



# Bell Memorial Public Library

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## National Mentoring Month

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Mentorship is a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person. The mentor may be older or younger than the person being mentored, but she or he must have a certain area of expertise.

Benefits of mentoring include: increased high school graduation rates, lower high school dropout rates, healthier relationships and lifestyle choices, better attitude about school, higher college enrollment rates and higher educational aspirations, enhanced self-esteem

and self-confidence, improved behavior, both at home and at school, stronger relationships with parents, teachers, and peers, improved interpersonal skills, and decreased likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use.

### *Five Traits to Look for in a Mentor for Your Child:*

1. A MENTOR EMPOWERS YOUTH TO MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES.
2. A MENTOR ENCOURAGES YOUTH TO TAKE OWNERSHIP IN THEIR LEARNING.
3. A MENTOR HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS.
4. A MENTOR HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP CORE VALUES.
5. A MENTOR STRENGTHENS INTERPERSONAL SKILLS AND PEER RELATIONSHIPS.

### **Our Hours:**

Monday-Thursday 9am-7pm

Friday-Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 1pm-5pm (Closed  
Sun. June-Aug.)



### **Contact Us:**

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## Let's Give a Big Warm Welcome ...

**R A C H E L J O H N S O N !**

We are grateful and excited to have Rachel as a part of the BMPL Family. She is our new Young Adult/Adult Program Coordinator. You can check in with her Monday-Thursdays from 2-7pm about new programs happening for the teens and adults!

## Top Apps of 2016

Want to know what the most popular apps were last year and still kicking this year?!

Here are some of the top apps that are a must have for iPhone and Android:

*Venmo*: A money-sending app

*Signal*: an encrypted chat app

*Snapchat*: disappearing videos

*Pokémon Go*

*WhatsApp*: messaging app

*NPR One*: customizable public radio

*Spotify*: Any music, any time

*Prisma*: photo editing app

*White Noise*

*Bltmoji*: custom emoji-like stickers

*Google Translate*

*Quik*: video editing app

*Mint*: budget management app

*Gboard*: search Google while texting

*Boomerang*: turns still photos into looping video

*Google trips*: managing travel plans

*Vevo*: music videos

*Houseparty*: video up to 8 people at once

*Pocket*: save articles to read later of-  
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*Calorie Counter*

For more visit: [time.com/4549647/best-apps-year-2016/](http://time.com/4549647/best-apps-year-2016/)

## Library Online Access

Is it a tough to fit in your schedule to come in and renew your books? Do you want to know if you have any fines? Do you want to know if a certain book is currently available?? You can access the library catalog AND your library account online!!!

To access the library catalog simply go to [www.bell.lib.in.us](http://www.bell.lib.in.us) and click

“Online Catalog”. Then click on “Bell Memorial Public Library” in the center of the webpage. You can then enter in whatever title movie, book, etc. you are looking for to see if we have it or if it is available.

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To have access to your online account where you can check out your history or renew books (as long as you have no fines or as long as it is not overdue) you can email us at [cwhetstone@bell.lib.in.us](mailto:cwhetstone@bell.lib.in.us) or you can come in and we will give you a barcode number to create your account.

## Mitten Tree

There is a Christmas tree in the foyer next to the glass display case. We would like to invite the community to bring in new and lightly used gloves and scarves to

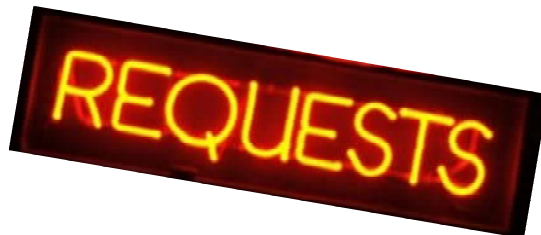
put on and around the tree for those who need them this winter. If you are in need of gloves and scarves come right on in and take them from the tree!



## Got Any Library Requests???

Know of a book you REALLY want to read, a movie you have just been anxiously wanting to watch, or music you really want to listen to??

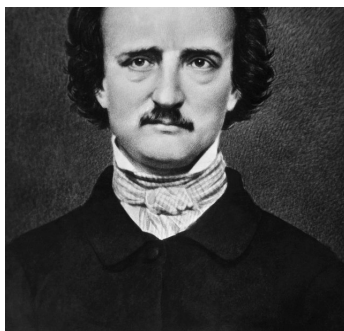
Email Director Stephen Boggs at [sboggs.bell.lib.in.us](mailto:sboggs.bell.lib.in.us) any requests you have for materials you would like us to have here at Bell Memorial Public Library!



## Happy Birthday, Edgar Allan Poe!!

Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston, Massachusetts on January 19, 1809. He was the second of three children born to David and Eliza Arnold Hopkins Poe. He was abandoned by his father the year after he was born and his mother died just before he turned 2. He was adopted and renamed Edgar Allan. In 1827, Edgar Allan Poe enlists in the U.S. Army and is assigned as an artilleryman to Fort Independence in Boston Harbor. He also was able to issue his first book *Tamerlane and Other Poems*, which went unreviewed. In 1829, he attains the rank of Sergeant Major and his foster mother dies. Poe lived a tough life between his biological parents passing away when he was very young, his foster mother passing away when he was 20, his foster father passing away when he was 25, his wife passing

away after 11 years of marriage, his reputation isn't all that great as he tries to get his writings and poems published. He then is found in Philadelphia in 1849 sick, confused and suffering from persecution mania. A few months later on October 7 he dies with a slanderous obituary written about him which blackens his reputation for many years.



**Edgar Allan Poe**

Today he is known "as an American author, poet, editor and literary critic, who was also associated with the

American Romantic Movement. He was better known for his tales of mystery and macabre. He was amongst the earliest American practitioners of short story and was generally considered as the inventor of the detective-fiction genre. Poe is also credited for his contribution in the emerging genre of science fiction. His works greatly influenced American literature and also other specialized fields like, cosmology and cryptography. His best known fiction works were generally Gothic and dealt with themes like the effects of decomposition, concerns of premature burial, the reanimation of the dead, and mourning. Poe's works are also considered as the part of dark romanticism genre. He became famous for his popular poems like, "The Raven" and "Annabel Lee".

# Jack and Jill Preschool

If you are wondering if you should send your child to preschool, Jack and Jill Preschool would like to offer you a list of points to consider.

Preschool prepares children for kindergarten. A high quality preschool will allow time for play as well as develop pre-math and pre-literacy skills.

Preschool promotes social and emotional development. Preschool is a chance to nurture warm relationships among children, teachers, and parents.

Preschool is structured even if it doesn't appear to be. The space is organized to encourage social interaction and minimize conflicts.



Children get to make choices. Each child has choices of activities. A teacher will make suggestions when necessary to ensure that each child makes good choices.

Preschool promotes language and cognitive skills. Preschool is a 'language rich' environment. That means that through all activities is the underlying element of questions and new vocabulary. There are also lots of stories, songs, rhymes, and word games.

Preschool teachers nurture a child's curiosity. Teachers observe, ask questions, and listen to children's ideas during exploration, art, and imaginative play.

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Preschool is a chance for growth. It is an opportunity to learn to share, cooperate, and follow directions.

Children learn to take care of themselves and others. A child's self-worth will grow as he learns to take care of himself and help others.

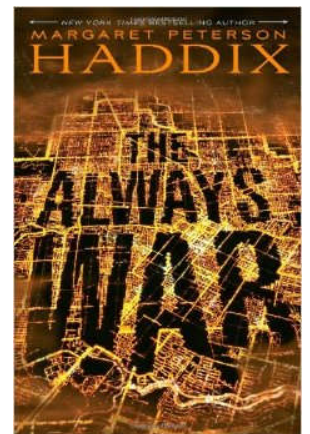
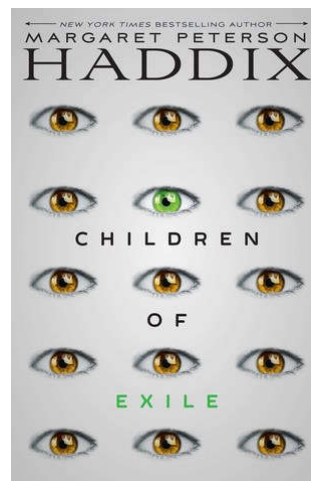
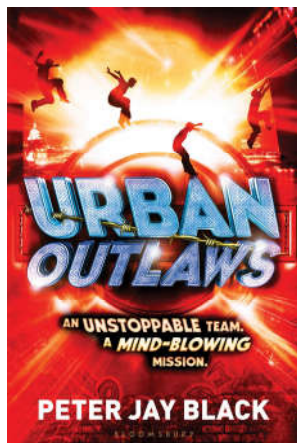
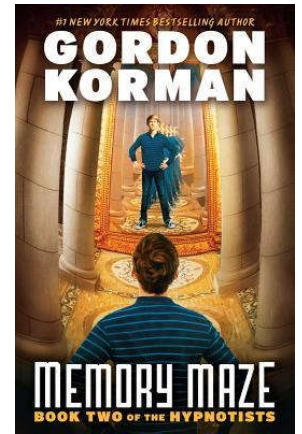
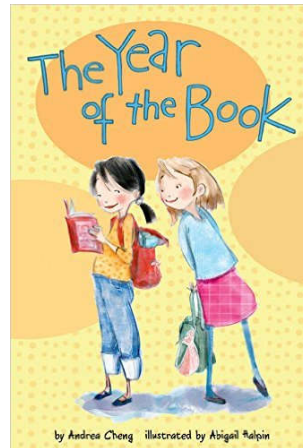
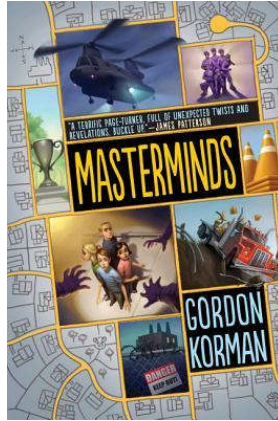
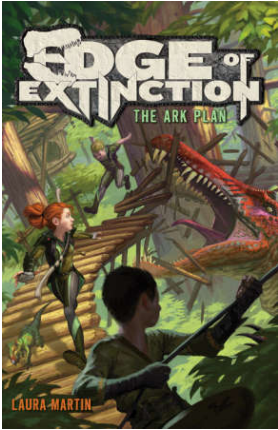
Preschool activities boost pre-math and literacy skills. Early literacy and math skills are not introduced as isolated exercises but rather in the context of activities that are interesting and meaningful.



Preschool helps develop motor skills. While exploring their environment, a child will have the opportunity to challenge himself in new ways. Children are also challenged to build their hand-eye coordination and balance.

Jack and Jill Preschool is a not-for-profit organization operating in a classroom of the Bell Memorial Public Library. We have classes for 3 -5 year olds. Classes meet in the mornings. Please call Laurie Carlin at 574-551-8284 or Sharon Kindig at 574-551-4139 if you would like more information or to register your child for the 2017-2018 school year.

# Coming Soon!



# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Story Time 3:00pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Story Time 3:00pm	12	13	14
15	16 Movie @ 1:00pm The Bridge: Part 2	17	18 Story Time 3:00pm	19 Kid's Night Out 4:00-5:00pm	20	21 Lego Club 1:00-3:00pm
22	23 Euchre Club 6:00pm	24	25 Story Time 3:00pm	26	27	28
29	30 Library Board Meeting @ 6:30pm	31				