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Library News & Events

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Congratulations, Winners!

The top winners of the Kendallville Public Library's 27th Annual Kleiman Creative Writing Contest were announced during an Awards Ceremony at the Community Learning Center on Tuesday, April 15. Nearly 200 students entered books for the contest in the categories of Fiction, Non-Fiction, Graphic Novel, Chapter Books, Alphabet Books and Poetry. Books were judged, bound, and returned to the students during the awards ceremony.

The first place winners are listed below. They each received a \$50 gift card and will have their books placed in the KPL collection for all to read!

4th Grade:

- Non-Fiction: **All About Frogs** by Paisley Goolsby (Wayne Center)
- Fiction: **Lucius and the Lost Brain Cell** by Raven Duckwall (St. John's)
- Graphic Novel: **The Pencil War** By Karalynn Vanderpoll (Avilla)
- Alphabet Book: **Awesome Animals** by Kaley Spence (Wayne Center)
- Poetry: **Video Games** by Tylan Helmuth (Wayne Center)

5th Grade:

- Non-fiction: **Child of God** by Marie Grosvenor (St. Mary's)
- Fiction: **Silent Music** by Olivia Barton (St. Mary's)
- Poetry: **Water** by Eva Wysong (St. Johns)
- Chapter Book: **Lost at War** by Declan Monroe (St. Mary's)

6th Grade:

- Fiction: **Age Gap Sisters** by Mataya Justice (St. Johns)
- Alphabet Book: **M is for Montessori** by Eva Gilley (Oak Farm)
- Poetry: **If Only** by Kade Miller

David Kleiman, son of Isadore and Pearl Kleiman, who started the contest in his parents' honor, continues to be involved today, along with his own children and grandchildren. The library is grateful for their continued support. View a full list of winners on our website at www.kendallvillelibrary.org.

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**The Libraries will be closed
Monday, May 26.**

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at the Kendallville Public Library and its Limberloss




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4	<p>5</p> <p>Love Bug Mother's Day Cards • May 5 - 10</p> <p>Story Time • 10:00 a.m. • KPL & LB</p> <p>Bixler Lake Walk • 10:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Home School Adventures - Old Electronics 1:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany • 5:30 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>6</p> <p>BINGO • 9:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Barre with Brittany • 10:15 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Story Time • 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany • 11:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Gene Stratton-Porter Walk • 1:00 p.m. • GSP</p> <p>After School Explorers - Clothespin Puppets 4:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Doggy Tales • 4:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Anime Club • 5:00 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Sensory Fri 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>CLC Bo 6:00 p.m. • CLC (</p>
11	<p>12</p> <p>Cortex - Mini Canvas Paint • May 12 - 31</p> <p>Origami Boats • May 12 - 17</p> <p>Bixler Lake Walk • 10:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Story Time • 10:00 a.m. • KPL & LB</p> <p>Book Club Salad • 1:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany • 5:30 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Candle Making • 5:30 p.m. • LB</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Make it with Leah - Painted Wooden Butterflies • 9:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Barre with Brittany • 10:15 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Story Time • 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany • 11:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>SOUPer Book Club • 1:00 p.m. • LB</p> <p>After School Explorers - Fruity Pebble Rice Krispies • 4:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Anime Club • 5:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sensory Fri 8:00 a.m.</p>
18	<p>19</p> <p>American Windsock • May 19 - 24</p> <p>Story Time 10:00 a.m. • KPL & LB</p> <p>Coffee and Cram 4:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany 5:30 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>All Ages BINGO 5:30 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Barre with Brittany • 10:15 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Story Time • 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany • 11:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>After School Explorers - Games & Popcorn 4:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Anime Club • 5:00 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Sensory Fri 8:00 a.m.</p>
25	<p>26</p> <p>LIBRARIES CLOSED</p>  <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Yarn Weaving • May 27 - 31</p> <p>Barre with Brittany 10:15 a.m. • LB</p> <p>Yoga with Brittany 11:00 a.m. • LB</p> <p>After School Explorers - Chalk Art 4:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p>Anime Club 5:00 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Sensory Fri 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Candle M 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Mini P 4:00 p.m.</p>

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Preschool Programs
Elementary Programs
Teen Programs
Youth Programs (K-12)
Adult Programs
All Ages / Family Programs

*The age categories of the programs below represent a majority of the ages for which the event is intended. For specific age ranges for each event, please refer to the more detailed information found elsewhere in this newsletter.

KPL: Kendallville Public Library LB: Limberlost Branch

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>endly Hour n. • KPL</p> <p>ok Club (teens welcome)</p>	<p>1 Cortex Project - Wind Chime May 1 -10</p> <p>Make it with Leah - Wood Slice Tic Tac Toe • 10:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Egg Carton Turtles 5:00 p.m. • LB</p> <p>Story Time 6:00 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Little Learners Play Date 10:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Barre with Brittany 11:00 a.m. • KPL</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>endly Hour n. • KPL</p> <p>ok Club (teens welcome)</p>	<p>8 Brunch Prep - Mozzarella Spinach Salad 10:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Lego Day • 5:00 p.m. • LB</p> <p>Doggy Tales • 5:30 p.m. • LB</p> <p>Story Time • 6:00 p.m. • KPL</p> <p> Book Sale Friends Only 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Barre with Brittany 11:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>BINGO 1:30 p.m. • KPL</p> <p> Book Sale Public Welcome 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>10</p> <p> Book Sale Clearance 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • KPL</p>
<p>endly Hour n. • KPL</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Make it with Katie - Lei Making 10:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Diamond Art Coasters 5:00 p.m. • LB</p> <p>Story Time 6:00 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Little Learners Play Date 10:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Barre with Brittany 11:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>BINGO 1:30 p.m. • LB</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Fairy Festival 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Downtown Kendallville</p>
<p>endly Hour n. • KPL</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Little Learners Play Date 6:00 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Little Learners Play Date 10:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Barre with Brittany 11:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Make it with Katie - Wood Spring Boot 1:30 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>endly Hour n. • KPL</p> <p>aking n. • KPL</p> <p>izza n. • KPL</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Make it with Brooke - Silhouette Paint 5:30 p.m. • KPL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Little Learners Play Date 10:00 a.m. • KPL</p> <p>Barre with Brittany 11:00 a.m. • KPL</p>	<p>31</p>



Fairy, Gnome and Troll Festival

Saturday, May 17

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Main Street, Kendallville

Step into a world of wonder at the annual Fairy, Gnome & Troll Festival in downtown Kendallville! Enjoy live entertainment, explore the whimsical fairy village, sip tea at the fairy tea party, and even try your luck at dunking a troll. There will be crafts, activities, and unique vendors for all ages—and don't forget to visit the Kendallville Library's booth! This magical, family-friendly event welcomes everyone, and costumes are strongly encouraged!

Scan the QR Code to View Youth and Adult Events.



Kleiman Creative Writing Contest Endowed for Future Generations

The Kendallville Public Library is proud to announce that the Kleiman Creative Writing Contest has been officially endowed through the Kendallville Public Library Foundation's Endowment Program. A generous \$150,000 contribution from the Kleiman family ensures this beloved contest will continue to inspire young writers for generations to come.

For more than two decades, the Kleiman Creative Writing Contest has provided students with a platform to stretch their imaginations, develop their voices, and share their stories. This program is more than just a competition—it's an opportunity for growth, creativity, and self-discovery.

We are incredibly grateful to Mr. David H. Kleiman, Mr. David N. Kleiman, and the entire Kleiman family for their continued support. Their gift honors the memory of Isadore and Pearl Kleiman and extends their legacy of literature and learning throughout our community.



Kendallville Public Library
221 S. Park Avenue
Kendallville, IN 46755
260-343-2010 Fax: 260-343-2011

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday



Limberlost Branch Library
164 Kelly St., PO Box 447
Rome City, IN 46784
260-854-2775 Fax: 260-854-3382

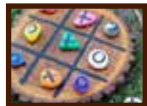
Hours:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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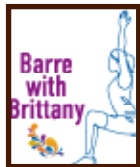
Adult and family events at the
Kendallville Public Library
and its Limberlost Branch



Make it with Leah - Wood Slice Tic Tac Toe
Thursday, May 1 at 10:00 a.m. • KPL
Join Leah to create a fun Tic Tac Toe game using wood slices.



Book Club Salad - *How to Age Disgracefully* by Clara Pooley
Monday, May 12 at 1:00 p.m. • KPL
Read this month's book and join Brittany and Leah for a lively discussion paired with a delicious salad. Don't forget to bring your thoughts and appetite!



Barre with Brittany
Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 11:00 a.m. • KPL
Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10:15 a.m. • LB
Move with Brittany, a certified Barre instructor, for a workout that focuses on low-impact, high intensity movements to improve strength, agility and flexibility for anyone.



Candle Making with Murphy's Townhouse
Monday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m. • LB
Wednesday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m. • KPL
Get creative and cozy by making your own custom-scented candle with Murphy's Townhouse



Bixler Lake Walk
Mondays, May 5 & 12 at 10:00 a.m. • KPL
Take a refreshing walk around Bixler with Brittany and Leah! Stop by the adult desk to sign a waiver.



Make it with Leah – Painted Wooden Butterflies
Tuesday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. • LB
Join Leah to paint a colorful wooden butterfly to display at home or give as a gift.



Yoga with Brittany
Mondays, May 5, 12 & 19 at 5:30 p.m. • KPL
Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 11:00 a.m. • LB
Brittany, a certified yoga teacher, will teach an all-levels Flow Yoga class.



BINGO
Tuesday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m. • LB
Friday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m. • KPL
Friday, May 16 at 1:30 p.m. • LB
Enjoy the excitement as participants compete for awesome prizes, including swag, candy, and books!



SOUPer Book Club - *We All Live Here* by Jojo Moyes
Tuesday, May 13 at 1:00 p.m. • LB
Dive into this month's book with Brittany and Leah, and enjoy a warm bowl of soup while sharing your thoughts and insights!



Gene Stratton Porter Walk
Tuesday, May 6 at 1:00 p.m. • GSP
Join Brittany and Leah in the Gene Stratton-Porter parking lot to sign a waiver before we explore the beautiful and historic site together.



Make it with Katie – Lei Making
Thursday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. • KPL
Katie will teach participants how to make a colorful lei necklace or crown using vibrant, island-inspired materials.

CLC BOOK CLUB
THE GIRL WHO SAID GOODBYE BY HEATHER ALLEN
Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. • CLC
The CLC, NCPL, and KPL are partnering to host a book club featuring *The Girl Who Said Goodbye* by Heather Allen. The author will join us for a special luncheon in June.



Make it with Katie – Wood Spring Boot
Friday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m. • KPL
Katie will teach participants how to paint a wooden boot, perfect for adding a fun touch to your spring or western-themed décor.



Brunch Prep - Mozzarella Spinach Salad
Thursday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. • KPL
Layer up a fresh and flavorful mozzarella spinach salad in a mason jar! Learn how to prep, pack, and enjoy this easy, on-the-go meal.



Make it with Brooke – Silhouette Paint
Thursday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m. • KPL
Brooke will guide participants through the steps to design and paint a unique silhouette scene.

Registration is required for all events. Register by visiting our website at www.kendallvillelibrary.org. If you have questions please call KPL at 343-2010, LB at 854-2775 or email ldresser@kendallvillelibrary.org



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Youth and family events
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Egg Carton Turtles
K - 12
Thursday, May 1 at 5:00 p.m. • LB
Drop in and craft a cute turtle using an egg carton and paint.



Diamond Art Coasters
K - 12
Thursday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. • LB
Make a beautiful diamond art coaster.



Story Time
Birth - Age 5
Thursday, May 1, 8 & 15 at 6:00 p.m. • KPL
Mondays, May 5, 12 & 19 at 10:00 a.m. • KPL & LB
Tuesdays, May 6, 13 & 20 at 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. • KPL
Join us for stories, crafts, activities and more! Be sure to register to make sure you have a saved spot. You can register for more than one story time session at a time.



American Windsock
Grades K - 12
May 19 - 24 • All Branches
Stop in and make an American Windsock just in time for Memorial Day!



Little Learners Play Date
Birth - Age 5
Fridays, May 2, 16, 23 & 30 at 10:00 a.m. • KPL
Thursday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. • KPL
Our play date offers a nurturing environment for preschoolers to engage in imaginative play, hands-on activities, and social interaction.



After School Explorers - Games and Popcorn
Grades K - 5
Tuesday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m. • KPL
Kids in grades K-5 are invited to join us for after school games. We'll also make popcorn to snack on.



Love Bug Mother's Day Cards
Grades K - 12
May 5 - 10 • All Branches
Stop in to make a card for Mom.



Yarn Weaving
Grades K - 12
May 27 - 31 • All Branches
Stop in and make a yarn weaving.



Home School Adventures - Old Electronics
Preschool - Grade 12
Monday, May 5 at 1:00 • KPL
This month, we'll explore old electronics, see what's inside, and use the parts to build unique sculptures!



After School Explorers - Chalk Art
Grades K - 5
Tuesday, May 27 at 4:00 p.m. • KPL
Kids in grades K-5 are invited to create chalk art. If the weather's nice, we'll head outside to decorate the library sidewalks!



After School Explorers - Clothespin Puppets
Grades K - 5
Tuesday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m. • KPL
Kids in grades K-5 are invited to make their own unique clothespin puppets.

Teen Programs



Anime Club
Grades 6 - 12
Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 5:00 p.m. • KPL
Join our anime club as we watch anime, read manga, draw and more.



Lego Day
K - 12
Thursday, May 8 at 5:00 p.m. • LB
Bring your friends and build some LEGO masterpieces together!

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Origami Boats
Grades K - 12
May 12 - 17 • All Branches
Stop in to create a boat using an origami technique.



Coffee & Cram - Study Session
Grades 6 - 12
Monday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. • KPL
Teens are welcome to enjoy coffee and snacks while studying—solo or with friends—for upcoming exams or finals.



After School Explorers - Fruity Pebble Rice Krispies
Grades K - 5
Tuesday, May 13 at 4:00 p.m. • KPL
Kids in grades K-5 are invited to make a tasty after school treat. Come hungry and ready for fun!



Mini Pizza
Grades 6 - 12
Wednesday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m. • KPL
Come to the library to make and enjoy some homemade mini pizzas!

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Family Events in May



Cortex - Wind Chime
May 1 - 10 • All Branches
Craft in the Cortex by creating Mother's Day gifts while supplies last.



Doggy Tales
Tuesday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m. • KPL
Thursday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m. • LB
Kids of all ages are invited to practice their reading skills with Sunny Boy, a therapy dog.



Sensory Friendly Hour
Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 8:00 a.m. • KPL
Join us for a Sensory Friendly Hour, a special time dedicated to creating a calm and welcoming environment for individuals with sensory sensitivities. Registration is required to enter the building for this event.



All Ages BINGO
Monday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. • KPL
Join KPL for an exciting game of All Ages Bingo! It's a fun-filled event for everyone—win awesome prizes and enjoy a great time together!



Cortex - Mini Canvas Paint
May 12 - 31 • All Branches
Craft in the Cortex by creating a mini painting while supplies last.



BOOK SALE at the Kendallville Branch

Friends Only Sale
Thursday, May 8 • 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Public Welcome
Friday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Clearance Sale
Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations

Walter Ginder

for reading 500 Books
Before Kindergarten!

