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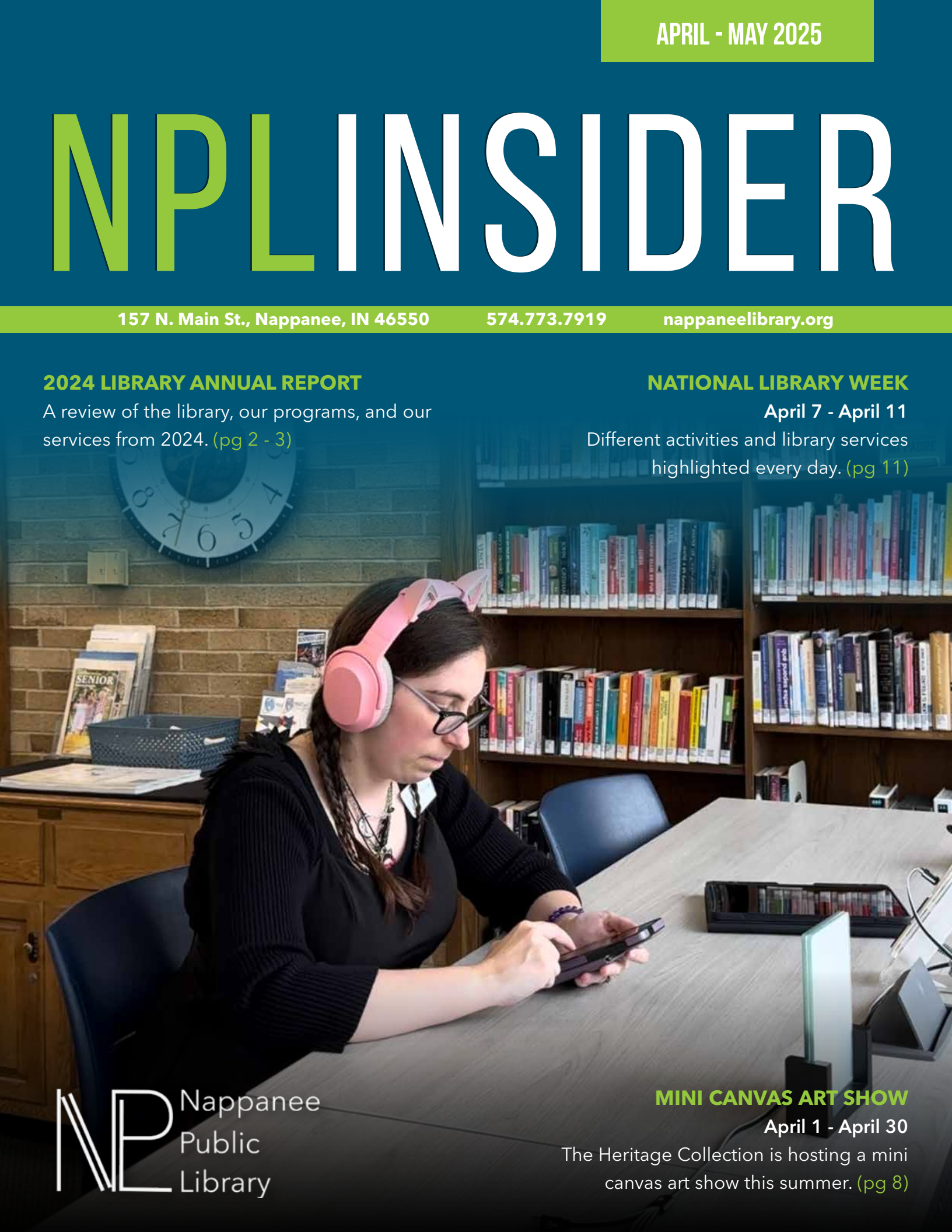
2024 LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

A review of the library, our programs, and our services from 2024. (pg 2 - 3)

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 7 - April 11

Different activities and library services highlighted every day. (pg 11)



NPL Nappanee
Public
Library

MINI CANVAS ART SHOW

April 1 - April 30

The Heritage Collection is hosting a mini canvas art show this summer. (pg 8)

More Than Just Books at NPL!

In 2024, NPL continued to grow and prove that the library is so much more than just books. With our ever-expanding Library of Things, you can borrow everything from tools and games to puzzles and LEGOs—because learning comes in all shapes and sizes! Do you need a hotspot to stay connected or a creative program to learn something new? We've got that too! NPL is always finding new ways to bring exciting resources and experiences to our customers. **Whether you're here to borrow, learn, create, or explore something new, we're glad to serve the NPL community.**



New Users

776

New Library Cards



Reference

8,185

Questions Answered

12,218

Computer Sessions

59,778

Prints/Copies

2,237

Pages Faxed



Reading Challenges

1,350 Summer Reading Challenge Participants

54 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Participants, **Including 8 Finishers**

25 100 Books Before High School Participants, **Including 13 Finishers**

6 100 Books Before Graduation Participants, **Including 1 Finisher**

2024 Library Annual Report



Circulation

135,466

Total Items Borrowed

66,863

Kids Items Borrowed

24,740

Digital Items Borrowed

1,781

Library of Things Items Borrowed



Door Counts

93,903

Total Visitors



Online Resources

84,595

Total Uses

24 Online Databases



Programs & Attendance

191

Adult Programs

2,059 Total Attendance

360

Kid Programs

6,024 Total Attendance

76

Heritage Collection

1,413 Total Attendance



Online Users

69,405

Wireless Internet Users



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KIDS

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Register online at nappaneelibrary.org or call (574) 773-7919

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

STORYTIME

April 2, April 16, May 7 & May 21
10 - 10:45 am | Age: 1 - 5

Kids and families are invited to storytime! Enjoy stories, crafts, and fun activities.

EGG PAINTING

April 8 | 10:30 - 11:30 am
Age: 5 - 12

Paint a ceramic Easter egg. Use it as decoration, a planter, or a storage container.

MOVE & DO

Thursday Evening | 6 - 6:30 pm
April 10, April 24
May 8, & May 22
Friday Morning | 10 - 10:30 am
April 11, April 25
May 9, & May 23
Age: 0 - 3

Bring your little ones to the library for a fun-filled program for babies and toddlers!

BOOK REVIEW SHOW & TELL

April 14 & May 5
1 - 2 pm | Age: 5 - 18

Bring your latest book review to life and share it with others show-and-tell style. This program is recommended for homeschool students but all kids and teens are welcome.

READ IT & EAT IT

April 15 | 4:15 - 4:45 pm
Age: 5 - 12

Read a story together and enjoy a snack inspired by the book.

DIGITAL SAFETY

April 24 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Kids & Families

Learn to keep your kids safe in the digital world. There will be a short lesson, a craft, and a learning song. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Small snack will also be provided. Presented by CAPS of Elkhart County.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT MAKING

April 26 | 1 - 3 pm | Age: 0 - 12

Come to the library to make a gift for mom this Mother's Day. Projects include DIY picture frames, flower pots, and no sew pillows. No registration necessary. Available while supplies last.

MAY MO MONDAYS

May 5 & May 12 | 4:15 - 5 pm
Age: 5 - 12

Draw with Mo Willems! Follow along a video tutorial from popular children's book writer and illustrator and learn new and unique ways to create art!

LITTLE BOOK WORMS

May 13 | 4 - 5 pm | Age: 0 - 7

Find a spot in the library and read the book with your child and then make a fun craft! In May, the book of the month is *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt.

SLIME CLUB

May 19 | 4 - 5 pm | Age: 5 - 12

Kids get hands-on with colorful slime, creating squishy masterpieces.

FRIDAYS @ NPL

Hang out at NPL on Fridays!
3:30 - 4:30 pm | Age: 5 - 12

Join us for a fun after school activity in the Kid's department most Friday afternoons! No registration necessary.

LEGO CLUB

April 4 & May 2

Hang out with your friends and build something new and fun with LEGOs.

HOT WHEELS CLUB

April 11 & May 9

Bring your Hot Wheels cars and tracks to the library and play with friends.

UNO CLUB

April 25 & May 23

Play all the different kinds of UNO.

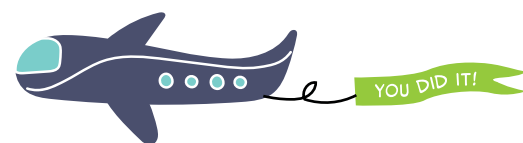
BLOCK PARTY

May 16

Get creative with Lincoln Logs, Magna Tiles, Tinker Toys, and more.



Book Review Show & Tell, February 2025



Sophia Dallas

Adelaide Richey

CONGRATULATIONS

to our most recent Reading Challenge Finishers!

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

TEENS

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Register online at nappaneelibrary.org or call (574) 773-7919

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SPRING BREAK BOREDOM BUSTERS

Daily, April 7 - April 10 | Age: 12 - 18

Don't be bored during Spring break—come hang out! Make something cool, and have fun.

MONDAY: DIY CHECKERBOARD | April 7 | 2 - 3 pm | Teens

Design and decorate a checkerboard.

TUESDAY: FLOWER BOOKMARKS | April 8 | 2 - 3 pm | Teens

Make a bookmark using dried flowers.

WEDNESDAY: JELLY BEAN BOUQUET | April 9 | 11 - 11:30 am | Teens

Make a mini bouquet out of jelly beans.

THURSDAY: PET PORTRAITS | April 10 | 2 - 3 pm | Teens

Make a portrait of your pet or favorite animal and frame it.

Send your pet or animal photos to kids@nappaneelibrary.org before the program.

PAINT & SNACK | May 6 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Paint a canvas. Snacks will be provided.

DIY MUGS | May 15 | 4 - 5 pm | Teens

Get creative and design your own custom mug using Sharpies! We'll provide the mugs and markers—you bring the creativity!

BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST | April 1 - April 30 | All Ages

Create an original design for NPL's Bookmark Design Contest. The winning designs of each age group will be turned into bookmarks for library customers. Winners will receive 50 copies of their printed bookmarks to share with family and friends. Visit the library for an entry form starting April 1st.

Rules: All entries must be returned by April 30th on the provided entry form to be considered. All artwork must be original and in color. Entries featuring copyrighted characters will not be considered. One entry per person. All entries become property of Nappanee Public Library and may be reproduced in print or digital form for promotional use.



Kids & Teen Flash Sale

April 10 - April 11
During Library Hours
Visit the sale to shop for gently used Kids and Teen books, DVDs, and more at super low prices!

More information about National Library Week on pg. 11

SPRING PICKS WITH ALBUS

MEET ALBUS! Hey, bookworms! I'm Albus, the library's official expert in all things YA and teen reads. Named after the great Albus Dumbledore (because, obviously, I'm wise AND magical), I spend my days wagging my tail through the best books and picking the paw-fect ones for you!

Spring is in the air, and I've sniffed out the best books for the season! These books are perfect for enjoying under the sunshine or with a warm drink on a rainy day.

CHECK THEM OUT AT THE LIBRARY!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

HANDMADE

11 - 12 pm | Adult

Create something from scratch! Learn simple crafts, easy recipes, and other handmade skills that are fun, creative, and practical.

April 2 | Herbal Heating Pad

May 7 | Charcuterie Board

MAGGIE'S BOOK BITES PODCAST

New Episodes Monthly

Maggie and her book-loving guests will be talking about all things books - The good, the bad, favorites, and books we are looking forward to. Listen for reviews and recommendations.

Listen on Apple podcasts, Spotify, Amazon, Pandora or Stitcher.

April 4 | Biographies & Memoirs

Guest: Victoria S.

May 2 | Un-traditional

Guests: Garrett S. & Sarah Marty-Schlipf

BINGO

April 4, May 2, & May 16 | 1 - 2 pm

Play BINGO with friends and win prizes!

No registration necessary.

GENEALOGY CLUB

April 8 & May 13

5:30 - 7 pm | Adult

Use genealogy resources and get help while you discover your family history.

PINTEREST NIGHT

Monthly | 5:30 - 7 pm | Adult

Make a new craft each month!

April 9 | Decorative Mushrooms

May 14 | Macrame Rainbow

MICHIANA BEEKEEPERS

April 12 & May 17

9 am - 12 pm | Adult

Join the Michiana Bee Keepers for their monthly meeting and learn more about bees and bee keeping.

SATURDAY STITCHERS

April 12 & May 10

11 am - 3 pm | Adult

This crafty group meets once a month to chat and cross-stitch together. No registration necessary.

CREATIVE CANVAS*

Monthly | 5:30 - 7 pm | Adult

Follow a step-by-step tutorial to create a unique work of art.

April 15 | Bluebird

May 20 | Patriotic Geraniums

MAKE-A-MIX

Monthly | Adult | 10 - 10:30 am

Make a different mix monthly. Mixes are perfect for easy cooking or baking and makes wonderful gifts!

April 23 | Sloppy Joes Seasoning

May 28 | Southwestern Fiesta Dip

PUZZLE SWAP

April 26 | 2 - 3 pm

Bring a puzzle, take a puzzle—it's that simple! Puzzles for all ages are welcome. They should have all their pieces, or if any are missing, the box should be clearly labeled. You can drop off your puzzles at the library starting April 21st, but all puzzles must be in by 1:30 PM on April 26th. The room will open for browsing at 2:00 PM. You don't have to donate a puzzle to participate—everyone is welcome to browse and take one home. Any puzzles left unclaimed by 3:00 PM will be used for future library programs or donated to charity.

HERITAGE SKILLS

Monthly | Adult

Return to your roots with classic heritage skills that help you live a more wholesome lifestyle.

April 28 | 5:45 - 6:45 pm

Sourdough Starter

MINC EMBOSSER 101

May 9 | 10 - 11 am | Adult

Learn how to use a foil embossing machine to add metallic accents to your projects. This hands-on session will guide you through the process of designing and applying foil embellishments to create personalized cards, invitations, and more.

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

SILHOUETTE 101

April 7 | 10 - 11:30 am | Adult

Join us for a beginner-friendly workshop where you'll learn how to use the Silhouette Cameo 4. No prior experience with the Silhouette is needed, but basic computer skills are required.

CREATE IN 3D

Bi-Monthly | May 1

5:30 - 6:30 pm | Adult

Learn how to use a 3D Pen to create fun and useful items out of nothing more than melted plastic and imagination. This month we will be making a graduation hat gift card/money holder.

Join a Library Book Club! Connect with fellow readers and dive into great discussions at our library book clubs for adults. New members are always welcome!
Registration is required to borrow a copy of the monthly book pick.

NOT SO YOUNG ADULT

Young Adult | Bi-Monthly | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

The Not So Young Adult Book Club is for adults who love to read YA books. Whether you've been a YA fan for years or are just discovering the genre, this book club offers a welcoming space to celebrate the joy of reading and sharing stories.



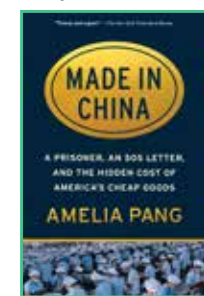
April 15

The Brightwood Code
by Monica Hesse

COVER TO COVER

General | Monthly | 5:30 - 7 pm | Adult

Join us each month to read a book selected by the members during our June meeting. Our selections alternate between fiction and nonfiction each month and with the diversity of the group it is always a lively discussion.



April 29

Made in China
by Amelia Pang



May 27

The Last Flight
by Julie Clark

NEW! GRUMPY SUNSHINE

Romance | Bi-Monthly | 6 - 7 pm | Adult

Read the book of the month (BOTM) or any book of your choice that matches features the featured trope, or choose from the list of recommendations, then join us for a fun chat about the trope and discuss your favorite reads.



April 17

Trope: *Grumpy Sunshine*

BOTM: *The Rom-Commers* by Katherine Center

NEW! SPLIT / FICTION

Sci-Fi & Fantasy | Bi-Monthly | 5 - 6 pm | Adult

Read everything from epic battles to exotic planets, from cozy creatures to terrifying monsters, let's not forget the dragons! Read a book from one of the two genres (and their respective subgenres) and you can join us for a good discussion about the book.



May 14

Never Die by Rob J. Hayes

NEW! RECIPE READERS



Cooking | Quarterly | 10 - 11 am | Adult

Dive into delicious reads all about cooking, food, and diet—whether it's a chef's memoir, a foodie adventure, or a book packed with recipes to try at home. If you have a passion for cooking (or just love eating), join us for a fun, flavorful discussion!

May 24

You Gotta Eat by Margaret Eby

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



MINI CANVAS ART SHOW | April 1 - April 30

The 2025 Quilt Garden pattern, "A Tribute to Emma," honors the life of Old Order Mennonite artist Emma Schrock. To celebrate, the Heritage Collection is hosting a mini canvas art show this summer! Pick up a supply bag (while supplies last), create your own masterpiece, and return it to the library by April 30 to enter the contest. All submitted pieces will be displayed at the Nappanee Center through Apple Festival, with prizes from local businesses. Don't miss this chance to showcase your creativity!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Nappanee Public Library.

TIME CAPSULE CARE | April 17 | 10 - 11 am | Adult

Discover the stories behind the two time capsules that the Heritage Collection helped open and preserve in 2024! Explore their histories, see how they were carefully preserved, and find out what's next for the items inside.

HISTORY CHATS | New Episode Monthly | 10 - 10:30 am | Live on Facebook

Tune in on Facebook Live and listen to Martha, Heritage Collection Manager, as she discusses different moments and memories from Nappanee History.

April 21 | Nappanee College **May 19** | The Hartman Family

FAMILY TIES: USING EXTENDED FAMILY TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE A BRICK WALL

April 26 | 10 - 11 am | Adult | **Virtual, Email heritagecollection@nappaneelibrary.org for the link**

Stuck on a certain aspect of your family tree? Learn how to use your other branches to locate and break down those brick walls. This lecture will go over the key resources available to a researcher, as well as tips and tricks for getting the most out of their research. Presented by Rhonda R. McMlure, Senior Genealogist, American Ancestors.

EVIE'S HISTORY BYTES PODCAST | New Episode Monthly

Each month Martha and her guests will discuss important parts of Nappanee history. Available on Spotify, iTunes, Pandora and Audible!

April 30 | Visit Nappanee with Cami Mechling **May 28** | Nappanee and Locke Feud with Eli Owen

GRAVE CARE | May 17 | 10 am - 12:15 pm | Adult | @ Union Center Cemetery

Join the Heritage Collection to learn how and try your hand at cleaning tombstones at the Union Center Cemetery. Attendees will receive a kit of proper tombstone cleaning supplies. Please limit the kits to one per family.

Sponsored in part by Friends of the Nappanee Public Library.

HOUSE DETECTIVES | May 22 | 10 - 11 am | Adult

Curious about the history of your house? Join the Heritage Collection to learn tips and tricks for researching your home's past. See what resources are available and how you can uncover your home's story on your own. No registration necessary.

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 7 - April 11, 2025

Visit NPL during National Library Week and celebrate our library!

Celebrate National Library Week with us! We will have different activities and library services highlighted every day.

Monday, April 7th:

Right to Read Day

Check out a book and pick out a small treat.

Tuesday, April 8th:

Library Workers Day

Show appreciation to the NPL staff!

Wednesday, April 9th:

Library Outreach Day

Stop in to learn about the events and projects NPL participates in out in the community.

Thursday, April 10th:

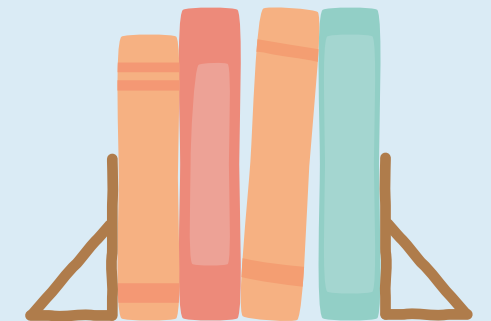
Friends of the Library Day

The Kids Flash Sale begins! Shop for kids/teen books, movies, and more **April 10 - April 11** during library hours.

Friday, April 11th:

Digital Database Day

Eggs will be hidden around the library with questions related to NPL's databases tucked inside. Answer at a service desk to receive a prize!



Enter our giveaway!

Every check out this week earns an entry into a drawing for a library prize basket!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Key: • All Ages • Kids • Teens • Adult • Heritage Collection		1	2 Storytime 10 - 10:45 am Homemade: Herbal Heating Pad 11 am - 12 pm	3	4 Maggie's Book Bites New Episode BINGO 1 - 2 pm LEGO Club 3:30 - 4:30 pm	5
6	7 Silhouette 101 10 - 11:30 am DIY Checkerboard 2 - 3 pm National Library Week	8 Egg Painting 10:30 - 11:30 am Flower Bookmarks 2 - 3 pm Genealogy Club 5:30 - 7 pm	9 Jelly Bean Bouquet 11 - 11:30 am Pinterest Night 5:30 - 7 pm	10 Pet Portraits 2 - 3 pm Move & Do 6 - 6:30 pm Kids & Teen Flash Sale During Library Hours	11 Move & Do 10 - 10:30 am Hot Wheels Club 3:30 - 4:30 pm	12 Michiana Bee Keepers 9 am - 12 pm Saturday Stitches 11 am - 3 pm
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20	21 History Chats 10 - 10:30 am	22	23 Make-a-Mix 10 - 10:30 am	24 Digital Safety 4:30 - 5:30 pm Move & Do 6 - 6:30 pm	25 Move & Do 10 - 10:30 am UNO Club 3:30 - 4:30 pm	26 Family Ties 10 - 11 am Mother's Day Gift Making 1 - 3 pm Puzzle Swap 2 - 3 pm
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MAY 2025

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday - Saturday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday
Closed

ELC HERITAGE COLLECTION HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday
Closed

HOLIDAY HOURS

April 18

Closing early at 12 pm on April
18, 2025 for Good Friday.

May 26

Closed all day May 26, 2025 for
Memorial Day.



All of our events and programs may be photographed or recorded for promotional purposes. Please let us know if you prefer not to be photographed or recorded. We will never use your name without consent.



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