

# Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

## February 2012: Calendar of Events



This is a publication of the Friends of the Library.

### Who's Hiding This Month in the Library?

**Month of February**

**Drawing on Wednesday, February 29**

*Bittersweet Branch Library*

**Children's Services**

Mo Willems' irresistible friend, the Pigeon, is hiding in a different location each week. Find him and receive an entry slip for a drawing.

Details: **259-0392.**



### Candy Heart Counting Contest

**Wednesday, February 1 to Saturday, February 18**

**Winners announced Monday, February 20**

*Downtown Mishawaka Library*

**This program is for children in grades 1-6.**

Pick up an entry slip in Children's Services and guess how many candy hearts are in the jar. The person whose guess is the closest to the actual number will win a free book from our prize bin.

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



### Let's Talk English!

**Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29**  
**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.**



### Hershey's Kisses Valentine Guess

**Wednesday, February 1 through**

**Monday, February 13**

**Winners announced Tuesday, February 14**

*All Locations*

Guess the number of Hershey's Kisses in the jar and receive the candy as a prize. Stop by Reference Services at all MPHPL locations.

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



### Friends of the Library Board Meeting

**Wednesday, February 1 at 1:30 p.m.**

*Harris Branch Library*

All are invited to attend the monthly meeting.

Details: **271-3179.**



### Treetop Tales

**Mondays, February 6 and 20 at 1:30 p.m.**

*Harris Branch Library*

Share stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Details: **271-3179.**



### Friends' Writing Group

**Wednesday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m.**

*Downtown Mishawaka Library*

**Friends Room**

Share tips, techniques, and writing.

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



### Great Books Reading and Discussion Group

**Thursday, February 9 at 1:30 p.m.**

*Downtown Mishawaka Library*

**Spencer Gallery**

Stories to be discussed: *A Woman of Fifty* by W. Somerset Maugham and *My Wife Is a White Russian* by Rose Tremain.

All are welcome to participate. Participants should purchase a copy of the anthology *Even Deadlier* published by the Great Books Foundation. To obtain a copy of the book, go to the Great Books website at [www.greatbooks.org](http://www.greatbooks.org) or call **1-800-222-5870.**

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



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## MPHPL Calendar of Events Continued

### American Heritage Roundtable

Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.



Downtown Mishawaka Library

#### **Spencer Gallery**

Peter De Kever will speak on Elijah Powell and his family. He will focus on the Powell family in the Mishawaka area, the military career of Elijah Powell in a colored regiment during the Civil War, and his service as a barber in Mishawaka.

Details: 259-5277, ext 300.

### Yak, Snack, & Read Book Discussion Group

Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. or



Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Harris Branch Library

Evening: *Wait Till Next Year: a Memoir* by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Morning: *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers.

Details: 271-3179.

### Saturday Morning Stories:

#### Franklin, We Love You!



Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

**This program is for children aged 3-7.**

Everyone loves the *Franklin* series by Paulette Bourgeois. Enjoy a Franklin story and a flannel board rendition of the story *The Day it Rained Hearts* by Felicia Bond. Then make a paper turtle craft.

Details: 259-5277, ext 342.

### Romance! Romance!

Saturday, February 11 at 3:00 p.m.



Harris Branch Library

All are welcome to enjoy love songs performed by New Image, a barbershop quartet that blends their voices to make one beautiful sound.

Details: 271-3179.

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## Tax Time Messages



### Tax Form Alert

The IRS and Indiana Department of Revenue are not sending the variety nor quantity of forms that they have provided in past years.



MPHPL recognizes that we have patrons who need these forms. Patrons needing forms should look to see if the forms are available on the tax table.

If they are not, staff at the Reference Services desk will print out the necessary forms from the computer at a charge of 10¢ per page. Items that copied on a copy machine will be 15¢ per page.

For more information, contact Reference Services at 259-5277, ext. 218, 271-3179 or 259-0392.

### Free Tax Assistance Available at the Downtown Mishawaka Library

Volunteers from Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame will offer free tax assistance **on a first-come, first-served basis** to residents whose 2011 income is \$40,000 or less. Unemployed taxpayers whose 2011 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:  
**February 11, 18, 25** (Spencer Gallery)  
**March 3** (Children's Activity Room)  
**March 24, 31** (Spencer Gallery)  
**April 14** (Spencer Gallery)  
Details: 259-5277, ext. 218.



# The Friends of the Library

## Who are the Friends of the Library?

The Friends of the Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that supports the library, providing 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](http://www.mphpl.org)), or ask for an application at any MPHPL location.

### **Renewal Memberships:**

Charles and Rosemarie Bradford, Bette Calderone, Jacqueline Crise, David and Barbara Eisen, June I. Garrow, Tyler Skinner, Becky VanBoeye

### **Reminder...**

Friends' Board Meeting  
**Wednesday, February 1**

**1:30 p.m.**

Harris Branch Library  
51446 Elm Road  
Granger

**271-3179**

## A Letter from the President of the Friends...

The Friends membership book sale at the downtown location will be **Friday, March 9 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The Friend's Annual Meeting (also downtown) is scheduled for **Friday, March 9 from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.** Please note that the meeting start time has changed since it was mentioned in the last newsletter.

The Friends only book sale will give Friends of the Library members the opportunity to purchase first choice used books. We haven't had a library sale in four years, so come in, browse and buy. Think about gifts for friends, too! Friends applications will be available so you can become a Friend and purchase books the same day. Annual fees for Friends are listed on the back of this page. A public book sale will be held at the downtown Mishawaka Library on the following day, **Saturday, March 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** There will be plenty of children's books as well as adult books in all categories, but magazines will not be available.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with shelving early in the day on **March 9-10** or for clean-up on **Monday, March 12**. There is little lifting involved; it is mostly organization of books. My plea from last month remains the same, if you have a few hours to donate on any of those days, please contact me.

We're looking forward to seeing our old Friends and meeting new Friends at the book sales on March 9 and 10 at the downtown Mishawaka Library.

At this time I would also like to mention that we have openings on the Friends Board. If you have a couple of hours to spare on the first Wednesday of the month, please contact me. I'd love to talk to you.

Happy Reading!

Tamara Ashley, President  
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

### Storytime Sampler

**Mondays, February 13 & 27 at 10:30 a.m.**   
*Bittersweet Branch Library*  
Activities used in the preschool and toddler programs  
Details: **259-0392.**


### Romantic Movie

**Monday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.**  
*Downtown Mishawaka Library*  
You're invited to enjoy the 1954 story of three American girls looking for romance in Rome while employed at the American Embassy.  
Details: **259-5277, ext. 218.**


### Mother/Daughter Book Club

**Monday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Harris Branch Library*  
Book: *So B. It* by Sarah Weeks.  
Details: **271-3179.**


### Craft of the Month Group

**Tuesday, February 14**   
**anytime between 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.**  
*Bittersweet Branch Library*  
Need a cute Valentine's Day present? Make an adorable stuffed animal for your special valentine. Materials provided while supplies last. Open to adults, teens, and children aged 7 and up with an adult helper.  
Details: **259-0392.**


### Mug 'n Muffin Book Discussion Group

**Thursday, February 16 at 10:00 a.m.**   
*Downtown Mishawaka Library*  
**Friends Room**  
February book: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein.  
Details: **259-5277, ext. 292.**


### Michiana Civil War Re-enactors

**Saturday, February 18 at 2:30 p.m.**   
*Downtown Mishawaka Library*  
**Lions Room**  
All ages are invited to the 1860s for a presentation about life during the American Civil War. Members of the Michiana Civil War Re-enactors will portray soldiers and civilians, discuss everyday life, and show equipment and guns used at the time.  
Details: **259-5277, ext. 218.**

### Cooperative Antique Study Group

**Tuesday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m.**   
*Downtown Mishawaka Library*  
**Spencer Gallery**  
Share antiques, questions, and stories.  
Details: **259-5277, ext. 218.**

### Mo Willems Party

**Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.**   
*Bittersweet Branch Library*  
**This program is for children in grades K-3.**  
**Registration begins Tuesday, February 7.**  
Party with the Pigeon and Mo's pals! Join other fans of Mo Willems and celebrate with a skit, games, and a craft based on the author's popular books.  
Details and registration: **259-0392.**

### Who Are You? A Genealogy Roundtable

**Thursday, February 23 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.**



## Battle of the Books

**Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Penn High School Cafeteria**

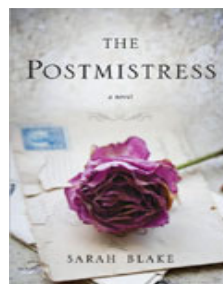
Teams of 5th graders representing several area schools and homeschoolers are registered to complete.

Teams will be quizzed on *A Week in the Woods*, *Gone Away Lake*, *Flush*, *Regarding the Fountain*, *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, and *11 Birthdays*.

**Details: 259-0392**

# MPHPL Book Review

## *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake



*The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake takes readers back to 1940 with bombs dropping on London and no end in sight to the raging war in Europe. President Roosevelt is promising that American boys won't be sent to fight. The journey of America, from innocence regarding the European war to eventual understanding, is portrayed through the lives of three American women: Emma, Frankie, and Iris.

Young newlywed Emma Fitch moves to the Cape Cod town of Franklin, Massachusetts with her adoring husband Dr. Will Fitch. Emma searches for a sense of family and security that she has never known, and her new life is filled with joy and challenges as the wife of the town doctor. After being devastated by the death of a young Franklin mother, Will leaves for London to provide medical care for wounded. Emma writes to Will daily and finds herself listening to radio broadcasts given by an American reporting from Europe.

The voice that Emma hears is that of female radio journalist Frankie Bard, who is covering the London blitz with Edward R. Murrow. While life in Franklin goes on as usual, Frankie becomes increasingly aware of what is happening in other parts of the world, especially to the Jews in Europe. Determined to report to the world the stories of the Jewish refugees and their plight, Frankie travels to Europe and rides the trains with the refugees. When she returns to London, a series of incidents results in Frankie becoming the keeper of a letter meant for Emma Fitch.

Back in Franklin, forty year old Iris James, in love for the first time, keeps things in order as the post mistress of this small Cape Cod town. Everyone's secrets pass through Iris's hands but Iris reveres the ethical standards of her position. All the letters Emma sends to Will, and Will to Emma, pass through the postmistress' hands. Iris reads a letter meant for Emma, decides to confiscate it, and becomes the second keeper of a letter.

Now two women, Frankie and Iris, each possess a letter meant for Emma Fitch. Will there ever be a right time to release the letters? What will happen?

Seeking the truth, soul-searching, and guarding secrets make this an emotional story. Two different worlds are brought together by the lives of these three women in an unforgettable story. Read *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake with a box of tissues nearby. Copies of the book are available at the Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library.

Reviewed by Billie Clements, Reference Librarian, Harris Branch Library



## **Book Nook Café**

*Located in the Harris Branch Library*

Enjoy Cake Pops and Chocolate Covered  
Cherry Frappes for Valentine's Day.



# Art and Technology at MPHPL

## Computer Classes:

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

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



## **Basic E-mail**

**Wednesday, February 8 at 9:15 a.m.**

**Downtown Mishawaka Library**

*Registration begins Wednesday, February 1*

Patrons will learn how to set-up an e-mail account and basic use of e-mail. This class is intended for those with some Internet experience.

## **Basic Word 2010**

**Wednesday, February 22 at 9:15 a.m.**

**Downtown Mishawaka Library**

*Registration begins Wednesday, February 15*

Patrons will learn how to create, save, and open documents and explore style options.

## **Bittersweet Branch Library Displays**

### ***Lobby Case #1:***

Winter Wonderland by St. Patrick's County Park

### ***Lobby Case #2:***

Sugar Camp Days by Bendix Woods County Park

### ***Flat Cases:***

Tractors Through the Ages by David Eisen

## **Harris Branch Library Displays**

### ***Right Foyer Case:***

Bionicles, Lego® Sets, and Kinder Egg  
by Marcell Toroczka

### ***Left Foyer Case:***

Princess Dolls by Avery Lo

## **Downtown Mishawaka Library Displays**

### ***Spencer Gallery:***

Current Works of Miriam Joy

### ***Outside Heritage Center:***

Michiana Embroiderers Guild

### ***Lower Level Display Case:***

Valentine's Day hearts, roses, and more

## **Sharing Boxes**

*A child with a caregiver  
may ask for the following*



*Sharing Boxes during the month of February at the  
Children's Services desk in the respective  
Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library location.*

## **Bittersweet Branch Library**

Celebrate the birthday of Mo Willems, author of the beloved "Pigeon" books. Then get creative and make your own pigeon book with Mo's *How to Draw the Pigeon* in easy steps. The library will display your book on the bulletin board throughout the month.

## **Harris Branch Library**

Enjoy reading *There's an Alligator Under My Bed* by Mercer Mayer. A little boy is convinced there's an alligator under his bed. He tries to lure it into the garage with a trail of "alligator bait" like cookies, a peanut butter sandwich, fruit, vegetables, and the last piece of pie.

Then make your own alligator picture.

## **Downtown Mishawaka Library**

Will you be my Valentine? Make a tissue paper Valentine bear to give to someone you love. Then read the book *Sweet Hearts* by Jan Carr.

## **Donations**

The Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library always welcomes donations. Thank you to:

**Don and Nancy Crawford, Peter De Kever,  
Jay DeRoos, Graphics Group,  
Lions Club of Mishawaka, Mary A. Rector,  
Larry Shead**

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



*Friends of the Library*  
*Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library*  
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*Mishawaka, IN 46544*

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### **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  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
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Sunday: CLOSED

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