After several months of meetings, focus groups, community surveys, drafts, and revisions, the seven-member Thorntown Public Library board of trustees adopted the library’s Strategic Plan for 2020-2024. Input was gathered from 168 community members in 7 public sessions, and 124 responded to an online survey that was available in fall 2019. Three focus areas rose to the top during the November 4 Strategic Planning Retreat:

*An Aware and Engaged Community*: If you’re reading this newsletter, you’re “in the know” already - but there are many who don’t know about the multitude of services and resources your library offers. We want to change that, and we’ll work on ways to get the word out.

*First-Rate Library Services and Resources*: Feedback suggested that we’re doing a good job of serving our community - but why be good when we can be great! We’ll work to expand services and program offerings to a wider range of library users, and hopefully earn some new users along the way. We’ll also explore expanding our non-traditional collections and look at ways to make our collection more browsable for our visitors.

*Engaging, Inviting, and Easy to Use Facilities*: We’re working to ensure that we have a fresh collection of items that our patrons want and need in a space that meets our community needs. We’ll work toward reconfiguring spaces to accommodate small group work, tutoring, and comfortable gathering spaces.

The Board also approved our new mission statement: *Thorntown Public Library serves our community and enriches lives by providing resources, connections, and inspiration.*

So what’s next? Staff are working toward developing our 2020 work plan - choosing pieces of the Strategic Plan that we plan to take on during the next 12 months. As we develop new programs and collections, we’ll be seeking community feedback to guide our choices. The complete TPL Strategic Plan will be posted on the library’s website within the month, so stay tuned for updates at http://thorntownpl.org. Thanks to all who participated in this process! We appreciate the thoughtful discussions during focus groups and the responses to the survey.
**Annual Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to those who met or exceeded their reading goals during our 2019 Annual Reading Challenge: Kathy Bowen, Margaret Carter, Myrtle Cox, Barb Darnell, Bonnie Deakins, Joyce Dobbs, Britta Dorsey, Lisa Dorsey, Sarah Fairfield, Barb Lebo, Leann Meler, Dorothea Mickschl, Fern Miner, Jim Miner, Mary Lu Moran, Karen Niemeyer, Dorothy Pyles, and Amy Stowers. To participate in the 2020 challenge, pledge your reading goal for the year and mark your progress on our log sheet throughout the year. It’s never too late to sign up, and books read since January 1 will count toward your goal.

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**Adult Spelling Bee!**

Our Adult Spelling Bee is scheduled for February 15, and we still need teams to compete against extraordinary spelling teams “Alphabet Soup” and “Wurd Nurds” (actually the second team might not be too difficult to beat). Remember, the Bee is a TEAM competition, and one person will be your Designated Writer (so they don’t really have to be able to spell so long as they have good penmanship). This event is ideal for those who (a) love to have fun, (b) like a friendly competition, and (c) are still bitter about a 3rd-place finish in their 5th Grade Spelling Bee. Stop by the library for a registration form or email csterle@thorntown.lib.in.us for an electronic version.

Audience members are also welcome to attend and cheer on their favorite spellers! The Spelling Bee is Saturday, February 15 at 4:00 p.m. in library meeting rooms. Light refreshments will be provided.

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**Harry Potter Party – Triwizard Tournament**

Harry Potter fans of all ages are invited to attend this fun event. On Saturday, March 7, drop in anytime between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. to be sorted into your house – which will it be? Hufflepuff, Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, or Slytherin? After the sorting, have fun with activities that will include snacks, games, wand decorating, and our very own Triwizard Tournament. Please RSVP by owl or person to the library so we may estimate attendance. Dress code: Wizarding robes or Plainclothes (we don’t want the muggles to get suspicious!)
February 1 - Superhero Saturday!

*Boom! Pow! Bang!* Children of all ages are invited to a fun superhero themed program. Drop in anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 1. Wear a costume if you wish. We will have games, snacks, crafts and scavenger hunts. It's sure to be a SUPER time! Make sure to stop by between 11 - 1 to meet Spider-Man and get your picture taken with him!

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**Bird Feeder Craft**

Spring is just around the corner! On February 27th from 4 - 5 p.m. come and make a bird feeder! This program is for kids of all ages although some smaller kids may need help. It will be fun to make and yummy for the birds!

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**Valentine’s Movie**

Kids of all ages are welcome to join us on Thursday, Feb. 13th from 4 - 5 p.m. for some valentine fun! We will be showing the movie, *Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown*. We will also have some snacks and do a Valentine’s Day craft.

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**The Heritage Museum - Doll Exhibit**

The Thorntown Heritage Museum will have a Doll Exhibit during the whole month of February. The museum will be featuring two Bru Reproduction Lady Grace Mannequins. They were made by Jean Trulock who owned My Sister’s Doll Shop of Lebanon. Please call the library to set an appointment with Sandy to visit the museum. Both individuals and groups are welcome. Appointments can be made at a time to suit you. We would love for you to visit and view our collection as well as a few dolls on loan from the Cragun House of Lebanon.

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**Speaker - Carol Ratliff**

Carol Ratliff from the Indiana Doll Hospital [http://dollrepairlady.com](http://dollrepairlady.com) will bring some of her doll collection and give a presentation at the Thorntown Heritage Museum on Saturday, February 15th, at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring a doll of your own and Carol will make some time to answer questions. Should we need to reschedule due to weather conditions, Saturday, February 29th at 2:00 p.m. is our alternative date. All ages are invited to attend.
February Book Discussion

David Margolick’s insightful *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock* has been selected for this month’s book discussion. Margolick tells the story of Elizabeth Eckford, one of the Little Rock Nine, and Hazel Massery, the white teen immortalized in one of the most unforgettable photographs of the civil rights era. These two teens find themselves suddenly linked forever. Check out a copy of the book and plan to attend our next discussion, Monday, February 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the library’s Guinn Room.

Taste of Home

The next Taste of Home sampler will meet on Monday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in library meeting rooms. Anyone who loves a good pitch-in and trying new recipes will enjoy Taste of Home! Cooks choose a recipe (old or new) to prepare, turn in a copy of the recipe to the library, then bring the prepared dish, a place setting, and an appetite to the March 2 meal. Guests will leave with new recipes for meatloaf, soups, salads, desserts, and everything in between. Call the library with any questions or to sign up!

ReUSE Heart & Sole Shoe Collection Feb. 3 - 18

The library will again be a collection site for the Boone County Solid Waste Management District (BCSWMD) ReUSE Heart & Sole Annual Shoe Collection. Drop off paired shoes at the library February 3-18. All types of shoes will be accepted, even singles! Shoes in reusable condition will be distributed to those in need. Shoes that are unusable will be recycled. Donate your shoes to a worthy cause, and keep them out of landfills.

Art Center Chili Cook-Off

The seventh annual Sugar Creek Art Center Chili Cook-Off will take place from 5-7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. The event features entertainment by the Back Porch Pickers. Only $10! Children under 12 - $5

February Writers’ Group

The Thorntown Writers’ Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month; writers of all ages and abilities are invited. The group will next meet in the Guinn room at 6:30 on February 18. No registration is necessary; light refreshments will be available. Hope to see you there!

“How Full is Your Bucket?”

On Monday, February 17th from 7 - 7:45 Mike Kincaid will be at the library to speak about Tom Rath’s *How Full is Your Bucket?* This program will cover exploring negative and positive emotions with strategies for increasing the positive.
**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

Sat. Feb. 1  Superhero Saturday 10 - 3
Spider-Man Photo Op 11 - 1

Tue. Feb. 4  Toddler & Preschool Storytime 10:30

Wed. Feb. 5  Next Chapter Book Club 9:45
Sugar Creek Gourd Patch 6-8
Fri. Feb. 7  Quilting 12:30

Mon. Feb. 10  Library Board Meeting 6 - 7
Tue. Feb. 11  Friends Board Meeting 7 - 8
Wed. Feb. 12  Next Chapter Book Club 9:45
Senior Bingo 12:30
Thu. Feb. 13  Valentine’s Movie 4 - 5
Fri. Feb. 14  **Happy Valentine’s Day**
Quilting 12:30
Sat. Feb. 15  Doll Program 2 - 3 (at Museum)
Adult Spelling Bee 4 - 6

Mon. Feb 17  Book Discussion 1:30
How Full is Your Bucket? 7 - 7:45
Tue. Feb. 18  Toddler & Preschool Storytime 10:30
Writers’ Group 6:30
Wed. Feb. 19  Next Chapter Book Club 9:45
Thorn Tree Gourd Patch 2 - 4
Sat. Feb. 22  Chili Cook-Off @ Sugar Creek Art Center 5:00

Tue. Feb. 25  Toddler & Preschool Storytime 10:45
Thu. Feb. 27  Bird Feeder Craft 4 - 5

**Library Hours:**
Mon. & Fri. 9-6
Tue. - Thur. 9-8
Saturday 10-4
Sunday Closed

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**February Gourding**

On Feb. 5th from 6 - 8 p.m. the Sugar Creek Gourd Patch will be working on snowflakes and Valentine’s projects. On Feb. 19th from 2 - 4 p.m. the Thorn Tree Gourd Patch will be working on Valentine’s projects and shamrocks.

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**CICOA Luncheon served at 11:30 Monday-Friday**

**Questions about programs? Call the library at (765) 436-7348**
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## New Materials @ TPL

### YOUTH FICTION
- The Christmas Fairy - Booth - E FIC BOO
- Maddi's Fridge - Brandt - E FIC BRA
- Lucky Leprechaun - Diesen - E FIC DIE
- Camilla Cartographer - Dillemuth - E FIC DIL
- The Littlest Train - Gall - E FIC GAL
- Humpty Dumpty Lived Near a Wall - Hughes - E FIC HUG
- Bad Kitty Joins the Team - Bruel - J FIC BRU
- Eva's Campfire Adventure - Elliot - J FIC ELL
- Unicorn Diaries Bo's Magical New Friend - Elliot - J FIC ELL
- Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go to School - Falatko - J FIC FAL

### YOUTH NONFICTION
- Consent (For Kids) - Brian - J 158.2 BRI
- Narwhals and Other Whales - Osborne - J 599.54 OSB
- Superfun Dog Crafts - Yates - J 745.59 YAT
- Creative Cat Crafts - Yates - J 745.59 YAT

### YOUNG ADULT
- 19 Love Songs - Levithan - YA FIC LEV
- Where the World Ends - McCaughrean - YA FIC MCC
- Jane Anonymous - Stolarz - YA FIC STO
- We Survivors - Thomas - YA FIC THO

### ADULT FICTION
- A Long Petal of the Sea - Allende - FIC ALE
- Westering Women - Dallas - FIC DAL
- The Moonshiner's Daughter - Everhart - FIC EVE
- A Longer Fall - Harris - FIC HAR, Gunnie Rose #2
- The Dark Game - Janz - FIC JAN
- Hindsight - Johansen - FIC JOH, Kendra Michaels #7
- The Playground - Shemilt - FIC SHE
- Darkwater Truth - Caroll - CH FIC CAR, Darkwater Inn #3
- Mac on a Hot Tin Roof - Metz - MYS FIC MET
- The River Murders - Patterson - MYS FIC PAT
- Lost - Patterson - MYS FIC PAT

### DVDs
- The Addams Family - PG - DVD FIC ADD
- Black and Blue - R - DVD FIC BLA
- Code 8 - NR - DVD FIC COD
- Countdown - PG13 - DVD FIC COU
- Gemini Man - PG13 - DVD FIC GEM
- I See You - R - DVD FIC I
- Jay and Silent Bob Reboot - R - DVD FIC JAY
- Maleficent, Mistress of Evil - PG - DVD FIC MAL
- Zombieland, Double Tap - R - DVD FIC ZOM

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