

# Whiting Public Library

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## From the director's desk:

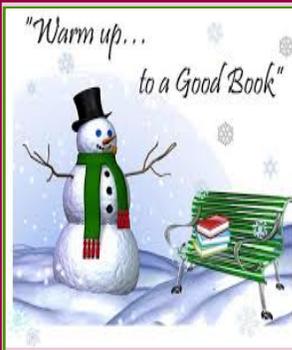
Look for the Library's new website in 2017. It will be designed for ease of use by any internet accessible device. The clean new look will have improved functionality and flow that allows the end user to find what is needed easily and efficiently.

We are also excited to introduce *Hoopla* to our Whiting residents. This new database allows our patrons free access to thousands of books, movies, music, tv shows and much, much more. Visit [www.whiting.lib.in.us](http://www.whiting.lib.in.us) to access *Hoopla* and many other databases that the Library has available.

We understand that convenience is essential to today's busy families whether it's on-line shopping, fast food, entertainment on demand, or information. Today, libraries are changing the way that information is delivered to keep pace with public demand. We are not replacing physical media, we are increasing our collections by adding virtual media through one or more of the many on-line resources that we make available to the public. Today's patrons are no longer limited by a library's hours or brick and mortar buildings. Virtual media allows us to make our collections instantly available without a trip to the Library, and even better, there are no fines. Of course, that's not to say that we don't enjoy visiting with our patrons. One-on-one interaction with our patrons provides us with valuable information about our community and enables us to continue to meet public demand.

I have worked at the Whiting Library in some capacity for almost 35 years and nowhere, in my wildest imagination, could I have envisioned today's library. Technology has opened up the world to anyone who can access the Internet. Some things however, will always require human interaction. I believe that libraries will continue to play a valuable role in the future by providing guidance to individuals as they weed through millions of bits of information to find resources that have been vetted, and are verifiable and reliable. We will continue to be a place where people have free access to technology, information, and entertainment. We will continue to promote the value of reading by nurturing and guiding our youngest patrons from birth through high school as well as offer programs that enrich, educate, enlighten, and entertain individuals of all ages. And, that at least for the foreseeable future, there will be people like me who enjoy the tactile experience of flipping through the pages of a book, newspaper, or magazine.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome as we continue to strive to meet the community's needs.



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## Special Services

**Computers for Public Use** - The adult and children's departments have computers available for public use. Certain restrictions may apply.

**Adult Book Discussion Group** - Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM

**Audio/Visual Services** - Includes the circulation of CD-ROM software, books on CD, music CDs, and DVDs.

**Local History Collection** - Provides information of historical value on the city of Whiting as well as obituaries.

**Study Room** - A quiet room for study is available in the adult department on a first come first served basis.

**Meeting Room** - With a seating capacity of 50 is available for public use.

**Interlibrary Loan** - We obtain books and magazine articles that we don't have or own, from other libraries. There may be a small postage fee for this service.

**Computer Classes** - Classes about various software programs are available throughout the year. Check at the adult circulation desk for details.

**WorkOne Workstations** - Available in the Adult Department.

**Unemployment Assistance** - Available on Mondays from 9:00 A.M. to noon in the adult department.

**Fax Service** - is available in the adult department. A credit or debit card is required. The fee is \$1.75 for the first page and \$1.00 for each additional page.

**Copies** - available in the adult department for \$.10 per page.

**Downloadable Media** - E-books, e-audio books, e-magazines, and Freegal music.

**WiFi Zone** - Wireless printing and Internet access are available. You will need to bring your own device with the capability of accessing our WiFi signal.

## Fall Calendar

### December

- 13 Library Board Meeting 6:00 PM
- 17 Charles Dickens: A Tale of the Twist—Program 2 :00 PM
- 24 Christmas Eve—**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- 26 Christmas Day Observed—**LIBRARY CLOSED**

### January

- 2 New Year's Day Observed —**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- 7 Murder, Mayhem, and the Mob—Program 2:00 PM
- 10 Library Board Meeting 6:00 PM

### February

- 14 Library Board Meeting 6:00 PM
- 20 President's Day—**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- 25 Irene Adler: The Only Woman to Outsmart Sherlock Holmes—Program 2:00 PM

### Book Discussion Group

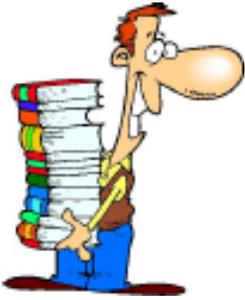


*Join our lively book discussion group on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM.*

December 8—**When You Reach Me** by Rebecca Stead  
Sixth-grader Miranda lives in 1978 New York City with her mother, and her life compass is Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*. When she receives a series of enigmatic notes that claim to want to save her life, she comes to believe that they are from someone who knows the future.

January 12—**Gap of Time** by Jeanette Winterson  
Jeanette Winterson's cover version of *The Winter's Tale*, we move from London, a city reeling after the 2008 financial crisis, to a storm-ravaged American city called New Bohemia. Her story is one of childhood friendship, money, status, technology and the elliptical nature of time. Written with energy and wit, this is a story of the consuming power of jealousy on the one hand, and redemption and the enduring love of a lost child on the other.

February 9—**Boston Girl** by Anita Diamant  
A "vivid, affectionate portrait of American womanhood" (*Los Angeles Times*), follows the life of one woman, Addie Baum, through a period of dramatic change. Addie is The Boston Girl, the spirited daughter of an immigrant Jewish family, born in 1900 to parents who were unprepared for America and its effect on their three daughters.



**Plan ahead for your  
favorite author  
or movie**

All reviews taken from  
[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

**FICTION  
December**

**Island of Glass** by Nora Roberts

As the hunt for the Star of Ice leads the six guardians to Ireland, Doyle, the immortal, must face his tragic past. Three centuries ago, he closed off his heart, yet his warrior spirit is still drawn to the wild. And there's no one more familiar with the wild than Riley—and the wolf within her...

**The Christmas Mystery** by James Patterson

In the heart of the holiday season, priceless paintings have vanished from a Park Avenue murder scene. Now, dashing French detective Luc Moncrief must become a quick study in the art of the steal—before a coldblooded killer paints the town red.

**Black & Blue** by James Patterson

Harriet Blue, the most single-minded detective since Lindsay Boxer, won't rest until she stops a savage killer targeting female university students. But new clues point to a more chilling predator than she ever could have imagined.

**The Cat Sitter & the Canary** by Blaize & John Clement

Dixie Hemingway, everyone's favorite pet-sitting sleuth, is back for yet another riveting case. Set in the lush and beautiful island of Siesta Key, with a cast of characters that Dixie fans the world over have come to know and love, *The Cat Sitter and the Canary*, the latest book in this critically acclaimed series is sure to leave both mystery fans and cat lovers alike purring with delight.

**Wyoming Brave** by Diana Palmer

Ren Colter may own an enormous ranch in Wyoming, but he scorns his wealth. He's closed himself off since his fiancée left him months ago, so he's shocked when he allows Meredith Grayling to stay with him. He tells himself it's only to protect the blonde beauty from a stalker, but Ren's alpha instincts soon kick in.

**The Midnight Bell** by Jack Higgins

In Ulster, Northern Ireland, a petty criminal kills a woman in a drunken car crash. Her sons swear revenge.

In London, Sean Dillon and his colleagues in the "Prime Minister's private army," fresh from defeating a deadly al-Qaeda operation, receive a warning: You may think you have weakened us, but you have only made us stronger.

In Washington, D.C., a special projects director with the CIA, frustrated at not getting permission from the President for his daring anti-terrorism plan, decides to put it in motion anyway. He knows he's right – the nation will thank him later.

Soon, the ripples from these events will meet and overlap, creating havoc in their wake. Desperate men will act, secrets will be revealed – and the midnight bell will toll.

**January**

**Below the Belt** by Stuart Woods

Newly ensconced in his Santa Fe abode with a lovely female companion, Stone Barrington receives a call from an old friend requesting a delicate favor. A situation has arisen that could escalate into an explosive quagmire, and only someone with Stone's stealth and subtlety can contain the damage. At the center of these events is an impressive gentleman whose star is on the rise, and who'd like to

get Stone in his corner. He's charming and ambitious and has friends in high places; the kind of man who seems to be a sure bet. But in the fickle circles of power, fortunes rise and fall on the turn of a dime, and it may turn out that Stone holds the key not just to one man's fate, but to the fate of the nation.

**The Mistress** by Danielle Steel

From Moscow to the Riviera, Paris, and London, *The Mistress* is a riveting tale of vast fortune, cruelty, creative genius, and daring courage, as uncompromising individuals chart a course for collision.

**The Sleepwalker** by Christopher Bohjalian

Conjuring the strange and mysterious world of parasomnia, a place somewhere between dreaming and wakefulness, *The Sleepwalker* is a masterful novel from one of our most treasured storytellers.

**The Nowhere Man** by Gregg Hurwitz

Spoken about only in whispers, the Nowhere Man can only be reached by the truly desperate, he can —He will do anything to save them.

Evan Smoak is the Nowhere Man.

Taken from a group home at twelve, Evan was raised and trained as part of the Orphan Program, an off-the-books operation designed to create deniable intelligence assets—i.e. assassins. Evan was Orphan X. He broke with the Program, using everything he learned to disappear and reinvent himself as the Nowhere Man.

**Wild Horse Springs** by Jodi Thomas

Dan Brigman may not lead the most exciting life, but he's proud of what he's achieved: he's a respected lawman, and he's raised a bright, talented daughter on his own. But finding a lone, sparkly blue boot in the middle of a deserted highway gets him thinking maybe the cowgirl who lost it is exactly the shake-up he needs.

**Clownfish Blues** by Tim Dorsey

A (Serge A.) Storm is brewing for a cabal of bad guys gaming the Florida state lottery in this insanely funny novel from the maestro of mayhem.

**On Second Thought** by Kristan Higgins

Ainsley O'Leary is so ready to get married—she's even found the engagement ring her boyfriend has stashed away. What she doesn't anticipate is being blindsided by a breakup he chronicles in a blog...which (of course) goes viral. Devastated and humiliated, Ainsley turns to her older half sister, Kate, who's struggling with a sudden loss of her own.

**Rather the Devil** by Ian Rankin

As he settles into an uneasy retirement, Rebus has given up his favorite vices. There's just one habit he can't shake: he can't let go of an unsolved case. It's the only pastime he has left and up until now, it's the only one that wasn't threatening to kill him. But when Rebus starts reexamining the facts behind the long-ago murder of a glamorous woman at a luxurious hotel - on the same night a famous rock star and his entourage were also staying there - the past comes roaring back to life with a vengeance.

**February**

**Echoes in Death** by J. D. Robb

As NY Lt. Eve Dallas and her billionaire husband Roarke are driving home, a young woman—dazed, naked, and bloody—suddenly stumbles out in front of their car. Roarke slams on the brakes and Eve springs into action.

**Robert B. Parker's Revelation** by Robert Knott

Territorial marshals Virgil Cole and Everett Hitch figured things had finally settled down in Appaloosa when Boston Bill Black's murder charge was dropped. But all that changed when Augustus Nobel Driggs was transferred to a stateside penitentiary just across the border from Mexico. Square-jawed, handsome, and built like a muscled thoroughbred stallion, Driggs manages to intimidate everyone inside the prison walls, including the upstart young warden.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

Look for a variety of programs for adults at the Library this winter.

Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM beginning in January, there will be programs geared toward creating a fun, social opportunity for adults of all ages. We are planning a Coloring Café, a Game Night, and a Trivia Night. Stop in, or call the adult circulation desk in mid December for details.

## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS ON SATURDAYS AT 2:00 PM THIS WINTER DECEMBER 17

### CHARLES DICKENS: A TALE OF THE TWIST

HFK Presents will be at the Library to present a Christmas themed program on Charles Dickens. A staple of any reading list, Charles Dickens' writing has become a part of our everyday language—just ask anyone who has ever been called a Scrooge.

**JANUARY 7**

### MURDER, MAYHEM AND THE MOB

Clarence Goodman will be at the Library to discuss Chicago's connection with the mob. He will cover in detail the roaring twenties, the prohibition era, Al Capone, and the true story of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

**FEBRUARY 25**

### IRENE ADLER: THE ONLY WOMAN TO OUTSMART SHERLOCK HOLMES

Laura Keyes will bring the character of Irene Adler to life. Adler was an opera prima donna, an adventuress, and an actress. Meet the only woman who outsmarted the world's greatest detective, and discover why she had such a profound impact on his life and career.



### FROM THE FRIENDS

Once again it is time to close out another year for the Friends. We are an important connection to helping the Library and its staff and encourage new members to join our team! Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 10:00 AM in the meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be on January 11, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Our used book sale was a success thanks to the volunteers who ran the sale and those of you who stocked up on books for the winter. We are happy to present \$329.35 to the Library.

In 2017 the Friends are teaming up with Tony to provide refreshments at all of his programs. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there.

So, until next year, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pat Zygowicz, President  
Nancy Moore, Secretary  
Mary Ann Domsich, Treasurer

### Tales From the Darkside by Joe Hill

The storied history of TALES FROM THE DARKSIDE winds ever darker and weirder with this collection of scripts by JOE HILL from the never-broadcast 2015 television reboot. TV's loss is your gain as these all-new tales break out of the shadows and spring to vivid life at Hill's command, accompanied by striking illustrations provided by Charles Paul Wilson III (Wraith). Fans of horror, Darkside, and Hill will not be disappointed.

### Humans, Bow Down by James Patterson

In a world run by machines, humans are an endangered species.

### Bone Box by Faye Kellerman

In this thrilling chapter in Faye Kellerman's bestselling series, Rina Lazarus makes a shocking discovery in the woods of her upstate New York community that leads her husband, police detective Peter Decker, through a series of gruesome, decades old, unsolved murders, pointing to a diabolical, serial killer who's been hiding in plain sight.

## NON-FICTION December

### Jump by Steve Harvey

### George Lucas: A Life by Brian Jay Jones

### The Zero Sugar Diet by David Zinczenko

### The Hot Topic by Christa D'Souza

## January

### The Meaning of Michelle by Veronica Chambers

### Rosset: My Life in Publishing and How... by Barney Rosset

### My Life, My Love, My Legacy by Coretta Scott King

### Rise: How a House Built a Family by Cara Brookins

### Lara: The Untold Story & Inspiration for Dr. Zhivago by Anna Pasternak

### Dust Bowl Girls by Lydia Reeder

### The Upstarts by Brad Stone

### The Blood of Emmett Till by Timothy Tyson

## February

### Being Elvis: A Lonely Life by Ray Connolly

### Insomniac City: New York, Oliver, and Me by Bill Hayes

## DVDS

### Adult

*Suicide Squad*

*The Disappointments Room*

*Sully*

*Snowden*

*Deepwater Horizon*

### Children's

*Elena of Avalor: Ready to Rule*

*Rurouni Kenshin Part II: Kyoto Inferno*

*Kubo and the Two Strings*

*The Secret Life of Pets*

*Storks*

*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*

*Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*

## CDS

*Climate Change* by Pitbull

## AUDIO BOOKS ON CD

Black & Blue by James Patterson

The Christmas Mystery by James Patterson

Humans, Bow Down by James Patterson

## What's Up Doc: Part Two A History of Whiting's Early Doctors

Anthony Borgo

With Whiting surrounded by half a dozen cities and being a portal to Chicago, the burden of protecting the public's health was very challenging. As was seen in the last newsletter, Whiting's early doctors worked hard to protect their residents from a variety of infectious and contagious diseases. In this issue I will report on some more of these physicians and acknowledge their contributions to the community.

In 1939 Emil Pekarek was given the distinction of being the oldest practicing pharmacist in the city of Whiting. He was born in Brumm, Hungary on April 13, 1885. Emil arrived in Whiting in 1912 and accepted employment as a pharmacist. Within a short time, Pekarek acquired ownership of the drug store and changed its name to the Central Drug Store. The drug store, at that time, was located in the Bank of Whiting building, which was at the corner of New York Avenue and 119<sup>th</sup> Street.

Emil held memberships in the Whiting Elks lodge, the Whiting chapter of the Knights of Columbus and the National Association of Retail Druggists as well as Indiana and Lake County Pharmacists Associations. Emil was also prominent in civic affairs and served as a member of the Whiting Board of Health for one term. In 1909 Emil was married to his wife Emily. The two had one son, Dr. Edward A. Pekarek who passed away in Phoenix, Arizona on May 15, 1962.

Dr. James J. Cravens was a well-known dentist throughout Whiting. He was born in Marco, Indiana on August 25, 1899. Dr. Cravens graduated from Kokomo High School in Kokomo, Indiana and later went on to graduate from Indiana University's School of Dentistry.

James Cravens came to Whiting in 1923. Shortly after his arrival he married Lucille Riley. During World War I, Dr. Cravens saw service in the United States Army in the ordinance department. Cravens belonged to the American Dental Association, the Whiting Lions Club and the American Legion Post 80. In addition, Dr. and Mrs. Cravens were quite active in the social life of the Whiting community. He passed away on February 5, 1949.

Dr. Jeremiah Anthony McCarthy considered himself a great student of nature. He stated in the 1939 historical edition of the *Whiting Times*, "Nature's masterpiece, man and (I) am always ready to serve him in a dissecting or assembling manner."

McCarthy was born on May 15, 1896 in Terre Haute, Indiana. He was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth McCarthy. After finishing up his secondary education, McCarthy attended the University of Notre Dame and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. Following graduation, Jeremiah attended Northwestern, where he left as a Doctor of Medicine.

Dr. McCarthy came to Whiting in 1924. He stated that "he was a dues paying member of nearly every club in Whiting." However, he was adamantly opposed to joining the Democratic party. Dr. McCarthy strongly believed in not meddling in politics. He married Mary E. McNamara in 1924 and later Katheryn Mooney in 1938. Dr. McCarthy passed away in Los Angeles, California on February 7, 1969.

George A. Thegze was born in Europe on October 28, 1909. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Thegze. After immigrating to the United States, George attended the University of Pittsburgh for some time. In 1935 he graduated from the University of Budapest with an M.D. degree. After graduation, Thegze returned to America and opened a medical practice in Whiting.

Dr. Thegze's office was located at 1341 119<sup>th</sup> Street. Thegze was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks Lodge. In addition, Thegze was a chairman of the health and safety committee of the Boy Scouts of America, and for some time, served as a trustee for the Whiting Public Library. George passed away on June 4, 1972. He is buried with his wife Kathryn at the Saint Nicholas Cemetery in Hammond.

Dr. Clementine Frankowski was a woman of firsts: she was the first female doctor at St. Catherine Hospital; the first female city health officer in Hammond, Indiana; the first female President of the Lake County Medical Society; and the Indiana Heart Association Northwest.



Clementine Frankowski

Clementine Frankowski was born on November 6, 1906 to Constantin and Pelaga Frankowski. She graduated from Whiting High School in 1925. She went on to receive a Bachelor of Science from St. Xavier College in 1929. Four years later, Dr. Frankowski received her M.D. from Loyola Medical School and went on to complete an internship at the Women's & Children's Hospital.

Dr. Frankowski spent a lifetime in the practice of medicine for the residents of Whiting. She, like many of her predecessors, did not practice medicine for a paycheck, but for the reward she received when helping people. Clementine Frankowski was known to write a prescription for many in need throughout the community. Her generosity toward needy patients was well known. In addition, she provided free medical care for all the members of local convents and rectories.

Clementine Frankowski was a very religious person. She would often pray for her patients daily. Dr. Frankowski was not only generous to her patients but also to her parish. She donated the beautiful altar at St. Adalbert Church, which is still being used. Interestingly, when Dr. Frankowski applied for a position at St. Margaret's Hospital, she was turned down because she was a woman. She passed away on April 13, 1994.

Dr. Peter Stecy was also a popular Whiting physician and surgeon. Stecy was born on January 29, 1911 in Whiting. He was the son of Charles and Mary Stecy. Stecy

received his rudimentary education in the Whiting Public Schools where he graduated in 1926.

After graduating from high school, Peter Stecy attended Northwestern University located in Evanston, Illinois. He graduated from Northwestern with a Bachelor of Science in 1930. Six years later he received his M.D. from the Loyola Medical School located in Chicago. Following his graduation from Loyola, Dr. Stecy served his internship at St. Mary's Mercy hospital in Gary.

Dr. Stecy practiced for a short while in Chicago. He then came home to Whiting, where he established an office in the Central State Bank building. Besides his local practice, Dr. Stecy was on the staff of St. Mary's hospital and St. Catherine's hospital. He was also a member of the Lake County Medical Association, and served as the health officer for the Lake County Health Department for many years. Likewise, he served for two terms as the Lake County coroner.

When war called, Dr. Peter Stecy answered. He served as a surgeon during World War II. Stecy did not serve in some field hospital, but on the front lines. He was a member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, serving a five year term.

Dr. Stecy, like Dr. Frankowski, gave back to his hometown and its residents. Dr. Stecy served as Whiting High School's team doctor. In a time, when an athletic trainer was a luxury, Whiting had its own M.D. on the sidelines. Stecy also provided free health exams and physicals to all Whiting school system athletes. Dr. Stecy also provided free health care services, including surgery, for Whiting's indigent. Peter Stecy passed away in May 1987.

Dr. Stecy's generosity continued even after his death. Stecy's daughter was instructed to establish a scholarship in honor of her father's name. The Dr. Peter Stecy scholarship is awarded to a deserving Whiting High School graduate each year.

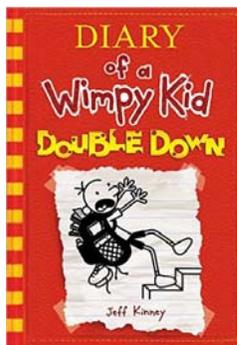
Whiting's history is one that is rich and diverse. There are all kinds of treasures that can be found within the drawers of the Local History Room. If you would like to find out more about Whiting, stop by the library to begin your search.



Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.

—Sidney Sheldon

## FUN READS FOR WINTER



### DIARY OF A WIMPY KID DOUBLE DOWN

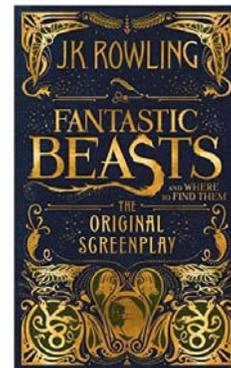
The pressure's really piling up on Greg Heffley. His mom thinks video games are turning his brain to mush, so she wants her son to put down the controller and explore his "creative side."

As if that's not scary enough, Halloween's just around the corner and the frights are coming at Greg from every angle.

When Greg discovers a bag of gummy worms, it sparks an idea. Can he get his mom off his back by making a movie . . . and will he become rich and famous in the process? Or will doubling down on this plan just double Greg's troubles?

### FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

When Magizoologist Newt Scamander arrives in New York, he intends his stay to be just a brief stopover. However, when his magical case is misplaced and some of Newt's fantastic beasts escape, it spells trouble for everyone... Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them marks the screenwriting debut of J.K. Rowling, author of the beloved and internationally bestselling Harry Potter books. Featuring a cast of remarkable characters, this is epic, adventure-packed storytelling at its very best.



### LIBRARY TOOLS FOR KIDS!



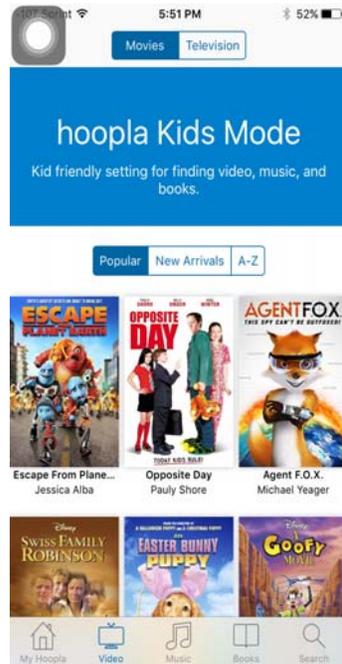
#### HOOPLA FOR KIDS

You are probably already a fan of **hoopla's** extensive collection of e-books, audiobooks, comics, music and movies – all of which you can access anytime, anywhere AND with no wait times or overdue fees. But, did you know that **hoopla** now offers a Kids Mode?

**Hoopla for kids** is a multi-format, digital media experience designed especially for kids and families. All content – books (audiobooks, e-books, comics), video (movies, TV shows) and music – has been selected and brought together in one place to give kids and families an environment where young

minds can explore and discover the world around them safely through media.

Simply visit your “Settings” in the **hoopla** app and flip the toggle to put **hoopla** into Kids Mode on your device. Doing so replicates the experience kids might have in the children’s section of the Library. Kids will be happy because they can easily find, follow and enjoy their favorite characters, stories and songs. Parents will be happy because they can feel confident letting kids explore and discover on their own (and because it is easy to toggle Kids Mode on and off so parents can continue to find books, movies and music of their own!). Categories: story books, chapter books, read-along books, videos from the world renowned National Geographic's, puzzles, games, non-fiction books, as well as access to titles in French and Spanish!



## Endless Reader

Recommended for ages: 3-7  
Type: Educational, reading

This app introduces "sight words", the most commonly used words in school, library, and children's books. Kids need to recognize these words by sight in order to achieve reading fluency. Recognizing sight words is advantageous for beginning readers because many of these words have unusual spelling, cannot be sounded out using phonics knowledge, and often cannot be represented using pictures.

Kids will have a blast learning sight words and their context and usage with the adorable Endless monsters. Each word features an interactive word puzzle with letters that come alive, and then a sentence puzzle with words that become what they describe. See the word "dog" as a barking dog, and the word "up" reach for the sky!



## Great Apps for Kids!



### Doodle Math: Shapes

Recommended for all ages  
Type: Educational, math

This app teaches kids about the six key shapes, from circles to hexagons, through a series of fun games, puzzles and activities. It’s colorful, easy and definitely fun. The design is sharp, with just the right amount of business to keep kids interested. I suspect kids will be dazzled by the animated shapes as they shift and join forces to become other things, like pictures of animals. The app also helps kids learn how to draw the shapes for themselves.

Kids identify and interact with shapes in multiple sizes, forms, orientations, and contexts; for example, a triangle isn't only the standard equilateral triangle, nor does a pentagon always have five equal sides. This concept would be even more clear if there were a bit more explicit teaching about which features define each shape.



**Make sure to mark your calendars for this special program in the Children’s Department**

**Beginning in January 2017 we will be working on the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten project**

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started).

## CHILDREN AT THE WHITING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Children are integral participants at the Whiting Public Library. The staff is committed to the safety and welfare of children. **WE ASK THAT PARENTS AND ADULTS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN AT THE LIBRARY TAKE THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:**

- \*Stay with and supervise Kindergarten age children and younger at all times while in the library. No one under the age of 7 can be in the library without a parent or guardian.
- \*Do not leave school age children unattended for long periods of time.
- \*Pick up your school age child before the time the library closes.
- \*Explain to your child that unruly or disruptive behavior may be cause for library staff to ask them to leave the library. If that happens, the child in question will not be allowed back in the library until a parent accompanies him/her.
- \*Library staff can not be responsible for unattended children after closing.

## Special Children's Programs this winter:

- Dec. 30—New Years Family Game Day 11:00-3:00 P.M.
- Jan. 13—Rubber Ducky Day Celebration 3:35 P.M.
- Jan. 16—Family Game Night 5:00 P.M.
- Jan. 18—Winnie the Pooh movie 3:35 P.M.
- Jan. 23—Chinese New Year Story Time 5:00 P.M.
- Feb. 1—Groundhog Day Celebration 3:35 P.M.
- Feb. 6—Family Game Night 5:00 P.M.
- Feb. 8—Kite Flying Day craft 3:35 P.M.



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**Thursdays at 3:35 PM  
December 13—January 10—  
February 14**



**Night Owls @ 6:30 PM  
December 19  
January 30  
February 27**



**Teen Fun @ 6:00 PM  
January 26  
February 23**



**LEGO Club @ 5:00 PM  
December 12  
January 9  
February 13**



**Itty Bitty Storytime  
The 2nd and 4th  
Wednesdays  
At 11:00 AM**



**Preschool Storytime  
The 1st and 3rd Tuesday  
of each month  
at 11:30 AM**