



From the President

2017 has been a very good year and I would like to thank all of the volunteers and supporters that made it happen. I would also like to give a shout out to the library staff for their hard work in providing programs for the entire community. Your membership in the Friends of the Library makes that programming happen by providing the funds needed. Please renew your membership today. A renewal form is included at the end of the newsletter. Your support makes a difference! --Michael Fulton

Authors Fair Hosted November 11

On Saturday, November 11th, we hosted our second Brown County Authors Fair. The Authors Fair is a stop on the Brown County Humane Society's Chocolate Walk, and gives locals and visitors an opportunity to meet our local authors and learn about their works. There are works from all genres. The authors and Chocolate Walkers were very pleased and we plan to repeat this event next year. Watch for details.



Important Dates for the Coming Year

Here are some dates to put on your calendar for 2018.

April 27 & 28, 2018 The annual Plant Sale. This a great time to select additions to your garden.

November 10, 2018 Brown County Author Fair, from 10:00am until 5:00 pm.



BOOK CLUB at the Library! -- A Novel Bunch

Would you like to belong to a monthly book club? If so, Brown County Public Library's Novel Bunch welcomes you! Participants meet the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Room B on the lower level of the library.

Since May of 2013, book club members have been meeting monthly under the gentle guidance of librarian Diana Wright. From the beginning, Director Stori Snyder has supported this venture asking only that books be available to be checked out from the library so no participants would ever have to buy their own book club books. This system has worked out well as Diana searches on-line for books BCPL can borrow for club members then chooses a variety of genres based on availability and members' interest or books recommended by members.

Each meeting starts with friendly conversation over delicious snacks provided by those attending, and then quickly moves to a lively discussion of the month's book, facilitated by Diana. Although the Novel Bunch is a diverse group of readers who bring a variety of backgrounds and opinions to each discussion, everyone is courteous and respectful. Several new friendships have developed from these meetings.

Our November read was [Still Life](#) by Louise Penny. December is a special time for book sharing. Traditionally in December, each member recommends and gives a short synopsis of a favorite book. Everyone leaves with ideas for new reading lists.

The Novel Bunch book club offers open membership to anyone interested in reading and discussing books. There are no dues for our group. For more information, please call or email Diana at the library ([812-988-2850](tel:812-988-2850)) or dwright@browncounty.lib.in.us. Please join our Novel Bunch soon! --Joyce Shook, [812 200-3135](tel:812-200-3135)

From Our Library Director

We've seen a lot of changes this year, updating our website address to browncountylibrary.info and switching our catalog and checkout system to better accommodate our library patrons and staff. You can now receive email notifications before your items are due, renew items online through the My Account feature, and soon you'll be able to pay late fees online. While these changes are only seen in the virtual realm, we will soon also have a new physical change. We are updating our checkout desk to include an additional opening for our

book carts and a new book drop. Please excuse our mess during this process; we promise to have candy on hand to distract you from the noise.

The calendar year is coming to an end and with it will be the very popular Indiana State Park Pass program, as it was not renewed for 2018. This program permitted libraries to check-out a park pass to library patrons to use anywhere in the state. The program began in 2016 for the bicentennial and was renewed for an additional year. Sadly, this program will be discontinued at the end of the year. However, we still have a valid pass to the Eiteljorg Museum that is available to check out.

We are constantly evaluating materials and services throughout the year but we do so with a more critical eye as we rip off the month of November in our cat calendar. One particular area we really investigate is the usage of our databases. After a close review some will be dropped and a few new ones will be added. We aim for diversity and interest while being mindful of cost. I'll take this opportunity to highlight a couple for you to note. Newspapers.com World Collection and Ancestry Library Edition are wonderful tools for more than genealogists. BrainHQ is a brain training program that tracks your progress and recommends exercises to improve memory and increase focus. And Mango Languages is a language learning program with over 70 languages to choose from, including Pirate.

Something new you'll see in 2018 is an increase of items in our Library of Things collection. We currently circulate ukuleles with an instructional DVD, tuner and chord dictionary and Kill A Watt EZ meters, simple household energy readers to measure how much electricity your appliances and electronic gadgets consume. Added to this collection of Things, will be Enchroma glasses for the color blind, a loom, and binoculars for adults and children, to name a few.

In the spirit of new collections, we've recently added an adult graphic novel collection. By the way, graphic novels are a format and not a genre. Using sequential art to tell a story, they are like comics but are different in that they are generally stand-alone stories and are bound like a traditional book. You'll find the new collection at the end of the adult fiction collection.

Thanks to support of the Friends of the Library, starting in January you will find new programs, like 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Welcome Baby Bags (full of goodies for our newest library patrons), and a year-long adult reading challenge. We will continue to offer our Book-A-Librarian service and have iPads fully stocked with children's games at the ready for anyone who asks. I could fill the pages of a book describing all the great things happening at the library, but instead I'll challenge you come in and find them out for yourself.

Happy Holidays! Stori Snyder, Library Director

Upcoming Library Programs

December

Novel Bunch Book Club – Dec 20th @ 2pm
Cordry Sweetwater Book Club – Dec 30th @ 6:30pm
Holiday Café (cookies and cocoa) – Dec 20th 1-5pm
Family Histories and Mysteries – Dec 27th @ 1pm

January

Talk to a Lawyer Day – Jan 5th @ 3-5pm
Storytime – Tuesdays (beginning Jan 9th) @ 10am
After School Teen Time – Wednesdays (beginning Jan 10th) @ 3-5pm
Creative Builders – Thursdays (beginning Jan 11th) @ 10:30-12pm
Ready Readers – Thursdays (beginning Jan 11th) @ 1-2pm
Stop Stressing -- Jan 17th @ 1-3pm
Novel Bunch Book Club – Jan 17th @ 1pm
Family Histories & Mysteries – Jan 31st @ 1pm

February

- Storytime – Tuesdays @10am
- After School Teen Time – Wednesdays @ 3-5pm
- Creative Builders – Thursdays @ 10:30-12pm
- Ready Readers – Thursdays @ 1-2pm
- What’s on Your Plate? – Feb 13th @ 1-3pm
- Learn Calligraphy – Feb 18th @ 1-4pm
- Novel Bunch Book Club – Feb 21st @ 2
- Family Histories & Mysteries – Feb 28th @ 1pm

Visit our website, browncountylibrary.info to keep updated on all library programs.



Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your membership to the Friends of the Library. Your membership dues help the library in so many ways. We fund the various programs the library offers such as: Summer Reading Program for Children, Adult Summer Reading Program, Sit

Stay Read Program for Beginning Readers.

The Friends also provide supplementary funding for the Garden Club’s Children’s Garden on the north side of the library. Come see and enjoy it!

The membership renewal form is below for your convenience. Just clip and return it. You can drop it off at the front desk on your next visit or mail it back to us. You can make a difference.

Friends of the Library Annual Memberships

- ___ Individual.....\$10
- ___ Family.....\$20
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Friends of the Brown County Public Library
PO Box 1184
Nashville, IN 47448

Thank you for your support!

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