



Mishawaka-Penn-Harris
Public Library
Learning for a Lifetime

June–July 2026

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Registration
begins
**Monday,
May 18**



Event Highlights:

Summer Reading at the Mishawaka Market
John Dudley's Red, White and Magic
Crazy for Cryptids
"Seas" the Day Summer Lock-In
Music Trivia Night

Program Guide for Children, Teens & Adults



Family & All Ages

KICK-OFF PARTY



Mishawaka Library · Saturday, June 6 · 10 a.m.–Noon

Storytime
10:30–11 a.m.

GAMES

CRAFTS

SNACKS

Jeanie B!
11 a.m.–Noon



No Registration

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.

Save the Date ... Wrap-Up Party Monday, August 3

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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.



PRESENTING SPONSORS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

June 1 – August 3

READ...

A library book	5 days in a row	Whatever you want!	On the weekend	A book because you like the cover
Twice in one day	A book with a one-word title	An author you haven't read before	Outside	A book based on a true story
Something set in another country or world	In 3 different spots	A book by your favorite author	On a rainy day	A book with characters who are different than you
With a cold beverage	A recipe or food-related story	With red, white or blue on the cover	A book with illustrations	A book that became a movie/TV show

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

Read a magazine in Libby	Download or stream a song in Freemal	Watch a video in Kanopy	Attend an MPHPL program
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Name: _____
 Email: _____

Child (Birth-Age 5)
 Child (Grades K-5)
 Teen (Grades 6-12)
 Adult (18+)

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
 Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

June 1 – August 3
 All Ages Welcome

HOW IT WORKS

- Read in your preferred format - print, digital and audio all count!
 Mark a square for each activity you complete.
 Titles can be used to complete more than one square.
- Complete all five squares with the beach balls and return with your card for a prize.
 Prize redemption begins Monday, June 8.
- Want to think outside the box? Swap a challenge square for an alternate. See back for details.
 Complete the entire card and return it for a new book of your choice!

GET REWARDED FOR READING!

First day to get a challenge card is Monday, May 18

See more details or download a card at mphpl.org/reading-challenge



**Starting Monday,
June 1**

**Mark a square for each
activity you complete.**



**Complete the five squares marked with the beach ball
and present your card for a small prize.**



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

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*Prize redemption begins Mon., June 8. Limit one 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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Community



homegrown handmade heart

Summer Reading at the Mishawaka Market

All Ages

230 Ironworks Ave

Sundays · June 7 & July 26

11 a.m.-Noon

Take part in our Summer Reading Challenge. Stop by the market for stories, crafts and games. Grab a challenge card in June and return in July to redeem your prizes!

If inclement weather occurs, the library will not be at this event.

No Registration



Miracle League's Exploration Day

All Ages

200 E McKinley Ave

Saturday, July 25

9 a.m.- Noon

Find us at Miracle Field for a morning of exploration! This event will be the first opportunity for families to see and enjoy the newly renovated and reopened Normain Park.

The park includes Lilli's playground, the Pfeil Miracle field baseball complex, a splash pad and other amenities designed to accommodate individuals with disabilities. Stop by our bookmobile where we'll have music, bubbles, crafts and much more!

No Registration





Storytime IN NATURE!

Greenhouse Storytime with Mishawaka Parks

Family & Youth

Corner of Broadway & E. Marion St
Mondays · June 1 & July 6
5:30–6:30 p.m.

Sit outside, hear stories and learn about community gardens at the Mishawaka Education Foundation Community Greenhouse. Kids will get a take-home craft and can pick plants that are in bloom!

If inclement weather occurs, the event will be canceled.

No Registration



Storytime at The Mishawaka Res

Age 5 & Under

13950 Scout Lane
Friday, July 10 · 10:30–11:15 a.m.

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

Registration Required



PaddyShack Ice Cream Storytime

Family & All Ages

15015 SR 23, Granger
Fridays · June 12 or July 17
11:30 a.m.–Noon

Start the afternoon off with sweets and a story! All attendees will receive a free single scoop of ice cream.

Registration is required and limited to one session.



Morning at the Museum

Family & All Ages

121 S. Main Street
Tuesday, June 30 · 11 a.m.–Noon

Meet us at the Mishawaka Historical Museum for storytime, a scavenger hunt and a guided tour.

Registration Required

Youth Friendly · All Ages Welcome

Curious Kids' Museum Presents Dinosaur Fossils

Wednesday, June 17

Mishawaka Library · 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Harris Branch · 2:30–3:30 p.m.

What is a dinosaur fossil? How and where do we find them? Discover the answers to these questions and more in this hands-on presentation. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

No Registration



Take Flight! Wildlife Education Presents Birds of Prey

Mishawaka Library

Friday, June 26 · 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Meet several live raptors and learn what it's like to be hawk-eyed and falcon fast! Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

No Registration



Family Bingo

Harris Branch

Saturday, June 27 · 11 a.m.–Noon

Celebrate National Bingo Day with the whole family and win prizes! Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration Required



Father's Day Walk-In Craft

Saturday, June 20

All Locations · During Library Hours

Celebrate your dad or a 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



Roz Puppets Presents Dinosaur Pirates

Wednesday, July 1

Mishawaka Library · 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Harris Branch · 2–3 p.m.

Hit the high seas with this story of prehistoric proportions containing a treasure chest of music, antics and audience participation. This tale has been millions of years in the making.

Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

No Registration



John Dudley's Red, White and Magic

Friday, July 3

Mishawaka Library · 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Harris Branch · 2–3 p.m.

Celebrate America's 250th with a sparkling fun magic show! Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

No Registration



Swingin' with Spider-Man®

Saturday, July 25

Mishawaka Library · 11 a.m.–Noon

Save the day like your friendly neighborhood superhero through games, activities and crafts. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Spider-Man is a registered trademark of Marvel Characters, Inc. Marvel Characters, Inc. is not a sponsor of this free event.

No Registration



Tiny Tinkers STEAM Lab

Age 5 & Under

Mishawaka Library · Tuesday, June 2

Harris Branch · Wednesday, June 3

10:15-11 a.m.

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

No Registration

Nature Nuts

Age 11 & Under

Harris Branch

Mondays · June 8 & July 13

4:30-5:15 p.m.



Venture outdoors with stories, sensory play and crafts. If inclement weather occurs, this event will be moved indoors.

Adult caregivers must directly supervise participants 5 years of age and younger; caregivers must remain in the library for participants 6-11 years of age.

Registration Required

Drive-In Cars

Age 11 & Under

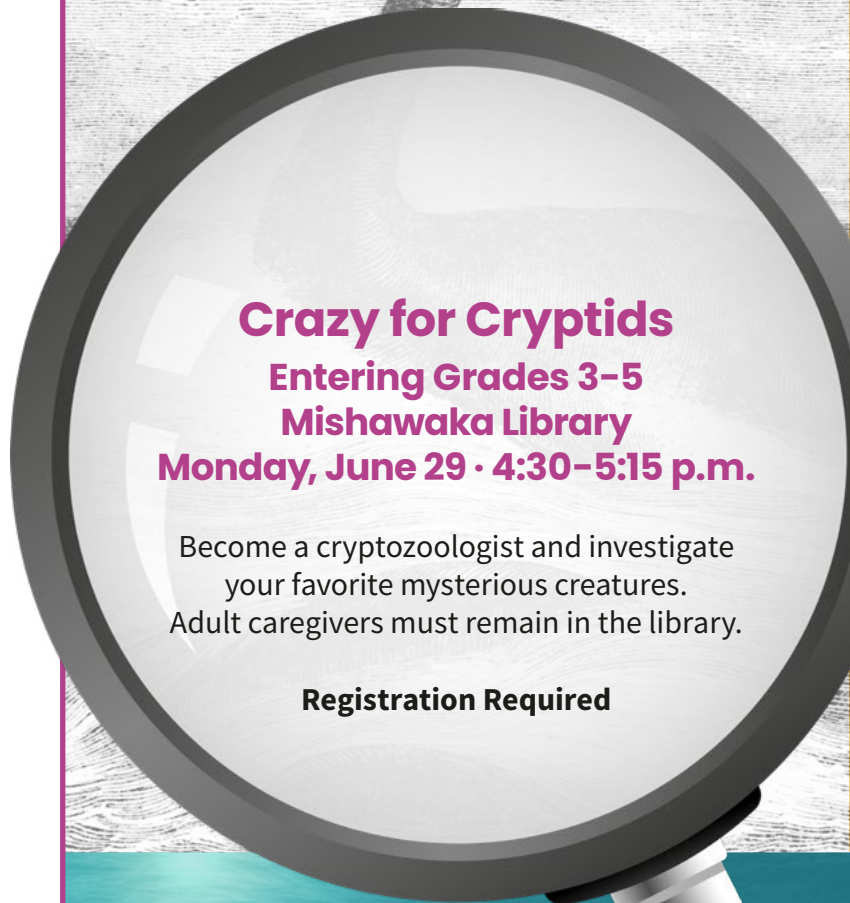
Mishawaka Library

Tuesday, June 9 · 10:30 a.m.-Noon



Design your cardboard car, sit in it and watch short videos. We'll provide the concessions! Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration Required



Crazy for Cryptids

Entering Grades 3-5

Mishawaka Library

Monday, June 29 · 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Become a cryptozoologist and investigate your favorite mysterious creatures. Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

Registration Required



Shark Attack!

Entering Grades 3-5

Harris Branch

Wednesday, July 8 · 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Dive into activities, games and crafts themed around the most feared (and beloved) toothy fish. Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

Registration Required



MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

200 BEFORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

25 BOOKS

- Aria
- Aurora
- Benen
- Cash
- Collin
- Conrad
- Harper
- Hazel
- Kai
- Poppy
- Sabbath

50 BOOKS

- Adalynn
- Easton
- Emmitt
- Grace
- Holden
- Kelsie
- Yihyun
- Zinnia

75 BOOKS

- Cam
- Cayden
- Connor
- Oliver
- Wyatt

150 BOOKS

- Andrew
- Leilani
- Lilly
- Marshall

175 BOOKS

- Eli
- Ivory
- Tressa

Danny Go!® Dance Party

Age 11 & Under

Saturday, July 11

Harris Branch · 11 a.m.–Noon

Mishawaka Library · 2–3 p.m.

Listen to Danny Go’s brand-new picture book, dance to our favorite videos and enjoy other crafts and activities. Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

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Registration Required

200 BOOKS



Daniel



John



Savaya

To participate in a challenge, visit mphpl.org/initiatives



Art Explorers
Mishawaka Library

Entering Grades K-2

Tuesday, July 28 · 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Entering Grades 3-5

Wednesday, July 29 · 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Let your creativity fly while you paint rocks! Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

Registration Required



Storytime



Storytime

Join us in July!

10:15–10:45 a.m.

Tuesdays
Mishawaka Library

Wednesdays
Harris Branch

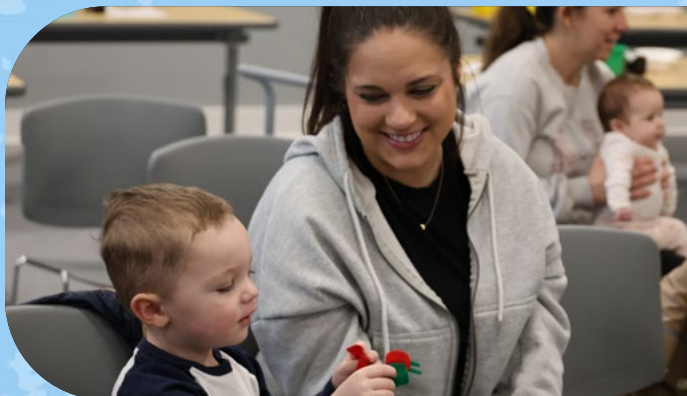
Thursdays
Harris Branch*

No Registration

Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.
Caregivers are expected to participate in activities as able.

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.

***Due to Bittersweet Branch's potential closure, we will host Thursday Storytimes at Harris.**



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

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

100 BOOKS

- Acen
- Alex
- Caroline
- Eleanor
- Everly
- Gabe
- Luka
- Ramona
- Raquel
- Simon

200 BOOKS

- Alexander
- Arnyam
- Clark
- Darci
- Ellis
- Ibanez
- Nile

300 BOOKS

- Eliana
- Elizabeth
- Eloise
- Eve
- Greyson
- Israel
- John
- Liam
- Nora
- Nora
- Torrence

400 BOOKS

- Aberdeen
- Fitz
- Kayden
- Olivia
- Radha
- Roman
- Wesley

500 BOOKS

- Adrienne
- Beau
- Cash
- Celine
- Evelyn
- Gemma
- Jack Joseph
- Jameson
- Oliver
- Owen
- Paulina
- Rosie

600 BOOKS

- Ellie
- Judah

700 BOOKS

- Avery
- Caden
- Callie
- Irene
- Lily
- Nikolai
- Penelope
- Rafael
- Rose
- Sophia

800 BOOKS

- Claire
- Rose
- Violet

900 BOOKS

- Amara
- Eleanor
- Evelyn
- Freyja
- John
- Josie
- Keziah
- Mazen
- Sammy

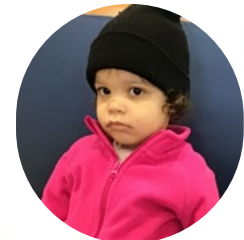


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1000 BOOKS



Trevor



Amara



Harper



John



Emmett



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



TEEN GAMING

Teen Gaming
Mishawaka Library
Tuesdays • 3:30–5:30 p.m.

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, June 4
Harris Branch • Thursday, July 2
Harris Branch • Thursday, July 9
5–5:45 p.m.

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. Limited to MPHPL cardholders and one session only.

Teen Crafternoon

Harris Branch
Saturday, June 20 • 2–3 p.m.

Design your very own beach in a jar using sand, shells and a variety of materials.

Registration Required

LEGO® and Stop Motion

Harris Branch
Wednesday, June 10 • 4–5 p.m.

Use your imagination to free build, complete a challenge or create your own stop motion animation.

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Registration Required





"Seas" the Day Summer Lock-In Mishawaka Library Friday, June 26 · 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Piece together the treasure map, defeat the Kraken and find your fortune. X marks the spot on this pirate adventure. 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

Teen Time Machine Mishawaka Library Saturday, July 18 · 2-3 p.m.



Find the time machine and get your group back to 2026 before the clock runs out. Snacks, props and tons of laughter will be provided.

Registration Required

Bling Your Book Harris Branch Thursday, July 30 · 5-6 p.m.

Bring your own book and bedazzle the cover to make it sparkle and shine.

Registration Required

BLING

BLING



MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

60 BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL

10 BOOKS

- Madeleine
- Athaelia

20 BOOKS

- Elsie

30 BOOKS

- Vivi
- Sophia
- Rosi
- Melody
- Makenzie

40 BOOKS

- Willow
- Tessa
- Luis
- Anne

60 BOOKS



Leorah



Emma



Claire

50 BEFORE GRADUATION

20 BOOKS

- Brianna

30 BOOKS

- Daisy

40 BOOKS

- Amber

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Paint With Us: Summer Signs

Harris Branch

Friday, June 5 · 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Flip flops or fireworks? Create a sign to brighten your summer decor or to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

Registration Required



Desserts & DIY

Harris Branch

Thursdays · June 11 & July 9

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Feeling crafty and in need of a quick sugar fix? Indulge in our Makerspace, where creativity meets sweet treats!

June 11

Dubai Chocolate Strawberry Cup & Mandala Dot Art

July 9

Dalgona Coffee & Basket Weaving

Registration required for each session



Music Trivia Night

Mishawaka Library

Friday, June 12 · 6:30–8:30 p.m.

From Sinatra to Shakira, from chart toppers to one-hit wonders ... we will rock you! See if you have what it takes to name them all.

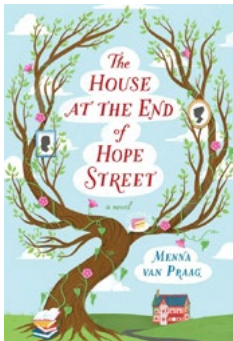
Registration is required. Teams must have 2-6 members.



Saturday Morning Book Club

Mishawaka Library
Saturdays · June 13 & July 11
10:15–11:15 a.m.

Whether you read cover to cover or are part of the Did Not Finish club, join us to discuss our book of the month. Books are available one month in advance on a first-come basis at the downtown Mishawaka Library.

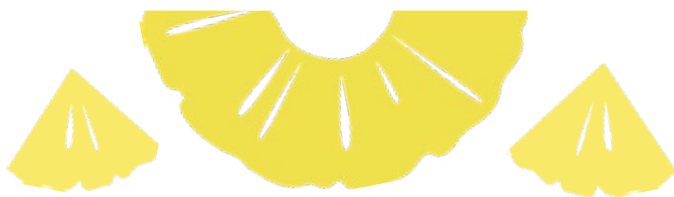


June 13
The House at the End of Hope Street
by Menna van Praag



July 11
Kindred
by Octavia Butler

Registration required for each session



**Cooking Classics:
Pineapple
Upside-Down Cookies**
Mishawaka Library
Mondays · June 15 or July 20
4:30–5:30 p.m.

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

Registration is required. Limited to MPHPL cardholders and one session only.

Navigating Community-Based Aging Resources

Mishawaka Library
3rd Tuesdays · June 16 & July 21
3:30–4:45 p.m.

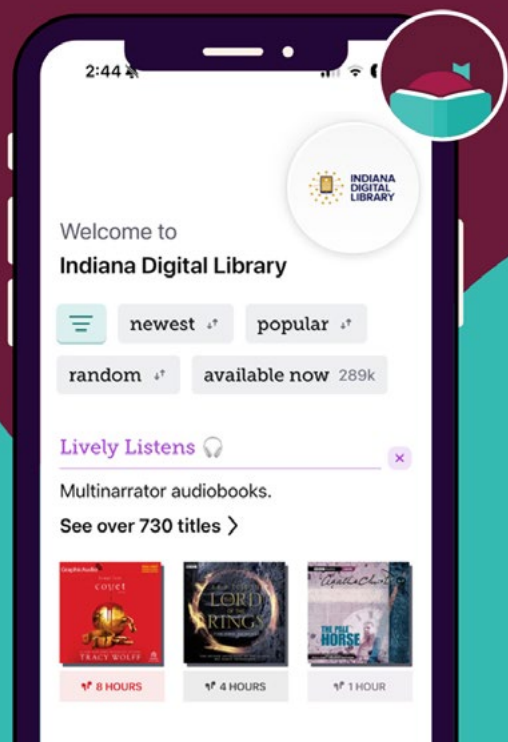
Whether you're planning for yourself or helping a loved one, Aging Connections of Michiana will equip you with the necessary resources to move forward with confidence. Recommended for seniors and caregivers.

June 16
How Does Palliative Care Differ from Hospice Care?

July 21
Senior Lifestyle Injury and Fall Prevention

No Registration

Borrow it in Libby.



mphpl.org/digital

Economic Outlook for Small Businesses

Harris Branch

Tuesday, June 16 • 5-6 p.m.

Financial Advisor Sergio Andrade from Edward Jones will share 2025 market trends, examine growth in the year ahead and discuss how business owners and professionals can navigate opportunities and risks.

Registration Required



Edward Jones®

BINGO

Mishawaka Library

Wednesdays • June 24 & July 22

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of bingo and beverages. All attendees will be entered to win a door prize! Game winners will receive small prizes.

Registration required for each session



Needle Felting

Mishawaka Library

Wednesday, July 15 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn the relaxing art of needle felting. Use various colors of wool to create a one-of-a-kind design that is perfect for any decor.

Registration Required



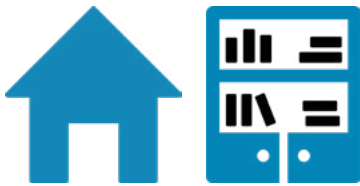
The Smartest Card In Your Wallet



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

Friday, June 19

CLOSED for Juneteenth

Saturday, July 4

CLOSED for Independence Day

Board Meetings

Downtown Mishawaka Library

3rd Thursday of every month · 4 p.m.

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