

# Between the Stacks

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## Travel Memoirs

Summer time often means “vacation” for many people, but if you're too busy to travel or are feeling the crunch at the gas pump, a travel memoir is a great way to vicariously experience an adventure. The Porter County Public Library System has plenty of travel memoirs to take you places near and far, all while sitting in your beach chair.

Andrew McCarthy may be most well-known for his Brat Pack era films, but he has spent a considerable amount of time traveling the world and writing about his adventures for *National Geographic Traveler*, where he is an editor-at-large. McCarthy's 2012 memoir *The Longest Way Home* chronicles his travels and

how he learns to reconcile his need to roam the world with his responsibilities as a father and a husband.

Sometimes, travel isn't so much about the destination, but the people you meet along the way. In his 2008 book *The Geography of Bliss*, journalist Eric Weiner visited ten countries populated with the happiest people, and attempted to tap into the bliss himself. Weiner's journey takes him from the middle eastern nation of Qatar to the frigid tundra of Iceland as he interviews locals and transplanted citizens, experiences unique cultural events and practices, and looks within

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103 Jefferson Street  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
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**Portage Public Library, 763-1508**  
2665 Irving Street  
Portage, IN 46368  
M-Th 9-9pm; F 9-6pm; Sat 9-5pm

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Valparaiso, IN 46385  
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201 W. Sigler Street  
Hebron, IN 46341  
M,W 10-9pm; T,Th,F 10-6pm; Sat 9-5pm

**Kouts Public Library, 766-2271**  
101 E. Daumer Road  
Kouts, IN 46347  
M,W,F 10-6pm; T,Th 10-9pm; Sat 9-5pm

### Mission Statement

We believe that libraries can change people's lives and are a cornerstone of our democracy. The mission of the Porter County Public Library System is to provide all residents of the library district with a comprehensive collection of materials in a variety of media that records human knowledge, ideas and culture and to organize these materials for ready access. The library encourages the love of reading and the joy of learning, and offers the assistance people need to find, evaluate, and use electronic and print information resources that help them live successful and rewarding lives.

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himself to understand what really makes people happy.

The “gap year” abroad is a European practice amongst college age adults. Before entering post-secondary educational institutions, students take a year off and travel the world, sight seeing and living it up to their heart's content (or their wallet's limit). In *The Good Girl's Guide to Getting Lost*, American Rachel Friedman takes a summer break abroad in Ireland and develops a travel itch she scratches after dropping out of her major and needing to re-assess her path. Her travels take her down under to Australia, and eventually to the jungles of South America.

Bill Bryson's *In a Sunburned Country* may be 13 years old, but it is still a compelling and entertaining account of Australia's history and people. Bryson examines how the continent-country's unique identity and culture was borne of its equally unparalleled landscape, biology and ancient history. Bryson also takes many opportunities to describe the “greatest social failing” of Australia – its treatment of the Aboriginal population. Readers will be rewarded with stories of Bryson's adventures and interesting tidbits of Australian lore, as well as poignant reflections on Australia's culture and future.

And, of course, one cannot mention travel memoirs without mentioning *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. Her book-club phenomenon memoir of her travels to Italy, India and Indonesia describes the soul searching she did after a bitter divorce. Her intention to examine her nature by vis-

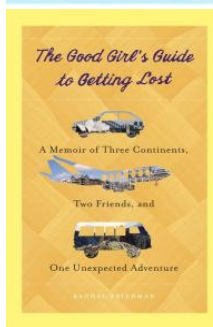
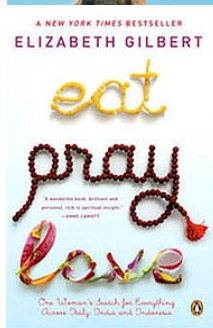
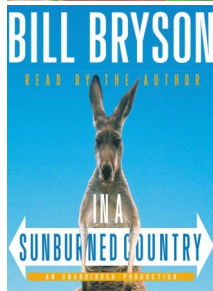
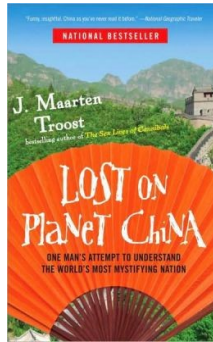
iting places in the world which would facilitate her introspection (Italy, pleasure; India, devotion; and Indonesia, balance) led to a book that earned both commercial and critical acclaim.

If you need even more of an armchair travel fix this summer, visit your local branch of the Porter County Public Library System. From additional memoirs to travel guides and DVDs, or even language instruction, we have just what you need to wander the world while staying in your living room.

Hayley Dwyer - Head of Kouts Branch

### Travel Memoirs

- *The Longest Way Home*  
- Andrew McCarthy (everywhere)
- *Lost on Planet China*  
- J. Maarten Troost (China)
- *In a Sunburned Country*  
- Bill Bryson (Australia)
- *The Geography of Bliss*  
- Eric Weiner (everywhere)
- *Eat Pray Love*  
- Elizabeth Gilbert  
(Italy, India, Indonesia)
- *The Good Girl's Guide to Getting Lost*  
- Rachel Friedman  
(Ireland, Australia, South America)



## Don't forget to check out our summer displays!



The Valparaiso Youth Services Dept. has some local historical artifacts on loan for the summer.

The Kouts Youth Service Dept. was transformed into a cave for one of their recent programs.

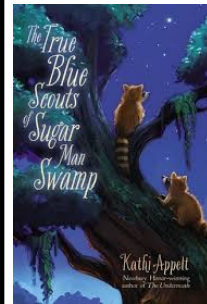


# Youth Services: Book Reviews

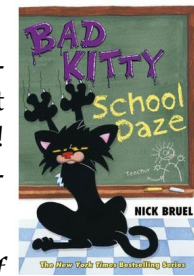
## Hot Summer Reads *Fun new titles to read this summer (and some to prepare you for exciting new library programs and back-to-school reads).*

### Chapter Books for Middle Readers

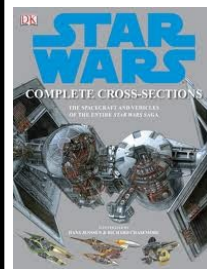
*True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp* by Kathi Appelt (coming July 2013) – A new title from an award-winning author, this story would make a terrific read-aloud, but is also an excellent choice for students who are reading on their own. Descriptive and engaging characters (animal and human), and a plot that is timely because of its focus on conservation. Another winner from a fantastic author!



*Bad Kitty School Daze* by Nick Bruel – available now! This would be a great choice for Independent Summer Reading! Nick Bruel entertains with another hilarious story, and fun illustrations.

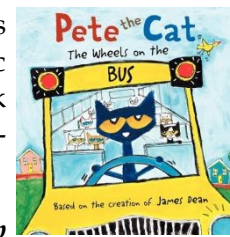


*Compete Cross Sections of Vehicles (Star Wars)* (coming July 2013) – A great choice for all Star Wars fans! Full-color detailed illustrations (from all six movies!) engage the imagination, and interesting facts about all the different Star Wars vehicles inform the mind.

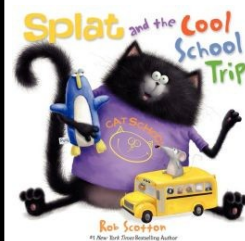


### Picture Books for Younger Readers

*Wheels on the Bus* (Pete the Cat) by James Dean – Pete the Cat gets to drive the school bus! Readers will enjoy singing along to the classic song with the newest picture book about the grooviest cat. Great illustrations, and fun song!



*Splat the Cat and the Cool School Trip* by Rob Scotton – Bestselling author/illustrator brings us another fun picture book about a school trip to the zoo. Will Splat the Cat go home disappointed, or will his favorite animal (penguins!) save the day?



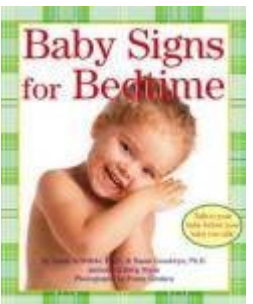
*Gus the Dinosaur Bus* by Julia Lin (coming July 2013) – A fun dinosaur-themed book about a huge and helpful dinosaur who gets a job as the city school bus. Will he get to keep his job after all his super-sized misadventures? Cartoon-like water-

color illustrations accompany this heart-warming read. Great read-aloud.

### Baby Talk Books for our Very Youngest Readers

Get ready for our Baby Signs program series this fall at the Valparaiso Public Library by getting familiar with these titles from Linda P. Acredolo's Baby Signs series:

*Baby Signs for Mealtimes*, *Baby Signs for Animals & Baby Signs for Bedtime*



These titles are all available in board book format, which holds up better to the rough and tumble handling meted out by our youngest readers! Another feature that makes this series stand out are the illustration and phrase choices. Photos of babies are used throughout, which catches the eyes and attention of babies more reliably than drawings. And the phrases and signs Acredolo includes are all ones that babies can truly relate to. Which means they will want you to read these books over and over again, and practice the signs!

### FAQ:

*When is my baby ready to start signing?* As soon as they begin waving “bye-bye.”

*If I teach my baby to use signs, will she/he take longer to start speaking?* No. In fact, they often become more engaged in communication, including speaking vocally. Signing is just another way to communicate, and it can often be mastered well before your baby is able to speak vocally.

Find out more about baby signs this fall at our Baby Signs program series at the Valparaiso Public Library!

Willow Cataldo - Head of Youth Services– Valparaiso Branch



# Friends of the Library News

It's hard to believe that summer is here, and that we're in the mid-point of 2013! And, while checking the calendar, please note summer events for the Friends of the Porter County Library System.

As for the mid-point statistics, our county wide membership total is 546. Our income is over \$23,900, and we have disbursed over \$15,370 to fund the Summer Programs and "Wish List Items/Materials" requested by the branches. Included in this amount is \$7000 that the Friends paid for an annual subscription to Zinio, an online "e-magazine" source. This subscription includes 50 magazines which patrons can access. The cost of a new fax machine and supplies was \$715. Also, we have paid \$360. for staff scholarships, and over \$848. for IN sales tax on book sales.

There has been a concern on the Board that book donations are gener-

ally down from previous years. We feel one reason is that many library patrons are donating books to the "blue donation dumpsters" in our locales. Please be aware that these book donations **do not** come to the public library. If you have books or magazines to donate, please take time to bring them your library branch so we can use them in our book room and/or book sales. These donations are the core of our income, so we need and heartily appreciate your support and generosity!

The newest member of the Friends Executive Board is Lanette Carey, representing Center Township (Valpo). She was born in California, but grew up in Merrillville, and has lived in Valpo 10 years. Her college focus was Fine Arts, at IUN. You may see her at the Valpo Library circulation desk because she works part-time there, as well as fulfilling her

volunteer work on the Board. Previously, she worked at Barnes & Noble, and at the Valpo Montessori School. She also was a local PTA president and vice-president. She says she loves books, and working with people! And, she encourages library patrons to participate in special opportunities such as the Summer Reading Program. She quickly adds, "Don't forget to visit the Friends Book Sale Room, too!" A favorite quotation is: "Happiness is not something ready made, It comes from your own actions." - Dalai Lama XIV.

Have a great summer, look forward to the opportunities in the second half of 2013, and thank you for being an important part of our FRIENDS.

*Lois Thurner, President, FPCPLS*



## Portage Book Room

has an additional summer sale day:  
Wednesday hours: 10 am – 4 pm  
(Yes, the room is open on the usual Monday and Saturday hours, too.)

## Valpo Book Room:

Regular Wed. and Sat. times

## Hebron Book Sale:

Aug. 21 Friends Preview Night  
Aug. 22-24 Book Sale

## Valparaiso Book Sale:

Sept. 25 Friends Preview Night  
Sept. 26-28 Book Sale

## Kouts Book Sale:

Oct. 3 Friends Preview Night  
Oct. 4-5 Book Sale

## Annual Fall Meeting and Program:

Oct. 7 Special guest:  
local author, Kate Collins

## Portage Book Sale:

Oct. 16 Friends Preview Night  
Oct. 17-19 Book Sale

You can check times for each event on the PCPLS web site:

<http://www.pcpls.lib.in.us>

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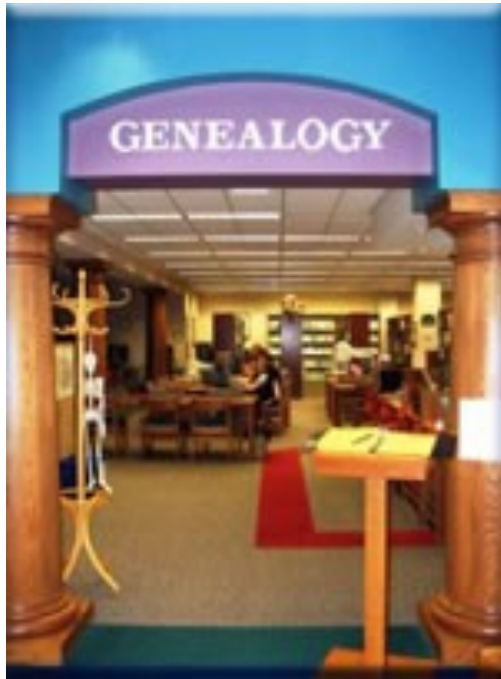


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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:00 AM-Archaeology Rocks! (V) 10:15 AM-Summer Reading (K) 11:15 AM-Beneath the Surface Summer Reading (K) 12:00 PM-Blood Pressure Screening (P) 12:00 PM-Free Blood Pressure Screening (S) 12:00 PM-Monday Movies (H) 1:00 PM-Summer Reading (K) 1:30 PM-Inspiring Minds Book Discussion Group (S) 2:00 PM-Amazing Artists: Sand Mandala (V) 7:00 PM-*Voice Over Classes (P)	<b>2</b> Registration for Drama Club: K - 2 (V) Registration for Drama Club: 3 - 5 (V) Registration for Drama Club: 6 & up (V) 10:00 AM-Lego Club (V) 10:15 AM-Summer Story Times (S) 10:15 AM-Summer Reading Toddler Time (K) 10:30 AM-Preschool 4th of July Craft (P) 10:30 AM-K-2nd: Potato Print T-shirts (H) 11:15 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (K) 11:30 AM-3rd-5th: T-Shirt Design (H)	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM-Pre-K Bingo (V) 10:00 AM-Knit-a-Longs (P) 10:15 AM-Dig Into Reading Summer (K) 11:45 AM-Dig Into Reading Summer (K) 1:15 PM-Dig Into Reading Summer (K) 2:00 PM-Dig Into the Past (S) 2:30 PM-Book Bingo! (V) 2:30 PM-Dinosaur Dig K-2nd (P) 3:00 PM-Teens: Art & T-shirts (H) 3:30 PM-Dinosaur Dig 3rd- 5th grade (P) 6:30 PM-Family Movie Night (S) 6:30 PM-Map Art (P) 7:00 PM-Teen Bingo (V)	<b>4</b>  <div> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED for Independence Day</b>  </div>	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM-Craft: Fossil Fooled! (V) 10:15 AM-Summer Reading Toddler Time (H) 11:30 AM-Summer Reading Story Time (H) 2:30 PM-Letter Collage! (S)	<b>6</b> 9:15 AM-* Basket Weaving (P) 10:00 AM-Summer Craft (P)
<b>8</b> 10:00 AM-"Shipwrecked": Discover Disasters of the Deep (V) 10:00 AM-Bone Density Screening (P) 10:15 AM-Summer Reading (K) 11:15 AM-Beneath the Surface Summer Reading (K) 12:00 PM-Monday Movies (H) 1:00 PM-Summer Reading (K) 2:30 PM-K-Klub (V) 4:00 PM-Memory Keepers Scrapbooking (S) 7:00 PM-*Voice Over Classes (P)	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM-Story Time for 4's and 5's (P) 10:15 AM-Summer Story Times (S) 10:15 AM-Summer Reading Toddler Time (K) 10:30 AM-K-2nd: Dig Into Life Underground (H) 11:00 AM-Story Time for 4's and 5's (P) 11:15 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (K) 11:45 AM-Valpo Brown Baggers Discussion Group (V) 2:00 PM-Fun with Fossils (V) 3:30 PM-SIGN 2 SIGN (K)	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM-Knit-a-Longs (P) 10:15 AM-Dig Into Reading Summer (K) 11:45 AM-Dig Into Reading Summer (K) 1:15 PM-Dig Into Reading Summer (K) 2:00 PM-Worm Art (S) 2:30 PM-Clever Cooks: Fair Foods! (V) 2:30 PM-Into Egypt K-2nd (P) 3:00 PM-Teens: Percy Jackson Party (H) 3:30 PM-Into Egypt 3rd-5th grade (P) 6:30 PM-Book Bingo (P)	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM-Toddler Time (P) 10:30 AM-3rd-5th: Dig Into Life Underground (H) 11:00 AM-Toddler Time (P) 1:30 PM-Novel Ideas Book Discussion (H) 2:00 PM-Dig into Girl Power: Self-Esteem Rocks! (V) 2:00 PM-Tie-Dye! (S) 2:00 PM-Groundbreaking Technology: Tech petting zoo (K) 3:00 PM-LEGO Club (H) 4:00 PM-Read to Teddy (H) 7:00 PM-Beginner's Sign Language (K)	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM-Baby Time (P) 10:15 AM-Summer Reading Toddler Time (H) 11:30 AM-Summer Reading Story Time (H)	<b>13</b>
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<b>22</b> 10:00 AM-Bone Density Screenings (H) 1:00 PM-Movie Monday (P) 2:30 PM-K-Klub (V) 5:00 PM-YAK Movie Discussion: call for movie title (V) 7:00 PM-Haven Bookends Book Discussion Group 7:00 PM-*Voice Over Classes (P)	<b>23</b> 11:15 AM-Mother Goose on the Loose (K) 12:00 PM-Movie Discussion Group (V) 1:00 PM-Drama Club: K - 2 (V) 1:45 PM-Drama Club: 3 - 5 (V) 2:40 PM-Drama Club: 6 & up (V) 3:30 PM-SIGN 2 SIGN (K)	<b>24</b> 10:00 AM-Knit-a-Longs (P) 6:00 PM-Pizza Party Game Night (V)	<b>25</b> 1:00 PM-Drama Club: K - 2 (V) 1:45 PM-Drama Club: 3 - 5 (V) 2:40 PM-Drama Club: 6 & up (V) 6:30 PM-* Portage Reading Circle (P) 7:00 PM-Kouts' Pageturners (K) 7:00 PM-Beginner's Sign Language (K)	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM-Baby Time (P)	<b>27</b> 10:00 AM-* Stamping Card Class (P)
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# Finding Your Way in the Genealogy Department



A library with tens of thousands of government records isn't very good if patrons don't know about them or have a way to access the information.

The Genealogy Department of the Porter County Public Library System was in that predicament several years ago when several county agencies wanted to know if the library would like to house some old records that had a lot of genealogical information in them. The department couldn't say no and now any visitor can look around and see boxes of court cases and books shelved all around the department.

There was no easy way to search these government records so staff began the major project of pulling the names out of the record books to create indexes that let people know the documents existed and if they included information that they were trying to find.

These indexes were put onto the Genealogy Department website of the library system and also published in books. Researchers around the world have discovered the sites and have

used them to get copies of the information.

There are also thousands of civil court case packets stored in the library storage area. This is the next big indexing project of the department.

The department has also created an obituary index of local papers. This resource is so popular that the genealogical website Ancestry.com added it to its database and it is searched many times each day.

AmericanAncestors.org is a website created by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. It sends out a weekly email newsletter called The Weekly Genealogist. Each issue spotlights a different library or society across the country with a genealogy collection. It spotlighted the Porter County Public Library System in Vol. 15, Issue 46 from November 21, 2012. NEHGS gave a thorough review of the indexes we have on our website.

It goes as follows:

**Spotlight: Porter County Public Library, Indiana**  
By Valerie Beaudrault, Assistant Editor

Porter County is located in northwestern Indiana. Valparaiso is its county seat. The Porter County Public Library has made a number of genealogy resources available online.

## Obituary Index

The Obituary Index, which covers 1938 through January 2011, is searchable by first and last name. Names must be entered in both search boxes to perform a search. The information has been extracted from *Vidette-Messenger* and *Vidette Times* newspapers. The data fields are last name, first name, middle initial, maiden name, age, death date, paper (date published in the newspaper) from (where deceased is from), and index number.

## Marriage Index

The Marriage Index, which covers 1921 through 1946, is searchable by first and last name. Names must be entered in both search boxes to perform a search. The data fields are bride or groom, last name, first name, marriage date and book and page numbers.

## Porter County Herald Index

The *Porter County Herald* was published in Hebron, Indiana. Vital records and articles for 1933 through 1938 are included in the database. (Issues for some dates are missing.) It is searchable by first and last name, both of which are required to perform a search. The data fields are last name, first name, newspaper date, and page number.

## 1920-21 Milk Producers Association in Porter County

This alphabetical database contains a list of members of the association. The data fields are first name, last name, and page number.

## Index to Divorces

The Index to Divorces contains more than 8,000 records. They are organized alphabetically by surname. The data fields are last name, first name, entity, dependants, court, case number, and case type. The entity field contains information about whether the individual in the record is the plaintiff or the defendant.

## Guardianship Court Cases

There are over 5,000 records in the Guardianship Court Cases index. The data fields in this alphabetical index are surname, given name, entity, "guardianship for," court, case number, and case type. Data in the entity field lists the status of the named individual – guardian, person, decedent, defendant, or respondent.

## Combined Probate Estates

There are nearly 12,500 records in this database which is organized alphabetically by surname and covers from the early twentieth century to the early 1960s. The data fields are surname,

## Relatively Speaking: Notes from the Genealogy Department



The department continues working on various database indexes. The search engine on the library website was recently changed and allows more options to search records. The 1940 Porter County Census index will be added to the menu shortly as will the update of the obituary index.

Larry Clark attended the 2013 National Genealogical Society Conference in Las Vegas from May 7-11.

There were ten programs to choose from every hour of the conference and the concentration was on the westward movement of the population. The increased use of DNA to identify family members was also an important topic.

Recently, the department has assisted several patrons and members of the news media. June marked the one hundredth anniversary of the Lincoln Highway which is more commonly referred to as U.S. Highway 30.

The highway was first proposed during the early 1900's. The major form of transportation was switching from a four legged variety to a four wheeled kind.

It was suggested that a road be constructed across the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific. To save money and also to get it done more quickly the road was supposed to link existing routes. The only construction was to build the connections that weren't already available.

The route was laid out and went across Porter County. The road from 1913 doesn't match the current route. The only portion that still exists is the small part that enters Porter County from the west and runs to the

current entrance of Joliet Road. This highway led into Valparaiso and was known as Main Street, now called Lincolnway. It led through town to La Porte Avenue and then traveled eastward to Highway 2 leading into La Porte County.

In the early 1920's it was decided to move part of the highway south. Highway 2 was changed and the road then ran past Sturdy Road where it veered south to old State Route 44 which was an east-west road that linked Valparaiso to Fort Wayne.

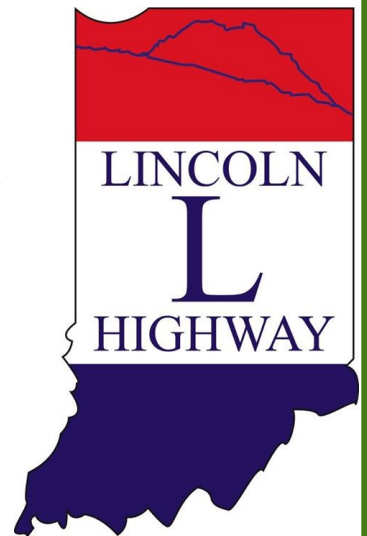
In the late 1930's portions of the highway were rerouted to avoid the downtown areas of cities along the way. This not only eased congestion in the towns, but also sped up the flow of traffic.

This meant that a large strip of land was acquired from the entrance to Joliet Road on Highway 30 to the south edge of Valparaiso near Graceland Cemetery. A new strip of highway was built making it two lanes and connected it to the road that had been built in the 1920's.

This created the highway as we now know it and part of an historic highway that crosses the country. Porter County and Northern Indiana are major links in that road.

The Genealogy Department has many maps and other information on the railroads and highways that pass through the area.

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**Don't miss Larry Clark's Beginner's Genealogy Workshop**  
**Monday, August 5, 2013 6:15-8:45PM**  
**at the South Haven Public Library**  
**Call 759-4474 to register.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>AUGUST 2013</b>			<b>1</b> 9:00 AM-* Life Line Health Screening (P) 6:30 PM-* Writing Workshop for Adults (P) 7:00 PM-Beginner's Sign Language (K)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:15 AM-* Basket Weaving (P)
<b>5</b> 12:00 PM-Blood Pressure Screening (P) 1:30 PM-Inspiring Minds Book Discussion Group (S) 6:00 PM-Beginners' Genealogy Workshop (S) 6:00 PM- * Greeting Card Workshop (H)	<b>6</b> 3:30 PM-SIGN 2 SIGN (K)	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM-Knit-a-Longs (P) 6:30 PM-Family Movie Night (S)	<b>8</b> 1:30 PM-Novel Ideas Book Discussion (H) 6:30 PM-* Writing Workshop for Adults (P) 7:00 PM-Beginner's Sign Language (K)	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM-Baby Time (P)	<b>10</b>
<b>12</b> 10:00 AM-Bone Density Screening (P) 4:00 PM-Memory Keepers Scrapbooking (S)	<b>13</b> 11:45 AM-Valpo Brown Baggers Discussion Group (V) 2:00 PM-ebook Q & A (P)	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM-Knit-a-Longs (P) 6:00 PM-YAK Improv Group (V)	<b>15</b> 6:30 PM-* Writing Workshop for Adults (P) 7:00 PM-Beginner's Sign Language (K)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM-Basketry Classes (V) 10:00 AM-* Oil Painting (P) 10:30 AM-Lego Club K-5th grade (P)
<b>19</b> 10:00 AM-Free Bone Density Screening (S) 12:00 PM-Q & A with NorthShore Health Centers (P) 5:30 PM-* Beginner's Oil Painting Class (H) 7:00 PM-Twin Creeks Conservancy District (S)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM-Knit-a-Longs (P) 6:00 PM-Friends Book Sale Preview Night (H)	<b>22</b> 10:00 AM-Friends of the Library Book Sale (H) 6:30 PM-* Portage Reading Circle (P) 6:30 PM-* Writing Workshop for Adults (P) 7:00 PM-Kouts' Pageturners (K) 7:00 PM-Beginner's Sign Language (K)	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM-Friends of the Library Book Sale (H)	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM-Basketry Classes (V) 9:00 AM-Friends of the Library Book Sale (H) 10:00 AM-* Stamp-ing Card Class (P) 1:30 PM-Lego Club (S)
<b>26</b> 10:00 AM-Bone Density Screenings (H) 1:00 PM-Movie Monday (P) 5:30 PM-* Beginner's Oil Painting Class (H) 7:00 PM-Haven Bookends Book Discussion Group (S)	<b>27</b> 12:00 PM-Movie Discussion Group (V) 2:00 PM-ebook Q & A (P) 3:30 PM-Ailes's Anime (K)	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM-Knit-a-Longs (P)	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM-* Writing Workshop for Adults (P)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM-Basketry Classes (V)

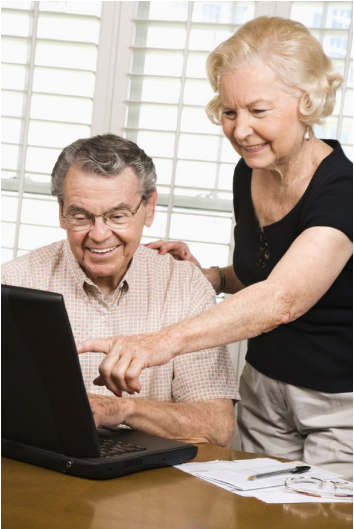
given name, date of death, entity, court, case number, and date filed. "Entity" refers to whether the individual is the administrator or the decedent.

Genealogy Digital Library  
Click on the Genealogy Digital Library on the homepage, then click the Enter Here link, which will bring you to the search page. The Genealogy Digital Library contains two volumes – *The City of Homes, Schools and Churches: a Pictorial Story of Valparaiso, Its People and Its Environs* (1905) and *Souvenir Book of Valparaiso, Indiana* (1911). Search the database by entering a keyword or browse by subject or title. Clicking on the browse by subjects link will provide you with an alphabetical subject list. Clicking on the browse by titles link will give you access to the two digitalized volumes. Click the book's image to the left of the title to select individual pages.

Since the article has been published the library has added a few more records to the court cases that go back as far as the 1860's. The obituary index will be updated and an index to the 1930 census of Porter County which wasn't included in the overview will be joined by a 1940 census index.

The popular genealogy website cyndislist.org now lists 325,000 different genealogy websites across the world. The sources for Porter County are only a small fraction of that amount but a gigantic amount of information for those doing research in the county.

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# PCPLS Book Discussion Groups

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**Valparaiso 12:00 pm**  
(Bring a sack lunch.)

July 9 – *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel: a novel*  
By Deborah Moggach

August 13 – *Martha Jefferson Randolph, Daughter of Monticello: her life and times*  
By Cynthia A. Kierner

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**Hebron 1:30 pm**

July 11 – *Defending Jacob* By William Landay  
August 8 – *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*  
By Jonathan Foer Safran

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**Kouts 7:00 pm**

July 25 – *The Double Bind* By Chris Bohjalian  
August 22 – *Unbroken* By Laura Hillenbrand

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**South Haven 7:00 pm**

July 22 – *Art of Fielding* By Chad Harbach  
August 26 – *The Good Daughter* By Joyce Maynard

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**Portage 7:00 pm**

July 25 – *Iron House* By John Hart  
August 22 – *Bel Canto* By Ann Patchett

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Call your local branch to reserve a book.  
Titles are subject to change due to availability.

