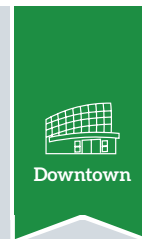




January

Adult Events at the Downtown Library

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LIBRARY CLOSED (New Year's Day)
January 1



Books Plus Virtual: *The Vaster Wilds*

January 2 | 5–6 PM | Virtual

Books Plus Virtual meets via Zoom on the first Tuesday of the month. This month's selection is *The Vaster Wilds* by Lauren Groff. Age 18 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar if you have not previously been emailed the Zoom link.**

Free HIV & HCV Testing

January 3 | 2–4 PM | Meeting Room 2A

Free testing for HIV and HCV, as well as referral for Hepatitis C and HIV treatment, and access to PrEP medication. IU Health Positive Link members are happy to answer any questions you may have. Age 18 and up. *This program is in partnership with IU Health Positive Link.*

Craft Club for Adults: Yarn Dyeing

January 3 | 7–8 PM | Meeting Room 2B

Join us this month for a fiber arts spin. Try your hand at a kool yarn dyeing hack with, oh yeah...Kool-Aid! **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Fiber Arts Club

January 8 | 6–7:30 PM | Meeting Room 2B

Do you enjoy fiber arts? Join us for this low-stress program; we'll hang out, drink tea, and work on various projects. Each program will have a starter kit for a different fiber art craft. Age 18 and up; recommended for ages 18–32.

Tax 101: Basic Tax Information

January 9 | 5–7 PM | Meeting Room 2B

Need help understanding the U.S. tax system? Learn essential terms, understand your tax responsibility, and steps for filing tax returns on time. Age 18 and up.

5–6 PM: Presentation in English

6–7 PM: Presentation in Spanish

Searching for Grants with Candid Databases

January 10 | 11 AM–12 PM | Meeting Room 2A

Are you looking for grants for your nonprofit, and not sure where to begin? Drop in for an introduction to searching Candid's Foundation Directory database. You will learn how to optimize your search to return the most relevant list of results, and how to find grantmakers who have funded organizations working on similar programs as yours. We will do sample searches relevant to your organizations and talk about how to build your ideal prospect list. Age 18 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Short Attention Span Book Club

January 10 | 6:30–8 PM | Meeting Room 2A

If you have the best of intentions about book clubs, but don't always get the book read, this is for you! If you want to try a new genre without committing to a full book, this is also for you. We'll be diving into short stories and novellas spanning all genres. This month's selection is *Terrace Story* by Hilary Leichter. Age 18 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Introduction to 3D Printing

January 11 | 5–6 PM | Level Up

Join us to learn the basics, and we'll help you design a model to keep. Please note that 3D printing takes time; you may need to return at a later date to collect your print. Age 16 and up.

VITAL Volunteer Information Session

January 11 | 5:30–7 PM

January 26 | 10:30 AM–12 PM

Meeting Room 2B

This information session includes an overview of adult literacy and English language learning, opportunities for training, a tour of VITAL resources, and the expectations of volunteers, learners, and staff involved. Completing an information session is mandatory before volunteering in VITAL. Age 18 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Coffee with Friends: Maurice Broaddus

January 14 | 2–3 PM | Meeting Room 1B/C

Join us for a talk with author Maurice Broaddus. A community organizer, teacher, and Afrofuturist, his short stories have appeared in *Lightspeed Magazine*, *Black Panther: Tales from Wakanda*, *Out There Screaming*, *Asimov's*, *Weird Tales*, *Magazine of F&SF*, and *Uncanny Magazine*. His novels include *Sweep of Stars*, *Unfadeable*, *Pimp My Airship*, and *The Usual Suspects*. Age 18 and up.

Bloomington Peace Choir

January 15 | 11 AM–12 PM | Atrium

All are welcome to listen to songs of peace sung by the Bloomington Peace Choir.

African American Dance Company: *We Dance to Live*

January 15 | 2–3:35 PM | Auditorium

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the African American Dance Company will present *We Dance to Live*, a live performance for families and community. There will be two opportunities to see this performance—at 2 PM and 3 PM. All ages. *This program is in partnership with the IU African American Arts Institute.*

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Helping Hands January 15 | 3:30–4:30 PM Meeting Room 1B/C

Drop in to help us put together self-care kits for community members in need. All ages.

Concept to Page: Making Zines with Adobe InDesign

January 15 | 5–6 PM | Level Up

In this program, we'll be creating and formatting our own unique zines. We'll cover everything from choosing a theme and layout to incorporating illustrations and typography with Adobe InDesign. Age 18 and up.

Novel Horizons: A Mixed Media Club

January 15 | 7–8 PM | Meeting Room 2B

Novel Horizons is not a traditional book club, and there are no mandatory readings. Instead, in this low-stress club, you will read, watch, play, or listen to media that follows a specific theme. This month's theme is your favorite piece of media, genre, or trope. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Age 18 and up; recommended for ages 18–32. **Optional:** Bring recipe cards to swap with others!

Show + Tell + Make

January 18 | 6:30–7:30 PM | Meeting Room 2B

Love creating? Want to share what you create with others? This is your monthly chance to show off your artistic talents and spend time making something new. Whether you've constructed a new zine or you want to show us your favorite collage, we want to see and celebrate! We'll provide the supplies, you provide the creativity. Age 18 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Wintertelling Auditions

January 21 | 12:30–2:30 PM | Auditorium

Do you know a good tale that's appropriate for age 12 and up? The Bloomington Storytellers Guild will be holding auditions for its upcoming Wintertelling event. Stories need to be 12 minutes or less. Tellers should be age 18 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.** *This program is in partnership with the Bloomington Storytellers Guild.*

Library Hangout January 23 | 5:30–7 PM Meeting Room 2B

Looking for chill time? Come to the Downtown Library and enjoy snacks, crosswords, a warm cup of tea, and other low key ways to wind down and relax. Age 18 and up; recommended for ages 18–32.

Bracelets for Besties January 24 | 5–6 PM Meeting Room 2B

Bring your BFF and get ready to weave some magic. In this program, you'll learn how to create friendship bracelets to share with those near and dear to you. Age 18 and up; recommended for ages 18–32.

Green Peeps Book Club: *A Psalm for the Wild-Built*

January 25 | 6–8 PM | Meeting Room 1B

Join this book club to discuss nature-focused reads each month. This month, we'll be reading one of the *New York Times'* most notable books from 2020, *Owls of the Eastern Ice: A Quest to Find and Save the World's Largest Owl* by Jonathan C. Slaght. We'll also be joined by WildCare Inc. and one of their animal Education Ambassadors. Age 18 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**

Books on Tap: *Demon Copperhead* January 29 | 6:30–8 PM | Hive

It's the book club with a twist! Enjoy fantastic drinks, a comfortable atmosphere, and a great discussion on a variety of compelling books. This month, we'll be meeting at Hive (2608 E. 10th Street, Bloomington). We'll be reading the Women's Prize for Fiction and Pulitzer Prize-winning *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Age 21 and up. **Please register at mcpl.info/calendar.**