

## Where to go when you want to know

How do I trace my family history?

Could I have a picture of my classmates the year I graduated?



L-R: Katie Miller and Knox on the front porch of the McGrady-Brockman House

Where is my grandfather's farm?

Where do I find an obituary in the Sun-Commercial from May 13th 1963?

## If you have the question, Katie has the answer

Researching your family's history and roots can be an interesting adventure. Genealogy offers a window into our past, giving us clues about where we came from. We can recreate our family's stories, giving our children something tangible to pass down. Genealogy is also great fun for people who enjoy solving mysteries and puzzles. We can go on a worldwide adventure through genealogy and thanks to the internet, much of that world is now at our fingertips.

Getting started on your genealogy may seem like a daunting task, but with a little practice, you will become experienced in no time. If you are interested in beginning your family genealogy, speaking with your relatives is one of the best places to start. Gather the details they can remember and take notes in a journal; later, these notes will prove useful when you begin your more in-depth research. Many records are now available online and there are a few websites available for free. Familysearch.org is an excellent site you can access from home. Findagrave.com is propagated by volunteers who input gravestone data and sometimes provide even more information. This website is also free to access. The library edition of Ancestry.com can be accessed from McGrady-Brockman House's computers and is one of the most popular genealogy websites available.

If you are interested in discovering more about your family, visit McGrady-Brockman House. There are many index and records available for research and it is all free to use. We can also provide assistance with your research and answer any questions you may have.

## From the Desk of the Director Emily Cooper Bunyan

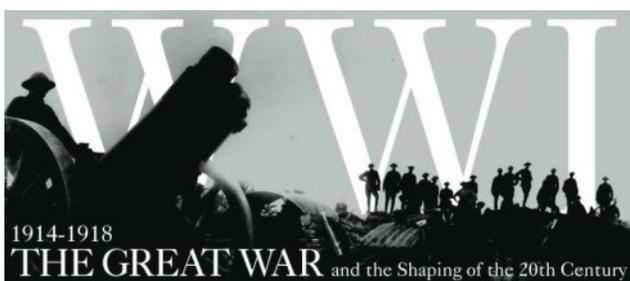
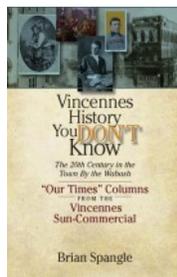
For the last few years, I've started to think of the back to school months of August and September as a time for beginnings, renewal (not just checked out library items) and goal setting. Articles in magazines and news stories have confirmed that I'm not the only one who thinks this way. Some have even referred to September as the new January.

There's increased energy and hope that comes with the "back to school" frame of mind. We're in a transition phase at the library. We're compiling reports about the annual summer reading program and preparing for events through the end of 2017.

Today as I was perusing previous columns that I wrote for this newsletter, I found some from previous Augusts. One that resonates with me is from fall of 2015. Brian Spangle was the Historical Collections administrator and his highly anticipated book

*Vincennes History You Don't Know* was on the cusp of publication. Another momentous occurrence was the hiring of the library's first Teen Services Manager, Jordan Ellerman, in September of that year.

Spangle retired last November and has graciously agreed to do a presentation at the main library on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, entitled "Knox County in World War I. Brian's talk will expand on our understanding of the excellent exhibit on loan to the library for August. It commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I. The Indiana Historical Society examines the war through the lens of what Hoosiers left behind. *The Great War through Hoosier Eyes*, includes original letters and diaries written by Hoosier men, women and children. It also includes reproductions of several dozen postcards saved by Hoosiers throughout the war.



Jordan Ellerman began working as a shelver in the youth department when he was 16 and for the last two years, with great compassion and creativity, has established a teen department in the library. He formed the first teen advisory board and that group is growing. Staff members, Tyler Inboden and Janet Kitchin, will now be the library liaisons for those library users in the 13-19 age group. At the age of 26, Jordan is leaving us to return to school to study nursing. With heartfelt gratitude, we wish Jordan all the best in his new learning adventure. Before he left the library on July 31st, Jordan presented us with a gift. The teen department, located in the lower level of the original Carnegie building, can be difficult for first time visitors to locate. Now, there's a glorious wayfinder to the department. It's composed of mandalas, created by local teens in the last six months. The sign uses the ancient symbol, representing the universe and those that inhabit it in peace and harmony, to guide visitors to the space for teens.

Library workers from throughout the State of Indiana were renewed, pun intended, on August 20<sup>th</sup> during the Indiana State Library's annual *Difference is You* conference at the Indianapolis Public Library's central location. After months of preparation, staff members Paula Smith and Tyler Inboden gave an inspirational talk for library workers. The photo with this column shows them in the James Whitcomb Riley room, speeches in hand, just prior to their talk about the transformative impact of public libraries on the people they serve.



## Book Return News Peg Dawson

### Which is Which?

In our ongoing efforts to address the needs of everyone in our community, we have installed yet another depository in the parking area in front of the main library. Because the number of receptacles has been causing some confusion, I felt that this would be a good opportunity to clarify which is which and so, make it easier to navigate our way around.

You are probably already familiar with the two book drops which are at the entrance of the library and across the drive from the library (placed here so you can drop off materials without leaving your Vehicle). These are labeled BOOK RETURN and BOOK DROP and are expressly there for you to return library materials such as books, CDs, DVDs, and magazines.



L-R: Peg Dawson, Jim Mason, & Diana Martin

In this same area is a blue dumpster which is Labeled REPUBLIC SERVICES. This is for the library's use only. Behind this and in front of the white Meeting House, is the newest receptacle.

The words READ-REUSE-RECYCLE and Get Involved Donate are clearly printed on the sides of this receptacle. This is where you put any books you wish to donate to the library. Again, this is conveniently positioned so you can pull your vehicle up next to it and unload your donation books. Please do not put library books in this receptacle or they will fail to be checked in and you will be charged for them. The books you donate to us go to various places and are distributed according to condition, popularity, contemporary subject matter, and potential for being sold at the library book sales.

Yet another recent addition, our Little Free Library, is located on the Hart Street side of the library, and is exactly what it implies: a place where you can get free books anytime 24/7. In other words, whether the library is open or closed, you can still get books there. Again, this is not a place to return library books, but you may donate books here as well as taking them home with you.

I hope this information will make your library experience even better and perhaps give you more opportunities to enjoy all we have to offer.

## Circulation Desk News Paula Smith

### Alternative Book Formats

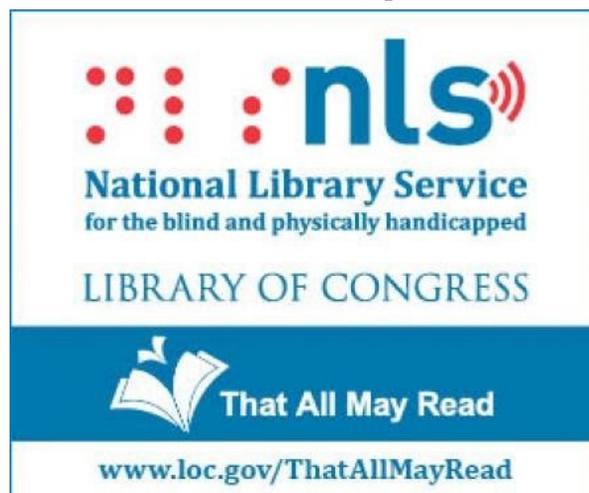
The Talking Book and Braille library (TBBL) may be the answer for people who have difficulty reading print books. TBBL provides books in alternative formats, like Braille, large print and books on flash drive cartridges. Don't let the collection title fool you: these resources are also available to people with learning disabilities and physical disabilities.

TBBL is administered by the National Library Service, part of the Library of Congress. Items are distributed through regional libraries, like the Indiana State Library. Recently, I visited this library and was amazed at the number of books available. The stacks go on and one forever, like an episode of "The Librarians."

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In 1931, the National Library Service (NLS) was established by an Act of Congress. The first audiobooks were records. Since then NLS has developed the technology to provide books in other forms. Video tutorials and complete information of all the services available can be accessed at <https://www.loc.gov/nls/>.

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## Youth Department News

Amy Blake



**“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.”**  
(Margret Fuller)

Bill Harley, a musician wrote and sang “At Your Library,” a fun song about what you can do at your library and the services we provide. So what is happening “at your library’s Youth Department?” Think gooey cheese, oregano, sauce, heat it in the oven, and yes you get PIZZA! Wednesday, August 30 youth will make a small pizza snack. This will be conducted at the Fortnightly 4 to 5 pm. **You need to be registered no later than August 28, with a limit of 20 youth.** Do you like potato sack races? Throwing a ball through a hole in the net or maybe wooden hoop rolling? As long as the weather cooperates we will meet Wednesday, September 27, 4 – 5 pm in the main library courtyard for some outside play. If it rains, meet us at the Fortnightly, 421 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street! **Registration by September 26, no limit set.**

**Storytime** is here! Join the Evening Stars on Tuesdays beginning August 15, at 7 pm in the Youth Department. It’s all about learning and having fun as there are stories, songs and play! **Evening Stars** is targeted for the pre-school group up to 6 years of age, however everyone is welcome. Wednesday mornings at 10 am the **Morning Stars** meet with more stories, songs and play for the same age group listed for ES. Is your child new to the storytime program? Visit us for a place to make new friends as you and your child participate in the activities.



**Mother Goose on the Loose (MGOL)** is a nationally known program targeting infants through toddlers. The Knox County Public Library has MGOL every Tuesday morning at 10:30 am in the youth department year round. This half-hour is full of nursery rhymes, knee bounces, musical instruments, songs and more. Even the sleeping babies come, so join us for some more learning fun.

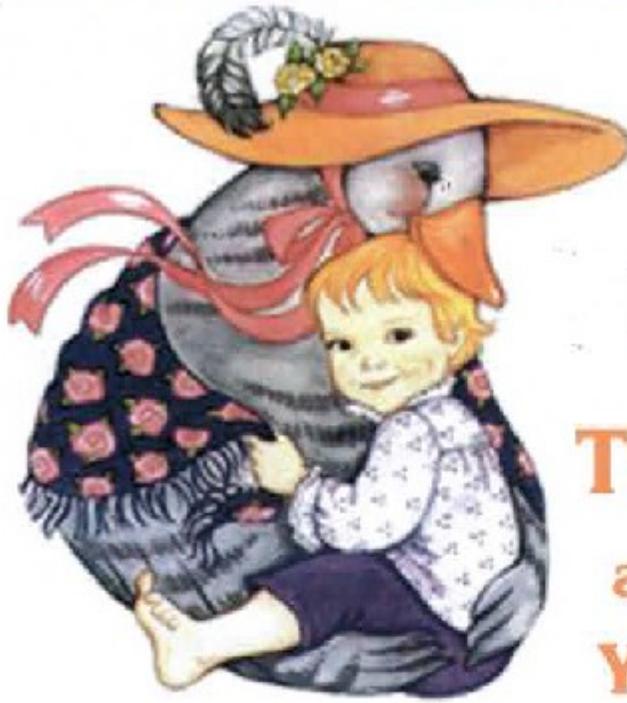


The Knox County Public Library follows the Every Child Ready to Read guidelines of: talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. Ask Miss Diana or Miss Amy for more details. Need a book suggestion? Just ask one of the youth department staff, we are glad to recommend books! We also have databases like Novelist to assist in finding read-a-likes or similar authors. Check out the next newsletter or our webpage for more fun in the youth department as we hold a LEGO Challenge in October!



Knox County Public Library's own, Diana Martin from the Youth Department, has recently been taking an online Graphic Art for Librarians course. Below is a sample of her work.

# **Mother Goose on the**



**Loose,  
Loose,  
Loose!**

**Tuesdays!  
at 10:30am  
Year round!**

**Infants to 3 years of age  
(Pre-K siblings are welcome!)**

**Nursery rhymes, songs, knee  
bounces, books, bells, scarves,  
and more!**

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# August 2017

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<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>History of the Migrant Worker            Richard Day            Main Library            6:00pm</i> 	<b>15</b> <i>Library Board Meeting            Meeting House            Board Room            4:30pm</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Friends of the Library Meeting            10:00am            Library Sun Room</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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*Library Board  
Meeting  
Meeting House  
Board Room  
4:30pm*

*Friends of  
the Library  
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10:00am  
Library Sun  
Room*

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

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



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