



FRIENDS OF THORNTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Youth Summer Reading Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2025 summer reading program! The Youth Department had a great turn out with 307 in the kids' reading program and 84 in the teen program.

We gave out a grand total of 347 books to both kids and teens for reading during the summer. 163 kids/teens got to take a turn in the money machine too. There was a combined reading time of over 1798 hours for kids and teens!



Tech Tuesdays

Are you plagued with technology woes? Do you need help getting started with ereading, or is your tablet giving you fits? Do you need help navigating Word, starting an email account, or using Google Drive?



Schedule an appointment with Alec or Christine during Tech Tuesdays. They'll investigate your concern, make a plan, and offer help from 11-2 and 4-8 on Tuesdays. Help requests can be submitted via email (info@thorntownpl.org) or by calling the library.

*Tech Tuesday help is limited to troubleshooting devices and some software. If you require repairs or assistance from an IT professional, reach out to your device's manufacturer or another company for advice and assistance.

Heritage Museum: Garden Tea Party

Take a step into the Victorian era with a tea party in the Thorntown Heritage Museum's gardens August 23rd at 1 p.m. Boys and girls are encouraged to dress in their summer best (dresses, skirts, dress shirts, slacks). Come try on fancy hats and ties, learn how to tie a tie, make a craft, and learn tea party and table etiquette. There will also be tea party refreshments.

This event is open to children ages 4 and up. Supervising parents do not need a ticket. Tickets for the event are \$5, with all proceeds supporting the museum's mission to keep Thorntown history alive. Tickets can be purchased at the main circulation desk at the library.



Community Bingo!

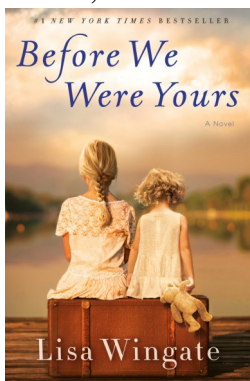
Join us August 8th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the meeting rooms for BINGO! It's free to play and open to all ages. There will be fun prizes and light snacks. No registration necessary.

August Book Discussion

Book discussion meets on the second Monday of each month and is open to all adult readers, even those who haven't completed the reading. On August 11th at 1:30 the book club will meet in room 116 to discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty.

Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family's long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption.



Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

Coming Soon: Fall Book Sale!

The Friends of the Library are accepting donations of new and gently used books, DVDs, puzzles, & other materials for the September book sale.



Outdated textbooks, medical & legal books, vhs, and encyclopedias are not accepted. Please call the library with questions.

CICOA Senior Lunch Program

Mon.-Fri. at 11:30, CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions provides a healthy meal for adults ages 60+ in the library meeting rooms. Coffee and iced tea are available.

Reservations are submitted on Wednesdays at noon for the meals the following week. Donations for meals are accepted.

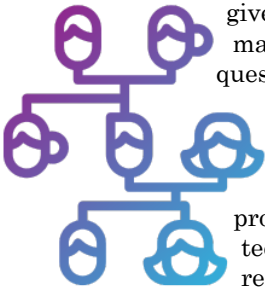


Heritage Museum News

The Heritage Museum's hours are Saturdays 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. with tours by appointment outside of those hours. Call the library for a tour any other day. The museum closes for the season at the end of the Festival of the Turning Leaves in September. The Sugar Creek Historical Society will next meet on August 21st at 7 p.m. at the museum.

Get Locked-in with the Local History Librarian

On Saturday, August 30th, the library is offering a unique research opportunity. We are opening up the Guinn Local History and Genealogy Center after hours, from 4-6 p.m. This will give you access to our microfilm, archives, family files, and more! Bring any materials you are researching, or what you are wanting to research, and any questions you may have. Printing fees will be waived during the program.



Dagny Villegas from the Indiana State Library will be joining us for a presentation on "Telling Your Family Story" at 4. Learn the benefits of family storytelling and find inspiration for your next family history project. This presentation also offers some tips and tricks for using technology to share and preserve your story for the future. Registration is required and can be completed online or at the genealogy desk.

New Youth Program: Play With Me!

This program is designed for children under five and their caregivers. It's a wonderful opportunity for both children and adults to meet friends and spend time together in a fun, play-based environment with a variety of developmentally-appropriate toys.

Feel free to drop in for an informal playdate between 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in room 120. Please note that all snacks should be enjoyed before or after the program. "Play with Me" will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, starting August 26th, at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required. This is an open play time for caregivers and children.



*No food permitted and library personnel will not be in attendance.

Gourd Fun

The Sugar Creek Gourd Patch will meet in room 116 from 2-4:00 on August 5th and 19th. Participants will work with crayon melters to decorate gourds and may also work with Pebeo paint to create a stained glass look. Let Karen know that you will be attending so that enough gourds and other supplies will be on hand.

Did You Know?

The original cost to build the library in 1914 was \$7,697.00. To furnish the library, another \$1,043.63 was spent. We still have several of those pieces of furniture in the library today. In 2004 the library expanded from 3400 to 14,100 sq. ft, which cost \$2 million.



August Euchre Night

Thanks to everyone who came to July's Euchre Night. \$436 was raised for the Festival of the Turning Leaves! The next Euchre Night will be Saturday, August 23rd in the TPL meeting rooms. The money raised from August's euchre will go to W.A.V.E. Sign up before Friday, August 22nd. Sign-in begins at 5:30, and play starts at 6:00 p.m. Please register by visiting or calling the library. You can also register online through the library calendar.



High Points: Teresa Summers

Low Points: Julie Smith

There is a \$10 buy-in fee to be collected when you arrive. Please brush up on your euchre skills if it has been a while since you have played, and plan to stay to the end. We will play 7 to 8 games, which will be approximately 3 hours. Single players are welcome. Please bring a food or snack to share and dollar bills for the "Kitty".

New Materials @ TPL

ADULT FICTION

A Time Travelers Masquerade - Bessey - FIC BES
McQuivey's Costume Shop #1

The Four Engagement Rings of Sybil Rain - Brown - FIC BRO

Nine Month Contract - Daws - FIC DAW,
Mountain Men Matchmaker #1

Abigail and Alexa Save the Wedding - Dolan - FIC DOL

Total Dreamboat - Doyle - FIC DOY

The Guest Cottage - Foster - FIC FOR, Firefly
Summer #1

The Letter Carrier - Giannone - FIC GIA

Their Surprise Reunion - Gray - FIC GRA,
Matchmaker #1

The Rabbit Hutch - Gunty - FIC GUN

The Last Wizards' Ball - Harris - FIC HAR,
Gunnie Rose #6

The Teacher of Auschwitz - Holden - FIC HOL

Not Quite Dead Yet - Jackson - FIC JAC

The Names - Knapp - FIC KNA

The River is Waiting - Lamb - FIC LAM

Lilac Time - Michaels, Brown, Foster - FIC LIL

Do Not Disturb - McFadden - FIC MCF

The Hamptons Lawyer - Patterson - FIC PAT,
Jane Smith #3

We Live Here Now - Pinborough - FIC PIN

The White Crow - Robotham - FIC ROB,
Philomena McCarthy #2

Metal Slinger - Schneider - FIC SCH, Fire &
Metal #1

The Unraveling of Julia - Scottoline - FIC SCO

An Inside Job - Silva - FIC SIL, Gabriel Allon
#25

This is A Love Story - Soffer - FIC SOF

Crescent Sky - Sowards - FIC SOW, Balkan
Legends #2

Our Overdrive library is always open! <https://idl.overdrive.com>

Check out our Hoopla collection: <https://hoopladigital.com>

New Materials @ TPL

Midwestern Gothic - Thomas - FIC THO

The View from Lake Como - Trigiani - FIC TRI

The Two of Us - FIC TWO

The Woman in Cabin 10 - Ware - FIC WAR, Lo Blacklock #1

The Woman in Suite 11 - Ware - FIC WAR, Lo Blacklock #2

Wayward Girls - Wiggs - FIC WIG

MYSTERY FICTION

Syrup to No Good - Bruns - MYS FIC BRU, Maple Syrup #2

In the Blink of a Pie - Bruns - MYS FIC BRU, Maple Syrup #3

Haunting and Homicide - Burke - MYS FIC BUR, Ghost Tour #1

The Red Queen - Grimes - MYS FIC GRI, Richard Jury #26

Mice and Murder - Smith - MYS FIC SMI, Gabriel Ward #1

CHRISTIAN FICTION

An Amish Quilting Bee - CH FIC AMI

Her Alaskan Return - Calhoun - CH FIC CAL, Serenity Peak #1

An Alaskan Blessing - Calhoun - CH FIC CAL, Serenity Peak #2

Courting the Country Preacher - CH FIC COU

Happily Ever Amish - Shepard Gray - CH FIC GRA, Apple Creek #1

Lizzie's Little Mouse - Blackburne - CH FIC HEA, Hear of the Amish #8

The Chosen, Not My Will - Jenkins - CH FIC JEN

The Chosen, Upon this Rock - Jenkins - CH FIC JEN

The Light on Horn Island - Luesse - CH FIC LUE

Hunted on the Trail - Mentink - CH FIC MEN, Security Hounds #3

A Constant Love - Peterson - CH FIC PET, Hope of Cheyenne #1

Hidden Jihad - Phillips - CH FIC PHI, Tribulation Cult #3

DVD/TV

Drop - PG13 - DVD FIC DRO

The Rule of Jenny Pen - R - DVD FIC RUL

Sinners - R - DVD FIC SIN

Until Dawn R - DVD FIC UNT

Abbott Elementary #3 - NR - TV DVD ABB

Doctor Who #1 - TVPG - TV DVD DOC

Fallout - TVMA - TV DVD FAL #1

MIDDLE GRADE

Be Prepared - Rochon - MG FIC DIS

Cruel Truth - Calonita - MG FIC DIS

Growing Home - Ferry - MG FIC FER

The Trouble with Heroes - Messner - MG FIC MES

Curse of the Mystery Mutt - Patterson - MG FIC PAT

Sonic The Hedgehog IDW Collection 2 - IDW - MG GN SON

Search our catalog: <https://thorntown.evergreenindiana.org>

To register for Wowbrary visit <https://bit.ly/3mOPOc2>

August Events

Fri. Aug. 1	Stuntology 2-3
Sat. Aug 2	Puzzle Showdown 2-4
	Heritage Museum Ice Cream Social 6-8:30
Wed. Aug. 6	Sugar Creek Gourd Patch 2-4
Fri. Aug. 8	Community Bingo Night 6-7:30
Mon. Aug. 11	Book Discussion 1:30
	Library Board Meeting 6-7
Tue. Aug. 12	Friends Board Meeting 4-5
Wed. Aug. 20	Sugar Creek Gourd Patch 2-4
Thu. Aug 21	Sugar Creek Historical Society (@THM) 7:00
Sat. Aug. 23	Heritage Museum: Garden Tea Party 1:00
	Euchre Night 5:30
Tue. Aug. 26	Play With Me! 10:30-11:30
Sat. Aug. 30	Breakfast & Bingo with your Grandparents 10:30
	Genealogy Lock-In 4-6

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

The Thorntown Heritage Museum is open on Saturdays 11:00 - 4:00 and by appointment. Call the library to schedule a visit!

Thorntown Public Library

BREAKFAST & BINGO

With Your Grandparents

AUG. 30
10:30am



For grandchildren ages 2-10 and their grandparent(s)
 BREAKFAST, BINGO, PHOTO BOOTH, BOOKS,
 STORYTIME, TAKE-HOME CRAFT.
 In TPL meeting rooms. **FREE** - registration required. (50 max)

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CICOA luncheons served at 11:30 Monday through Friday!
Questions about programs? Call the library at (765) 436-7348

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Aging & In-Home Solutions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cultural Meal Day 				1 Ginger BBQ Chicken Whipped Sweet Potatoes Collard Greens Wheat Bread Diced Pears Milk
4 Oven Fried Chicken Whipped Sweet Potatoes Collard Greens Orange Juice Milk	5 Spaghetti/Meatballs Parmesan Cheese Italian Cut Green Beans California Veggies Mixed Fruit Milk	6 Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya Fajita Vegetables Cauliflower Diced Pineapple Milk 	7 BBQ Beef Green Beans Scalloped Potatoes WG Bun Diced Peaches Milk	8 Sliced Turkey w/Gravy Maple Sweet Potatoes Broccoli Diced Pears Milk
11 Grilled Hamburger Mac & Cheese Festive Green Beans Diced Pears WG Bun Milk	12 Cheesy Smothered Chopped Steak White Rice Pilaf Peas Wheat Bread Mandarin Oranges Milk	13 Turkey Ham & Beans Beets Carrots Corn Bread Mixed Fruit Milk	14 Almond Crusted Fish California Veggies Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Fruit Wheat Bread Milk	15 Pot Roast w/Gravy Broccoli Mashed Potatoes Wheat Bread Applesauce Milk
18 Beef & Broccoli Lo Mein Noodles Diced Carrots Diced Pears Milk	19 Bagel w/Pork Sausage, Egg & Cheese Roasted Sweet Potatoes Applesauce Milk	20 Meatloaf w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Mandarin Oranges Milk	21 Beef Stew Corn Turnip Greens Wheat Bread Diced Peaches Milk	22 Cheese Lasagna w/Veggie Marinara Capri Veggies Lima Beans Wheat Roll Diced Pineapple Milk
25 Vegetarian Chili California Veggies Roasted Sweet Potatoes Corn Bread Tropical Fruit Milk	26 Chicken & Noodles Rosemary Potatoes Italian Cut Green Beans Wheat Roll Birthday Treat Milk	27 Italian Bowtie Pasta w/Beef Broccoli w/Red Peppers Green Beans Applesauce Milk	28 Country Fried Steak w/Gravy Spinach Baked Potato Tropical Fruit Milk	29 Herb Crusted Hake Roasted Potatoes Broccoli Wheat Bread Tropical Fruit Cup Milk



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Daytime Phone# _____ Evening Phone# _____ Delivery preference ☐ print ☐ email

All memberships expire December 31 annually.

SCHS (Museum)

- ☐ Member—\$10 (family or individual)
- ☐ Business/Organization—\$20
- ☐ Sponsor—\$25 & up
- ☐ Patron—\$50 & up
- ☐ Supporter—\$100 & up

Friends of Thorntown Public Library

- ☐ Friend—\$10 (family or individual)
- ☐ Business/Organization—\$20
- ☐ Sponsor—\$25 & up
- ☐ Patron—\$50 & up
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Make **Friends membership** checks payable to: **Friends of Thorntown Public Library, Inc.**

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