

# Now Read This!



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## FEBRUARY

### SCPLS BOOK CLUB

Presents

#### Night with the Author!

On February 29th, 2024, from 6pm-7pm CST, the Starke County Public Library Book Club will be hosting local author, John Vander Velden as he discusses his book Misty Creek.

Nichol Chaja, who runs the Book Club, is excited about the event. "Anyone who has ever met Mr. Vander Velden knows that he's a wonderful storyteller!" This past October, the Book Club was able to discuss, The Night Always Comes, with author Willy Vlautin over Zoom. "It's one thing to read a story, to form your own opinion, but to actually hear how the author came up with their ideas, or why they wrote the way they did, is an eye opening experience!" The Book Club has been working on bringing in other authors to discuss their work as well, so keep an eye out for other announcements! The Book Club meets once a month at the Library and the schedule is posted on the SCPLS website, social media pages, and in the library. Anyone can join at any time. If you need a copy of that month's book, you can request a copy from the library, but please do so in advance, since our transit times are longer than usual. We encourage anyone who loves to read, to come out and meet John Vander Velden!

Please contact [nchaja@starkecountylibrary.org](mailto:nchaja@starkecountylibrary.org) or

call 574-772-7323 with any questions!

ADULT Winter Reading  
**2024**  
JANUARY 2nd  
THROUGH  
FEBRUARY 17th

- 1.) Sign up at any of our 4 branches  
Knox, Harriet, Koontz Lake or San Pierre
- 2.) Read 6 Adult books or BCD's  
(checked out from any SCPL location)
- 3.) Earn a prize!!!

# Closed

PRESIDENTS' DAY  
Monday, February 19

Winter Reading  
for Children and Teens  
**2024**  
Get Cozy  
With A Good  
Book!  
Read 5 books and Earn a prize  
Jan. 2nd - Feb. 17th

Winter Reading Kick-off  
Putt-Putt Golf in the library  
Tuesday, January 2nd  
10:00am - 6:00pm  
Play a round of mini-golf featuring your favorite book characters!

Mini Golf available until Jan. 20




# Classes for All Ages

## Late Fine Free

Starting Thursday, June 1st, The Starke County Public Library will no longer be charging late fines on any of our items!


- Items from other libraries may still incur late fines.
- Documents up to 100 MB, damaged or lost items.
- If you have a question regarding your account or please contact us at 515-772-7635.

All past overdue fines will be forgiven.

## COLOR ME CALM


Coloring is a great way to reduce stress and have fun! Drop in and unwind anytime the library is open.



Supplies are @ The Circulation Desk.  
Coloring pages are by the Programming Office.

Starke County Public Library  
Item: Computer Workshop


## 3-D Printer Workshops



Digitally create and 3D print objects with a 3D printer.

- 3DTE Lab for Kids - Open lab with appointment
- 3DTE Lab for Teens - Open lab with appointment
- 3DTE Lab for Adults - Open lab with appointment

The project is made possible by a grant from the Indiana Department of Education, administered by the Indiana State Library.




Extra Day Added!!!




KNOX BRANCH

## CROCHET classes

Every Monday @ Noon around the fireplace



ALL AGES WELCOME




2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month @ 1:00 pm

## Calico Girls Mystery Quilt Block Class



Call  
Gailly Pittsghaupt  
576-867-3731  
Honey receiver  
318-384-4399

## Card Making Class

**Henry F. Schricker**  
Knox Branch  
Tuesday, February 6th  
5 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

**Presented by:** Jennifer Merle-Hamscher  
**\$5 cost** for materials  
Come join Jennifer in making 2 cards with a theme.  
Please **RSVP** @ the front desk or call 574-772-7323






## Paint Class

**KNOX BRANCH**  
Tuesday, February 13th  
Noon-2pm  
Wednesday, February 14th  
10am-Noon  
Thursday, February 22nd  
5pm-7pm  
**\*\*Bonus Class\*\***  
Wednesday, February 21st  
10am-Noon

\$5 per person/ Must Prepay receipt needed to attend  
**No refund if cancelled day of class!!!**  
LIMITED SEATS (available)  
Sign up at Circulation desk  
No call ins

Tutorials are available @ each branch  
just ask Paulette, Jordan or Carla for the supplies!!!






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Instagram



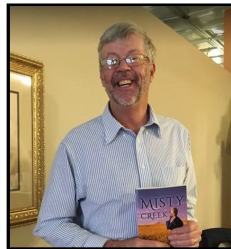
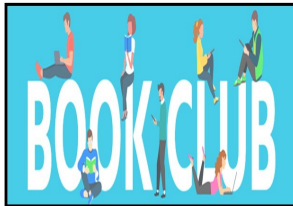
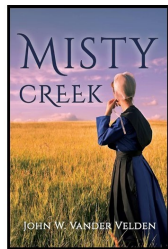
**Night With the Author!**

**John Vander Velden**

The SCPLS Book Club will be hosting local author John Vander Velden as he discusses his novel, *Misty Creek* on February 29, 2024, from 6-7pm CST.

Not only will John be discussing his work, but he will also have copies of his book available for purchase.

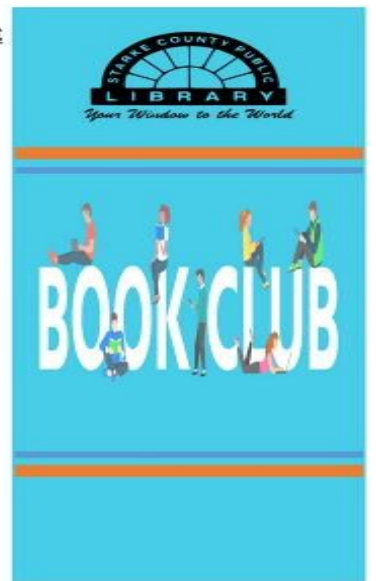
If you would like to register in advance, please RSVP by either calling 574-772-7323 or emailing us at [nchaia@starkcountylibrary.org](mailto:nchaia@starkcountylibrary.org). This event is **FREE** and is open to the public!



**AM Quilters**  
1st and 3rd Monday  
Henry F. Schricker  
Meeting Room  
9am-Noon

**2024 BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE**

- Thursday, January 25, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(The Ocean at the End of the Lane)*  
by Neil Gaiman
- Thursday, February 29, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(Misty Creek)*  
by John Vander Velden
- Thursday, March 28, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(The Help)*  
by Kathryn Stockett
- Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(Girl One)*  
by Sara Flannery Murphy
- Thursday, May 30, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(We Begin at the End)*  
by Carrie Whiteaker
- Thursday, June 20th, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(Whale Fall)*  
by Daniel Kraus
- Thursday, July 25, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(The Good Stars)*  
by Sally Hepworth
- Thursday, August 29, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(The Red)*  
by Jeanne Marie Perle
- Thursday, September 26th, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(Miss Maynor and the Shoushank Redemption)*  
by Stephen King
- Thursday, October 24, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(The Road to Nowhere's Club)*  
by Paul Trembly
- Thursday, November 21, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(Winteren Soep)*  
by Milla Bobby Brown
- Thursday, December 19, 2024, 6pm-7pm  
*(A Redbird Christmas)*  
by Fannie Flagg



**2024 Canvas Classes**



Available for purchase at the Circulation desk!

*Merry Christmas*

**\$50 GIFT CARD**

12 paint classes for the price of 10

# 2024



3:30pm **Tuesday**  
February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

## AFTER SCHOOL SPECIAL

February 27th - Lego Challenges - 3:30pm  
**LEGO LEAGUE** - Lego Free build - 5:30pm

10:00am  
**Wednesday**  
February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

## Preschool Storytime

For kids ages 3-5 years

10:00am  
**Thursday**  
February 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

## TODDLER TIME

For infant to age 2 years

5:30pm  
**Tuesday**,  
February 27th

## LEGO LEAGUE

For all ages



# Children's Programs

# TEEN ADVISORY BOARD



Monday,

February 26th

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Be a Library Influencer!

Come see some favorite graphic novels and manga, hang out with friends, and help plan teen programs and book purchase ideas!

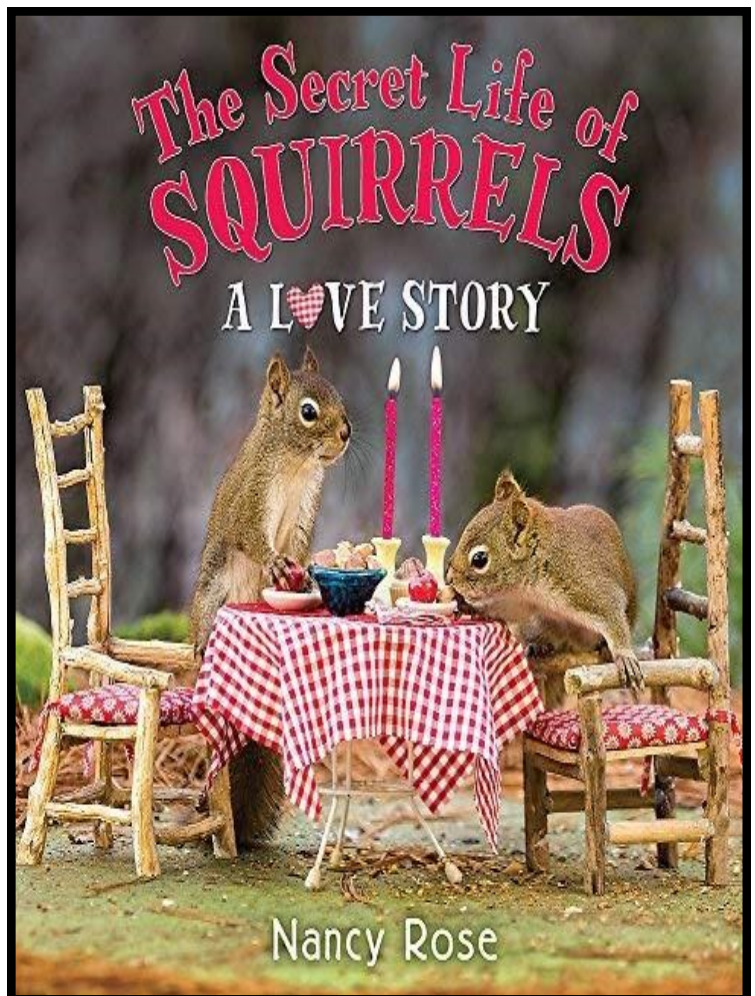
Teens 8th-12th grade



The Knox Parks and Recreation Department  
and the Starke County Public Library  
partnered together to present  
The Storywalk Project at Wythogan park.

SCPLS will change the stories approximately  
every 6-8 weeks, weather permitting.

To see what story is next, make sure to follow  
Starke County Public Library System on Facebook  
or visit our website at [www.scpls.org](http://www.scpls.org).



Nancy Rose

# Branch

Branch Canvas  
Painting

Koontz Lake  
Hamlet  
San Pierre

Available on Demand  
\$5 per person

Tutorials available  
at each branch



Guess what we have!  
check it out!

## Library of Things

CLUE JUMANJI MONOPOLY  
YARD GAMES  
SORRY! Game on!  
Starting Monday, August 30th  
Check out!  
\$-Rent per Adult \*No holds \*No renewals

## Give the Gift of Reading!

Now Accepting Donations Through the Starks County Youth Club

Funded in Part by a Grant from the Starks County Community Foundation

# Upcoming Events!

# 2024

## Starks County Public Library

Koontz Lake, Hamlet and San Pierre Branches

# Register Today!

Who is Eligible?  
Children ages 3 to 5 are eligible to Register. We are looking for children who are currently in preschool or will be starting preschool in the fall.

Register

STARKS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Open Windows to the World

## Branching Out!

With Miss Carla

# San Pierre Branch storytime

**Wednesday : 4pm**

*January 10th: Polar Bears*  
*January 24th: Eskimos*  
*February 7th: Cupid*  
*February: President's Day*  
*March 6th: Dinosaurs*  
*March 20th: Rabbits*

**Paint classes will now be held the second week of the month. Pm class is now the second Thursday. 3rd Wednesday will be a make-up paint day.**

## 1000 BOOKS

Sign-up your children ages infant to kindergarten for our reading program

Ask us how YOU can help prepare your child for public, private, charter, or home school kindergarten!

The program is funded in part from the Starks County Community Foundation.