Mishawaka-Penn-Harris
Public Library
Learning for a Lifetime

Dec. '26–Jan. '27

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Registration begins Monday, Nov. 16

Event Highlights

Baby Meet & Play
Snowy STEAM
Gingerbread Birdhouses
Simmer Pot 101
Winter Reading Challenge Kick-Off

Program Guide for Children, Teens & Adults

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

KICK-OFF

Mishawaka Library

Wednesday, Dec. 30
2-4 p.m.

Storytime
2:30-3 p.m.

SNACKS

CRAFTS

GAMES



Hedgehog Hannah's Arctic Show

3-4 p.m.

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 • Monday, March 1

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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.

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library

January 2 - March 1





Get your challenge card starting

Monday, December 14

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

GET REWARDED FOR READING

Mark a square for each activity you complete.

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

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

A big THANK YOU to our sponsors!

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Scooter's Coffee EST. 1998

The Robert Henry Corporation

Burger King

Mishawaka Business Association • Shambaugh & Son, L.P.

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.

Cozy Bear Storytime



Age 11 & Under
Bittersweet Branch
Wednesday, December 2
5:30-6:15 p.m.

Time to say goodnight to our "bear"y good friends! Learn why bears hibernate, put your "paws" to work at exploration stations and make an un"bear"ably cute craft. Teddy bears are encouraged to join. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration Required

Baby Meet & Play



Birth-23 months
Harris Branch
Monday, December 7
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Parents and caregivers are invited to chat and share experiences while their little ones explore age-appropriate toys and sensory bins. Everything is relaxed and friendly for babies and grownups!

No Registration

UNIVERSITY PARK MALL
A SIMON MALL



Storytime with Santa & Friends

Age 5 & Under
University Park Mall
6501 Grape Road, Mishawaka
Monday, December 7 • 11 a.m.-Noon

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

BOOKS BEFORE

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

200 BEFORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

25 BOOKS
- Alie
- Archer
- Autumn
- Beatrice
- Benedict
- Isla
- Joey
- Kyann
- Maverick
- Olivia
- Ryan
- Violet

50 BOOKS
- Ellie
- Lily
- Maggie

100 BOOKS
- Cora
- Luke
- Maddie

125 BOOKS
- Riley
- Zinnia

150 BOOKS
- Addie
- Annabella
- Easton
- Toby

200 BOOKS



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To participate in a challenge, visit

mphpl.org/initiatives

Homeschool Hangout

Grades K-5
Mishawaka Library
Wednesdays • Dec. 9 & Jan. 13
1-2 p.m.

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

December 9: Light
January 13: Tall Tales

Registration Required for each session

Picture BINGO



Age 11 & Under
Bittersweet Branch
Saturday, December 12
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Enjoy the season with a few fun rounds of picture bingo! A variety of prizes will be available. Adult caregivers must remain in the room.

Registration Required



Deck the Halls Walk-In Craft

Age 11 & Under
All Locations
Monday, December 21
During Library Hours

Visit the Youth Services desk to choose a craft.

No Registration



Art Explorers

Mishawaka Library

Grades K-2



Tuesday, December 22
4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 3-5

Wednesday, December 23
4:30-5:15 p.m.

Get ready to frost, sprinkle and transform cookies into tasty artwork. The best part? You get to eat your completed masterpiece! Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

Registration Required





Snowy STEAM

Grades K-5
Harris Branch
Saturday, January 16
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Brave the elements to conquer a flurry of STEAM challenges. Adult caregivers must remain in the library.

Registration Required

Storytime

Join us in January!

10:15–10:45 a.m.

Mishawaka Library
Tuesdays

Harris Branch
Wednesdays

Bittersweet Branch
Thursdays

No Registration

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

Bouncin' Babies
Birth–23 Months

Introduce your child to the wonders of language through books, short rhymes, songs, fingerplays and movement activities.





Li'l Listeners
Ages 2–5

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

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

MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

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100 BOOKS
- Aleksander
- Alister
- Antonia
- Joel
- Nancy
- Will
- Wrenlee
- Wrenley

200 BOOKS
- Addison
- Archer
- Blaise
- Corrine
- Dresden
- Holden
- Maci
- Malachi
- Marshall
- Ramona
- Zachary

300 BOOKS
- Advika Baban
- Eleanor
- Emma
- Everly
- Lucy
- Tate
- TJ
- Zarha

400 BOOKS
- Caroline
- Julianna
- Nile

500 BOOKS
- Eloise
- Kali
- Nora

600 BOOKS
- Edna
- Elena
- Elizabeth
- Nora
- Olivia
- Roman
- Torrence

700 BOOKS
- Edric
- Eliana
- Evelyn
- Gabriel
- Grace
- Josephine
- Liam
- Torrence

800 BOOKS
- Carson
- Cash
- Gemma
- Grant
- Irene

900 BOOKS
- Oliver
- Penelope

1000 BOOKS


Beau


Charlie


Nikolai


Penelope


Rosie

A
Avery

R
Rose

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

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

1000 Books Before Kindergarten



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



Cookies & Cocoa

Bittersweet Branch
Saturday, December 5 • 2–3 p.m.

Let your creativity shimmer through cookie decorating while testing different hot cocoa combinations!

Registration Required

Teens in the Kitchen

Mishawaka Library
Thursday, December 10

Harris Branch
Thursday, January 7
5–5:45 p.m.



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. Limited to MPHPL cardholders and one session only (the same recipe is repeated at each session).

BOOKS BEFORE

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MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

60 BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL

10 BOOKS
- Emery

30 BOOKS
- Makenna

40 BOOKS
- Cameron

A



Autumn

Sophia



50 BEFORE GRADUATION



Brianna



HOLIDAY ROCKIN' LOCK-IN

Holiday Rockin' Lock-In

Mishawaka Library
Friday, December 18 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.

The Dewey Decibels lost their air guitar. Can you make the applause-o-meter fly off the charts and save the night? 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.

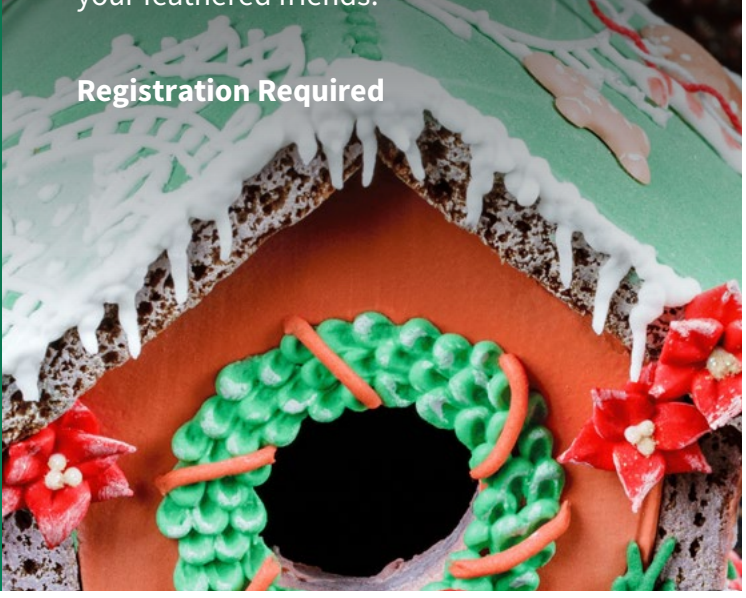
Registration Required

Gingerbread Birdhouses

Harris Branch
Monday, December 28 • 5–6 p.m.

Turn an ordinary birdhouse into a gingerbread-inspired retreat! Add paint, details and your own style to create a cozy home for your feathered friends.

Registration Required

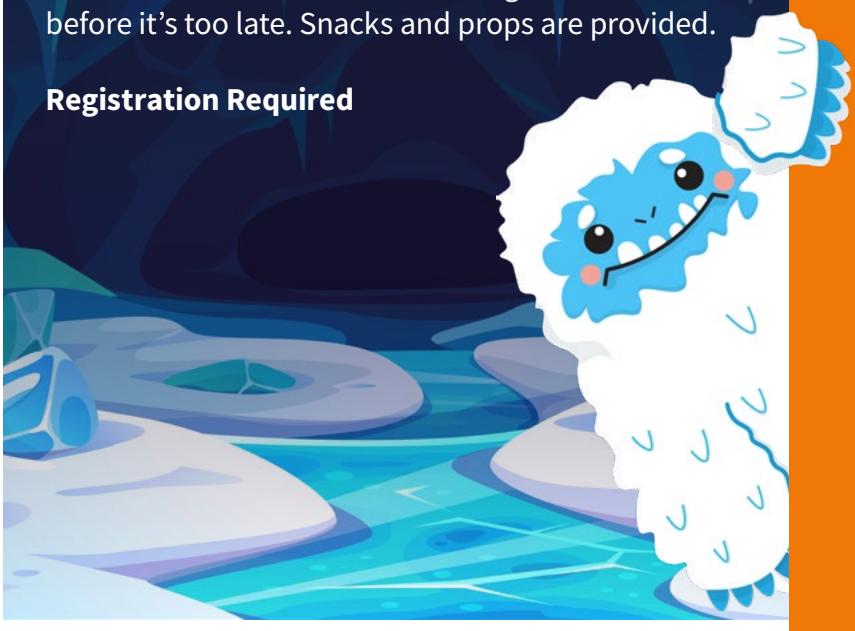


Yeet the Yeti

Mishawaka Library
Saturday, January 23 • 2–3 p.m.

You are trapped in a blizzard, and an abominable snowman is chasing you. “Yeti” or not, race against the clock to find his weakness and get to shelter before it’s too late. Snacks and props are provided.

Registration Required



Wintry Watercolor

Wintry Watercolor

Mishawaka Library
Thursdays • December 3, 10, & 17
10:30 a.m.–Noon

Add a splash of color with this 3-week painting class. Each week we will learn a new watercolor technique that will build confidence in your art skills.

Registration is required. Limited to MPHPL cardholders. Register once for all three sessions.

Session One
LAYERING & BLENDING

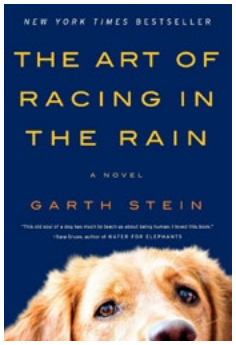
Session Two
SALT SPRINKLING

Session Three
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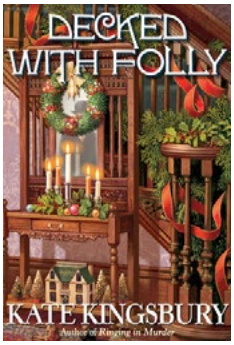
Saturday Morning Book Club

Mishawaka Library
Saturdays • Dec. 5 & Jan. 2
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. Copies are available one month in advance on a first-come basis at the downtown Mishawaka Library.



December 5
The Art of Racing in the Rain
by Garth Stein



January 2
Decked with Folly
by Kate Kingsbury

Registration Required for each session

Holiday Music Trivia Night

Mishawaka Library
Friday, December 11 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Get ready to thaw out Mariah, grab some silver bells and dash through the snow for holiday music trivia! Test your yuletide musical knowledge with friends, family and a partridge in a pear tree.

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



Cooking Classics: Creamy Corn Chowder

Mishawaka Library
Mondays • Dec. 14 or Jan. 11
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.



Desserts & DIY

Harris Branch
Fridays • Dec. 18 or Jan. 15
10:30–11:30 a.m.

Crafty and in need of a quick sugar fix? Find indulgence in our Makerspace, where creativity meets sweet treats! This session is pinecone truffles and folded book trees.

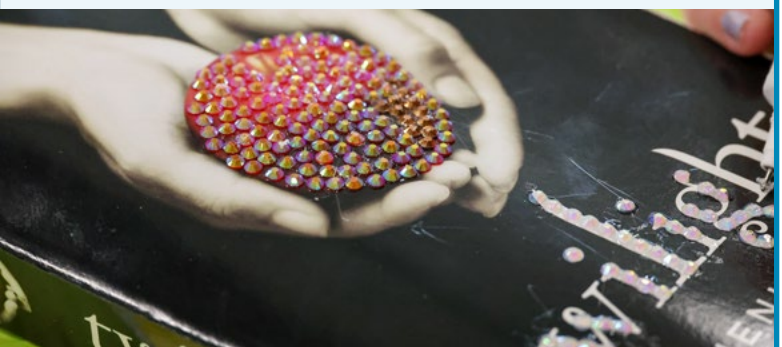
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Diamond-Art Book Covers

Bittersweet Branch
Wednesday, December 23
10:30–11:30 a.m.

Take some time for yourself with a relaxing craft (that makes a great last-minute gift). Bring your own book and bedazzle the cover to make it sparkle and shine.

Registration Required





Cozy Crumbs

Mishawaka Library
Mondays • Dec. 28 or Jan. 25
10:30–11:30 a.m.

Start your morning off right by learning how to make a trendy breakfast treat.

Registration is required. Limited to MPHPL cardholders and one session only (the same recipe is repeated at each session).

Simmer Pot 101

Harris Branch
Saturday, January 9
10:30–11:30 a.m.



Fill your home with comforting scents of the season! Watch a simmer pot demonstration, learn the basics of creating your own blend and make a custom mix to take home.

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

BINGO

Bittersweet Branch
Wednesday, January 20
5:30–6:30 p.m.



Attendees will be entered to win a door prize! Snacks and beverages provided. Game winners will receive small prizes.

Registration Required



Mishawaka High School Jazz Ensemble Performance

Mishawaka Library
Thursday, December 3
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tap your toes to the lively sounds of talented jazz musicians from the MHS 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

JYMS and MHS Jazz Performance

Mishawaka Library
Thursday, January 21
6:30-7:30 p.m

Listen to the wonderful sounds of the John Young Middle School Jazz Band and Mishawaka High School Jazz Strings!

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No Registration



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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

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

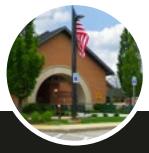


Bittersweet Branch

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

Closing Dates

Wednesday, Dec. 16
Closing at 12:30 p.m.
Staff In-Service

Thursday, Dec. 24

Friday, Dec. 25
Christmas Holiday

Thursday, Dec. 31

Friday, Jan. 1
New Years Holiday

Monday, Jan. 18
MLK Jr. Day

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You have the option to opt out before or during the event.

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