

SHELF LIFE

Tecumseh District Library Summer 2026



**Summer
Reading
2026**

Library Hours
M-Th 10-8
F-Sat 10-5

Our Vision Statement:

The Tecumseh District Library strives to be a premier facility offering a welcoming, accessible community resource where all people can learn, explore, interact, create, and enjoy.

Learn

Explore

Interact

Create

Enjoy

From the DIRECTOR



Jordan Wright
Library Director

As we head into summer, the library is excited to once again welcome readers of all ages to our annual *Summer Reading Challenge*.

From June 6 through August 1, participants are challenged to read a total of 25 hours. Whether you're reading aloud the same picture book three times a day, diving into the next hit romance novel, or listening to audiobooks on a road trip, every minute counts.

This year, tracking your progress is easier than ever through the Beanstack app. In addition to logging your reading, participants can complete optional bonus activities to earn extra raffle tickets. Teens and adults can enter those tickets for a variety of locally sourced grand prizes, while kids 11 and under will receive a prize for every 5 hours read.

If that's not enough to keep your kids busy this summer, please see the inside of this newsletter for more information on special programs throughout the summer, including our kickoff and finale parties, a live animal show, and a sudsy foam party (bring a towel!). Our two regular weekly story times will continue throughout the summer, though you may want to check back for more details, as we may be taking a few of our story times out into nature!

In 2026, we are also celebrating America's 250th birthday with a high-interest, locally relevant historical lecture series. The next event in our American 250 lecture series is Thursday, June 11th, when we'll welcome historian Dianna Stampfer as she tells us about the "Ladies of the Lights," the personal stories of the women lighthouse keepers of the Great Lakes.

Summer Reading 2026 and the America 250 lecture series are made possible thanks to the support of the Friends of the Tecumseh Library. Their continued generosity ensures that library programs remain free, engaging, and rewarding for readers across our community.

Additionally, the library has just embarked on a Master Planning project that will guide maintenance and improvements over the next 5–10 years. I'll be hosting three "office hours"-style sessions where you can drop by to ask questions or share your ideas. Along with our Fall 2025 community survey and May's community engagement session, these conversations will help form the foundation for how your library looks and the services we provide in the future.

We look forward to a summer filled with stories, discovery, and shared excitement about reading.



Summer 2026 Summer Reading *June 6th to August 1st*

Summer Reading 2026 will kick off and conclude with two great parties!!

The Kick Off party will begin Saturday, June 6th at 10:30AM featuring storyteller and musician *Paul Strickland* and hot dogs on the library's west lawn.

Additional youth programs this summer include regular weekly story times, regular engaging crafts for teens, a wild and wet "foam party" for kids, and an educational live animal program.

Our finale party and prize raffle will take place on Saturday, August 21st at 1:00PM with ice cream and the amazing antics and gravity defying skills of juggler *Crazy Craig*.

Come to TDL and join the **FUN!**



Summer Reading 2026 Sign-up



Go to our Beanstack website:

tecumsehlibrary.beanstack.com

Click on

"Register an Individual or Family"

Fill in your info! Beanstack allows families to be linked together, so all family members can be accessed with one login.



Beanstack
QR Code



ASK ANY STAFF MEMBER FOR INFO



Read and win!



Read **25 hours** over **8 weeks** and you will be eligible to earn prizes or raffle tickets for every hour spent reading. Patrons will also have the opportunity to earn extra raffle tickets by completing challenges that encourage them to explore and connect with their community (we promise it will be **FUN** and **EASY**).

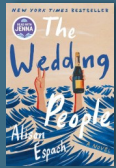
ASK ANY LIBRARY STAFF MEMBER FOR MORE INFORMATION

TDL Afternoon and Evening Adult Book Club

Join us for our monthly, lively discussions. Numerous copies, in various formats of the following titles, are available at the Circulation Desk.

Audio books and eBooks are available for download if you choose to do so.

Please inquire at the Circulation Desk for more information or check tecumsehlibrary.org and click on the *Programs/Events—Book Clubs* tab for dates and times. We hope to see you at the next meeting!



THE WEDDING
PEOPLE
By Alison Espach

June 15, 2026
at 6:30 pm

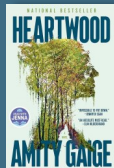
June 17, 2026
at 3:00 pm



SPEAK TO ME
OF HOME
By Jeanine Cummins

July 15, 2026
at 3:00 pm

July 20, 2026
at 6:30 pm



HEARTWOOD
By Amity Gaige

August 17, 2026
at 6:30 pm

August 19, 2026
at 3:00 pm

AUDIO BOOK

Titles also available for download

eBook

Rough Drafts Book Club

THE ROUGH DRAFTS BOOK CLUB

Exploring literature & nonfiction with
an emphasis on masculinity,
fatherhood, history, and adventure.



Monthly on the first Wednesday
at 7PM. Hosted @
Tecumseh District Library.

**Social hour afterward at
Tecumseh Tavern.**

For further questions, contact
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NEW OFFICE HOURS



W/ LIBRARY DIRECTOR
JORDAN WRIGHT

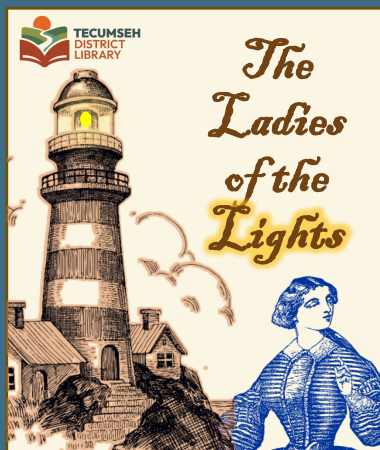
"Why are Hoopla borrows limited per month?"
"This other library offers XYZ... Why don't we?"
"Where does library funding come from?"
Or whatever else you can think of!!

THURSDAY
JUNE 18th
2-4PM

TUESDAY
JULY 7th
5-7PM

SATURDAY
JULY 11th
1-3PM

Coffee and conversation about books, libraries and more.
Bring your questions, ideas, concerns, and an open mind.



Welcome *Dianna Stampfer*,
Great Lakes historian, as she
shares the stories of more than
40 women that took on the
romantic, yet dangerous
and physically demanding job of
tending the beacons that guided
ships and sailors safely home.

Hosted at Tecumseh District Library
No registration required

Thursday June 11, 2026 at 6:30PM



JERRY DECAIRE

ARTIST FOR DEADPOOL, WOLVERINE, THOR
& OTHER WORLD-FAMOUS SUPERHEROES, PRESENTS HIS OWN
SIGNATURE LIVE-DRAWING PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOP AT
TECUMSEH DISTRICT LIBRARY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2026,
FROM 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. THE ARTIST SHOWS HOW A COMIC BOOK
IS MADE FROM BEGINNING TO END, AND THE DEMO-DRAWINGS ARE THEN
GIVEN AWAY... **FOR FREE!** SEE MORE AT
SUPERHEROWORKSHOP.ORG



Saturday, June 13
@ 2:00PM

IN THIS ENGAGING TALK, AUTHOR AND
ECOLOGICAL GARDENER **EDITH ANDERSEN**
EXPLORES HOW SMALL CHANGES IN OUR
EVERYDAY LANDSCAPES CAN HELP RE-
STORE HABITAT FOR BIRDS, POLLINATORS,
AND BENEFICIAL INSECTS.

LEARN WHY TRADITIONAL LAWNS FALL
SHORT, HOW NATIVE PLANTS SUPPORT
LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS, AND SIMPLE STEPS
YOU CAN TAKE TO BEGIN—RIGHT WHERE
YOU ARE.

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Hidden Lake gardens

Ask about our **FREE** day passes to
Hidden Lake Gardens
using your TDL library card.

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BY
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Edith Andersen

From the Children's Corner: *The Importance of talking and playing with your children*



Dr. Jennifer Moore
Children's Librarian

KEY BENEFITS OF PLAYING WITH CHILDREN

Reading grows a child's vocabulary, knowledge, imagination, and self-confidence. But did you know that playing and talking with children is also crucial for their holistic development, helping build brain architecture, emotional regulation, and social skills? Engaging in play promotes language, cognitive skills, and secure bonds. My dissertation research was on the value of play, and research shows that parents who play with their children can help promote cognitive development and future success in areas like language and math.

Playing with your child is one way to help him or her develop social skills and self-control. Children's minds are like little sponges -- They soak up everything around them. As they interact with parents and others, they learn how people behave in social settings by taking cues from the adults around them.

Your child craves interaction with you. Playing with other children is fun, but there's something especially meaningful about having a parent enter their special world of make-believe. It's the stuff of memories! So when you can, set aside your distractions, put the phone down for a bit, and make time to talk, read, and play together... especially at the library!

Brain Development & Learning: *Playing helps children learn about the world, stimulating brain growth and fostering critical thinking, creativity, and executive functioning .*

Emotional Regulation & Resilience: *Through play, children learn to manage stress, cope with emotions, and build resilience.*

Bonding: *Play adds joy, vitality, and resilience to relationships. It can heal resentments, disagreements, and hurt. Through play, children learn to trust others and feel safe .*

Summer Reading: Story Time

ALL ABOUT DINOSAURS !!!

Join Ms. Jennifer as we take a deep dive into unearthing a story about dinosaurs. Come learn about the many types of dinosaurs through books, fossils and activities. You can even explore the inside of a dinosaur egg to see what's inside! Come join the FUN!



Join Ms. Jennifer for **Story Time** at the library Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. We will read dinosaur books, sing songs, recite rhymes and do fun activities. Children of all ages are welcome but story times are geared toward children 0-8 years of age.



1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN is a fun, self-paced program that helps families build strong early literacy habits. By reading together regularly, children develop the skills they need for kindergarten readiness while discovering a love of books. Families track their reading progress and celebrate milestones along the way — it's an easy, enjoyable way to make reading part of everyday life.



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