Will YOU accept The Challenge?

The summer is finally here and we are excited to present the 2017 Million Page Summer Challenge along with other fun programs for kids and adults.

Will you take the challenge?

This year we are challenging our readers to read one million pages as a collective group. Individually, we want to challenge each participant to read 2,017 pages this summer. What happens when one million pages has been reached? Our grand prize winner will have the opportunity to select a local non-profit organization to receive a $1,000 donation. The amount will be pro-rated if one million pages is not reached.

Registration starts on the opening day of the Challenge - June 5. You can join any time and start completing Reading Log cards at any point up to the end - July 22. Earn chances at raffle prizes for each Reading Log card turned in.

Each Reading Log card can be turned in for every 300 pages a participant reads. Every 300 pages earns the reader five tickets for raffle prizes.

A prize display will be set up at the start of the program, with a variety of gift cards and other fun items. There will also be weekly raffles for kids for gift cards to local restaurants and family activities.

We invite you to get involved this summer with our Million Page Challenge. Also, take a look in this newsletter for information about the programs at JCPL this summer that kids and families can enjoy together.

Come join us!

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Heard at the Library

A patron said he was in the Indiana Room “getting smart.”

This patron was researching his property in the Indiana Room before he shared this with the desk staff.

You may have wondered what’s in that mysterious closed room. Indiana people and places are found inside those doors.

Inquiring minds can find Indiana people in high school yearbooks, city directories, family histories, death certificates, and cemetery records.

Places and events can be discovered on Commercial Review microfilm, maps, records, and death certificates.

What do YOU want to find?
Gifts to the Library

Would you like to make a gift to the library? Many have chosen to honor or remember friends and family with funds for books or support for programming at the library.

Ask for a gift form at the circulation desk or print one from our website. Drop it off or return it by mail.

Gifts may also be made to further the work of the library through the endowment at The Portland Foundation. More information is available at the library or at the Foundation’s website http://portlandfoundation.org.

DVDs Now In Transit

Looking for a movie, but we don’t have it? Good news!

Patrons at JCPL now have the ability to place a hold on a movie from another library, just as we have been able to do with books. This can be done in a couple of different ways:

1. Come to the front desk and ask our staff to place the hold on the title you are looking for.
2. Log into your Evergreen account, search the catalog, and place holds from your account.

If the hold is filled successfully, you can expect your DVD in about a week. The loan time/renewals will be the same as movies from JCPL. Keep in mind, not all Evergreen libraries participate in this new DVD transit program, so your hold may be denied in some cases.

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."

Mason Cooley

Summer time Fun At Your Library

Are you wondering how to make your family’s summer days full of learning and excitement? Your library has some suggestions that may be just the right fit.

Family Specials: Specially designed events weekly throughout June and July with lots of hands-on interaction for the entire family. From games and building days to “tricky” stories, African Drumming and Dance, robots with JCHS Robotics Club, a quilt program and even Ronald McDonald has some laughs and learning to share.

Make It-Take It Crafts: Creativity abounds with three theme-related craft offerings each on Wednesday from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Drop in anytime and create a project to take home with you. Crafts are geared toward elementary-aged children, but anyone can participate.

Summer Time Fun Bunch: Every Friday, the Community Room will be full of energy-filled activities for the younger crowd. Toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementary-aged children can participate in different crafts, sensory bins, creative play, and more each week from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

Bookmobile Stops: Again this summer, the Bookmobile will be out and about all over Jay County. Both adult and children’s materials will be stocked to keep you reading this summer (especially if you’re taking the Challenge!). Locations are in Portland, Bryant, and Redkey. Check the enclosed schedule for a stop near you.

You will surely have an answer when your family asks, “What will we do today?”

Club Dates

JayCPL Book Club Monday, June 19th, 7:00 pm
This month’s choice is The Nest by Cynthia Sweeney.

Writers Guild Monday, June 27th 5:00-8:00 pm

Hook & Needles Club Tuesday, June 27th, 5:00-7:00 pm
Bring your own supplies and ideas to share or items to brag on.
SCHOLARSHIPS
The Friends have awarded scholarships to three library pages Sierra Ball, Blaik Duran, and Allison Fennig who graduate from Jay County High School this month.

DUES
Friends of the Library annual dues need to be turned in by July 1st to avoid being removed from the rolls.

INSULATED MUGS
Insulated Jay County Library mugs are available for purchase at the circulation desk. Cost is $8.00.

Next regular Friends meeting:
Tuesday, June 20th at 6:30 pm.

What’s hot in Evergreen
Looking for your next great read? Here are the top 10 most in-demand books in the Evergreen System, based on the total number of hold requests placed. All of these titles are currently available (or ready to be placed on hold) here at JCPL. Add them to your reading list and see what everyone is talking about!

1. The Fix by David Baldacci
2. 16th Seduction by James Patterson
3. Golden Prey by John Sanford
4. The Black Book by James Patterson
5. Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
6. One Perfect Lie by Lisa Scottoline
7. Against All Odds by Danielle Steele
8. Th1rteen R3asons Why by Jay Asher
9. All by Myself, Alone by Mary Higgins Clark
10. Fast and Loose by Stuart Woods
Library Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Just a sample of some of the prizes YOU could win in this summer in the 2017 Jay County Public Library Reading Challenge!