

Whistlestop Storytimes
Thursday, February 2
 10:10 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Other dates: 2/9, 2/16, 2/23
Main Library-Storytime Room
 Please join us for stories, music and movement! This is a great way to foster a love of books and prepare your child for future learning success. Families are welcome to participate in this program geared toward ages 5 and younger. For more information, call 282-4607.

Groovy Science
Thursday, February 2 5:00 p.m.
Roger B. Francis Branch Library
 Travel back to the 1960's as we make groovy lava lamps, silly putty and your very own peace sign bag tag. Space is limited; suitable for kids ages 7 and up. Please pre-register online or by calling 282-4641.

Storytime
Friday, February 3
Other dates: 2/10, 2/17, 2/24 10:30 a.m.
North Liberty Branch Library
 Calling all children 5 and younger for a time filled with stories and activities! Help your child develop a love of books at an early age. Families are welcome. Phone us at 656-3664 for more information.

Adventures Aloft
Friday, February 3 3:00 p.m.
Western Branch Library
 Up, up and away with our special hands-on program about the science--and fun--of making a hot air balloon. How high will your balloon fly? Call 282-4639 for more information.



Free Math Help
Sunday, February 5 2:00 p.m.
Other dates: 2/12, 2/19, 2/26
Main Library
Literacy & Outreach Tutoring
 Do you need help with your math homework? Do you want to brush up on fractions and other math skills? If so, drop in for a free Sunday math tutoring session. All ages are welcome. The tutors are University of Notre Dame students who are members of Beta Alpha Psi, an honors accounting organization. No registration is necessary. For more information, call 282-4655.

Western Branch Storytime
Monday, February 6 10:30 a.m.
Other dates: 2/13, 2/20, 2/27
Western Branch Library
 Please join us for stories, music and movement. This is a great way to build early literacy skills and help your child develop a love of books. Ages 5-younger; families welcome. Call 282-4639 for more information.

Internet Skills for Beginners
Monday, February 6 6:00 p.m.
Main Library-Rockne Training Room
 A one-session class designed for first-time internet users. Learn mouse skills and basic search techniques on a Macintosh computer. Pre-register online or at 282-4630.

Lapsit for Prewalkers
Tuesday, February 7 10:10 a.m.
Other dates: 2/14, 2/21, 2/28
Main Library-Storytime Room
 Books, songs, fingerplays and fun for children up to 2 years who haven't yet mastered walking on their own. Pre-register online or at 282-4607.

Francis Branch Storytimes
Tuesday, February 7 10:15 a.m.
Other dates: 2/14, 2/21, 2/28
Roger B. Francis Branch Library
 Please join us for stories, music and movement. What a great way to build early literacy skills and help your child develop a love of books! Recommended for ages 5 and younger; families are welcome. Call 282-4641 for more information.

Lapsit for Walkers
Tuesday, February 7 11:00 a.m.
Other dates: 2/14, 2/21, 2/28
Main Library-Storytime Room
 Books, songs, fingerplays and fun for children up to 2 years who can walk on their own. Pre-register online or at 282-4607.

Microsoft Word for Beginners
Tuesday, February 7 11:30 a.m.
Main Library-Rockne Training Room
 Discover the basics of word processing with this hands-on class. Learn how to create a letter or other document; select font sizes and types; copy, cut, and paste; and name and save your document. All lessons will take place on Macintosh computers. Pre-register online or at 282-4630.

Talk Time
Tuesday, February 7 2:00 p.m.
Other dates: 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28
Main Library-Literacy & Outreach Services
 Talk Time is an informal conversation circle for non-native speakers to practice English. It's not a class, just an opportunity to meet new people, share your culture, and have fun in an English-only setting.

Food For Thought
Tuesday, February 7 6:00 p.m.
LaSalle Branch Library
 The Purdue County Extension service will present a series on eating your way healthy. This program will include small steps to a better lifestyle, understanding food labels and going with the grains.

Make-It & Take-It Crafts
Wednesday, February 8 4:00 p.m.
River Park Branch Library
 Join us as we get crafty. We will provide the supplies...you will only need to come with creative ideas. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Call 282-4635 for more information.

Valentine Crafts
Thursday, February 9 All Day
Other dates: 2/10, 2/11, 2/12, 2/13, 2/14
Main Library-Children's Services
 We've got the materials, you've got the creativity. Stop by the orange train car in Children's Services to put it all together for those you love. Happy Valentine's Day! For more information, call 282-4607.

Teen Do-it-Yourself Crafts
Thursday, February 9 4:30 p.m.
Main Library-2nd Floor Lobby
 Join us in designing some Valentine's Day collage cards for that special someone. We supply the materials, you supply the creativity.



Getting Started on the Internet
Thursday, February 9 6:00 p.m.
Centre Township Branch Library
 Learn the basics on how to use the Internet. Use a Mac laptop to visit our website, search Google, and receive helpful tips on how to make your online visits easier. Call 251-3700 to sign up.

Yummy Valentines
Thursday, February 9 6:30 p.m.
German Township Branch Library
 Children are invited to decorate a heart-shaped sugar cookie & make valentines for loved ones. Please sign up online or call 271-5144.

Save•Point Season 13
Saturday, February 11 10:00 a.m.
Main Library-Humphreys Multimedia Room
 Save•Point is a monthly tournament series featuring the biggest games and the most intense competition in the area. Each month, players enter the tournament and are scored based on how they did. The top players are invited to the Grand Finals in May to battle it out for the championship and the prizes that go with it! This month, our games are Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3 and Mario Kart: Double Dash! Bring your best and you may find yourself being announced as the newest Grand Champion of Save•Point.

Legos at LaSalle
Saturday, February 11 2:00 p.m.
LaSalle Branch Library
 Kids, come build a masterpiece using Legos we provide. Bring friends and family along for the fun. Remember---you are limited only by your imagination. Ages 5-up; call 282-4633 for more information.

Main-ly Movie presents: The Big Year
Saturday, February 11 2:30 p.m.
Main Library-Colfax Auditorium
 Looking to shake up their routine lives, three amateur bird watchers compete to become the ultimate 'birder' by spotting the greatest number of species within a single calendar year. But the friendly rivalry soon turns into a hilarious cross-country adventure as each man begins to realize that the quest for success comes at a price.



Valentine's Day: Sweet & Bittersweet
Monday, February 13 3:00 p.m.
Western Branch Library
 Lori Caskey Sigety, drummer and storyteller extraordinaire, will perform a special Valentine's Day/Un-Valentine's Day concert. We will have a craft table available to make hearts (or broken hearts). Call 282-4639 for more information.

Valentine's Day Craft
Monday, February 13 4:00 p.m.
River Park Branch Library
 Join us as we make envelopes that turn into valentines. Recommended for ages 4 and up; pre-register online or at 282-4635.

Sweets for the Sweet
Monday, February 13 4:30 p.m.
Virginia M. Tutt Branch Library
 Come and make a sweet cookie treat and/or card to give to your chosen valentine. Sign-up online or by calling 282-4637. This program is geared toward ages 4-12.

Beginning Excel
Monday, February 13 6:00 p.m.
Main Library-Rockne Training Room
 In this one-session class, learn how to navigate an Excel spreadsheet, enter and delete data, use formulas and perform basic formatting using a Macintosh computer. Pre-register online or at 282-4630.

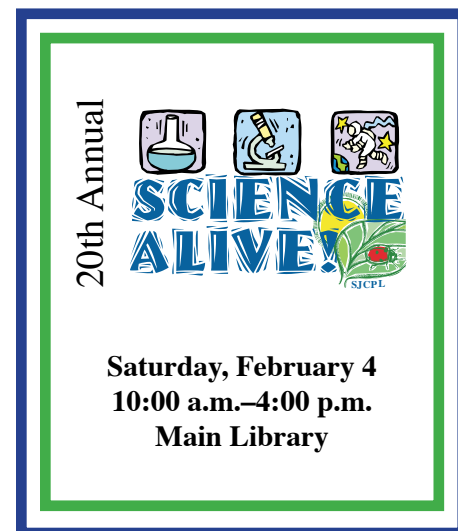
On February 15th we will announce our One Book, One Michiana selection... stay tuned.



Live Music@Main presents: Patrick Woods
Saturday, February 18 2:30 p.m.
Main Library-Sights & Sounds
 The unique elements of Patrick's music have long been loved and revered by fans of acoustic solo guitar. Being influenced more by progressive rock than acoustic music, Patrick has carved out his own brand of instrumentals that are complex, but still full of melody. Patrick has recorded a full demo and two full length studio albums.

Digital Pictures with Flickr!
Tuesday, February 21 11:30 a.m.
Main Library-Rockne Training Room
 Wanting to know how to edit or add some pizzazz to your digital photos? In this one-session class learn how to use album makers and image editors online with Flickr using a Macintosh computer. No need to bring your camera. Yahoo or Google e-mail accounts in addition to basic computer skills are required. Pre-register online or at 282-4630.

This Is Not a Book Club
Tuesday, February 21 4:00 p.m.
Main Library-Storytime Room
 Well, it is...but you might not realize it! Join us as we read what kids actually like to read and keep things interesting with other literacy-building activities: playing games, drawing, making paper crafts and more! Recommended for ages 8-11; snacks will be provided. Pre-register online or at 282-4607.





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Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Fri.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sun. 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Literacy & Outreach Services and Local & Family History
are closed on Sundays

Contact us to subscribe to our newsletter
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SJCPL Locations

Centre Twp. Branch (CTR) 1150 E. Kern Rd.
251-3700

Francis Branch (RBF) 52655 N. Ironwood Rd.
282-4641

Mon., Wed., Fri. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tue., Thurs. 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sat. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

German Twp. Branch (GER) 52807 Lynnewood Ave.
271-5144

Lakeville Branch (LKV) 120 N. Michigan,
Lakeville 784-3446

LaSalle Branch (LAS) 3232 W. Ardmore Trail
282-4633

N. Liberty Branch (NLB) 105 E. Market St.,
N. Liberty 656-3664

River Park Branch (RVP) 2022 Mishawaka Ave.
282-4635

Tutt Branch (VMT) 2223 Miami St.
282-4637

Western Branch (WES) 611 Lombardy
282-4639

Mon., Wed., Fri. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tue., Thurs. Noon-8:00 p.m.
Sat. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Next Book Sale: First Fridays, Feb. 3
4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
333 South Michigan, South Bend

Save•Point Practice Session

Tuesday, February 21 5:00 p.m.
Main Library-2nd Floor Lobby
To get warmed up for the Save•Point
tournaments we're going to have a couple
systems ready for you to practice your
skills in the middle of the week. Come and
join us on the 2nd floor to get some work
in on Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3, or
Super Street Fighter IV, or any other games
of interest.

Mardi Gras Jazz

Tuesday, February 21 6:30 p.m.
Centre Township Branch Library
Come enjoy a little Mardi Gras celebration
with the Riley High School Jazz Band.

American Girl Reader's Club: Josefina

Thursday, February 23 4:00 p.m.
Centre Township Branch Library
The American Girl Reader's Club will
explore the world of Josefina Montoya, a
girl of Hispanic heritage. Girls will learn
what it was like growing up in 1824 on a
southwestern frontier. Afterward, we will
make colorful beaded bracelets. Recom-
mended for ages 8 and up. Please pre-
register online. Call 251-3700 for more
information.



Dr. Seuss-a-thon on Dial-A-Story

Monday, February 27 All Day
Other dates: 2/28, 2/29
Main Library
Happy Dr. Seuss Day! Call Dial-A-Story
at 282-4660 each day to hear a different
Dr. Seuss story in honor of his March 2nd
birthday. Call 282-4607 for more informa-
tion.

Week-long Celebration for Dr. Seuss

Monday, February 27 All Day
Other dates: 2/28, 2/29
Main Library-Children's Services
Celebrate the 107th birthday of favorite
children's author Dr. Seuss. All week long
there will be scavenger hunts, puzzles,
games, impromptu Seuss readings, and
more! Attention Cat in the Hat fans--he'll
be appearing at both Whistlestop Story-
times on March 1st to celebrate his 53rd
birthday! Call 282-4607 for more informa-
tion.

Woodwind Sounds

Wednesday, February 29 4:00 p.m.
German Township Branch Library
Leap into the library on your extra day
this year for some beautiful woodwind
sounds by the South Bend Symphony
Woodwind Ensemble.



Hormone Balance: How Our Bodies Work

Wednesday, February 29 6:30 p.m.
Main Library-Dickinson Conference Room
Connie Chalko, clinical pharmacist and
certified menopause clinician from Mar-
Main Pharmacy, will present a general
overview of how hormones work within
our bodies. Learn how stress, nutrition,
lifestyle habits, medications, and supple-
ments can affect this balance. Her lecture
is for both women and men and will
discuss sex hormones, adrenals, thyroid,
insulin, and more.

February, at least in the United States,
is a month in which we observe Valen-
tine's Day and the devotion to those we
love.

In the past three months, hundreds of
St. Joseph County Public Library's de-
voted supporters have shown their love
through gifts of time, talent and treasure.
Many volunteers sacrifice their time to
support programs and initiatives both in
front and behind the scenes. Since Oc-
tober 1, 2011 our generous donors have
contributed over \$25,000 to our Annual
Fund, which supports our five areas of
greatest need.

From all of us at the St. Joseph
County Public Library, thank you for
your love and support. It remains an
honor to be your library for life.

If you would like to show your love of
SJCP, please consider:

- ✓ Attending a program at one of our
10 locations
✓ Checking out a book, e-book, or
DVD
✓ Registering to become a
volunteer
✓ Making a gift to our
Annual Fund



Bookmark SJCP

create v.

- 1. To cause to exist; bring into being
2. To produce through artistic or imagina-
tive effort

book•mark n.

- 1. Also called bookmarker, a strip or band
of some material, such as leather or rib-
bon, put between the pages of a book to
mark a place

con•test n.

- 1. A competition, especially one in which
entrants perform separately and are rated
by judges.

The name of this very column, Book-
mark SJCP, suggests a place that is
designed for readers to pause and reflect.
Each month we focus on a service/pro-
gram that speaks to what we offer the
community. Whether it be through re-
search, understanding, or creativity, every-
one needs to take a moment to determine
where they are before moving forward.

As readers, a bookmark keeps us on the
correct page so we can return more easily
to the words that have captured our inter-
est. But, over the years, this very simple
device has become reflective of our own
personalities: a random scrap of paper, a
photo, a tasseled bookmark from the store,
or perhaps something of our own making.

This year we are pleased to continue our
partnership with 1st Source Bank for our
Create-A-Bookmark Contest. With only
black ink, youth in grades one through
twelve are invited to illustrate their own
bookmarks by using their favorite books
as inspiration. The artwork can contain a
specific scene, characters or imagery. The
important thing is that it shows what the
reader sees when he/she is drawn into the
story.

When you stop, set your book aside and
think about how you feel, where does your
imagination lead you?

Entry forms are available at 1st Source
Banking Centers in South Bend or any
SJCP location.

Visit www.libraryforlife.org
for more information.



Toddler time

Wednesday, February 1 10:10 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Other dates: 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29

Main Library-Storytime Room

Children ages 2 to 3-1/2 are invited to participate
in early literacy activities. Don't miss out on this
special storytime filled with songs and games.
Pre-register online or at 282-4607.

Centre Storytime

Wednesday, February 1
Other dates: 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 10:15 a.m.

Centre Township Branch Library

Please join us for stories, music and movement.
This is a great way to build early literacy skills
and help your child develop a love of books.
Ages 5 and younger; families welcome. Call 251-
3700 for more information.

Francis Branch Lapsits

Wednesday, February 1
Other dates: 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 10:15 a.m.

Roger B. Francis Branch Library

Guests are invited to participate in songs and
fingerplays. Don't miss out on our fun way of
introducing books to our newest patrons! Ages:
Newborn to 2. For more information, please call
282-4641.

Lakeville Branch Storytime

Wednesday, February 1
Other dates: 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 10:30 a.m.

Lakeville Branch Library

Head over to our storytime area for music, move-
ment and a featured book! It's never too early to
instill the love of reading and prepare children for
learning success. Ages 5 and younger. Families
are welcome. Please call 784-3446 for more
information.

Storytime

Wednesday, February 1
Other dates: 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 10:30 a.m.

Virginia M. Tutt Branch Library

Please take part in our stories, music and move-
ment for ages 5 and younger. These activities en-
gage the imagination and help build early literacy
skills. What better way to prepare your child for
learning success! Families are welcome. Call
282-4637 for more information.

Storytime

Wednesday, February 1
Other dates: 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 10:30 a.m.

German Township Branch Library

Please join us for stories, music and movement
geared toward ages 5 and younger. This is a
great way to increase creativity through use of the
imagination. It's so easy to begin a life-long love
of books! Families are welcome. Call 271-5144
for more information.

Storytime

Wednesday, February 1
Other dates: 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 10:30 a.m.

River Park Branch Library

Children ages 5 and younger are welcome to join
us for stories, music, and movement. This is a
great way to get a head start on developing early
literacy skills. Please call 282-4635 for more
information.

Storytime

Wednesday, February 1
Other dates: 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 10:30 a.m.

LaSalle Branch Library

Please join us for stories, music and movement.
Children ages 5 and younger will develop a love
of books while building early literacy skills.
Families are welcome. Please call 282-4633 for
more information.

The Science of Crime Solving

Wednesday, February 1 4:00 p.m.

Lakeville Branch Library

Count down to Science Alive! with police officers
Rick Jaronik and Pat Howard. They will discuss
and demonstrate what is involved in solving a
crime.

