



Mishawaka-Penn-Harris
Public Library
Learning for a Lifetime

April–May 2026

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Registration
begins
Monday,
Mar. 16



Event Highlights:

May the 4th Family Trivia
Storytime at the Mishawaka Res
Unicorn Sparkle Storytime
Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt Lock-In
How to Successfully Declutter Your House

Program Guide for Children, Teens & Adults

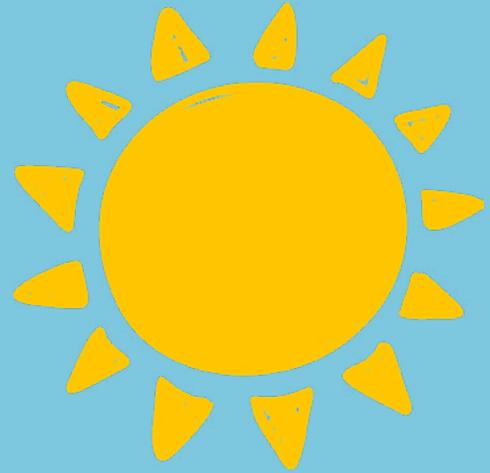
Spring Break Fun for All Ages

Spring Into STEAM

**Harris Branch | Tuesday, April 7
10 a.m.–Noon | Family & All Ages**

Explore science, technology, engineering, art and math with an assortment of activities throughout the library. 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



**Banzi Balloons: Space Show
Mishawaka Library | Wednesday, April 8
10:30–11:30 a.m. | Family & All Ages**

Travel to space and back during this hands-on, out-of-this-world balloon program! Participants will even learn how to twist their own “Laika” balloon dog. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

No Registration

**South Bend Civic Theatre
Presents:
Brothers Grimm Imaginarium
Mishawaka Library | Friday, April 10
1–2 p.m. | Family & All Ages**

Travel with the Brothers Grimm through classic tales such as “Cinderella,” “Rapunzel,” “Sleeping Beauty” and “Rumpelstiltskin” as they come to life and intertwine in unique ways. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

No Registration





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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.

Toasted Pastry Taste-Off

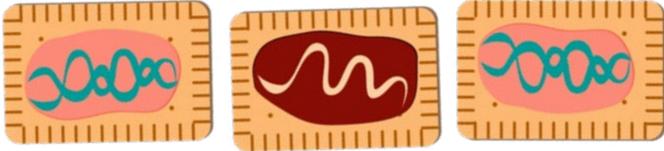
Mishawaka Library

Tuesday, April 28

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

Put your taste buds to the test! Can you identify different flavors of popular toasted pastries? Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration Required



May the 4th Family Trivia

Mishawaka Library

Monday, May 4

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

Test your love of a galaxy far away with trivia covering the beloved movies, TV shows and characters. Teams require 2-6 members. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration Required

Kids to Parks Day

600 E. 13th St, Mishawaka

Saturday, May 16

11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Family & All Ages

Visit us at Hillis Hans Park to celebrate Kids to Parks Day, hosted by the Mishawaka Parks and Recreation Department. We will have a table with crafts and games.

No Registration

School City of Mishawaka's 6th Annual One Day in the Sun

295 E. Mishawaka Ave, Mishawaka

Saturday, May 30

11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Family & All Ages

Find our table at Central Park for the One Day in the Sun mental health fair. We will have program guides, Summer Reading Challenge cards, games and crafts.

No Registration



Kids in the Kitchen

Mishawaka Library
 Thursday, April 2
 Monday, April 13
 Tuesday, May 5
 Monday, May 11
 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 repeated at each session. 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, April 1
 Thursday, April 16
 Wednesday, May 6
 Thursday, May 14
 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 repeated at each session. Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

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Storytime at the Mishawaka Res

13950 Scout Ln, Mishawaka
 Friday, April 3
 10:30-11:15 a.m. | Age 5 & Under



Enjoy a nature-themed storytime at the Mishawaka Res. Afterwards, explore the storywalk and take a stroll around the grounds. Adult caregivers must remain with their child.

Registration Required

Spring Break Walk-In Craft

All Locations
 Monday, April 6
 During Library Hours | Age 11 & Under

Visit the Youth Services desk to choose your Spring 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

Unicorn Sparkle Storytime

Harris Branch
 Thursday, April 9
 6-6:45 p.m. | Age 11 & Under



Get ready for bed with a nighttime unicorn storytime! Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration Required

Picture Book Picture Bingo

Saturday, April 11 | Age 11 & Under
 Mishawaka Library | 10:15-11 a.m.
 Harris Branch | 2-2:45 p.m.

Celebrate your favorite stories with a few rounds of picture bingo. A variety of prizes will be available! Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration Required



Tiny Tinkers STEAM Lab

Mishawaka Library
Tuesday, April 14
Harris Branch
Wednesday, April 15
10:15-11 a.m. | Age 5 & Under



Explore science, technology, engineering, art and math through fun hands-on activities. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

No Registration

Homeschool Hangout

Mishawaka Library
Wednesdays: April 22 & May 20
1-1:45 p.m. | Grades K-5

Discover the world around you through hands-on activities. Supplies will be provided. Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

April 22: Flowers and Gardening

May 20: Flight



Registration is required for each session.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Mishawaka Library
Monday, April 20
6-6:30 p.m. | Age 11 & Under

Bring your stuffed animal friend to a special evening storytime, then leave them at the library for a fun overnight adventure! Reunite with your friend the next day during Popcorn & Pickup. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration Required



Popcorn & Pickup

Mishawaka Library
Tuesday, April 21
5:30-6 p.m. | Age 11 & Under

For those who registered for our Stuffed Animal Sleepover, reunite with your stuffed animal friend and munch on popcorn while enjoying a slideshow highlighting their late-night shenanigans! Adult caregivers must remain in the room.



South Bend Civic Theatre Presents: Star Wars Blast Through the Galaxy

Mishawaka Library
Saturday, May 2
10:30-11:30 a.m. | Grades K-5

Are you ready to use the force? Master courage, kindness and collaboration through role-play and adaptive learning. Jump into hyperdrive with this intergalactic experience! Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

Registration Required

Star Wars is a registered trademark of Lucasfilm Ltd. Lucasfilm Ltd. is not a sponsor of this free event.

Mother's Day Walk-In Craft

All Locations | Saturday, May 9
During Library Hours
Age 11 & Under



Celebrate your mom or another special someone in your life. 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



Aurora's Tea Party with Southold Dance Theater

Mishawaka Library | Thursday, May 21
4:30-5:30 p.m. | Age 11 & Under

It's tea time with Aurora and her fairy friends! Enjoy crafts, a special story and enchanting ballet performances perfect for young dancers, readers and dreamers alike. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

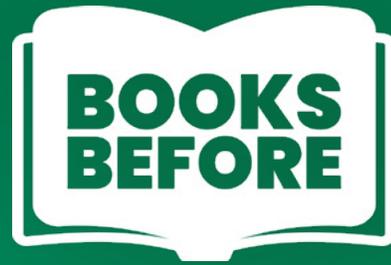
Registration Required

Art Explorers

Harris Branch | Tuesday, May 26
4:30-5:30 p.m. | Grades K-2
Harris Branch | Wednesday, May 27
4:30-5:30 p.m. | Grades 3-5

Let your creativity fly while making your own nature scrapbook. Weather permitting, we will go outside to collect items for our scrapbooks. Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

Registration Required



MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

200 BEFORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

25 BOOKS

- Olivia
- Lucas
- Adalynn
- Emmitt
- Katelyn
- Megan
- Kelsie
- Aiden
- Wyatt

50 BOOKS

- Cayden
- Lydia
- Ethan
- Connor
- Annette
- Cam

75 BOOKS

- Andrew
- Dev
- Shiv
- Calvin

100 BOOKS

- Reece
- Kathryn
- John

125 BOOKS

- Eli
- Zeke
- Lilly
- Marshall

150 BOOKS

- Holden
- Daniel

Books Before... is a set of programs designed to grow with the reader.

Encourage a lifetime of literacy with this fun milestone challenge!



To participate in a challenge, visit
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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 | 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Mishawaka Library
Tuesdays
May 5, 12, 19 & 26

Harris Branch
Wednesdays
May 6, 13, 20 & 27

Bittersweet Branch*
Thursdays
May 7, 14, 21 & 28

No Registration

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.

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



Build your child's early-literacy skills
and foster a lifelong love of reading with
1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

100 BOOKS

- Beau
- Everly
- Israel
- Nile

200 BOOKS

- Eloise
- Hudson
- Keyden
- Leo
- Lucas
- Nora
- Torrence
- Wesley

300 BOOKS

- Celine
- Elijah
- Jameson
- Paulina
- Roman

400 BOOKS

- Corbin
- Eden
- Elena
- Gemma
- Oliver
- Rose

500 BOOKS

- Anastasia
- Carson
- Edric
- Ellie
- Grant
- Josephine
- Judah
- Karmen
- Lily
- Nikolai
- Penelope

600 BOOKS

- Cassiel
- Dean
- John
- Lochlan
- Sophia

700 BOOKS

- Alexandra
- Claire
- James
- Mazen
- Violet

800 BOOKS

- Carol
- Chloe
- Eleanor
- Freyja
- Josie
- Keziah
- Madelynn
- Penelope
- Sammy
- Willow
- Zion

900 BOOKS

- Emmett
- Harper



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

1000 BOOKS



Brody



Ellie



Brody

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Get FREE BOOKS for your child!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails free high-quality,
age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five.

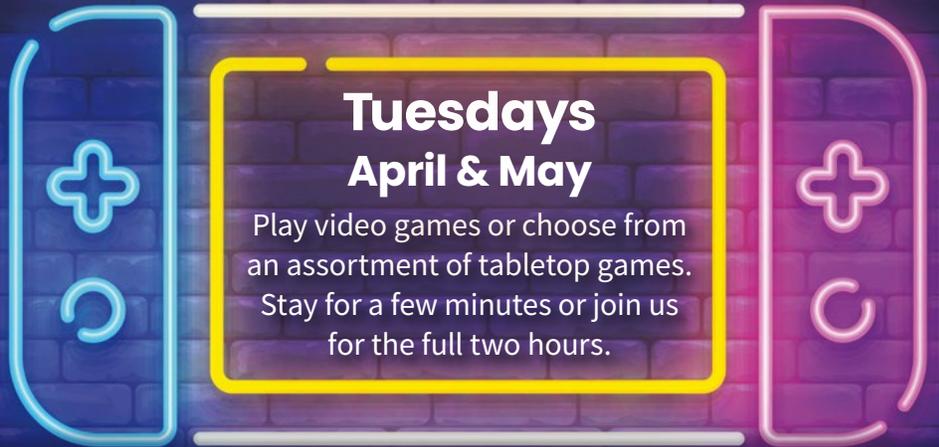
Learn more by visiting **mphpl.org/imagination-library**





Teen Gaming

Mishawaka Library | 3:30–5:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12



**Tuesdays
April & May**

Play video games or choose from an assortment of tabletop games. Stay for a few minutes or join us for the full two hours.

No Registration

Teens in the Kitchen

Mishawaka Library
Thursday, April 9
or Harris Branch
Thursday, May 7
5–5:45 p.m. | Grades 6–12

Learn new kitchen skills and recipes, then sample your delicious creations. The same recipe will be repeated at each session. 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. Please register for one session.



Teen Crafternoon

Harris Branch — ● ● — ●
Saturday, April 18
2–3 p.m. | Grades 6–12

Use Morse code and yarn to fashion your very own wall hanging!

Registration Required



Homeschool Hangout
Mishawaka Library
Wednesdays: April 22 & May 20
1–1:45 p.m. | Grades 6–12

Discover the world around you through hands-on activities.

April 22: Flowers and Gardening

May 20: Flight

Registration is required for each session.



Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt Lock-In

Mishawaka Library

Friday, April 24

5:30–7:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12

Bring a flashlight and join the quest to find eggs hidden throughout the library. Find the sparkle egg to receive the grand prize! Pizza and drinks will be served.

Teens must have a signed permission slip on file (or an adult caregiver must sign one on-site). No entry after 5:45 p.m.

Registration Required

Cupcakes & Canvas

Harris Branch

Saturday, May 23

2–3 p.m. | Grades 6–12

Get creative and paint your own celestial sun and moon canvas during a fun afternoon of art, cupcakes and friends!

Registration Required

Hello Summer Teen Craft Day

Mishawaka Library

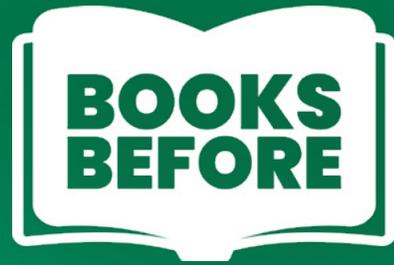
Thursday, May 28

3:30–5:30 p.m. | Grades 6–12



Stop by the Teen area for a DIY craft to celebrate the end of the school year!

No Registration



MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

60 BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL

60 BOOKS



Jenna

10 BOOKS

- Sophia
- Erica
- Athaelia

20 BOOKS

- Makenzie

30 BOOKS

- Zaina

40 BOOKS

- Leorah

50 BEFORE GRADUATION

10 BOOKS

- Makayla
- Grace

50 BOOKS



Natalia



Olivia



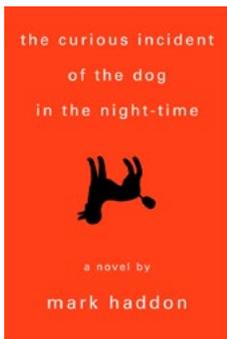
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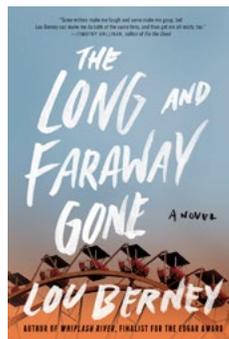
Saturday Morning Book Club

Mishawaka Library
 Saturdays: April 4
 & May 2
 10:15–11:15 a.m. | Adults (18+)

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



April 4
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
 by Mark Haddon



May 2
The Long and Faraway Gone
 by Lou Berney

Registration required for each session

**Cooking Classics:
 Flower Cookies**
 Mishawaka Library
 Mondays: April 20
 or May 18
 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 one session.



How to Successfully Declutter Your House

Harris Branch
 Tuesday, April 21
 10:30–11:30 a.m. | Adults (18+)

Kirsten Sharpe, owner of Sharpe Realty, will share practical steps to begin decluttering, along with proven strategies for staying clutter-free. This presentation will include a Q&A and resources on where to donate or discard items.

Registration Required



Navigating Community-Based Aging Resources
 Mishawaka Library
 3rd Tuesdays: April 21 & May 19
 3:30–4:45 p.m. | Adults (18+)

Whether you're planning for yourself or helping a loved one, Aging Connections of Michiana will equip you with the necessary resources to move forward with confidence. Recommended for seniors and caregivers.

April 21: I Need More Help than My In-Home Services Can Provide. What Do I Do?

May 19: What is the Difference Between a Skilled Nursing Facility and a Nursing Home?

No Registration



Reflecting on History

American Heritage Spotlight

Mishawaka Library

2nd Tuesdays: April 14 & May 12

5:30–6:30 p.m. | Adults (18+)

April 14

Martin Luther King Jr.’s Notre Dame Speech

Monica Tetzlaff, associate professor of history at IU South Bend, will reflect on the speech given by Martin Luther King Jr. at the University of Notre Dame on October 18, 1963.

May 12

A Brief History of Mishawaka Mayors

Local historian Joshua Lange will provide a glimpse into the history of Mishawaka mayors and mayoral elections going back to 1899.

No Registration

From Native Lands to Modern Subdivisions: The Story of Granger, IN

Harris Branch | Thursday, April 30
5–6 p.m. | Adults (18+)

Andrea Hartstein will delve into the rich history of Granger as we explore its transformation to a thriving community of subdivisions. Discover the stories of the first pioneers, the impact of the railway and the dynamic changes that shaped Granger into the town we know today.

No Registration



The People Next Door: Witnessing the Holocaust

Mishawaka Library

Wednesday, April 15 | 5 p.m.

Recommended for Teens & Adults (18+)

Student Art and Creative Writing Reception & Contest Awards

The artistic talents of local high-school students are showcased through their entries in The People Next Door Student Art and Creative Writing Contest. Each work on display is inspired by the personal stories of Holocaust survivors who rebuilt their lives right here in Michiana. Winners will be announced, students will present their work, and light refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by the Kurt & Tessye Simon Fund for Holocaust Remembrance

Warning: Some works may contain mature themes.

No Registration

Kurt & Tessye Simon Fund
for Holocaust Remembrance

Learn more at peoplenextdoor.org

Make With Us: Flower Power

Mishawaka Library
Saturday, April 25

10:30 a.m.–Noon | Adults (18+)

Let your creativity bloom and make an assortment of crafts including mini beaded plants, clay jewelry and macramé keychains.

Registration Required

BINGO

Bittersweet Branch

Wednesdays: April 29 & May 27

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!

Registration Required

Homemade Cream Puffs

Mishawaka Library

Saturday, May 9

10:30–11:30 a.m. | Adults (18+)

Every gathering needs a simple, sweet treat for sharing. These cream puffs are the perfect gift for loved ones or just treat yourself.

Registration is required and limited to MPHPL cardholders.



Save on travel with Consumer Reports



Visit mphpl.org/consumer-reports

Needle Felting

Harris Branch | Friday, May 15
10:30 a.m.–Noon | Adults (18+)

Need a mental health break? Needle felting is known to be therapeutic and relieve stress. “Needle-less” to say, this hands-on activity will be a wooly good time!

Registration Required

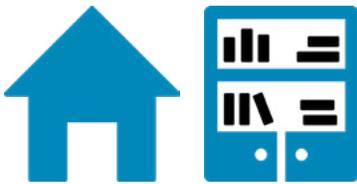
The Smartest Card In Your Wallet



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 that is reciprocal with MPHPL

2.



Provide required documentation

3.



Sign for card (parent/legal guardian **required** for applicants under age 18)

Not a resident? Have more questions? Visit mphpl.org/card-info

What can I CHECK OUT?

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

Daily Late Fees: New-Release DVDs, \$1; everything else, 25¢

Get Reminders ...

- Before materials are due
- Thru email, phone or text



Items Renew Automatically ...

- If no one is waiting for them
- Up to 3 renewals (3 months)

Place a Hold ...

- To reserve the materials you want
- By phone or online



Check out our digital resources & Discovery Passes!



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, May 13

CLOSING at 12:30 p.m.
for Staff Training

Monday, May 25

CLOSED for Memorial Day

Board Meetings

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

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