Why are libraries still relevant? This.

Family and friends gather on the beach (and in the water) to watch a family movie on a giant, inflatable screen.

A high school senior uses the 3D Printer in The Cortex to complete her senior project.

A group of kids works collaboratively to create a Minecraft Universe.

A volunteer scans the shelves to make sure the books are in order, knowing that she is earning valuable community service time that she can use on her college and scholarship applications.

A student who loves art learns to combine that skill with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to create unique STEAM projects.

Foodies use the kitchenette on the Lower Level to take a cooking class with a trained chef.

The Adult Services Manager reorganizes the collection so that it’s topic-driven, meaning it’s easier to browse but still simple to search for a specific item.

A preschooler learns quickly and increases her hand-eye coordination by using the educational apps on the library’s iPad.

A 12-year-old gets active by learning to be part of a circus!

At a M.A.P.S. Workshop, parents learn the importance of Movement, Art, Play and STEM for their child’s early development, while kids just have fun!

In a study room, a middle school student gets extra help on algebra from a tutor.

A mother and her two children paint an elephant together, plus check out books and DVDs so they can learn more about these mammals.

A mom reaches her child to see... it’s a skill she learned when she was young, but can only do it now that the library offers a sewing machine in The Cortex.

A grandmother decorates the meeting room for her granddaughter’s first birthday party.

A father transfers the old VHS tapes of his kids to a digital format so he can reminisce in a more modern way.

A business owner gets one-on-one help from the library’s Technology Trainer, so that he can more effectively use his mobile phone to communicate with customers.

A father uses the Computer Cafe to apply for his family’s SNAP benefits.

Hundreds visit the Lower Level, where the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council holds a community-wide International Youth Festival.

Experience the Unexpected this summer and every day of the year at the Kendallville Public Library!
Nature Photography Contest; Entries Due July 30

The Kendallville Public Library invites you to participate in the annual Chautauqua Days Photo Contest. This year’s event is sponsored by the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site and Summer Tan 365.

The contest is open to everyone and is broken down into two age categories: Youth (17 and under) and Adult (18+). People’s Choice and Best in Show winners will be selected for each category. Photos will be judged on composition, quality, and creativity.

Photos being entered in the contest must be taken to the Limberlost Branch Library in Rome City by Saturday, July 30 at 3:00 p.m. Photos will be displayed at the library from Saturday, August 6 through Saturday, August 13. Guests can vote for their favorite to win the People’s Choice Award. All winners will be notified once judging is complete.

Entry forms and complete rules are available at the Kendallville Public Library, its Limberlost Branch, or online at www.kendallvillelibrary.org.

Check Out a Jigsaw Puzzle

Like to relax with a jigsaw puzzle? You can check one out from the Kendallville Public Library beginning July 1. You’ll find them in the Adult Department. Pick out one you like, and bring it to the circulation desk for check out, take it home, and return it to the library when you’re done. Please note: The Kendallville Public Library cannot guarantee that all puzzle pieces will be included in each box.

Stories and Activities Outdoors for Toddlers and Parents

The Kendallville Public Library is working with the Gene-Stratton Porter State Historic Site in Rome City to bring stories and activities to toddlers and their parents.

The GSP “Morning Face Toddler Series” is geared toward youngsters who enjoy a good story and the great outdoors, in the beautiful setting of the Gene-Stratton Porter State Historic Site. The library will be assisting the GSP staff by providing stories and activities that go along with the theme of each event. On Thursday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m., children will read and learn about bugs. At the session on Thursday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m., the focus shifts to turtles.

These are outdoor activities that will happen rain or shine, so be sure to dress your children appropriately. Please note that there is also a $2 fee per child, per session, charged by the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site.

Wait and Read Baskets Available to All Local Businesses

For many years, the Kendallville Public Library has been providing baskets of adult, teen and children’s books to local businesses with a waiting room. Customers love to pick up a book while they’re waiting for service. Many even take it home with them to continue reading!

If you are interested in having a Wait and Read basket in your business, contact the Kendallville Public Library at 260-343-2010 or send an email to info@kendallvillelibrary.org.

Currently, Wait and Read baskets can be found at Shepherd’s Chevrolet-Buick-GMC, Max Platt Ford-Lincoln, Parkview Noble, RX Optical, Drs. Roush & Will, and Jansen Family Dentistry.

Cortex “Maker Kits” Available This Month!

Mini Photo Studio • EZ Tracer Projector • Planetarium Projector
Go Pro Kit • Telescope Kit • Metal Detector Kit
Art Kits • Jewelry Making Kit • EV3 Robot

Maker Equipment that you can check out and use wherever you need it!

Plus, try out our new VHS to DVD/Digital Converter, now available in The Cortex!

500 Book Milestone!

Congratulations to:
Trinity McClellan

Thank You READ Donors!

Picture This in Print • Sozo Art Studio and Gallery • Midtown Potter
William Argetsinger • Trinity Dentistry • Kona Ice of Steuben County • Flint & Walling, Inc.

Donation details and a complete list of donors is online at www.kendallvillelibrary.org.

500 Book Milestone!
Activities for Kids
Birth - Grade 5

The Kendallville Public Library has just launched a new blog, STEAM Tales. This is where you’ll find photos, information and instruction on our lessons involving science, technology, engineering, art and math. Throughout the year, you’ll see what we’re doing in the library and in East Noble classrooms, and we’ll explain how you can extend the lessons at home.

To learn more about STEAM Tales, visit the blog at www.steamtales.wordpress.com.

App Review: Epic!
Epic! is an app that offers access to thousands of books for children aged K-5. Epic! has a large selection of both fiction and non-fiction, and they carry popular titles like Big Nate and Scaredy Squirrel. Their non-fiction covers a wide variety of subjects, from animals to Minecraft and LEGO. Many of the books feature audio narration, so kids can listen to the book while they read and turn the pages. It’s a great app for readers no matter what they are interested in and what reading level they are.

Epic! is available on all of the iPads in the children’s department, so stop in and try it out! If you like it and want to use it at home, parents can subscribe for $4.99 a month. The library version is free to use!

KPL Kids’ Corner Blog: Keep up with M.A.P.S. Workshops!
A blog specific to our M.A.P.S. Workshops can be found at www.kplkidscorner.wordpress.com. Each week we will feature the activities kids participate in, whether they are focused on Movement, Art, Play or STEM.

The blog is where you will find information about the stories and songs we include in each event. We’ll also post photos of our activities, explain why they’re important to early childhood development and how you can mimic these activities at home.

The KPL Kids’ Corner blog is one more way for you to keep connected with the library if your child is sick and misses a workshop, or you’re away on vacation. You can even flip through the archives to find fun activities you can do at home with your child.

STEAM Tales

Tie-dying a bag helps teach the concept of absorption to Kendallville Day Care students.

Kids love to learn engineering skills by designing LEGO creations.

Kids help strengthen muscles and motor skills with parachute play.

DIY Wall Art
Wednesday, July 6 at 3:00 p.m.
Limberrlost Branch Library

Make your room stand out with wall art of your initials!

Maker Movement
Wednesday, July 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

Build Tinker Experiment

EXPAND YOUR MIND

Alice in Wonderland Tea Party
Thursday, July 14 at 3:00 p.m.
Limberrlost Branch Library

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PLAY!
Saturday, July 30 at 10:00 a.m.
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Family Skate
Wednesday, July 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

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Paint expression!
Thursday, July 19 at 5:00 p.m.
Kendallville Public Library

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Fort Building
Friday, July 29 at 10:00 a.m.
Kendallville Public Library

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Alice in Wonderland Tea Party
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**Infant/Toddler Programs**

**Preschool Programs**

**Elementary Programs**

**Teen Programs**

**Adult Programs**

**All Ages / Family Programs**

**KPL: Kendallville Public Library**  
**LB: Limberlost Branch**

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**Kendallville Public Library and its Limberlost Branch**

**July 2016**

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

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**Library Fun @ the Fair** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - NC Community Fairgrounds

**M.A.P.S. Workshop** 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. - KPL

**Book a Librarian** 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. - KPL

**Creative Writing Workshop** 6:00 p.m. - KPL

**Make a Splash** 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. - KPL

**Zentangle** 6:00 p.m. - KPL

**Board of Trustees Meeting** 6:00 p.m. - KPL

**Creative Writing Workshop** 6:00 p.m. - KPL

**American Sign Language** 6:00 p.m. - KPL

**Library Fun @ the Fair** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - NC Community Fairgrounds

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**Morning Face Toddler Series** 10:00 a.m. - GSP State Historic Site

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**Minecraft Mania** 4:00 p.m. - KPL

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**Life and Family Services**

**Book a Librarian** 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. - KPL
Bloodline
By Claudia Gray
This Star Wars canon novel, set roughly six years before Star Wars: The Force Awakens, is one part political intrigue and one part action-adventure story in a single package. Princess Leia or more appropriately, Senator Organa, wants to resign from the Galactic Senate but is drawn back in by a troubling mercenary group and the nomination for First Senator. Leia is sent on a secret mission by the Senate to examine the activities of this dangerous group of mercenaries. Will she return from the mission unscathed and take the title of First Senator? Read this novel to find out!

Side note: This novel contains some insights into why Ben Solo, who becomes Kylo Ren, fell to the dark side of the force.

Read-a-like: Star Wars: Lost Stars by Claudia Gray.
Reviewed by Marie Kaufmann, Teen Services Manager

Batman/Superman/Wonder Woman: Trinity
By Matt Wagner and Brad Meltzer
One of Batman's arch enemies, Ra’s al Ghul, is on a quest to remake the world in his own image. To do this, Ra’s releases the clone of Superman, known as Bizarro, from his arctic prison. This unleashes terror on mankind as well as the three main superheroes. Will the legendary alliance of Superman, Batman, and Wonder Woman be able to defeat Bizarro and his highly talented female sidekick? Or will Bizarro keep the Superhero Trinity from ever aligning in the first place? Three favorite DC Superheroes in one graphic novel...what’s not to like?

Readers of popular comic book heroes will especially enjoy this title.

Read-a-like: All-Star Superman Vol. 1 by Grant Morrison
Reviewed by Marie Kaufmann, Teen Services Manager

OverDrive
Use OverDrive? Starting in July, you’ll be able to check out up to 10 ebooks or audio books, and have up to 10 holds. You can also check out up to 5 Nook periodicals!
**Newly Released Books Arriving in July - Place Your Holds!**

- **The Angels’ Share** by J.R. Ward
- **A Beauty Refined** by Tracie Peterson
- **The Black Widow** by Daniel Silva
- **Chance Developments** by Alexander McCall Smith
- **Deadly Fate** by Heather Graham
- **Falling** by Jane Green
- **Falling** by Harry Turttledove
- **Killer Look** by Linda Fairstein
- **Make Me Love You** by Johanna Lindsey
- **Night and Day** by Iris Johansen
- **Outfoxed** by David Rosenfelt
- **The Second Half** by Lauraine Snelling
- **Someone Always Knows** by Marcia Muller
- **White Bone** by Ridley Pearson
- **Whitefern** by V.C. Andrews

**July DVD Releases:**

- **Barbershop: The Next Cut**
- **Batman v. Superman**
- **The Divergent Series: Allegiant**
- **Eye in the Sky**
- **Hail, Caesar**
- **London has Fallen**
- **Miracles from Heaven**
- **My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2**
- **The Perfect Match**
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**Keep Bodies and Minds Active at the Library This Summer**

Libraries offer Summer Reading programs each year for more than just handing out prizes (or in the Kendallville Public Library’s case, supporting a community project). They do it to encourage you to exercise your mind.

"Reading over the summer is a great way to combat what’s known as ‘summer slide,’" said Suzanne Walker, Professional Development Office Supervisor and Director of Indiana Center for the Book at the Indiana State Library. "This is when children actually lose the knowledge, skills, and information that they learned in the school year from lack of practice and from lack of using their brains for something more rigorous than watching TV, sleeping, and hanging around the house."

Even though those activities may sound like a relaxing way to spend the summer months (even for some adults!), they’re not the best ways to keep your mind and body strong.

The Colorado State Library (CSL) has conducted extensive research on the Summer Slide, and came up with some suggestions for addressing it.

"When children select reading materials themselves and read for enjoyment, they receive the most gains in achievement, including better reading comprehension, writing style, vocabulary, and grammatical development," noted the CSL study.

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**Mindy Patterson is Moving On...**

A message from the Adult Services Manager to those she has served over the years.

I want to sincerely thank the Kendallville community and bid you farewell. I am leaving my post as Adult Department Manager of the Kendallville Public Library, effective Wednesday, July 20th. I will be taking a position with the Allen County Public Library system as the Grabill Branch Manager.

My time spent with the Kendallville Public Library has been wonderful; a true blessing in my life. I will miss working with KPL’s excellent staff, the selfless volunteers who have poured hours of their time into making this library excel, the generous community donors who silently support our services, the local businesses who value a learning community, and the patrons who walk through our doors every day.

During my time here I have fostered relationships with many of you and I will cherish the memories and friendships made. I feel a great sense of warmth and love when I think of you. Thank you for that.

It has been my pleasure to serve you in this capacity. I now look forward to my new position and the diverse experience it will add to my career. Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for your support and trust these past years.

John Wayne and Adult Services Manager Mindy Patterson look toward the future.

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**Monthly Adult Events:**

- **Book a Librarian** - Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- **American Sign Language** - Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- **Creative Writing Workshop** - Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- **iPad App Pack** - Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. - Kendallville
- **Outfoxed** by David Rosenfelt

**Miracles from Heaven**

**My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2**

**The Perfect Match**

**Sing Street**

**The Young Messiah**

Visit www.kendallvillelibrary.org to register for these events.
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There’s no better time to give this a try than during the summer, when schools aren’t dictating what kids should read. Our librarians love to guide kids and adults toward new books to try. This summer, the KPL Children’s Department has even put together “Book Tasting Menus” covering a variety of genres. These menus offer up some books to try. If you don’t like what you’re reading after getting a small taste, set it down and move on.

The CSL study also pointed to adults leading by example.

“Children and teens tend to read more when adults in their lives encourage them to read, and also when they see those adults reading themselves,” stated the study.

“Your observed behavior can affect the literacy climate in your home, at work, or on the go,” said Adult Services Librarian Mindy Patterson. “Why not encourage the young to keep their minds active this summer? Be caught reading.”

It’s true that adults don’t have to worry about “Summer Slide” as much as children, but there are still many benefits for adults to continue reading all year long.

“While we encourage students to beat the summer slide and read over break, we can also take a look at the impact summer reading has for adults” said Patterson.

She cited a Lifehack.org article by Lana Winter-Herbert, called 10 Benefits of Reading: Why You Should Read Every Day. Within those 10 benefits, several are important for adult mental health. Studies have shown that cognitive stimulation helps slow the progress of Alzheimer’s and can improve memory. It can relieve stress. When you are able to lose yourself in a story, it’s much easier to relax. Reading can improve your focus and concentration, not to mention expand your vocabulary and knowledge.

KPL patron Carmen DiGiroloamo Patton sees the benefits of reading, not only during the summer but all year long.

“Reading is a great stress relief for me,” said Patton. “I read all sorts of different genres. Amazing adventures…. a good mystery? A good romance … they are all good. I tell my kids it’s important to read, it keeps your brain going. And depending on what you read, you can learn a lot.”

Lori Kumfer makes trips to the library a family affair.

“We love coming to the Kendallville Library for our summer reading,” said Kumfer. “I encourage my kids to read in the summer to keep their minds sharp, improve vocabulary and adventure off to their own little world with a good book!”

Reading may be the best way, but it’s not the only way to combat the Summer Slide. The library offers so much more for people of all ages!

Children can engage their minds with the STEM education we offer at our weekly M.A.P.S. Workshops, try out some new skills with a variety of Maker Activities, and indulge their imaginations with art.

During the summer, children can lose more than academic knowledge, according to the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA).

“Most children – particularly children at high risk of obesity – gain weight more rapidly when they are out of school during summer break,” stated the NSLA study.

The library can help everyone fight the fat with physical activities this summer, too. Cirque Amongus, our Mario Kart Races and giant Foosball are just some of the ways to exercise the body as well as the mind.