



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Merrillville Branch of the Lake County  
Public Library is participating  
in Indiana's Bicentennial Celebration.

**Join us for the birthday fun!**

- Presentations on historical topics
- Entertainment and musical guests
- Geocaching historical sites
- Social media: Tell us your personal memories of history around the region
- Social media: trivia and photos
- Displays by local historical societies
- Summer reading fun!

***And much more!***

Visit our website at: <http://lcplin.org/bicentennial.html>





## **Bicentennial Celebration 2016 at the Merrillville Branch Library**

March through October 2016

### **Ongoing Displays**

The Merrillville History Museum - Ross Township Historical Society will create several displays from March through October at the Merrillville Branch Library on various Indiana and local history topics. Stop by during library hours to learn about local history and to celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial with us.

Bruce Woods, Lake County Historical Museum Director, will display artifacts on the Lake County Marriage Mill in October 2016. He will display a marriage registry, pictures and even a few wedding dresses.

### **Throughout the year...**

Join us on Facebook for local trivia, photos, facts and more. Tell us your local history and stories about the Region.

#WaybackWhensday

Geocaching - **Visit local geocaching sites around Lake County to learn** more about local history. See a list on our web page at [lcplin.org/bicentennial.html](http://lcplin.org/bicentennial.html) for a complete list of sites.

Summer reading programs, beginning in June, will feature some bicentennial events.

**The theme is Sports, Games and Fitness.**

## **Lecture and Entertainment Series**

**Wednesday April 20, 2016 from 2-3:30 pm**

Susan Ruth Brown, musician and storyteller, will present *Musical Adventures in Indiana History* featuring various instruments including guitar, zither, autoharp, piano with sing-a-longs and dance.

Meeting Room A

Merrillville Branch Library



### **Thursday May 19, 2016 from 6-8 pm**

Alice Smedstad from the Ross Township Historical Society will present a lecture on *Indiana's Bicentennial History ~ Interesting Facts and Trivia about the 19th State.*

Meeting Room A  
Merrillville Branch Library

### **Thursday June 23, 2016 from 1-3 pm**

Bruce Johnson, retired teacher and member of the LaPorte Genealogical/History Society, will present a lecture on *Hoosiers in Sports: Indiana Sports Legends.*

Meeting Room A  
Merrillville Branch Library

### **Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 1:30 pm**

Over the years, Indiana born or raised entertainers contributed enormously to the performing arts culture of the state and nation. Their captivation artistry entertained and inspired generations of Americans.

Meeting Room A  
Merrillville Branch Library

### **Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 1:00 pm**

Patrick Furlong, professor emeritus of History at Indiana University South Bend, will give a powerpoint presentation on *The Hoosier Bicentennial: How Indiana Has Changed, 1816-2016: Never Too Fast*

Meeting Room A  
Merrillville Branch Library

### **Wednesday, October 12, 2016 – 7:00 pm**

Bruce Woods, Lake County Historical Museum Director, Bruce Woods will give a presentation on the *Lake County Marriage Mill*. Crown Point had no waiting period for marriage licenses in the early 1900 and the city became a popular place to get married. Many famous people came to Crown Point to be wed, including: Rudolph Valentino, Cassius Clay and Jackson 5 patriarch Joseph Jackson.

### **Happy Birthday State of Indiana, you are 200 years old!**

Join us in lower level Meeting Room A on December 10th from 1-3 pm for a Birthday Cake Bicentennial Celebration. Activities will include a birthday cake, board games, video games, children and adult coloring sheets and more.

# 2016 Celebrate Indiana with Movies

*Watch free movies featuring actors  
and actresses born in Indiana.*



## **Karl Malden – Gary**

*Movie: On the Waterfront*

Saturday January 16, 2016

Starts at 1:00 pm until end of movie.

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## **Arlene Charles/Gorek - Merrillville**

*Movie: Clambake featuring Elvis*

Saturday February 20, 2016

Starts at 1:00 pm until end of movie.

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## **Fred Williamson - Gary**

*Movie: Carmen A Hip Hopera*

Saturday March 19, 2016

Starts at 1:00 pm until end of movie.

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## **Greg Kinnear - Logansport**

*Movie: You've Got Mail*

Saturday April 16, 2016

Starts at 1:00 pm until end of movie

## **Shelley Long – Fort Wayne**

*Movie: Troop Beverly Hills*

Saturday May 21, 2016

Starts at 1:00 pm until end of movie

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## **Carole Lombard – Fort Wayne**

*Movie: My Man Godfrey*

Saturday September 17, 2016

Starts at 1:00 pm until end of movie

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## **Brendan Fraser - Indianapolis**

*Movie: The Mummy*

Saturday October 15, 2016

Starts at 1:00 pm until end of movie

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## **James Dean - Fairmount**

*Movie: East of Eden*

Saturday November 19, 2016

Starts at 1:00 pm until end of movie

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## **Art LaFleur - Gary**

*Movie: Santa Clause 2*

Saturday December 17, 2016

Starts at 1:00 pm until end of movie

**Lower Level - Meeting Room A**