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#### SPEAKER SERIES

The Friends of the Library and the Blackford Historical Society are sponsoring a series of historically informative and interesting programs. The first in the series, "Prohibition: The Noble Experiment," will be presented by Richard Harris at 6 p.m. on March 6th at the Hartford City Public Library in the Becky Musser Meeting Room.

While national prohibition lasted only 13 years, it had a massive impact, most of it not for the good. Harris will talk about the nearly century long lead up to its 1920 passage, how it played out and WHY it ended so abruptly. He will introduce us to a fascinating cast of characters and share wonderful pictures and anecdotes. Many states maintained prohibition for years after its repeal and many counties still have it.

The presenter Richard Harris is a retired Ball State administrator who loves American History. He presents widely on a variety of topics and brings history and its cast of characters to life. He utilizes many pictures and "inside" stories to leave a lasting impression of the topic.

#### FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

This National Book Award Finalist, a heartstrong story of family, romance, tribulation, and tenacity, is set on the High Plains east of Denver.



In the small town of Holt, Colorado, a high school teacher is confronted with raising his two boys alone after their mother retreats first to the bedroom, then altogether. A teenage girl—her father long since disappeared, her mother unwilling to have her in the house—is pregnant, alone herself, with nowhere to go. And out in the country, two brothers, elderly bachelors, work the family homestead, the only world they've ever known. From these unsettled lives emerges a vision of life, and of the town and landscape that bind them together-their fates somehow overcoming the powerful circumstances of place and station, their confusion, curiosity, dignity and humor intact and resonant. As the milieu widens to embrace fully four generations, Kent Haruf displays an emotional and aesthetic authority to rival the past masters of a classic American tradition.

#### STAFF PICKS: Sabrina recommends...



# Liar's Bench Kim Michele Richardson

Kim Michele Richardson's lush, beautifully written debut is set against a Southern backdrop passing uneasily from bigotry and brutality to hope. With its compelling mystery and complex yet relatable heroine, Liar's Bench is a story of first love, raw courage, and truths that won't be denied.

#### These recurring programs occur in Becky Musser Meeting Room located downstairs.

WEEKLY			
Mondays	5:00-6:30	Common Threads— knit and crochet	
MONTHLY			
Last Tuesdays	5:00-6:00	Doodles & Daydreams	
3rd Wednesdays	5:00	Library Board Meetings	
Last Wednesdays	5:00-6:00	Friends Book Club	

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## WINTER READING PROGRAM

#### ...continues until March 29!

Kids (and their parents) ages birth-12 are invited to join us.
Each book read earns a ticket, as does attendance in programs specially offered through February and March. A reception for readers and their caregivers will be held Friday, March 30, 4:00-5:00, with cookies and punch being served and a prize awarded to a reader from each age group. Please take a flier and the calendars for more information.

NOTE some additional special programs going on this month: <u>March 2 and 16</u>—Snowflakes <u>Thursday, March 8</u>—Professor Steve Presents: The Science of Frankenstein <u>Thursday, March 29</u>—Frankenstein Costume Party (grades 4-10)

### OUR BOOK CLUB

In honor of Frankenstein's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, we are reading the Classic Starts abridged version of this classic tale... Victor Frankenstein didn't mean to make a monster. But when he builds a man out of dead body parts and brings him to life, he unleashes a horrible creature on the surrounding countryside. *Frankenstein* explores the relationship between science and society—a relationship that was as fraught with questions in Mary Shelley's lifetime as it is today.



One State / One Story: Frankenstein is an Indiana Humanities program and has been made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and in partnership with the Indiana State Library and Indiana Center for the Book.

WEEKLY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
<u>Story &amp; Craft</u>	<u>Our Book Club</u>	<u>Teen Art Club</u>
Wednesdays—2 sessions!	Thursdays 5:-00-6:00	1st Wednesday every month 5:00-6:00
10:30-11:30 with Maggie the Reading Therapy Dog	Grades 6-10 (4-5 with parental approval)	Grades 4-12
(morning session only)	The book for March is	Drawing
3:30-4:30	Frankenstein	
Children must be accompanied by an adult.		