

Free Entertainment Found at the Library

Leaves are raked and hopefully there's no snow to shovel yet, but some long, dreary Indiana winter days loom ahead before Spring arrives. What are you going to do to pass the time? Don't hibernate! Button up your overcoat and come to the Library – we can help! The library is the perfect place to learn something new or find free entertainment in a book or a movie.

Let's take a look. As you walk through the front doors the first thing you'll see is our collection of new 2008 (and soon to be 2009) books located directly across from the circulation desk. This is a collection of the most current fiction and non-fiction titles available. Behind them are more stacks holding fiction. Here you will find classics, adventure, romance, suspense and humor to stimulate your imagination and keep you entertained for hours.

Along the back wall, behind the fiction are over 200 magazines to choose from as well as 29 (I counted them myself.) newspapers. Become well informed and expand your horizons.

Around the corner from the magazines are the DVDs, both fiction and non-fiction. The fiction DVDs compare to the books – unlimited amounts of entertainment. There are also many popular TV Series for your viewing pleasure. Next to them is a collection of non-fiction DVDs that I believe are one of our best kept secrets. You can travel around the United States or travel the world; learn how to belly dance or cook with Julia Child; train your dog with the "Dog Whisperer". Hours and hours of educational entertainment can be found here. And that's just the first room!

For hours of listening pleasure, the mezzanine holds audio books and music CDs. If you don't want to leave the comforts of home, downloadable books are available from our website. Go to our website (www.barth.lib.in.us) and click on Overdrive or Net Library. No need to be bored while driving for business or working around the house. And there's still more...

Would you like to learn a new craft, fix something in your home, plan your garden, brush up on your computer skills or plan a vacation? How about learning more about our state, Indiana? A whole room is devoted to information about the beautiful state we live in – its history, authors, wildlife, places to visit and more. Research your Indiana ancestors and local history as well. We have the most up-to-date publications and web sites to assist you with your research. Don't have a computer or access to the internet? No problem! We have 24 computers available for online research, to check your email, or to type up resumes and reports. And there's still more....

Libraries offer a place for life-long learning and entertainment. They can be a time machine to the past or a tool to a brighter future. The best parts are the seemingly limitless selections AND you can enjoy them all for free as a resident of Bartholomew County!

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