BOOKENDS

Findlay-Hancock County Public Library

Serving the Community Since 1890

December 2021

OUR VALUES

We value free and open access to the library and library services for all citizens.

We value our patrons by serving them equally, respectfully, and with a friendly attitude.

We value lifelong learning and reading for joy.

We value the privacy of our patrons.

We value our community by playing an active role in improving quality of life.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. Julie McIntosh, President
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BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2021, at 4:30 pm at the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library.

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LIBRARY CLOSURES IN DECEMBER

The library will be closed on December 24 & 25 to observe Christmas. The library will close on December 31 at 4:00 pm to observe New Year's Eve.

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past year in the library, I am overwhelmed by the dedication of our staff. In 2021, they launched our first WinterREAD program, held a virtual CommunityREAD event and planned programs in an ever-changing variety of formats to meet our community's needs. They conducted a pop-up StoryWalk® program and installed a new, permanent StoryWalk at Benton Ridge Park. A new bookmobile arrived in the spring and has been making special appearances at community events ever since.

In addition to all of these very typical library services, staff took advantage of special pandemic rules to provide free grab-and-go meals to kids during the summer. In March, the library began distributing COVID tests. As of this writing, staff have distributed over 15,000 of those test kits to community members.

I could easily fill this newsletter with a list of successful programs, pictures of happy children and the comments of patrons grateful for library service. Instead, as you read this newsletter, I invite you to take an extra moment to think of the friendly faces who keep the library running smoothly. Please know that we think of you with every program planned, initiative launched and item ordered for our collection.

Thank you, to the staff of the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library for your outstanding service in 2021 and thanks to you, our patrons, for allowing us to serve you.

Happy Holidays and Happy Reading,

Sarah Clevidence

Sarah Clevidence, Director
Findlay-Hancock County Public Library

Give the Gift of Reading

The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library will once again give library patrons the opportunity to share the joy of books with children during the annual Gift of Reading program. Now through Christmas, you will have the opportunity to help put books in the hands of children.

Donations will support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they turn five.

In 1995, Dolly Parton launched this program to benefit the children of her home county in East Tennessee. Dolly's vision was to foster a love of reading among her county's preschool children and their families.

Through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, children in Hancock County will have books of their own at no cost to the family!

A new, carefully selected book will be mailed, in the child's name, to his or her home each and every month from birth until he or she turns five years of age. Titles are chosen by a blue ribbon panel of educators, are age appropriate, and have concepts that build upon each other.

Since the first mailing in November 2014, over 131,000 books have been mailed to children in Hancock County. There are currently just over 2,300 children enrolled in the program. $25.00 sponsors one child for one year (12 new books) and $125 sponsors one child for all five years (60 new books). Donations may be made at the Circulation Services desk at the library, the Arlington Branch Library, or on the Bookmobile. Donations made to the Hancock Literacy Fund at the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation help support the program in perpetuity.

For more information, please call us at 419-422-1712.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

MAKERSPACE FOR HOMESCHOOLERS: SNOWFLAKES

December 2
at 2:00 pm
in the Lindamood Room

REGISTER

Learn how to make lots of different snowflakes! Space is limited and registration is required. Register once per household please, and households will be seated together. If you have more than 4 in your group, please register each 4-person group separately. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration and more information at findlaylibrary.org.

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December 2
at 6:00 pm
in the Lindamood Room

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FAMILY BOOK BINGO

December 6
at 6:00 pm in
the Lindamood Room and
on Zoom

REGISTER

Play bingo and win book prizes! Books for PreK-Grade 6 are available. You can choose to play in person at the library or play via Zoom. Space is limited and registration is required for both options. For the library event, families will be seated together, and you only need to register once per family. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Please go to findlaylibrary.org to register for either option.

AT-HOME ESCAPE ROOM: MYSTERY AT THE MUSEUM

December 17 to January 2

Do you love solving puzzles and cracking secret codes? Our at-home escape room kit contains puzzles and props to create a fun escape room in your own home. Kits can be picked up starting December 17 and are available in the Children's Department at the Main Library, at the Arlington branch, and on the Bookmobile until January 2.

GET THIS HOLIDAY STARTED! ACTIVITY KIT

December 17 to January 7

Get your holiday party started with this free packet full of fun for the entire family! Activities include Holiday Minute to Win It games, a 2021 time capsule, and suggestions for crafts and activities for your holiday parties. Supplies included for two of the crafts. These free kits will be available from Friday, December 17 until January 7 in the Children's Department at the Main Library, the Arlington Branch, or at a Bookmobile stop.

AT-HOME MAKERSPACE WINTER REPEAT

December 7 & 21
at 6:00 pm on Facebook

Miss Sarah presents art, science, and engineering projects. Create something fun with supplies you can find at home. This winter, we are re-posting our favorite videos on Facebook.

For any programs that require registration, go to findlaylibrary.org, click on the calendar tab, then on the program in the calendar for the registration form

TEEN PROGRAMMING

TEEN BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Saturdays at 10:00 am on Facebook

Get ready for some great book recommendations from the FHCPL's Youth Advisory Board Members. #FHCPL

TEEN BOOK BINGO

December 7 at 6:30 pm in the Lindamood Room

Play Bingo to win teen books! Books available for grades 6-12.

Come and enjoy live holiday music at the library by Findlay High School's String Factor on December 12 & 19 in the Adult Services Department from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

ADULT PROGRAMMING

For any programs that require registration, go to findlaylibrary.org, click on the calendar tab, then on the program in the calendar for the registration form

CRAFTERWORK

December 9 6:00 pm in the Lindamood Room

REGISTER

Come and craft with us! Registration is preferred. Register by calling 419-422-1712 and ask for the reference desk or register at findlaylibrary.org. Adults and teens 16+ are welcome. Walk-ins are welcome if room is available. This month's craft: Christmas Card Holder. This craft is free!

BOOK TALK

Fridays at 10:30 am on Facebook

Find out what book our staff is recommending this week!

NEWS FROM THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY

Beginning December 1, the ODL checkout limit will be raised to 20 checkouts at a time, excluding magazine checkouts. The hold limit will increase to 30 holds at a time. Additionally, patrons will be allowed to recommend 5 titles per every 30 days!

HEALTHIFIED HOLIDAY SWEETS AND TREATS

December 15 at 4:30 pm in the Lindamood Room

REGISTER

OSU Extension Educator and Registered Dietitian Jennifer Little will be sharing tips and recipes to make this holiday delicious! Register at findlaylibary.org.

THE OHIO DIGITAL LIBRARY

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

FICTION ADDICTION BOOK DISCUSSION

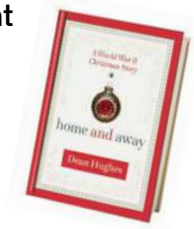
December 6 at 2:00 pm
in the Lindamood Room

Read *The Christmas Hope* by Donna VanLiere and join the discussion in the Lindamood Room!

LIT LOVERS BOOK DISCUSSION

December 6 at 6:30 pm
in the Blanchard Room

Read *Home and Away: A World War II Christmas Story* by Dean Hughes and join us for a great discussion.



BOWS & BLASTERS SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY BOOK CLUB

December 8
at 6:00 pm
in the Lindamood Room

This month's book is *The Tangleroot Palace* by Marjorie Liu. eBook copies are available on Libby and Hoopla. Join our Bows & Blasters Facebook group!

GENTLE READS BOOK DISCUSSION

December 9 at 2:00 pm
in the Lindamood Room

Read *The Wish Book Christmas* by Lynn Austin and join us for a discussion.

MONDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

REGISTER

December 13
at 1:00 pm on Zoom

Join us on Zoom for a discussion of *Home and Away: A World War II Christmas Story* by Dean Hughes. Please register at findlaylibrary.org.

50 NORTH BOOK DISCUSSION

December 16
at 10:00 am
at 50 North

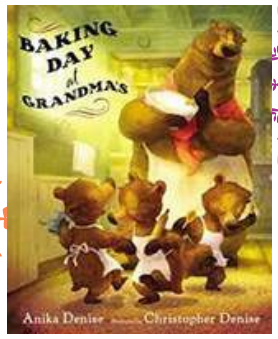
Read *The Christmas Swap* by Melody Carlson, then join us at 50 North (339 E. Melrose Avenue, Findlay) for a discussion.

Welcome to the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library

StoryWalk®

Bundle up and spend some wonderful holiday time together reading a great story! Join us at Riverside Park in Findlay or at the park in Benton Ridge!

The Wish Tree
by Kyo Maclear
Benton Ridge



Baking Day at Grandma's
by Anika Denise
Riverside Park

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WHAT ARE WE CHECKING OUT?

Christmas Elegance
By Beegie Adair

The Days of Afrekete
By Asali Solomon

Jinxed
By Amy McCulloch

The Secret Keeper of Jaipur
By Alka Joshi

When You See Me
By Lisa Gardner

Holiday Inn

How to Catch a Gingerbread Man
By Adam Wallace &
Andy Elkerton

Why Peacocks?: An Unlikely Search for Meaning in the World's Most Magnificent Bird
By Sean Flynn

To see new items, go to findlaylibrary.org & click on Catalog

November Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of:
Richard Chaney
by FHCPL Board & Staff

In Memory of:
Rosemary Roberts
by FHCPL Board & Staff

In Memory of:
Margaret 'Peg' Kirvan
by Laura, Greg and Mary Eier

In Memory of:
Dolores Walker
by The Gohlke Family

In Memory of:
Dolores Walker
by Charles & Anka Hall

In Memory of:
MaryLee Vahalik
by FHCPL Board & Staff

In Memory of:
Earl Campbell
by FHCPL Board & Staff

In Memory of:
Margaret 'Peg' Logsdon
by John & Sherri Wells

The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library appreciates the opportunity to be a part of a lasting tribute that will be enjoyed by the entire community. Patrons often donate to the library to purchase a book(s) for a deceased family member, friend, or co-worker. Other patrons donate to purchase a book(s) in honor of retirements, birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions.

Donors may suggest specific titles or subjects for memorials/honorariums or allow our professional selectors to choose appropriate items. A special bookplate will be placed in each donated book identifying the person being memorialized or honored, as well as the name of the donors. Please click here for more information or to donate, or contact us at 419-434-1480.

CONTACT US

Adult Services	419-422-1737
Book Cellar	419-434-1044
Children's Services	419-434-1077
Circulation Services	419-422-1712
Extension and Outreach Services	419-434-1123
Local & Family History	419-434-1143
Media Services	419-434-1036
Read for Life	419-422-3755
Teen Services	419-434-1300

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206 Broadway
Findlay, Ohio 45840

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Arlington, Ohio 45814

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Arlington 419-365-5755

Sarah Clevidence
Director
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BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

MONDAY

Arcadia 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Van Buren 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY

Vanlue 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Mt. Blanchard 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Mt. Cory 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Benton Ridge 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

THURSDAY

Jenera 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Rawson 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SENIOR TOWERS

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month

11:30 PM - 12:30 PM

EXTENSION & OUTREACH EVENTS

Christmas Open House at the Hancock Historical Museum

December 4 from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

December 5 from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm