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Community is the Heart of the Library Emily Cooper Bunyan, Director

With nearly two months of summer to savor, it's time for a new school year to start. Rather, than in the throes of a cold winter as the new year begins, I think of late summer-early fall season as a time for beginnings, aspirations and goal setting. The Knox County Public Library Board is embarking on a goal setting adventure with the renewal of its long range plan. It's due by the end of 2016. We need your help.

It's essential for the library board to have your input as we plan for the future. We're seeking guidance from Friends of the KCPL first. Before determining any goals and objectives to follow for the next 2 years, please answer three questions. You'll find those questions on an insert in this newsletter.

Here's How to Help

You can return this page, with your answers, to the main library at 502 N. 7th Street, Vincennes.

You can leave your answers, on the insert page, at the front desk in the main library or in a Library bookdrop box. *You can include your name on the paper or remain anonymous*

You can send your input to me in an email: ebunyan2001@yahoo.com.

You can also complete the survey online. *The insert page has the survey link.*

Please submit your responses by **August 16, 2016**.

In 2012, we conducted focus group discussions to gather input and in August and September, we'll have community conversations to find out what your aspirations are for your library. Those dates and times will be announced soon.

Community Input Process in 2012

In 2012, the library hired Kim Bolan Cullin and Associates to do a facilities planning process. The community input aspect was designed to capture the thoughts and ideas of the varied population and groups that comprise Knox County. In September, 2012, a variety of stakeholders, local citizens, participated in focus group discussions about the library. 151 people participated in the discussions. In addition to the in-person stakeholder focus groups, an online survey was conducted and ran from September 5-October 1, 2012. Four hundred thirty surveys were completed.

Following tabulation of results from focus groups and surveys list of top priorities was compiled.

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From the Desk of the Director

Emily Cooper Bunyan

Top Priorities as Expressed by Library Stakeholders in 2012

1. Better marketing of services. This should be the #1 priority.
2. Rethinking the main service point, its size, allocation of space and the wall.
3. A de-cluttered, better organized, interactive children's area and services focusing on engaging very young (ages 0-5), young school aged children (ages 6-8), and pre-teens (ages 9-12).
4. Rearrangement of overall space including re-thinking what's in the basement of the Carnegie building.
5. A separate teen area for ages 13+ with increased services including technology, social and study space, interactive and updated materials.
6. An updated and more comfortable and appealing look and feel for the entire library (e.g. décor and furniture) which includes but isn't limited to the interior of the library, the atrium area and the courtyard.
7. Lower shelving and easily assessable shelving for all collections that is more attractive and easier to browse.
8. Better organized and more consolidated collections with more bookstore like displays.
9. Better signage for the interior of the library as well as the exterior (i.e. better building signage for the entire library campus e.g. digital signage).
10. Redecorated meeting room spaces for more warm and cozy interiors and up to date furnishings.
11. More computer access and better computer layout.
12. OPAC update.
13. Increased access to current and future technologies and ample classes and programs to accompany them.
14. Increased outreach into the community.

We listened and set planning priorities based on the input received in 2012. One of the main accomplishments in that four year period was the restoration of the youth department. Priority #3 on this list is about improving the youth department.

Thank you for taking the time to guide and inspire us. I look forward to hearing from you.

McGrady-Brockman House News Brian Spangle

The Friends of the Knox County Public Library have received one of the first Heritage Support Grants given by the Indiana Historical Society. The grant was made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc. and is in the amount of \$50,000, the maximum sum that was awarded. A 15 percent cash match was required and this match was made by the Knox County Council at their July 12 meeting.

Through the grant, Knox County civil, criminal, and



probate records, along with records that pertain to the operation of the county, dating from 1790-1813, will be digitized and made

available on the Wabash Valley Visions & Voices web site, visions.indstate.edu. The records will be added as part of our "Early Vincennes" collection. Metadata will be created and they will be searchable by name and subject heading.

The records, a combination of minute books and loose documents, are an excellent resource for both historians and genealogists. They are a virtual "Who's Who" of county residents from that era.

Two outside contractors will be employed for this project, which will continue through June 2017.

It is appropriate that this work, so important to preserving Indiana history, will begin this year of our state's bicentennial.



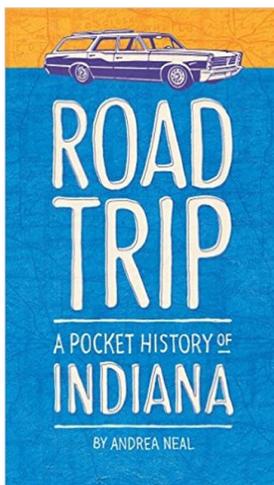
On July 29, 2016, Rosalind Rini Larson, PhD student at Indiana University Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology, visited the McGrady-Brockman House to do historical research on local French culture.

Literacy Office News

Judy Kratzner

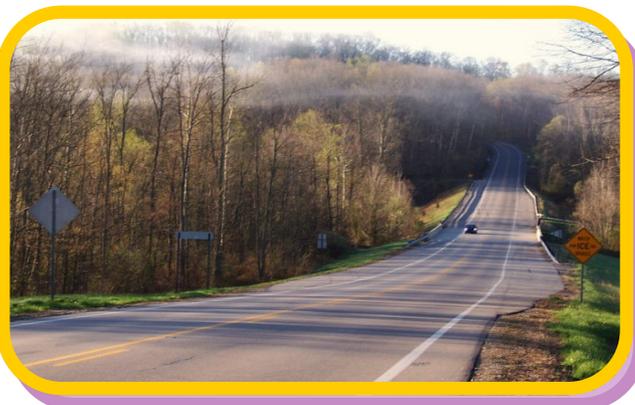
“Road Trip: A Pocket History of Indiana”

Andrea Neal, author of *Road Trip: A Pocket History of Indiana*, will visit the Knox County Public Library Tuesday, August 2nd, 7 p.m. for a presentation, book sale and signing. With the bicentennial in mind, Neal



has written 100 essays about the top events and figures in Indiana history. Each has a destination attached: a marker, monument, museum, park or annual event that Hoosiers can attend or visit to make the state’s history come alive. Her book prominently features visits to historic Vincennes, Grouseland and the Old Cathedral. “As a teacher of U.S. history, I appreciate road trips,” said Neal. “It

is one thing to read about the War of 1812 in a textbook; it is another to walk across the field where William Henry Harrison’s troops defeated The Prophet’s forces at the Battle of Tippecanoe.” Find out which sites made her short list and begin planning your road trip. For further information about the program call Judy Kratzner, KCPL Literacy Coordinator, 812-886-4380.



Project Outcome

Roger Stremming

What Can Summer Reading Do For You?

For the past two summers, I have had the pleasure of interning here at the library. During this summer, I helped Amy and Diana in the children’s department. This meant helping with quite a few projects simultaneously. I worked the desk in the department, I was in charge of re-vamping the excel sheet for recording registrations and hours read, and perhaps most importantly, I have worked with Amy to establish a means for the library to evaluate our summer reading program. We have decided to use statistics of the program along with outcomes to help demonstrate the true value of the program.



Outcomes are the trendy buzzword in the library world today. They are the more qualitative effects of library services, and help illustrate the benefits of the library in ways that traditional statistics simply cannot. For example, one outcome of the summer reading program would be that the library promotes reading at home by providing free books to children. This outcome could then be

backed up by a statistic of the number of books given out during the program. This is a way of using statistics to paint a better picture of what the library actually provides to the community.

Amy and I are using surveys from Project Outcome, a national effort created by the American Library Association, which provides surveys and data management tools to libraries for free with the goal of measuring and demonstrating outcomes. Additionally, Project Outcome works as a database, compiling data to demonstrate the nationwide value of libraries. As every library in the program use the same surveys, it is possible for the ALA to gather every response given into a larger pool, which they can use to show national trends.

This project is still in its early form, having only been started in 2013, so there are still a few kinks that the creators will need to work out in the coming years if Project Outcome wants to expand to every library. However, while there are some headaches with using the system, the benefits it brings far outweigh those concerns. Once we combine the outcomes and feedback from these surveys with our own findings, as well as the hard statistics on enrollment and completion, we will be able to demonstrate with certainty that the library’s Summer Reading Program is a tremendous force for positive change in our community.

Youth Department News

Amy Blake

Summer Reading Fun

School is beginning and the library's On Your Mark, Get Set, Read! Summer Reading Program is ending. Young people kept their reading skills sharp this summer by participating in our program. Eight hundred and thirty two young people read a total of three thousand six hundred and nine hours. Way to go!

This annual program was funded by Friends of the Knox County Public Library and generous local merchants donated gift prizes for readers. Our summer reading program partners made the weekly educational programs and field trips possible. Highlights of the summer were the Grillfest for Summer Servings, behind the scenes tours for teens of Grouseland and the basement of George Rogers Clark National Historical Park (GRC NHP).



This was our first summer for the library to be a site for the summer servings lunch program for children. Here's a photo of me with Rebecca Duckworth, WFML. I'm wearing the blue mascot costume.

Partners this summer included: GRC NHP, Grouseland, Knox County Parks, Sodexo and Vincennes State Historic Sites and WFML. This newsletter has more photos of us having fun this summer.

After School at the Library

As you go back to school, we're here to help. We'll help you find what you need for homework assignments. You can use library computers or bring your own computer or other device and use the library's Wi-Fi. The password is kcplibrary.



Fall Storytimes

Have fun with us singing, dancing, listening to stories and making fun crafts to take home. Storytimes are for pre-schoolers and begin on Tuesday, August 23 and end on Wednesday, November 23. Evening Stars are on Tuesdays at 7pm and Morning Stars are on Wednesdays at 10am

Mother Goose on the Loose

Infants and toddlers meet every Tuesday at 10:30am all year round. This is a nationally known program giving this age group learning fun through nursery rhymes, baby bounces, stories and songs. This fact paced 30 minutes keeps the attention of babies and caregivers as we quickly move from one activity to the next.

Teen Department News

Jordan Ellerman



Thinking Money: A traveling exhibition to U.S. public libraries

Money affects all Americans, but many of us lack the knowledge we need to make smart financial choices that will prepare us for whatever the future brings. *Thinking Money* strives to teach tweens, teens and their parents, caregivers and educators about financial literacy topics—like saving, spending and avoiding fraud—in a way that is not only understandable, but fun.

Thinking Money is a museum-quality traveling exhibition that is traveling to 50 U.S. public libraries between 2016 and 2018. Through a competitive grant writing process, the library was chosen to be the first stop on this tour. The exhibit will be here from August 29- October 6. It will be located in sun room in the main library. Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content and other fun, hands-on activities, the exhibition explores the following themes:

- Wants vs. needs
- Earning and paying interest
- Preparing for rainy/sunny day
- Imagining your future self
- Avoiding financial fraud

Thinking money

FINRA donated \$1,000 to be used for programs, including a bartering festival in the main library's courtyard, while the exhibit's here.

Thinking Money was created by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office.



Summer Fun at Grillfest

**TELL US WHAT
YOU THINK**

2016 Knox County Public Library Survey



Thank you for supporting the Knox County Library. As a member of the Friends of the Library, we value your opinion and consider you an important ally in our mission. As such, we would like to hear from you. We hope you can set aside a few minutes and complete these three questions about your feelings on the library, and your average visit as a patron.

To return the survey:

- Return this full page, with your answers to:
Knox County Public Library
502 N. 7th Street
Vincennes, Indiana 47591
- You can leave your answers, on this page, at the front desk in the main library, or in a library bookdrop box.
- You can send your thoughts to Emily Bunyan by email at: ebunyan2001@yahoo.com.
- You can also complete the survey online at: goo.gl/Hc7JPw (enter exactly as written)

The online responses are totally anonymous, and you can choose to list your name on print responses or remain anonymous. Whichever you choose, please have your response in to the library by Tuesday, August 16th.

Questions

1. **What is your favorite part of the library or a typical library visit?**

2. **What is your LEAST favorite part of the library or a typical library visit?**

3. **Can you describe what the perfect library would look like to you?**





Below: Carolyn Dykeman at floral arranging class.



Above: Tyler Inboden & Mary Ann Kirchoff at staff training.
On the Left: Diana Martin holding new books donated in memory of Judith Kirkwood by her husband and friends



Summer Reading Fun



August 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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*Mother Goose
on the Loose
at 10:30am
Every Tuesday
Youth Dept.*

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MEETING
TEEN DEPT
5:30pm-7:30pm

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*NW Genealogy
Society
Monthly Meeting
McGrady-Brockman
7:00pm*

*Library Board
Meeting
4:30pm
Meeting House
Board Room*

*Friends of the
Knox County
Public
Library
Meet in the
Sun Room
10:00am*

21* \$\$ **22*** \$\$ **23*** \$\$ **24*** \$\$ **25*** \$\$ **26*** \$\$ **27*** \$\$

*Friends
Book Sale
9am - 4pm*



28* \$\$ **29*** \$\$ **30*** \$\$ **31*** \$\$

Grant Writing
Workshop
Fortnightly
10:00am

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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18* \$\$	19* \$\$ NW Genealogy Society Monthly Meeting McGrady-Brockman 7:00pm	20* \$\$ Library Board Meeting 4:30pm Meeting House Board Room	21* \$\$	22* \$\$ Friends of the Knox County Public Li- brary Meet in the	23* \$\$ TAB MEETING TEEN DEPT 5:30pm-7:30pm	24* \$\$
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MAIN LIBRARY HOURS

MON - WED: 8:30 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
THU - SAT: 8:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.
SUN: 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

MCGRADY-BROCKMAN HOUSE HOURS

MON: 12:00 - 4:00 P.M., 5:00 - 9:00 P.M.
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KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETINGS

Third Tuesday of each month
4:30pm at the Meeting House
Board Room

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
MEETINGS

Third Thursday of each month
10:00am, Main Library Sunroom

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