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• A look back at what 2019 meant for the library.
• A special Thank You to all those who contributed to the library's success.
• A gift of new public computers.
• All the ways we say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" through our programs this month!
Looking Back on 2019

With another year coming to a close (the Kendallville Public Library’s 105th), it’s a perfect time to look back at the amazing year we had.

We kicked off 2019 by going fine free on most collections. This was a move that we had made several years earlier for our children’s items, but expanding it to the entire library was a big deal. Due to this change, we saw an increase in new card applications from January through October of 2019, over the same period last year. We also found that check outs were trending up, too.

An increase in check outs can also be attributed to new collections added to the library. Yard Games, the winning community prize in the 2018 Summer Adventure, were added in late 2018 but the number of check outs really exploded this year. The games were extremely popular for parties, holidays, and family gatherings. Some can even be used indoors and can be checked out during the winter months, as well.

Here are some of the other highlights from this year:

- **Renovations to the Limberlost Branch**: Wow! What a transformation! The branch closed for several weeks in the spring to finish up the complete overhaul of the interior which included a new layout, two new windows, a kitchenette, and larger meeting spaces.
- **Express Books**: These newly released books are available for a seven day check out, with Story continues on back page...

Library Upgrades Public Computers

The Kendallville Public Library is happy to announce that all new public computers are available at both the main location in Kendallville and the Limberlost Branch in Rome City. In Kendallville, the same number of public computers are available, but they’re a bit more spread out for comfort. Six computers are available in the “computer café,” while three more are located in the Adult Services Department, including the study carrels. The placement of the new computers allows patrons a little more room to spread out and, according to those who need to focus a chance to work in quieter, less crowded areas. In Rome City, the library has actually added two additional computers. Right now, four brand new PCs have been installed at the study carrels by the Customer Service Desk, while two more are located in the Youth section of the library.

All the new computers offer the same programs, and now include folders on the desktop with links that could be helpful for patrons. Anyone wishing to use the computers can do so with an Evergreen Indiana library card, or those without a card can request a guest pass at the Customer Service Desk. For those who just need Internet Access for their own laptops or devices, the Kendallville Public Library offers free WiFi on the “KPL” network. No password is required. We do want to remind users to bring headphones if they plan to listen to videos or websites that have sound. Need a disk drive? Ask for an external drive from the Customer Service Desk.

Free Make & Take Projects

at the Kendallville Public Library and its Limberlost Branch

**Reusable Coffee Sleeves**: November 25 - December 7
**Button Christmas Trees/Wreaths**: December 9 - 21
**Wood Slice Ornaments** (ONE DAY ONLY): Tuesday, December 10
**Wooden Bead Keychains**: December 23 - January 4

Fast and fun Maker projects for all ages available in The Cortex at KPL and at the Limberlost Branch.
**What Do You Do With an Idea?**

By Kobi Yamada

This story follows one child and his brilliant idea. At first he asks, “What do you do with an idea?” He was initially scared of the idea and what people would think of it. Would they laugh at it or think it was silly?

As his confidence grows, so does his idea. He decides that he knows his idea the best and does not want to give up on it. In the end, he realizes that an idea has the power to change the world.

Curriculum Connections:
- Personification of abstract nouns
- Curiosity
- Perseverance

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**The Most Magnificent Thing**

By Ashley Spires

A girl has an idea to make the most magnificent thing. With the help of her assistant, who happens to be a dog, she gets to work building. However, she soon realizes it will be more difficult than she initially thought.

After much frustration and anger, she takes a break and goes on a walk with her assistant. The walk allows her to gain perspective and she is finally able to make the most magnificent thing.

Curriculum Connections:
- Growth mindset
- Problem solving
- Perseverance
- Engineering

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**1000 books before Kindergarten**

It’s never too early to get preschoolers ready for the classroom. The Kendallville Public Library’s 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative can help! Each bag is themed and filled with ten books, and includes activities to help children grow and learn.

This program provides a text-rich environment at home and can build vocabulary... both which contribute to reading readiness.

**Breaken down, the program can be done by reading 3 books a day for a year - or stretched out over two or three years.** Children will celebrate milestones, including a congratulatory shout-out in the library’s newsletter, as they progress through the program. Just stop in to the library, sign up and check out your first of 100 bags. Together, read the books inside and complete a fun activity, and repeat until you’ve read 1,000 books!
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The Fountains of Silence
By Ruta Sepetys
Reviewed by Stephenie Dijkstra, Youth Services Librarian

In 1957, under the rule of General Francisco Franco, Spain is hiding a dark secret. Meanwhile, American tourists and businessmen continue to visit the country. The Castellana Hilton, a hotel that caters to American tourists, is where Ana works and where she meets Daniel, the son of an oil tycoon from Texas, for the first time. Visiting Spain with his family, Daniel hopes to connect with his mother's country and document his experiences with his camera.

After Daniel takes a picture of a nun carrying a dead baby in her arms, it becomes the first clue of the dark secret of the stolen children in Spain. Daniel and Ana's lives begin to intersect as Daniel works to uncover the truth and Ana tries to keep her family safe. Ruta Sepetys completed meticulous research while writing this novel as it is based on very real events in Spain's history.

Read-a-like: Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

We Hunt the Flame
By Hafsah Faizal
Reviewed by Stephenie Dijkstra, Youth Services Librarian

The kingdom of Arawiya is at risk of collapsing as a war is brewing and the cursed forest of the Arz is slowly sweeping over the land. It is discovered that an artifact has the power to restore magic to the land and save the kingdom. The Hunter is summoned to embark on the journey to retrieve the artifact, though few know that the Hunter is actually a seventeen-year-old girl, Zafira.

Meanwhile, Nasir is sent by the king on a similar mission - retrieve the artifact and kill the Hunter. As the two embark on their journeys, they soon become allies as an ancient evil poses an even greater threat than each other.

Read-a-like: An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir

Grilled cheese and video games on November 19...a Teen Utopia!
New Release Fiction:
- The Attack by W.E.B. Griffin
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- Fatal Accusation by Marie Force
- Genesis by Robin Cook
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- Just Watch Me by Jeff R. Lindsay
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New Movies:
- Acceleration
- Adopt a Highway
- Badland
- The Fanatic
- Serengeti
- Trick

TV Series on DVD:
- City on a Hill (Season 1)
- Game of Thrones (Season 8)

Audiobooks on CD:
- After the Flood by Kassandra Montag
- The Drawing of the Three by Stephen King
- Genesis by Robin Cook
- Imaginary Friend by Stephen Chbosky
- Lullaby by Paula Rizzo
- My Life John
- The Night Fire by Michael Connelly
- Radical Candor by Kim Scott

Events & Services

New & New to Us in December

**DIY PINECONE CRAFTS**

Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

**DIY WINE BOTTLE**

Thursday, December 19 at 1:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

**STRING ART WOOD COOKIE**

Monday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

**EMBROIDERY HOOP PROJECT**

Friday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m.
Lumberton Branch Library

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**METAL STAMPING**

Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

**CHRISTMAS CARD WALK**

Monday, December 9 at 1:00 p.m.
Meet at Baker Lake Park, near the campground

**HOliday COoKIE BAKING aND DECORATING!**

Thursday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Bake and decorate up to a dozen cookies!

**BINGO**

Friday, December 6 & 37 at 10:00 a.m.
Kendallville Public Library

**GREAT CANVAS WORKSHOP WITH CARL MUSHER**

Monday, December 23 from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Lumberton Branch Library

**OPEN TO ADULTS AGE 18 AND UP**

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Behind the scenes, there were a lot of staff changes at the Kendallville Public Library and its Limberlost Branch. But now, the library is fully staffed with a great group of talented people. Adult Services Manager Leah Dresser put it best when she described the staff as having "different strengths, talents, and abilities that I know I can count on." The staff we have, said Library Director Katie Mullins, is able to "continue the high level of customer service our patrons expect." With this full staff, we've even been able to expand our outreach. The Rome City Community Outreach Center is a great example of that. Phyllis from the Limberlost Branch provides projects each Thursday for the children there, and like her, many go above and beyond their job descriptions to provide amazing outreach, programs and services. It's truly been a wonderful year at the Kendallville Public Library, and you know us...we're already looking ahead to next year.