

# Mattering and Belonging at the Monroe County Public Library



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Discardia Mending Day  
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM      10/14/2023

*Magic: The Gathering* Meet-Up  
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM      10/14/2023

LEGO® Club  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM      10/15/2023

Tiny to Two  
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM      10/16/2023

LEGO® Club  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM      10/16/2023

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Birth-6



Tweens



Caregivers & Teachers



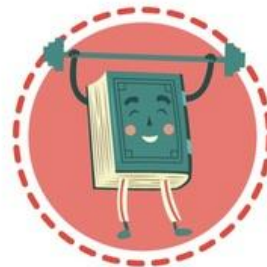
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## Kids: Not Too Scary Stories

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## Tween Space



The Tween Space at the Downtown Library is a place where tweens (children ages 7-12) can hang out, explore crafts and other activities, enjoy pop-up programs, work on homework, or play.

There are several tables and chairs in the space. Supplies are kept in a special Tween Space cart filled with free-to-use materials, like homework supplies, craft supplies, small games and puzzles, and building toys (Brain Flakes®, K'NEX, and LEGO®). The Tween Space also offers a display shelf and wall to showcase creations, post artwork, share bookmarks, and post book reviews.

Additional in-room activities can be found by the nonfiction shelves. They include board games, Cubelets robot blocks, Launchpad tablets, and pop-up books. Ask an MCPL staff member to help you find them!

## Ellettsville Branch

Though the Ellettsville Branch doesn't have a dedicated tween-only space, it does offer a children's room separate from the Pre-K room and rest of the Library. This room has two cozy windowed reading nooks, a work table, and a rotating activity for tweens. It also houses the fiction, nonfiction, and graphic novel collection! Similar to the Tween Space at the Downtown Library, the Ellettsville children's room also offers a space for tweens to display their creations.

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## Hours & Locations

### The Ground Floor (at the Downtown Library)

Monday–Thursday: 3–9 PM (1:30–9 PM in June and July)

Friday: 1–6 PM

Saturday–Sunday: 12–6 PM

## About Teens

### The Ground Floor (at the Downtown Library)



303 E. Kirkwood Avenue  
Bloomington, Indiana 47408

📞 812-349-3050

#### 🕒 Hours

Monday–Thursday: 3–9 PM (1:30–9 PM in June and July)

Friday: 1–6 PM

Saturday–Sunday: 12–6 PM

### Ellettsville Teen Space



600 W. Temperance Street  
Ellettsville, Indiana 47429

📞 812-876-1272

#### 🕒 Hours

Monday–Thursday: 3–7 PM (1:30–7 PM in June and July)

Friday: 3–6 PM

Saturday–Sunday: 12–6 PM

### Southwest Teen Space



890 W. Gordon Pike  
Bloomington, Indiana 47403

📞 812-349-3110

#### 🕒 Hours

Monday–Thursday: 3–7 PM (2–7 PM in June and July)

Friday: 3–6 PM (1–6 in June and July)

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## Teen Wellness Resources

This resource guide is a compilation of local and national resources to help youth in crisis. What follows is by no means an exhaustive list, but it is a starting point and contains local, Monroe County resources, but also national and web resources to help when times are hard. If you have any questions or want help navigating these resources, contact a staff member.

### Local Resources

- Community Resources in Monroe County
- Free Period Products and Resources at the Library
- IU Nurse-Family Partnership for Pregnancy

- ▶ Homelessness
- ▶ Food Insecurity
- ▶ Grief, Mental Health, or Self Harm
- ▶ Sexual Violence

### National Resources

- Crisis Text Line
- Indiana Department of Child Services
- A Community for LGBTQ+ Teens
- Know Your Rights: Students and LGBTQ Rights at School
- National Human Trafficking Hotline
- 988 Mental Health Crisis Hotline
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- Safe Place

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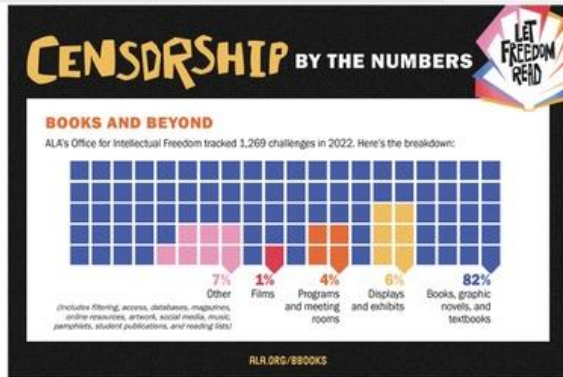
Need help? Chat with us now.





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"That a public institution can support the needs of so many different groups of citizens while emphasizing each individual's freedom to read (or not to read) is nothing short of remarkable," Grier said. "We encourage all MCPL patrons to reflect on that freedom and on how Banned Books Week reminds us that the path forward is through freedom of access, not book banning and censorship."

This week and beyond, we encourage you to check out something that challenges your own thinking on a particular subject, where it's one of our staff recommendations for kids, staff recommendations for teens, or staff recommendations for adults. Whether it changes your mind or simply expands it, you'll find that the freedom to access information and resources is akin to the freedom to think for yourself.

### Children: Banned Books

