It’s time to celebrate CommunityREAD month! Each March, we encourage our community to read, share, and enjoy our CommunityREAD family of books. This year’s selection of *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate allows us to once again bring a *New York Times* bestselling author to Hancock County. Ms. Wingate will offer a presentation at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts on March 26 at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the event are $10 and are available at the box office, online at www.mcpa.org, or at the door the night of the event.

YouthREAD titles for 2020 include: *A Home for Leo* by Vin Vogel, *Just Right Family* by Silvia Lopez, *Three Pennies* by Melanie Crowder, and *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan. Discussion questions and activities for all of our YouthREAD titles are available on our website to help families and teachers explore these great titles.

CommunityREAD would not be possible without generous community support. We are grateful to The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, the Friends of the Library, First Federal Bank, the LaRiche Family of Dealerships, and the Hancock County Convention and Visitors Bureau for continuing to sponsor CommunityREAD.

We are also grateful to the community members serving on the CommunityREAD and YouthREAD committees. These community members read, review, research, and discuss short list titles to select our CommunityREAD and YouthREAD titles each year. If you would like more information about serving on a future CommunityREAD or YouthREAD committee, please contact CommunityREAD chair Joel Mantey at jmantey@findlaylibrary.org.

Please join us in celebrating CommunityREAD and read, share, and enjoy these great books!
Elder Care & Abuse Prevention
An Evening with Area on Agency on Aging
March 2 at 6:00 PM Lindamood Room
Join Shannon Hadding of the Area Agency on Aging who will speak about elder abuse and scams as well as services available to elders in our community.

Creative Writer's Group
March 5 at 6:30 PM Lindamood Room
This program is open to teens and adults. Meet us in a positive environment to share your writing, receive feedback, and learn about writing opportunities.

Foster Care & Adoption: Answering Questions You’re Afraid to Ask
March 11 at 6:30 PM Lindamood Room
Brandon Daniels will provide an overview of the foster care system and adoption process and answer questions.

Cooking for Adults
March 12 at 4:30 PM Lindamood Room
Join us for recipes and samples. This class is intended for adults only please. Registration required. Click here to register or register at the reference desk.

Beginner Basket Weaving
March 14 at 10:00 AM Lindamood Room
We will be making blueberry bucket baskets. Registration is required in person at the reference desk. Materials cost of $15.00 is due at the time of registration. The class is scheduled until 4:00 pm. You may bring a lunch.

Discovering your DNA
March 17 at 6:30 PM Lindamood Room
Abby Levitt, Assistant Professor of Biology at the University of Findlay, will discuss how our genes can be used as genetic tools for investigations, medicine, and ancestry.

Cooking Southern Classics
March 18 at 6:00 PM Lindamood Room
Emilee Drerup, FCS Educator at OSU Extension, will give tips on making southern classics healthier without giving up taste. Registration required. Click here to register or register at the reference desk.

CrafterWork
March 25 at 6:30 PM Lindamood Room
This month's craft is a dragonfly in connection with our CommunityREAD title, Before We Were Yours. Registration is preferred at the reference desk, or click here to register.

Genealogy 101
March 23 at 6:30 PM Lindamood Room
Join us for a beginner's guide to starting family history research.
Bows and Blasters Book Discussion
March 4 at 6:30 PM Lindamood Room
This month's book is the CommunityREAD title, *Before We Were Yours*. Copies of the book are available at the reference desk.

Lit Lovers Book Discussion
March 9 at 6:30 PM Lindamood Room
We will be discussing the CommunityREAD title, *Before We Were Yours*. To join, contact Adult Services at 419-422-1712.

Birchaven Book Discussion
March 2 at 2:00 PM
This month's book is the CommunityREAD title, *Before We Were Yours*. This discussion takes place at the Heights Private Dining Room at Birchaven.

50 North Book Discussion
March 12 at 10:00 AM
This month's book is the CommunityREAD title, *Before We Were Yours*. This group meets at 50 North.

Monday Afternoon Book Group
March 16 at 1:00 PM Lindamood Room

Gentle Reads Book Discussion
March 18 at 2:00 PM Lindamood Room
This month's book is the CommunityREAD title, *Before We Were Yours*. Copies of the book are available at the reference desk.

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BOOK CELLAR BOOK SALE
March 20–21, 2020
10:00 am–4:30 pm
Lindamood Room
**Minute to Win It**  
March 3 at 6:30 PM Lindamood Room  
60 seconds is all the time you have to complete the challenge. Can you beat the clock?

**Teen Chess Club**  
March 7 at 10:30 AM Children's Programming Room  
This program is for middle school and high school students to learn the basics of chess and have fun playing new people.

**A Musical Experience with Matt Keeler**  
March 7 at 2:00 PM Lindamood Room  
Matt is a musical antiquarian who teaches a bit of history through his performance which features English, Scottish, and Irish music.

**Teens to Apples Game Time**  
March 21 at 2:00 PM Children's Programming Room  
Come join our teen-only hangout and play Apples to Apples. Teens in grades 6-12 welcome.

**CSI Mystery**  
March 24 at 6:30 PM Lindamood Room  
Students from the University of Findlay will show us how crime scene investigation tools are used to solve a mystery. Teens in grades 4-12 are welcome.

**Teen Movie Night**  
March 31 at 5:30 PM Lindamood Room  
Join us for Jumanji: The Next Level

**Minute to Win It**  
March 3 at 6:30 PM Lindamood Room  
60 seconds is all the time you have to complete the challenge. Can you beat the clock?

**A Musical Experience with Matt Keeler**  
March 7 at 2:00 PM Lindamood Room  
Matt is a musical antiquarian who teaches a bit of history through his performance which features English, Scottish, and Irish music.

**Unlock the Past: A History Mystery Game**  
March 10 at 6:30 PM Lindamood Room  
Have fun exploring the past with a scavenger hunt through the genealogy collection at the library.

**Teen Board Game Group**  
March 11 at 6:30 PM Children's Programming Room  
Enjoy a fun evening of teen-only gaming. Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome!

**Teen Craft and Snack**  
March 17 at 6:30 PM Children's Programming Room  
Come and get crafty at the library and enjoy a snack while you work.

Contact Erin Gillespie at 419-434-1486 with any questions on teen programs.
**Children's Programs**
**March 2020**

**Homeschool Book vs. Movie Club**  
March 2 at 1:30 PM Lindamood Room  
Read the book, watch the movie, then discuss.  
Stop by the children's desk for a copy of the book.

**Storytime**  
Every Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30 AM  
Lindamood Room or Children's Programming Room  
Join us for stories, songs, activities, and crafts. Storytime is for children of all ages accompanied by a caregiver.

**Baby Storytime**  
Every Wednesday & Friday at 9:45 AM  
Early Literacy Center  
Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and other fun activities. Recommended for children birth-36 months accompanied by a caregiver.

**Little Tikes Play Date**  
Every Wednesday & Friday at 10:15 AM  
Children's Programming Room  
Educational and fun games, toys, and activities for children of all ages accompanied by their caregiver.

**Reading with Gibbs**  
Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM  
Children's Programming Room  
Come and read your favorite book to a licensed therapy dog who loves to listen to your stories!

**Makerspace**  
March 5 at 6:00 PM Children's Programming Room  
Join us for different project every month. This month we'll be doing simple sewing.

**Tween Night: Mad Lib Workshop**  
March 12 at 6:00 PM Children's Programming Room  
Activities for children in grades 2–6. Come and play Mad Libs!

**Family Art Lab**  
March 16 at 6:00 PM Lindamood Room  
Join us for a family craft. This month we'll be making flower pots.

**Family Movie Night**  
March 19 at 5:30 PM Lindamood Room  
Enjoy a family movie night at the library complete with popcorn!

**K-2 Explorers Club**  
March 23 at 6:00 PM Children's Programming Room  
Work on reading skills and explore a topic through fun activities! For children in grades kindergarten through second grade.

**Family Night Storytime**  
March 30 at 6:00 PM Children's Programming Room  
Can't make it to storytime during the day? Come and see us at night! Come join us for stories, songs, activities and crafts as a family.
## Circulation

In 2019, the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library circulated over 1.12 million items.

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## Our Mission

The Findlay-Hancock County Public Library encourages and supports lifelong reading, viewing, and listening in the pursuit of knowledge and joy.
SummerREAD 2019: A Universe of Stories

1,865 Children  18,927 Books
185 Teens      1,730 Books
290 Adults     3,841 Books

1,840 People Read Over 25,000 Books

Youth Programming

- Storytime
- Baby Storytime
- Little Tikes Play Date
- Preschool Fair and Early Literacy Night
- Makerspace

Adult Programming

- CrafterWork
- Book Discussions
- Cooking Classes

2,351 Adults Attended 193 Programs in 2019 such as:
- 5th Annual Local Author Fair
- One on One Computer Appointments
- Wellness Wednesday
- Writing Workshop Series

CommunityREAD

Nearly 700 community members attended events featuring CommunityREAD author Rhiannon Navin and over 1,400 youth attended presentations with YouthREAD author Jenn Bishop.
Before We Were Yours has been chosen as the featured book for the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library’s 2020 CommunityREAD. Lisa Wingate, author of Before We Were Yours, will visit Hancock County on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. during CommunityREAD month for a public presentation at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts.

Before We Were Yours tells the true history of the Tennessee Children’s Home Society in Memphis, which ran a black market baby business between 1920 and 1950. The Home provided over 5,000 orphans to wealthy families, but hid the fact that many of the children had been stolen from poor families, desperate single mothers, and maternity wards.

In Memphis, Tennessee, in 1936, twelve-year-old Rill Foss must protect her four brothers and sisters when they are wrenched from their family’s shanty riverboat and taken to the Tennessee Children’s Home Society. In the present day, Avery Stafford, the successful daughter of a United States Senator, attempts to solve the mystery of her grandmother’s past.

Lisa Wingate is a former journalist, inspirational speaker, and New York Times bestselling author of 30 novels. Her work has won or been nominated for many awards, including the Pat Conroy Southern Book Prize, the Oklahoma Book Award, The Carol Award, and the Christy Award. Her blockbuster hit, Before We Were Yours remained on the New York Times Best Seller List for over one year and has editions in 35 countries. Before We Were Yours has been a book club favorite worldwide and to date has sold over 1.5 million copies.
Changes are coming to overdrive in March! At that time, hold redelivery will replace auto-checkout for all new and existing holds. Hold redelivery will give you more flexibility to manage your holds and allow you to suspend a hold even after it’s made available to you, while maintaining your place on the wait list. Please review the summary below for important details about this change.

How does it work?

Libby notifications will alert you when your holds become available. We will also add a “Notifications” section to your OverDrive website and the OverDrive app. After receiving notification that a hold is available, you can:

1. Borrow the title within 3 days. If your library has a different hold pick-up setting, OverDrive will automatically update it to 3 days.
2. Suspend the hold by selecting “deliver later.” This option passes the book to the next person in line while maintaining your place on the wait list. After the suspension period (set by you), you will be able to borrow the book when the next copy is available.
3. Cancel the hold.
Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring by: Kenard Pak

The Good Egg Presents: The Great Eggscape! by: Jory John

I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic 1912 by: Georgia Ball & Lauren Tarshis

The Deceivers by: Kristen Simmons

Special Forces Minesweeper by: Chris Lynch

Almost America Girl: An Illustrated Memoir by Robin Ha
Gifts/Memorials/Honorariums

Please click here for more information

In Memory Of:
Sylvia Hague Duncan
by Kelly (Hedges) Young, Maria
(Linhart) Hammond, Missy
(Stockard) Ensted and Wendy
Christman

In Memory Of:
Robert A. Hedges
by International Union of
Operating Engineers

In Memory Of:
Robert A. Hedges
by Maria Hammond and Marge
Linhart

In Memory Of:
Robert A. Hedges
by Debra Schlacter

In Memory Of:
Pat Rader
by Brian & Kelly Young

In Memory Of:
Robert A. Hedges
by Michael & Tracy August

In Memory Of:
Stephanie Mitchell
by Beverly Atkins

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Robert A. Hedges
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by Dave & Linda Cusick

In Memory Of: Pauline Jane Green
by Keith & Jill Hendricks

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In Memory Of: Robert A. Hedges
by James Lamb
ELDER CARE & ABUSE PREVENTION

Join Shannon Madding of Area Agency as she speaks about elder abuse and current scams, as well as services available to elders in our community.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020
5:00 PM
LINDAMOOD ROOM

Click here for more programs!

Foster Care & Adoption
Answering the Questions You’re Afraid to Ask

Wednesday, March 11
6:30PM - Lindamood Room

DISCOVERING YOUR DNA

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020
6:00 PM
LINDAMOOD ROOM
ADULTS AND TEENS WELCOME!

Abby L. Levitt is an Assistant Professor of Biology at the University of Findlay. She will discuss basic DNA terms, concepts, inheritance patterns, and how our genes can be used as genetic tools for investigations, medicine, and ancestry.

CRAFTERWORK

Wednesday, March 25th
from 6:30 to 7:30 PM
in the Lindamood Room

Come join us on the last Wednesday of each month for a new craft! This month, we will be making a little chaparral in connection with our CommunityREAD Before We Were Yours, CommunityREAD Before. Registration is preferred. Walk-ins are welcome if there is space available. Teens 14+ and adults welcome.

This month’s craft: Oh Beaded Fragonfly.
$2 Materials fee at the door.
Welcome to the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library

StoryWalk® is a fun and innovative way for people of all ages to exercise their bodies, as well as their minds. As you take your walk clockwise on the trail you will come to posts which contain two pages of a picture book. By the time you have come full-circle, you will have read a book in its entirety.

StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

Thank you to the Hancock Park District and the City of Findlay for installing StoryWalk® and for sharing beautiful Riverside Park.

Share your StoryWalk® experience with us on social media using:

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For more information about StoryWalk® please contact the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library at 419-422-1712.

StoryWalk book for March is *Just Right Family*
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206 Broadway
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419-422-1712
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Click HERE to e-mail us!

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Book Cellar 419-434-1044
Children's 419-434-1077
Circulation 419-422-1712
Extension Services (Bookmobile) 419-434-1123
Local & Family History 419-434-1143
Media Services 419-434-1036
Read for Life 419-422-3755
Teens 419-434-1300

Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:30 am - 8:30 pm
Friday & Saturday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm