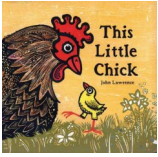


Picture Books: Extraordinary Art, Conveniently Portable



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Picture books are often children's first exposure to art. As galleries of artists' work—all within the pages of books—they reflect the vast variety of art mediums we find in museums. Some artists create with real-world materials like paint and pencils; others make collage or etchings. Some even work in virtual media like computer graphics, and, of course, some use a combination of tools and methods.

When my children were younger, I would check out piles of picture books to read with them—and for the pleasure of viewing the artwork. And even though my children have moved beyond picture books, I still enjoy opening these miniature exhibitions, browsing through old favorites or finding new artists.

In honor of National Picture Book Month this November, I recommend these resources: [Read more](#)

Posted by Paula G.O. on November 1, 2017

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CATS: The Library's TV Station

You've probably heard about **Community Access Television Services (CATS)**, the cable TV station at the Main Library. But how familiar are you with the amazing programs on CATS, and how to watch them? And what about creating your own programs for broadcast?

Here's all you need to get involved with the coolest—and only—community access TV station in Monroe County.

Tuning In

CATS Channels are available on **all three major cable systems** (Comcast, Smithville TV, and AT&T U-Verse) in Bloomington and Monroe County. [Channel Line-ups & Instructions](#) [Read more](#)

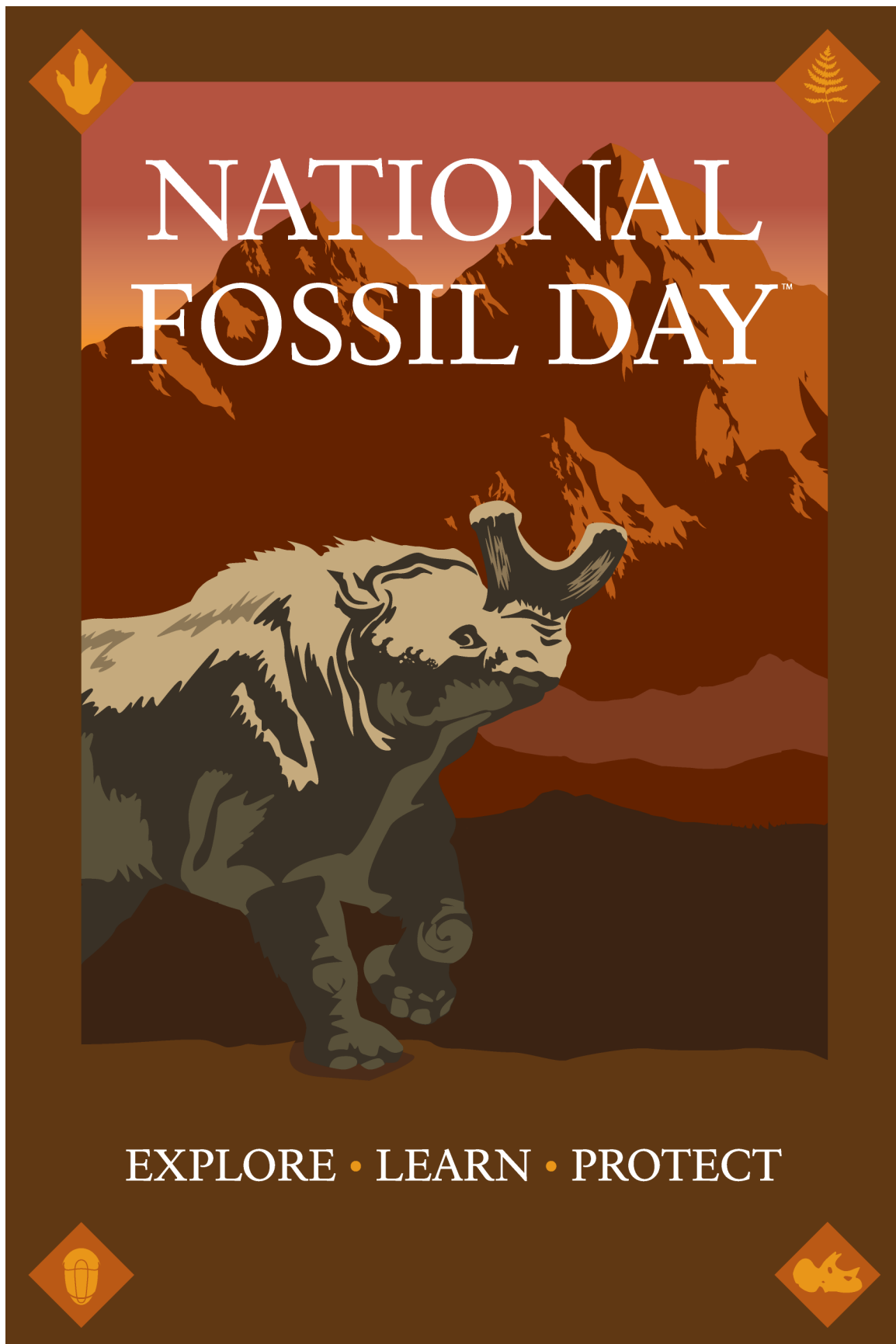
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Read the Fossil Record for Stories of Earth's History



Long before

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humans created written records of life on Earth, the fossil record told its own fascinating story. The National Park Service celebrates those stories with National Fossil Day each year on the Wednesday of Earth Science Week.

Fossils found in Indiana were mostly deposited in the Paleozoic Era, about 250 to 542 million years ago.

Since Indiana was periodically covered with shallow seas during that time, our fossils are generally small marine creatures like [brachiopods](#), [bryozoans](#), [crinoids](#), [bivalves](#) and [corals](#). [Read more](#)

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Really Simple Surrealism



Ever since [Salvador Dalí](#) broke the window at Bonwit Teller in New York City and came sliding out onto Fifth Avenue in a bathtub, America has equated his fantastic art with surrealism. In fact, surrealism began as a literary movement?its visual art was an afterthought, a depiction of a world already described by words. [Read more](#)

Posted by Bill W. on September 28, 2017

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The Life of a Library Book

Ever wondered what it's like to be a book at the Library? So have I?and here's what I discovered.

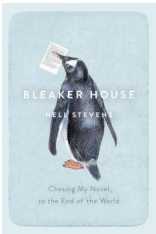
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Bleaker House: Chasing My Novel to the End of the World



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Say you've just finished your graduate degree in writing from Boston College, and a rich donor provides you with funds to travel anywhere in the world. Where do you pick? Tahiti, Paris, Buenos Aires? For British citizen Nell Stevens, it's none of the above. Instead, she chooses the remote Falklands Islands, where South America meets Antarctica?in June, which is winter there.

In Stanley, the Falklands' capital, Nell researches the archives for her first novel, and also meets some of the less-than-friendly Falklanders there. After a few weeks, Nell hops a plane for even more remote Bleaker Island, about which a writer friend quips, "Oh, you're writing *Bleaker House*." [Read more](#)

Posted by Dory L. on August 2, 2017

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