Where can a child experience this sense of wonder and excitement? At a M.A.P.S. Workshop!

Kids think they’re just having fun at M.A.P.S. Workshops, but shhhhh.... they’re learning, too.

Read more on Page 2.
of doing on his or her own, and when the parent needs to step in and offer some assistance,” explained Children’s Assistant Kim Angell, who hosts the evening M.A.P.S. Workshops. The main goal of the M.A.P.S. Workshops is to prepare kids for school. When they go into Kindergarten, they are expected to do quite a few things independently. Building fine motor skills like cutting, pasting, manipulating and moving items for math are all things that can be honed in the library’s events. But that’s not all the benefits kids get. “It’s important that the kids understand what cutting does, and not just to cut something exactly like someone else does or mimic what someone else has made,” said Munk. “It allows for more creativity, and for parent-child connectedness. We know that attending storytime one hour a week isn’t going to make a huge difference, but it does make a huge difference if it’s then modeled and mimicked at home.”
Activities for Kids
Birth - Grade 5

Pip’s Trip
By Janet Morgan Stoeke
Midge, Pip, and Dot are hens that live on Loopy Coop Farm. They are good friends who watch the farmer leave and come back every day in his truck. Pip wonders where the farmer goes, and tries to talk her friends into getting in the back of the truck to find out. Midge and Dot may not be ready to explore life outside of the farm, but Pip wants to see the “wide world,” and jumps in the back of the truck, hides, and waits. The truck is scary and loud, but Pip is brave. The funny twist is…the truck never goes anywhere! Go along for the ride and see what Pip sees!

Curriculum Connections:
• Making and confirming predictions
• Relationship between illustrations and text
• Compare and contrast adventures and experiences of characters in stories

Blue vs. Yellow
By Tom Sullivan
Two crucial colors, one epic battle! Welcome one and all to the fight of the century, Blue versus Yellow. Which one is better? Who will become the champion? With a clever twist, see if Blue and Yellow join forces or go their separate ways forever.

Curriculum connections:
• Colors
• Making comparisons

STEM Secrets
Up for a challenge? Let’s talk on some STEM skills!

Open to Grades K-5
Registration Required
Call or register online at kendallvillelibrary.org

Wednesday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library
Limit: 25 - Call 837-2773

LED Paper Flowers

Open to Grades K-5 - Limit 30
Call or register online at kendallvillelibrary.org

Wednesday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library
Call 837-2015 to Sign Up

Thursday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m.
Limberlost Branch Library
Call 837-2178 to Sign Up

LED Paper Flowers

Open to Grades K-5 - No Registration Needed

Wednesday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Thursday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m.
Limberlost Branch Library

Word UP
FREE Family Movies at the Strand!
Saturday, April 14
10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 28
10:00 a.m.
Admission is FREE paid by the Wonul program of the Kendallville
Public Library through a grant from the United Way of Noble County.
Come early for some fun family activities!

Bird Houses
Monday, April 9
4:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Make it uniquely yours!

Open to Grades K-5
Limit 25
Register online at kendallvillelibrary.org or by calling 837-2010

Preschool PLAY!
Mondays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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
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Kleiman Creative Writing Contest Awards Announced May 3

The deadline for entries in the Kleiman Creative Writing Contest has passed, and now judging is underway! Currently, books are being processed, judged, and bound in preparation for the annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 3 at the Kendallville Event Center. All participating students and their families will receive invitations through their school this month. The top winners in each grade level will be announced at that event, and the list will be available on the library’s website after the banquet.

Now in its 19th year, the Kleiman Creative Writing 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 are judged, and prizes are awarded to the top books in each category. 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.

Banquet attendees will also have the chance to meet author Saundra Mitchell. She will be the guest speaker at the event. She’s the award-winning author of several fiction and non-fiction books, primarily in the Young Adult category. She has also worked as a screenwriter and executive producer for a film company. More than 400 movies were made from her screenplays, and she’s been eligible for an Academy Award ten times in her career. She will entertain the audience with her story, and talk about how she enjoys “making stuff up for a living.”

Readers of emotionally intense realistic fiction will enjoy this novel.

Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation
By Damian Duffy

Dana is a young black woman living in California during the 1970s. While celebrating her 26th birthday, she starts to feel strange and is transported to the pre-Civil War south. Rufus, a plantation owner’s son, is drowning and Dana believes she has been summoned to rescue him. She is drawn back repeatedly through time to the slave quarters at the plantation. Each time she returns, the stay grows longer and more dangerous. Will Dana be able to return from the ante-bellum south every time she is sent there, or will her journey end before it even begins?

This graphic novel is filled with frightening and compelling moments. Don’t let this one pass by without a read.

Readers of sci-fi and historical fiction graphic novels will love this book.

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Read-a-like: Exit, Pursued by a Bear by E.K. Johnston
Reviewed by Marie Kaufmann, Teen Services Manager

Jelly Soap

Great for Gamers at the Kendallville Public Library

Minecraft Mania!
Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
Build your world and try to survive!
Bring your device, or use one of ours.

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Use common ingredients to make soap!

Author Saundra Mitchell
New Release Fiction:
- The 17th Suspect by James Patterson
- After Anna by Lisa Scottoline
- All the Beautiful Lies by Peter Swanson
- The Cutting Edge by Jeffery Deaver
- The Eliaz by Sara Shepard
- The Father by David Baldacci
- The First Family by Daniel Palmer
- The Good Pilot Peter Woodhouse by Alexander McColl Smith
- Greeks Bearing Gifts by Philip Kerr
- Hold Back the Dark by Kay Hooper
- I've Got My Eyes on You by Mary Higgins Clark
- The Knowledge by Martha Grimes
- Macbeth by Jo Nesbo
- Miss Julia Raises the Roof by Ann B. Ross
- The Nantucket Wedding by Nancy Thayer
- Queen Anne's Lagg by Susan Wittig Albert
- Shattered Mirror by Iris Johansen
- Short Fact by Stuart Woods
- The Sixth Day by Catherine Coulter
- The Third by J.R. Ward
- Twenty-One Days by Anne Perry
- You Think It, I'll Say It by Curtis Sittenfeld

New Release Non-Fiction:
- The Clean 20 by Ian K. Smith, M.D.
- In Conclusion, Don't Worry About It by Lauren Graham
- Love Rules by Joanna Coles
- Magnolia Table by Joanna Gaines
- The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs by Stephen Brusatte
- Rocket Man by Robert Kurson

Large Print:
- The Accidental Guardian by Mary Connealy
- After Anna by Lisa Scottoline
- Antiquem Fame by Barbara Allan
- Beneath a Prairie Moon by Kim Vogel Sawyer
- Fast Falls the Night by Julia Keller
- Impossible Saints by Clarissa Harwood
- Island of Sweet Peas and Soldiers by Sara Ackerman
- Lady in Red: An Intimate Portrait of Nancy Reagan by Sheila Tate
- The Mayflower Bride by Kimberley Woodhouse
- The Melody of the Soul by Liz Tolsma
- Murder in an Irish Churchyard by Carlene O'Connor
- Queen Anne's Lagg by Susan Wittig Albert
- The Sixth Day by Catherine Coulter
- Twenty-One Days by Anne Perry

New Playaways:
- After Anna by Lisa Scottoline
- The Escape Artist by Brad Meltzer
- The First Family by Daniel Palmer
- I've Got My Eyes on You by Mary Higgins Clark
- The Nantucket Wedding by Nancy Thayer
- One Last Breath by Lisa Jackson
- The Room on Rue Amelie by Kristin Harmel
- Twisted Prey by John Sandford

TV Series on DVD:
- Chesapeake Shores (Season 2)
- Outlander (Season 3)
- Shameless (Season 8)
- Unforgotten (Season 1)
- Vice Principals (All Seasons)

New Release Movies:
- Basmati Blues
- Beast of Burden
- Call Me By Your Name
- Deep Blue Sea 2
- Don of Thieves
- Father Figures
- Forever My Girl
- Genius: Einstein
- Gone are the Days
- Looking Glass
- Mary and the Witch’s Flower
- Molly’s Game
- My Friend Dahmer
- Phantom Thread
- The Shape of Water
- Sweet Virginia
- Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
- The Tribes of Palos Verdes

Shrinky Dinks
Tuesday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Floral Monogram
Thursday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Pourable Painted Canvas
Thursday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Clay Trays
Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Ribbon Windsock
Tuesday, April 17 at 1:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Painted Garden Markers
Thursday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Monthly Adult Events:
- Zumba with Maria Campos - Mondays, April 2, 9, 16 & 30 and Thursdays, April 12 & 26 at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- BINGO - Friday, April 6 & 13 at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- Creative Canvas Workshop: Project TBA - Monday, April 23 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Kendallville
- Ask KPL - Call or email for an appointment - 343-2017 or ldresser@kendallvillelibrary.org

Browse our newly organized art prints!
Coming up in May at the Kendallville Public Library:

**DIY Garden Frog Rock on Wednesday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. - KPL**
Garden decor doesn’t get much cuter than this! 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.

**Map Magnets on Friday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m. - LB**
Paper maps may be outdated technology, but they make awesome art! 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.

**OverDrive Training on Wednesday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. - KPL**
Want to try eBooks or eAudiobooks? It’s easier than you might think! At this event, you’ll learn about OverDrive and how to use it. We can even get you set up on your device. Registration is required, as space is limited. To sign up, call 343-2010 or use the online event calendar at www.kendallvillelibrary.org.

**Instant Pot with Purdue Extension on Thursday, May 24 at 1:00 & 6:00 p.m. - KPL**
An Instant Pot is a handy small appliance which the company claims can replace seven other appliances! It acts like a pressure cooker, slow cooker, rice cooker, steamer, saute pan, yogurt maker, and more by preparing healthy, tasty dishes up to 70% faster. A lot of people love them, but a lot are also terrified by them. Abigail Creigh from Noble County’s Purdue Extension Office will put your fears to rest and show you how to make the most of this new kitchen technology. Registration is required, as space is limited. To sign up, call 343-2010 or use the online event calendar at www.kendallvillelibrary.org.

**ACRES Land Trust: Birding on Wednesday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m. - KPL**
Birding is a fascinating spring and summer pastime. At this event, you will learn about the opportunities to observe our feathered friends in nature at nearby ACRES Land Trust sites. Registration is required. To sign up, call 343-2010 or use the online event calendar at www.kendallvillelibrary.org.