October 5th Is National Diversity Day!

The world is rich with diversity so it is natural that a specific day is set aside to observe our differences. Since 2005, the first Friday in October has been designated to celebrate and embrace who we are, despite our differences, no matter our race, religion, gender, nationality or disability.

It is a day to reflect and learn about different cultures and ideologies. It is a day for acceptance and tolerance. Diversity is an essential asset in any community. Freedom, equity and respect of human dignity are values that make our people incredible. Cross-cultural communication plays a sizable role in our day-to-day interactions.

How can we embrace diversity? Read — look for authors who write engaging, explanatory books. Lend a hand in the community; get to know people outside your immediate circle by attending events, or volunteering. Try something new, stepping out of one’s comfort zone can build understanding, immerse yourself in local culture, attend plays, concerts, or religious services that are outside your norm. Challenge stereotypes, be aware, challenge and change your biases that limit growth and prevent you from developing enriching relationships with others.

The library has a plethora of materials on diversity, from films, to music, to cookbooks, to history. Come check it out!

Remember that when you embrace differences, you approach the world with a generous, open heart. And that is a benefit to us all. — Melissa Chapman, Cataloging Supervisor
Successful Succulents

Cassandra and Logan Braman, started the company Honey Plant with many ideas in mind. They specialize in botanical designs, which mainly include making living art from desert and tropical plants. Their dream goes way beyond plants, they have a great desire to help pollinators, native bees and honey bees. They would like to eventually establish their own hives. Cassandra and Logan will be coming to the Library October 1 at 6pm. For a $5.00 fee, the patrons will learn how to care for succulents and will pot a succulent of their very own. This presentation will teach you how to grow successful succulents with knowledge of what type of soil to use, shape and size of the pot, how frequently to water and what type of lighting is needed. Please be sure to pay your $5.00 and register at the reference desk prior to October 1, to reserve your seat and assure you will have a succulent to take home at the end of the evening. — Denise Keller, Adult Programming Administrator

Celebrating Fall!

Fall is officially here and the Children's Department has a few special events planned for families to attend together. WCPL will be at Lucerne Park on Friday, October 11th from 6 to 8 PM for their Fall Family Fun event. We'll read different stories throughout the night so stop by and rest for a spell. Other activities sponsored by community members and hosted by the Warsaw Parks Department include hayrides, storytellers, crafts, snacks, and a campfire by the lake. Please visit www.warsaw.in.gov/parks for more information. October includes a welcome break for schools as well as a special time for Kids' Makerspace. We'll set up your favorite stations and add a few new ones including a special fall craft or two. All ages are welcome to join us for Fall Break Makerspace on October 24th from 10 to 11:30 AM. The main event to wrap us all up is Ghoulish Foolish Fun Night on October 30th from 5 to 6:30 PM. Costumes are not required, but can be a fun addition. With silly games, creepy crafts, and unusual snacks, it's sure to be a night of kid-friendly, slightly spooky fun for the whole family. As always, be sure to check WCPL's website calendar for the most current information on story times and other children's programming. — Erin Streeter, Children’s Services Department Head

Book Sale

Thursday - Oct 24 9 - 5 PM
Friday - Oct 25 12 - 5 PM
Saturday - Oct 26 10 - 1:30 PM
FRIDAY ONLY! 50% Price Mentioned
OCTOBER PROGRAMS

Successful Succulents with Honey Plant
TUES, OCT 1 | 6-8
$5 (1 succulent) due at time of registration. Make 2 potted succulents for $10.

Dorothy Clemmer Presents: Furry Friends Obedience Training Workshop
SAT, OCT 5
11-11 | PLEASE REGISTER

Local Author Book Signing & Reading: Terry Milton
TUES, OCT 8
6:00-8:00

Stained Glass Class
TUES, OCT 15 AND 16
4-8
$25 DUE AT REGISTRATION

Self Defense Class
Sat, Oct 19
11:00-1:00

GHOST HUNTING!
MON, OCT 21
6:00-8:00
PLEASE REGISTER

Beginner Sewing Class
THURS, OCT 24
1:00-3:00
Must Register

Fall Break Makerspace
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
10 - 11:30 AM
All your favorites plus a special fall craft! Bring the whole family!

History Tour
THURS, OCT 24 | 2-4
MEET AT WESTMINSTER HALL
MUST REGISTER!

Ghoulish Foolish Fun Night
Wednesday, October 30th
5-7:00 PM
Games, Crafts, Snacks
Fun for All Ages
No Registration Required

Tierney Boggs Book Signing
Tues, Oct. 29
5:30-7:30

COMPUTER & JOB SEARCH TRAINING PROGRAMS

WorkOne Computer Classes
COMPUTER BASICS: TUES, OCT 1, 9:30-11:30
WORD BASICS: FRI, OCT 4, 10:30-1:30
KEYBOARDING: FRI, OCT 11, 9:30-10
EXCEL BASICS: FRI, OCT 11, 10-2
POWERPOINT BASICS: FRI, OCT 18, 10-1
INTERMEDIATE EXCEL: TUES, OCT 22, 9:30-11:30

WorkOne Job Search Programs
Resume Critique: Oct 4, 9:30-10:30
Interviewing: Oct 8, 9:30-11:30
Resume Development: Oct 15, 9:30-11
Analyzing Job Ads: Oct 18, 9:30-10
ICL Resume: Oct 29, 9:30-11:30

COMPUTER CLINIC
1-on-1 help with electronics
Wed, Oct 9 & Wed, Oct 30
10-11:30 & 4-5:30

TOTE BAGS FOR SALE
$6.00 + tax
BUY A BAG TODAY AT THE CHECK OUT DESK!
MONTHLY PROGRAMS: A SAMPLING

“Aurora Rising” — Book Review

Sometimes a book comes around that makes you smile AND sit on the edge of your seat. Jay Kristoff and Amie Kaufman’s book, *Aurora Rising*, was just that for me. The writing is hysterical, the characters are lovable, and the action is non-stop and surprising.

Jump in your space craft and head to the year 2380 to meet up with the lovable crew of misfits in this Space Opera about saving the world. It will be one exciting ride that will have you laughing for more of each delightful character and sitting on the edge of your seat, wondering what could possibly happen next.

Think, *Guardians of the Galaxy* meets *The Breakfast Club*. And that’s Jay Kristoff’s opinion, so it must be accurate. As the synopsis of the book says: “They're not the heroes we deserve. They're just the ones we could find. Nobody panic.” — Michelle Parker, Adult Reference Asst.

More Monthly Club Meetings

- Adult Drop In Zone, Oct. 2, 5:45 pm
- LEGO Club, Oct. 5, 11 am
- Cookbook Club, Oct. 7, 11 am
- Monday with Teddy, Oct. 7, 21, 28, 9:30 am
- Kids Makerspace, Oct. 8, 4 pm
- Teen Crafts, Oct. 17, 4:30 pm
- Paint with Carl Mosher, Oct. 21, 5:30 pm
- Midnight Rose Wool Felted Sculptures-Gnomes, Oct. 22, 5 pm
- Nutrition Series: Get Wild about Nutrition, Oct. 28, 1 pm
- Minecraft, grades 6-12, Oct. 29, 4 pm
- Virtual Reality Club, Oct. 31, 3:30 pm