

Registration
begins
**Monday,
Sept. 22**



Event Highlights:

Frightful Friday & Monster Mash Monday
A Wicked Party
Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Fright Night Teen Lock-In
Morning Makers: Holiday Decor

FRIGHTFUL FRIDAY



Mishawaka Library | Friday, Oct. 17
10 a.m. - Noon
Family & All Ages
No registration required

TRICK OR TREAT
AROUND THE LIBRARY
10-11 a.m.

CRAFTS
10 a.m. - Noon

STORYTIME
10:30-11 a.m.

GHOULISH GAMES
10 a.m. - Noon



MONSTER MASH MONDAY

Harris Branch | Monday, Oct. 27
10 a.m. - Noon
Family & All Ages
No registration required

CRAFTS
10 a.m. - Noon

TRICK OR TREAT
AROUND THE LIBRARY
10-11 a.m.

STORYTIME
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GHOULISH GAMES
10 a.m. - Noon

John Dudley's
SPOOKTACULAR
Magic Show

11 a.m. - Noon

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Adult caregivers must directly supervise participants 9 years of age and younger; caregivers must remain on the premises for participants 10-11 years of age.

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Our Mission

The Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library inspires and empowers our community by connecting patrons to literature, information, ideas and new experiences for lifelong enrichment.

Virtual Food Tasting: Candy of the World

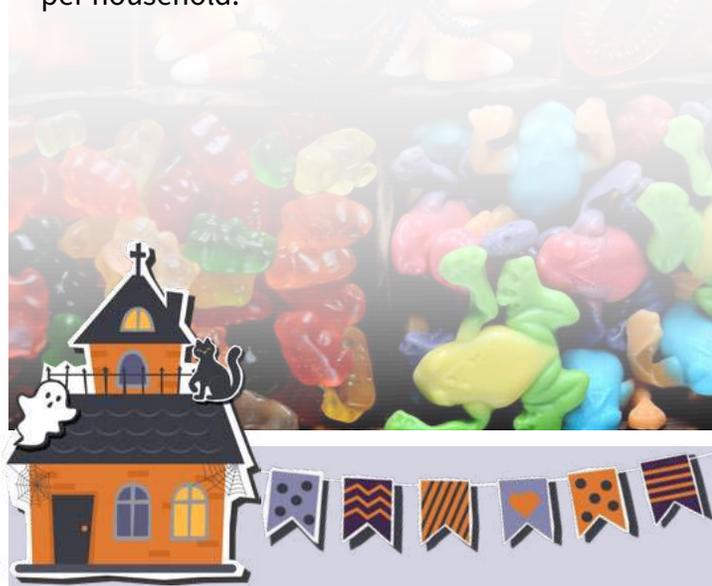
Live on Zoom

Wednesday, October 15

6-6:45 p.m. | Family & All Ages

Celebrate candy season with this fun taste test of candies from around the world! Participants will receive a variety of candies to taste and share while also learning a little about each country's autumn and Halloween traditions.

Registration is required. Details on when and where to pick up program supplies will be sent via email to registrants. Limit one kit per household.



Haunted Graham Cracker Houses

Harris Branch

Wednesday, October 22

5-5:45 p.m. | Family & All Ages

Join us for this new, spooky twist on an old holiday favorite! Families can create and decorate their own edible haunted house using chocolate graham crackers, frosting and a variety of candies. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration required

Family Trivia Night: Favorite Snacks

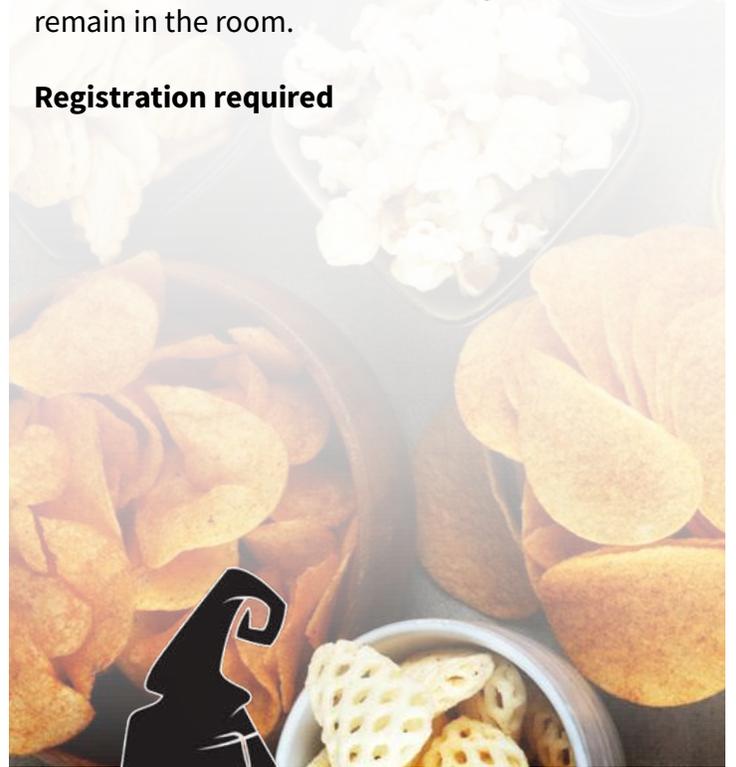
Mishawaka Library

Monday, November 3

5:30-6:30 p.m. | Family & All Ages

Join us for a fun evening of yummy, family-friendly trivia! We'll have questions about all kinds of your favorite foods and snacks. Teams must have between 2-6 members. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration required



A Wicked Party

Mishawaka Library

Saturday, November 15

1-3 p.m. | Family & All Ages

Dress in your best green and/or pink attire to celebrate your favorite musical witches! We'll have a variety of activities, games and crafts for the whole family. Adult caregivers must directly supervise participants 9 years of age and younger; caregivers must remain on the premises for participants 10-11 years of age.

No registration required





A TRIBUTE TO OUR ★ VETERANS



A Tribute to Our Veterans **All Locations | November 10-15** **Library Hours** **Family & All Ages**

Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11. This year, MPHPL is inviting the community to recognize our local veterans throughout the week.

Mishawaka Library and Harris Branch:

Explore the history of Veterans Day, view our photo wall, or visit our letter-writing station to leave a personal thank you.

Bittersweet Branch*:

Artifacts from local veterans will be on display courtesy of the Mishawaka Historical Museum.

If you would like to submit a photo of a special veteran in your life, please send a high-resolution photo (along with the name, military branch and rank) to communityengagement@mphpl.org. The deadline for submissions is Monday, November 3. Please note that printed photos will remain with the library and may be reused in future displays.

***If the Bittersweet Branch is closed for construction, we encourage patrons to check out a Discovery Pass and visit the Mishawaka Historical Museum for war-related exhibits and more.**

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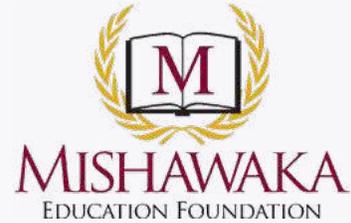
Community



Storytime at The Mishawaka Res
13950 Scout Lane, Mishawaka
Friday, October 3 | 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Age 5 & under

Join us at The Mishawaka Res for a fun nature-themed storytime. After storytime, participants can enjoy the storywalk and nature scavenger hunt around the preserve. Please note: if inclement weather occurs, the storytime will still take place indoors. Adult caregivers must remain with their child.

Registration required



MEF Trunk or Treat
Mishawaka High School
1202 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka
Saturday, October 4 | 4:30-7 p.m.
Family & All Ages

Attend the Mishawaka Education Foundation's annual free Trunk or Treat to kick off the Halloween season. Visit the MPHPL trunk for your treat!



Table or Treat
The Mishawaka Riverwalk
Saturday, October 25 | 5-7 p.m.
Family & All Ages

Come trick-or-treat with us and 80+ local businesses along the Mishawaka Riverwalk. The MPHPL team will have a table full of candy. See you there!

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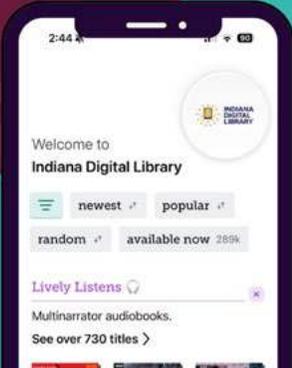
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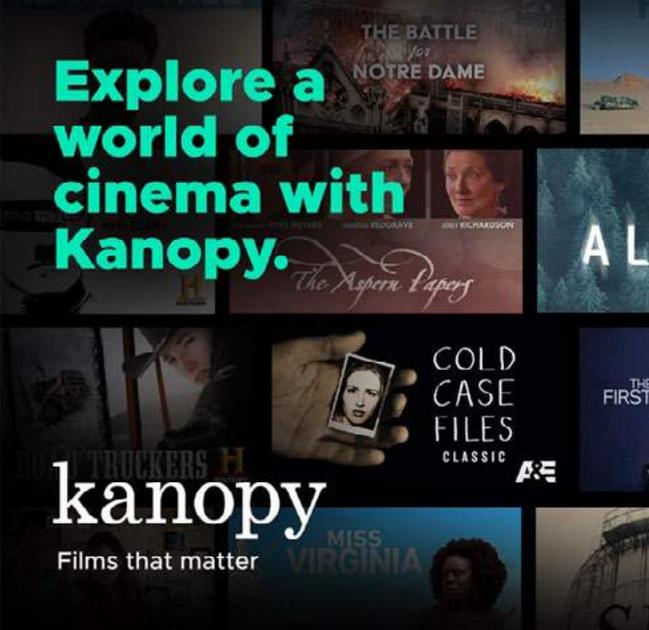
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 **MOBILE
PRINTING**



Kids in the Kitchen

Mishawaka Library

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Monday, Oct. 13

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Monday, Nov. 10

4:30-5 p.m. | Grades K-2

Gr.
K-2

Enjoy an afternoon filled with learning new kitchen skills and recipes. The best part is that everyone gets to sample their creation! The same recipe will be made at the October and November sessions. Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

Registration is required and limited to MPHPL cardholders.

Please register for one session.



Kids in the Kitchen

Mishawaka Library

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Thursday, Oct. 16

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Thursday, Nov. 13

4:30-5:15 p.m. | Grades 3-5

Gr.
3-5

Enjoy an afternoon filled with learning new kitchen skills and recipes. The best part is that everyone gets to sample their creation! The same recipe will be made at the October and November sessions. Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

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STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Mishawaka Library

Monday, October 13 | 6-6:30 p.m.

Age 11 & under

Bring one of your favorite stuffed animal friends for a special evening storytime and craft before leaving them for a fun overnight adventure at the library! You'll pick up your friend the next day during our Popcorn & Pickup. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration required



POPCORN & PICKUP

Popcorn & Pickup

Mishawaka Library

Tuesday, October 14 | 5:30-6 p.m.

Age 11 & under

For those who registered and joined us for our Stuffed Animal Sleepover Storytime, pick up your stuffed animal friend and enjoy a slideshow highlighting their overnight adventures! Enjoy the slideshow while munching on popcorn. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.



Homeschool Hangout

Mishawaka Library
Wednesdays: October 15
& November 19
1-1:45 p.m. | Grades K-5

Homeschool students are invited to join us each month as we use hands-on activities to learn about a new topic.

Supplies will be provided.
Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

October 15: Van Gogh and His Art

November 19: The Skeletal System

**Registration required
for each session**



Read, Count, Play!

Read, Count, Play!
Mishawaka Library | Tuesday, October 21
Harris Branch | Wednesday, October 22
10:15-11 a.m. | Age 5 & under

Preparing your child to read includes reading, writing, talking, singing and playing. This month, little ones will practice alphabet knowledge, writing, and counting through various crafts, games and other fun sensory activities! Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

No registration required



Bouncin' Babies | Birth-23 Months

Mishawaka Library
Tuesdays:
Nov. 4, 11 & 18
10:15-10:45 a.m.

Harris Branch
Wednesdays:
Nov. 5, 12 & 19
10:15-10:45 a.m.

Bittersweet Branch*
Thursdays:
Nov. 6, 13 & 20
10:15-10:45 a.m.

Bouncin' Babies is a structured 20-minute program that combines books, short rhymes, songs, fingerplays and movement activities to introduce children to the wonder of language. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Caregivers are expected to participate in activities as able.

No registration required

Li'l Listeners | Ages 2-5

Mishawaka Library
Tuesdays:
Nov. 4, 11 & 18
10:15-10:45 a.m.

Harris Branch
Wednesdays:
Nov. 5, 12 & 19
10:15-10:45 a.m.

Bittersweet Branch*
Thursdays:
Nov. 6, 13 & 20
10:15-10:45 a.m.

Li'l Listeners is a structured 30-minute program in which books, story-related activities and take-home crafts provide an enjoyable group experience. Please note that we will close to additional attendees 15 minutes into sessions to help reduce distractions to our young audience members. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Caregivers are expected to participate in activities as able.

No registration required

Groups may contact the Youth Services Coordinator at (574) 259-5277 ext. 1401 to inquire about special accommodations.

***Should the Bittersweet Branch be closed for construction, Thursday storytime sessions will be canceled.**



MPHPL encourages families and caregivers to build closeness and early literacy skills with their children by reading 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS:

100 BOOKS

- Roman C.
- Lily E.
- Celine W.
- Emberlynn
- Penelope

200 BOOKS

- Violet C.
- Mazen G.
- Gemma J.
- Corbin P.
- Josephine P.
- Dean
- Nova

300 BOOKS

- Baker B.
- Logan B.
- Sophia C.
- Mazen G.
- Ellie H.
- Judah H.
- Kenley H.
- Evelyn
- Lucy

400 BOOKS

- Jax D.
- Ophelia G.
- Brooklyn H.
- Caden H.
- Callie H.
- Cassiel S.
- Eden S.
- Elena S.

500 BOOKS

- Harper B.
- Caden H.
- Callie H.
- Avery H.
- Grace W.
- Annabella V.
- Armando V.
- Freyja
- Sammy

600 BOOKS

- Emmett A.
- Sophia C.
- Tasia F.
- Lottie K.
- Mila R.

700 BOOKS

- Keziah G.
- Oliver H.
- Caspian J.
- Alejandro L.
- Caleb P.
- Ellie P.
- Eleanor S.
- Josie S.
- Lillian
- Sergio

800 BOOKS

- Tasia F.
- Hudson H.
- Willow H.
- Penelope I.
- Penelope P.
- Brody R.
- Lilliana W.
- Kadence

900 BOOKS

- Scarlett D.
- Warren D.
- Olivia L.
- Kieran M.
- Noah N.
- Griffin P.
- Prudence P.
- Isla S.
- Alejandro
- Brody P.
- Penelope L.



1000 BOOKS!



Jordyn A.



Raelyn A.



Mariella V.



Prudence P.



Scarlett D.



Warren D.



Isla S.



Maeve W.



Judah K.



Maeve W.



To get started, visit one of our Youth Services desks or mphpl.org/1000Books

BOOKS BEFORE

Inspired by the success of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, MPHPL is proud to announce a new initiative to help motivate readers.

Students are able to join one of our year-round Books Before... challenges:



200 Books Before Middle School



60 Books Before High School

50 Books Before Graduation

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

Coming Soon...

TEENtober

What will you discover at the library?



www.ala.org/yalsa/teentober

Celebrate TeenTober™ at MPHPL | October 1–31

TeenTober™ is a national initiative with the American Library Association to highlight and encourage local teens in the library. Check out what MPHPL is doing to celebrate:

Teen Café

All Locations
Every Monday in October | 4–6 p.m.

Join us every Monday in October for a passive craft or activity in the teen area. Snacks will be provided. Don't feel social? Stop by to work on homework or hang out with friends.

No registration required



Book Cover Art

Mishawaka Library
Submission Deadline:
Friday, Oct. 31



Teens in Grades 6-12 are invited to create their own reimagined illustration of a book cover. Artwork may be created using paper, canvas, or digital software, but must not exceed 8.5 x 11 inches in size. Each participant may submit one piece of artwork.

Submissions can be dropped off at the Youth Desk at any library location, or a high-resolution image can be emailed to mishys@mphpl.org. All illustrations will be displayed in the Teen Area at the downtown Mishawaka Library until Saturday, November 29. Artwork will be available for pickup December 1-13.

All participants will receive a free decal and will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win a free book.

Teen Gaming

3:30–5:30 p.m.

Grades 6–12

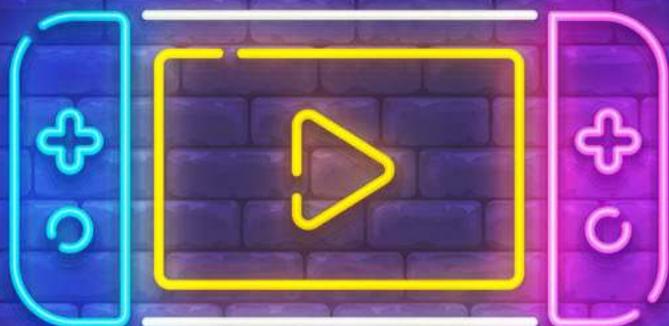
Mishawaka Library

Tuesdays: October & November

Join us in the teen department for gaming! Play our Nintendo Switch™ or choose from an assortment of card, dice and board games. Stop in and play for a few minutes or join us for the full two hours.

No registration required

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TEEN GAMING

Teens in the Kitchen

Mishawaka Library
Thursday, October 9
or Harris Branch

Thursday, November 6
5-5:45 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Have you ever wanted to learn a new skill in the kitchen? Now is your chance! Enjoy an afternoon filled with learning new kitchen skills and recipes, then sample your delicious creations. The same recipe will be made at the October and November sessions. Teens must have a signed permission slip on file or an adult caregiver must sign a permission slip on-site.

Registration is required and limited to MPHPL cardholders. Please register for either the October or November session.

Homeschool Hangout

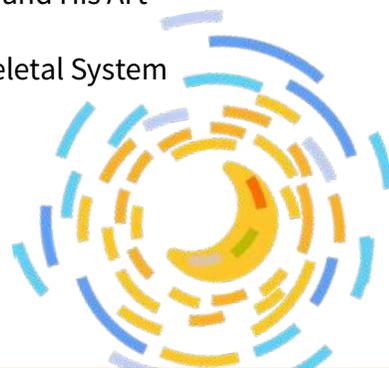
Mishawaka Library
Wednesdays: October 15
& November 19
1-1:45 p.m. | Grades 6-12

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Fright Night Teen Lock-In

Mishawaka Library | Friday, October 24
5:30-7:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12

It's time for our annual teen Halloween Bash! Will you be able to find the overdue book, bring it to the librarian, and avoid being trapped in the library forever? Pizza and drinks will be served. Teens must have a permission slip signed on file or an adult caregiver must sign a permission slip on-site.

Registration required



Teen Snack & Craft
Mishawaka Library
Thursday, October 30
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Grades 6-12



Come create a pet ghost or bat and decorate a jar for its home. While you craft, enjoy a snack and fun with friends.

Registration required

Decoupage & Donuts
Harris Branch
Thursday, November 13
5-6 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Learn how to decoupage by making a pumpkin centerpiece using magazines. While waiting for your craft to dry, enjoy some donuts and games!

Registration required

Flavor Feud:
Fall Flavors
Mishawaka Library
Monday, November 24
5-5:45 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Do your taste buds have what it takes to take on the fall flavors challenge? The participant who can identify the most flavors will win a special reward!

Registration required



Free for All MPHPL Cardholders



THE NATION'S LEADING ONLINE DRIVER'S ED PROGRAM

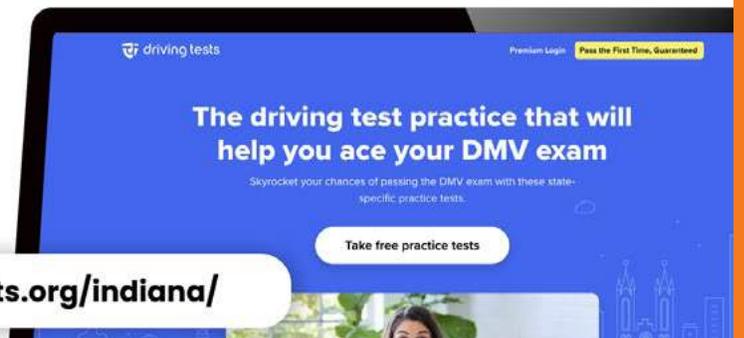


Rated 9.7/10 stars based on 10,317 reviews

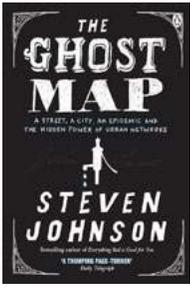
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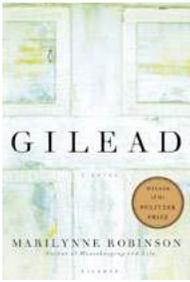
Interactive Practice Tests



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Saturday–Morning Book Club
Mishawaka Library
Saturdays: October 4 & November 1
10:15–11:15 a.m.
Adults (18+)

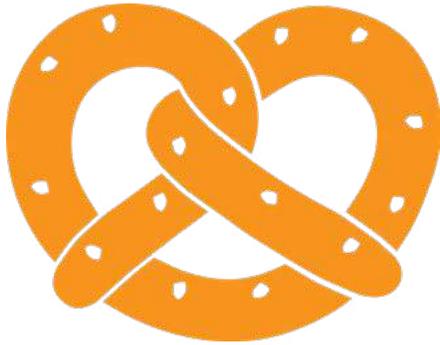


Join us at our Mishawaka Library to discuss the month’s book selection. Books are available a month in advance at the front desk of the Mishawaka Library on a first-come, first-served basis.

Oct. 4: *The Ghost Map* by Steven Johnson

Nov. 1: *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson

Registration required for each session



**Snack Attack:
Soft Pretzel Bites**
Mishawaka Library
Monday, October 6
10:30–11:30 a.m. | Adults (18+)

Sick of the same old store-bought snack? Ready to try a new simple recipe, but don’t know where to start? During this autumn special, learn to create a new snack that will satisfy all the cravings in your household. This time, we will be making soft pretzel bites!

Registration is required and limited to MPHPL cardholders.



American Heritage Spotlight
Mishawaka Library
2nd Tuesdays: October 14 & November 11
5:30–6:30 p.m. | Adults (18+)



Oct. 14:
Academic Super Bowl and Spell Bowl

Pete De Kever, president of the Mishawaka Historical Museum, will share stories from Penn High School’s 12 state championships in Academic Super Bowl and 16 state titles in Spell Bowl between 1996 and 2016.

No registration required



Nov. 11:
Cemeteries of South Bend and Mishawaka

Carol Nichols, a senior director of the Princess Mishawaka Children of the American Revolution Society, will give historic insight of those who are buried in the South Bend City Cemetery and the Mishawaka City Cemetery, highlighting their connections.

No registration required



Paint with Us! Thrifty Ghost Art Mishawaka Library Thursday, October 16 10:30–11:30 a.m. | Adults (18+)

Embrace your artistic side! During this session, participants will use upcycled art to create their own ghostly scenes. This program is great for all experience levels.

Registration required



Cooking Classics: Fall Cupcake Decorating Mishawaka Library Mondays: October 20 or November 17 4:30–5:30 p.m. | Adults (18+)

Want to try your hand at easy culinary creations? Join us as we experiment with different flavors to make irresistibly delicious goodies!

Registration is required and limited to MPHPL cardholders. Please register for either the October or November session.



BINGO Bittersweet Branch* Wednesdays: October 29 & November 19 5:30–6:30 p.m. | Adults (18+)

Join us for an evening of bingo and beverages! Winners will receive small prizes and raffle tickets for a chance to win a door prize.

*Should the Bittersweet Branch be closed for construction, this program will be moved to the Mishawaka Library.

Registration required for each session

Savory Soups

Mishawaka Library

Friday, November 7

10:30–11:30 a.m. | Adults (18+)

Join us for a simmer session where we will craft a warm, nourishing and flavorful fall soup.

Registration is required and limited to MPHPL cardholders.



Make with Us: Fall Quilling

Mishawaka Library

Wednesday, November 12

5:30–6:30 p.m. | Adults (18+)

Join us for an evening of crafting and conversation. Participants will be given all the quilling supplies needed to create a pumpkin or a sunflower.

Registration required



Morning Makers: Holiday Decor

Harris Branch

Friday, November 21

10:30–11:30 a.m. | Adults (18+)

Looking to embrace your creative side? Join us for a morning of creation. This session will give you the opportunity to create fun decor, including a winter wreath, holiday centerpiece and more!

Registration required



The Smartest Card In Your Wallet



What do I need for a LIBRARY CARD?

To obtain your Library card you must:

1. Live in Penn or Harris townships, OR have a home Library card from a Library system which is reciprocal with MPHPL* (some restrictions may apply).
2. Provide required documentation:
 1. a valid photo ID with current address OR
 2. a valid photo ID and proof of current address** if ID address is not current OR
 3. a valid photo ID and a valid resident home Library card for reciprocal applicants.
3. A parent/legal guardian's signature is required for any minor under the age of 18 wishing to register for or renew a Library card.

Ask us about MPHPL Digital Cards!

*Non-residents may purchase a fee card. Contact Circulation Services for prices.

**Including but not limited to: utility or phone bill, car registration, etc.

What can I CHECK OUT?

	Lending Limit	Loan Period
Books & Audiobooks	No Limit	21 days
Magazines & Music CDs	No Limit	21 days
New Release DVDs	3 per card	7 days
Entertainment DVDs	20 per card	7 days
TV Series & Non-Fiction DVDs	20 per card	21 days

Remember to check out our digital resources and Discovery Passes.

Renewals:

- All DVDs - No renewals
- All other items - 3 renewals, as long as no one else has placed a hold on the item.
- Eligible items will be automatically renewed 4 days before their due date if there is not a hold on the item. You will receive a courtesy notice if your items have been renewed.

LOST OR STOLEN CARDS:

If your card has been lost or stolen, please call Circulation Services at any MPHPL location. You are financially responsible for material that is checked out until you report your card lost or stolen.

Get Reminders Before Materials are Due:

All you need is an email address! Ask about this service at the checkout desk.

Holds:

Placing a hold is free and available for all materials, excluding new release DVDs.

Fees & Fines:

- New Release DVDs - \$1 per day
- All other items - 25¢ per day



MISHAWAKA LIBRARY

209 Lincolnway East
Mishawaka, IN 46544
(574) 259-5277

Circulation Desk Ext. 1200
Reference Services Ext. 1300
Youth Services Ext. 1400

Monday	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED



BITTERSWEET BRANCH

602 Bittersweet Road
Mishawaka, IN 46544
(574) 259-5277

Circulation Desk Ext. 2200
Reference Services Ext. 2300
Youth Services Ext. 2400

Monday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED



HARRIS BRANCH

51446 Elm Road
Granger, IN 46530
(574) 259-5277

Circulation Desk Ext. 3200
Reference Services Ext. 3300
Youth Services Ext. 3400

Monday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 27

CLOSED in observance of
Thanksgiving Day

Board Meetings

3rd Thursday of each month
4 p.m. at Mishawaka Library

Social Media



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