

In 2017, CDPL added such popular movies as "Hacksaw Ridge," "Deepwater Horizon," and "The Accountant." Disney's amazing "Moana," was the most-circulated movie of all the library DVDs in 2017. (We also have the "Moana" movie soundtrack, located in the library's children's department.)

Other very popular titles for 2017 were the alien movie, "Arrival," "The Secret Life of Pets," "Captain America: Civil War," and the excellent movie "Hidden Figures," which was based on a book by the same name written by Margot Lee Shetterly (also in the collection and available to borrow).

Other most popular titles in the library collection are "Doctor Strange," "Finding Dory," "The Girl on the Train," "Star Wars: Rogue One," and "La La Land."

Disney seems always to feature largely in the library's favorites list: "Beauty and the Beast," "Moana," "The BFG," "Finding Dory," "Alice Through the Looking Glass," "The Jungle Book," "Zootopia," "The Finest Hours," and "The Good Dinosaur" are the most recent Disney purchases.

Even Netflix series like "The Crown," "House of Cards," and "Orange is the New Black," are now available from CDPL.

The best way to be sure you catch your long-awaited movie is to place a hold on the item using the library's online catalog. Once your hold is placed, all you'll need to do is wait. When the item is ready for you to borrow, the library will contact you in the manner you've requested, and it will be held for you at the front desk for five days. Need help placing a hold? Please ask a library staff member for assistance.

The best way to know when the library has purchased a new title is to subscribe to the library's e-newsletter, Wowbrary. Each Saturday, you'll receive one email that lists all the newest items that have been added to the collection. Click on the link from the item you'd like to borrow, and place your hold. As soon as the item is available, you will be notified to pick it up. To take advantage of this head start in borrowing the most popular library materials, please subscribe to our e-newsletter at [wowbrary.org](http://wowbrary.org). We hope to see you soon at the library.

March 8, 2018



By Reference & Local History Department Assistant Mary Rice

### College Prep Time?

Are you thinking about what you'll be doing after high school, or are you wanting to reinvent yourself with a new career? Are you needing to take another test? While the "test season" isn't really confined to a month or two during our calendar year, test preparation can/should take place for months before the big test. If you are considering taking the PSAT, SAT, ACT, or TASC, or even LSAT or NCLEX, you can find lots of information about these tests at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. Why not get a head start and prepare yourself with plenty of time to brush up on your academic knowledge while you can – and while the weather is too cold to do much outdoors?

If you have general questions about college including what to major in, how you would pay for college, what scholarships are available for your potential major, or even information about particular colleges that might make the decision on which college to attend a bit less confusing, the library has several shelves of materials devoted to these very topics! In the Barron's Profiles of American Colleges (378.73 Bar), you can find out lots of useful information for more than 1,650 colleges. Want to know the college's e-mail address? How about how many full-time students are enrolled? It's always nice to know how competitive the admissions process is in accepting future students. Ever wonder what the average SAT or ACT scores are for the incoming freshman? How about the cost to live on campus, or the price of tuition? All of this information and much, much more can be found in the Barron's book.

It's hard to imagine the scope of majors to choose from, but College Board has a book that might just help you choose one! Book of Majors: The Only Book That Describes Majors and Lists the Colleges That Offer Them (378.199 Boo) might be a good starting point for many people. Do you know what someone majoring in Biometrics studies? The Book of Majors also gives brief descriptions of over 1,200 majors. And in case you were wondering, a Biometrics major learns how to apply various computational methods to the study of problems in the biological sciences and related fields in agriculture and natural resources.

College hasn't gotten any cheaper over the years, so it might be worth your while to look at The Ultimate Scholarship Book (378.34 Tan) before you decide you can't afford to attend. This book not only details more than 1.5 million awards, but it also gives insider advice on how to win the scholarships mentioned. Included are the top ten application do's and don'ts. Many scholarship applications ask for an essay which can make or break your chances of winning. This book explains how to write a winning scholarship essay. Some scholarships may require an on-site interview. Studies on the effectiveness of speeches have proven that how you come across during an interview (your "sound" and appearance) is more important than what you actually end up saying! The Ultimate Scholarship Book will give you several tips on how to look and sound your best for an interview.

If you'd like to invest some time in improving your future, please drop on in to the Crawfordsville District Public Library's Reference department and we'll be glad to show you all of the books mentioned and many more. Your future may be just a book (or two) away!

March 1, 2018

By Craig Leteroff, Assistant Reference & LH Department Head

ReferenceUSA Training

Every day, businesses go out of business. Even in the best economic climate, it's tough for companies to thrive, which is why it's so important to utilize anything that might give your business an advantage. Thankfully, there's a powerful tool that can provide you with tons of information about

your competitors & customers and help you make smarter decisions. It's called ReferenceUSA and, if you have a Crawfordsville District library card, it's one of many resources that are free and available 24 hours per day.

ReferenceUSA collects data from hundreds of thousands of sources and organizes it into a powerful, user-friendly database. It's updated continuously, so you can be assured that you're getting the most current and accurate information. With ReferenceUSA, you can easily find out a business's credit rating, number of employees, administrative staff, and more. You can also construct searches to locate potential customers in a particular town or zip code. The database even has a map feature that allows you to select or exclude custom areas—if you only want to see businesses with more than 25 employees on the west side of Crawfordsville, ReferenceUSA can do that. If you only want pizza restaurants in a half-mile radius, it can handle that, too.

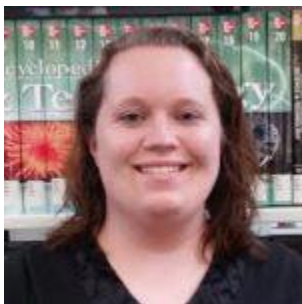
You can use ReferenceUSA to find sales leads and study marketing trends, but it also includes a "white pages" feature which allows you to easily track down address and contact information for individuals. Very helpful when sending mailings or Christmas cards, or when you need to find out who resides at a particular piece of property. You can "drill down" by interest to find people with an affinity for dogs or sports or cooking. There's even a section on healthcare providers that lists the specialties of physicians or dentists and states whether a particular provider is board certified.

By now, I hope you're interested in ReferenceUSA. If you are, then I have more good news. The library is hosting a demonstration and training session for the database on Monday, March 12th at 12:30pm. Andra Roussel of Infogroup will be here to give attendees a tour of ReferenceUSA and answer any questions you might have about the database. Lunch will be provided by Maxine's on Green and, like ReferenceUSA, won't cost you anything. But space is limited, so please register by sending an email to [ref@cdpl.lib.in.us](mailto:ref@cdpl.lib.in.us) or calling us at (765) 362-2242 x. 117. I hope to see you there!

## Preview Shelf: February 2018

February 22, 2018

Winter Olympics 2018



By Jessica Mondy, Reference Department Assistant

Did you know that there are fifteen sports played at the Winter Olympics? The Olympics happen every two years, with alternating Summer and Winter Games. The sports at these two athletic festivals vary greatly, and the countries represented change throughout the years. In PyeongChang, South Korea, the United States is represented



by 242 athletes, which is the largest number ever taken to a Winter Games by any one nation! Team USA includes 108 women, seven sets of siblings, a married couple and one athlete from Indiana.\*

At CDPL, we are excited to show our support for Team USA in these 2018 Winter Games! We have created an Olympic Book Display on the second floor of the library, containing a variety of materials related to the Olympics. The display includes such topics as books on the history of South Korea; biographies of famous Olympians such as Michelle Kwan, Dorothy Hamill, and Scott Hamilton; books about the sports played in the Winter Olympics; and fiction titles set during various former Olympic Games. The display includes additional Olympic information as well. Please come check it out for yourself!

Also available with your library card are resources on Overdrive. The books that are available through OverDrive include similar subjects to the ones featured in our book display: more Olympian biographies and fiction titles having to do with Olympic events. Two specific titles are, *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown, and *Amazing Pace* by Paul McMullen. *The Boys in the Boat* is about a group of Americans at the 1936 Olympics, and *Amazing Pace* tells the story of Olympic Gold Medalist Michael Phelps. Resources related to South Korea include titles such as *The Frozen Hours* by Jeff Shaara, which is a novel about the events of the Korean War. I also searched for skiing, snowboarding, figure skating, and hockey, all of which are sports represented in the Winter Olympics, and all of which had varying numbers of search results on Overdrive.

Our Hoopla service also has e-books, e-audio books, movies, and music available for electronic access and is available 24-7. A variety of Olympic-related materials includes the e-book *Devil at my Heels*, by former Olympian Louis Zamperini, and hundreds of other titles. If you have never used Overdrive or Hoopla, or need a refresher course in how to use them, feel free to contact our Reference staff by calling 765-362-2242 ext 117, or visit us on the second floor of the library. We would be more than happy to assist you with getting started with our e-content services.

We hope you are excited about the 2018 Winter Olympics! The festivities began on February 9th, and will continue until February 25th. Please come check out our Olympic resources at CDPL to learn more about another country, a sport you find interesting, or a famous Olympic athlete. Hope you enjoy the games, and we hope to see you soon at the library.

\*Statistics taken from NPR. The article I read is located at:  
<http://n.pr/2EimWnb>

February 15, 2018

## Date Night Tango



By Angela White, Digital Initiatives Librarian

Looking for something fun and different to celebrate Valentine's Day this year? Why not learn to tango! Ballroom dancing has made a noticeable comeback thanks to its exposure on reality television. Not only is it fun and entertaining for viewers and participants alike, it's also really good exercise. What's more, people of any age can do it.

So strap on your dancing shoes and start practicing your best dance moves because the Crawfordsville District Public Library along with the Carnegie Museum is holding its second ballroom dance event. Come this Friday for a beginner lesson in the American Tango, Rumba, and East Coast Swing.

Now don't fret, you do not need any ballroom experience. That's what a beginner lesson is for. Ballroom dance does require a bit of movement on the floor so your shoes are important. Ballroom dance shoes or any leather bottomed or felt bottomed shoes will fit the bill nicely. No need for a tux or fancy gown, business casual is dressy enough. Just make sure you can move in your clothes. In addition to social dancing, guests will enjoy light refreshments, good music, and champagne.

The event will be held at the main gallery of the historic Carnegie Museum on Friday February 16, 2018. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Our wonderful instructor will give a dance lesson from 7pm-8pm. Then the dance floor will open up from 8-10pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and are currently available for sale at two locations for your convenience: at the circulation desk in the library, and at the gift shop in the museum. The Carnegie Museum can accept credit cards

All proceeds go to fund programming at the library and museum. Please join us for this very exciting Date Night Tango.

February 8, 2018

Indiana Authors

By Craig Lefteroff, Assistant Department Head, Reference & Local  
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When you see the phrase “Indiana authors”, a list of famous names probably leaps into your mind: Kurt Vonnegut, Theodore Dreiser, and (naturally) Lew Wallace. But there are plenty of excellent writers in this state who are producing fine work now and their wares are waiting for you at the library.

Cathy Day’s *The Circus in Winter* (FIC Day) is one of the best literary advertisements for small-town Indiana. Based on the author’s hometown of Peru, the book concerns a travelling circus that spends the colder months in Indiana. It’s arranged in a series of interconnected short stories, much like Sherwood Anderson’s *Winesburg, Ohio*, and tells its tales through prose that’s masterfully controlled. Once you’ve finished it, you’ll probably want to take a trip to Peru to see the remnants of the town’s real-life circus history.

Roxane Gay hasn’t written about irate elephants or acrobats performing spins of death (yet), but she has excelled in almost every other area of writing. Adept at novels (*An Untamed State* [FIC Gay]) and short stories (*Difficult Women* [FIC Gay]) and collections of essays (*Bad Feminist* [814.6 Gay]), Gay is an author of far-reaching abilities. It’s hard to know how she finds the time while also teaching at Purdue! Her latest nonfiction book, *Hunger*, is available as an ebook and audiobook through our Overdrive service, and her previous works live in multiple sections of the library.

If you’ve talked to a teenager recently, you probably already know about Indianapolis’s John Green. His *The Fault in Our Stars* [YA FIC Gre], a young adult romance about young people dealing with cancer, was a massive hit with readers of all ages. It was also adapted into an acclaimed film. His latest book, *Turtles All the Way Down* [YA FIC Gre], is a tale of an Indiana teenager’s struggles with mental illness. It’s just as moving and well-crafted as his previous works, and further cements Green as one of the most reliably rewarding authors around.

Melanie Benjamin was also born in Indianapolis, but her books are quite different from John Green’s. Real-life figures like Anne Morrow Lindbergh and Lewis Carroll populate her historical fiction, whose titles include *Alice I Have Been* [FIC Ben] and *The Swans of Fifth Avenue* [FIC Ben]. Benjamin’s books have the kind of

substance not often found on the bestseller list and are perfect for book club discussions.

Indiana has a great, long literary history, but it also has plenty of authors who are still crafting their legacy. If you're not reading living authors who are current or former Hoosiers, you are missing out on some of the most captivating books around. If you need help finding a new Indiana writer to enjoy, we'd be happy to help you at the library!

February 1, 2018

The Real Stories Behind Star Trek

By Dianne Combs

A new book on display upstairs is "The Autobiography of James T. Kirk," which made my Trekkie alarm go off! I quickly grabbed it to learn more about one of my favorite television and movie characters — you need to know that my computer sign-in is a photo of Kirk and Spock! The editor is David A. Goodman, who wrote for "The Golden Girls," "Star Trek: Enterprise," and "Family Guy." Kirk's story begins with his farm life in Iowa, his mother's leaving to have her own life, and his father raising James and his brother, Sam, in the outdoors with lots of travel and adventure. I know, not like the movie, but this is based on the 1960's series. The author presents several chapters of "backstory" on the life of Captain Kirk. I especially enjoyed reading about how Kirk met his crew of the "Enterprise," starting with Scotty. Kirk's experiences on different ships, mostly the "Hotspur," the first ship he captained, help build up the character that we would later come to love in the television series. Finally in chapter six, we read about the handing over of the "USS Enterprise" by Captain Pike to Kirk, and the adventures begin!

If you are like me, and you cruise the internet for production information (gossip!) while watching shows, "Inside Star Trek: The Real Story," (791.4572) by Herbert Solow and Robert Justman, is just the thing for you. Solow and Justman were intimately involved in the production for the series, so you know you're getting all the news that is worth knowing. This is a fascinating look into the nuts and bolts production of the series. I really enjoyed reading about how different actors were hired and contributed to the series. Original paperwork used by producers, directors, and others pepper the book,

sharing with us the efforts necessary to make a series work on network television, even the score to the theme song, with the original words!

“Star Trek Memories,” (791.4572) by William Shatner, is a behind-the-scenes look at Star Trek from the pen of one of the best known television actors of all time. He starts with a short biography of Gene Roddenberry. He then stops at each episode, sharing tidbits of gossip, and funny stories to add to our love of the series. Think about how the pointy-ear character played by Leonard Nimoy must have been received by his castmates! Names such as “Dumbo,” “Pixie-Man,” and others probably not suitable for publication annoyed Nimoy enough that he was ready to give up the ears. Roddenberry told him that after thirteen episodes, if the ears were still a problem, they would find a way to get rid of them.

“The City on the Edge of Forever,” the original award-winning teleplay by Harlan Ellison, is available on our CDPL website on Overdrive, our digital download service. Hoopla, our other digital download service, has different over 400 Star Trek titles in audiobooks, ebooks, and graphic novels. Prefer DVD? We have both Star Trek: the Original Series as well as Star Trek: the Next Generation Series in the library’s collection. Live long and prosper!

## Preview Shelf: January 2018

January 23, 2018

2017 here at CDPL



By Jodie Wilson

2017 was an exciting year for the Crawfordsville District Public Library. We were able to make many improvements over the last year, including a major bandwidth upgrade to improve speeds for internet users, security enhancements, and general expansion of our technology infrastructure. All these changes mean faster, more reliable service for our patrons, and room for growth in the future.

While once nearly the sole measure of a library’s success, the number of items circulated in a year is now only one of many statistics used to gauge a library’s performance. Although CDPL checked out 141,837 items to the public over the course of 2017, down from 2016’s total, there are many growing numbers that also quantify the library’s value to the community.

During the course of 2017, the library provided a venue for 878 non-sponsored programs with a total attendance of 16,320 persons. The library sponsored and conducted another 970 programs on behalf of our local community, with a total attendance of 22,157 persons. CDPL set records this year for both the number of programs and attendance, as did the Carnegie Museum. The gate count for 2017 recorded 155,260 library visits.

As always, in 2017 our Children's Department did a great job of providing opportunities for encouraging literacy development. The Children's staff offer story times for families and children, outreach to preschools and local schools, extend library services to local home school students, create holiday-themed activities, manage a popular summer reading program for children and teens, and coordinate year-round book clubs. Our Circulation Department coordinates reading programs and book clubs for adults, as well.

A new offering for CDPL in 2017 was our Digital Drop-In. This program, offered from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, or by appointment, provides assistance for patrons who need help using technology, whether a smartphone, laptop, or desktop computer; or assistance using a specific program, or performing a certain electronic task. Staff can help patrons set up e-book accounts, learn word processing software, or how to use Facebook, for example.

Our library's second floor public access internet workstations were used in 26,073 separate sessions over the course of 2017, and the number of hours logged beat 2016's numbers by nearly 5%, with 19,451 hours spent on public workstations. An average of 763 patrons used the public computers each month in 2017, with an additional 315 patrons using the wireless internet each month.

Digital media services saw growth in virtually every service offered. Our newest offering, OverDrive, was available beginning in August, and saw strong numbers in the last four months of the year, providing access to 1121 e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-videos. Hoopla, a patron favorite, provided a total of 5,438 electronic collection items for CDPL patrons in 2017. The library also circulated 756 e-magazines through RB digital Zinio; and 1,377 audiobooks from OneClick Digital.

The most popular of all the collections in terms of usage was adult media. 26% of the items borrowed in 2017 were DVD, Blu-Ray, CD, or Book on CD, for a total circulation of 35,923 items. The most popular item of 2017? Disney's Moana DVD, with a total of 113 circulations among the three copies the library owns!

We encourage our community to come see what's going on at the library, and please sign up for Wowbrary, our weekly e-newsletter! You'll see the newest purchases before they appear on the shelf, and you can place holds from the newsletter, ensuring you have a shorter wait. To enroll, please go to [www.wowbrary.org](http://www.wowbrary.org). Have questions? Please call us at 362-2242 or explore our website for more information at [www.cdpl.lib.in.us](http://www.cdpl.lib.in.us) We look forward to assisting you.

January 18, 2018

Winter Reading





By Suzie Baldwin

Hello, and Greetings from the Crawfordsville District Public Library. It is time for the Adult Winter Reading program fun to commence. The program (Winter is Bearable with Books) begins on January 15, 2018 and will run for a total of six weeks. Instead of reading a book every week the participants will be recording time read (which can be a newspaper, book, blog, or even reading to kids or grandkids). Once two hours of reading time has been reached we will enter the patron names for the opportunity to win a prize. Six weekly prizes will be awarded and a grand prize too (of course, we will also award books).

If you don't have time to partake in the Adult Winter Reading Program, consider stopping by to see the beautiful woodwork pieces created by Ben Wilson in the Mary Bishop Art Gallery (located East of the Circulation Desk). There is also the amazing Lego replica of the Courthouse (which has Lego pieces from 10 foreign countries), and an informative display about soup since January is National Soup Month. Did you know? ... Groucho Marx offered the following explanation for the title of the 1933 movie Duck Soup: "Take two turkeys, one goose, four cabbages (no duck) and mix them together. After one taste, you'll duck soup the rest of your life." Or did you know? Ten billion bowls of soup are eaten every year in the United States.

There are also numerous Adult programs being offered at the library. Come join the Deweys Do Book Club (2nd Monday of every month @ 6:30pm), or the Fantasy Book Club (1st Monday of every month @ 6:00pm – books are available at Circulation of what is being read for the month). Chess is played every Tuesday (6:30pm) on the 2nd floor of the library. Aside from our regularly-scheduled programs, the library is planning a Date Night Tango Lesson and Open Dance on Friday, February 16, and another Plant-Based Living group meeting is planned for March. On the library website you can check out our calendar or just call (or stop by) to keep current on upcoming events. There is a printed calendar at the Circulation desk and we will happily make a copy for you to take home to keep track of the programs. Also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to keep up with Library activities and information, and our e-newsletter, Wowbrary, showcases the newest library purchases so you can reserve those popular items quickly, minimizing your wait. Please sign up today at [wowbrary.org](http://wowbrary.org)!

Whether you want to have fun participating in the Adult Winter Reading Program (be in a book club, play chess, maybe learn to dance), just want to make a copy, peruse the newest released DVD's, or check out a book, then CDPL is the place for you during the fluctuating temperatures of good 'ole Indiana. Stop by for a visit and our staff would love to assist you with locating the perfect entertainment for you. Until next time, READ, READ, READ!

January 11, 2018

By Dianne Combs, Reference & Local History Assistant

“How often have I said to you that when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth?” —Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Does that quote just get your detecting juices flowing? Are you a Sherlockian? Love a riddle? Want to wear tweed and smoke a pipe? Have you been “SHER\_LOCKED?” Hasten to the CDPL and find more Sherlock than you knew was possible! Not only do we have two complete works by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle on the shelves, but we have numerous adaptations, anthologies, annotated works, and online ebooks, audiobooks, and videos for days! With the most recent BBC adaptation starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman, Sherlock Holmes’ popularity has been extended to new viewers. Of course, CDPL owns the DVDs for this most recent iteration as well.

“The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes,” edited by Leslie S. Klinger, a world-renowned Holmes expert, will help your reading be enhanced by side notes, explanations, original illustrations from around the world, and a huge index of selected sources for further research. The first novel to be annotated is “A Study in Scarlet,” first published in 1887 in the “Beeton’s Christmas Annual.” It gave the public its first view of the fantastical life of the world’s greatest detective. The book continues on with “The Sign of Four,” “The Hound of the Baskervilles,” and “The Valley of Fear.” These are considered Doyle’s four novels about the great detective. In “The Sign of Four,” young Mary Morstan shows up at 221B Baker Street with a tantalizing story of pearls, a dead father, and a letter instructing her to show up at a certain theater with friends. Soon, a wooden legged man, a pygmy, and a dead man appear to Holmes and Watson, and the game is afoot! Also, during this story, we find a budding romance growing between Miss Morstan and the ever faithful Dr. Watson.

“The Hound of the Baskervilles” begins with the mysterious death of Sir Charles Baskerville by a legendary ghost hound. This is one of those enthralling, late Victorian stories with strange warnings, mysterious clues, and a long list of suspects. There is a foggy moor, an eerie estate home, a family curse, and Lestrade, the London policeman who always seems to be there. Does it get more deliciously spine-tingling than that? This novel was considered at the time, 1902, to be one of the best-selling novels in the new century.

“The Sherlock Holmes Book—Big Ideas Simply Explained,”(823.8) a DK book, is another wonderfully annotated book that moves beyond the novels to the short stories of Sir Doyle. This is more of a history book of the stories, with publishing histories, illustrations, explanations, and numerous photos from movies of the stories. Very colorful, and more of a read-alongside book for the short stories. I could see this being a great reference to bring our twenty-first century minds back to the murky world of Sherlock.

Along with our extensive Holmes’ book and DVD collections, check out our online resources — Overdrive and Hoopla — for many, many more stories, movies, e-books and audiobooks that will take you back in time to meet with one of the greatest detecting minds in the world: Sherlock Holmes.

January 4, 2018

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One of our finest traditions is the New Year's resolution. Although it's usually no fun to lift more weights at the gym or say no to extra cake, the idea of becoming a better, stronger person in the new year is an appealing one. And no matter what you're resolving to do in 2018, your Crawfordsville library has free resources to help you successfully achieve it.

Let's start with diet and exercise. The library has a large collection of diet books, including titles like *The DASH Diet Weight Loss Solution*, *The New Mediterranean Diet Cookbook*, and *The Whole30: The 30-Day Guide to Total Health and Food Freedom*. If you're aiming to change your diet in 2018, you might also enjoy our books on vegetarian cooking (*Fresh from the Vegetarian Slow Cooker* is a good pick), or find collections of recipes that don't require salt, sugar, or gluten. We have plenty of exercise books available as well—whether you choose *Yoga for Wimps*, *The Biggest Loser Boot Camp*, or *The Complete Guide to Walking*, you'll find what you need to get started. Many other books on all subjects are available through library e-content services Hoopla and OverDrive.

If you're planning to cut back on smoking or alcohol in 2018, the library has books that will help you kick those habits. Titles like *Recover to Live* treat addiction in a general fashion and we also have books that focus more narrowly on specific problems. We also offer free access to *Consumer Health Complete*, a database that includes up-to-date articles on health issues, via Inspire, so you can be sure you're getting the newest information on how to quit. You can also read magazines such as *Men's Fitness* and *Yoga Journal* at no cost on *Consumer Health Complete*!

Resolutions don't always have to involve cutting back or giving up. The library has many tools that can help you learn new skills, such as playing a musical instrument or speaking a new language. The library's *Rocket Languages* databases offers instruction for more than ten different languages, including sign language. Or resolve to save money by fixing your own car—we provide access to *Chilton Reference*, an electronic database with easy instructions and plenty of images. We also offer a full slate of programs that give you opportunities to spend more time with friends or family. January's offerings include our program on plant-based living on the 9th and a *Golden Girls*-themed coloring and cheesecake event on the 19th. As always, please drop by the library or contact us for more information on any of our resources and events. No matter what you're doing to improve yourself and make it a happier new year, the library can help you make your resolutions a reality!