

KiD + TEEN CENTRAL October 2026



Central Library: 40 East Saint Clair Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 Phone: 317-275-4222

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Sun 1-5pm	Mon 10am-8pm	Tue 10am-8pm	Wed 10am-6pm	Thu 10am-6pm	Fri 10am-5pm	Sat 10am-5pm
Key: ◆ Preschool ● School-Age ■ Teen ◆ Family Program / Event	<u>Other Monday Weekly Programs:</u> ● ■ ◆ 5:30-7:30pm Books and Rooks Chess Club			1 ■ 3:00-5:00pm Teen Switch Gaming Afternoon	2 ◆ 11:00-12:00pm Tales 'n Play Storytime	3 ◆ ● 10:00-11:00am Block Party ◆ ● ■ 1:00-4:00pm Explore STEM + More
4 ◆ ● ■ 1:00-4:00pm Explore STEM + More	5 ■ 4:00-5:30pm Teen Build It ■ 4:00-6:00pm Teen Watchlist ● ■ 5:00-7:00pm Minecraft Club	6 ■ 4:00-5:00pm Teen Central Manga Book Club ■ 5:00-7:00pm Teen Zone	7 ● ■ ◆ 2:00-3:00pm Circulating Sound Concert ◆ ● ■ 3:00-5:00pm Explore STEM + More	8 ● 3:00-5:00pm LEGO Build It	9 ◆ 11:00-11:30am Play & Learn with Gymboree	10 ◆ ● 10:00-11:00am Block Party ◆ ● ■ 1:00-4:00pm Explore STEM + More
11 ◆ ● ■ 1:00-4:00pm Explore STEM + More	12 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY	13 ◆ ● 2:00-4:00pm Kids Fall Open Activities ■ 2:00-4:00pm Teen Fall Open Activities ■ 4:15-5:45pm Online Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club S.13 ■ 5:00-7:00pm Teen Zone	14 ◆ ● 2:00-5:00pm Kids Fall Open Activities ■ 2:00-4:00pm Teen Anime Shrinky Dinks	15 ◆ ● 2:00-4:00pm Kids Fall Open Activities ■ 3:00-5:00pm Teen Switch Gaming Afternoon	16 ◆ 11:00-11:45am Storytime with Professor Watermelon ● ■ 1:00-3:00pm Fall Break Movie: Kids – Monsters, Inc. Teen – Hocus Pocus	17 ◆ ● 10:00-11:00am Block Party ● 11:00-3:00pm The Gurl/Bro Code ● ■ ◆ 11:00-5:00pm IndyPL's Autumnal Chess Tournament ◆ ● ■ 1:00-4:00pm Explore STEM + More
18 ◆ ● ■ 1:00-4:00pm Explore STEM + More	19 ■ 4:00-6:00pm Teen Watchlist ■ 5:00-7:00pm Teen Craft Night ● ■ 5:00-7:00pm Minecraft Club	20 ■ 4:00-5:00pm Teen Central Manga Book Club ■ 5:00-7:00pm Teen Zone	21 ◆ ● ■ 3:00-5:00pm Explore STEM + More	22 ■ 3:00-5:00pm Teen Origami Workshop	23 ◆ 11:00-12:00pm Tales 'n Play Storytime	24 ◆ ● 10:00-11:00am Block Party ◆ ● ■ 1:00-4:00pm Explore STEM + More
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WEEKLY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:

TEEN WATCHLIST | MONDAYS 4:00-6:00 PM

Age Level: Teens

Drop by, grab a seat, and watch cool movies or binge-worthy shows with other teens. Hang out, chat, react dramatically to plot twists, or just vibe in the background – no pressure either way. Bring your favorite snacks and make yourself comfy!

NOTE: No registration is required to attend.

MINECRAFT CLUB | MONDAYS 5:00-7:00 PM

Age Level: Kids, Teens, Families

Kids ages 7 and up are invited to join us on the 3rd floor of the library for Minecraft Club! Stop by to mine, build, and interact with fellow Minecrafters using the library's laptops or iPads. Jump into our premade world or create one entirely of your own!

NOTE: No registration is required to attend

TEEN CENTRAL MANGA BOOK CLUB |

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY (OCTOBER 6TH AND 20TH) 4:00-5:00 PM

Age Level: Teens

Join us at Teen Central to read and discuss manga! You will get a chance to meet other manga fans and gush about your favorite titles! Each session, we'll discuss a different theme. For teens, ages 13-18.

NOTE: No registration is required to attend.

ONLINE TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB SEASON 13 |

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY (OCTOBER 13TH AND 27TH) 4:15-5:45 PM

Age Level: Teens

Teens ages 13-17 are invited to join online and play Dungeons & Dragons (5th Edition) with Teen Central! New and experienced players welcome. Every two weeks, a new 1.5-hour adventure will be ready to challenge our explorers. Materials will be provided.

NOTE: Registration is required to attend.

TEEN ZONE | TUESDAYS 5:00-7:00 PM

Age Level: Teens

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to our new Teen Space on the 2nd floor, to explore art, technology, games, science, and more with Teen Central! From 3-5 pm, you can engage with free materials and learn new skills at your own pace.

NOTE: No registration is required to attend.

EXPLORE STEM + MORE |

WEDNESDAYS 3:00-5:00 PM

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS 1:00-4:00 PM

Age Level: Kids, Teens, Families

Kids and families drop by the 3rd floor to immerse yourself in the world of science and tech exploration. Discover something new by exploring robots, LEGOs, STEM apps, crafts, games and more at your own pace.

NOTE: No registration is required to attend.

TEEN SWITCH GAMING AFTERNOON |

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY (OCTOBER 1ST, 15TH, AND 29TH)

3:00-5:00 PM

Age Level: Teens

Teens, ages 12-17, are welcome to come hang out for an evening of low-pressure gaming. Meet some new friends and join in for a round of Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, Just Dance, or one of our other games on our Switch or Switch 2!

NOTE: No registration is required to attend.

TALES 'N PLAY STORYTIME | FRIDAYS 11:00-12:00 PM

Age Level: Babies and Toddlers, Preschoolers

Stop in for some stories, music, and fun! Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join Kid Central for a story time! Afterward, all are welcome to stay for some open playtime.

NOTE: No registration is required to attend

BLOCK PARTY | SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 AM

Age Level: Kids, Teens, Families

Kids are invited to flex their creative muscles and building skills at our Block Party! Stop by the 3rd floor to create with LEGOs, blocks, and other kid-friendly building materials.

NOTE: No registration is required to attend

SPECIAL KID/TEEN CENTRAL PROGRAMS:

TEEN BUILD IT | MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH 4:00-5:30 PM

Age Level: Teens

Learn basic woodworking skills – how to measure, mark, and use tools safely. Start with raw materials and leave with a sense of accomplishment, pride, and a functional planter box! All materials, tools, and equipment are provided.

NOTE: Registration is required to attend.

LEGO BUILD IT | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH 3:00-5:00 PM

Age Level: Kids

Builders ages 6 and up can join us once a month for our LEGO Build it program! Come and imagine, play, and build with us. You're welcome to try our build challenge, complete one of our kits, or create your own design. The possibilities are endless!

NOTE: No registration is required to attend.

PLAY & LEARN WITH GYMBOREE | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

11:00-11:30 PM

Age Level: Babies and Toddlers

Kids ages 6-12 can explore the world of waterways by tackling hands-on challenges that uncover the power and complexity of rivers. Build bridges and dams, design a boat, and test your creativity and problem-solving skills.

NOTE: Registration is required to attend.

TEEN FALL OPEN ACTIVITIES | TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

2:00-4:00 PM

Age Level: Teens

Looking for something to do during Fall Break? Visit Kid Central for some fun, tech, arts & crafts, LEGOs, and more! Explore your creativity with exciting hands-on crafts for everyone!

NOTE: Registration is not required to attend.

KIDS FALL OPEN ACTIVITIES |

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AND 15TH 2:00-4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 2:00-5:00 PM

Age Level: Kids

Looking for something to do during Fall Break? Visit Kid Central for some fun, tech, arts & crafts, LEGOs, and more! Explore your creativity with exciting hands-on crafts for everyone!

NOTE: Registration is not required to attend.

TEEN ANIME SHRINKY DINKS | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

2:00-4:00 PM

Age Level: Teen

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to create keychains or bag charms of their favorite characters. Use special shrinking paper to turn your art into miniature hard plastic charms. All materials will be provided.

NOTE: Registration is not required to attend.

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STORYTIME WITH PROFESSOR WATERMELON | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH 11:00-11:45 AM

Age Level: *Teen*

Apples, cinnamon and maple syrup! What do they have in common? They all come from trees! In this storytime, discover how people, animals, and insects depend on trees for food and shelter. Perfect for children ages 2-6 and their caregiver.

NOTE: Registration is not required to attend but is recommended.

FALL BREAK MOVIE | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH 1:00-3:00 PM

Age Level: *Kids, Teens, Families*

Looking for something fun to finish up Fall Break? Join us for a movie!

Kid Central – *Monsters, Inc.*

Teen Central – *Hocus Pocus*

NOTE: Registration is not required to attend.

TEEN CRAFT NIGHT | MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH 5:00-7:00 PM

Age Level: *Teens*

Teen creators and artists, ages 12-18, are invited to spend the evening tacking a hands-on creative project sure to encourage out-of-the-box thinking, spark curiosity, fuel their imaginations, and boost their self-expression.

This week's theme: Pumpkin Lanterns!

NOTE: No registration is required to attend.

TEEN ORIGAMI WORKSHOP | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND 3:00-5:00 PM

Age Level: *Teens*

Teens ages 12-18 can learn how to fold origami stars. Folklore says that if you make 1000 paper stars, you can make a wish. See if you can fold enough to fill a small jar! Traditional origami paper and other patterns are also available to learn.

NOTE: Registration is not required to attend, but is recommended

KIDS STEAM LAB: ROBOTICS | MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 5:00-7:00 PM

Age Level: *Kids*

Ignite your child's creative thinking and problem-solving skills with hands-on, fun, and engaging STEAM projects. For kids ages 12 and up.

This week: we explore Engineering and Coding with VEX GO Robotic kits.

NOTE: No registration is required to attend.

ADDITIONAL CENTRAL PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS:

BOOKS AND ROOKS CHESS CLUB | MONDAYS 5:30-7:30 PM

Age Level: *All Ages*

Casual play chess in the Atrium of the library. Chess sets and clocks are provided. All ages and skill levels welcome.

NOTE: No registration is required to attend

CIRCULATING SOUND CONCERT | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH 2:00-3:00 PM

Age Level: *All Ages*

Join us for a live hour of a soothing saxophone concert, featuring Guy Holbert.

NOTE: No registration is required to attend

THE GURL/BRO CODE | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Age Level: *Kids*

Get ready to dive into spooky robotics and code like a pro in this fun and freaky STEM session!

NOTE: Registration is required to attend.

INDYPL'S AUTUMNAL CHESS TOURNAMENT | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Age Level: *All Ages*

Free to play G/25+5 (rated and unrated) chess tournaments.

Casual play will also be available.

NOTE: Registration and USCF membership are required to play rated matches.

ONLINE BILINGUAL STORYTIME – FARSI |

قصه های فارسی برای بچه ها تو دو زبان - فارسی و انگلیسی

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 6:00-6:30 PM

Age Level: *Babies and Toddlers, Preschoolers, Kids, Families*

Join us virtually for stories, songs, and fun in both Farsi and English! Storytime will last about 30 minutes. Can't wait to see you!

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های زیبا به هر دو زبان هستیم. برای خانواده که برای این برنامه ثبت نام کنند، قبل از برنامه نحوه چگونگی وارد شدن به این برنامه را میفرستیم

NOTE: Registration is required to attend.

AN EVENING WITH CHLOE GONG | MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 6:00-7:00 PM

Age Level: *Teens, Adults, All Ages*

Join Taylor Bridgeforth (moderator and author) for an engaging conversation with bestselling young adult author Chloe Gong!

NOTE: Registration is required to attend.