Remember that New Year’s Resolution you made to get fit? Get back in gear on our Adventure Walk in March!

Plus...

- 2017 Year in Review
- Changes to our Mobile Hotspot policy
- How to make the most of our services
- New Text-to-Subscribe option
- Friends of the Library Book Sale dates set
2017 Shows Library Growth, Community Changes

As the community changes, so does the library. In fact, we strive to stay ahead of the curve. Our statistics from 2017, presented at the library board meeting in February, show that we’re right on track.

Circulation of print materials has decreased. That’s not a big surprise, and has been a trend for a number of years in libraries across the country. But the changes that we have made to our collection - removing outdated and uncirculated items, reinvesting in popular materials, and moving to a topic driven collection - have succeeded in slowing the decline in check outs. In fact, from 2016 to 2017, the decrease was 40% less than the year before.

In 2017, the library spent 11.2% of its budget on collection development. In other words, on items for you. That’s well above (40% more, in fact) the state requirement of 8%. A good portion of that was spent on OverDrive, the library’s downloadable ebook and eAudiobook collection. The amount of ebooks increased by nearly 10%, while eAudiobook totals were up by 35%.

With the increase in the number of smartphones, tablets and laptops, it’s no surprise that the number of people who stopped in to use a public computer decreased slightly in 2017. Wireless use, however, increased by 10%.

Evergreen Indiana has proven to be a huge bonus for our patrons. In 2017, KPL ranked #13 out of 115 member libraries in the state for Evergreen Indiana transmits. More than 10,000 items were sent from KPL’s collection to other libraries, while just about the same amount was delivered to KPL from other libraries in the consortium. While both numbers were up, our transits to other libraries increased by a whopping 44%. We credit much of that increase to Evergreen Indiana’s newest service, which allows DVDs to be transferred among libraries.

2017 was a huge year for The Cortex. In January last year, the Rustic Wood Sign Make and Take project changed everything. From there on out, the Make and Take Projects have been a huge draw in the makerspace. Projects change every two weeks. Once people pop in to participate in those, their interest peaks in the other equipment, so the Cricut and 3D Printers, especially, have increased in popularity.

Story continues on page 12...

Changes to Mobile Hotspot Hold Policy

To ensure that the maximum number of people have access to the library’s mobile hotspots, the Kendallville Public Library Board of Trustees has decreased the amount of time that these devices can sit on the hold shelf. Beginning March 1, patrons will have three (3) days to pick up their mobile hotspot, once they have been notified that it is available for them.

The previous length of time was seven days. This change will allow the large number of people waiting on a hotspot to receive the device sooner.

The Kendallville Public Library has 12 mobile hotspots available for patrons to check out for a one week period. These hotspots offer unlimited data, a quick connection with no software to install, and nationwide coverage via Sprint’s mobile network (3G and 4G LTE capable). Two additional mobile hotspots can be reserved for specific dates. Those who are planning a vacation or a special event can book a hotspot anytime to ensure it will be available when they need it. To check availability and make a reservation, contact the library at 260-343-2010 or email info@kendallvillelibrary.org.

Get Connected to Make the Most of KPL’s Services

Make the most of your library experience by getting to know KPL Connect. It’s filled with quick, easy to follow online tutorials about a variety of library services. KPL Connect is simple to find - just go to www.kendallvillelibrary.org and look for the blue Tutorials tab on the right.

Some of our most popular videos are our Evergreen Indiana tutorials, which show you what’s available through your online account. The tutorial for OverDrive is used often, as well. It’s a great introduction to downloading audiobooks and ebooks right to your mobile device.

You can learn how to reserve a meeting room, or register for a library event. If you’re new to social media, there are tutorials for Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and Snapchat. You can even get tips on how to set up a Gmail account!

Of course, if you prefer one-on-one help, we’re here for that, too. Through Ask KPL, you can schedule a session with a technology trainer or librarian. We can offer help with a variety of things, like getting you acquainted with your new tablet, demonstrating how to use template starters, starting on your family tree… the possibilities are endless. Need help? Just contact Adult Services Manager Leah Dresser at 260-343-2017, or by email at ldresser@kendallvillelibrary.org.

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Friends of the Library Book Sales set at KPL for 2018!

The 2018 dates for Friends of the Library Book Sales at the Kendallville Public Library have been set, and the first one is THIS MONTH! Dates are March 22, 23 & 24; June 7, 8 & 9; August 16, 17 & 18; and October 25, 26 & 27. Each Thursday, the sale will be open to Friends of the Library Members Only from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. On Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the public is welcome, and the public Clearance Sale will run each Saturday from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Dates have not yet been set for sales at the Limberlost Branch.

Get more information on page 8.

Upcoming Make & Take Projects (All are FREE):

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Go to the Cortex page at www.kendallvillelibrary.org to see all the upcoming projects!
**Activities for Kids**

**Birth - Grade 5**

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**Hotel Bruce**  
By Ryan T. Higgins

Bruce and his grown-up goslings become the unwitting owners of a hotel in this hilarious sequel to *Mother Bruce*.

Bruce and the goslings spend the cold winter months in Miami. When they return from the south, they find that three fast-talking, entrepreneurial mice have turned their home into a bustling woodland hotel. Grumpy at the best of times, Bruce finds this arrangement intolerable. He doesn’t care to share his bed with a moose or be woken up by the sounds of possums pillow fighting. But when he manages to chase away his unwanted visitors, he finds that the goslings miss them.

Curriculum Connections:  
- Animal Behaviors  
- Animals  
- Predicting Outcomes  
- Problem Solving

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**Building Bridges**  
By Tammy Enz

Through simple text and engaging photographs, readers learn about bridges and the science behind them.

Experiment with building paper trusses and testing them by following the step-by-step instructions illustrated in the book. What type of bridge will span across long distances? Find out, and build one using cardboard, textbooks, straws, and string!

The author is a civil engineer and has written dozens of engineering and science books for young people. Other books in the *Young Engineers* series are: *Building Structures and Towers*, *Building Vehicles that Fly*, and *Building Vehicles that Roll*.

Curriculum Connections: Engineering, Scientific Experimentation

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**Preschool PLAY!**  
Mondays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10:00 a.m.  
Limerlost 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  
Before 5 President Pay seesers can earn a BSC “Bear” T-shirt!

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**MAPS Workshop**

**Tuesdays in March**  
March 6, 13, 20 & 27  
10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Kendallville Public Library

Bring the whole family - MAPS Workshops are open to all ages!

MAPS Workshops are designed for preschool children, but kids of any age are invited to attend with a parent or guardian.

Attend 3 MAPS Workshops to earn a BSC “Bear” T-shirt!

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**St. Patrick’s Day Party**  
Wear green for our big St. Patrick’s Day Party!

**Open to Grades K-5 • No Registration Needed**

**Wednesday, March 14**  
4:00 p.m.  
Kendallville Public Library

**Thursday, March 15**  
4:00 p.m.  
Limerlost Branch Library

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**Bouncy Ball and Slime Creations**

**Create your very own bouncy balls and play in slime!**

**Open to Grades K-5 • Limit 20**

**Wednesday, March 7 at 4:00 p.m.**  
Kendallville Public Library

**Thursday, March 8**  
4:00 p.m  
Limerlost Branch Library

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**Handprint & Footprint Art**

**Hands and feet become paintbrushes!**

**Open to Grades K-5 • Limit 20**

**Wednesday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m.**  
Kendallville Public Library

**Thursday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m.**  
Limerlost Branch Library

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**Thumbprint Flowers**

Welcome spring with flowers made a special way

**Open to Grades K-5 • No Registration Needed**

**Wednesday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m.**  
Kendallville Public Library

**Thursday, March 29**  
4:00 p.m.  
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*The age categories of the programs below represent a majority of the ages for which the event is intended. For specific age ranges for each event, please refer to the more detailed information found elsewhere in this newsletter.*

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**Infant/Toddler Programs**

- Preschool Play
  - 10:00 a.m. - LB
  - Mario Kart Competition
    - 4:00 p.m. - LB
- Preschool Play
  - 10:00 a.m. - LB
  - Framed Bunny Art
    - 2:00 p.m. - LB
  - St. Patrick's Day Treats
    - 4:00 p.m. - LB
- Preschool Play
  - 10:00 a.m. - LB
  - DIY Glass Bead Vase
    - 1:00 p.m. - KPL
  - DIY Foam Squishes
    - 4:00 p.m. - LB
  - Preschool Play
    - 10:00 a.m. - LB
    - Wands!
      - 4:00 p.m. - LB
    - Creative Canvas Workshop: Techniques
      - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. - KPL

**Preschool Programs**

- M.A.P.S. Workshops
  - 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. - KPL
  - Mario Kart Competition
    - 4:00 p.m. - KPL
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  - DIY Foam Squishes
    - 4:00 p.m. - KPL
  - Egg Wreath
    - 6:00 p.m. - KPL

**Elementary Programs**

- Word UP - 10:30 a.m.
  - Life & Family Services
- Pointillism Shamrock
  - 10:00 a.m. - KPL
  - Bouncy Balls & Slime Creations
    - 4:00 p.m. - LB
  - Minecraft Mania
    - 4:00 p.m. - KPL
  - Zumba & Strength Training with Maria Campos
    - 6:00 p.m. - KPL

**Teen Programs**

- Melted Crayon Flower Picture
  - 12:00 p.m. - KPL
- Handprint & Footprint Art
  - 2:00 p.m. - LB
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  - Friends of the Library Book Sale
    - Public Welcome
      - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - KPL
    - BINGO
      - 1:00 p.m. - KPL
  - Friends of the Library Book Sale
    - Clearance Sale
      - 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. - KPL
- Thumbprint Flowers
  - 4:00 p.m. - KPL

**Adult Programs**

- Pointillism Shamrock
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  - Bouncy Balls & Slime Creations
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- Handprint & Footprint Art
  - 4:00 p.m. - LB
- Thumbprint Flowers
  - 4:00 p.m. - KPL

**All Ages / Family Programs**

- Birch Tree Painting
  - 10:00 a.m. - KPL
- Cardfight Saturday
  - 10:00 a.m. - KPL
- STEAM Saturday
  - 1:00 p.m. - KPL
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Solo
By Kwame Alexander

Blade didn’t ask to be rich and famous. He was born into it. But sometimes being rich and famous isn’t all it’s cracked up to be.

Blade is the son of Rutherford Morrison, a played-out rock star and drug addict. The one good thing left in his life is his girlfriend, Chapel. However, her parents have forbidden their relationship, assuming that Blade holds the same traits and bad habits as his unreliable father.

One day Blade’s sister reveals a stunning fact and he decides to set out on a journey to Ghana, hoping to find the freedom and love he’s been searching for his entire life.

Those who enjoy books told in verse will love this title.

Read-a-like: A Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
Reviewed by Marie Kaufmann, Teen Services Manager

Star Wars: Lando
By Charles Soule and Alex Maleev

Before Lando Calrissian joined the rebellion or ran Cloud City, he made his way through the galaxy using his smooth-talking wit to swindle almost everyone he met.

This adventure begins with Lando about to steal an incredibly valuable ship. It’s a heist that is sure to land him enough credits to be set for life. It looks like it’s sure to be an easy payday until a bounty is placed on his head, and the deadliest trackers in all the galaxy set out on a mission to kill all passengers aboard the stolen ship.

Lando begins to wonder why this ship is so valuable and if he and his accomplices will even live to tell the story of this incredible robbery.

This is a must for readers who enjoy other Star Wars comics. Read-a-like: Star Wars: Darth Vader Vol. 1
Reviewed by Marie Kaufmann, Teen Services Manager

Kleiman Creative Writing Contest Awards Banquet Set for May 3
The 19th Annual Kleiman Creative Writing Contest Awards Banquet will be held at the Kendallville Event Center on Thursday, May 3. Participating students and their families will receive an invitation through their schools in April. At this event, all student authors will be recognized, and the top winners in each grade level will be announced. The cost for student meals, one guest, and teacher meals will be underwritten by the Kleiman family. Other family members are welcome to attend, and the cost will be included in the invitations. Saundra Mitchell will be the banquet’s guest speaker. You can read more about her career on the next page.

Before we get to that event, though, the books need to be turned in! The deadline for entries is coming up on Friday, March 23. Presented annually by the Kendallville Public Library, this contest is open to all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. Students write and illustrate a story book, non-fiction book, graphic novel or book of poetry. The entries will then be judged, and prizes will be awarded to the top books in each category.

All contest entries are due at the Kendallville Public Library or its Limberlost Branch in Rome City by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23. Complete contest details are available online at www.kendallvillelibrary.org. This contest is held in memory of Pearl and Isadore Kleiman. Their son, David Kleiman, and many of their grandchildren, continue to support the contest and attend the annual banquet.

Welcome Saundra Mitchell to the 19th Annual Kleiman Creative Writing Contest Awards Banquet
Saundra Mitchell is the award-winning author of Shadowed Summer, The Vespertine, The Springsweet, The Elementals and Mistwalker. In non-fiction, she wrote the They Did What!? series for middle grade readers. She’s also the editor of the YA anthology Defy the Dark. In 2018, HarlequinTEEN will publish her next anthology, All Out. Writing as Jessa Holbrook, she published her first romantic contemporary YA with Razorbill, While You’re Away. In summer 2014, she debuted Wild, her first YA novel writing as Alex Mallory.

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New Release Fiction:
- Accidental Heroine by Danielle Steel
- Alternate Side by Anna Quindlen
- As You Wish by Jude Deveraux
- The Bishop’s Pawn by Steve Berry
- Burn Bright by Patricia Briggs
- Caribbean Rings by Randy Wayne White
- Closer Than You Know by Brad Parks
- Covert Game by Christine Feehan
- Clonemaster by Candice Fox
- A Dangerous Game by Heather Graham
- The Darling Dahlias and the Unlucky Clover by Susan Wittig Albert
- The Disappeared by C.J. Box
- Duel to the Death by Judith A. Jance
- The Escape Artist by Brad Meltzer
- Every Note Played by Lisa Genova
- Fade to Black by David Rosenfelt
- If Love by Terri Blackstock
- In Places Hidden by Tracie Peterson
- The Killing Conspiracy by Joel C. Rosenberg
- Plum Tea Crazy by Laura Childs
- The Punishment She Deserves by Elizabeth George
- Red Alert by James Patterson
- The Rising Sea by Clive Cussler
- The River House by Carla Neggers
- Sweet Vengeance by Fern Michaels
- The Third Victim by Philip Margolin
- To Die But Once by Jacqueline Winspear
- Truth to Tell by Fern Michaels
- The Woman Left Behind by Linda Howard

New Playaways:
- The Bishop’s Pawn by Steve Berry
- Duel to the Death by J.A. Jance
- Fifty by Candice Fox, James Patterson
- Hello Stranger by Lisa Kleypas
- Murder Beyond the Grave by James Patterson
- The Simple Truth by David Baldacci
- The Take by Christopher Reich
- The Third Victim by Philip Margolin

New Release Non-Fiction:
- Food is the Solution by Matthew Prescott
- I’ll Be Gone in the Dark by Michelle McNamara
- I’ve Got My Eyes on You by Joanne Fluke
- My Heart Belongs in Niagara Falls, New York by Amanda Barratt
- The Hateful Eight on Long by Debbie Burns
- Plum Tea Crazy by Laura Childs
- Our Father by Pope Francis
- The Little Book of Feminist Saints by Julia Pierpont
- Mommy Burnout by Sheryl G. Ziegler
- Our Father by Pope Francis
- Russian Roulette by Michael Isikoff
- Shadows by Neil Gaiman
- Unconditional Love by Jane Iyay
- Where There’s Hope by Elizabeth A. Smart

Large Print:
- As You Wish by Jude Deveraux
- The Ballad of Black Bart by Loren D. Estleman
- Beneath the Summer Sun by Kelly Irvin
- A Breath of Hope by Lauraine Snelling
- A Dangerous Game by Heather Graham
- The Darling Dahlias and the Unlucky Clover by Susan Wittig Albert
- The Duchess: Camilla Parker Bowles and the Love Affair That Rocked the Crown by Penny Junor
- Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House by Michael Wolff
- Our Father by Pope Francis
- The Reluctant Saint by Susan Howatch

New Release Movies:
- Acts of Violence
- Clapper
- Ferdinand
- I, Tonya
- Justice League
- Lady Bird
- Last Men in Aleppo
- The Man Who Invented Christmas
- Pitch Perfect 3
- Scorched Earth
- Small Town Crime
- Thor: Ragnarok
- The Vanishing of Sidney Hall
- Wonder Wheel

TV Series on DVD:
- Curb Your Enthusiasm (Season 9)
- Fear the Walking Dead (Seasons 1-3)
- The Good Fight
- The Handmaid’s Tale (Season 1)
- In the Heart of the Sea
- Major Crimes (Season 6)
- Parks and Recreation
- Star Trek: Voyager
- This Is Us
- The Walking Dead: World Beyond
- Wolf’s Rain

PBS on DVD:
- Agatha Christie’s Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express
- Christopher Kimball’s Milk Street
- Frontline: Putin’s Revenge
- Frontline: North Korea’s Deadly Dictator
- Frontline: Secrets of the Six Wives
- Frontline: The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses
- Frontline: The Last of the Bradfords
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Monthly Adult Events:
- Zumba with Maria Campos - Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15 & 22 and Mondays, March 12 & 19 at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville Library
- Ask KPL - Call or email for an appointment - 343-2017 or ldresser@kendallvillelibrary.org

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Coming up in April at the Kendallville Public Library:

**STEM Secrets on Wednesday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m. - KPL**
Join us and take on STEM challenges! All supplies are provided. This event is open to children in grades K-5, and is limited to the first 30 who sign up. Call 343-2010 to register, or use our online event calendar at www.kendallvillelibrary.org. This event will also be held on Thursday, April 5 at the Limberlost Branch.

**Pourable Painted Canvas on Thursday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. - KPL**
How do you make art easy, but beautiful? Pour it! This free event is open to adults age 18 and up. Registration is required, as space is limited. To sign up, call 343-2010 or use the online event calendar at www.kendallvillelibrary.org.

**Painted Garden Markers on Thursday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. - KPL**
Think spring, and make these cute garden markers to pretty up your plants. This free event is open to adults age 18 and up. Registration is required, as space is limited. To sign up, call 343-2010 or use the online event calendar at www.kendallvillelibrary.org.

**Painting Feathers on Wednesday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m. - LB**
Let’s try painting on a completely different type of canvas...feathers! This free event is open to adults age 18 and up. Registration is required, as space is limited. To sign up, call 854-2775 or use the online event calendar at www.kendallvillelibrary.org.

**Star Wars Origami on Thursday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. - LB**
May the Fourth be with you! Celebrate Star Wars day by creating origami. This free event is open to children in grades K-5. Registration is not needed. This event will also be held on Wednesday, April 25 at the Kendallville Public Library.

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With all this and more going on, the staff is definitely busy. Without even taking into account our online users and the more than 20,000 affected by our outreach, nearly 194,000 people visited our main library in Kendallville and our branch in Rome City last year. That’s a lot of traffic into the buildings, but we’re up to the challenge.

If you have suggestions for services or items that you’d like to see available in the library, we would love to hear from you! Call us at 343-2010 or send an email to info@kendallvillelibrary.org. You can also message us on Facebook. Share your ideas!