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## EXPLORE EVPL

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### MISSION

We cultivate curiosity by  
creating wonder.

### VISION

Communities united through  
shared exploration and  
understanding.

### Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

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DISCOVER. EXPLORE. CONNECT.

# HOURS and LOCATIONS

## EVPL CENTRAL

812.428.8200  
200 S.E. M.L.K. Jr. Blvd

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Fri 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sun 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## EVPL MCCOLLOUGH

812.428.8236  
5115 Washington Ave

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Fri 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sun Closed

## EVPL OAKLYN

812.428.8234  
3001 Oaklyn Dr

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Fri 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sun Closed

## EVPL STRINGTOWN

812.428.8233  
2100 Stringtown Rd

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Fri 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sun Closed

## EVPL CLOSURES

Sunday, April 17 | Easter Sunday – *EVPL Central closed.*  
Monday, May 30 | Memorial Day – *All EVPL locations closed.*

## EVPL EAST

812.428.8231  
840 E. Chandler Ave

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Fri 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sun Closed

## EVPL NORTH PARK

812.428.8237  
960 Koehler Dr

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Fri 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sun Closed

## EVPL RED BANK

812.428.8205  
120 S. Red Bank Rd

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Fri 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sun Closed

## EVPL WEST

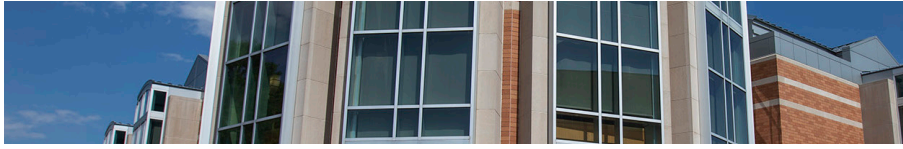
812.428.8232  
2000 W. Franklin St

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Fri 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sun Closed

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# Looking Ahead

Heather McNabb, EVPL's *Chief Operating Officer - Assistant Director*, takes a moment to reflect on 2021 and dicusses what 2022 has in store.



As we reflect on the last year, we look back at all we have accomplished, even while still in the midst of a pandemic. A few things that we at EVPL are proud of include:

- Completing renovations at EVPL East to ensure that the building can continue to serve for many more years.
- Hiring 6 Adult & Teen Librarians to better serve our users and the specific needs of those age groups, and assessing our staffing needs at all locations.
- Working with new partners and collaborating with organizations like Urban Seeds, Lyles Station, Legacy of Taste, IUPUI, the Vanderburgh County Health Department, the Mexican Consulate, AARP, USI, and MANY more.
- Continuing to produce high-quality virtual programming that engages thousands of people monthly.
- Starting Library of Things that lets library cardholders check out items like knitting/crocheting needles, birding backpacks, musical instruments, and more!
- Debuting our EVPL To You service, which takes our library services and programs anywhere in our community!

As we continue forward, we cannot wait for all that is coming, including:

- Our first Annual Reading Program where we will see how many books we can read as a community.
- Identifying our next steps for our finalized Facilities Master Plan, which will prepare us for the next 5-20 years.
- Introducing Maker Central to the public and sharing new equipment and resources.
- Upgrading meeting rooms to provide greater connectivity for groups that use our spaces.
- Bringing in more authors to share their books and their experiences writing.
- More in-person programming for all ages!

Thank you to all our incredible EVPL users. You inspire us daily to live our mission statement to the fullest! We hope you find and experience wonder each time you visit EVPL, whether in-person, out in the community, or online.





Over the past year, there have been many new faces at EVPL. Six of those new faces include ours - your new Adult & Teen Librarians. Increasing adult and teen programming, as well as extending EVPL's reach in schools and classrooms, was identified as being important to the library and our community during EVPL's planning process that informed the creation of the library's 2021-2023 Strategic Plan. In response to these goals, EVPL hired us - six librarians specifically focused on working with adults and teens in our community. Since joining the EVPL Team last summer, we have been connecting with local schools, establishing new teen programs, and envisioning a bright future for our library users and our community.

We may have only been part of the EVPL Team for a few months now, but we have excitedly been working to create new opportunities and experiences for our teens, our schools, and our community. Programming is a large part of EVPL's offerings and is something we are passionate about providing teens - from Poetry Open Mic Nights and Study Jam sessions to Self Care sessions and Anime Foodies events.

We also collaborate with our schools to provide resources and services to our local students. Whether we are hosting the International Club at McGary or facilitating a book club at Harrison, you can find a member of our team striving to further our relationships with schools across

our community with hopes of continuing to expand EVPL's reach of providing enriching experiences for local students.

Each member of our team comes from a unique background - schools, libraries, and more. We recognize the students we are working with do too. We use this shared understanding of our own unique experiences and perspectives to create a collaborative cohort of individuals who are passionate about serving teens and adults throughout EVPL's locations and teams, as well as in our community. We welcome the opportunity to connect with you, and we encourage you to reach out to us with any questions or comments.



**Rachel Acton** | she/her  
*Social Impact Adult & Teen Librarian, EVPL Central*

Rachel Acton is EVPL's Social Impact Teen & Adult Librarian. Before joining the EVPL Team, Rachel started the first GED program in both English and Spanish in Evansville. She has been an English Language Learner (ELL) K-12 teacher and advocate for the international community for the past ten years. As the Social Impact Teen & Adult Librarian, Rachel develops and implements literacy programs for the International Community, striving to create opportunities for them to thrive and be successful in our community.

**Kirt Ethridge** | they/them  
*Adult & Teen Librarian, EVPL Oaklyn*

Kirt Ethridge is EVPL Oaklyn's newest Adult & Teen Librarian. Kirt previously held the position of Experience Facilitator at EVPL North Park prior to their promotion. Before joining EVPL, they worked as an environmental educator and community college tutor. Kirt loves coming up with nerdy program offerings, including EVPL's NaNoWriMo To Go and our 20th anniversary Lord of the Rings Celebration.

**Audra Dyer** | she/her  
*Adult & Teen Librarian, EVPL McCollough*

Audra Dyer has a passion for promoting lifelong learning, little-known library services, and fostering a love of reading. She enjoys planning and conducting programs for all ages and participating in community outreach events. Audra has a degree in Communication Studies from the University of Southern Indiana and is currently enrolled in the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Alabama. Audra spent four years in children's services with EVPL before switching to her new role. She is looking forward to collaborating with local high schools and presenting programs for McCollough users. When not at EVPL, Audra can be found reading, remodeling her 100-year-old home, and stress baking to avoid homework.

**Kelli McDaniel** | she/her  
*Adult & Teen Librarian, EVPL Central*



Kelli McDaniel is EVPL Central's newest Adult & Teen Librarian. Prior to serving as a member of the EVPL Team, Kelli was a middle school history teacher in Kentucky. She also joins us with previous library experience, having worked as a school librarian. Kelli enjoys STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Mathematics programming and working with local schools to bring library resources to our students.

*"I love getting to know teens' needs, interests, and passions, and then figure out how to provide them with the best services."*

**Cassidy Thompson** | she/her  
*Adult & Teen Librarian, EVPL Red Bank*

Before entering the library world, Cassidy was a high school Spanish teacher for a decade. She loves giving young adults and adults alike the opportunity to be creative, such as through Red Bank's new Knots + Needles fiber arts program.

*"Teens are really beginning to forge their own paths, explore their identities, and identify their own interests... The public library is an incredible resource for that."*



**Magen Melton** | she/them  
*Adult & Teen Librarian, EVPL North Park*

Before coming to EVPL, they were the Technical Services Librarian at Vincennes University, where they also engaged in programming and collection development for the mainly low-income, first generation college students VU serves.

*"There are limited spaces where teens feel comfortable just being themselves... I enjoy creating a space where they are comfortable and happy to interact."*







# EVPL VolunTeens!

**B**efore you know it, warm weather will be returning and with it, **SUMMER TIME!** Which means a break from schoolwork and after-school activities. If you're looking to build up your work experience, rack up community service hours for school requirements, or meet some new friends while helping your community, EVPL will be hosting VolunTeens, and we want you to join us! It is our goal for all participants to build a history of reliability, work ethic, and other unique skills used while volunteering that can be articulated for college, scholarship, and job applications.

Whether you're the type of person who enjoys engaging with people in large crowds or more

quiet, solitary work, we will make sure your experience with EVPL VolunTeens is the right fit for YOU.

Teens, ages 12-17, who are interested in participating in this program should visit [evpl.org](http://evpl.org) starting on May 1, 2022 for more information on signing up. There are a limited number of volunteer spots at each of our locations, and those will be filled in the order applications are received. In addition to submitting an application, teens will need to attend any one of our training sessions in May or June.

## TRAINING SESSION DATES

Saturday, May 21 | 10:00 - 11:00 am | **EVPL McCollough**

Monday, May 23 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm | **EVPL Central**

Thursday, May 26 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm | **EVPL Oaklyn**

Saturday, June 4 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | **EVPL North Park**

## VOLUNTEEN SPOTS AT OUR LOCATIONS:

EVPL Central: 10  
EVPL North Park: 10  
EVPL Oaklyn: 10  
EVPL McCollough: 5  
EVPL Red Bank: 3  
EVPL West: 2  
EVPL East: 1



# Look How We Celebrated Women's History Month, but We Celebrate All year!

**E**VPL is pleased to join the National Women's History Alliance and individuals across our country in celebrating Women's History Month this March. This year's theme - Providing Healing, Promoting Hope - "is both a tribute to ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all

cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history." Our EVPL Team is grateful for the contributions women have made in our community and across our country.

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We will recognize Women's History Month with booklists, informational videos, displays, and more. Be sure to explore our social media to stay up-to-date on our celebrations!





## March Events

### YOUTH

Women's History Activity Packets  
All Month  
**EVPL North Park**

### ADULT

Women's History Film:  
*On the Basis of Sex*  
Saturday, March 12 | 2:30 pm  
**EVPL Oaklyn**

Women's History Movie:  
*A League of Their Own*  
Monday, March 28 | 5:30 pm  
**EVPL West**

Fright Club:  
Women in Horror Trivia\*  
Wednesday, March 16 | 6:00 pm  
Teams of 5 | Adults 18+ only  
**Nick Nackery**

Albion Fellows Bacon:  
Then and Now  
Tuesday, March 8 | 6:00 pm  
**EVPL Red Bank**

### TEEN

Thank You Letters  
Tuesday, March 15 | 3:30 pm  
**EVPL Central**

### FAMILY FUN

Influential Women  
Scavenger Hunt  
All Month  
**EVPL Stringtown**

Thank You Letters  
Tuesday, March 15 | 3:30 pm  
**EVPL Central**

Second Saturday Cinema:  
*Hidden Figures*  
Saturday, March 12 | 2:00 pm  
**EVPL North Park**

## CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

### VIRTUALLY

#### YOUTH

Chapter Book Storytime  
Wednesday, Feb. 23  
**EVPL Virtual**

#### TEEN

Historical YA Novels Featuring  
Powerful Young Women  
Friday, March 4  
**EVPL Virtual**

Women in Comics:  
Characters & Creators  
Friday, March 18  
**EVPL Virtual**





# EVPL Extras: Our Newest Initiative

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library is pleased to announce our newest initiative – EVPL Extras! This initiative focuses on highlighting the resources and services available to EVPL cardholders beyond those of traditional library cards. From discounts at local businesses to free zoo and museum passes, EVPL Extras! is expanding access to our community's valuable assets one library card at a time.



## Special Passes

### Evansville Museum of Arts, History, & Science

Thanks to our partnership with the **Evansville Museum of Arts, History, & Science**, you can check out a family pass to the museum from EVPL. With a permanent collection of over 50,000 items and programs for all ages, there is something for everyone. Reserve one now!

### Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden

We have partnered with **Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden** to provide opportunities for EVPL cardholders to visit our local zoo. Family passes for the zoo can be checked out or have holds placed at any EVPL location or at [evpl.org](http://evpl.org). Check out one today!

### Wesselman Woods

In collaboration with **Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve**, we are proud to include these passes in our collection. These family passes can be used throughout the year to explore all Wesselman Woods and its nature preserve have to offer. Borrow one soon!

### Indiana State Museum

This pass entitles the bearer to 4 complimentary general admission tickets to the **Indiana State Museum**. Additional special exhibition or programming fees may apply. \$3 parking is available in the White River State Park parking garage located directly beneath the museum.

## Library of Things

From outdoor games and baking equipment to musical instruments and art supplies, the **Library of Things** offers EVPL cardholders the opportunity to borrow out-of-the-box items from EVPL's collection. Explore our collection! Learn more about Library of Things on page 12.

# *The* Library *of* Things

**E**VPL was excited to announce the inclusion of one of our first more unique collection items - Ukuleles - in February of 2021. Shortly after, the instruments were joined by hand-rolled piano keyboards in March. Since that time, EVPL team members have been working to expand this one-of-a-kind collection, known as **EVPL's**

**Library of Things (LoT)**. Birding backpacks and outdoor games were added earlier this fall and have been followed with new items each month. EVPL's LoT Team will be introducing new "things" into the collection each month throughout 2022. Visit any EVPL location or **[evpl.org](https://evpl.org)** to explore the Library of Things collection today!



# Types of Items in Library of Things:

## OUTDOOR GAMES

- Bocce Ball
- Collapsible Cornhole
- Croquet
- Disc Golf
- Giant Jenga
- Giant Snakes & Ladders
- Yardzee/Yardkle
- Paddle Ball
- Kubb

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

- Roll-out Digital Piano
- Mahalo Ukulele

## ARTS & CRAFTS

- Bamboo Knitting Needles
- Circular Needle Knitting Kit
- Crochet Kit
- Knitting/Crochet Accessories Kit
- Yarn Swift & Winder
- Beginner Embroidery Kit

## EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

- Kill-A-Watt Electricity Usage Monitor

## HEALTH & FITNESS

- Children's Birding Backpack
- Adult Birding Backpack
- Enchroma Color Blind Glasses

## KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

- Blender
- Bread Maker
- Pasta Machine
- Canning Kit
- and so much more!

Keep checking [evpl.org](http://evpl.org) for more things! You never know what you will find.







# Air Sensors

**A**ir quality has a profound impact on human and environmental health. Most of us are aware of the extensive network of regulatory air and weather instruments and the color-coded Air Quality Index (AQI), a tool the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses to communicate air quality. But there is more we can learn about air quality and processes that affect the quality of our air to inform decisions that directly impact human and environmental health.

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library (EVPL) is excited to announce the launch of a new Air Sensor Loan Program developed in partnership with our area EPA Region 5 office. The Air Sensor Loan Program will provide ten (10) handheld,

portable air sensors for check out. The portable AirBeam2 air sensor measures and maps particulate matter also known as particle pollution, relative humidity, noise, and temperature. The sensors can be used indoors and outdoors. Particulate matter (PM) is microscopic, inhalable particles in the air. Long term exposure to PM has been shown to negatively impact health. By making these air sensors available for check out, EVPL and EPA encourage you to explore and learn, through a form of participatory science, how air quality impacts health.

Unlike the stationary, regulatory air and weather instruments, portable air sensors allow one to measure in specific locations. Below are a few things you may explore and learn near sites with a

portable air sensor:

- Explore how trees, shrubs and perennial plants remove pollutants from the air.
- Learn how vegetative buffers block pollutants from vehicle, agricultural and industrial emissions.
- Learn about sources of particle pollution such as industrial and agricultural processes, vehicles, construction sites, fields, smokestacks, fires, dust, etc.

These are several ways to explore and learn about air quality, pollutants and vegetation using portable air sensors. Look for information about the official launch of the Air Sensor Loan Program coming soon.

# Earth Day 2022: *Invest in our Planet!*

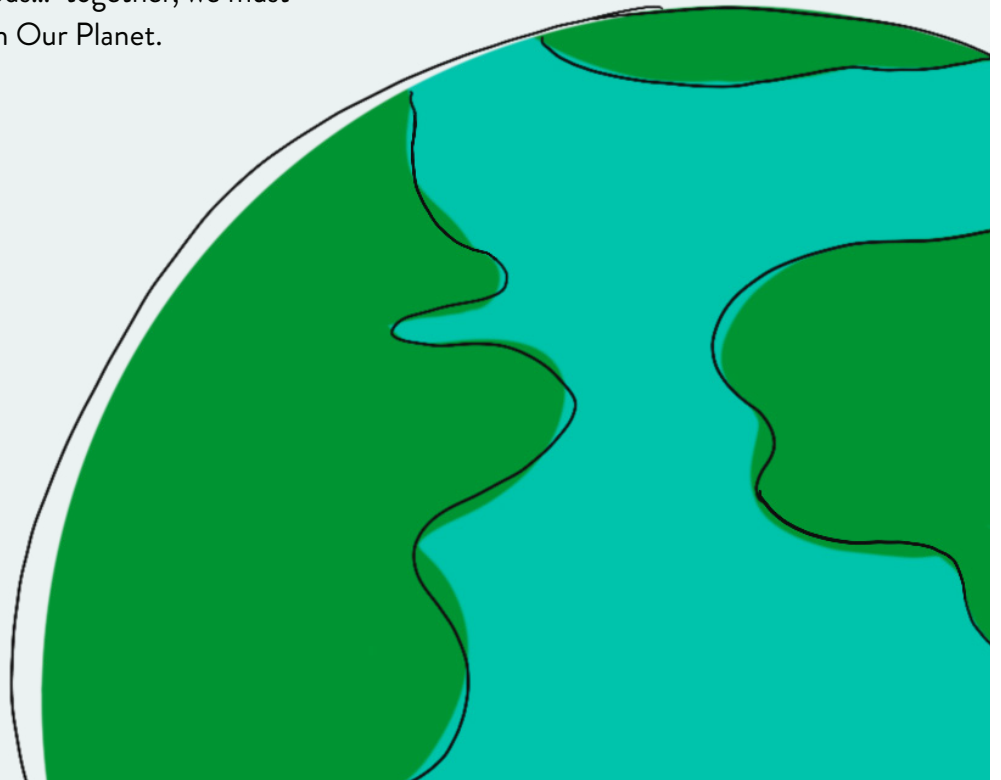
Credit to **EarthDay.org**

**E**arth Day is an annual event to bring awareness to the environment and our role in preserving it for future generations. Since 1970, the U.S. government has recognized the importance of Earth Day by hosting momentous events during that time. A global climate summit will take place on Earth Day 2022.

This is the moment to change it all — the business climate, the political climate, and how we take action on climate. Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... together, we must Invest In Our Planet.

We need to act (*boldly*), innovate (*broadly*), and implement (*equitably*). It's going to take all of us. All in. Businesses, governments, and citizens — everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. A partnership for the planet. And while there is still time to solve the climate crisis, time to choose both a prosperous and sustainable future, and time to restore nature and build a healthy planet for our children and their children, time is short.

**#InvestInOurPlanet**







# Library Card Discount Program

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library is pleased to announce the latest edition to EVPL Extras – **EVPL's Library Card Discount Program**! This initiative partners EVPL with local businesses in Evansville and Vanderburgh County. EVPL cardholders would receive an agreed-upon discount or special offer when showing their library card at participating businesses. Businesses who choose to participate would select their own discounts and special offers, as well as their terms, conditions, and partnership duration (i.e. one per customer, 20% off, six months). EVPL will provide a

Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the details of the partnership with that specific participating business.

EVPL will promote the partnership via [evpl.org](http://evpl.org), social media, and other print and digital avenues.

Ready to be a partner? Complete our Library Card Discount Program Partner Interest Form today online at [evpl.org/library-card-discount-program/](http://evpl.org/library-card-discount-program/). Have questions? Please contact Sierra Pandey, EVPL's Business Librarian at [sierrap@evpl.org](mailto:sierrap@evpl.org).

# Financial Literacy

Credit to **Sierra Pandy**, *Business Librarian*

**F**inancial literacy needs and personal value of financial literacy knowledge can change with time. What felt like a boring class in mid high school suddenly becomes a critical life skill right after graduation.

Luckily, EVPL has you covered, no matter your financial situation, age, or past knowledge of the subject.

From basic banking and money principles for children to advanced handbooks on investing, our collections will have what you need.

Looking for something more interactive?

The FDIC has an entire free online education program called *Money Smart*. Play games, assess your knowledge, review your financial health, and even earn certificates for completion.

Take charge of your financial education - see what EVPL can do for you!



# ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**M**ay is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, and Easter Island).

Join us as we celebrate Asian Pacific American heritage this May through various events at our EVPL locations.

## ADULT EVENTS

### Facebook Discussion:

*The Leavers*

Lisa Ko

All Month

**EVPL North Park**

### Those Three Words:

*The Marriage Game*

Sara Desai

May 5 | 6:30 pm

**EVPL West**

### Fright Club: Asian Horror Film

*Ju-On: The Grunge*

May 18 | 6:00 pm

**EVPL North Park**

### AAPI Film:

*Crazy Rich Asians*

May 28 | 2:30 pm

**EVPL Oaklyn**

### Rather Be Reading:

*A Tale for the Time Being*

Ruth Ozeki

May 31 | 2:00 pm

**EVPL North Park**



# YOUTH, TEENS & FAMILY EVENTS

## YOUTH

AAPI Activity Packets  
All Month  
EVPL North Park

## TEENS

AAPI in Comics:  
A Celebration of AAPI Comics & Creators  
May 6  
EVPL Virtual

## FAMILY FUN

Second Saturday Cinema:  
*Raya and the Last Dragon*  
May 14 | 2:00 pm  
EVPL North Park

## The Republic of Marshall Islands

The Marshall Islands consist of two chains of 29 coral atolls and over 1,200 islands. They are located north of the equator and known as the islands halfway between Hawaii and Australia. This amazing culture has been living on these islands for thousands of years. After WWII, the islands were part of the United Nations, "Trust Territory of the Pacific", with the United States leading this area. The United States completed 67 nuclear bomb testing on two of the islands from 1946-1958. While the United States invested in cleaning the islands in the 1960s, one of the islands is still uninhabitable to this day. In 1979, The Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) was formed as an independent country.

In 1986, the Compact of Free Association (COFA) included several provisions for protection and support for the Marshallese people and their country. This allows Marshallese people to enter, work, and travel freely in the United States with a valid passport. There are limited education and jobs on the islands, along with climate change that has a huge impact on the Marshallese population relocating to the United States. We are proud to have a large Marshallese community in Evansville, Indiana.

The Marshallese people live by their ideals of generosity and kindness toward others, sharing words of encouragement - "Jouj eo mour eo."  
"Kindness is life."

## Jouj eo mour eo



# Spring Snap- shots

We are excited to offer our second Seasonal Snapshots to our community. Sign-up for one of our 15-minute photography sessions to have special snapshots taken of you and your loved ones on our festive set. Each session is complete with 3-5 digital photograph files - perfect for cards or your own personal collection. And just like all EVPL programs, an EVPL card is encouraged but not required. Plus, this is completely free!

Wednesday, April 27, 2022  
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
EVPL East

Saturday, April 30, 2022  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
EVPL East

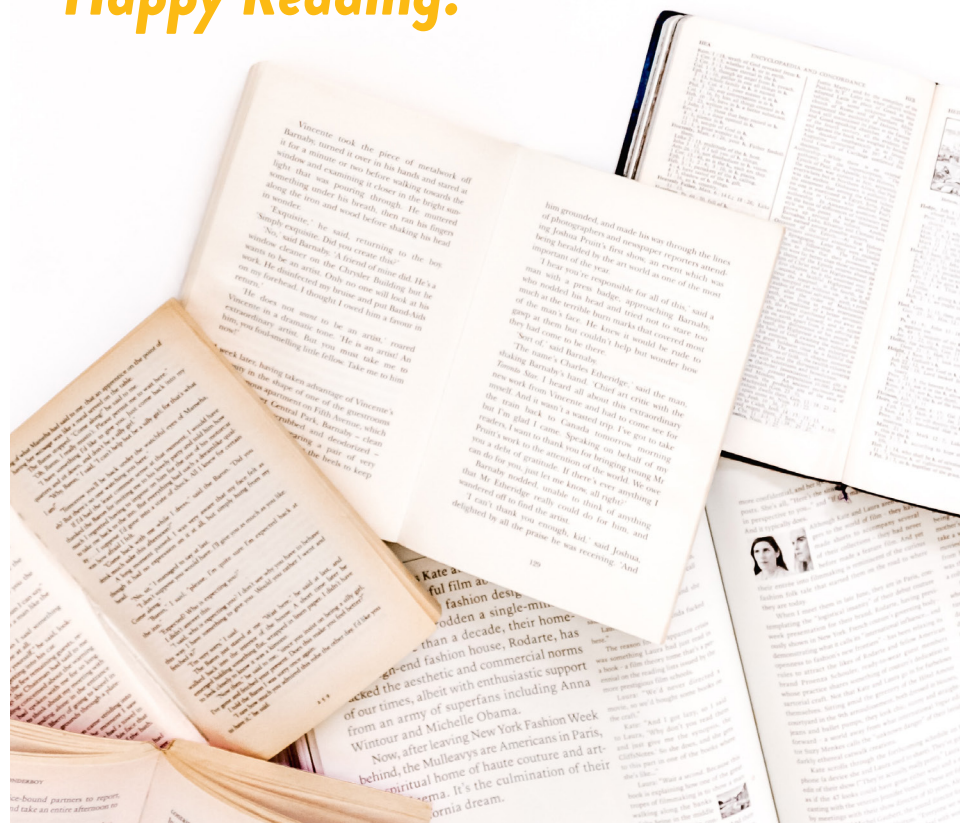
# Children's Book Week

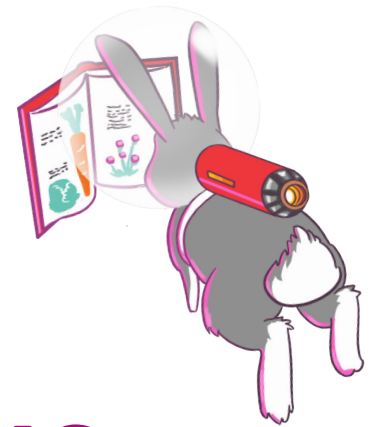
## May 2 – 8, 2022

EVPL will be joining libraries, booksellers, and schools throughout the country to celebrate the 103rd Anniversary of Children's Book Week May 2-8, 2022. Started in 1919, this celebration is the longest-running book initiative championing children's literature, having celebrated its 100th in 2019. This year's theme - How Do You Book? - encourages readers to explore what they read, how they read, and where they read. EVPL is excited to once again be joining over 2,000 organizations across all 50 states to celebrate the joy of children's literature.

Children's Book Week is a celebration of reading to and with children. Numerous studies can be cited to prove the importance of reading at an early age, but the best reward is the quality time your child has with you while you read together. EVPL has programs throughout the year to demonstrate to parents and guardians how to read with their child. Our **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** and **300 Books Before 3rd Grade** are great for encouraging reading with your children. Vanderburgh County is a community that loves to read, and our EVPL team is here to support, encourage, and celebrate that love with you.

## Happy Reading!





# 1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

For EVPL's littlest users, we are excited to share an adventure to help them prepare for school! EVPL is proud to bring 1000 Books Before Kindergarten to our community.

It is well known that parents and caregivers are a child's first teachers, and EVPL wants to help you in your journey with 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. By reading one book a day, a child will have heard 1,000

stories by the time they reach three-years-old. To sign up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, families can visit [evpl.org](http://evpl.org) or step into any EVPL location.

EVPL is excited to help your child develop school readiness and make their first day of kindergarten a success. We are here with you and your child along the way!



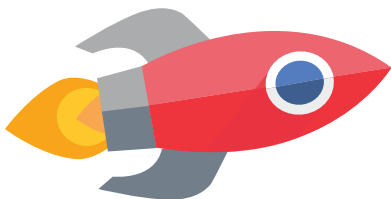
# 300 BOOKS BY THIRD GRADE

Reading is a blast, and reading every day is an important part of your literacy development. As you begin reading on your own, EVPL is here to encourage you along the way.

Whether you read your books, EVPL's books, graphic novels, eBooks, or audiobooks, you

can participate in 300 Books by Third Grade. It is easy to do! Read 300 books by the start of your 3rd grade year, and earn out-of-this-world buttons when you reach 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, and 300 books!

Visit any EVPL location or [evpl.org/300Books](http://evpl.org/300Books) to learn more and register today!







# Monthly Reading Challenge

## Read, Explore, Grow

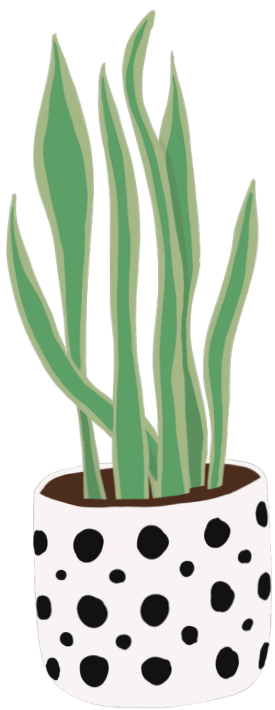
**H**ow many books can Evansville and Vanderburgh County read in a year? EVPL wants to find out! Throughout 2022, readers can help us by tracking their reading each month and then sharing with us the number of books they read. At the end of the year, EVPL will announce how many books our county has read.

Books and reading programs have been a part of EVPL's history since it was founded over 100 years ago. We have offered a variety of reading programs with the majority of them being seasonal challenges - *Our Summer*, *Fall into Reading*, and more. Beginning in 2022, we will be offering our first year-long annual reading challenge. With monthly trackers that can be picked up at any EVPL location or printed from [evpl.org](https://evpl.org), you can participate one month, a few months, or every month of the year!

With chances to win prizes each month, participants are encouraged to participate each month they can. To participate, you just need to read, track the titles you read throughout that month on your tracker, and then, drop off the bottom slip of your tracker to any EVPL location by the end of that month. Every EVPL location will have a monthly drawing for each age group! If you finish one tracker, you can pick up another one. You can also enter a tracker at multiple locations.

Books can be from any collection and can be audio or digital format. It all counts! Make sure you fill out your name, contact information, and how many books you read that month on the entry slip. Winners will be notified every month.

*Let's get  
to reading!*





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