

## Open Mic Night this Saturday at Your Public Library

It's 7 PM on a Saturday night and the main floor of the Bartholomew County Public Library is eerily silent. No computers whirring, no chit-chat at the appropriate volume, just a complete hush. Suddenly, in the distance, a slight boom is felt and rumbles through the building and repeats several times. Trying to locate the source, you make your way downstairs, all the while moving closer and closer to this sensation. Finally, upon opening the doors into the Conference Room and Red Room, it is obvious what the source of the rumble is....rock!

Bartholomew County Public Library is proud to host Open Mic Night this Saturday, November 21 at 7 PM in the Red Room. It's an opportunity for people to hang out and watch some performers in a place they might not think of when it comes to live music. We had a successful Open Mic Night last month and we are hoping to keep it going as a regular or semi-regular event in 2010. The event is geared towards teens and young adults primarily, but all ages are welcome, and the event is family-friendly. If you're an awesome band and want to reach a new audience, Open Mic Night is perfect. On the other hand, if you're a new band or a solo performer, Open Mic Night is also a very low-stress event. The whole concept of these events is to show off your creative skills in a welcoming environment.

By the time this article hits the newspaper, it will be too late for performers to sign up as our deadline for that is November 14. However, I'd like to personally point out for future events that Open Mic Night doesn't have to just be music. I actually think it would be pretty great to see poetry, magic, dancing or comedy. One reason is that those types of acts are perfect for performing while a large band is setting up their equipment. Another reason is that the more of these types of performers we have, the less time I will be playing rock covers from the 1990s on the keyboard to fill time.

Again, Open Mic Night is this Saturday, November 21 at 7 PM in the Red Room. The only entrance will be the outside door closest to the Red Room which is near 6<sup>th</sup> and Lafayette. Light refreshments will be served and the admission is free. No library card required. Tell your friends!

As a final note, we do welcome suggestions about other things the library should be doing for teens and young adults. This could be either suggestions about the types of materials we should be ordering, like books or movies, or suggestions about other

events that people would attend. There's a lot that your library is capable of doing, but we'd love to make sure we are investing our time and resources into things that are actually appealing to young people, like Open Mic Night. So, feel free when you're in the library to let us know what we should be doing. For suggestions or more information about Open Mic Night, feel free to contact me at (812) 379-1266 or [tmunn@barth.lib.in.us](mailto:tmunn@barth.lib.in.us).

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