We have had an amazing 2014, and we owe it all to YOU!

Look inside for our special thank you to those who have donated their time, talent or treasure to the Kendallville Public Library.
Staff Spotlight
Meet IT Manager Jerrod Leatherman

Jerrod Leatherman may have just joined the KPL family earlier this summer, but he definitely hit the ground running.

In just a few months time, he has purchased 15 new computers to replace the relics in the computer labs at both libraries, has solved many staff computer troubles, has purchased a 3D printer and continues to seek out new technology for staff and public use.

“As IT Manager I have the opportunity to introduce new technology to the library, making both the patron and staff experience more enjoyable and productive,” said Jerrod. “On a day-to-day basis I try to stop technology malfunctions before they occur and fix those that slip by.”

Jerrod said he believes everyone should have access to all the information they need to be successful in anything they do, and there is no better place to go for information than a library. Before coming to KPL, Jerrod worked at the Noble County Public Library where he learned that he loved working with technology. He’s currently an Information Technology student at IPFW.

When he’s not working, seeking out innovative technology or studying, Jerrod enjoys riding his bike for miles, canoeing, kayaking, running, hiking, and “basically anything adventurous,” he said.

That adventurous spirit carries over to the job, where he is willing to try the latest technology, explore innovative solutions and dive into new projects with dedication.

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Planning to shop on Amazon.com for Christmas? Access the site through the library’s website at www.kendallvillelibrary.org. When you do, the library will receive up to 15% of your purchase price. That’s all it takes to buy your gifts and donate to the library at the same time. Need help finding the Amazon.com link? Hover over the “Support” tab and click on “Amazon.com.”

If you would like to simply give a gift to the library, you can make a donation online via credit or debit card at www.kendallvillelibrary.org. Click on the “Donate Now” link in the “Support” tab.
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...and a huge thank you and an apology to anyone we may have missed. We appreciate you!

What: Red Cross Blood Drive
When: Monday, December 29
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Where: Kendallville Public Library

The American Red Cross needs to increase its blood supplies, and you can help. In exchange, you will receive a free book of your choice AND a mini 3D-printed gift, while supplies last.

To donate, simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. All blood types are needed. A blood donor card, driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Students as young as 16 can donate blood in Indiana with parental consent, but have to meet height and weight requirements.
Mister Bud Wears the Cone
By Carter Goodrich

**Mister Bud Wears the Cone** by Carter Goodrich is a hilarious picture book about two dogs: one named Mister Bud and one named Zorro. Mister Bud is forced to wear the dreaded cone and it interferes with all of his favorite activities like eating, playing, and eating some more. The entire time he struggles, the other dog laughs at him and teases him a little bit. This book is so funny because of the text and the pictures, but it also has a great lesson to be learned about doing the right thing.

Reviewed by Leah Dresser, Children’s Librarian

How to Lose a Lemur
Written and illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon

This tale about a boy and some extra friendly and determined animals begins with a curious fact: “Everyone knows that once a lemur takes a liking to you, there is not much that can be done about it.”

When a lemur takes a liking to the little boy in the story, we find out how true this is. Page by page, more and more lemurs start following the boy, hoping to be his friend. The boy jumps on a train, treks across the desert, and braves the arctic cold to escape his pesky new friends. But, one by one, they follow him until he has traveled so very far that he can’t find the way back home. Luckily, his new friends may be able to help guide him back.

This is a sweet story about friendship and finding the good in people (and lemurs). It features beautiful, colorful illustrations by the author, a recipient of the prestigious Sendak Fellowship for illustrators and artists. This is a great read that is sure to make kids smile.

Reviewed by Sarah Buuck, Early Childhood Assistant

Kleiman Creative Writing Contest
4th, 5th & 6th Grades

Information is online now about the 16th annual Kleiman Creative Writing Contest. Find it online at www.kendallvillelibrary.org.

Book Buddies
Tuesday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. at KPL
Thursday, December 18 at 1:00 p.m. at LPL
Reading and Writing Activities for ages 3 to 6 and caregivers.
**Merry Christmas**

Have a great time at our Christmas Party!

**Monday, December 22 at 2:30 p.m.**
Kendallville Public Library
Open to Grades K-5
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

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**Christmas Party**
with a visit from Santa Claus

**Thursday, December 18**
5:00 p.m.

Join us for this fun and festive celebration!

Limberlost Public Library

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**Computer Art**

**Wednesday, December 17**
3:30 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Recycle old computer parts into works of art!

Open to Grades K-5

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**Merry Christmas**

Come and make Christmas Cards for your family and friends!

**Wednesday, December 3**
3:30 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library
Open to Grades K-5
Limberlost Public Library
Open to All Ages

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**Catch up on Preschool Class activities at:**
kplkidscorner.wordpress.com

**Discover hidden treasures within the library at:**
kplbookaneers.blogspot.com

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**CRAZY 8's club**

Math and Mischief at the Limberlost Branch!

6-28 mph

Hands-on learning that gets kids fired up about math.

Over-the-top fun with friends each week.

Approved by the kids for K-2 grade.

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
Mondays at 6:15 p.m.
December 1, 8, 15 & 22
Limberlost Public Library

Come along for the ride!

www.8m8club.org

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**Disney's The Santa Clause**

Rated PG

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Runs 1 hour 37 min.

Family Movie at the Limberlost Public Library
Wednesday, December 10 at 4:00 p.m.

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**LEGO Club**

Mondays
December 1, 8, & 15
3:30 p.m.

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Minecraft Mania - 5:30 p.m. - KPL  
Creative Writing Workshop - 6:00 p.m. - KPL  
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American Sign Language - 6:00 p.m. - KPL  
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Zumba for Teens - 5:00 p.m. - LPL  
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Fun 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. - LPL  
Homeschool Hub: Circuits 1:00 p.m. - KPL  
Computer Art 3:30 p.m. - KPL |
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Christmas Party - 2:30 p.m. - KPL  
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’Tis the Season: Movie Night 4:00 p.m. - KPL  
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**Infant/Toddler Programs**

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**Additional Events**

- **Cardfight Saturday**
  - 10:00 a.m. - KPL

- **Anime Day**
  - 4:00 p.m. - KPL

- **Library Closing at 4:00 p.m.**

- **Christmas Cards**
  - 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. - LPL
  - Season’s Sweetings
  - 5:00 p.m. - LPL
  - iPad App Pack - 7:00 p.m. - KPL

- **Book Buddies**
  - 1:00 p.m. - LPL
  - Book-a-Librarian - 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. - LPL
  - ’Tis the Season for a Christmas Movie
  - 5:00 p.m. - LPL
  - Christmas Party - 5:00 p.m. - LPL
  - Novel Conversations: Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
  - 6:30 p.m.
  - Joanna’s DeNalicious Treats/Summer’s Stories
  - iPad App Pack - 7:00 p.m. - KPL

- **Handmade Holiday**
  - 5:00 p.m. - LPL
  - iPad App Pack
  - 7:00 p.m. - KPL

- **Book-a-Librarian**
  - 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. - LPL

- **Season’s Sweetings**
  - 5:00 p.m. - LPL

- **iPad App Pack**
  - 7:00 p.m. - KPL

- **Christmas Cards**
  - 3:30 p.m. - KPL & LPL

- **Fun & Free Children’s Books!**
  - 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. - LPL

- **Friendship Food Pantry, Kendallville**

- **Homeschool Hub: Circuits**
  - 1:00 p.m. - KPL

- **Computer Art**
  - 3:30 p.m. - KPL

- **Anime Day**
  - 4:00 p.m. - KPL

- **Handmade Holiday**
  - 5:00 p.m. - LPL

- **iPad App Pack**
  - 7:00 p.m. - KPL

- **Winter Art**
  - 1:00 p.m. - KPL

- **Book-a-Librarian**
  - 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. - LPL

- **Season’s Sweetings**
  - 5:00 p.m. - LPL

- **iPad App Pack**
  - 7:00 p.m. - KPL

- **Library Closing for Christmas Day**

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- **Library Closing for New Year’s Day**

- **Library Closed for Christmas Day**

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- **Kendallville Public Library**
Of Neptune: Syrena Legacy Series
By Anna Banks

‘Tis the season’ for surprises! Author Anna Banks came out with a third book called Of Neptune to conclude her Syrena Legacy Series. In my opinion, if you love the Twilight Series and you have an open mind, you will love the Syrena Legacy Series. Instead of a power struggle and love story between humans, vampires and werewolves.... imagine it being between humans, full blooded mermaids (aka Syrena) and half breeds (half human and half Syrena). If you have read the first two books (Of Poseidon and Of Triton), you will understand why Emma (who is a half breed) and Galen (the prince of the Syrena) need time away from the Poseidon and Triton kingdoms.

Emma’s grandfather’s secret leads them to a small town called Neptune; which is home to both half-breeds and Syrena. Emma thought she was the only half breed alive! The kingdoms recognize half breeds as abominations so what do you think will happen if the “Royals” find out about the secret place of Neptune? The only reason Emma is still alive is because her mom is the Poseidon Princess and Emma herself is Prince Galen’s love. What seemed to be a good idea for a relaxing getaway turns into an emotional roller coaster that could essentially end Emma and Galen’s relationship. Will their relationship be torn apart by the power struggle of the different kingdoms or will another half breed steal Emma’s heart away? I wouldn’t want to ruin the ending of the story for you, but I highly recommend reading this dramatic thriller that will keep you on your toes!

Reviewed by Kiaya Martin, LPL Teen Clerk

Snow Like Ashes
By Sara Raasch

Fear is a seed that, once planted, never stops growing. Sixteen years ago, the Winter kingdom was taken over by Spring. Only twenty-five people escaped, two of whom were babies; Meira, an orphan girl, and Mather, the future king of Winter. The only hope to take down Angra, the king of Spring who gives Hitler a run for his money, is to retrieve both halves of Winter’s magic conduit.

Meira is desperate to prove her worth. To matter to Winter. To matter to Sir. If only General Sir would appreciate Meira as the soldier she knows she can be. First, Meira will have to conquer the fear in her heart and discover who she is beyond what she’s been told.

Reviewed by Rose Benjamin, Teen Assistant
We haven’t planned any STEAM Punks in December, but look for more electrifying fun in January!
Adult Programs and Services

Adult Programs Continuing Monthly:

- Creative Writing on Tuesdays, December 2, 9 & 16
  6:00 p.m. at the Kendallville Public Library

- American Sign Language on Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16 & 23
  6:00 p.m. at the Kendallville Public Library

- Book-a-Librarian at the Limberlost Public Library
  Thursdays, December 4 & 18 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

- iPad App Pack
  Thursdays, December 4, 11 & 18
  7:00 p.m.
  Kendallville Public Library

- Novel Conversations:
  **Unbroken** by Laura Hillenbrand
  Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.
  Joanna’s Dealicious Treats

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**The KPL Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre Presents...**

**MURDER at the Ugly Christmas Sweater Party**

Your story begins at the Snowflake Lodge for its annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. Hunt up your tackiest holiday sweater and don’t miss this event!

**Friday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

Kendallville Public Library

$5 Fee • Register at the Adult Reference Desk

Bring a side dish to share!
December Book Releases:

Love Song by Elizabeth Lowell
Collision by Mercedes Lackey
Woman With a Gun by Phillip Margolin
Hush by Karen Robards
You Know Who Killed Me by Loren D. Estleman
Dogwood Hill by Sherryl Woods
The Assassination Option by W.E.B. Griffin
Die Again by Tess Gerritsen
Saving Grace by Jane Green
Robert B. Parker's The Bridge by Robert Knott

December DVD Releases:

As Above, So Below
Dawn of the Planet of the Apes
Guardians of the Galaxy
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
This is Where I Leave You

Get in the holiday spirit with these Christmas movies on DVD:
Love's Christmas Journey
The Christmas Ornament
A Very Merry Mix-Up
Christmas Candle
Hallmark Holiday Collection
Lifetime Holiday Collection

Here’s how to participate, and get your chance to win the Grand Prize: a Kindle Fire!

In January, pick up a reading record bookmark, read at least one book and record it on your bookmark. Want to read more? Cross off a snowflake for each additional book you read and you’ll earn more Grand Prize Drawing entries.

For February/March, pick up a second reading record bookmark, read at least one book and record it on your bookmark. Want to earn more Grand Prize Drawing entry? Write a short description of your favorite winter memory.

We’re giving away additional prizes when you turn in your bookmarks, so read and reap the rewards!

Monday Morning Coupon Clipper

Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Clip, Sort, and Save!

Limberlost Public Library

Hoosiers & Their Hooch
Perspectives on Prohibition Art Exhibit

November 10 through December 10

Take a trip through the rise and fall of prohibition.

Exhibit Sponsored by:
ATTENTION!

Parents of children ages 0-5

Bring your kids and join us for FUN & FREE CHILDREN’S BOOKS!
LEAP of Noble County and the Kendallville Public Library are
hosting a fun workshop to provide families with fun, free
activities, along with free children’s books to help build up your
child’s library!

WHEN: Wednesday, December 17th 12:00-1:00pm
WHERE: Friendship Food Pantry, Kendallville

QUESTIONS?
Give us a call at (260) 636-7011