Jonesing for a jaw-dropping deal?

We’ll have your flea market fix at the library’s Indoor Garage Sale on February 16.

Plus...

Learn how you can cut the wait for eBooks and audiobooks on OverDrive.
Get Text Alerts for Children’s Events!

We already have many ways for you to learn about what’s coming up at the library, and here’s one more. With Remind, a text alert service, we’ll notify you of children’s events that are coming up.

You must opt-in to use this service, as we would never text or email you program information without your permission. To subscribe to this service, follow the instructions on the right. Text the unique event code(s) of your choice to 81010. That’s it! If you want to subscribe to more than one event type, please be sure to send each text separately. Standard message rates apply.

We send one text a week - on Sunday afternoons. It reminds you of the event(s) coming up for the week ahead. You might occasionally receive additional texts if the library must cancel an event due to weather or illness.

Prefer to receive your event notifications via email? Send us a request at info@kendallvillelibrary.org. Through email, you will receive information about upcoming events once each week. Plus, you can always look at our online Event Calendar at www.kendallvillelibrary.org, check out our Facebook event listings, or pick up a newsletter in the libraries.

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Preschool PLAY!
Mondays, February 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10:00 a.m.
Limberlost Branch Library
Stories and play to help your child grow every day through motor skills and STEAM principles!
Open to parents & preschoolers ages 2-5
Attend 3 Preschool Play sessions to earn a BABE Store Voucher!

Picture Book Tasting
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Taste, build and create with picture books!
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Bean Mosaic
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No Registration Needed
Simple supplies make beautiful art!
Kendallville Public Library: Wednesday, January 31
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Use heart shapes to create your own critters!
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Optimists Die First
By Susin Nielsen

Petula De Wild painstakingly calculates every move she makes in order to ensure her safe passage throughout life. She did not always live her life this way; she was formerly a crazy crafter with an incredibly happy life and a best friend.

Unfortunately, all of that changed after a family tragedy, and now she sees the danger in everything. The worst part of her worry-filled life is a mandatory therapy art class that she must attend once a week with a group of misfits who have nothing in common. That is, until Jacob shows up.

Jacob is a seemingly normal kid with a prosthetic arm. Petula doesn’t want anything to do with him at first, but after they are forced to work together on a group project, she starts to think differently about him and the world around her.

Readers of realistic fiction will enjoy this story.

Read-a-like: Turtles All The Way Down by John Green
Reviewed by Marie Kaufmann, Teen Services Manager

iZombie Vol. 1: Dead to the World
By Chris Roberson and Mike Allred

Gwen Dylan is a 20-something zombie gravedigger who must consume a human brain at least once a month to retain her memories. She hates the way they taste, and doesn’t enjoy the smell or texture, but it’s the only way she can maintain her humanity.

Aside from keeping her own memories intact, after eating a brain she briefly receives the thoughts and personality of the brain’s previous owner. This helps her to solve crimes, as well as right any wrongs that were committed against the recently deceased.

This zombie-detective graphic novel is a smart and witty ride that shouldn’t be skipped.

Readers of humorous horror graphic novels will like this series.

Read-a-like: Hellboy: The Midnight Circus by Mike Mignola
Reviewed by Marie Kaufmann, Teen Services Manager

Pop in the Teen Spot and say “Hi” to Jordan!

Jordan is the new Teen Assistant at the Kendallville Public Library. She’s in charge of planning and executing events at KPL and the Limberlost Branch, as well as helping teens find great books to read, guiding research and more. Stop in, introduce yourself, and get to know her!
New Release Fiction:

- Agent in Place by Mark Greaney
- As Bright as Heaven by Susan Meissner
- The Atomic City Girls by Janet Beard
- The Bad Daughter by Joy Fielding
- Beautiful Days by Joyce Carol Oates
- The Celebration by Wanda E. Brunstetter
- Chicago by David Mamet
- Child of a Mad God by R.A. Salvatore
- A Death in Live Oak by James Grippando
- Death of an Honest Man by M.C. Beaton
- The Deceivers by Alex Berenson
- Fifty Fifty by James Patterson
- Force of Nature by Jane Harper
- The French Girl by Lexie Elliott
- The Gate Keeper by Charles Todd
- Girl Unknown by Karen Perry
- The Gone World by Tom Sweterlitsch
- The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
- Hello Stranger by Lisa Kleypas
- The Hush by John Hart
- The Kromil’s Candidate by Jason Matthews
- Look for Me by Lisa Gardner
- The Masterpiece by Francine Rivers
- Murder Beyond the Grave by James Patterson
- Night Moves by Jonathan Kellerman
- One Last Breath by Lisa Jackson
- Poison by John T. Lescroart
- Raspberry Danish Murder by Joanne Fluke
- Shallow Grave by Laura Lippman
- Surprise Me by Sophie Kinsella
- The Tuscan Child by Phyl Bowen
- Winter Sisters by Robin Oliveira
- The Woman in the Water by Charles Finch
- Carnegie’s Maid by Marie Benedict
- The Carroll Farm Fight by Greg Hunt
- The Cowboy’s Housekeeper by Lori Copeland
- Dark in Death by J.D. Robb
- Flinstock by William W. Johnstone
- Hat’s Half Acre by William Johnstone
- Holding the Fact by Regina Jennings
- Jack & Jill by J. Randy Taraborrelli
- The Masterpiece by Francine Rivers
- A Match Made in Texas by Margaret Brownley
- Phoebe’s Light by Suzanne Woods Fisher
- The Promise Bride by Gina Welborn
- The Radium Girls by Kate Moore
- The Regency Brides Collection by Michelle Griep
- Sisters Like Us by Susan Mallery
- The View from Rainshadow Bay by Colleen Coble

New Playaways:

- All-American Murder by James Patterson
- The Atomic City Girls by Janet Beard
- Dark in Death by J.D. Robb
- The Deceivers by Alex Berenson
- The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
- Night Moves by Jonathan Kellerman
- Sunburn by Laura Lippman
- Surprise Me by Sophie Kinsella

New Release Movies:

- A Bad Mom’s Christmas
- Batman: Gotham by Gaslight
- Same Kind of Different As Me
- 24 Hours to Live
- The Sinner
- Victoria

New Release TV Series on DVD:

- Animal Kingdom (S 2)
- Homeland (S 6)
- The Sinner (S 1)
- Victoria (S 2)

New Release Books:

- All of My Heart: Inn Love
- Love by Chance
- Love by First Glance
- Love Locks

Hallmark Movies:

- Animal Kingdom (S 2)
- Homeland (S 6)
- The Sinner (S 1)
- Victoria (S 2)

Monthly Adult Events:

- Zumba with Maria Campos - Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 and Mondays, February 5 & 19 at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- BINGO - Friday, February 2 at 1:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- Ask KPL - Call or email for an appointment - 343-2017 or ldresser@kendallvillelibrary.org
Coming up in March at the Kendallville Public Library:

**Northeastern Center Suicide Prevention Training on Monday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. - KPL**
QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Each year thousands of Americans, like you, are saying “Yes” to saving the life of a friend, colleague, sibling, or neighbor. This free event is sponsored by the Noble County Suicide Prevention and Awareness Team.

**St. Patrick’s Day Party on Thursday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m. - LB**
Join us for a St. Patrick’s Day party and don’t forget to wear green! This free event is open to children in grades K-5. Registration is not needed. We’re also having a party at the Kendallville Public Library on Wednesday, March 14 at 4:00 p.m.

**Handprint and Footprint Art on Wednesday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m. - KPL**
Use your own hands and feet as your paintbrushes! All supplies are provided. This event is open to children in grades K-5, and is limited to the first 20 who sign up. Call 343-2010 to register, or use our online event calendar at www.kendallvillelibrary.org. This event will also be held at the Limberlost Branch on Thursday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m.

**More for Your Home Decor!**
Looking for something different to decorate your home or office? Try a more unique piece of art, or a sculptural clock. The Kendallville Public Library has once again expanded its art collection, and these are just a few of the new items available for check out. All art pieces check out for three months, and can be renewed for an additional three months if no holds have been placed on the item. Best of all, you can check out up to six pieces at once, so you can add some flair to most every room in your home or office! Stop in to see our entire collection of art prints, pop art, kids’ art and more.