

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

March 2011: Calendar of Events



This is a publication of the Friends of the Library.

Who's Hiding This Month in the Library?

Month of March

Drawing on Thursday, March 31

Bittersweet Branch Library

Children's Services

The duo, Sam-I-Am and the "friend without a name" from the book *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss, are hiding in a different location each week. Find them and receive an entry slip for a special drawing. Enter once a week.

Details: **259-0392**.



Let's Talk English!

Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 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, March 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Harris Branch Library

All are invited to attend the monthly meeting.

Details: **271-3179**.



Celebrate Dr. Seuss's 107th Birthday!

Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Bittersweet Branch Library

Celebrate with a dramatization of *Green Eggs and Ham* plus games and a craft based on some of the author's all-time favorite characters.

Details: **259-0392**.



Denotes a Children's Services program.



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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:

March 5, 26 (Spencer Gallery)

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 not sending the variety nor 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.

The downtown Mishawaka Library will have an extra person at Reference Services from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** and **3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Reference Services at any MPHPL location.

MPHPL Calendar of Events Continued

Treetop Tales

Mondays, March 7 and 21 at 1:30 p. m.

Harris Branch Library

Share stories, songs, and fingerplays.

Details: **271-3179.**



Series and Sequels

Mondays, March 7 and April 18 at 3:30 p.m.

Harris Branch Library

This program is for children in grades 4-5.

March: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

April: *Guardians of Ga'Hoole*

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



Yak, Snack, & Read Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 8 at 10:00 a.m. or

Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Harris Branch Library

Morning: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

Evening: *The Art of Racing in the Rain*
by Garth Stein.

Details: **271-3179.**



Friends' Writing Group

Wednesday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Friends Room

Share tips, techniques, and writing.

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



Allergies and Your Child

Thursday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Harris Branch Library

Rita Cortese, M.D., of Quality Care Pediatrics, will discuss children's allergies.

Details: **271-3179.**

American Heritage Roundtable

Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Spencer Gallery

Matt Baumgartner will discuss the Revolutionary Army at Valley Forge.

Details: **259-5277, ext 300.**



Paws to Read

Saturday, March 12 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

This program is for children in grades 2-5.

Do your children like dogs? Let them 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.**



Storytime Sampler

Mondays, March 14 & 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Bittersweet Branch Library

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

Details: **259-0392.**



Cooperative Antique Study Group

Tuesday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Spencer Gallery

Share antiques, questions, and stories.

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



Mug 'n Muffin Book Discussion Group

Thursday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Friends Room

March book: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*
by Barbara Kingsolver.

Details: **259-5277, ext. 292.**



Celtic Music

Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Library Atrium

Enjoy Celtic music by Lorica as you browse the shelves on St. Patrick's Day.

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



Eldercare Issues from an Expert

Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Lions Room

Dale Carter, author of *Transitioning Your Aging Parent: A 5-Step Guide Through Crisis and Change*, will discuss how adult children care for aging parents.

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

Go to www.mphpl.org and check the calendar for last minute movies and other activities.



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:

Peter Hess, Patricia Minniear, Marcia Sheridan

Renewing Membership:

Margaret Hoffman, John E. Smail, Dan Weninger

Reminder...

Friends' Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 2
1:30 p.m.

Harris Branch Library
51446 Elm Road, Granger
271-3179

*Join the MPHPL Friends of the Library
for their annual meeting and enjoy
a performance by Lake Effect Winds*

*Friday, March 25
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.*

*Downtown Mishawaka Library
209 Lincoln Way East, Mishawaka*

*The evening includes the annual meeting, refreshments,
a concert by Lake Effect Winds, and election of officers.*

RSVP: 574-259-5277, ext.216 by Friday, March 18.



List of Nominees:

President:
Tamara Ashley

Vice President:
Barbara Dodson

Treasurer:
Ralph Villanucci

Members at Large:
Barbara Fleming and
Linda Sears





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

Reader's Choice Book Club

Tuesday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Harris Branch Library

It's a new book club! Members will meet to discuss fiction or nonfiction books they've read about the topic of the month. March's topic is missing persons. Details: **271-3179.**

Think Spring with a Spring Craft

Tuesday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m.



Bittersweet Branch Library

Teens and adults can think spring and have fun decorating a clay flower pot. There is no cost. Registration required beginning **Monday, March 14.** Details: **259-0392.**

Foundations of Investing

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Harris Branch Library

Joel Laidig, an Edward Jones Financial Advisor, presents a program on investing. Details: **271-3179.**

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Friday, March 25 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Downtown Mishawaka Library

Spencer Gallery

Attend a brief board meeting followed by entertainment provided by Lake Effect Winds. For more information, see page 3 of this newsletter. Details and registration: **259-5277, ext. 216.**

"Up, Up, and Away!"

Saturday, March 26

Preschoolers through first grade: 10:30 am.

Grades two through six: 2:30 p.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library



Play parachute games and more.

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

Pick up free tickets beginning **Monday, March 21** for the **Thursday, April 7** showing of *Fantastic Mr. Fox* at the Bittersweet Branch Library.
Pick up free tickets beginning **Monday, March 28** for the **Monday, April 11** showing of *October Sky* at the downtown Mishawaka Library.



Battle of the Books

Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.
Penn High School Cafeteria

Twenty-six teams of 5th graders are registered to compete. The team members represent several area schools and homeschoolers.

Teams will be quizzed on *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*, *Love That Dog*, *The Homework Machine*, *Everything on a Waffle*, *Rules*, and *My Life in Dog Years*.

Details: 259-0392



Magazine Subscription Drive

Help MPHPL increase the number of magazine subscriptions through My Coke Rewards. Bring the code found inside caps or packaging to any MPHPL location. Points earned for these items will be redeemed for magazine subscriptions.

Products include Coke®, Coke Zero®, Diet Coke®, Sprite®, Dasani®, Powerade®, Minute Maid®, Fanta®, Vault®, Barq's®, Fresca®, Mr. Pibb®, and Mello Yellow®.

Thanks to your help the Bittersweet Branch Library has ordered free subscriptions to the following magazines:

Self Magazine

Veranda

Martha Stewart Weddings

MPHPL patrons: Keep up the good work!

**Mark Your Calendars
for Spring Break Programs**



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

Paws to Read

Downtown Mishawaka Library
Registration not required.

Monday, April 4 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Perler Bead Blast

Harris Branch Library
Registration not required. Program will continue
while supplies last.

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

Make It and Shape It Playdough

Harris Branch Library
Registration not required. Program will continue
while supplies last.

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

Weather Watch with WNDU-TV's

Frank Waugh

Bittersweet Branch Library
Registration not required.

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

Library Treasure Hunt

Harris Branch Library
Registration not required.

***Thursday, April 7
11:00 to 11:30 a.m.***

and

2:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Spring into Shape

Harris Branch Library
Registration is required and begins
Wednesday, March 23.

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

Movie: *Fantastic Mr. Fox*

Bittersweet Branch Library
Free tickets are required and
can be picked up beginning
Monday, March 21.



**One Book, One Michiana
MPHPL Programs**

MPHPL is partnering with St. Joseph County Public Library's One Book, One Michiana program. The community is invited to read the book *Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam. Book discussions and other events relating to the book will be held throughout the area. Most events are scheduled for April. Additional information will be published next month, but here's a sneak peak of MPHPL programming:

Bittersweet Branch Library:

Model Rocketry

Downtown Mishawaka Library:

Sharing Box

Movie: *October Sky* (Monday, April 11 at 6:15 p.m.)

This movie is based on the *Rocket Boys* book.

Tickets are available beginning **Monday, March 28.**

Harris Branch Library:

Yak, Snack, & Read Book Discussion Group (AM & PM)

Rocket Demonstration

Rocket Boys Trivia

Rocket Boys Display Case

A Special Thank You

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library
would like to express a special thanks
to J. Paul Kendle for a special gift
in memory of his wife, Jean.

Donations

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

Thank you to:

**J. Paul Kendle, Graphics Group, Lions Club
of Mishawaka, Mike Skocyzlas, Connie Swanson**

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 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.



Resume Writing

Wednesday, March 9 at 9:15 a.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Registration begins Wednesday, March 2.

Learn how to create a brand new resume, update a current resume, and how to upload it to Indiana Career Connect. Intended for those with Microsoft Word and Internet experience. A flash drive is required.

Beginning Excel 2007

Wednesday, March 23 at 9:15 a.m.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Registration begins Wednesday, March 16.

Learn how to create a workbook, do simple computations, and more. Intended for those with Beginning Computing and Internet experience. A flash drive is required.

Sharing Boxes

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

Bittersweet Branch Library

A newly-hatched bird is blown around the barnyard by a strong spring wind in *What's the Magic Word?* by Kelly DiPucchio. Follow his adventures and make a windsock.

Harris Branch Library

Enjoy *Curious George Goes to the Aquarium* by Margret and H.A. Rey and Alan J. Shalleck. Then make your own paper aquarium full of colorful fish.

Downtown Mishawaka Library

Celebrate the wubbulous world of Dr. Seuss by reading *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss. Then create your very own plate of green eggs and ham.

Bittersweet Branch Library Displays

Lobby Case #1:

Grissom Middle School student art displayed by The Beta Gamma Chapter of Tri Kappa

Lobby Case #2:

"Madeline" from the books by Ludwig Bemelmans by The Logan Family

Flat Cases:

TBA

Harris Branch Library Displays

Right Foyer Case:

Books by Lucy Schultz

Left Foyer Case:

Legos® and Barbies®
by Matthew and Hannah Moran

Downtown Mishawaka Library Displays

Spencer Gallery:

Mishawaka High School student art work

Outside Heritage Center:

"Sharing Meadows...Change Your Life
by Changing Theirs"

a display by the Share Foundation
with the Handicapped

Lower Level Display Case:

Hop, leap, jump...spring into Spring!

Enjoy a display of frogs
in all shapes, sizes, and colors.

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 365 days a year at www.betterworldbooks.com**

 **BetterWorldBooks**
WWW.BETTERWORLDBOOKS.COM



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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.

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

Sunday: CLOSED

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Granger, IN 46530

(574) 271-3179

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

Sunday: CLOSED