JANUARY 2021

IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE:

Until further notice both library locations will be going to curbside service on January 7, 2021. We will maintain normal service hours.

- You may reserve items for pick-up online or over the phone and we will bring your requests out to you when you arrive.
- You can request our craft kits be included with your pick-up!
- If you need copies made and/or faxes sent, just let us know what you need at the door.
- Patrons may still access computers in limited numbers but please call ahead in order to gain access to the library.

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NEWS

What's happening at your local libraries!

Goodbye Linda!

After 32 years, December marked the final month for our children's librarian, Linda Peterson. Please join us in wishing her all the best and a lovely retirement! You can read a letter from Linda herself on Page 4!



Youth Services

Child Services and Teen services are being consolidated as Youth Services! See Pages 11-14 for everything going on in Youth Services this month!



COVID Restrictions

Both library locations are currently returning to curbside service only until further notice. See previous page for more details and stay tuned to our website and social media for updates.



Library Closed January 18th

Both library branches will be closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, January 18th) for staff training. We apologize for the inconvenience!



Take and Make Activity Packets

In addition to the take home activity packets offered through Youth Services, we now offer activity packets for adults too! Just check at the upstairs desk starting January 11th, while supplies last!



Evergreen Book Club

Did you know the Evergreen Indiana Library Consortium, (of which all BECPL patrons are a part of) has partnered with PBC Guru to create a virtual book club? Check out the details on Page 9!



Goodreads

The Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Library has a Goodreads account! Just head to **goodreads.com/begpl** to see what we've been reading! Also, while you're at, check out Page 6 to see what everyone here at the library will be reading this winter!



A brief library history of me.

I began working at the Library in May 1988. At that time it was only the original building. The children's area was where the Reading/Magazine room is now. There was one bathroom in the basement and it only had cold running water.

When I started there were no computers in the building and now this last year I actually read stories on-line to share with the kids.

What a change!

The library had just begun to add evening and Saturday hours when I started. The first Saturday that I worked, no one came in. People weren't used to having Saturday hours yet. I finally checked a book out to myself so that the day would not be a total loss.

I started just assisting Carolyn Konnert, the Librarian at that time, with storytimes and then she eventually turned them over to me. Through the years I have met many wonderful people. I have loved reading to the children, watching the children grow into great adults and parents, and then had the pleasure of reading to their children.

In 1995 we added the new part of the library. How great! Room to spread out, multiple bathrooms (with hot water) and a great community room for programs. We also added a branch at Eastern. Through the years the library has expanded our outreach by welcoming school /daycare visits, Literacy's Little Free Libraries, Summer programming, and during this strange year offering curbside service and weekly take home craft kits for children.

This community should be very proud of our library system.

I will be retiring at the end of Dec. and want to thank all of the staff, library board, Friends of the Library, and patrons for the last 32 years.

It has been a pleasure working for you.



Greene County Literacy Coalition

Little Free Libraries Surprises

In the spirit of giving the gift of reading our Greene County Literacy Coalition delivered new giftwrapped books to the Little Free Libraries in our county.

"2020 was quite challenging. However, we are always looking for ways to continue promoting literacy in our community and this book gifting is an opportunity to do so as well as to bring a little more joy, a little more connection, and a whole lot more books to our community," says Armonda Riggs, Greene County Literacy Coalition Coordinator.

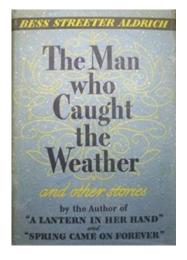
We hope that you venture out to one our county's Little Free Libraries to pick up a book gift and celebrate the gift of reading. You can locate the Little Free Libraries in our county by visiting our website at https://bloomfield.lib.in.us/useful-links.html or by searching on the national Little Free Library map at https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/.

Additionally, in other news from our Greene County Literacy Coalition, on Saturday November 7th we dedicated our county's newest Little Free Library location at the Lyons Town Hall/Community Building at 600 W Broad St, Lyons, IN 47443. The Lyons Little Free Library was made possible by the town of Lyons, Roger Doane, builder Ben Riggs, the Greene County Foundation, Greene County Literacy Coalition, Bloomfield Eastern Greene Library, and Bloomfield Friends of the Library.

Additionally, because of his pursuance in making sure this community had a Little Free Library and his commitment to the cause for literacy in our county we have dedicated the Lyons Little Free Library in memory of Roger Doane. To the right is a photo of the Lyons Little Free Library with the plaque we installed indicating this dedication.

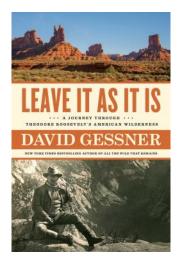


WINTER READS



The book I would like to read this winter is a compilation of short stories by Bess Streeter Aldrich entitled <u>The Man Who Caught the Weather, and Other Stories.</u> Aldrich's writing inspires me in so many ways and I've been trying to read all the books she published. She is incredibly insightful concerning human nature, families, and the trials and joys they endure. She also writes with a wonderful sense of humor that spans the ages. Her story settings are most often centered in Midwest America during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. I've learned many historical details, most interesting to me, about my home state of Nebraska.

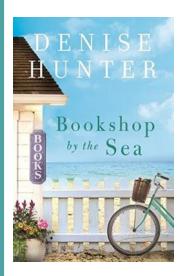
- JUDY LOUISE



Leave It as It Is: A Journey Through Theodore Roosevelt's American Wilderness by David Gessner. This book is a duel adventure of the author into the past and present and is part biography, part travelogue, and all conservation-focused.

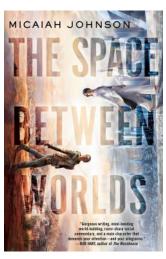
The book's title is derived by Roosevelt's famous speech at the Grand Canyon: "Leave it as it is. You can not improve on it. The ages have been at work on it, and man can only mar it. What you can do is to keep it for your children, your children's children, and for all who come after you, as one of the great sights which every American if he can travel at all should see."

This thinking is even more amazing because he was going against many wealthy, powerful people. They were hoping to profit off the land and here was this man saying that they should not. I have always valued nature and our National Parks and admire Roosevelt for his views and passion for the protecting the land and look forward to getting to know him better through this book.



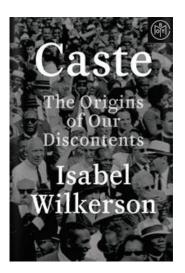
I love all of Denise Hunter's books! She's such a great storyteller! Besides the fact that she lives in Indiana, her last series of books was set in the Blue Ridge Mountains which is one of my favorite spots to vacation. I'm really looking forward to this book, **Bookshop by the Sea**, which is set to be published in April.

- KIMBERLY PORTER



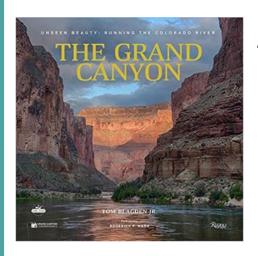
The Space Between Worlds by Micaiah Johnson. I've always been a fan of sci-fi, but I found myself reading books written by people that all look the same (and many of them feel very similar because of it). The Space Between Worlds is on my list this winter not only because it is written by a woman of color, but also because interdimensional travel is cool! It also helps me keep up with my promise to myself that I would try to read more new books. Additionally, it'll be nice to read a sci-fi book that isn't part of a series. Sci-fi authors are obsessed with series.

- BEN BRILLES



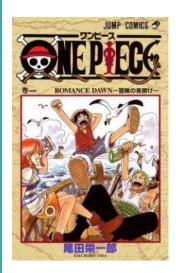
This winter I'm looking forward to reading <u>Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents</u> by Isabel Wilkerson. I'm currently holding at spot #37 on 5 copies of the book that are available on Overdrive. I am seeking to gain more knowledge of our American history as well as work on applying what I learn from reading this book to create a more equitable future for all of humanity.

- ARMONDA RIGGS



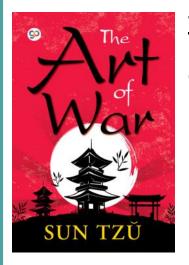
The Grand Canyon: Unseen Beauty: Running the Colorado River. The Grand Canyon as photographed by Tom Blagden and with a foreword by Roderick Nash. I plan to read this in preparation for a trip there this fall.

KAREN HOLZ



As a cartoonist and fan of comics, I thought I might spend this winter filling in some of my comics reading gaps. And one of my biggest gaps is manga. So this winter I will be reading **One Piece** by Eiichiro Oda. But first, some quick math. Alright, so there are 97 volumes, minus the three I've already read, which takes us to 94... and there are roughly 70 days left of winter. So if I want to finish the series by the end of the season, I just need to read... uhhh... let's see here... 1.34 volumes a day! Easy!

- MATHEW NEW



<u>The Art of War</u> by Sun Tzu was originally written as a military guide. However, one can use the book to help deal with outer and inner personal conflicts.

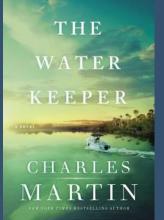
- SUSAN SMITH

Join the Evergreen Indiana Library Consortium Book Club

Powered by PBC Guru

Evergreen Indiana Library Consortium has partnered with PBC Guru to create a virtual book club for patrons and the community covering lifelong learning, personal growth, fiction, non-fiction, and other genres participants are interested in. The book club will connect through a private forum where all participants can discuss the current book and network with each other.

- The book club will read one book every two to three months, so you'll have plenty of time for each book.
- There are no membership or subscription fees. Joining the book club is completely free!
- As an Evergreen Indiana Library Consortium cardholder you will have access to download an eBook of each reading selection for free!
- Non-library cardholders can join the book club at no cost but are responsible for obtaining a copy of the selected books via their preferred vendor or method.



Our January - March Selection: The Water Keeper

Online

Book

by Charles Martin

https://www.pbc.guru/evergreenlibrary

LET'S PROTECT EACH OTHER! WEAR A MASK!

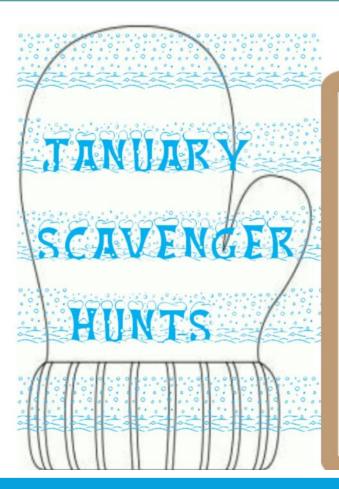


Masks are required at all times while within the library! If you forget your mask, there are some available in the lobby!

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the following restrictions remain in place at Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Libraries:



- Both library locations are offering curbside pickup only until further notice
- All patrons and staff must wear masks while in the library
- We are not currently accepting donated items
- The community room cannot be reserved at this time



All youth are welcome to participate in the weekly scavenger hunts.

January 4-9 Snowmen

January 11-16 Hobbies

January 19-23 Mittens

January 25-30 Penguins

Stalk Walks

are geared for toddlers to grade 1, but can be enjoyed by everyone!

If you would like to receive a prize, be sure to answer the question at the end of the walk.

January 4 - 30
Coco All Year Round

Pre -Grade 1

Packets

Grades 2-4

Packets

Grades
5-12
Packets



Free Activity Kits To Go New Kits January 11 & 25

New Year's Resolution Box Craft

These cute craft kits help kids think of their New Year's resolutions and to store them in a fun box.

For Grades 5 - 12

The craft can be completed at the library or at home.

(available while supplies last)

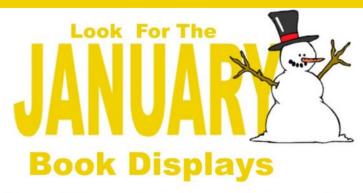




JANUARY CONTEST

Enter the raffle to win a Digital Money Jar!

(January is National Financial Wellness Month)



Martin Luther King Jr. — Juvenile Area

Winter/Snow — Juvenile Area

Hobbies — Juvenile and Teen Areas

Caution Last Chance Books — Teen Area



Be on the lookout!

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Bloomfield Public Library Teen Services

Or

Bloomfield Public Library Youth Services



Looking for a new hobby?

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Monday 10:00—4:00

Tuesday 11:00—7:00

Wednesday 11:00—7:00

Thursday 11:00—7:00

Friday 10:00—4:00

Saturday 10:00—2:00

Sunday CLOSED

EASTERN

812.825.2677

Monday 12:00—5:00

Tuesday 2:00—7:00

Wednesday 12:00—5:00

Thursday 2:00—7:00

Friday 12:00—5:00

Saturday 9:00—12:00

Sunday CLOSED

We welcome you.

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Evergreen is now easier than ever

*Place hold requests

*See what you have out

*Search the catalog

*Check on fines

*Get information about participating libraries

*Light and dark modes

*Digital card replica

*Multi-account management

Android or iOS

Evergreen Indiana apps by kenstir

Friends Connection

Friends of the Library Corporate/Business Membership – Help us Offer More Online Databases!

Did you know that the Friends of the Library offers a corporate/business membership for area businesses and organizations at a price of just \$300/year? Enjoy the perks of being a Friends member yearround for all employees/officials, such as \$2 bags of items in our book sale year-round and early access to special sales at the library.

Corporate/business memberships can help the library add to the online databases that we are able to provide to those we serve. Thanks to a donation from Cook Group, Inc. the library went live with World Book Online in August 2017!

Membership cards will be given to any business or organization that joins the Friends of the Library to be distributed as needed. Interested in helping grow what we can offer here at the library? Fill out the membership application inside the newsletter or print and fill out an online form on our website: http:// bloomfield.lib.in.us/friends-of-the-library.html

Wendee Francis, FoL President

Book Sale Hours at the Library Annex



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Pick Up in Library

The Book Sale will resume as soon as The Friends of the Library feel it is safe enough for the volunteers.



Friends of the Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library

Our goal is to promote awareness and use of the library by: providing volunteer services, building on the community's financial support, and sponsoring cultural programs for the community.

To join Friends of the Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library, please complete the membership form below, and return it along with your dues to any circulation desk OR send it to:

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Art Show - Wade Wallace

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Book Sale - MaryAnn Faudree

Please feel free to contact any board member by leaving us a message with a librarian and we will return your call as soon as possible!

ITEMS WE ACCEPT FOR DONATION

Due to the rising spread of infection, the Bloomfield Public Library and Book Shop will not be accepting donations at this time.

Donations left in the foyer, bookdrop, Annex, or outside will be discarded immediately. The library prioritizes safety for our patrons and staff alike.

~Thank you!





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JUST A FEW OF THE SERVICES THAT YOUR LIBRARY OFFERS:

- Making copies, scanning, and faxing
- Community rooms for rent
- Converting VHS to DVD
- Inter-Library Loan
- Free programs

All of this and more!