

Get Involved and Support the Library!

Library Endowment Fund

Support the future of the library by donating to the library's Endowment funds at the Community Foundation of White County. Funds can be donated to either the Adult Services, Children's, and Building and Grounds. If you would like more information about donating to the endowment, contact the Director at 574-583-2665 ext. 3303.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Monticello-Union Township Public Library is a nonprofit organization that promotes the knowledge of and advocates for the library's services and needs. Every year, the Friends hold used book sales to financially support the library. Friends volunteer their time to organize and set up each book sale. The Friends have set up their organization with Kroger to receive donations when you shop and make purchases. A brochure explaining more about the Friends group is available at the circulation desk or visit the library's website.

Become a Friend, Get Involved!



Sponsorship and Donations

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Community Corner

**Watercolor Painting for Beginners**  
**Wednesday, July 10th from 5-6:30 pm**  
for Teens | No Cost  
Join us at Bluestem Nature Center for some fun time painting with friends!  
**Please register by calling (574)-583-3983**

**Olympics Fun**  
**Thursday, July 11th @ 6 pm**  
for kids of all ages  
Come to City Park any time between 6pm and 7:30pm and we will have an obstacle course for your child to run to get fired up for the Olympics in 2024.

**Garden Walk**  
**with the Monticello Garden Club**  
**Saturday, July 13th from 8 am to 1 pm**  
for Everyone- Cost \$15  
The Bluestem Nature Center is featured on the walk as well as 5 private homes. This is the club's primary fund raiser to maintain 8 public gardens in our community. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased from members, garden centers and homes on the walk.

**Outdoor Explorers**  
**Thursday, July 18th from 6-7 pm**  
for Pre-K to 2nd Grade with adult | No Cost  
Meet us in Lower City Park (Rotary Cove) near the staircase where we will set up tarps, tents and roast smores!  
**Please register by calling (574)-583-3983**

**Nature Journaling for Teens**  
**Thursday, July 24th from 5-6:30 pm**  
for Teens | No Cost  
Join us at Bluestem Nature Center for some relaxing journaling in nature!  
**Please register by calling (574)-583-3983**

**Outdoor Explorers**  
**Thursday, July 25th from 6-7 pm**  
for Pre-K to 2nd Grade with adult | No Cost  
We will meet at Altherr Nature and hike the trails with our new hiking stick!  
**Please register by calling (574)-583-3983**

**Sunrise Hike**  
**Wednesday, July 26th @ 6:15 am**  
for Everyone | No Cost  
Meet at Bluestem Nature Center and hike to Tioga Bridge and enjoy the sunrise!

**Bluestem Nature Center Summer Hours**  
Closed Monday and Tuesday  
Wednesday 12 pm -7 pm  
Thursday 12 pm - 4 pm  
Friday 10 am - 4 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 3 pm  
Sunday 12 pm - 3 pm  
This schedule is effective until August 24th, 2024

**Walking Wednesdays**  
**Wednesday's at 9 am or 5 pm**  
for Everyone | No Cost  
This program is sponsored by White County Health Department. Meet in Altherr Nature Park at 9 am or 5 pm to have a healthy directed walk!

To register call Parks at 574-583-3983 and leave a message or online at [montiparks.recdesk.com](https://montiparks.recdesk.com)

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Welcome To Your Library!

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Thursday  
9am - 8pm



Friday & Saturday  
9am - 5pm

Call 574-583-2665 to schedule your curbside pick up.  
Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, & YouTube!

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# Broadway Art Show

## July 26th & 27th

Patron of The Arts Reception:  
July 26th from 5 pm - 8 pm

Public Show:  
July 27th from 9 am to 3 pm

Call (574) 583-2665 ext. 3304 to learn how to become a Patron of The Arts.

Metalwork by  
Evie & Beth McCord

Glasswork by  
Sondra Mamach

Pottery by  
Lory Lewis

Painting by  
Katrina Kibler

The Monticello-Union Township Public Library is excited to host the Broadway Art Show on July 26th and July 27th. For the library, the Broadway Art Show has been an immense support to offset the cost of building and grounds repairs. In 2023, the art show profits provided funding to install an accessibility ramp at the entrance of the library. The profits from this year's art show will assist us in beautifying the library's south lawn. See how to become an Art Patron on page 2!

Local artists are provided the opportunity to showcase their amazing artwork and the community can experience a variety of handmade, unique creations. There are over 40 artists confirmed for the art show with a diversity of art media from paintings, photography, jewelry, textiles, glass, pottery and wood.

The show will open to the public on Saturday, July 27th from 9am to 3pm, browse the beautiful collections of unique artwork and purchase items. Enjoy an afternoon with the sweet sounds from the Dulcimers Gathering.



Well-Read Book Club  
July 5th @ 10:30 am

Join us for a lively discussion on a diverse collection of books. Copies of the monthly selection will be available for check-out at the circulation desk. Pick-up a brochure containing the book selection for each month.



Creative Writing Club

July 2nd, 16th, & 30th @ 6 pm

Join us in a collaborative work space where members can write, share ideas, and provide feedback for each other's work!

American Red Cross  
Blood Drive

July 19th from 11 am - 4 pm

Would you like to donate blood? The Library is hosting a local blood drive for the community in the Program Room. To schedule your appointment visit: [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: montutpl or you can call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Broadway Art Show  
Patron of The Arts Reception  
July 26th @ 5 pm

Those who want a first look and opportunity to purchase artwork can become an Art Patron. By pledging in advance, Art Patrons will receive an invitation to an exclusive reception on Friday, July 28 from 5 pm – 8 pm. Enjoy an evening of conversing with artists, instrumental music, appetizers, wine, and artwork in an array of mediums. The multi-talented artist Cheryl Kaldahl will entertain us with her harmonious melodies during the reception. Individuals, businesses, and civic organizations can become Art Patrons by pledging to spend a minimum of \$50.00 at the Broadway Art Show. If you are interested in being an Art Patron, you can join by filling in your information at this [link](#) or contact Scott Miller at 574-583-2665 ext 3304 or email [smiller@monticello.lib.in.us](mailto:smiller@monticello.lib.in.us)

End of Summer Parties: Best  
Hospitality Practices & Tips  
July 25th @ 6 pm

Throughout our lives we have opportunities to show hospitality. It isn't about having an HGTV home or Food Network dinners but, rather, it's about serving others! This "End of Summer Parties" is a great way to learn tips and share ideas for creating lasting memories. Happy entertaining!

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Teen Activities July

Bee Hotels | July 3rd @ 5 pm

Did you know that there are some bees who spend their life without a hive? Solitary bees are bees that keep to themselves, drinking nectar and collecting pollen. Without a hive, these bees live in places like the ground, but these places are constantly under threat. Because of this, "Bee Hotels" were created. Bee Hotels are human-made 'hives' made completely out of recycled materials that solitary bees will use as homes!

Painting with Plants | July 10th @ 5 pm

A lot of the natural things around you can be made into paint! During this program, we will discover which natural things make what colors of paint and create our very own natural masterpiece.

End of Summer Party | July 17th @ 5 pm

The End of Summer is quickly approaching! So grab your swimsuit and join us for one last Summer Teen Program!

Children's  
POP-UP  
CRAFT DAY  
July 6th @ 11 am

Join us in the Children's Room for a pop-up craft day! We will have an assortment of craft supplies for you to get creative with!



INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM  
Monday, July 8th @ 2 pm

Come to the library to learn all about wolves and the work at Wolf Park in Battleground.

Smokey the Bear  
Reading Challenge

Begins July 13th | Ends August 31st

Help Smokey celebrate his 80th birthday by learning how to prevent wildfires and help the environment! Read 3 books on wildfire prevention or the environment and earn 4 activity badges to complete the challenge and earn your prize! Start by taking Smokey's Pledge. Badges are earned by completing at least one activity in each section. You can select books from Smokey's Reading List at [smokeybear.com](http://smokeybear.com), or choose your own!



Meet us on the South Lawn!  
We have worked on reading, learning, playing and solving mysteries this summer; let's celebrate by cooling off with the slip n slide, water games, food! The Monticello Parks will be joining us to bring even more fun!

POP Club  
Tuesday's @ 5 pm

Join us at the POP Table at the Farmers Market every Tuesday, May 28th through Tuesday, August 27th to learn about healthy living and have fun doing it!

Two-Bite Club: Participating vendors will have a healthy snack sample for you to try. Eat at least two bites for credit!

\$2 token that can be used at any fresh food vendor.

Plus many visitors and other activities each week!