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Family enjoying the National Library Week Block Party at the McGrady-Brockman House on April 18, 2015

The third annual spring block party will be on the McGrady-Brockman House lawn and parking lot, 614 N. 7th Street, Vincennes, on Friday, April 21st from 4-7pm and on Saturday, April 22nd from 11am-6pm. Friends of the Library will give free books to children and families. Library staff members will sign readers up for the “Build a Better World” Summer Reading program. Featuring jump houses, a slide and carnival refreshments, this party is fun for everyone. Say hi to Knox the Bison. He’ll be waiting for you on the front porch.

As some of you have probably noticed, there’s a beautiful Bison hanging out on the porch of the McGrady-Brockman House. He was purchased by the Knox County United Way for Knox County’s celebration of the Indiana Bicentennial. Affectionately named “Knox,” he’s travelled extensively across the county and to the Indiana State Fair last August. There, Knox secured an honorable mention in the Fair’s Bison-tennial Herd contest. Read more in Mark Hill’s column in this issue about Bicentennial gifts bestowed on the library.



Knox the Bison

From the Desk of the Director Emily Cooper Bunyan



During the week of April 9-15, the Knox County Public Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating the many ways libraries are transforming their communities every day through the services and invaluable expertise they offer.

This week is a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't only a place of quiet study, but also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies, learn how to use a 3D printer or even record their own music.

Libraries of all types are evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large depend upon libraries and the resources they offer to address the needs of their communities. By providing such resources as e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners, programs for job seekers or a safe haven in times of crisis, libraries and librarians transform their communities.

The library embraces the entire community, offering unlimited opportunities for personal growth and lifelong learning. Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who are seeking the information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life.

Libraries also offer something unique to their communities, the expertise of individual librarians. Librarians assist patrons in using increasingly complex technology and sorting through the potentially overwhelming mass of information bombarding today's digital society. This is especially crucial when access to reliable and trustworthy data is more important than ever.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

Visiting the library could not only transform your life, it could save your life. Long time library employee and former flight attendant, Mary Ann Kirchoff saved a life at the library on March 1st. Read the news story about lifesaver, Mary Ann, in this issue.

Mary Ann Kirchoff is a Lifesaver



Mary Ann Kirchoff has been employed at the library since 1998. On March 1, 2017, she saved a man's life while on duty at the library. At 1:15pm that day a male patron had fallen to the floor and was unconscious on the main floor of the library. Staff member, Roger Stremming, called 911 while Mary Ann administered cpr until the ambulance arrived to take the man to hospital. The photo above is of Mary Ann receiving a bouquet on March 11th from the daughter of the man whose life Mary Ann saved.

Close the Book on Hunger Food Drive By Janet Kitchin



Left to Right-Young library visitor with Amy Blake, Youth Librarian
In background is food collected for 2016 Close the Book on Hunger Food Drive

During the month of May, we can make a huge difference in solving the problem of food insecurity in Knox County. The library staff is proud to again offer our *Close the Book on Hunger*, non-perishable food drive during the entire month. We collect over 1,300 food items each year and deliver them to food pantries in Knox County. In return for your generosity, you can receive fine forgiveness and gift certificates for free books from the Friends of the Knox County Public Library's monthly book sale.

Look in your pantry or pick up some extra non-perishables to bring to the library during May.

A Tea and an Ice Cream Social by Judy Kratzner



Mary Todd Lincoln, Wife of President Abraham Lincoln

A Tea with Mrs. Lincoln

During the Mrs. Lincoln in Love program on Thursday, April 20th from 2-4pm in the Fortnightly, 421 N. 6th Street, Laura Frances Keyes, librarian and actress, will portray Mary Todd Lincoln. This Victorian Tea is being served by Friend of the Library, Sandy Barker. Those attending the tea are encouraged to wear a hat. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$5.00 each and may be purchased at the front circulation desk of the main library.



Knox County Courthouse

Ice Cream Social at the Courthouse

Richard Day, local historian, will give a presentation on the history of the Knox County Courthouse on Saturday, May 6th at 11am inside the courthouse, 111 N. 7th Street in Vincennes. Following his presentation there will be an Ice Cream Social on the courthouse lawn. This program is being sponsored by the Preservation Foundation of Knox County.

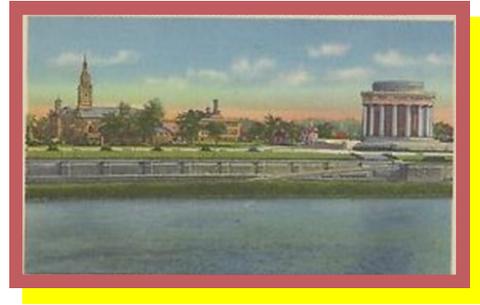


Fortnightly, 421 N. 6th Street in Vincennes

Book Sales

Friends of the Knox County Public Library Book Sales are conducted in the gorgeous Renaissance Revival Fortnightly Club. The sale in April is on the 28th and the sale in May is on the 26th from 9am-5pm. Friends' monthly meetings are conducted in the sun room of the main library at 10am on the third Thursday of each month. The date in April is the 20th and the date in May is the 18th.

Vintage Postcards by Katie Ward



Bring your vintage postcards to the McGrady-Brockman House on Saturday, April 29th from 2-4pm. Learn about the historical significance and collectability of postcards. Presented by Harley Sheets, past president of the Indianapolis Postcard Club and owner of 20,000 postcards, this program will be fun and educational. The program includes the appraisal of your vintage postcards.

OWLS IN THE ATTIC



Ann Hecht and Cindy Frederick, fondly referred to as Owls in the Attic, have uploaded more than 1,200 files of historical documents to the Wabash Valley Visions and Voices website. Their work is made possible by an Indiana Heritage Support Grant awarded to Friends of the Knox County Public Library and funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. and a matching grant from the Knox County Council. We're fortunate to have Ann and Cindy dedicating their enthusiasm and expertise to this project.

Youth Department News

Amy Blake

Build Cool Things With Us this Spring

There are prism blocks for toddlers. There are Legos for school age children to build things with in the library, and six sets of Legos for them to take home and enjoy. The Legos to take home were donated by Girl Scouts of America.



Tuesdays in the Youth Department

Mother Goose on the Loose is at 10:30am

During this nationally known program, children and care providers enjoy a fast paced 30 minutes of nursery rhymes, finger and body play, songs and bounces.

Evening Stars is at 7pm

This family program is full of stories, songs and crafts.

Tuesday programs end on April 11th and resume in June.

Wednesdays in the Youth Department

Morning stars is at 10am

This family program is full of stories, songs and crafts.

Wednesday programs end on April 12th and resume in June.

Kick Off Summer Reading with Us at the Block Party on April 21st and 22nd

In this issue of the newsletter, you'll read about the block party at the McGrady-Brockman House. Come see us there and we'll sign you up for the Build a Better World Summer Reading Program. We'll follow the theme by improving our community. We'll discover recycling with Purdue Extension. We'll remove invasive plants at Wabash Trails Park. We'll build bird-houses at George Rogers Clark National Historical Park. WonderLab will ignite our imagination with fun science experiments.

Teen Department News

Jordan Ellerman



Teens in the KCPL Teen Department during Escape the Room on March 21st

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) was formed when the Teen Department was opened in September, 2015. This group guides, supports and enhances the teen department. They meet on two Tuesdays each month in the Teen Department in the lower level of the main library.

TAB Tuesdays

TAB Tuesday Meetings in

April and May

from 5:30-7:30pm

April 11th and 25th

May 9th and 23rd

Scavenger Hunt and Egg Coloring



We'll celebrate April with a month long egg scavenger hunt. To help teens find the eggs, new clues will be available each week on the cork boards in the Teen Department. Participants must keep track of all of the locations of the eggs and present them to me at the end of the month for prizes. We'll have an egg dying party on **Saturday, April 15th from 2-4pm.** Teens can use dye to create colorful designs on eggs.

Library Receives Bicentennial Gifts

By Mark Hill (Co-Chair of the Bicentennial Commission)

The Knox County Bicentennial Commission has chosen the library to receive several items of importance in commemorating and preserving Knox County's efforts in celebrating the State of Indiana's Bicentennial. Because of its public access and valuable assistance in preparation as well as planning meetings conducted at the library during this historic season the library was chosen. The commission views the Library as the best public venue for individuals to see these various items and to preserve the efforts and energy of the many men, women, and children who participated in this once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

Topping the list of donations is Knox the Bison. The colorful representative of the Bicentennial has traveled throughout the county making over 40 visits at festivals, parades, schools, and special events. Knox was purchased by the United Way of Knox County through the Indiana Association of United Ways Bison art project which placed a bison in nearly every county of the state. It was designed and painted by students and faculty of the Vincennes University Art department. Knox has two sides of equal importance - one side representing contributions of Agriculture including depictions of Corn, Watermelon, fleur de lis, and peonies, the state flower. The other side displays reflections of Indiana's first city and county featuring the George Rogers Clark Memorial, bridge, court house, hospital, Old Cathedral, and Vincennes University. He now has a resting place on the porch of the McGrady-Brockman House, 614 N. 7th Street in Vincennes, where he can be seen daily by many who pass by as well as visitors to the library and the historic collection. Knox is available for display in various venues and will be moved as needed for these events.



Next is the Bicentennial torch replica. These unique torches were designed similar to the Olympic torch and resemble the state flag torch with stars surrounding the edge. Each county that participated in the Torch relay received a replica of the torch that was carried through all 92 counties. Knox counties torch relay date was 9.11.2016, Patriot's day and concluded with a special ceremony at Grouseland where the cauldron was lit by Richard Day, in period clothing, representing William Henry Harrison. The torch replica will be prominently displayed in an appropriate location, along with a list of the 40 official Knox County torch bearers. Accompanying the torch is the state bicentennial flag that will also be available for display.

Finally, the state made a documentary on the relay which is entitled *Everlasting Light, The story of Indiana's Bicentennial Torch Relay*. This documentary features 6 of Knox County's torch bearers and a number of scenes from our route, as well as historic sites. This DVD will be available for loan in the Library's DVD collection.

The Bicentennial effort in Knox County was a proud chapter in the colorful history of Indiana's first county. It is only fitting, that these artifacts find a permanent home in a library that is equally rich in its character and central importance in the life of its citizens.



William Jamerson Prepares to sing about the CCC (Photo by Gayle Robbins)

Civilian Conservation Corps by Diana Martin

On Monday, March 20th, fifty people attended a program at the library about the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCCs). It operated from 1933-1942, as part of the New Deal and it was designed to provide jobs for young unmarried, unemployed men. Its purpose was to relieve families devastated by the Great Depression. Presenter, William Jamerson, a documentary film producer, created a film that aired across all 50 states. The film showed a mostly forgotten corps of men who provided manual labor to conserve and develop natural resources in rural areas and on property owned by federal, state and local governments.

Jamerson spoke passionately about the hardships the young men of the CCC endured in their daily jobs which included but wasn't limited to planting trees, terracing farm fields, fighting fires, installing drainage pipes and digging ditches.

Many of the locals thought the young men were undesirables because a few of them were wild and reckless on weekends. The townsmen would allow the CCCs to date their daughters but they were not welcomed into their homes. Audience member, Bill Nicholson, shared memories of seeing a group of CCCs arrive on his family's farm in Wheatland to do tile work in a field.

Some of these men were proud of the work they did in the CCC. Many went on to serve in World War II. Several proud men who were in the CCCs and soldiers in WW II have shared their stories with Jamerson. These stories inspired his film and his song writing about the CCC. On March 20th, Jamerson played his guitar and sang about lively tunes about the CCC experience

April 2017

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Health Care Decisions

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Learn about End of Life Decisions, Living Wills, and Health Care Directives during a program on **Thursday, April 13th at 2pm** in the main library, 502 N. 7th Street in Vincennes. It will be presented by Cindy Holloway, RN, Generations

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Mother Goose on the Loose
Every Tuesday
Morning 10:30am

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Mother Goose on the Loose
Every Tuesday
Morning 10:30am

Generations
End of Life
Decisions
Mail Floor Library
2:00pm

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CLOSED for Easter



Library Board Meeting

*Meeting House Board Room
4:30pm*

*Mrs. Lincoln in Love - Tea Fortnightly
2:00pm-4:00pm
By:
Laura Frances Keys*

BLOCK PARTY
*McGrady-Brockman
Friday, April 21 4PM-7PM
Saturday, April 22, 11AM-6PM*

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*Friends Book Sale Fortnightly
9:00-4:00*



*Postcard Appraisals
Harley Sheets
M-B House
2pm-4pm*

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***Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting
Thursday April 20th 10:00AM Library*

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Richard Day Court House History & Ice Cream Social Knox County Courthouse 11:00am</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Closed Mother's Day</i> 	15	16 <i>Library Board Meeting Meeting House Board Room 4:30pm</i>	17	18 <i>Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting 10:00am Sun Room</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Friends Book Sale Fortnightly 9:00-4:00</i> 	27
28 <i>Closed Sunday & Monday</i> 	29	30	31			

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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.

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MON: 12:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M.
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CLOSED SUNDAYS

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KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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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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