



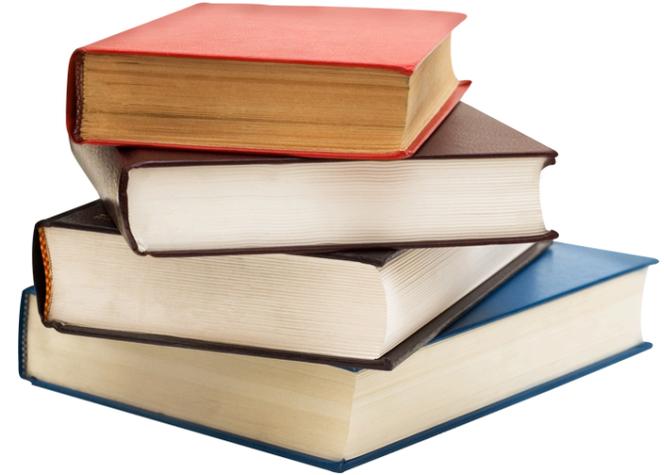
PCPLS

PORTER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

TEACHER TOOLKIT



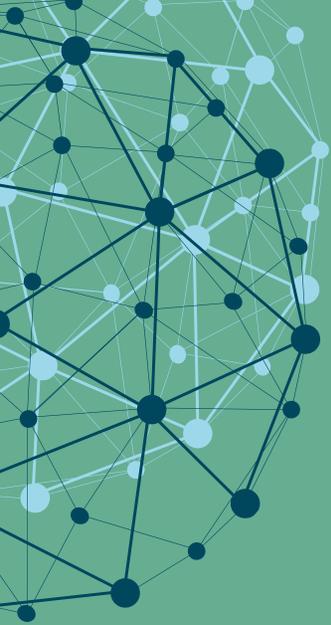
WELCOME



“ Our mission is to enrich the residents of Porter County through discovery, exploration, and the sharing of books and resources. ”

Teachers and librarians are the perfect match. We both understand how the power of reading and learning transforms lives and communities.

This guide introduces just a few of our educator resources and services.



DIGITAL RESOURCES

Free resources available anytime and anywhere!



Check out these free tools and more @ >>> pcpls.org/resources

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Choose from a selection of FREE programs designed to spark creative engagement and connect classrooms with a wealth of resources available at your local library for no cost.

45 min.

Library Tour *(All Ages)*

Join us for an exciting library tour! Register your group to explore our facility, learn more about your local library, and enjoy a peek behind-the-scenes.

45 min.

Lego Club *(Grades K & Up)*

Your students can experience one of the library's most popular events focused on STEAM challenges. We supply the Legos, you supply the creativity!

60 min.

Book Tasting *(All Ages)*

We'll set up a "tasting" of books for students to explore a wide variety of genres and guide them through how to pick a favorite book.

30 min.

Storytime *(Pre-K - Grade 2)*

Let us bring Storytime to you! Storytime is a great way to foster early literacy skills through songs, books and play.

30 min.

Summer Reading Presentation *(Seasonally, All Ages)*

Schedule a school assembly or a classroom presentation our Summer Reading Challenge! Let's get kids excited about reading throughout the Summer!

LIBRARY CARDS



INDIVIDUAL CARDS

All Porter County residents are eligible for a free library card. If you live outside of Porter County, you may be eligible for a reciprocal card. Contact your PCPLS branch to get started today!



EXTENDED CHECKOUT FOR EDUCATORS

As an educator, you can extend your checkout period to six weeks for PCPLS materials you are using for your classroom. Ask about this option when you check out!

PORTER
COUNTY
LIBRARIES
ARE **FINE
FREE**

DID YOU KNOW?

The library has more than just books! With a library card you can borrow movies, CDs, STEAM kits, boardgames, Rokus, gardening kits and more!!!



READING CHALLENGES

PCPLS believes reading is FUNdamental for everyone, and offers FREE reading programs designed to encourage and foster a love of reading.

SEASONAL READING CHALLENGES

Readers of all ages are encouraged to join our Summer and Winter reading challenges! The more you participate, the more tickets you earn toward grand prizes. Use our Beanstack app or pick up a paper log at any branch to track your reading activities during that time.

- **WINTER READING CHALLENGE** DEC 1 – JAN 31
- **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** JUNE 1 – JULY 31

ONGOING READING CHALLENGES

Kickstart your child's journey toward success! Enroll in our early literacy reading program through the Beanstack app, or visit any PCPLS branch to pick up a paper log. Earn small prizes as you progress and complete the program to receive a free book and a certificate of achievement.

- **1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**



StoryWalk®

Stroll through a story with PCPLS

Butterfly Meadows

3210 N. Campbell St.
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Kouts

Library Garden

101 E. Daumer Rd.
Kouts, IN 46385

South Haven

Library Garden

403 W. 700 N.
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Valparaiso Rotary

Library Garden

103 Jefferson St.
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Hebron

Assembly Hall

611 N. Main St.
Hebron, IN 46341

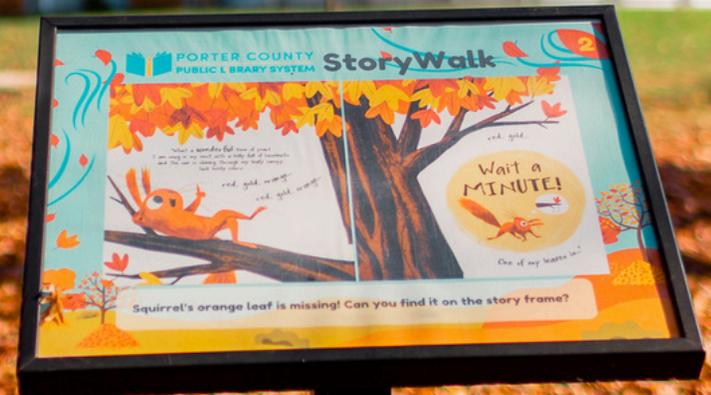
Portage

Library Garden

2665 Irving St.
Portage, IN 46368

Sunset Hill Farm

775 Meridian Rd. #8507
Valparaiso, IN 46383



PCPLS Locations:

Valparaiso Branch

103 Jefferson St.
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Portage Branch

2665 Irving St.
Portage, IN 46368

South Haven Branch

403 W. 700 N.
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Hebron Branch

201 W. Sigler St.
Hebron, IN 46341

Kouts Branch

101 E. Daumer Rd.
Kouts, IN 46347

GET IN TOUCH

Let's work together to help
Porter County students grow!

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