ECKHART EDITION

A Read.Do.Explore.Program

All Together Now

ECKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY

Staff Highlight

Tim

Hired in August of 2021, Tim is a Public Services Specialist at EPL.

What is your favorite thing about EPL?

It goes without saying that the people who come to visit are something to look forward to. I think the favorite thing might be the stories they and each of us has to tell.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Love to cruise, so would like to combine that with a visit to many ports on the Mediterranean Sea - Greece, Italy, France … you name it.

What is the last book you read or show you watched?

As for books, I'm reading Stephen King's *Fairy Tale* and will let you know what I think of it when I'm done, but I'm seldom disappointed with that author. And always look forward to another installment in the *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series by Alexander McCall Smith. As for on the screen, loved all three seasons of *Chosen* and can't wait for the new season of *Ted Lasso*.

Summer Begins!

Read. Do. Explore. offers six weeks of programming and opportunities to engage with the library and our community around a different theme. This summer, we will be celebrating what brings us together as a community. We are all different pieces of a puzzle that make up where we live, work, and play, and this summer we will be All Together Now to make the best community for us all.

How it Works

Enter to win a grand prize every time you do **ONE** of the following:

- Set & Meet a Reading Goal
- Set & Meet a Research Goal
- Attend a Library Program
- Use one of the Library's streaming services like Hoopla or Libby

Enter Online or at EPL

Strawberries

June 22, 2023
5pm - 8pm
hosted by

The Friends of Eckhart Public Library

Strawberry Shortcake, Entertainment, and Fun for the Whole Family!

100% of Profits for Youth Initiatives
at Eckhart Public Library

Around the Fountain

Strawberries Around the Fountain

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Don't forget your free prize book!

"Books are a uniquely portable magic."
—Stephen King, On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft

At EPL, we believe in the power of books, especially when you can pick out one you're excited to read! That's why **every participant of Read. Do. Explore. can pick out their own prize book each week from May 30 - July 8th.** Whether you attend a program or meet your reading goal, it's our gift to you.

Program Key

We often get asked if our programs are okay for certain ages. Ultimately, that decision is up to parents and guardians, but we are happy to tell you the ages they are designed for by color coding them:

Preschool   **Children**   **Teens**   **Adults**   **All Ages**

Frog Scavenger Hunt

May 30 - June 10, Children's Department

Preschool and elementary-aged children can search the lower level of the Main Library to find the answer to a very pressing question: What is a frog's favorite summertime treat?

Family Storytime

May 30

10:45am - 11:15am, Library Park

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Theme: Friends Forever

Let's Write a Story

May 30

2:00pm - 3:00pm, Assembly Room

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On Wednesday, July 5th, we will celebrate the process of writing our book and have copies available for the artists and writers to keep. We will also add a copy to the library.

Stranger Things: Demogorgon Clay Magnets ●

May 30

4:30pm - 6:30pm, Teen Library

Join us at the Teen Library for this, the last of our Stranger Things themed events this month. We will be making Demogorgon clay magnets.

Family Storytime ● ●

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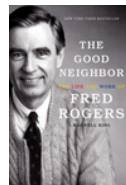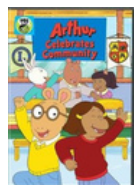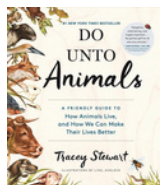
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May 31

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Titles About Community

Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library's Summer Reading

May 30 - August 4

Ages 4-18

Join us for "All Together Now" summer reading! Any patron from ages 4 to 18 may participate. Every other week you will be mailed a packet that includes: actvities, crafts, coloring pages, book suggestions, and tactile trinkets. Prizes will be mailed out at the conclusion of summer reading. **To sign up call 317-232-3738 or email** achumin@library.in.gov

TEEN PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

May 30-July 8

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SCAN TO ENTER OR BRING PHOTOS TO THE TEEN LIBRARY

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Thursdays Together ●●●

June 1
10:00am - 11:00 am, Library Park

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Today we will be exploring Kindness Stations.
All events will take place in the Library Park. In case of rain, we will move inside to the Assembly Room.

Brews+Books ●

June 1
6:00pm - 7:00pm, Auburn Brewing Company

Join Darcy for a spirited discussion about *Let's Pretend This Never Happened* by Jenny Lawson at Auburn Brewing Company on Thursday, June 1st at 6:00pm. Brews+Books takes place on the first Thursday of every month. We're dedicated to discussing our favorite unique reads, and we're grateful to Auburn Brewing Company for their partnership on this program. Books are available at the library, and library cards are not required to check them out.

eFingerprinting Services ●

June 2
9:30am - 3:00pm, Eckhart Room

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Babies & Books ●

June 2
10:00am - 10:30am, Assembly Room

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LEGO Club Goes to the Movies ● ●

June 2

3:00pm - 5:00pm, Assembly Room

Join us for a screening of LEGO-based movies! Today we will be watching *The LEGO Movie*. It will be...well, AWESOME.

Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners ●

June 2

4:30pm - 6:30pm, Teen Library

Have you always wanted to discover all the wonderful adventures that D&D has to offer but don't know the first thing about playing, well now is your chance to learn how. We'll teach you all about D20s and how to become a bard!

First Fridays ●

June 2

5:00pm - 7:00pm, Downtown Auburn

Join us and the Friends of Eckhart Public Library downtown for themed activities each month!

Read. Do. Explore. Launch! ●

June 3

11:00am - 1:00pm, Library Park

Read. Do. Explore. Launch! is the beginning of the library's summer program season. We will be hosting a Foamzilla party from 11:00-12:00, snacks, games, a chance to record an oral history with someone whose stories you value, tables with some of our library partner organizations highlighting what they do in the community, photo booth, and a few simple projects that you can do to give back to the community. We are All Together Now!

Ponyo Screening ●

June 3

11:30am - 1:30pm, Teen Library

Start the summer with popcorn, punch, and a movie! We will be screening the movie *Ponyo* at The Teen Library. All are welcome.

Safe Sitter Essentials ●

June 5

9:30am - 3:30pm, Assembly Room

Safe Sitter Essentials is a one-day class designed to prepare students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting.Eckhart Public Library offers Safe Sitter Essentials quarterly, during DeKalb Central Schools breaks.

Registration forms are available at the library or by emailing Karen at knesiusroeger@epl.lib.in.us.
Students need to bring a lunch.

Teen Art Club ⬤

June 5
4:30pm - 5:30pm, Teen Library

Have you ever wanted to make your own fantasy map? Now's your chance! We're going to work together as a group to make one. The finished map will be displayed in The Teen Library.

Family Storytime ⬤ ⬤

June 6
10:45am - 11:15am, Library Park

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Theme: Community Connections

Let's Write a Story ⬤

June 6
2:00pm - 3:00pm, Assembly Room

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School Daze: Finding Family History in School Records ⬤

June 6
3:00pm - 4:00pm, Willennar Genealogy Center

Join us in the Learning Lab at the Willennar Genealogy Center for a presentation by Lori Samuelson. Ms. Samuelson is an educator, researcher, writer, and speaker. She blogs weekly at GenealogyAtHeart.com with a focus on sensitive subjects and heartwarming genealogical finds.
A variety of information will discussed, including a brief history of education in the United States, the type of information that can be found in school records, and where to obtain those documents. In addition, several cases will be presented showing the importance of acquiring your ancestor's school records.

Teen Game Night 🟠

June 6

4:30pm - 6:30pm, Teen Library

Join us at The Teen Library for a fun night of playing tabletop board games and card games together.

Family Storytime 🔴 🔵

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Theme: Community Connections

Dungeons & Dragons 🟢

June 6

6:30pm - 8:30pm, Close Community Room

Open to adults, this group meets on the first and third Tuesdays each month to play an ongoing fantasy adventure campaign of the world's greatest roleplaying game. New players are always welcome! Please email gaming@epl.lib.in.us if you'd like to join so we can plan for you, or just show up. No experience is necessary, and premade characters are available.

Let's Write a Story: Open Studio Time 🔵

June 7

10:00am - 11:15am, Activity Room

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Thursdays Together ● ● ●

June 8

10:00am - 11:00am, Library Park

Thursdays Together is a time for kids and their grownups to gather at the library for some summer fun. Each week will bring a new activity!

Today we will be joined by Larry Wirtz that will show us Random Acts of Magic!

All events will take place in the Library Park. In case of rain, we will move inside to the Assembly Room.

Anime Club ●

June 8

4:30pm - 6:30pm, Teen Library

Come watch and discuss anime with fellow anime enthusiasts! Snacks will be provided.

Painting with The Window Nook ●

June 8

6:00pm - 7:30pm, Assembly Room

Eckhart Public Library and The Window Nook Studio are partnering for a painting class for adults celebrating kindness and togetherness. All supplies are provided. *Registration is required (15) as space is limited.*

eFingerprinting Services ●

June 9

9:30am - 3:00pm, Eckhart Room

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Babies & Books ●

June 9

10:00am - 10:30am, Assembly Room

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LEGO Club: All Together Now ●

June 9

4:00pm - 4:45pm, Assembly Room

LEGO Club has been stranded on a deserted island! We will work together over the course of three sessions to build everything we need to live on the island. The island will be displayed in the Close Community Room through Summer Read. Do. Explore.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons: Dragons of Stormwreck Isle ●

June 9

4:30pm - 6:30pm, Teen Library

Teens are invited to participate in the Dungeons and Dragons campaign entitled Dragons of Stormwreck Isle. Creativity is a must! Work together with your friends as you slay monsters and discover new worlds of adventure.

Back to the Bricks ●

June 10

All Day, Downtown Auburn

Find us in Downtown Auburn during Auburn Main Street's Back to the Bricks event. As you walk, you will be able to follow a story layed out along the path in, what we call, Stories Afoot. We will also be leading historical tours in the area.

Friends of EPL Book & Media Sale ●

June 10

9:00am - 3:00pm, Willennar Administrative Annex

Did you know that the Friends of EPL raise money to help fund the programming and services of Eckhart Public Library? All of their proceeds go towards supporting the library.

The Friends of Eckhart Public Library will hold a book and media sale at the Willennar Administrative Annex on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The early bird hour from 9:00 am - 10:00 am will be for Friends of EPL members only. Friends of EPL membership will be available at the door.

Books will be priced at $1.00 for hardcovers and $.50 for paperbacks.

This is a great opportunity to get some great deals on books, movies, music, and more--all while supporting the library.

Carbon Neutral Indiana: Book Discussion ●

June 10

11:00am - 12:00pm, Assembly Room

Auburn native Daniel Poynter, founder and Executive Director of Carbon Neutral Indiana will join us virtually for a discussion of his book, *Carbon Neutral Indiana: A Practical Guide to Climate Optimism*. Anyone interested in reducing or eliminating their carbon footprint is welcome to attend. The book can be purchased by scanning the QR code or checked out from Eckhart Public Library.

Dog Tales 🔵

June 10

10:30am - 11:15am, Secret Garden

People love stories and dogs, and dogs love people who read them stories! Dog Tales is your chance to read to a new four-legged friend. All participating pups are part of Therapy Dogs International, so they are great listeners and very patient. They're the perfect audience for any new readers that would like to practice reading out loud. Dog Tales takes place on the second Saturday of each month in the Secret Garden on the lower level at the Main Library. We are grateful for Therapy Dogs International and their partnership with this program.

Basketball Scavenger Hunt 🔴🔵

June 12 - June 24, Children's Department

Preschool and elementary-aged children can search the lower level of the Main Library to find the answer to a very pressing question: Why can't basketball players go on vacation?

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile 🔴🔵🟠

June 12

9:00am - 3:00pm, Library Parking Lot

Eckhart Public Library is excited to welcome Parkview Health's Ronald McDonald Care Mobile to our library. "The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is a doctor's office on wheels, delivering Parkview Physicians Group Pediatrics providers to your neighborhood. Now, children 0-18 years have more convenient access to health services." These services include: wellness visits, immunizations, screenings (hearing, vision, developmental), point of care testing (lead, strep, urine), fluoride treatments, and childhood health and safety education. Walk in or schedule your appointment by calling 1-877-PPG-TODAY (1-877-774-8632).

VR Mondays 🟠🟢

June 12

12:00pm - 3:00pm, Assembly Room

Explore the world, galaxy, and parts unknown using virtual reality. The library's VR equipment will be available for the journey of your choosing. Whether you want to fight Darth Vader or ride a rollercoaster, the choice is entirely up to you!

Family Storytime 🔴🔵

June 13

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Let's Write a Story 🔵

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Teen Gaming Night 🟠

June 13
4:00pm - 6:30pm, Teen Library

Join us at The Teen Library and enjoy playing a variety of video games. As a group we will decide on what console we will play on: Xbox , Wii, or Nintendo Switch

Murder & Merlot 🟢

June 13
6:00pm - 7:00pm, Byler Lane Winery

Murder and Merlot is a true crime book club that meets the second Tuesday of every month at Byler Lane Winery. Join us for a glass and a discussion of classic and modern works of true crime. The books we read will be selected by members. We are thrilled to partner with Byler Lane Winery for this book club. Our June book will be *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson.

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Let's Write a Story: Open Studio Time 🔵

June 14
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Create a Mural 🟠

June 14

4:30pm - 5:30pm, Teen Library

Individually we are one piece, but together we are something much greater!Teens are invited to put their artistry to the test. Each participant will receive their own canvas on which to paint. Then they will be put together to create a mural.

EPL Board of Trustees Meeting 🟢

June 14

6:00pm - 7:00pm, Willennar Genealogy Center

The Eckhart Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their 2023 regular monthly business meetings at 6:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on the second Wednesday of each month at the Willennar Genealogy Center, 700 South Jackson Street, Auburn, IN, 46706.

Thursdays Together 🔴 🔵 🟢

June 15

10:00am - 11:00am, Library Park

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Today we will be enjoying All Tooth-gether Now!
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eFingerprinting Services 🟢

June 16

9:30am - 3:00pm, Eckhart Room

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LEGO Club Goes to the Movies 🔵 🟠

June 16

3:00pm - 5:00pm, Assembly Room

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Teen Dungeons & Dragons: Dragons of Stormwreck Isle 🟠

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Guided ACRES Hike 🔵

June 17

10:00am - 11:00am, Heinzerling Family Five Points Nature Preserve

Join us for a guided hike of the Heinzerling Family Five Points Nature Preserve, located near 6800 CR 7A, Garrett, for a guided hike with ACRES. Learn about what was there before, what grows and lives in the Cedar Creek Corridor, and how ACRES preserves natural spaces.

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Teen Art Club 🟠

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We will be playing a collaborative art game called Exquisite Corpse. It's a game in which each participant takes turns drawing on a sheet of paper, folding it to conceal his or her contribution, and then passing it to the next player for a further contribution. Join us to see what we can create together!

Family Storytime ●●

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Call of the Wild: Outdoor Youth Skills ●●

June 20

1:00pm - 3:00pm, Library Park

J.K. Stewart from Paired Outdoors will be here to teach kids and teens about the outdoor skills utilized in classic books. This session will show how to create: a survival shelter as read about in *Hatchet*, a wild game trap like what Katniss used in *Hunger Games*, trail markers from Hansel & Gretel, signal for rescue and more! Each student will receive a small kit of items to utilize during and after the program.This program is for 9-14 year olds, and spaces are limited to 25. **To register, please scan the QR code or contact us at the library.**

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Family Storytime 🔴 🔵

June 21
10:45am - 11:15am, Library Park

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Theme: Expand Your World

Classic City Readers 🟢

June 21
12:00pm - 1:00pm, Close Community Room

Join Darcy on the third Wednesday of every month for Classic City Readers Book Club at Eckhart Public Library! This book club is dedicated to the appreciation and examination of the written word.
On June 21st, at noon, we will be discussing *God Help the Child* by Toni Morrison. Books are available at the library and do not require a library card to check them out.

Thursdays Together 🔴 🔵 🟢

June 22
10:00am - 11:00am, Library Park

Thursdays Together is a time for kids and their grownups to gather at the library for some summer fun. Each week will bring a new activity! Today we will be enjoying a spirited game of BINGO!

Strawberries Around the Fountain 🔵

June 22
5:00pm - 8:00pm, Library Park

The Friends of Eckhart Public Library invite the community to celebrate the summer with Strawberries Around the Fountain. There will be face painting, live music, games, and, of course, Strawberry Shortcake!
This event is a fundraiser for the Friends of EPL. They utilize this money to support the programming and services of the library. Without them, we wouldn't be able to have programs like Read. Do. Explore.
All ages are welcome to join us!

eFingerprinting Services 🟢

June 23
9:30am - 3:00pm, Eckhart Room

Eckhart Public Library will host Idemia eFingerprinting Services each Friday in the Eckhart Room from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. The State of Indiana contracts with Idemia to provide these services to area residents. Appointments must be made at www.indentogo.com. Fees will be listed when scheduling and range from $10.50 to $50.00, depending on which service is requested

Babies & Books 🔴

June 23
10:00am - 10:30pm, Assembly Room

Babies & Books is a storytime for children ages 0-2 who are accompanied by a caregiver. Join Angelica in the Assembly Room to sing songs, say nursery rhymes, read a board book, and fill the room with bubbles!

LEGO Club: All Together Now 🔵

June 23
4:00pm - 4:45pm, Assembly Room

LEGO Club has been stranded on a deserted island! We will work together over the course of three sessions to build everything we need to live on the island. The island will be displayed in the Close Community Room through Summer Read. Do. Explore.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons: Dragons of Stormwreck Isle 🟠

June 23
4:30pm - 6:30pm, Teen Library

Teens are invited to participate in the Dungeons and Dragons campaign entitled Dragons of Stormwreck Isle. Creativity is a must! Work together with your friends as you slay monsters and discover new worlds of adventure.

Document Shredding Services 🟢

June 24
9:00am - 11:00am, Library Parking Lot
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The document owner can watch their items being shredded, but they must stay in their car. If you've been looking for an opportunity to destroy your high school poetry, this is your chance!
CSS: We Shred the Past to Protect Your Future

Sun Scavenger Hunt

June 26 - July 8, Children's Department
Preschool and elementary-aged children can search the lower level of the Main Library to find the answer to a very pressing question: How does the sun drink water?

VR Mondays 🟠 🟢

June 26
12:00pm - 3:00pm, Assembly Room 🔴 🔵
Explore the world, galaxy, and parts unknown using virtual reality. The library's VR equipment will be available for the journey of your choosing. Whether you want to fight Darth Vader or ride a rollercoaster, the choice is entirely up to you!

Board Game Creation Club 🟠

June 26
2:00pm, Teen Library
Maybe you love passing GO and collecting $200. Or maybe strategy is your game style of choice. Either way, you are welcome to join us at The Teen Library. As a group we will be creating our very own board game or card game.

Family Storytime 🔴 🔵

June 27
10:45am - 11:15am, Library Park
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Theme: Working & Playing Together

Let's Write a Story 🔵

June 27
2:00pm - 3:00pm, Assembly Room

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On Wednesday, July 5th, we will celebrate the process of writing our book and have copies available for the artists and writers to keep. We will also add a copy to the library.

Minute to Win It! 🟠

June 27
4:00pm - 5:00pm, Teen Library

Do you have what it takes? Join us at the Teen Library to see how well you do with Minute to Win It games!

Teen Game Night 🟠

June 27
4:30pm - 6:30pm, Teen Library

Join us at The Teen Library for a fun night of playing tabletop board games and card games together.

Family Storytime 🔴 🔵

June 27
6:15pm-6:45pm, Library Park

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Theme: Working & Playing Together

Let's Write a Story: Open Studio Time 🔵

June 28
10:00am - 11:15am, Activity Room

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Family Storytime ● ●

June 28

10:45am - 11:15am, Library Park

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Theme: Working & Playing Together

Board Game Creation Club ●

June 28

2:00pm, Teen Library

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Thursdays Together ● ● ●

June 29

10:00am - 11:00 am, Library Park

Thursdays Together is a time for kids and their grownups to gather at the library for some summer fun. Each week will bring a new activity!
Today we will be joined by Johnny TinCap for a "whiff" of a baseball game with kids vs. adults!
All events will take place in the Library Park. In case of rain, we will move inside to the Assembly Room.

Anime Club ●

June 29

4:30pm - 6:30pm, Teen Library
Come watch and discuss anime with fellow anime enthusiasts! Snacks will be provided.

Raiders of the Lost Ark Screening ● ●

June 29

6:30pm - 8:00pm, Assembly Room

Before you see the epic conclusion, see how it all began! We will be doing a round of Indiana Jones Trivia, and the winners will receive the Ark of the Covenant...just don't look at it. On second thought, scratch that.
There will be prizes you can gaze upon, and snacks will be served. Then we will screen *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

LEGO Club Goes to the Movies 🔵 🟠

June 30

3:00pm - 5:00pm, Assembly Room

Join us for a screening of LEGO-based movies! Today we will be watching the *LEGO Batman Movie*. It will be...well, AWESOME.

Board Game Creation Club 🟠

June 30

2:00pm, Teen Library

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Babies & Books 🔴

June 30

10:00am - 10:30am, Assembly Room

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VR Mondays 🟠 🟢

July 3

12:00pm - 3:00pm, Assembly Room

Explore the world, galaxy, and parts unknown using virtual reality. The library's VR equipment will be available for the journey of your choosing. Whether you want to fight Darth Vader or ride a rollercoaster, the choice is entirely up to you!

Eckhart Public Library will be closed on July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Even when the library is closed, our streaming services and WiFI are always available, 24 hours a day.

Let's Write a Story: Open Studio Time 🔵

July 5

10:00am - 11:15am, Activity Room

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Family Storytime ● ●

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Let's Write a Story ●

July 5

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Big Hero Six Screening ●

July 5

4:00pm - 6:00pm, Teen Library

To celebrate the end of summer we will be relaxing with our friend Baymax. The Teen Library will be screening *Big Hero Six*. Popcorn will be provided!

Thursdays Together ● ● ●

July 6

10:00am - 11:00 am, Library Park

Thursdays Together is a time for kids and their grownups to gather at the library for some summer fun. Each week will bring a new activity!
Today we will be joined by the delightful creatures from Indiana WILD!
All events will take place in the Library Park. In case of rain, we will move inside to the Assembly Room.

Babies & Books ●

July 7

10:00am - 10:30am, Assembly Room

Babies & Books is a storytime for children ages 0-2 who are accompanied by a caregiver. Join Karen in the Assembly Room to sing songs, say nursery rhymes, read a board book, and fill the room with bubbles!

Harry Potter Movie Night ●

July 7

3:00pm - 6:00pm, Teen Library

Relive the discovery of magic, Hogwarts, and friendship as we screen *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Popcorn will be served! Bring your own wand.

LEGO Club: All Together Now ●

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4:00pm - 4:45pm, Assembly Room

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First Fridays ●

July 7

5:00pm - 7:00pm, Downtown Auburn

Join us and the Friends of Eckhart Public Library downtown for themed activities each month!

Document Shredding Services ●

July 8

9:00am - 11:00am, Library Parking Lot

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Friends of EPL Book & Media Sale ●

July 8

9:00am - 3:00pm, Willennar Administrative Annex

Did you know that the Friends of EPL raise money to help fund the programming and services of Eckhart Public Library? All of their proceeds go towards supporting the library.
The Friends of Eckhart Public Library will hold a book and media sale at the Willennar Administrative Annex on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. The early bird hour from 9:00 am - 10:00 am will be for Friends of EPL members only. Friends of EPL membership will be available at the door.
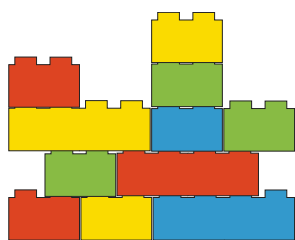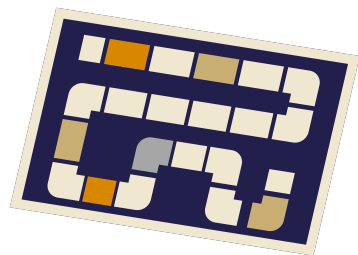
Dog Tales ●

July 8

10:30am - 11:15am, Secret Garden

People love stories and dogs, and dogs love people who read them stories! Dog Tales is your chance to read to a new four-legged friend. All participating pups are part of Therapy Dogs International, so they are great listeners and very patient. They're the perfect audience for any new readers that would like to practice reading out loud. Dog Tales takes place on the second Saturday of each month in the Secret Garden on the lower level at the Main Library. We are grateful for Therapy Dogs International and their partnership with this program.

Grand Prizes

DUPLO Creativity Box

Game Pack

Donation to DeKalb Humane Society

Excelsior Tickets to Charlie & The Chocolate Factory

529 Account Match

Eat Around Auburn

Drink Around Auburn

Walmart Gift Card

Read. Do. Explore.
Launch!

June 3, 2023
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Read. Do. Explore. Launch! is the beginning of the library's summer program season. **We will be hosting a Foamzilla party from 11:00-12:00**, snacks, games, a chance to record an oral history with someone whose stories you value, tables with some of our library partner organizations highlighting what they do in the community, photo booth, and a few simple projects that you can do to give back to the community. We are All Together Now!

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Thank you for being a Friend

We are incredibly grateful to the **Friends of Eckhart Public Library** for financially supporting our services and programs. It is because of the fundraising efforts of the Friends that we are able to offer these programs and six weeks of prize books for our community.

One of their biggest fundraisers is **Strawberries Around the Fountain** on June 22nd from 5 pm to 8 pm. It is a delicious even and all are welcome to join in the festivities and enjoy strawberry shortcake at the library. All of the funds made will go to support initiatives for children and teens. There will also be live music, games, face-painting, and more.

Are you interested in becoming a Friend of the Library to help support programs and services like these? Scan this QR Code!

"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life."
-Henry Ward Beecher

If you're on the go or can't sleep at night, your library is at your fingertips.

The following apps can be used with your EPL library card and PIN: **Evergreen** (great to place holds), **Flipster, Hoopla, Kanopy,** and **Libby!** If you don't know your PIN, contact us, and we will reset it for you.

Eckhart Public Library is a proud member of Evergreen Indiana. If you have a green Evergreen library card, it can be used at any Evergreen Indiana Library in the state!

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