



NEWSNOTES

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LET'S PLAY!

When downtown Portland is celebrating the annual Winterfest, we think it's a great time to get out the games and play.

Bring family and friends to the library on Saturday afternoon, November 19th to play board games. We've got a collection of games at the library, or you may bring one or more from home too. Meet some fellow Catan fans or get a Clue with fellow players.

This might be a great time to try out potential holiday gifts — whether you are hoping to find the perfect present or drop hints for one.



The special feature of the day will be a chance to play a **life-size version of Candy Land**. How sweet is that?!

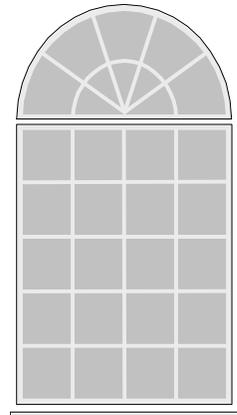
Play regular board games all afternoon as you wish. Candy Land is from 2:00 to 4:00 pm only.

The event is open to all ages, though young children should be accompanied by a caregiver. No pre-registration is required, just come to the library and join the fun.

Did you know ...?

The library has board games you can use during your next visit to the library.

Look for the games shelves at each end of the circulation desk. Kids' games are at the north end near the children's area. Games more popular with teens and adults are at the south end around the corner.



HEARD AT THE LIBRARY

The celebration continues!



Jay County Public Library
1996-2016

In mid-October we kicked off a list of 20 things to celebrate 20 years in our building.

The celebration continues through November 11th. You can still enjoy several activities and share what you love about your library.

Check inside for more details about our book character pumpkin contest, author program, appreciation days and more.

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GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY



Would you like to make a gift to the library?

Many have chosen to honor or remember friends and family by giving 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.

VOTER INFORMATION

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

- Confirm My Voter Registration
- Submit a Voter Registration Application Online
- Review Candidates on My Ballot
- Update My Voter Registration
- Print a Voter Registration Form
- Contact My County Election Office
- Contact the Indiana Election Division
- Check Indiana Campaign Finance Records
- Find My Polling Place
- See Who My Elected Officials Are
- Track My Absentee Ballot

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

CLUB DATES

Cookbook Club

Monday, November 14th at 6:15 pm
Theme: Side Dishes for Thanksgiving

JayCPL Book Club

Monday, November 21st 7:00 pm
The group discusses Staying Put: Making a Home in a Restless World by Scott Russell Sanders, the author of twenty books of fiction and non-fiction living in Bloomington, Indiana.

Hook & Needles Club

Tuesday, November 22nd 5:00-6:30 pm
Are you heavy into making those gifts? Time's a-wasting!

Writers Guild

No meetings in November and December. Keep writing!

ENTER YOUR PUMPKIN BOOK CHARACTER

Turn your pumpkin into a character from a book and enter it in our contest for a chance to win a \$10 gift card.

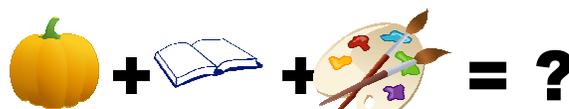
The Book Character Pumpkin & Gourd Decorating Contest starts November 4th. The deadline for entries is November 7th.

Each entry must be a real pumpkin or gourd and must be decorated and/or painted but NOT carved. All submissions must be picked up by November 14th.

Need some inspiration, materials and space to create your book character pumpkin?

Come to the Community Room Friday, November 4th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. You may bring your own pumpkin or gourd or use one of the several we'll have on hand.

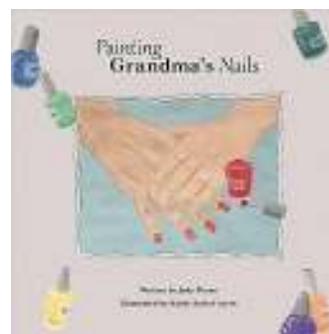
What character will yours be?



NAIL PAINTING WITH AN AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Local artist Kathy Ayers has illustrated a picture book written by Judy Bruns titled Painting Grandma's Nails. Ayers and Bruns will visit the library Wednesday, November 2nd to meet readers and have a Nail Painting Party.

Bring your children and your grandparents to have fun with Kathy and Judy and plenty of colorful polish.



SOME BIG NUMBERS 1996 TO 2016

Director Eric Hinderliter has been crunching some big numbers in preparation for celebrating the library building's 20th anniversary. What has been happening at 315 N. Ship Street since it opened in October of 1996?

Items Circulated 5,869,128

That's books, magazines, DVDs and more.

Door Count 2,724,148

That's how many times people entered main area.

Library Programs 2,978

Meeting Room Uses 14,191 in the three public rooms

Spaces for public use were a new feature for the library. The study room, conference room and the large Community Room have continued to be extremely popular through the years.

MAKE ORNAMENTS FOR YOURSELF OR THE LIBRARY

On Saturday November 12th, you can make ornaments from old book pages and decorative paper at our **Christmas Ornament Craft Table** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Friends Room (just past the computer gallery).

Instructions and materials will be available to anyone who would like to give it try. Keep your ornament or leave it to help decorate the library's trees to be displayed at the Court House and the Jay County Historical Museum this season.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Plan to attend the next regular Friends meeting:

Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 pm.

(Come early at 6:00 pm to help fold the

November newsletter and get the scoop on library news.)

ENTER YOUR LETTER

Are you in grades 4 - 12 (homeschoolers too!) and have had the way you look at the world changed by a book? Write a letter to the author and enter it in *Letters About Literature*, a contest supported by the Library of Congress.

Letters About Literature awards prizes on both the state and the national levels. State Winners win cash prizes and advance to the national level. A panel of national judges for the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress will select one National Winner per competition level to receive a \$1,000 cash award.

Indiana semifinalists and finalists will be invited to the Indiana Youth Literary Day and Awards Ceremony sponsored by the James & Madeleine McMullan Family Foundation on April 27, 2017. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in creative writing workshops presented by Indiana writers, and will be honored at a ceremony following the day's activities. All attendees will receive free books and are invited to an exclusive book-signing reception at the beautiful Indiana State Library in downtown Indianapolis following the ceremony.

Visit www.read.gov/letters/ to learn more about the contest's entry deadlines, rules and more.



"Even though we live in this supposedly hyperconnected world, it's very easy to feel like no one ever really hears you or understands you," Green observes. "Great books help you understand, and they help you to feel understood."

— Author John Green
(quoted in support of Teen Read Week 2012)



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 SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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Props were gathered for Library Mini Golf event October 21st.



Doors open, banner out. Time to celebrate!