



March 2019

**Greetings from the
Promise Zone Director**

Greetings Promise Zone,

March is poised to be a busy month. We have the return of our Fairshot Classes and Expungement Clinics. Both will begin again in March with reoccurring dates throughout the year. We will also be retuning with our Get Right With Your Credit class in April. Tax season is still in full swing with multiple organizations offering free tax services, including the Library and United Way, both mentioned here with details and links, as well as some tips for that tax refund!

Have a safe and wonderful Spring Break.

Silas Matchem, Sr

Evansville Promise Zone Executive Director



Expungement Clinic

Our expungement clinic's are returning in March and April. In partnership with Volunteer Lawyer Scott Wylie, we will focus on the requirements needed to possibly expunge a criminal record.

March 27 (Wednesday) 530-630P- Central Library, Browning Room B

April 23rd (Tuesday) 530-630P- Central Library, Browning Room A

EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

If you or a family member has a criminal conviction or arrest history making it difficult to obtain employment, receive benefits, get housing, or otherwise acts as a barrier come and learn about Indiana's new Expungement law.

Attendees will learn:

- Types of criminal convictions and arrests that can be expunged
- Deadlines for eligibility for relief
- How to get help in filing for an expungement when eligible
- Recent changes to restricted driving privileges (formerly called hardship licenses)
- Rules on waiving BMV reinstatement fees as part of efforts to seek better employment

Presenter:
Robert Scott Wylie, Esq.
Volunteer Lawyer Program of
Southwestern Indiana
To review information and
forms in advance visit:
<https://www.in.gov/judiciary/seifservice/2499.htm>

**Wednesday March 27th
and
Tuesday April 23rd**

**530PM-630PM
Central Library
200 SE Martin Luther
King Jr Blvd
Browning Rooms**



For more information please email:
resource.vista@echohousing.org



Evansville Public Library

Event Highlight

Spring break is right around the corner and EVPL has plenty of activities for students!

Spring Break Book Bundles

All week

All eight locations will have bundles that include activities and books on various themes.

After Spring Break, you can return the bundle back to any location.

Teen Video Game Play

EVPL Central on Wednesday 3/27 from 3:00 – 5:00

Play Mario Kart and Smash Brothers on big screen TVs in the Teen Zone. Featuring the Nintendo Wii and Switch systems.

Stranger Things Escape Room

EVPL McCollough on 3/28 – 3/30, various times

Registration opens March 4. Solve the clues and riddles to escape before the demogorgon finds you! Teams of 8 or less.

La Hora del Cuento/Storytime in Spanish

EVPL Central on 3/23 at 10:00 – 11:00 am

This Storytime will feature stories, songs, and rhymes completely in Spanish for native Spanish-speaking families and families who would like to introduce their young readers to the Spanish language in an engaging, fun way!

EVPL will be continuing Tax Aid sessions throughout March and into April. Please see details [here](#) and the graphic below. Contact the central library for more information.

EVPL

AARP TAX AIDE

FEBRUARY 4 - APRIL 12

MONDAY	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Feb. 4, Mar. 4 & 18, Apr. 1 12:00 - 4:00 pm EVPL Red Bank	Feb. 5 - Apr. 9 9:30 am - 12:30 pm EVPL Central	Feb. 6 - Apr. 10 12:00 - 4:00 pm EVPL McCollough	Feb. 7 & 21, Mar. 7 & 21, Apr. 4 1:00 - 5:00 pm EVPL Oaklyn Feb. 14 & 28, Mar. 14 & 28, Apr. 11 12:00 - 4:00 pm EVPL Red Bank	Feb. 8 - Apr. 12 12:00 - 4:00 pm EVPL North Park Feb. 8 - Apr. 12 9:30 am - 1:00 pm EVPL McCollough

Federal and state tax form preparation by trained AARP staff.
Bring all relevant tax documents to the session.

EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did you get a tax refund? Deciding on the best way to use it?

Here are some tips:

- Start or build an emergency fund – Many Americans today say they can't access \$400 if an emergency would occur**
- Pay down debt – this is a great time to pay down or pay off high interest debt**
- Get caught up on old bills**

While we may want to go out and buy something nice and new, this is usually the biggest check Americans receive each year, and it's important to think what is best for the long term. It's ok to treat yourself a little bit, but using the above strategies for the majority of your refund is highly recommended.

Fair Shot

Financial Education for the entire family

*Attend all sessions and receive a certificate to Azzip Pizza for
a free drink and little zip*

The Browning Room at Central Library

5:30pm-7pm

Dinner and refreshments will be provided

*Education for adults and children. Children must be in 3rd
grade and up*

Class 1 Dates:

March 26

April 30

June 4

June 25

July 23

Class 2 Dates:

March 28

May 2

June 6

June 27

July 25

Class 1: Budgeting & Banking

Class 2: Credit & Home Ownership

Get Smart About Your Credit

*Take a deep dive into your credit for professional help in
understanding how to improve your score*

April 9 from 6p-8p at the United Way

*Attendees must register online at eventbrite.com or by
emailing office@HOPEofEvansville.org*

[Sign up](#) for FairShot classes! Returning on March 26th.

SAVE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS ON TAX PREPARATION FEES



YOUR TRUSTED SOURCE FOR:

- FREE preparation and e-filing of your tax return
- Screening to help you claim your Earned Income Tax Credits and Child Tax Credits



United Way's VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program offers free tax preparation and filing service to individuals and families with an annual household income at or below \$54,000. In addition to saving on the fees associated with tax preparation, our tax preparers are certified by the IRS to ensure clients receive all eligible tax credits and deductions – which could mean a larger return for you!



unitedwayswi.org/vita

United Way [VITA](#) program is currently running at locations throughout the city.

The program will run through April 15:

- WorkOne – Tuesday & Thursday evenings; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
(doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
700 E. Walnut Street, Evansville, IN
- United Way SWI – Wednesday evenings; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
(doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
501 NW 4th Street, Evansville, IN
- TRI-CAP – Tuesday afternoons, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. /
Thursday evenings, 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
499 W. State Road 62, Boonville, IN

By Appointment Only:

Legal Aid Society – Monday afternoons

Evansville Civic Center Complex, Room 105

Call 812.435.5173 to schedule an appointment

Drop-Off Service:

New this year – clients can drop off all required tax documents at the United Way SWI office Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

More details [GO HERE](#)

Evansville Promise Zone Workgroup Meeting Times

Job Development- Thursday

March 7th at 1PM

Innovation Pointe- 318 Main St, 1st Floor

Health- Wednesday

March 13th at 1PM

Welborn Conference Center- 412

Mulberry St

Crime- Wednesday

March 21st at 10AM

Promise Zone Office- 100 N Main

Economic Development- Friday

March 21st at 1PM

Promise Zone Office- 100 N Main St

Housing- Wednesday

March 27th at 9AM

Vanderburgh County Community
Foundation

401 SE 6th Street, Suite 203

Education- Friday

March 22nd at 11:30AM

EVSC Family and Partnership
Building

123 Main St



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