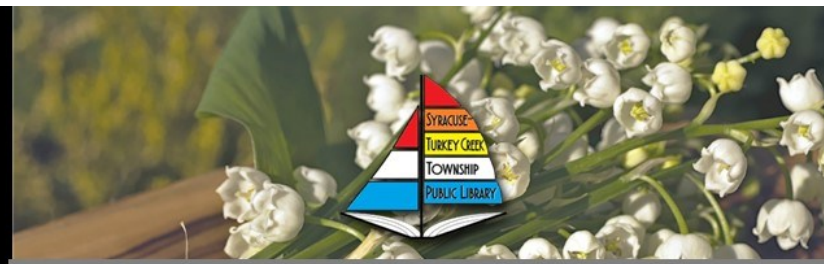


News from the Stacks



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Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3rHS49y>.

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Syracuse Public Library & Indiana Author Awards Present

Writing Workshop

With Shari Wagner

Poetry as Memoir: Exploring the Terrain
1 p.m. Friday, May 24, at the Syracuse Public Library

Shari Wagner To Present Writing Workshop

Syracuse Public Library will welcome former Indiana Poet Laureate Shari Wagner for a special writing workshop **at 1 p.m. Friday, May 24, in the downstairs meeting room.**

The workshop's theme is "Poetry as Memoir: Exploring the Terrain." Members of this writing workshop will be surprised by the details and insights they discover as they explore memory's terrain with the tools of the poet.

Syracuse Public Library received a grant from the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Awards, powered by Indiana Humanities, to present this workshop.

Those with an interest in writing, poetry, or memoirs are encouraged to attend.

Syracuse Public Library will provide snacks during this hour-and-a-half-long program.

Fairfield Summer Cards Return To SPL

Free Fairfield summer library cards are back at the Syracuse Public Library **from May 1-Aug. 1!** These cards are made possible by the Fairfield Schools Literacy Fund, created by an anonymous donor who wanted to stop the summer slide for students living in the Fairfield Schools district.

Who Qualifies?

Children, ages birth to entering 12th

grade in 2024, who live in either Benton, Clinton, or Jackson townships. Home-schooled children in those townships also qualify.

All Fairfield summer library cards expire Aug. 31. While cards are active, children can check out a variety of materials from SPL and other Evergreen libraries and enjoy our digital resources, Libby and Hoopla.



SPL Memorial Day Closing

Syracuse Public Library will close **Monday, May 27**, in observance of Memorial Day. Look for staff to appear in the **Syracuse Memorial Day Parade**, held by the American Legion, at **1:30 p.m. on May 27.** The parade route goes along **SR 13.**



Children & Tweens

Summer Reading Prep Underway!



Children's programming will take a break in May as we work hard to get everything around for summer reading. We are going to have a blast in June and July. Summer reading participants will learn all about different continents and countries. We'll learn about different traditions. We'll meet new animal friends. By the end, we'll make the world a little

smaller!

This year, we'll use Beanstack, courtesy of the Friends of the Syracuse Public Library, to track summer reading; however, paper will be available for those without smartphones.

Stay tuned for more details! If you'd like to help support summer reading, the library has a wish list on Amazon at <https://a.co/dg0lwoi>.

Or
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General Library News

Friends Host Meeting And Coffee Social

The Friends of the Syracuse Public Library will meet **at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 2, in the downstairs meeting room.** Since this meeting occurs before the library opens, knock on the southernmost Harrison Street Door (nearest the staff parking lot) for entry.

Additionally, the Friends will hold a coffee social **from 10:30-12 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, in the upstairs sitting area.** Grab a cup to go or sit and chat with the Friends.



New Young Adult Services Librarian



SPL welcomes Hanna Kunkel as its new young adult services librarian!

Hanna previously served as North Webster Community Public Library's young adult librarian for two years.

She is excited about summer reading at the Syracuse library and eagerly wants to get to know all of its regular patrons and teens.

Hanna enjoys hiking and writing. She also has two cats: Linus and Hagrid.

If being stranded on a deserted island with only three books, Hanna would bring "Watership Down" by Richard Adams, "The Signature of All Things" by Elizabeth Gilbert, and "Be Here Now" by Ram Dass.

SPL To Attend Earth Day Celebration



Syracuse Public Library will help a booth at the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation's Earth Day Festival **from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at the WACF property, 11586 IN-13, Syracuse.**

The celebration will feature various 20-plus booths and activities for all ages, including raptor birds, arrowhead making, native seed balls, bird migration, and more.

For more information, visit the WACF's website at <https://www.wacf.com/event/earth-day-festival/>.

Get Ready For SPL's New Adult Summer Reading Program



Syracuse Public Library will host a new Adult Summer Reading program from June 3 through July 19. Be prepared to roam the world and experience new things, from a "Taste the World" family event to programs creating crafts from other cultures.

Of course, adults can earn prizes for reading. Like our other summer reading programs, adults will use the Beanstack app to track their reading, courtesy of the Friends of the Syracuse Public Library.

Stay tuned for more details next month, especially as prizes are announced.

Want to support summer reading? We have a wish list on Amazon, <https://a.co/dg0lwoi>.

Young Adults

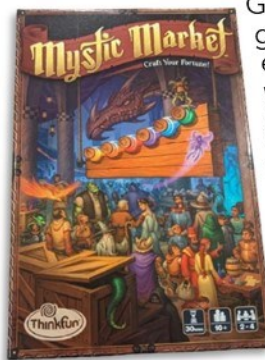


Teen Advisory Board's May Meeting

Join the Teen Advisory Board **from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, in the Rosalyn Jones Room**. Help plan future programs and activities! Fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/mryv3x2a> to apply!

Test Your Trading Skills At YA Game Night

Get ready to try a new card game! "Mystic Market" is an exciting fast-paced card game where players buy and sell magical Potion-making Ingredients. The unique Value Track ensures that the Ingredients' values will be constantly shifting, so only the shrewdest of traders will prevail.



Join YA Game Night **from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, in the Rosalyn Jones Room**.

For information, email Amber at ajcox@syracuse.lib.in.us.



Dungeon & Dragons

The library welcomes players ages 16-25ish to its "Dungeons & Dragons" group. It will meet **from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 9, in the Rosalyn Jones Room**. Each session features a self-contained story. Don't have a dice bag? The library has you covered!

Watch Anime Each Month

Young adults who love anime should join SPL's anime club, which meets **from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30, in the Rosalyn Jones Room**.

Group members will vote on an anime to watch, choosing from offerings on Crunchyroll. As a note, some anime may contain mature topics.



Teen Summer Reading Reminder

Teens! Get ready to earn fun prizes during summer reading and participate in a variety of programming. Summer reading will run from **June 3 through July 19**.

There are many programs to look forward to – from Ramen & Anime to self-defense to a "Jackbox" party, just to name a few.

Throughout the summer, don't forget to keep reading to

earn different prizes. This year SPL will use Beanstack, courtesy of the Friends of the Syracuse Public Library, to track reading.

Stay tuned for more details!

Want to support summer reading? Scan the QR code on page 2!

Digital Resources



INSPIRE Adds Military And Government Collection For Hoosiers

INSPIRE – a collection of journal articles, news, educational resources, and more – is getting even more helpful.

It has added a new military and government collection. It includes LearningExpress for preparation for ASVAB

testing; USA.gov access to a wide range of

information; and IN.gov access to government resources.

INSPIRE is supported by the Indiana General Assembly and the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.



Did You Know?

American Moina Michael is credited for giving rise to the use of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance, inspired by Canadian poet John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields."

Source: National WWI Museum and Memorial (<https://tinyurl.com/5222b32u>)

Adults

Adult Book Club To Read 'Why Has Nobody Told Me This Before?'

The Adult Book Club will read "Why Has Nobody Told Me This Before" by Dr. Julie Smith.

Filled with secrets from a therapist's toolkit, "Why Has Nobody Told Me This Before" teaches readers how to fortify and maintain their mental health, even in the most trying of times.

Dr. Julie Smith's expert advice and powerful coping techniques will help readers stay resilient, whether they want to manage anxiety, deal with criticism, cope with

depression, build self-confidence, find motivation, or learn to forgive themselves.

Pick up copies at the library! Digital e-book and audiobook copies may be available on Libby. Hoopla also has copies.

Discussion will occur at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 30, in the library's downstairs meeting room. A Zoom discussion will follow at 6 p.m. later that day.

For information, email Emilia at elayne@syracuse.lib.in.us.



Why Has Nobody Told Me This Before?

DR. JULIE SMITH

Read about the new Adult Summer Reading Program on Page 2 of this newsletter!

Mahjong

Come play mahjong at 10 a.m. on Mondays and 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in the downstairs meeting room. Players of all skill levels are welcome at the tables, including learners.



Craft & Sip: Friendship Bracelets

Create friendship bracelets during May's Craft & Sip from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9, in the downstairs meeting room.



Or Scan The QR Code

This program is limited to 12, so sign up using SPL's digital calendar at <https://tinyurl.com/SPLCraftandSipBracelets>.

The library will provide all the supplies necessary for free.

For information, contact Emilia at elayne@syracuse.lib.in.us.

Create Fiber Arts Projects

Join the Knit & Crochet Club at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 7 and 21, in the upstairs sitting area. All skill levels are welcome! Bring your knitting and crocheting supplies. The library has limited supplies it can share.



In The Garden To Plant Becky's Garden



SPL's In the Garden group will plant Becky's Garden at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 23, in Community Roots outdoor space. The entire community is welcome to attend the planting and celebrate Becky Brower's life and her passion for native plants.

On the Becky's Garden web page – www.syracuse.lib.in.us/beckys-garden.html – In the Garden has created a list of native plants it would like to include in the garden. Those wanting to donate any of the plants on the list should email Sarah at swright@syracuse.lib.in.us. Space is limited, and we'd like to include as many people as possible. The garden will also feature native plants from Becky's personal garden.

Library Hours

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday

12-8 p.m. Tuesday

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday

12-8 p.m. Thursday

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday



Syracuse Public Library

May 2024

Online Calendar & Registration



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Teens, come relax in the Rosalyn Jones Room! There will be coloring, board games, & more!

5	6 Mahjong: 10 a.m. Teen Cafe: 3:30-5:30 p.m.	7 Knit & Crochet Club: 1:30 p.m.	8 Coffee Social: 10:30-12 p.m. Mahjong: 1 p.m.	9 YA 'Dungeons & Dragons': 4-6 p.m. Craft & Sip (registration): 4:30-5:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13 Mahjong: 10 a.m. Teen Cafe: 3:30-5:30 p.m.	14	15 Mahjong: 1 p.m.	16 YA Game Night: 6-7:30 p.m.	17	18	19	20 Mahjong: 10 a.m. Teen Cafe: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Board Meeting: 5:45 p.m.	21 Knit & Crochet Club: 1:30 p.m.	22 Mahjong: 1 p.m.	23 In the Garden: 1 p.m.	24 Writing Workshop with Shari Wagner: 1 p.m.	25	26	27 Library Closed for Memorial Day	28	29 Mahjong: 1 p.m.	30 Adult Book Club (In Person): 1 p.m. Adult Book Club (Zoom): 6 p.m. Anime Club: 6-7:30 p.m.	31	4 SPL @ WACF Earth Day Festival: 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.
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