Inspiration
Innovation
Immersive Learning
The mission of The E.B. and Bertha C. Ball Center is to provide stimulating intellectual opportunities for all persons from the university and East Central Indiana communities.

These programs, classes, seminars, and workshops, presented in an informal learning environment, serve as a symbol of the university’s commitment to public service and community outreach.
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A magnanimous gift from a generous family who believed learning is an ongoing process of discovery. A lasting legacy of tradition, inspiration, innovation, and immersive learning for our community.
Inspiration

• Award-winning artists and authors
• International guests
• Cultural significance for people of varying ages, backgrounds, and occupations
Innovation

- Town and Gown Conversations
- Magna cum Murder Crime Writing Festival
- Economics Colloquia
- Readers and Writers Series
- Docents Forums
Immersive Learning

- Forums, colloquia, and dialog
- An atmosphere of learned fellowship shared by colleagues
- Intellectual/philosophical exploration that inspire thought and encourage discourse
- Programs led by practitioners from a range of disciplines and expertise
Noted guests have included:

- Professor Joseph Epstein, Essayist/Editor/Author
- Mary Higgins Clark (The Queen of Mystery)
- Professor Robert Brier, Egyptologist
- The Rt. Hon. David Trimble, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Former First Minister of Northern Ireland
- Nicholas Basbanes, Journalist, Author of *On Paper: The Everything of Its Two Thousand Year History, by a Self-Confirmed Bibliophile*
- Kimberly Strassel, Journalist, Wall Street Journal
- Alexander McCall Smith, International Best-Selling Author
- The Most Hon. Robert Gascoyne-Cecil, 7th Marquess of Salisbury