

# SHELF LIFE

Tecumseh District Library **Winter 2025-26**



*Chat and  
Craft by our  
Fireplace*

*Stay Cozy  
in the  
Children's  
Corner*

*Ginger  
Bread  
Houses,  
Book Clubs  
and more!*

Library Hours

M-Th 10-8

F-Sat 10-5

Sun 1-5

(Oct-Apr)

**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, Director  
Tecumseh District Library

This past summer, TDL's Board of Trustees approved a new capital improvements plan to assess our community's needs and ensure our building continues to meet them. In August, we launched an online survey to learn what matters most to you in a library facility. We received over 225 survey responses.

- ❄️ **Most respondents (54%) live in the City of Tecumseh, followed by Raisin Township (20%) and Tecumseh Township (12%).**
- ❄️ **94% of respondents or their families have library cards with TDL.**
- ❄️ **Library visits are frequent: 45% visit weekly, and 43% visit monthly.**
- ❄️ **Looking ahead, 80% of respondents might, or would be more likely to, visit more frequently if the library were improved or expanded.**
- ❄️ **Top desired improvements include an outdoor event space, designated quiet areas, a redesigned children's area, a self-checkout machine, and after-hours pickup lockers.**
- ❄️ **85% of respondents say a modern, engaging children's area is somewhat or very important to them.**
- ❄️ **For a redesigned children's area, respondents prioritized seating for parents, cozy reading nooks, calm sensory areas, and imaginative play stations.**

In November, we brought participants back for focus group discussions to build on these ideas. As we move into the new year, the Library Board will begin shaping concrete plans for facility investments. All upcoming improvements will be funded primarily through the Library's General Fund, meaning no borrowing and no new taxes.

You may see a few "Pardon Our Dust" signs in the years ahead – but it will be in service of a better library for everyone.



## ***Gingerbread House CONTEST 2025***

***November 24th thru December 19th***

Come to the library and pick up your gingerbread house kit between ***November 24th*** and ***December 11th***. You can create your gingerbread house at the library or at home. Embellish your creation and bring it back to the library by ***Friday December 12th***. Contest winners will be announced on ***Tuesday, December 16th***.

## **OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT**

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY  
FROM 7 PM TO 8 PM  
BY THE FIREPLACE**

Join local poet Linda White as we recite and discuss poetry written by our local poets.

You don't need to be a poet to attend. Listeners are welcome.



**NEW**

Need a hand with your phone, laptop or other tech devices? Stop by TDL's drop-in tech help session and get one-on-one help with your personal devices and digital questions. No appointment is necessary – just bring your device and questions. Contact Brock Miller @ [bmiller@tecumsehlibrary.org](mailto:bmiller@tecumsehlibrary.org)

Monday  
December 29th  
January 26th  
February 23rd  
2 pm - 4 pm

## **CRAFTING and CHATTING AROUND the FIREPLACE**

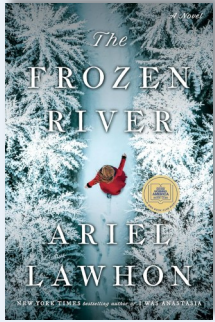


**Get cozy every FRIDAY from 10 am to 1 pm  
at the Tecumseh District Library**

# TDL Adult and Teen Clubs



## TDL Afternoon and Evening Adult Book Club



THE FROZEN RIVER  
By Ariel Lawhorn

December 15, 2025 at 6:30 pm  
December 17, 2025 at 3:00 pm



SIGNAL FIRES  
By Dani Shapiro

January 19, 2026 at 6:30 pm  
January 21, 2026 at 3:00 pm



Titles also available for download

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](http://tecumsehlibrary.org) and click on the *Programs/Events—Book Clubs* tab for dates and times. We hope to see you at the next meeting!



Beginning January 2026

## THE ROUGH DRAFTS BOOK CLUB

First Wednesday 7PM  
Hosted at Tecumseh Tavern  
Presented by TDL

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

JANUARY'S BOOK

Copies are available at the library

WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE

"His tale of survival and the miracle of goodness only adds to McCarthy's stature as a living master. It's gripping, enlightening and, ultimately, beautiful. It might very well be the best book of the year period."  
—San Francisco Chronicle

## Winter Reading Challenge: BINGO



Winter is a great time to cozy up with a good book. The library is holding its annual Winter BINGO read-a-thon which will run the whole month of *January 2026*. We are going to launch our new app called *Beanstack* to track your Bingo progress. We will also have Bingo cards in the Library. A winter party will be held Saturday, *January 24, 2026* at 1 pm to celebrate those who participated and finished the reading challenge.



TEEN BOOK CLUB WILL NOW BE  
HELD AT THE  
TECUMSEH HIGH SCHOOL  
LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
2:45 PM TO 3:45 PM

For more information, please contact  
Teen Librarian Andy Jackson at  
[ajackson@tecumsehlibrary.org](mailto:ajackson@tecumsehlibrary.org)

## Open Chess

Open Chess is a great opportunity to play a timeless game for people of all ages.

All experience levels, from beginners to experts, are welcome. We will provide some chess boards, but supplies are limited. Feel free to bring your own chess board, if you are able to.

*Please meet near the fireplace of the library.*

Every Monday from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

# From the Children's Corner



Dr. Jennifer Moore  
Children's Librarian

As the cold weather arrives, consider coming to the library to cozy up with a good book, games, puzzles, and even some friends. The Children's Corner is sure to melt those winter blues away. We have added a puppet theatre and some new puppets to our collection. There are also new books, puzzles and toys to enjoy. ALL are welcome to come and hang-out in the Imagination Station and the Children's Corner.

I am also offering a creative afternoon program for elementary aged children twice a month on Thursday afternoons. These times are dedicated to crafts that kids would enjoy along with socialization and a snack. Come check out our crew on Thursday afternoons. Please check the TDL website for specific dates.

I hope to bring more families to the library where they can celebrate the love of reading together, explore the resources TDL has to offer and enjoy a fun and creative environment.



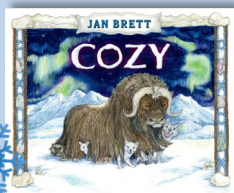
## Story Time

Join Ms. Jennifer for *Story Time* at the library. We will read books, sing songs, recite rhymes and do fun activities. Children of all ages are welcome, but *Story Time* will be geared toward young preschoolers and toddlers. *Afternoon Story Time* is centered around preschool through 3rd grade.

## Spotlight on an Author Series: Wednesday's at 10:30 am

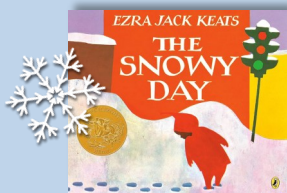
Each month, we will highlight a children's author and their books:

### DECEMBER



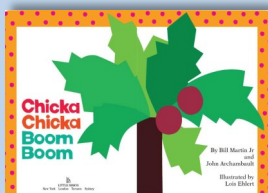
Jan Brett

### JANUARY



Ezra Jack Keats

### FEBRUARY



Bill Martin Jr.

TDL also offers a *Page-Turner program* for children to come and read to a librarian for 30 minutes each week. We also offer the *'1000 Books Before Kindergarten'* program. Each program is a wonderful way to encourage your children to "love to read." Please see a librarian to sign up for these programs.

## Looking for help with homework?

With [tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com) and your library card, you have access to free online tutoring, homework help, practice quiz's, videos to help parents, and more! For additional tutoring assistance, stop by the Children's Corner at TDL and speak to Ms. Jennifer.

## Online homework help, tutoring & test prep

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