Downtown Library

627 South Street
Lafayette, IN 47901
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Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

About the Downtown Library

The Downtown Library was built as the replacement for the Albert A. Wells Memorial Library, located on North Street. Now the home of the Tippecanoe Arts Federation, the former library is known as the Wells Community Cultural Center. The Downtown Library was constructed through a bond issue in 1988 and opened in October of 1989. The Downtown Library opened with over 140,000 volumes. By 2011 the number of volumes had expanded to over 301,000 and in 2011 the Downtown Library had over 500,000 people pass through our doors.

The Downtown Library of the Tippecanoe County Public Library System is approximately forty-eight thousand square feet which includes our youth room, Swezey Room of Indiana History , 1 study room, the Alfred J. and Dorothy N. McAllister meeting rooms , both A and B, and the Friends of TCPL Conference Room. The design is the work of architects: Pecsok, Jelliffe, Randall & Nice/Schuette, Mohler & Associates. Since its construction the downtown library has had 3 interior remodels. krM Architecture from Anderson, Indiana designed expanded meeting rooms and office space in 2005. In 2008, the Youth Room was remodeled with advice from Robbins Library Interiors, Indianapolis. In 2012, an interior remodel designed by The Troyer Group, Mishawaka, created The Portal and renovated parts of the nearby Stein Building for office use. The Downtown Library also features the fully operational Heartland Odyssey Sculpture in our youth room.

Our one floor library hosts a collection of over 301,000 materials available for checkout including books, movies, nonfiction, materials in Spanish, CD-ROMs, audiobooks, music, magazines, and online resources. We also have approximately 50 Computers for adults and children including stations for: Internet, Express Internet, online resources, word processing, and youth educational games, youth bilingual games/software, TIPCAT online catalog, and Wi-Fi access for those with personal computers.

Find the Downtown Branch of Tippecanoe County Public Library with directions from Google Maps .
Keep up with Downtown Library events including Storytime , and programs for Children , Teens , and Adults .