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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA: Wednesday, July 19, 2023**

**NOTICE:** The Porter County Public Library System Board of Trustees will meet on July 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. for an Executive Session at the Valparaiso Public Library, 103 Jefferson St. Valparaiso, IN, 46368 to discuss the job performance of an individual employee IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). The regularly scheduled meeting is to follow no earlier than 4:05 p.m.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** (Olga)

The Public comment session is provided as an opportunity for patrons to address the Board of Trustees on matters related to agenda items.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** (Olga)

1. Approval of the Minutes from June 21, 2023 (Roger)
2. Financial Report
  - a. Treasurer's Report (Stu)
  - b. Approval of the Claims Register (Hayley)
3. Approval of Communications (Jesse)
  - a. Friend's Report
  - b. Director's Report
  - c. Patron Comments

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. Election of Board Officers (President)
2. Election of Board Finance Officers (President)
3. Wage Matrix and Salary Increases (President)
4. Library Gardens Update (Jesse)
5. Tuck Pointing/Caulking of Portage (Jesse)
6. Bank Signatory Resolution (Hayley)
7. Treasurer Bond (Hayley)
8. State Library Consortium (Inge)

Any other items  
Adjournment (Olga)  
Signature Session

**Future Meetings: (Dates subject to change) 4:00 P.M.**

- August 16, 2023 - Valparaiso Public Library
- September 20, 2023 - Valparaiso Public Library
- October 18, 2023 - Valparaiso Public Library

# Porter County Public Library System

## Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes for Jul 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the library board of trustees was called to order at 4:12 pm at 103 Jefferson St. Valparaiso, IN 46383. Olga Granat, followed by Kristy Merritt, presided.

Members in attendance included Olga Granat, President; Kristy Merritt, Vice President (arrived late); Roger Rhodes, Secretary; Stu Summers, Treasurer; Julie Giorgi, Paul Knauff (remote), and Kevin Pazour. No board members were absent. Also in attendance: Director Jesse Butz, Library Attorney Clay Patton, and Associate Directors Inge Kokidko & Hayley Scott. Remote attendance was facilitated via Zoom.

### Public Comment

No public comment was given.

### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes from Jun 21, 2023

Financial Report

    Treasurer's Report

    Approval of the Claims Register

Approval of Communications

    Friends of the Library Report

    Director's Report

    Patron Comments

**Motion:** Stu Summers moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Julie Giorgi.

**Discussion:** Communications reports were summarized. Kristy Merritt arrived during this time.

**Vote:** The motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

Merritt	Rhodes	Summers	Knauff	Pazour	Giorgi	Granat
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

## Election of Board Officers

The following slate of officers was proposed: Kristy Merrit as president, Roger Rhodes as vice president, Paul Knauff as secretary, and Stu Summers as treasurer.

**Motion:** Kevin Pazour moved to elect officers as proposed. The motion was seconded by Julie Giorgi.

**Discussion:** No discussion followed.

**Vote:** The motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

Merritt	Rhodes	Summers	Knauff	Pazour	Giorgi	Granat
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

## Election of Board of Finance Officers

**Motion:** Olga Granat moved to “keep the officers for the finance committee the same as the new slate.” The motion was seconded by Julie Giorgi.

**Discussion:** It was clarified that those officers would be Kristy Merrit as president, Roger Rhodes as Vice president, Paul Knauff as secretary, and Stu Summers as treasurer.

**Vote:** The motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

Granat	Rhodes	Summers	Knauff	Pazour	Giorgi	Merritt
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

## Wage Matrix Salary Increases

An adjustment to the salary matrix was recommended which included a base rate pay increase from \$12.50 to \$13.00. In addition to the matrix adjustments, a 4% cost of living adjustment is recommended to take effect as of July 1, 2023. This change would increase our expenditures for this year by \$82,820, and by \$140,641 next year. These numbers have been accounted for in the budget and would represent a wage liability of 49.8% of our operating budget.

**Motion:** Stu Summers moved to “approve the 2023 salary schedule”. The motion was seconded by Olga Granat.

**Discussion:** No discussion followed.

**Vote:** The motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

Rhodes	Merritt	Summers	Knauff	Giorgi	Granat	Pazour
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

**Motion:** Olga Granat moved to issue a \$10,000 bonus for Jesse Butz. The motion was seconded by Kevin Pazour.

**Discussion:** It was clarified that “this year” begins on Jul 1, 2023, and that that the effective payroll date for the previous motion and for this bonus amount would be the first payroll after July 1st. Finally, it was confirmed that the previous motion specified all staff, and so the director was included in the overall 4% increase.

**Vote:** The motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

Rhodes	Merritt	Summers	Knauff	Giorgi	Granat	Pazour
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

## Library Gardens Update

South Haven woodlands and garden plans and the Portage Garden groundbreaking were discussed. It was clarified that the pathway at the South Haven garden is an ADA accessible, non-concrete pathway.

## Tuck Pointing/Caulking of Portage

Kouts, Hebron, and Valpo have been completed, with their needs being fairly minor. Portage has greater and more involved tuckpointing needs. Quotes were discussed, and it was recommended to accept Korellis quotes for both the roofing and caulk repair, as well as tuckpointing.

**Motion:** Stu Summers moved to “go with Korellis”. The motion was seconded by Roger Rhodes.

**Discussion:** Clarification about how the tuckpointing would interact with Garden construction was discussed.

**Vote:** The motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

Rhodes	Merritt	Summers	Knauff	Giorgi	Granat	Pazour
Y	Y	Y	absent	Y	Y	Y

## Bank Signatory Resolution

Since we have new officers, we need new signature cards. Hayley Scott also recommends removing herself as a signer to improve our security, which would still leave two board representatives and two library representatives to sign checks.

**Motion:** Kevin Pazour moved to make the changes recommended. The motion was seconded by Roger Rhodes.

**Discussion:** No discussion followed.

**Vote:** The motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

Rhodes	Merritt	Summers	Knauff	Giorgi	Granat	Pazour
Y	Y	Y	absent	Y	Y	Y

## Treasurer Bond

Bonding the treasure is an annual compliance requirement.

**Motion:** Julie Giorgi moved to approve the treasurer bond. The motion was seconded by Olga Granat.

**Discussion:** No discussion followed.

**Vote:** The motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

Rhodes	Merritt	Summers	Knauff	Giorgi	Granat	Pazour
Y	Y	Y	absent	Y	Y	Y

## State Library Consortium

PCPLS has an annual opportunity to join the Indiana State Library Consortium for Public Library Internet access. Once again, we recommend joining, as this will give us the option to access the state-negotiated contract and the best possible rate for internet service. This resolution does not obligate us to use the vendor selected by the state library.

**Motion:** Olga Granat moved to join the Indiana State Library Consortium as recommended. The motion was seconded by Board Member.

**Discussion:** No discussion followed.

**Vote:** The motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

Rhodes	Merritt	Summers	Knauff	Giorgi	Granat	Pazour
Y	Y	Y	absent	Y	Y	Y

## Broadband

The county's broadband task force was discussed.

## Acting Secretary

Stu Summers nominated Roger Rhodes a acting secretary for the signing session, seconded by Kevin Pazour.

## Adjournment

**Motion:** Olga Granat moved to adjourn. Julie Giorgi seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

Rhodes	Merritt	Summers	Knauff	Giorgi	Granat	Pazour
Y	Y	Y	absent	N	Y	N

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Paul Knauff, Secretary

# June 2023

## Overview

- June is the busiest month of the year at any public library. With students out and signing up for Summer Reading, families heading out on vacation, and lots of fun programming to be had, the branches are always jumping with activity. This year was a prime example with our door count up by 8%. That trend continued for nearly every line of our statistics showing year-over-year growth.
  - While multimedia continued to show decreases in circulation, physical books grew by 4%, helping our physical item increase continue its upward trend.
  - Digital items continue to be strong with another increase of 30% year over year and 35% year to date. We will take these trends into consideration when drafting our 2024 budget.
  - Programming had a strong month 51% more attendees at only 28% programming. That shows that the offerings are matching our patrons' interests and being efficient with our resources.
  - Our community has really embraced the use of the library as a space, with a 134% increase in meeting room attendance.
- A huge shoutout to our IT team of Angela and Nathan that led the charge with new multimedia options for our meeting room. The new projector, TV, surround sound, and controls will bring our meeting rooms up to modern standards and really improve the patron experience. When paired with our multimedia studio and our soon-to-rollout updated patron computers, our system is taking a massive leap forward! Well done you two!

## Important Upcoming Dates

- July
  - 4th: Library Closed for the Fourth of July
  - 5th: Friends of the Library Board Meeting
  - 19th: Library Board of Trustees Meeting- Valparaiso
- August
  - 2: Friends of the Library Board Meeting
  - 16: Library Board of Trustees Meeting

## Personnel

- Ending Employment
  - None
- New Employment
  - Janice Brown, Library Clerk - Valparaiso Branch
  - Aidan Ilic - Maintenance
- Staff Development

- Willow, Monique, Nina, Elizabeth, Jesse, Inge, Jackie, and Ashley attended the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago. Everyone wrote up a few takeaways from each session so that we can share the information with our coworkers.
- Kelleen, the Valpo branch's volunteer coordinator, has implemented a new program for teen volunteers, many of whom are here to complete honors society requirements. They have been working on craft and display preparation, which they seem to enjoy! We've had a few of these volunteers show interest in coming back for additional hours! The Valparaiso branch also had Juvenile Day reporting in; they helped the System Programming team finish up our summer reading bags, and made paper leaves (for a display) and buttons!
- We would like to thank Stacey Whitten for her years of service as Board Trustee. Stacey helped the library progress through some difficult times during the pandemic and we are going to miss her support and guidance.
- We are excited to welcome our newest board member Julie Giorgi! Julie was appointed by the County Council and is a strong library supporter. We are excited to work with her as we continue our journey!

### **Finance Notes**

- The budget benchmark for the end of June is that 50% of the budget should be spent. So far, 47% has been spent and we're on target to be within our estimated budget.
- The Library earned \$22,978.02 from Trust Indiana in June.
  - Included in the total interest earned is the Valpo Garden Donations, which earned \$793.56 in June.
- Our system teams have been meeting with Administration to conduct zero-based budgeting activities. This process is essential to a quality and efficient budgeting process.
- The first settlement was received in June and we received 55% of our total levy, which is on par with previous years.

### **Subscription/Contract Renewals**

- Subscriptions
  - New
    - None
  - Renewals
    - Newspaper Archive - \$7,967.00
    - Ancestry Library Edition - \$2,470.76
    - HeritageQuest Online - \$3,690.76
  - Cancellations
    - None
- Contracts
  - New



- None
- Renewals
  - Springshare - \$2,675
- Cancellations
  - None

### **Buildings, Grounds, and Technology**

- The new Square registers went live this month, in all the branches. A big thank you to Hayley for putting in the work to get this new register system up and running. South County is excited to be able to take credit card transactions. Staff and patrons are both adjusting to this change very well!
- The Kouts branch is still having issues with the sprinkler system. Because of low pressure detected in the system, the Kouts fire department has been called out a few times. Jason is working with Shambaugh to get this issue resolved.
- Kouts got their internet upgraded this month. Thank you to the IT team and Mediacom for making it a quick transition. The patrons didn't even notice the downtime.
- The disc cleaner (RTI machine) in Kouts recently broke down. We have decided to consolidate disc cleaning capabilities. Kouts will be receiving South Haven's multi-disc cleaner and Portage will become the hub for North County disc cleaning. Kouts will become the hub for South County disc cleaning, as well as take on more cleaning from the other branches.
- Sounds Cool Live Audio has completed the meeting room AV equipment installation at the Valparaiso branch. We have a new projector, a new smart TV, all new speakers in the ceiling and audio controls on both sides of the room. The Valpo management team has begun training on the new equipment so they are prepared to help patrons with it.
- The Valpo branch is making progress on its next set of collection moves, this time involving the large print and teen sections. Two new shelving units have been constructed, thanks to Jason, Jesse, Inge, and Aidan. We are hoping to add a third shelving unit to the set soon, and then use them to house our Young Adult collection. This will set into motion a cascade of collection moves that will give the adult fiction collection some much-needed room to breathe. Our team can't wait for the next steps!
- Nathan has been working on a solution for reprinting library card barcodes instead of having to issue new replacement cards. This will prevent account disruptions for patrons who are connected to ebooks and other electronic library services.
- We continue to advance our testing of the new public patron computer solution, now with the north county team, before we begin our official rollout.
- We have been working with ENA to remove the old Meraki switches from our environment. This will be a significant saving as their subscription has grown very costly in recent years.
- We joined the State of Indiana's KnowBe4 plan, which removes the need for us to pay for our own subscription. This essential security service helps us be on the cutting edge against malicious attacks.

- Maintenance has been cleaning out the basement in Valpo as well as the garage. The next step is to move our maintenance area to the garage, allowing future plans in the basement to become a possibility.
- Tuckpoint work continues across the system as South County and Valpo have been completed. Next up is Portage which has some extensive repair needs.
- We've identified a couple of issues with the HVAC systems in Valpo and Portage and are currently investigating our options. Valpo has some drastically increased humidity levels while Portage appears to have some setting issues causing large gas usage. The engineer has been brought in to investigate our options.
- Nina has been working on Vehicle wrap graphics for the new maintenance van. When it is done the design will mirror our Library card and really stand out! She is also working on window graphics for our branches that will dampen the harsh sunlight while making our facilities feel more welcoming.

### **Public Relations and Marketing**

- The total reach for social media and newsletters during June was 106,211.
- Facebook:
  - Our Facebook reach was 24,804.
  - Our account has 6,202 followers.
- Twitter:
  - The System has 568 total followers. We made 3 tweets with 618 impressions this month.
- Instagram:
  - The System has 1,373 Instagram followers.
  - We shared 10 posts on Instagram with 2,085 impressions.
- YouTube:
  - The System has 139 total subscribers. Our videos had 502 views this month.
- Pinterest:
  - The System has 83 followers. Our Pinterest account's reach was 19 people for the month.
- Newsletters: Our e-blasts were opened approximately 77,262 times this month.
- TikTok: Our TikTok now has 775 subscribers. We posted 8 new videos and had 3,006 total views this month.
- Virtual Customer Service: Interacted with 53 patrons.
- Google: 2 new five-star reviews
  - "Always friendly and helpful library staff."
  - "Great free computer cool inside comfy chairs best for reading. Staff is always extremely knowledgeable and helpful several hours roaming thru million books."
- PCPLS partnered again with the Family and Youth Services Bureau for the annual Valpo Chalk the Walk event. PCPLS team members offered face painting, staffed our PCPLS info booth, and beautifully chalked a square. The main focus was the promotion of PCPLS' upcoming events and the Summer Reading Challenge.
- PCPLS took part in five movie nights across Porter County in the month of June! Kate L. and Kayla L. had a blast at all three Hebron movie nights, eliciting laughter from kids and parents

with their fairytale quiz roulette. Corine, Emily, and Nina braved the elements at Valpo's Outdoor Movie Night and were invited back the following week for a less stormy outreach event. At all five events, team members connected with local families and promoted PCPLS' upcoming events and the Summer Reading Challenge.

- PCPLS partnered with Portage Trustee's Office for their annual South Haven Fairytale Festival. Amanda K. staffed our PCPLS info booth, which acted as the starting and end point for the event, and also promoted PCPLS events and the Summer Reading Challenge.
- PCPLS' Marketing team planned/prepped three Fourth of July Parade events: Hebron, Portage, and South Haven. They're also working diligently to deliver a van wrap design proposal for the transit van, with the goal of transforming a currently blank space into a moving billboard for PCPLS.
- PCPLS' Community engagement team members visited Portage senior centers and connected with activity directors to promote PCPLS' Summer presenters for adults, and to explore mutually beneficial partnerships. For example, the director at Wyndmoor said she drives the center's activity bus and expressed interest in strengthening the partnership with PCPLS as a way to broaden their resident's possible activity experiences. This type of partnership could also benefit PCPLS by offering opportunities that could help our team develop a more robust marketing strategy for seniors.
- PCPLS' Community engagement team met with local organizations to explore ways to strengthen existing partnerships and build new ones. Examples include:
  - Porter County Recycling (expand/increase Fix it Fairs hosted at PCPLS branches)
  - Hilltop Neighborhood Preschool (explore possible partnerships opportunities)
  - VU Psychology and Philosophy Departments (explore possible partnerships opportunities)
  - First Things First Porter County (Lilly Endowment Grant + Help Me Grow Initiative)
- Jesse met with and gave a tour to Opportunity Enterprise's Director at the Valpo branch. OE and PCPLS have formed a strong partnership that we hope to expand on as our team looks for opportunities to better serve our community. Highlights have included job shadowing and programming at the OE Respite Center.
- Jesse attended a Broadband Visioning session in Lake County for the statewide initiative to bring affordable internet access to all residents. It was a very informative meeting that will lay the groundwork for our broadband task force.

### **Youth and Teen Services**

- Due to popular demand, the Kouts branch added an afternoon storytime slot on Mondays. Both the morning and afternoon sessions are well attended and the patrons love being able to catch the later storytime if they are not able to make it to the earlier one.
- The Kouts branch had an amazing turnout for the Smarty Pants system program this month. We are so glad that we were able to have Mr. Smarty come back around this year. He is not only able to thoroughly entertain everyone, but he also is able to help us to learn a little bit of cool facts about space and our solar system.
- June started with the 'Bigfoot Was Here' bigfoot hunt at the Hebron branch. Kids had a blast trying to find 'bigfoot tracks' all around the library. They even got to design their own bigfoot foot.

- PCPLS partnered with the Porter County Master Gardeners to have a really fantastic program at the Hebron branch, Jack Sprouts. Kids got to learn about plants and how they grow. Everyone had a ton of fun playing in the dirt.
- There is no place like Gnome Sweet Gnome! The Hebron branch's Kid's Crafternoon had participants creating their very own miniature fairy and gnome garden planters. Everyone was so excited about this program that we had to add in a second time slot.
- Back by popular demand, Portage and South Haven's art clubs for youth and teens filled up quickly and had great attendance. They have done all different crafts with gardening, painting, and fairy tale fun!
- South Haven moved the interactive movie out to the main area of the library for our Aladdin movie and craft night. It made for a fun atmosphere throughout the whole library and patrons of all ages enjoyed it.
- Emily E at the Valpo branch presented new and unique abstract painting programs for children and teens. Everyone got to create their own art using watercolors and straws, although Emily also encouraged them to use acrylics and brushes for more creativity. What stood out most to her was how very beautiful their art was! Art and crafty projects are super popular among those age groups.
- Allison at the Valpo branch presented a new children's program called Cardboard Creations. This program gave kids a place to craft unique items from upcycled materials all while allowing them to utilize creative problem-solving and teambuilding skills. She said it was great to walk around and speak with each kid to see what they were creating and why. If someone wasn't too sure about what to create, they jumped in and helped add to the cardboard castle that Allison premade. Her favorite moments were: One child noticed that another had crafted a laptop computer (with an anti-scammer game on it) and asked her if she would make them a TV for the castle, "because ya know we [the kids] just installed a satellite dish and all." Kids were even directly asking her to run the program again because they liked being able to build with people and were excited to see it in the department once the castle was done. The castle lasted, surprisingly, 8 days out on the YS floor after the program, but was removed after being well-loved.
- Kristin at the Valpo branch recently hosted a "Camp Sing Along" night where library staff taught children and their families popular campfire songs borrowed from scouting groups. We sang together accompanied by banjolele music played by a former Cub Scout master. The most popular songs were a call-and-response song called "Pizza Man" and "She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain." The children had a great time dancing around a beautiful bonfire created by Allison, and they were appreciative of the portable s'mores they could take home.
- While Book a Librarian requests slowed in June, they didn't stop. PCPLS sent team members to visit 5th and 6th graders at William Fegley MS in Portage and hosted the Montessori Academy of Valparaiso at the Valpo branch. Team members promoted library card registration, PCPLS events, and Summer Reading.
- PCPLS held a system-wide program for kids, SmartyPants Balloon Shows, and received positive feedback from parents and children. We had a total of 295 in attendance.
- Our 2023 Summer Reading Challenge had 1,327 signups in the month of June including 2,898 completed challenges and 470,960 total pages read. Each week in June we had

weekly drawings for patrons who had filled out tickets including weekly prizes donated by the Field Museum (Chicago, IL), the Memorial Opera House (Valparaiso, IN), and the Joffrey Ballet (Chicago, IL). Each week a branch announces the raffle winner highlighting their displays while promoting summer reading and additional programs patrons can participate in during the summer. The video recordings were posted on our newsletters and Facebook.

### **Adult Services**

- Portage and South Haven offered art classes for adults this summer. Patrons have enjoyed this, and other programs geared towards our older demographic, so much that we are being asked to offer more. We will definitely be looking into creating more programming for adults in the future!
- PCPLS held a system-wide event for adults, Princess Di - an original solo musical, by Jill Gabrielle. Patrons attending across the board were engaged and gave feedback that they would like to see more programs such as these in the future. Through the planning of this event, the system programming and marketing teams have found ways to create more connections in promoting our adult programs.
- Allison at the Valpo branch hosted a Puzzle Swap in June. She set out various puzzles around the room, organized by piece count. Patrons were welcome to swing by, trade puzzles, or just take some home. This was a really fun way to utilize our donated puzzles, and the avid puzzlers in our community had a blast!
- The Valparaiso Public Library art wall showcases OE artwork that was created during our visit last month.
- South County partnered with Marram Health to give patrons important information about services available to them for Back-To-School checkups and other health help to stay well and keep having fun this summer.

### **Technical Services**

- InfoExpress has recently switched to a new courier service, from NOW to Pillow. Unfortunately, there have been some issues with the handoff of the new service. Tech Services has been coordinating our response with our own staff and with Indiana Evergreen staff. We have seen improvements in the delivery turnarounds and are hopeful that we will return to a normal delivery cycle soon.
- Elizabeth and Jackie recently attended the ALA conference in Chicago with several other staff members. Both attended relevant sessions and visited with vendors to learn about new products and innovations. A session on circulating Roku was particularly helpful. Jackie spent much of her time visiting RFID vendors in order to see the products live and in action.
- We continue to plan to revise our filing/shelving systems. This will be a long project with incremental progress. This past month we began examining audio-visual materials, as those collections are smaller in scope, and their circulation may benefit more than other materials since the pandemic.

## Genealogy

- We had a blast as we searched for photos of old Inman's Bowling Alley.
- The team sent information to a patron in Fort Wayne about their former neighbor who had property in Jackson township and had been head of Chicago's Field Museum.
- We researched Almira Fifield, who had gotten a medical degree in Boston in 1859. A patron is working on this ancestor to get her an Indiana State Historical Marker. Almira died in 1863 in Paducah, KY where she had been working in a hospital as a nurse. Women were not accepted as doctors at that time.
- We found a photo of an early grocery store that was at 707 Calumet. That property is now an office.
- Our new volunteer Orlando is working on making a catalog of the Valparaiso Technical Institute materials.
- Recent visitors to the department have been from California and Alaska. It has been nice to see some former regular patrons return also.
- Chris Hough spoke to the Central Neighborhood Association about doing the history of your house. Eight people were at the meeting and several expressed interest in coming to the library to work on it. One man already came in three days later.
- Chris M. continues working on the fire department books.
- Kathy L. continues with the Phil Miller collection. She is making a database of the work he did before he died in 2016.

# Valparaiso



- 1 A patron's masterpiece creation is shown at our most recent Paint & Pour program!
- 2 Some of our patrons work on projects at Allison's Cardboard Creations program.
- 3 Kiddos gather around for our Camp Singalong program with Miss Kristin.
- 4 Miss Corine runs our Preschool Story Corner in the Rotary Library Garden.
- 5 Patrons pose dressed to the nines for our Royal Toddler Ball!

# Hebron



- 1 Running with rainbow streamers around fairy rings sounds like a magical, enchanting fairytale!
- 2 We had plenty of brave storytime-goers who took on our troll obstacle course this week.
- 3 Our branch had a marvelous time laughing along with Jillann Gabrielle's Princess Di Musical, and hope to have her back!
- 4 Congratulations to Misses Olivia and Ava S. on completing 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. We are proud of you!
- 5 Mrs. Mapes & Mrs. Dye from the Porter County Master Gardeners shared plenty of plant knowledge with our kiddos at our Jack Sprouts program!



# Kouts



- 1 Everyone had amazing ideas while building castles for Wacky Wednesday.
- 2 You're never too old to enjoy or build a castle!
- 3 Miss Sarah teaches some teens how to make a traditional German treat.
- 4 A patron shows off their fantastic, homemade frog prince, Francis, on Wacky Wednesday!
- 5 This teen put a fantastic twist on a traditional greco-roman bust at Teen Tuesday.

# Portage



- 1 Princess Di paid Portage a visit, and she was a sight to see!
- 2 Kids' Art Club is a patron favorite at the Portage branch.
- 3 Who doesn't love art you can eat! Tasty treats were created at our Fairy Tale Cupcake Decorating Challenge.
- 4 Fairy garden creations were a big hit for guests of all ages.
- 5 SmartyPants packed the house with his Out of This World Balloon Show!

# South Haven



- 1 Everyone enjoyed creating at our Adult Art Clubs this month!
- 2 Families enjoyed watching Aladdin and doing crafts at our Interactive Movie.
- 3 June 28's Minute to Win it Balloon Challenge was a hit!
- 4 June 28's Balloon prep for Minute to Win it Fairy Tale Edition.
- 5 South Haven has made plenty of fun projects this so far this summer in our Kids Art Clubs.