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ESCAPE THE LIBRARY!

The library has closed for the night. The computers are shut down, the lights turned off, and the doors are locked. Patrons have all gone home. Well, not ALL of the patrons made it out. Imagine you and your friends are inexplicably locked in the library after hours. How will you get out?

Escape rooms have become a new exciting form of entertainment. Participants are usually “locked in” a themed room and given limited time to get themselves out. Once the timer has started, the team has to scour the scene for clues to challenging puzzles in order to complete the game. Anyone can play, but working together as a team is crucial. If this kind of pulse-pounding, brain-crunching excitement appeals to you, come join us!

After hours on Saturday, October 28th, we will be hosting four rounds of “Escape the Library.” Events are offered in one-hour blocks beginning at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 pm. Space is limited for each time slot offered, so be sure to call early for reservations. Bring a team or come join one. This is an adult event for high school age and older. Attempts will be made to accommodate preference of time. Space is limited to 40 participants. Reservations accepted from October 2nd through October 21st.

Make your reservations by stopping at the desk or calling the library at 260-726-7890. Each participant will need a ticket to enter. Tickets must be picked up by October 21st or will be given to those on the waiting list.



HEARD AT THE LIBRARY

“Your town is just so friendly. Thank you for being so helpful.”

What a nice thing to hear about your community! A gentleman visiting Portland for the Antique Engine and Tractor Show came into the library to make copies. He expressed his appreciation to the staff member assisting him.

We are here to assist in a variety of ways, whether you are having trouble finding a book, need to fax, locate a website, or print some documents.

Need to learn to use some new technology you have? You can make an appointment to sit down with someone and get your questions answered.

Need help? Just ask us!

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GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY



Maybe you'd like to send a gift. 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 with your gift.

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>.

VOTER INFORMATION

When you have questions about voting in Indiana, check the website indianavoters.in.gov that offers these possibilities:

- Confirm My Voter Registration
- Register to Vote
- Find My Polling Place
- See Who My Elected Officials Are
- Track My Absentee Ballot
- Many Other Valuable Election Resources



Help is available for using the public computers to access this website. Just ask at the desk.

CLUB DATES

Cookbook Club

Monday, October 9th at 6:15 pm

Cook up your favorite apple recipe to share. Mmmmm...

JayCPL Book Club

Monday, October 16th at 7:00 pm

Keeping with the Mystery Month theme, the group discusses Uprooted by Naomi Novik.

Hook & Needles Club

Tuesday, October 24th at 5:00-6:30 pm

Bring your own supplies and projects. Share your successes!

Writers Guild

Monday, October 30th at 6:30 pm

We will be working on preparing our anthology for electronic publishing.

OCTOBER IS MYSTERY MONTH

Scooby Doo, where are you???

Find out when the Mystery Machine brings the gang to the library for Mystery Month at JCPL for a bit of clue-finding excitement.



Throughout October, come try the ongoing hands-on activities in the Children's Area.

- ◆ Take aim with the Scooby Doo beanbag toss.
- ◆ Make your move with Shaggy and Scooby Tic-Tac-Toe.
- ◆ Take a selfie as one of the Scooby Doo crew with the photo board.
- ◆ Imagine taking a ride in the Mystery Machine.
- ◆ Watch an episode or two of Scooby Doo being played all day Thursday, October 26th from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- ◆ Halloween Fun & Games with NEW board and card games, a craft, and cookies on October 25th, drop in between 6:30 and 7:30 pm.

And for the grown-up kids (adults and older teens), you can get in on the mystery fun with a **Literary Detective Quiz** that will be available during the month of October. There will be one drawing each week from all submitted entries with at least 50% of the answers correct.

Finally, to wrap up our Mystery Month, older teens and adults can solve puzzles and crack codes to "**Escape the Library.**"

Halloween Fun and Games!!

Come to the library on Wednesday, October 25th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm for a laid-back Halloween event! Costumes are welcome as we offer cookies to decorate, punch to drink, a craft to complete, and board and card games galore. Feel free to drop in anytime during this event to play and have fun @ your library!



LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY PART I

Technology seems to change rapidly, and our society is becoming more and more dependent on it. What was once a luxury now appears to be a necessity. JCPL tries to keep pace with the changes and to provide the community with new resources.



Wireless Hotspots - Jay County has areas that are not reached by consistent and affordable Internet op-

tions. Checking out a hotspot (one week at a time) allows patrons to take the Internet home with them. The devices (acquired by JCPL through a special program with Sprint) feature unlimited data and the service is absolutely free for JCPL card holders.



Hoopla - The popularity of streaming movies, music, and audio books continues to grow. Hoopla is a service JCPL subscribes to in order to provide this kind of option for our patrons. With a JCPL library card, patrons can

stream up to eight items per month, all without charge to the patron. And these items can go right to just about any device you may have.



Overdrive/Libby - Whether you have a Kindle, Nook, or other e-reading device, JCPL, through Overdrive, has a

collection of e-books available. This collection continues to grow and provide options for those patrons who now prefer to read and listen to books in this format.



Download the new simpler version of OverDrive allowing you to borrow thousands of ebooks and audiobooks instantly for free using just the device in your hand.

JCPL is in good position to offer the kinds of new formats that patrons want, and we have made steps to provide these options. JCPL is also able to do this without lessening its investment in the traditional formats - physical books and dvds, and in so doing, we hope to continue to meet the needs of all in Jay County.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Jay County Public Library would like to offer a big *Thank You* to the members of the Friends of the Library who donated their time to the Annual Used Book Sale in August. This event would not be possible without them. As a result, a total of more than **\$1500** was raised after expenses. This money will go a very long way in supporting the many, many programs offered here at the library.

Have you been one of the Friends?
Would you like to join this great group of volunteers?
Plan to attend the next regular Friends meeting:

Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 pm.
(Come early at 6:00 pm to help fold the
November newsletter and get the scoop on library news.)

Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the
basis of man's desire to understand.

~Neil Armstrong

WHAT'S FOR DINNER TONIGHT?

This question gets asked possibly more than any other in the average home. If you're looking for some new ideas and a chance to try them out ahead of time, the Cookbook Club at JCPL be your answer. Meeting at 6:15 pm on the second Monday every month from September to May, participants bring a recipe and a sample to share based on that month's predetermined theme.

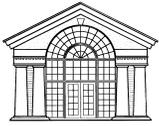
Mary, the host, is looking to shake things up a bit as the new season begins. Demonstrations to help expand your cooking skills may be on the menu soon. So even if you've been part before, now is the time to come back for something different.

The next meeting will be:

Monday, October 9th at 6:15 pm

Theme: Apples!





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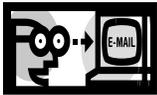
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 At JCPL!!**

