Our new community project is as FUN as a box of rocks!

Don’t think simple stones can be fun?

Read about Rambling Rocks on page 2 to see just how perfectly pleasant playing with pebbles can be!
Here’s how to be part of Rambling Rocks:

Step 1: Come to the free event on April 17 and paint rocks (all supplies provided).

Step 2: Hide the rocks all over Noble County.

Step 3: Get to know the Cricut Explore and create your own unique look-and-find activity, which will reach across the county to encourage family time, outdoor play and even creativity. Sharing your experiences on social media will also ignite the curiosity of others who want to participate, too.

Upcoming Make & Take Projects (All are FREE):

**Kendallville Public Library**
- **April 17 through April 29**: Charged Charms

**Limberlost Branch in Rome City**
- **March 31**: Geometric Art

**Library Board Approves Adjustments to Mobile Hotspot, Weather Closing Policies**

The Kendallville Public Library Board of Trustees approved adjustments to two library policies at its meeting on March 14.

Under the new mobile hotspot policy, patrons who return the item late three times in a six-month period, which result in overdue fees, will be prevented from checking out and/or placing a hold on the device for 60 days.

The library’s 12 mobile hotspots can be checked out to patrons age 13 and up for 7 days and may be renewed 1 time if there are no holds. Checkout is limited to 1 device per patron and once the device is returned the patron may be placed on the hold list at their request. Overdue hotspots will incur a fee of $2.00 per day, with no grace period, up to $10.00. Devices that are more than 1 day overdue will be deactivated and fines will accumulate until the device is returned.

The board adjusted the library’s inclement weather policy, as well, so that the library is more likely to be open in the event of bad weather. When a “Warning” local travel advisory is in effect, all library facilities will close. Under a “Watch” local travel advisory, the library will open at noon if the travel advisory is issued prior to the library’s normal hours of operation. If this level is issued after the library is open, the director will make the call on whether the libraries should close or remain open. When an “Advisory” local travel advisory issued, the library will operate as normal.

The library makes every effort to notify patrons of changes in its schedule due to inclement weather. The library’s Facebook and Twitter pages and website at www.kendallvillelibrary.org are updated with new information (as long as power outages are not an issue). The library also contacts local radio station 95.5 FM The Hawk, and Fort Wayne TV stations ABC21 and NewsChannel 15.

Complete details on these policies, and all library policies, are available online at www.kendallvillelibrary.org or can be requested at the library.

**Library News to Know**

**Race Car Count** by Rebecca Kai Dottitch
**Grumpy Pants** by Claire Messer
**Best in Snow** by April Pulley Sayre
**Don’t Wake Up Tiger** by Britta Teckentrup

**Firefly Awards...Vote This Month!**

Starting in April, 39 libraries in Evergreen Indiana will begin sharing DVDs! Until now, you’ve only had the ability to request books, audio books and magazines be sent from other libraries to your home library. Now, that’s expanded to nearly 100,000 DVDs and Blu-rays, including feature films, TV series and non-fiction DVDs. KPL began sharing its DVDs on March 27.

This is a pilot program, so if you’re excited about this service be sure to use it! Not all libraries in Evergreen Indiana are participating. That means if you attempt to place a hold on a DVD and the hold doesn’t go through, it’s likely because the library that owns that DVD is not participating in the pilot.

Be aware that any DVDs sent from other libraries will count toward the maximum checkout of 10 DVDs per person.

**Firefly Awards...Vote This Month!**

Children up through age 5 can vote for their favorite book to become the 2017 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award recipient. All of the following books have been nominated by Indiana librarians because they possess strong child appeal, support at least three of the Every Child Ready to Read® practices of Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing or Playing and have artistic quality with text that supports the illustrations.

The nominees are:
- **Race Car Count** by Rebecca Kai Dottitch
- **Grumpy Pants** by Claire Messer
- **Best in Snow** by April Pulley Sayre
- **Don’t Wake Up Tiger** by Britta Teckentrup
- **Music Class Today!** by David Weinestone

Children who are age 5 or under as of May 1, 2017 are encouraged to vote all through the month of April at the Kendallville Public Library and its Limberlost Branch in Rome City. Kids, with the help of a parent or caregiver, should pick up a ballot at the library. The parent or caregiver should ask the child to point to their favorite book, and then circle the picture of the book to mark their vote. Turn in the ballot at the library, because every vote counts! The winner will be announced on May 22.

**Big Announcement for DVD Watchers!**

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Activities for Kids
Birth - Grade 5

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea!
By Ben Clanton

Ben Clanton, self-proclaimed story-scribbler and picture-squiggler, is the author and illustrator of many children's books on a range of topics, from self-setting tableware to voting. His latest book, Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea, is the first in a series about an unlikely friendship between a narwhal and a jellyfish. Clanton's books are whimsical and hilarious. His simple illustrations capture complex emotions while giving the reader a good belly laugh.

When Narwhal meets a cynical jellyfish, a problem occurs. Jelly doesn't think Narwhal is real and Narwhal doesn't think Jelly is real. After trying to convince each other that they are real (while thinking the other is imaginary), they both agree on one thing...they are friends! Join Narwhal and Jelly as they discuss facts about their species, search for Narwhal's pod and use their imaginations to create The Best Book Ever!

You can find this book in the Kid Art Graphic section under Narwhal. Other books by Ben Clanton are located in the picture book section under KID PIC CLA.

Reviewed by Haley Downer, Children's Assistant

Sounds All Around
By Wendy Pfeffer
Illustrated by Anna Chernyshova

If you're looking for a great way to introduce children to the concept of sound, this is the book! Sounds All Around is a great new addition to our collection, but has been in print since 1998. This reissue has beautiful, colorful illustrations from illustrator Anna Chernyshova, and is part of the Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science Series.

Have a blast clattering pans, snapping your fingers and clapping your hands! Sounds All Around invites readers not only to make different noises, but to understand how they are made. It's all about vibrations! The colorful pages smartly illustrate how sound waves (although we can't see them) move through solids, liquids and the air to our ears where tiny bones vibrate to allow us to hear.

Readers will learn how humans and animals use sounds to communicate. Do you know how a bat uses echoes? How do people use echoes? Can a sound be measured?

A glossary is incorporated in the back of the book, and to make sound even more fun, a Sounds Matching Game suggestion is included, along with ideas for kids to further explore sounds.

We have several other titles in our collection that will complement this book. Many titles suggest experiments that you can do with your child to enhance their understanding of the concept of sound. Come on in and check them out!

Reviewed by Kim Angell, Children's Assistant

M.A.P.S. Workshops are open to all ages!

Attend 3 M.A.P.S. Workshops to earn a BABE Voucher.

Playtime at the KPL Kids' Diner!

A new, fun, self-directed play station is back in the KPL Children's Department in April. We're turning the play area into a diner!

All through the month, kids will be able to learn valuable play skills by trying new things. Here they can cook and serve food, and even create craft pizzas to take home.

The diner will include:
- Play food recipes and a table to practice setting
- A sandwich-making station and a food group sorting activity
- A pizza topping craft station (for our Make & Take craft pizza project)

The kids will just think they're having fun, but they're really learning numbers, colors, manners, words, motor skills and more!

Bring the whole family…

M.A.P.S. Workshops are open to all ages!

DVD Mosaics

Open to Grades K-3
Registration Required - Space is Limited

Room Decor

Open to Grades K-3
Registration Required - Space is Limited

Fish Bowl Candles

Open to Grades K-3
Registration Required - Space is Limited

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**April 2017**

*at the Kendallville Public Library and its Limberlost Branch*

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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.*
Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children: The Movie
Directed by Tim Burton

If you have read this novel and loved it, do not watch this movie. I repeat, do not watch this movie. However, if you have not read the book, I think this movie could be quite entertaining for you.

Jacob Portman lives in sunny Florida. While babysitting him as a child, his grandfather, Abe, told him stories of living in a house filled with children who have peculiar powers. One evening, Abe calls Jacob in a panic asking him for help. Jacob immediately leaves his job at the supermarket to come to his grandfather’s aid. He finds his grandfather bloodied in the backyard and near death. With his last breaths, Abe tells Jacob to travel to the island of Cairnholm to help the peculiar children from the tales.

Jacob’s family thinks he is crazy to believe in such fantasies, but eventually Jacob convinces them that the only way for him to recover from his own issues is by taking a trip to the source of the problem...Cairnholm.

This is where fans of the book will want to scream at the screen. Tim Burton’s love for the eerie is on full display in this picture, which is visually perfect for the aesthetic of the story, but his imagination, in my opinion, destroys the narrative. Ultimately, Burton’s unwillingness to direct sequels is what really undoes the film for lovers of the book series. However, for those going into this story with unobscured notions, the movie should be a fun and enjoyable ride, filled with creepy scenes of wonderment.

Reviewed by Marie Kaufmann, Teen Services Manager

Through the Woods
By Emily Carroll

This collection of five short graphic tales is utterly bone-chilling. The collection is prefaced with the memory of a girl reading stories in bed late at night. She reminiscences about the times when she was finished reading and had to turn off the light. In this moment, she was always afraid of what might lurk beyond the bed and grab her if she dared to close her eyes.

This theme manifests itself through each of the five stories, but instead of wondering what lies under the bed, readers are concerned with what monsters reside in the woods. Each story is haunting in its own way, mainly because the readers’ imaginations are left to decide what happens to the characters in the end. The five stories are beautifully designed with words that flow through dramatic pictures in a way that adds to the intensity of each story. This is a must read for fans of the macabre.

Read-a-like: Lumberjanes Vol. 1: Beware the Kitten Holy
By Noelle Stevenson
Reviewed by Marie Kaufmann, Teen Services Manager
New Release Fiction:

- All by Myself, Alone by Mary Higgins Clark
- Any Day Now by Robyn Carr
- Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Strout
- Beartown by Fredrik Backman
- The Burial Hour by Jeffery Deaver
- Burnstown by Jennifer McMahon
- The Ebb Tide by Beverly Lewis
- Fallout by Sara Paretsky
- Fast and Loose by Stuart Woods
- The Fix by David Baldacci
- Golden Prey by John Sandford
- High Stakes by Fern Michaels
- The Horse Dancer by Jojo Moyes
- The Lost Order by Steve Berry
- Music of the Ghosts by Vaddey Ratner
- The Night the Lights Went Out by Karen White
- No Easy Target by Iris Johansen
- One Perfect Lie by Lisa Scottoline
- The Red Hunter by Lisa Unger
- The Shadow Land by Elizabeth Kostova
- Song of the Lion by Anne Hillerman
- Two from the Heart by James Patterson

New Release Movies:

- American Experience: The Great War
- The Bye Bye Man
- Detroit
- Don’t Hang Up
- Don’t Kill It
- Hidden Figures
- La La Land
- Lion
- Monster Trucks
- Office Christmas Party
- Patriots’ Day
- Rogue One
- Rumble Fish
- Silence
- Split
- Underworld: Blood Wars
- Walking with the Enemy
- War on Everyone

Monthly Adult Events:

- Zumba with Maria Campos - Mondays, April 3 & 24 and Thursdays, April 6, 13 & 27 at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- BINGO - Fridays, April 7 & 21 at 1:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- Cook It Right: Meatless Meals - Wednesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- Creative Writing Workshop - Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- Beginning Zentangle with Jane Rhea - Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- Creative Canvas Workshop: Black & White Forest - Monday, April 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Limberlost

Ask KPL - Call or email for an appointment - 343-2017 or ldresser@kendallvillelibrary.org
Writing Contest Winners Announced April 27

All entries in the 18th Annual Kleiman Creative Writing Contest have been received, and winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kendallville Event Center.

The books, written and illustrated by students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, are in the process of being judged. They will be bound as a keepsake, and returned to the author at the Awards Banquet. Families of students who participate in the contest are invited to the banquet, and should receive an invitation through their child’s school. All reservations are due to the library by Tuesday, April 20. If you have not received an invitation and the deadline is approaching, please contact Marie Kaufmann, KPL Teen Services Manager, at 260-343-2023 or mkaufmann@kendallvillelibrary.org.

The guest speaker at the banquet will be author J. Scott Savage (more information about him is available below). The cost of two meals per family, for the student and one guest, will be underwritten by the Kleiman family. Teacher meals are paid for, as well. Other guests are welcome to join for $7.00 per person. Cash or checks (made out to the Kendallville Public Library) are accepted.

J. Scott Savage is the author of seventeen published novels including the Farworld series, the Case File 13 series, and the Mysteries of Cove series.

Zombie Kid, the first book in the Case File 13 series, received a starred Kirkus review. It was a Junior Library Guild selection, a Barnes & Noble select book, and an Amazon book of the month.

The first book in the Mysteries of Cove series, Fires of Invention, received a Starred Publishers Weekly review. It was recently named as a 2017-18 Young Hoosier Award nominee. Gears of Revolution is a 2016 Cybils award nominee.

Scott has visited over 1400 elementary schools talking about reading, writing, creativity and changing the world.