



Summer Newsletter

Hours & Closings

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday	10:00-6:00
Tuesday & Thursday	10:00-6:30
Saturday	9:00-1:00
Sunday	Closed
July 4	Closed

Special points of interest:

- Summer Reading starts June 5!
- Board Meetings: June 9 and July 14th at 5:30.
- Soup, Stories, and the Birth of a Nation, June 17 at 12:00 and 5:00
- Dig Into History, July 9 at 1:00 and 5:00



Nature Playdate Storytime!

We are moving Storytime outside for the summer! Join us Wednesdays, June 10—July 15, at 11:00 for fun books, music, outdoor activities and some dinosaurs here and there! Dress cool for outdoor and sometimes messy fun.



Children's Summer Reading

Sign up starts now for amazing programming this summer. Children can attend programs for free! All children can participate in our reading challenge where they can read for prizes whether they can attend the program or not. **Reading logs must be turned in by July 10th.**

Digging into Science with Professor Steve, June 5 @ 11:00

Learn about amazing inventors like Thomas Edison, Nikola Tesla, Benjamin Franklin & Leonardo da Vinci. Discover who invented Toilet Paper. See why Socrates is so important. Dodge tennis balls being hurled at your head. And watch in disbelief as Professor Steve demonstrates some of his own awesome inventions. Lots of science, lots of interaction & lots of fun for all ages



Caveman Day, June 12 at 11:00

Live & play as cavemen and make cavemen crafts! Wanna live like a

caveman? Help paint a giant cave wall with your own handprints and fingers, make bead and feather necklaces, and play caveman themed games!



Science Central, June 19 at 11:00

Learn more about dinosaurs and fossils! Science Central will be here to give a wonderful presentation on paleontology and how it works! Observe ancient footprints, explore fossil models, and discover the prehistoric life of Indiana!



Merry Lea Underground, June 26 at 11:00

There is a whole underground society just below our feet! And Merry Lea will describe how soil, plants, and animals that help shape the earth we call home! Let's dig deeper in the discovery of compost and



learn what the earth has to behold!

Dig Up Day, July 10 at 11:00

Become junior paleontologists and dig up dino-riffic fun. Wanna become junior paleontologists? Dig up bones and other fossils, put together pieces of archaeological puzzles, and have a hands on experience on what it is like to discover prehistoric findings!



Summer Reading Finale, July 17 at 12:00 by invite only.

Our Summer Reading Finale is at the Fort Wayne Zoo! You **MUST** complete your summer reading goals before July 10th if you want to go! We will have a bus available for those who want to ride with us and have children over age 5. Pick up your permission note with your third week of reading! Children 12 and under will receive a free ticket for reaching their goal.

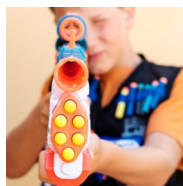


Teen Summer Reading

Teens can read books to earn prizes **this summer by meeting personal goals on their reading logs. Each row on your log earns a chance to win a grand prize. The more you read, the better the chance of winning. Each row completed will also earn a small prize for participating.**

Nerf Night, June 9 at 6:30-9

It's Nerf or nothin' when it comes to this night! You must have



a permission note to attend this program and be promptly picked up at 9:00. You may bring your own nerf guns but nothing modified.

Weaving Fiber with Erik Vorksteen, June 16 at 2:00

We will have a class on how to weave all sorts of fibers and strings with your own hands! Pro-



vided by Erik Vorksteen!

Kool Kaijus, June 23 at 2:00

Calling all kaiju fans! Enjoy a kaiju themed craft and trivia about all sorts of kaiju movies!

Holes Movie Event, July 7 at 2:00

Enjoy the movie Holes, with snacks and soda provided! As well as a fun trivia on the side!



Adult Summer Reading

Adults can read books to earn prizes **this summer by meeting personal goals on their reading logs. Each row on your log earns a chance to win a grand prize. The more you read, the better the chance of winning. Please sign up for each individual event as we have limited supplies.**

Unearthed Dino Skeleton Terrarium, June 5th at 5:30

Create your own terrarium with a live plants and a mini dinosaur skeleton. You must sign up to attend. There is limit space.



Dino Bingo, June 12 5:30-6:30

All ages are welcome to play bingo and try to win some fun prizes!



this class. Adults only. You must sign up to attend, there is limited space.

Tea-Rex Party, July 10 @ 5:30

All ages are invited to dress up and attend this yummy dinosaur style tea party.

Wayne Pope Photography, June 19 at 5:30

Learn about the different types of birds of the Midwest as well as how to photograph them with the teachings of Wayne Pope!

Amber Resin Gem, June 26 at 5:30

Make your very own amber mosquito prop at



Jurassic Night of Fun, July 17th at 5:30.

Join us for a showing of the classic dinosaur movie that launched a franchise. Also we will be enjoying a dino themed dinner. You must sign up to attend.



Soup, Stories, and the Birth of a Nation

Our American Story: **Voices and Visions of 1776** June 17, 12:00 and 5:00

Enjoy a warm bowl of soup while exploring the story of the American Revolution. This program features short video clips that highlight key moments presented from the PBS Special by Ken Burns, "The American Revolution", people, and ideas from the Revolutionary era, followed by guided discussion. The program will be offered twice on each day to make it easier for our patrons to attend. Participants are invited to share thoughts, ask questions, and connect history to the present in a relaxed, community-friendly setting. This is the final part of a six part series ending in June and will be Our American Story: Voices and Visions of 1776: Art and Culture .

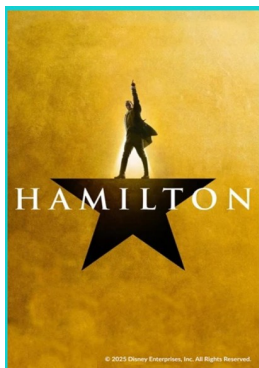


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Dinner and Show

July 24 at 5:00.

Celebrate the 250th birthday of America by watching the award winning musical at the library, all while enjoying a colonial inspired meal. You must sign up to attend. Ages 10 and up are recommended for attendees due to content but parents should do their own research on the appropriateness of the content.

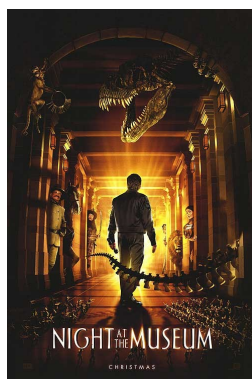


Family Friendly Movie Mondays

Join us for a free movie and popcorn

June 22 at 2:00

July 13 at 2:00



Dig Into History: Ligonier Newspapers Now Online

Sign up for hands-on learning for July 9th at 1:00 and 5:00 in our computer lab.

In 2024, the Community Foundation of Noble county awarded the Ligonier Public Library a grant of \$13,000 from the G. Martin Kenney Fund to support a major newspaper digitization project. Over the last few years, the library has worked to digitize the Ligonier Banner newspaper that cover from 1858-1950. That's nearly one hundred years of history! The library is partnering with local groups and the Indiana State Library to complete the project. The newspapers will then be searchable online through Hoosier Chronicles. This will make it much easier to search. The project is now complete, the library is offering classes for the public on how to find information and to use the site. We will have two separate times to join to get hands on with the online site!



Hoosier State Chronicles
Indiana's Digital Historic Newspaper Program

Hoosier State Chronicles is operated by the Indiana State Library and funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. We seek to provide free, online access to high quality digital images of Indiana's historic newspapers by digitizing our

collection, and assisting other organizations in making their collections digitally available. The Library worked with the Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum partnered with the Ligonier Public Library and the Noble County Community Foundation to help digitize the *Ligonier Banner*.

The museum was especially interested in supporting this project because the eastern side of Syracuse and Lake Wawasee historically had stronger ties to Cromwell and Ligonier than to Syracuse itself. As a result, the *Ligonier Banner* often covered eastern Lake Wawasee news and community events in greater detail than the Syracuse newspapers that are currently digitized.

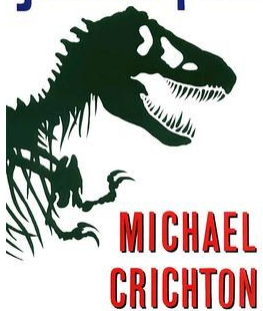
In addition, Syracuse newspapers prior to 1900 are incomplete and inconsistent, making local event coverage from that era somewhat fragmented. The *Ligonier Banner* frequently included a dedicated Syracuse correspondence section, preserving reports of local events and community happenings from the pre-1900 period. The newspaper is also available from earlier dates than many other local publications, providing an important historical resource for researching Syracuse and eastern Lake Wawasee history.

Another important aspect of this project is accessibility. While the *Ligonier Leader* is largely behind a paywall, the *Ligonier Banner* is freely accessible online through Hoosier State Chronicles, a program supported by the Indiana State Library. This allows researchers, historians, genealogists, and community members to access these historical records at no cost.

Novel Points Book Club: June and July

Join us for the Summer's Book Club! Copies can be checked out at the adult circulation desk. Join us June 29th for Jurassic Park at 5:00 and July 20th for Killing England at 5:00. We will have discussion and dessert!

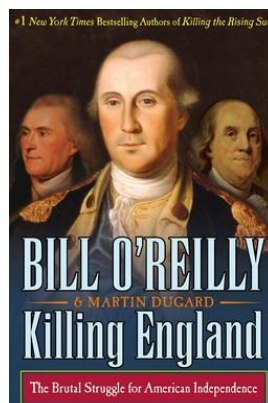
JURASSIC PARK



Jurassic Park (Crichton) Want to jump into some Dinosauric summer reading? We got you with *Jurassic Park*! An astonishing technique for recovering and cloning dinosaur DNA has been discovered. Now humankind's most thrilling fantasies have come true. Creatures extinct for eons roam Jurassic Park with their awesome presence and profound mystery, and all the

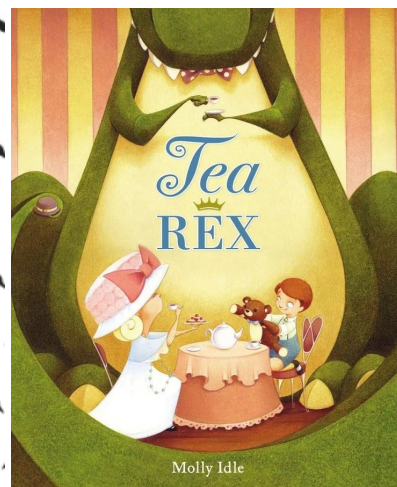
world can visit them—for a price. Until something goes wrong...

Killing England (O'Reilly) Told through the eyes of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and Great Britain's King George III, *Killing England* chronicles the path to independence in gripping detail, taking the listener from the battlefields of America to the royal courts of Europe. What started as protest and unrest in the colonies soon escalated to a world war with devastating casualties. O'Reilly and Dugard recreate the war's landmark battles, including Bunker Hill, Long Island, Saratoga, and Yorktown, revealing the savagery of hand-to-hand



combat and the often brutal conditions under which these brave American soldiers lived and fought. Also here is the reckless treachery of Benedict Arnold and the daring guerilla tactics of the "Swamp Fox" Francis Marion. A must-listen, *Killing England* reminds one and all how the course of history can be changed through the courage and determination of those intent on doing the impossible.

Ligonier Storywalk



The newest Storywalk will be coming in June and will last until July. *Tea Rex* is the perfect book to match our Summer Reading theme. At Jenny Thompson Garden, you will find 17 displays which tell the story of Ploof. Join us for a walk around the track. Be sure to sign our guest book at the end! The Storywalk was created in cooperation with the Ligonier Parks Department. The StoryWalk® Project was originally created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

