

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

April 2011: Calendar of Events



This is a publication of the Friends of the Library.

Who's Hiding This Month in the Library?

Month of April

Drawing on Friday, April 29

Bittersweet Branch Library



Children's Services

Max, the adorable rabbit from the Rosemary Wells' books is hiding in a different location each week.

Find him and receive an entry slip for a drawing.

Details: **259-0392.**

Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 1 to Monday, April 11

Bittersweet Branch Library



Look for special Easter eggs and earn a prize.

Details: **259-0392.**

Paws to Read

Saturday, April 2 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library



This program is for children in grades 2-5.

Have fun reading aloud to a canine companion.

Children will be paired with Barney, a Saint Bernard, and his handler for one 15-minute session.

Details: **259-5277, ext 242.**

Treetop Tales

Mondays, April 4 and 18 at 1:30 p. m.

Harris Branch Library



Share stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Details: **271-3179.**

One Book, One Michiana program.



Denotes a Children's Services program.



Denotes a Friends of the Library program.



Free Tax Assistance Available

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Volunteers from Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame will offer free tax assistance to residents whose 2010 income is \$40,000 or less. Unemployed taxpayers whose 2010 earnings were at or below \$40,000 prior to collecting taxable unemployment benefits will also be served from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

April 2, 9 (Spencer Gallery), **April 16** (Lions Room)

Tax help available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Reference Services at **259-5277, ext. 218.**

Tax Form Alert


The IRS and Indiana Department of Revenue are sending neither the variety nor the quantities of forms that they have provided in past years.



MPHPL recognizes that we have patrons who need these forms. Patrons needing forms should first look on the tax table. If their forms are not available, staff at the Reference Services desk will print out the necessary forms from the computer at a charge of 10¢ per page. Items that need to be copied are 15¢ per page.

MPHPL Calendar of Events Continued

Walk-in Crafts

Monday, April 4 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. 

Harris Branch Library

This self-directed activity includes a variety of projects. Feel free to complete one or all of them. Program will continue while supplies last.

Details: **271-3179.**

Weather Watch

Tuesday, April 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Bittersweet Branch Library

Families are invited to meet WNDU-TV meteorologist Frank Waugh as he presents fun weather facts and discusses weather safety.

Details: **259-0392.**

Make It and Take It — Playdough

Tuesday, April 5 anytime between 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.

Harris Branch Library

Use tools and your imagination to make and shape playdough. Program will continue while supplies last.

Details: **271-3179.**



Let's Talk English!

Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Harris Branch Library

This program offers an opportunity for women to practice English conversation. Special thanks to the Literacy Council of St. Joseph County.

Details and registration: **271-3179.**



Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Bittersweet Branch Library

All are invited to attend the monthly meeting.

Details: **259-0392.**



Library Treasure Hunt

Wednesday, April 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. 

Harris Branch Library

Go on a treasure hunt to find items in various parts of the library. Find all the items on the list and receive an entry form for a prize drawing.

Details: **271-3179.**



Spring into Shape

Thursday, April 7

11:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. 

Harris Branch Library

Get your kids off the couch this spring break and bring your entire family to the library for exercise. An adult must be present from each family attending.

Details and registration: **271-3179.**

Spring Break Family Movie

Thursday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. 

Bittersweet Branch Library

You're invited to watch the film version of a Roald Dahl classic, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. This tale of a fantastic fox and the three farmers who want to get rid of him features the voice talents of George Clooney, Meryl Streep, Bill Murray, and Owen Wilson. Free tickets are required and can be picked up at the Bittersweet Branch Library.

Details: **259-0392.**

Storytime Sampler

Mondays, April 11 & 25 at 10:30 a.m. 

Bittersweet Branch Library

Enjoy a sampling of materials used in the preschool and toddler programs.

Details: **259-0392.**

Movie Based on Rocket Boys

Monday, April 11 at 6:15 p.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

The movie, *October Sky*, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Laura Dern, will be shown. The movie is based on the book, *Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam. Free tickets are required and can be picked up in Reference Services at all MPHPL locations.

Details: **259-5277, ext. 218.**



Yak, Snack, & Read Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. or

Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Harris Branch Library

Morning: *Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam.

Evening: *The Catcher in the Rye*

by J.D. Salinger.

Details: **271-3179.**



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The Friends of the Library

Who are the Friends of the Library?

The Friends of the Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library, a non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the library, provides funds for programs, services, and materials that would not otherwise be possible.

Become a new member or renew your membership! Besides contributing to the library, you will receive a copy of this monthly newsletter in the mail. Fill out the enclosed Friends' application, print one from our website (www.mphpl.org), or ask for an application at any MPHPL location.

New Membership:

Kim Malicki, Scott and Cindy Shrock, Diane Tjaden

Renewing Membership:

Margaret Boner, Joe and MaryAnn DeKeever, Trudy Jackson

Junior Membership:

Sarah Friedline (renewal)

Reminder...

Friends' Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 6
1:30 p.m.

Bittersweet Branch Library
602 Bittersweet Road, Mishawaka
259-0392

A Letter from the President of the Friends...

I think everyone is glad for this winter to finally be history, and I hope you're enjoying the nice spring temperatures with the promise of local produce and flowers to come. I know you have been utilizing the library this winter—the inclement weather certainly lent itself to reading lots of books—and trust that you'll continue to utilize your local branch through the spring and summer. The librarians are planning a great summer reading program. Additional information will be in future newsletters.

This month, the Friends of the Library are helping MPHPL participate in the One Book, One Michiana community-wide programming. This series of book discussions and other events invites all members of the community to read and discuss the same book during the same time period. This year's book is *Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam. Enjoy reading the book and participating in the variety of programs. Events are marked in this newsletter with the One Book, One Michiana logo.

We are still looking for members-at-large for our Board. If you have a few spare hours and enjoy the library, please feel free to contact me at Friends@mphpl.org or through your local branch.

Tamara Ashley, President
Friends of the Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

It's Easy to Purchase Library Materials!

You can now purchase discarded MPHPL materials and donated items two ways:

Ongoing sale shelves (at each location) OR
online at www.betterworldbooks.com



BetterWorldBooks
WWW.BETTERWORLDBOOKS.COM

Friends of the Mishawaka-Penn-Harris
Public Library



The Friends of the Library *Membership Application*

YES! I want to help the library by becoming a member
of the FRIENDS OF THE MISHAWAKA-PENN-HARRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Please make checks payable to: *Friends of the Library*.
Application and fee can be dropped off at any MPHPL location or mailed to:
Friends of the Library, 209 Lincoln Way East, Mishawaka, IN 46544

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please register me as : _____ New _____ Renewal

_____ Gift Membership from _____

Circle membership level:

INDIVIDUAL: One year: \$7.00 Three years: \$14.00

FAMILY: One year: \$10.00 Three years: \$22.00

JUNIOR (Grades K-12): \$1.00

LIFE MEMBERS: \$100.00

ADDITIONAL DONATION (Tax deductible): \$ _____

I would like to volunteer at the library on a regular basis. _____

I would like to help with special projects. _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

MPHPL Calendar of Events Continued

Friends' Writing Group

Wednesday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Friends Room

Share tips, techniques, and writing.

Details: 259-5277, ext. 218.



American Heritage Roundtable

Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Spencer Gallery

Milt Foster will reenact the life of Civil War Admiral David Farragut, who spent 60 years in the U.S. Navy.

Details: 259-5277, ext 300.



Bittersweet Bookends

Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Bittersweet Branch Library

Bittersweet Bookends is the newest book discussion group at the library. Each month's discussion focuses on a fiction book from a different genre.

April book: *Sword of Shannara* by Terry Brooks

Details: 259-0392.

Spring Egg-stravaganza

Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

This program is for children aged 3 - 7.

Enjoy the story *The Golden Egg Book* by Margaret Wise Brown, do the bunny hop, participate in fun musical activities, join in an egg hunt, and create a hatching egg craft.

Details: 259-5277, ext 242.



Rocket Demonstration

Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Harris Branch Library

Dave Miller, 4-H Rocketry Club member, will discuss model rocket selection, construction, and launching.

Details: 271-3179.



Rocket Boys Trivia

Monday, April 18 to Saturday, April 23

All Library Locations

Take the trivia quiz any time during the week.

Completed quizzes with correct answers will be entered into a drawing for prizes.

Details: 259-5277, ext. 218, 259-0392, 271-3179.



Series and Sequels

Monday, April 18 at 3:30 p.m.

Harris Branch Library

This program is for children in grades 4-5.

Fans of the *Guardians of Ga'Hoole* series by Kathryn Lasky are invited to discuss the series.

Details and registration: 271-3179.



Cooperative Antique Study Group

Tuesday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Spencer Gallery

Share antiques, questions, and stories.

Details: 259-5277, ext. 218.



Kids Garden Club

Tuesday, April 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Harris Branch Library

This program is for children in grades 1-6.

Have fun planting flowers from seeds and watching them grow throughout the spring and summer.

Details and registration: 271-3179.



Herb Gardening for Everyone

Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Spencer Gallery

Master gardener Bradford Redding will discuss herb gardening and the ways herbs can enrich your life.

Details: 259-5277, ext. 218.



Mug 'n Muffin Book Discussion Group

Thursday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Friends Room

April book: *A Mother and Two Daughters* by Gail Godwin.

Details: 259-5277, ext. 292.



Who Are You? A Genealogy Roundtable

Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Bittersweet Branch Library

Interested in genealogy? Share your story.

Beginners and experienced researchers are welcome to chat about their family history and research.

Details: 259-0392.

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Harvey Putter and the Ridiculous Premise

Saturday, April 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Bittersweet Branch Library

In this movie, celebrity teen wizard Harvey Putter and his friends learn that they are merely characters in a best-selling book and must magically escape their world before the final chapter. Scenes from this award-winning spoof were shot at the downtown Mishawaka Library. Tickets are not required, but parental guidance is suggested.

Details: **259-0392.**

Reader's Choice Book Club

Tuesday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Harris Branch Library

Participants meet to discuss fiction or nonfiction books they've read about the topic of the month. April's topic is ocean travel.

Details: **271-3179.**

Victorian Photo Flower Pin Walk-in Craft

Tuesday, April 26

anytime between 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.



Bittersweet Branch Library

Teens and adults are invited to make a Victorian photo flower pin. Bring your own photo or choose from assorted photos provided by the library. The pin would make a great Mother's Day gift.

Details: **259-0392.**

Mishawaka High School Jazz Band

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.



Harris Branch Library

Swing with the Mishawaka High School Jazz Band in this special encore performance. They will play a wide variety of jazz styles from mellow tunes to the most toe-tapping, rocking swing you can imagine!

Details: **271-3179.**

Model Rocketry: Bigger, Better, and Flying Higher

Saturday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m.

Bittersweet Branch Library

You're invited to bring in partially or totally completed model rockets. Dave Miller, 4-H Rocketry member will give advice and answer questions about rockets. He will also show a PowerPoint presentation of various rockets being launched.

Details: **259-0392.**

Welcome to Coalwood Movie Shown

Saturday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m.



Harris Branch Library

Watch Steve Date's movie *Welcome to Coalwood*.

A tie-in with the book *Rocket Boys*, the movie focuses on the people of Homer Hickam's hometown of Coalwood, West Virginia, as they provide a perspective on their town's history, its present state, and plans for its future.

Details: **271-3179.**

Fancy Nancy Tea Party Soiree

Saturday, May 7 at 10:30 a.m.



Downtown Mishawaka Library

This program is for children aged 4 - 8.

Registration begins Saturday, April 23.

Feel free to dress up in your "fanciest" attire and enjoy a morning of fancy fun! Listen to the story *Fancy Nancy and the Posh Puppy* by Jane O'Connor and participate in several pink, posh games. A craft and a parent/child tea party are part of the fun.

Details and registration: **259-5277, ext. 242.**

LIBRARY OPENING LATE



All Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library locations will **open at 1:00 p.m.**, on **Wednesday, April 27** so library staff can participate in a seminar.

Donations

The Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library (MPHPL) system always welcomes donations.

Thank you to:

Margaret Boner, Dale Carter, Graphics Group, Lions Club of Mishawaka, Mike Skocyzlas, South Bend Area Genealogical Society (SBAGS)

To make a donation, contact Administration at **259-5277, ext. 288**, or mail a check to MPHPL, 209 Lincoln Way East, Mishawaka, IN 46544.

Art and Technology at MPHPL

Computer Class:

Space is limited and registration is required. Call 259-5277, ext. 273.

Walk-ins will receive seats not claimed 10 minutes after start time.



Intermediate Facebook

Wednesday, April 13 at 9:15 a.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Registration begins Wednesday, April 6.

Participants must have taken Beginning Facebook or have prior knowledge of how to use Facebook. Topics include:

- Security issues
- Facebook email and messages
- Applications explanation and how to check your account
- How businesses use Facebook for marketing

Sharing Boxes

A child with a caregiver may ask for the following Sharing Boxes during the month of April at the Children's Services desk in the respective Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library location.

Bittersweet Branch Library

In the Rosemary Wells' book, *Max's Chocolate Chicken*, Max and Ruby hunt for eggs. See who gets the chocolate chicken prize; then make a paper egg basket to hang on your door.

Harris Branch Library

Have fun reading *Ten Little Dinosaurs* by Pattie Schmetzler. You never know what's going to happen to these crazy dinosaurs with the wiggly eyeballs as they frolic from ten to zero! Then make your own dinosaur mask to take home.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Fly to the moon!

Create your very own rocket to take home as you read

A Circle in the Sky by Zachary Wilson.



Each MPHPL location has a display based on the One Book, One Michiana book *Rocket Boys*.

Bittersweet Branch Library Displays

Lobby Case #1:

Rockets by Dave Miller

Lobby Case #2:

World War II military items by Brian Dentino

Flat Case #1:

My Little Pony collection by the Logan Family

Flat Case #2:

TBA

Harris Branch Library Displays

Right Foyer Case:

Tribute to *Rocket Boys* and Coalwood, WV

Left Foyer Case:

American Girl® collection by Rebecca McMille

Gallery:

“Month of the Young Child”
artwork by children from northern Indiana
by Early Childhood Partnership of Northern Indiana

Downtown Mishawaka Library Displays

Spencer Gallery:

John Young Middle School student art work

Outside Heritage Center:

Child abuse prevention materials and information
by Prevent Child Abuse St. Joseph County

Lower Level Display Case:

Stamps, photographs, and other memorabilia
of the early space shuttles

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BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKSELLERS

MPHPL is partnering with Barnes & Noble to help support the library's Summer Reading Program.

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, May 14**, the library will receive a percentage of sales made at Barnes & Noble. Plus, library staff will be at the store hosting activities during the day. See next month's newsletter for more details.



Friends of the Library
Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library
209 Lincoln Way East
Mishawaka, IN 46544

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Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

Downtown Mishawaka Library

209 Lincoln Way East

Mishawaka, IN 46544

(574) 259-5277

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

Bittersweet Branch Library

602 Bittersweet Road

Mishawaka, IN 46544

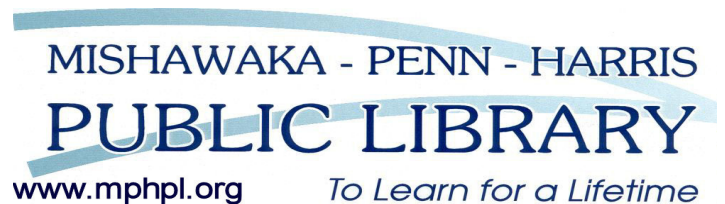
(574) 259-0392

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Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED



Harris Branch Library

51446 Elm Road

Granger, IN 46530

(574) 271-3179

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED