



**Mishawaka-Penn-Harris
Public Library**
Learning for a Lifetime

Dec. '25-Jan. '26

mphpl.org

**Registration
begins
Monday,
Nov. 17**



Event Highlights:

Storytime with Santa & Friends
Winter Reading Kickoff Party
Deck the Halls Walk-In Craft
Winter Wonderland Teen Lock-In
Tea Tasting 101

Program Guide | For Children, Teens & Adults

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WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

January 2 - March 2

**Beginning Monday,
December 15**
**Visit any MPHPL location
to pick up a Winter
Reading Challenge card or
download a card online.**



Visit our website at mphpl.org/reading-challenge for more details.

Starting Friday, January 2

Mark a square for each
activity you complete.



READ...

- Whatever you want!
- A short story or comic graphic novel
- A recommended book
- In your family clothes/summer
- 5 Days in a Row
- A new-to-you author
- A book that became a movie/TV show
- Under a blanket
- A book you meant to read last year
- A library book
- A book with a person's name in the title
- A book written by an Indiana author
- A book with a face on the cover
- An award-winning book
- Before bed
- A non-fiction book
- Instead of watching TV
- A book that begins with W
- A favorite book again
- A book you can't imagine ever reading

Use the alternate challenges below for up to four of the challenge squares:

- Read a book in a library
- Download or stream a program on hoopla
- k Watch a video on Kanopy
- Attend an MPHPL program in person or online

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Adult Caregiver Signature (for youth participant): _____

MPHPL Card Number (optional for adult participant): _____

Child (Birth-Age 5) _____ Child (Ages K-3) _____ Teen (Ages 6-12) _____ Adult (13+) _____



Complete all five squares marked with the and bring your card to a service desk for a prize.



Complete the entire challenge and return it for a **NEW BOOK** of your choice*!

* Prize redemption begins Mon., Jan. 5. Limit one challenge card per person.

Adult participants must be MPHPL cardholders. Prizes can be selected from any age group (to restrict prize choice, adult must accompany youth). Prize options subject to change.

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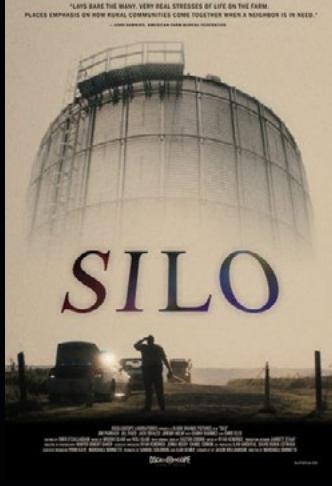
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Our Mission

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



Mishawaka High School Jazz Ensemble Holiday Performance

Mishawaka Library
Thursday, December 4
6:30-7:30 p.m. | Family & All Ages

Listen to the sounds of the season with the Mishawaka High School Jazz Ensemble!

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



Storytime with Santa & Friends

University Park Mall
6501 Grape Road, Mishawaka
Monday, December 8 | 11 a.m.-Noon
Family & All Ages

Join us at the mall for a special Storytime with Santa and friends! This event is free - just bring your little ones and enjoy!

No registration required

Mush with Sophia, the Sled Dog!

Mishawaka Library
Saturday, December 6
1:30-2:30 p.m. | Family & All Ages

Discover the world of dog sledding ... running behind a team of dogs, steering through mountain terrain and crossing the Alaskan tundra. Karen Land (a three-time musher in the 1,000-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race) and Sophia (an Alaskan husky) will delight us with "tails" of adventure.

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



Holiday Family Trivia Night

Mishawaka Library
Monday, December 8
5:30–6:30 p.m.
Family & All Ages

Join us for a fun evening of festive family-friendly trivia covering movies, music, food, traditions and more! Teams require 2-6 members. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration required

Winter Wonderfest

Harris Branch
Tuesday, December 16
4:30–7 p.m.
Family & All Ages

Join us for crafts (great for gift-giving), games, a family photo, snowball fight and balloons by Mr. Derek! Enjoy a free small hot chocolate from our friends at Tom's Travelin' Coffee and look for a special performance by our friends from the South Bend Civic Theatre.

No registration required

WiNTER Wonderfest

Happy **NOON YEAR**

Happy Noon Year

Mishawaka Library
Tuesday, December 30
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Family & All Ages

Ring in the “Noon” Year with games, crafts and a snack as we countdown to noon! Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

No registration required

Snack, Craft and Puzzle

Mishawaka Library
Saturday, January 24
10–11:30 a.m.
Family & All Ages

Celebrate national puzzle month with snacks, puzzles and puzzle-themed crafts.

No registration required

SNACK, CRAFT AND **PUZZLE**

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

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KICKOFF PARTY

Mishawaka Library

Friday, January 2 | 10 a.m.-Noon

Family & All Ages

Help us kick off our
2026 Winter
Reading Challenge!

WINTER
GAMES

CRAFTS

SNACKS

**Roz
Puppets**

Fun, Furry, and Unforgettable!

PRESENTS

**WINTER
SILLY BITS**

10:30-11:30 a.m.



No registration required

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.



Shapes and Scribbles

Mishawaka Library

Tuesday, December 9

Harris Branch

Wednesday, December 10

10:15-11 a.m. | Age 5 & Under



Preparing your child to read includes reading, writing, talking, singing and playing. Little ones will practice these and other creative skills by exploring the wonderful world of shape and color! Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

No registration required



SOUTH BEND CIVIC THEATRE

South Bend Civic Theatre Presents: Mo Willems – Act the Story

Mishawaka Library

Saturday, December 13

10:30-11:30 a.m. | Grades K-5

Would YOU let the pigeon drive the bus? Join us as we dive into the beloved literary characters of Mo Willems and build reading comprehension, memorization skills and stage presence. Students will focus on voice and movement through mask work, imaginative play and story dramatization. **WARNING:** This program could contain too much laughter! Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

Registration required



Homeschool Hangout

Mishawaka Library

Wednesdays: December 17

& January 21

1-1:45 p.m. | Grades K-5



Learn about new topics with hands-on activities. Supplies will be provided. Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

December 17: History of the Movies

January 21: Antarctica & the Arctic Circle



Registration required for each session

DECK THE HALLS WALK-IN CRAFT

Deck the Halls Walk-In Craft

All Locations

Monday, December 22

During Library Hours

Age 11 & Under

‘Tis the season for festive crafts! Visit the Youth Services desk to choose your craft. 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

Painting Pals

Mishawaka Library

Wednesday, January 14

4:30–5:30 p.m. | Grades K-2

Gr.
K-2

Learn basic painting skills while creating your own unique masterpiece using dots! Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

Registration required



Painting Pals

Mishawaka Library

Thursday, January 15

4:30–5:30 p.m. | Grades 3-5

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3-5

Learn basic painting skills while creating your own unique masterpiece using dots! Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

Registration required

Hip, Hip Hooray

for Winnie-the-Pooh

Harris Branch | Friday, January 23

10:30–11:15 a.m. | Age 5 & Under



Celebrate everyone's favorite silly old bear and his friends with stories, music, games and crafts!

Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration required

200

BOOKS
BEFORE

Middle
School

This year-round reading program is intended for elementary-aged children in grades K-5.



To participate,
visit a Youth
Services desk
or our website

mphpl.org/200Books

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS:

25 BOOKS

- Reece
- Zeke
- Lincoln
- Holden H.
- Connor O.
- Alex P.
- Amira W.
- Grace H.

50 BOOKS

- Lilly F.
- Marshall F.

125 BOOKS

- Judah G.

Storytime

Bouncin' Babies Birth-23 Months

A structured program that combines books, short rhymes, songs, fingerplays and movement activities to introduce children to the wonder of language.



Li'L Listeners Ages 2-5

A structured program in which books, story-related activities and crafts provide an enjoyable group experience.



Attend a Storytime Program

Mishawaka Library
Tuesdays:
Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27
10:15-10:45 a.m.

Harris Branch
Wednesdays:
Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28
10:15-10:45 a.m.

Bittersweet Branch*
Thursdays:
Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29
10:15-10:45 a.m.

No registration is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Caregivers are expected to participate in activities as able. Groups may contact the Family & Outreach Services Coordinator at (574) 259-5277 ext. 1401 to inquire about special accommodations.



Inclement Weather Statement: If both PHM and Mishawaka schools are on a delay or canceled, storytime will be canceled for that day. If only one school system closes, please call the storytime location to verify the event is still being held.

***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

- Hattie C.
- Ma'khi H.
- Rose M.
- Torrence P.
- Graylynn R.
- Eloise
- Lenna
- Nora

200 BOOKS

- Lily E.
- Aubree H.
- Nikolai H.
- Adalyn
- Chloe
- Jameson
- John
- Madelyn
- Paulina

300 BOOKS

- Gemma J.
- Cash L.
- Josephine P.
- Carson V.
- Grant V.
- Penelope

400 BOOKS

- Sophia C.
- Violet C.
- Judah H.
- Nikolai H.
- Edric L.
- Karmen L.
- Jack Joseph M.
- Atlas S.

500 BOOKS

- Jax D.
- Lochlan M.
- Claire W.
- Chloe

600 BOOKS

- Rafael E.
- Alexandra G.
- Avery H.
- Caden H.
- Callie H.
- Rose O.
- James P.
- Freya
- Sammy

700 BOOKS

- Emmett A.
- Harper B.
- Lottie C.
- Jacob L.
- Ellie P.
- Trevor P.

800 BOOKS

- Penelope I.
- Brody R.
- Lilliana W.
- Sergio



1000 BOOKS!



Olivia L.



Elliot



Kieran M.



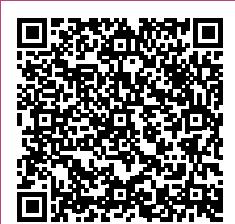
Griffin P.



Myles R.



Noah N.



To participate, visit a Youth Services desk or our website

mphpl.org/1000Books



ABCmouse®

Early Learning Academy

MPHPL cardholders have free access to ABCmouse, an award-winning educational digital resource for children ages 2-8+.

60

BOOKS BEFORE

High School

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS:

10 BOOKS

- Layne

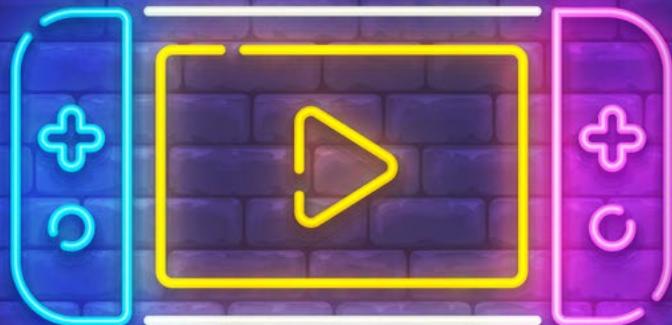
40 BOOKS

- Linnea L

This year-round reading program is intended for junior high students in grades 6-8.



To participate, visit a Youth Services desk or mphpl.org/60Books



TEEN GAMING

Teen Gaming
3:30-5:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Mishawaka Library
Tuesdays: December & January
(no session 12/23 or 12/30)

Play our Nintendo Switch™ or choose from an assortment of card, dice and board games. Play for a few minutes or join us for the full two hours.

No registration required

50

BOOKS BEFORE

Graduation

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS:

20 BOOKS

- Natalia B.

This year-round reading program is intended for high school students in grades 9-12.



To participate, visit a Youth Services desk or mphpl.org/50Books



Homeschool HANGOUT

Homeschool Hangout

Mishawaka Library
Wednesdays: December 17
& January 21
1-1:45 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Learn about new topics with hands-on activities. Supplies will be provided. Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

December 17: History of the Movies

January 21: Antarctica & the Arctic Circle

Registration required for each session



Winter Wonderland Teen Lock-In

Mishawaka Library
Friday, December 19
5:30-7:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Our annual winter lock-in is back, filled with pizza, cookies and cocoa. Play trivia and winter-themed games.

Teens must have a signed permission slip on file (or an adult caregiver must sign one on-site).

No admittance after 5:45 p.m.

Registration required

Flavor Feud: M&M's®
Harris Branch
Monday, December 29
5-5:45 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Do your taste buds have what it takes? Identify the most flavors and win a special reward!

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Registration required

Teens in the Kitchen

Mishawaka Library
Thursday, January 8
5-5:45 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Learn new kitchen skills and recipes, then sample your delicious creations. Teens must have a signed permission slip on file (or an adult caregiver must sign one on-site).

Registration is required and limited to MPHPL cardholders.

Cupcakes & Canvas

Harris Branch
Saturday, January 17
2:30-3:30 p.m. | Grades 6-12

Create your own scratch art using crayons, paint and soap during a fun afternoon of painting, cupcakes and friends!

Registration required

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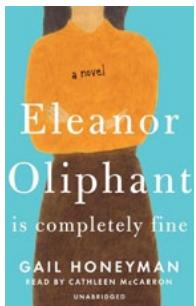
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The library reading app



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Saturday-Morning Book Club

Mishawaka Library
Saturdays: December 6 & January 3
10:15-11:15 a.m.
Adults (18+)



Join us at our Mishawaka Library to discuss this 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.

December 6: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*
by Gail Honeyman

January 3: *The Chaperone*
by Laura Moriarty

Registration required for each session

DISCOVERY PASSES

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No-Bake Holiday Treats

Harris Branch
Thursday, December 11
4:30-5:30 p.m. | Adults (18+)

We will make a delicious no-bake cookie and tasty chocolate oat bar that will impress all your holiday guests.

Registration is required and limited to MPHPL cardholders.

**Cooking Classics:
Chili Mac & Cheese**
Mishawaka Library
Mondays: December 15 or January 12
4:30-5:30 p.m. | Adults (18+)

Try your hand at easy culinary creations as we experiment with different flavors and make irresistibly delicious goodies!

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



Get a Digital Card Today!

mphpl.org/card-info

BINGO

Bittersweet Branch

Wednesdays: December 17

& January 21

5:30–6:30 p.m. | Adults (18+)

Enjoy 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



Make With Us: Creative Cricutting

Harris Branch

Saturday, January 17

10:30 a.m.–Noon | Adults (18+)

Experience cozy crafting utilizing the Cricut® machine! Choose a personalized project to beat the winter blues. Perfect for experienced or novice Cricut® users.

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Registration required



Tea Tasting 101

Harris Branch

Monday, January 26

10:30–11:30 a.m. | Adults (18+)

Warm up in the Makerspace as we spill the tea about different blends and yummy pairings.

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.

What can I CHECK OUT?

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

Wednesday, Dec. 10

CLOSING at 12:30 p.m. for
Staff In-Service

Wednesdays: Dec. 24 & 31

CLOSED for the Holidays

Thursdays: Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

CLOSED for the Holidays

Monday, Jan. 19

CLOSED for
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Board Meetings

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

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