

WABASH VALLEY COMMUNITY READ 2023

Books available beginning Wednesday, March 1 while supplies last.

Julian Jessop, an eccentric artist and lonely widower in London, believes that people aren't honest—with each other or themselves. In an attempt to foster more openness, he writes down his own story in a green notebook and leaves it in a café. The notebook finds its way into the hands of another person, who adds her own story and then leaves it for someone else to find. As each person adds to the notebook, their lives become enmeshed—until real secrets surface.

The Wabash Valley Community Read is an initiative of Vigo County Public Library that aims to foster curiosity, a love of reading, and a sense of community. This year's selection, *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Pooley, and programs held throughout the Wabash Valley encourage participants to consider the purpose of life, explore how identities are shaped by circumstances, and discuss how to use writing and self-reflection as a way to live a more authentic life.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Wabash Valley Community Read Book Discussion: *The Authenticity Project*

Community Book Discussions

Wednesday, March 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Macksville Coffee Company ▪ 623 National Avenue ▪ West Terre Haute, IN 47885

Thursday, March 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Ferm Fresh Fermentation Bar ▪ 2170 North 13th Street

Saturday, March 25 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Twelve Points Book Company ▪ 1279 Lafayette Avenue

Wednesday, March 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Little Bear Coffee Co. ▪ 2720 Lafayette Avenue

Public Library Book Discussions

Wednesday, March 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. CST

Marshall Public Library ▪ 612 Archer Avenue ▪ Marshall, IL 62441

Thursday, March 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST

Paris Carnegie Public Library ▪ 207 South Main Street ▪ Paris, IL 61944

Thursday, April 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Vigo County Public Library ▪ Main Library ▪ Lifelong Learning Center

Monday, April 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Sullivan Public Library ▪ 100 S Crowder Street ▪ Sullivan, IN 47882

Tuesday, April 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clinton Public Library ▪ 313 S 4th Street ▪ Clinton, IN 47842

Saturday, April 15 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Brazil Public Library ▪ 204 N Walnut Street ▪ Brazil, IN 47834

Thursday, April 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Eastern Greene County Public Library ▪ 125 S Franklin Street ▪ Bloomfield, IN 47424

Tuesday, April 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Parke County Public Library ▪ 106 N Market Street ▪ Rockville, IN 47872

Did Julian Jessop's experiment in authenticity succeed? Discuss the overarching themes of Clare Pooley's *The Authenticity Project* and the impact that the green notebook had on the central characters, share your own thoughts on the meaning and value of authenticity, and discuss the Wabash Valley Community Read selection in depth with other readers.

STORYTIMES

Be Yourself: A Community Read Storytime

Wednesday, March 1 & April 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Main Library • Youth Services Program Room

Ages 2–5: Encourage your little ones to embrace who they are and be their authentic self! At this special storytime, your child will learn how important their individuality is and how to recognize and appreciate the unique traits of others through stories, activities, and more.

Empathy Builders: Self-Confidence

Saturday, March 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Main Library • Youth Services Program Room

Register at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 0–10: Give your child's self-esteem a boost at *Empathy Builders*! Through stories and songs, they learn to see other people's perspectives, shape the world around them, and understand how their unique personalities and skills are an important part of who they are.

After School Story Break

Thursdays, March 9 & March 23 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

West Branch Library • Meeting Room A

Ages 6–10: Third-grader Aven Green was born without arms, but she still has a superpowered brain and is an expert at solving mysteries—she's closed three cases since she became a private investigator one month ago! Find clues alongside Aven in Dusti Bowling's *Aven Green Sleuthing Machine* as she solves three mysteries simultaneously. Learn to celebrate what makes you unique while creating a craft and enjoying refreshments.

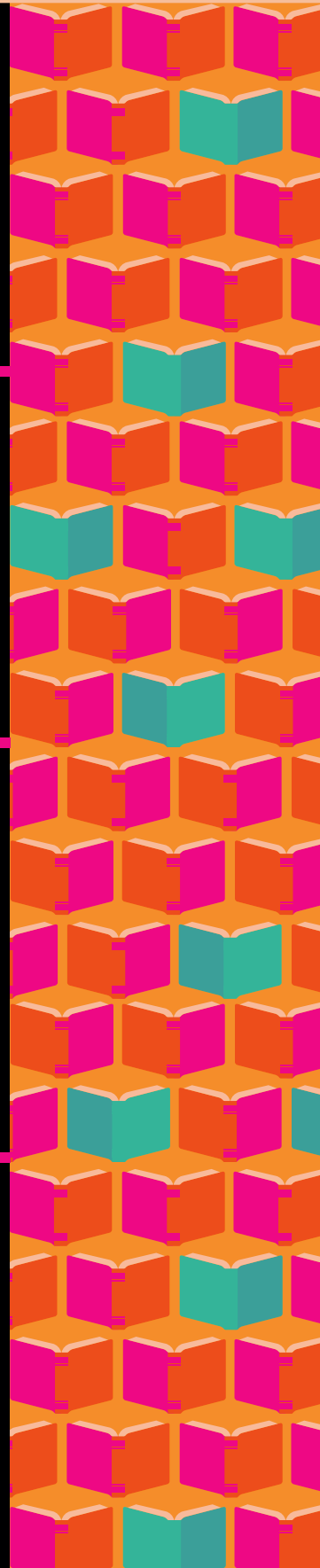
Empathy Builders: Authenticity

Saturday, April 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Main Library • Youth Services Program Room

Register at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 0–10: Everyone wants to fit in with their friends and families, but sometimes you must embrace the traits that make you different! Encourage your child to explore their own differences with stories, songs, rhymes, and a self-guided art project at *Empathy Builders*.



COMMUNITY ART

Authentic Art of the Wabash Valley

Exhibit opens Wednesday, March 1

Main Library • West Wing Corridor

Inspired by *The Authenticity Project*, artists from the River City Art Association and the Wabash Valley Art Guild will exhibit pieces featuring themes of friendship, community, and personal growth at the Main Library throughout March and April. After viewing the exhibit, you can vote for your favorite artwork to receive the People's Choice Award at the Exhibition Reception in April. A Best in Show Award will be decided by guest judge Christy Brinkman-Robertson, Art Curator at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

The Sinfonietta Orchestra Presents *To Thine Own Self Be True*

Sunday, March 19 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cecilian Auditorium • St. Mary-of-the-Woods College

Take a musical journey through Clare Pooley's *The Authenticity Project* with the Sinfonietta Orchestra. Beginning with Giuseppe Verdi's "The Force of Destiny," you will explore the characters and the book's themes through musical selections and narration by Vigo County Public Library's Executive Director, Kristi Howe.

Admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Admission for children ages 10 and under is free-of-charge. Tickets will be available at the door.

Authentic Art of the Wabash Valley Reception

Thursday, April 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Main Library • Lifelong Learning Center

Did you have a favorite piece of artwork from the *Authentic Art of the Wabash Valley* Exhibit? Meet members of the River City Art Association and Wabash Valley Art Guild, enjoy refreshments, and watch the awards ceremony to find out which pieces will win People's Choice and Best in Show with guest judge Christy Brinkman-Robertson, Art Curator at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

TABLESCAPES

TableScapes 2023 Daily Viewings

Friday, March 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sycamore Banquet Center ▪ Hulman Memorial Student Union

550 Chestnut Street ▪ Terre Haute, IN 47819

Celebrate the 20th Annual TableScapes, presented by Arts Illiana. View the Library's table design inspired by the Wabash Valley Community Read selection *The Authenticity Project*. Judge the designs created by community organizations and vote for the People's Choice Award. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

Visit betterunite.com/tablescapes2023 for more information and to purchase tickets.

Celebration of Design Cocktail Party

Friday, March 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sycamore Banquet Center ▪ Hulman Memorial Student Union

550 Chestnut Street ▪ Terre Haute, IN 47819

Enjoy an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and community-created designs. View the Library's table design inspired by the Wabash Valley Community Read at TableScapes' Celebration of Design Cocktail Party. Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

Visit betterunite.com/tablescapes2023 for more information and to purchase tickets.

Dinner on the 'Scapes

Saturday, March 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sycamore Banquet Center ▪ Hulman Memorial Student Union

550 Chestnut Street ▪ Terre Haute, IN 47819

Reserve your seat on the 'Scapes and dine among the artistry of the 20th Annual TableScapes! A three-course meal with vegetarian options will be provided. Awards will be presented at the end of the evening. Tickets are \$85.00 per person.

Visit betterunite.com/tablescapes2023 for more information and to purchase tickets.

Ticket purchases for in-person events automatically register you for the silent auction and grant you one entry into the custom jewelry raffle. Raffle winners will be selected as part of *Dinner on the 'Scapes*.



KIDS, TEENS, & FAMILY

Baby Social Hour: Postpartum Mental Health

Saturday, March 18 & from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Main Library ▪ Lifelong Learning Center

Ages 0-2: Your little one can broaden their horizons, explore new environments, and build their social skills while you learn about the importance of postpartum mental health from the Wabash Valley Midwives. Tummy time mats, infant mirrors, and other infant-friendly toys will be available. After the presentation, socialize with other caregivers or ask the Wabash Valley Midwives for more information and resources.

Journaling with Leah Singer

Tuesday, March 21 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Main Library ▪ Lifelong Learning Center

Register at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 6-11: Freelance writer Leah Singer will teach your child how to use a journal to practice their creative expression, improve their writing, and put their feelings, experiences, and memories on paper.

Baby Social Hour: Feeding Challenges

Saturday, April 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Main Library ▪ Lifelong Learning Center

Ages 0-2: Your little one can broaden their horizons, explore new environments, and build their social skills while you navigate feeding challenges with Casey Hummel, Lactation Consultant for Mother Baby at Union Health. Tummy time mats, infant mirrors, and other infant-friendly toys will be available. After the presentation, socialize with other caregivers or ask the Lactation Consultant for more information and resources.

KIDS, TEENS, & FAMILY

Art in Action: A Collaborative Art Workshop

Saturday, April 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Main Library • Meeting Rooms A, B, & C

To register as a group of 3 to 6 people, email programs@vigolibrary.org or call 812.232.1118

All Ages: Julian Jessop's green notebook went from his own thoughts and feelings to a communal story as it traveled through the various characters in *The Authenticity Project*, but writing isn't the only method of expressing yourself and sharing with others. At *Art in Action*, connect with both your family and community and your intuitive expression through the process of making art.

Mental Health for Your Authentic Self

Sunday, April 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Main Library • Meeting Rooms A, B, C, & D

Ages 13-18: Do you know how to take care of yourself when you're stressed—or do you want to find new methods to help you relax? At *Mental Health for Your Authentic Self*, explore how virtual reality can help you unwind with Tripp, an immersive wellness platform where you can go on a sound journey or be guided through a meditation. Meet with members of the Bring Change to Mind Club to discuss the mental health challenges that teens experience and practice self-care by leaving a note on the Gratitude Wall. Before you leave, build a personalized mental health first aid kit with sensory dough, earplugs, a fidget toy, and more.

Self-Reflection Through Art & Bullet Journaling

Monday, April 17 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Main Library • Lifelong Learning Center

Register at vigolibrary.org/events

Ages 12-19: Do you want to organize your thoughts, to-do lists, and goals while expressing your creativity? Madison King, the owner of MuseArt, will introduce you to the techniques and supplies you need to get started with bullet journaling! Start your new journal by following Madison's prompts, which will examine who your authentic self is versus how you curate your image on social media. An assortment of art materials will be available for you to experiment with, and the journal will be yours to keep.



ADULTS



The Art of Authentic Journaling

Tuesday, March 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Main Library ▪ Meeting Room C

The simple process of writing down your thoughts and feelings regularly can help you cope with stress and sort through emotions. Learn how to start your journal, use prompts and exercises to guide you, and discover more about yourself through journaling with writer Leah Singer.

Tai Chi with Walden's Wellness & Fitness Dojo

Tuesday, March 21 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Main Library ▪ Lifelong Learning Center

Ages 8 & Up: Lower stress and increase your confidence with a relaxing season of Tai Chi for the entire family. Led by Walden's Wellness & Fitness Dojo, this hour-long session will teach you how to combine slow, gentle movements with mental focus to improve your flexibility, balance, and overall sense of well-being. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels, Tai Chi can be performed while standing or seated. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing with flat shoes and bring water to the session.

The Hidden History of Terre Haute: Volume 1

Thursday, March 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Main Library ▪ Lifelong Learning Center

What made Emancipation Day in 1888 significant? Which Terre Haute mayor spent six years in federal prison—and why? Do you know who “the bear driver” is? Uncover local legends, important events, and infamous people that are foundational to Terre Haute's history but are not widely discussed today at *The Hidden History of Terre Haute: Volume 1*.

Care for the Caregiver

Tuesday, April 4 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Main Library ▪ Meeting Room C

Taking care of an elderly friend, spouse, or relative can take a toll on your own mental and physical health without you noticing it. Find resources to help you take time for yourself and connect with others in similar situations with help from Thrive West Central Indiana's Shelly Amerman.

ADULTS

Geneva Funk: The Stories We Leave Behind

Friday, April 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Main Library • Meeting Rooms A, B, & C

If your life were to be exhibited in a museum, what possessions would you want to be displayed? What story would they tell? For Geneva Funk, her pillbox hats, fascinators, and jewelry show a 20th-century fashionista from Terre Haute with a personal flair. Learn more about Geneva Funk's life through letters and pictures with Suzy Quick from the Vigo County Historical Society—and bring an item with personal significance to share a few words on what it says about your life.

Mindful Scrolling

Tuesday, April 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Main Library • Lifelong Learning Center

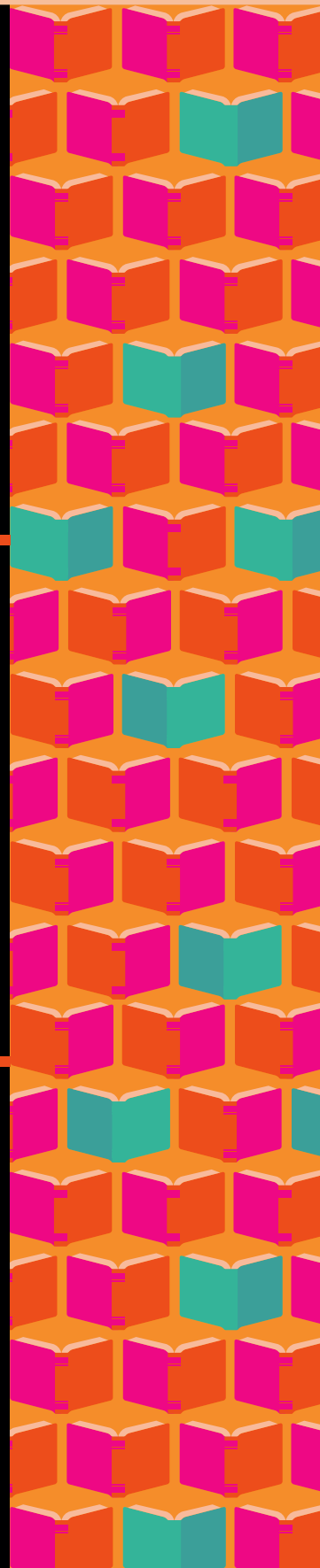
All Ages: From Facebook to TikTok, social media is a nearly inescapable factor in modern life, but have you considered the impact that FoMo, likes, and retweets have on your mental health? Discover methods to protect your mental wellness while on social media sites and learn how to assess how you're being affected by them with an interactive workshop from FSA Counseling Center.

The Hidden History of Terre Haute: Volume 2

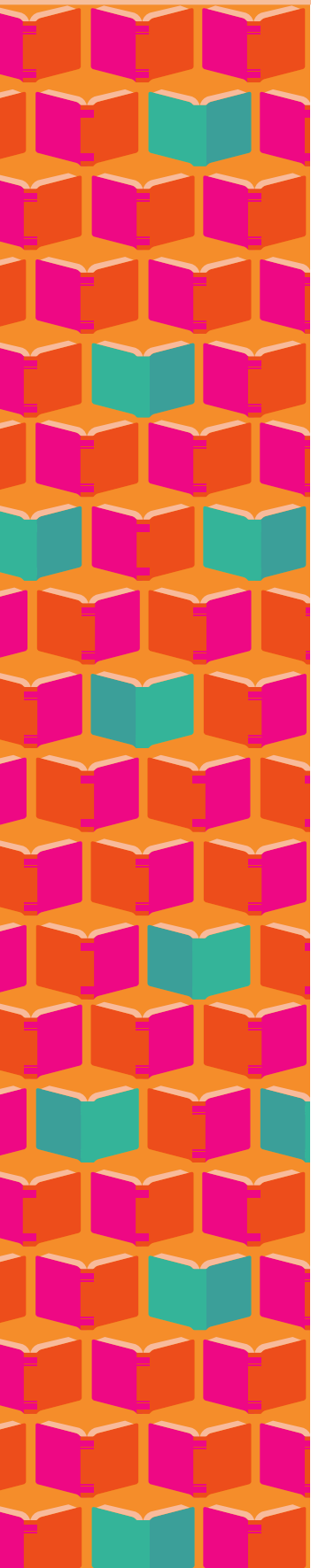
Tuesday, April 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Main Library • Lifelong Learning Center

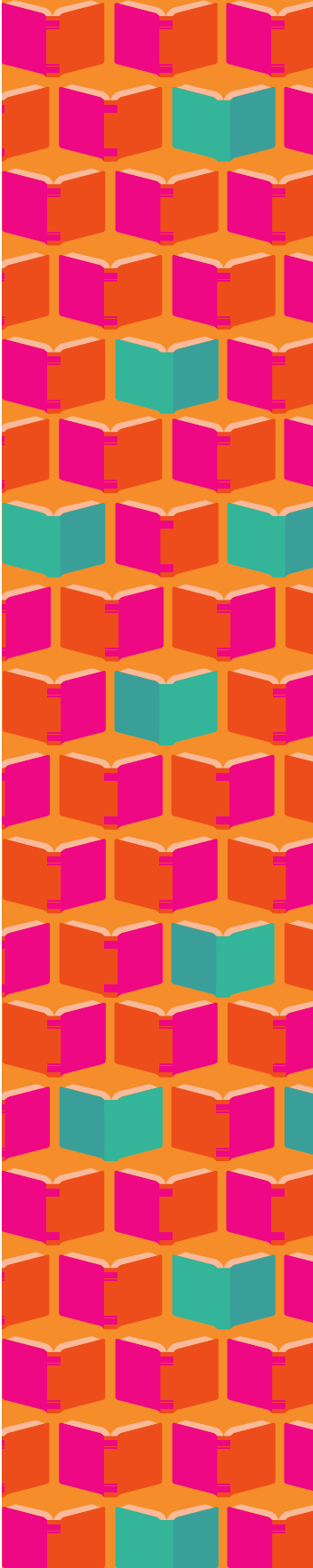
Take a trip back in time and discover the famous—and infamous—people and events from Terre Haute's past. In *The Hidden History of Terre Haute: Volume 2*, you will meet Amalia Küssner Coudert, a miniature portrait artist who mingled with czars and kings, learn why six hundred members of the Indiana National Guard occupied Terre Haute in 1935, and uncover the local connection to the largest international gambling ring in the United States in the 1950s.



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Main Library

One Library Square
Terre Haute, IN 47807
812.232.1113

Monday	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

West Branch Library

125 North Church Street
West Terre Haute, IN 47885
812.235.2121

Monday	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

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