

**Noble County  
Public Library**  
www.nobleco.lib.in.us

### Central Library

813 East Main Street  
Albion, IN 46701  
Phone (260) 636-7197  
or 1-800-811-6861  
Fax (260) 636-3321  
Monday - Thursday  
8:30am - 8:30pm  
Friday  
8:30am - 5:30pm  
Saturday  
8:30am - 3:30pm

### East Library

104 Ley Street  
Avilla, IN 46710  
Phone & Fax  
(260) 897-3900  
Monday, Wednesday,  
& Friday  
9:00am - 5:00pm  
Tuesday, Thursday  
9:00am - 7:30pm  
Saturday  
9:00am - 2:00pm

### West Library

120 Jefferson Street  
Cromwell, IN 46732  
Phone & Fax  
(260) 856-2119  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday  
9:00am - 5:00pm  
Wednesday  
9:00am - 7:00pm  
Saturday  
9:00am - 2:00pm

# The Library Guide

## Noble County Public Library

### December 2010

#### CLOSINGS

**Friday, December 17-** In-Service  
**Friday, December 24-** Christmas Eve  
**Saturday, December 25-** Christmas Day  
**Friday, December 31 at 5:00-** New Year's Eve  
**Saturday, January 1-** New Year's Day



John Homay

Yvonne Schleimer

Janice Foster

Raymond Co

Ruth Luthie

Wanda Brown

Michelle Peterson

Darrah Krupp

Just Harper

**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!**



**From the staff of NCPL**

Amanda Maunster

Bruce Guthrie

Laura Souder

Sandy Petrie

Autumn Luthie

Judy Cason

Hannah Dickins

Nancy Schreff

Marcel Therre

Dee Winder

Lois Ann Thiel

Janice Steffy

Wanda Brown



### Indiana Red Birds Memorabilia on Display NCPL East Library in Avilla

Patty Corbett, veteran Red Bird, has permanently donated memorabilia to the NCPL East Library. The Indiana Red Birds are known for their Folk and Country Western music. The book, *50 Years Together: the Red Birds Remember* by Joe Taylor and Patty Corbett, will be on display along with the donated memorabilia during the month of December. Please stop in and take a look!



WE'RE HOLDING A

### Reading is a Gift BOOK FAIR



USBORNE BOOKS  
READING IS A GIFT  
BOOK FAIR

Is coming to NCPL Central

**Mon. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 12-8:30** **Tues. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30-8:30**  
**Wed. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30-8:30** **Thur. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30-2:00**

With over 1,500 titles, Usborne Books offers all kinds of books for all kinds of kids! We have quality books for the family, books as gifts, books to keep your child reading and learning! If you cannot make it to the library during the above dates you can order books online now through Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at [www.missysbookstore.com](http://www.missysbookstore.com). — once in the bookstore click on Noble County Library (Albion) under active e-fairs so the library receives credit for your

order. All purchases go towards free books for the library for everyone to enjoy.  
Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted at the book fair.

# Schedule of Events

## All Ages

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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### NCPL East

**After School Movie**  
*The Search for Santa Paws*  
 Rated G  
 Tuesday, December 7  
 3:15pm-5:00pm

### NCPL Central

**After School Movie**  
*Despicable Me*  
 Rated PG  
 Wednesday, December 15  
 3:30pm-5:00pm

### NCPL West

**After School Movie**  
*Despicable Me*  
 Rated PG  
 Thursday, December 16  
 3:30pm-5:00pm



### Snowman Decorating Contest

**NCPL Central, East, & West**

**Wednesday, December 1—Wednesday, December 22**

All ages may participate!

Stop by any NCPL Library and pick up a snowman shape to decorate. Take it home, get creative, and return for judging with your name, age, and phone number on the back. Snowmen will be on display for the public to admire. Multiple winners at each library will receive a small prize!

## Children

### Christmas Tails

#### NCPL East

After School Special  
 Tuesday, December 14  
 3:15pm-4:15pm



Cozy up to one of our furry friends and share a tale of Christmas cheer! Each student who registers will have the opportunity to spend some much needed time with a loveable canine cutie. After School Club members are automatically registered. All others must sign up.

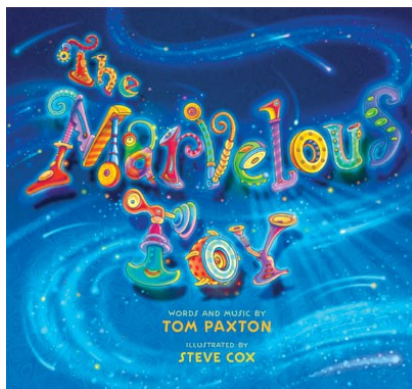
	Storytime	After School Club
<b>NCPL Central</b>	Tuesdays 10:00am-11:00am Thursdays 6:30pm-7:30pm	Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
<b>NCPL East</b>	Wednesdays 10:00am-11:00am	Tuesdays 3:15pm-4:15pm
<b>NCPL West</b>	Fridays 10:00am-11:00am	Thursdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

### Holiday Baking and Christmas Craft Making

#### NCPL West

After School Special  
 Thursday, December 9  
 3:30pm-4:30pm

Get into the Christmas Spirit in this creative holiday program where students will get to craft and bake cookies. Guaranteed to be a blast!



## Tales to Share

### *The Marvelous Toy*

by Tom Paxton & illustrated by Steve Cox

You'll fall in love all over again with Tom Paxton and his music in this illustrated version of his song *The Marvelous Toy*. The classic song explores a child's new toy and expertly depicts the wonder and joy a heartfelt gift brings. You won't know what the toy is, or why it does what it does. But you'll be amazed at the zips, bops, and whirrs! (Comes with a music CD)

~Staff pick and review by Mindy Patterson, NCPL Central Programming Manager~

# Schedule of Events

## Adult

## Book Discussions

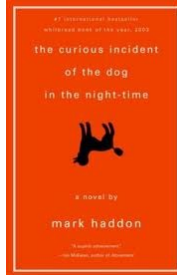
### West

*The Curious Incident of the Dog  
in the Night-time*

By Mark Haddon

Thursday, December 16

1:30pm



## Noble County Author Signing

Monday, December 6

5:00pm-7:30pm

NCPL Central is excited to host this special event for one of our own! Author Nathan Marchand is one of Noble County's aspiring writers. Nate was born June 9 1983 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In first grade, he began his homeschooling years. Once he reached sixth grade, Nate discovered a talent and later a passion for writing. He was given an assignment to write a "fanciful story" so he crafted one about his toys coming to life and battling each other. Eventually, Nate expanded into writing other stories and genres. He has wanted to write science fiction since his dad introduced him to the original "Star Trek" at age three.

Marchand attended Taylor University of Fort Wayne from 2002-2006, earning a BA in professional writing. He was taught by Dr. Dennis E. Hensley (better known as "Sir" or "Sarge"), one of the premiere writing instructors in the country. While there, he wrote for *The Express*, the school newspaper, and *Calliope*, the literary magazine, and authored various freelance articles. He worked as a reporter for the *Bluffton News-Banner* in Bluffton, Indiana, from 2007-2008. He now writes as the [Narnia Examiner](http://www.examiner.com) for [www.examiner.com](http://www.examiner.com), and as a freelance writer.

His first novel, [Pandora's Box](http://www.amazon.com), was published by Absolute Xpress and can be purchased at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

His literary influences include C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Robert Heinlein, and Orson Scott Card. His favorite books are *The Lord of the Rings*, C.S. Lewis' *Space Trilogy*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Starship Troopers*, and *Ender's Game*.

When not writing, he enjoys other creative endeavors like photography, acting, and amateur filmmaking. He has been described as "a man with a pen and the heart to back it up."

### ***Pandora's Box* by Nathan Marchand**

Pvt. Brewer is a military brat living in a "utopian" world. Following in her father's footsteps, she enlists in the Vanguard. She fought her way to the top of her chauvinistic class at the Academy, earning the right to join the world's most elite peacekeeping force. Life, like the world, was perfect: she was surrounded by great friends, had an adoring family, and was engaged to a handsome fiance.

But an enigmatic leader known only as "the Overlord" rises up behind the walls of the New Iron Curtain that cages the oppressed Camp Countries. He rallies the Undesirables—criminals, Neo-Communists, Muslim extremists, and countless others—on whose backs the "utopia" was built, around a common enemy. Not content with an army, he unleashes a deadly virus that destroys everything Brewer holds dear, shifts the balance of power, and plunges the world into global war. She joins the fight, vengeance slowly eating away at her with every friend she loses on the battlefield, but no amount of bloodshed slakes her thirst for revenge. Only after killing some of the virus' zombie-like victims when they're used as cannon fodder by the Overlord's "New Order" does guilt overwhelm her, pushing her to the brink of suicide.

Wavering between despair and her father's faith, she accepts a top-secret mission to help defend a base that now houses the world's last stockpile of WMDs as part of a disarmament program intended to end the war, in hopes of finding redemption. But the New Order attacks. Col. William Brewer—her father and C.O.—tasks her with putting the base into lockdown, and she nearly dies doing so. Now she is the sole protector of a coveted Pandora's Box.

Can one woman halt the apocalyptic ambitions of a relentless dictator?

Do you dare open *Pandora's Box* to find out?

### **Oil Painting Class**

**Wednesday, December 15**

**6:00pm**

***Snowman Sled***

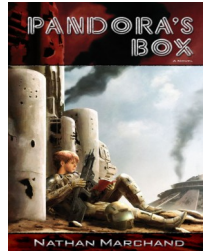
**\$50.00**

**Materials Fee**

**NCPL West**



Paint this scene on slate or a wooden sled. This class has a fee of \$50.00 and is required at registration. If you want to paint on a sled sign-up ends Wednesday, December 1. For those who want to paint on slate, sign-up ends Tuesday, December 14.





# Collections

## New Materials

### DVDs

1. Girl Who Played with Fire
2. How to Train Your Dragon
3. Iron Man 2
4. Jonah Hex
5. Please Give
6. Predators
7. Sex and the City 2
8. Splice
9. Toy Story 3
10. Winter's Bone

### Ratings

- R  
PG  
PG-13  
PG-13  
R  
R  
R  
R  
G  
R



### Juvenile Fiction

1. Blue Princess Takes the Stage by Alyssa Crowne
2. Strawberry Shortcake: My First Sleepover by Lauren Cecil
3. There's a Princess in the Palace by Zoe B. Alley
4. The Brave Escape of Edith Wharton by Connie Nordhielm Woolridge
5. Keena Ford and the Secret Journal Mix-Up by Melissa Thomson
6. The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester by Barbara O'Connor

What do the assigned movie ratings mean? The Motion Picture Association of America in association with the Classification and Rating Administration label movies with a letter/number combination. This label is meant to be a quick parental reference. The point? So that parents might know, at a glance, if a film is appropriate for their children to watch. It does not declare a movie to be "bad" or "good". It simply allows the parent to make a quick decision about content. Who decides the ratings? Raters are parents with children between the ages 5-17.

#### Movies are rated as follows:

**G**— General Audience, all ages admitted

**PG**— Parental Guidance Suggested, some material not suitable for children

**PG-13**— Parents Strongly Cautioned, some materials inappropriate for age 13 and under

**R**— Restricted, children under 17 require an accompanying adult

For more information please visit [www.mpaa.org](http://www.mpaa.org)

### YA Books

1. Pandora's Box by Nathan Marchand
2. Pure Sin by Kate Brian
3. Twelve Kingdoms: The Vast Spread of the Seas by Fuyumi Ono
4. Broken by Alyxandra Harvey-Fitzhenry
5. Straight Talking: Inhalants by Sean Connolly
6. Wizard's Spell Compendium by Jon Pickens



### Adult Fiction

1. American Assassin by Vince Flynn
2. Playing the Game by Barbara Taylor Bradford
3. Djibouti by Elmore Leonard
4. Prostitutes' Ball by Stephen J. Cannell
5. Mini Shopaholic by Sophie Kinsella

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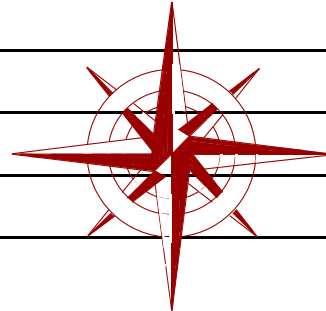
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## Programs Suspended....

**Central:** Tuesday, December 21-Tuesday, January 4

**East:** Wednesday, December 22-Tuesday, January 4

**West:** Thursday, December 23-Thursday, January 6



<b>1</b>	Storytime After School Club	East Central	10:00am 3:30pm
<b>2</b>	After School Club	West	3:30pm
<b>3</b>	Storytime	West	10:00am
<b>6</b>	USBORNE Book Fair	Central	12:00pm
<b>7</b>	USBORNE Book Fair Storytime After School Movie– <i>The Search for Santa Paws</i>	Central Central East	8:30am 10:00am 3:15pm
<b>8</b>	USBORNE Book Fair Storytime After School Club	Central East Central	8:30am 10:00am 3:30pm
<b>9</b>	USBORNE Book Fair After School Special– <i>Holiday Baking and Christmas Craft Making</i>	Central West	8:30am 3:30pm
<b>10</b>	Book Buddies	West	10:00am
<b>14</b>	Book Buddies After School Special– <i>Christmas Tails</i>	Central East	10:00am 3:15pm
<b>15</b>	Book Buddies After School Movie– <i>Despicable Me</i> Oil Painting Class– <i>Snowman Sled</i>	East Central West	10:00am 3:30pm 6:00pm
<b>16</b>	Book Discussion Club– <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i> by Mark Haddon After School Movie– <i>Despicable Me</i>	West  West	1:30pm  3:30pm
<b>17</b>	CLOSED– Staff In-Service		
<b>24</b>	CLOSED-Christmas Eve		
<b>25</b>	CLOSED-Christmas Day		
<b>31</b>	CLOSE EARLY– New Year's Eve	All	5:00pm
<b>1</b>	CLOSED– New Year's Day		

# Activities

## A Christmas Carol Word Search Puzzle

A	C	C	L	E	R	K	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	U
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E	C	I	L	A	A	S	R	E	Z	E	N	E	B	E
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Find the words about the classic holiday movie **A Christmas Carol**, which are listed below, in the word search grid. Circle each letter one by one. Each letter of this Christmas movie word search grid may be used in more than one word. **When the holiday word search puzzle is complete, read the remaining letters left to right, top to bottom, to learn an interesting fact about Dicken's, A Christmas Carol.**

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL WORD LIST

Alice	Jacob Marley
Bob Cratchit	London
Christmas Eve	Miser
Clerk	Mr. Fezziwig
Dickens	Past
Ebenezer	Present
Fan	Scrooge
Fred	Three Spirits
Future	Tiny Tim
Humbug	Undertaker