

# NEWSNOTES

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRANKENSTEIN!



Mary Shelley first started writing her story of a young scientist named Victor Frankenstein when she was 18. The first edition of *Frankenstein; or The Modern Prometheus*, was published anonymously in London on January 1, 1818 when she was 20. It wasn't until the second edition was published in France in 1823 that her name appeared as the author of the story.

Inspiration came to Shelley while traveling through Europe and especially in Germany where Frankenstein's Castle is located. Her traveling companions including her husband Percy Shelley and Lord Byron decided to have a competition to see who could write the best horror story. Shelley's story of a scientist who created life only to be horrified by his creation has now reached its 200<sup>th</sup> year and has been retold in various adaptation on the page and on screen.

### Breakout of Frankenstein's Lab: Escape Room Game

**Who:** Adults and Teens

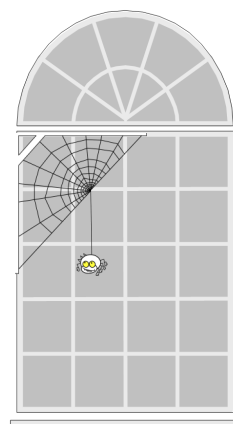
**When:** Friday, October 26; Monday, October 29th; Tuesday, October 30 at 5:30 & 6:30 pm

**Where:** JCPL Community Room

**What:** You and your five friends have been locked inside Frankenstein's Lab while he goes to search for a new brain. You only have 40 minutes to put your science and problem solving skills to the test and escape his lab before he comes back.

Call the library and register for one of these game times at 260-726-7890.

**Kids! Look on page 2 for your chance to play an escape game!**



## HEARD AT THE LIBRARY

*What a joyful look! ~Cindy, about the new look in our Story Corner*

*My 3.5 year old loved her morning with you yesterday. Thanks for all your preparation and joy. We are blessed to have such active and engaged librarians. ~Rachel*

*It's enjoyable to listen to someone reading children stories. ~Helen*

*I love our library! ~Sheila*

These comments come straight from the library's Facebook page. Social media has become so prevalent in our every day lives as a means to communicate our feelings. We love hearing your input! But did you know that we post what is happening in the library as well as announce new programs and important updates such as when there is a change in our programming? If you haven't "liked" us on Facebook yet, be sure and do so to stay connected with YOUR library!

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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>.

## CLUB DATES

### DIY Home—Fall Décor

Monday, October 8th at 6:00 pm

Presenting Fall Décor you can easily do yourself. Mary Adair will present several fun and stylish ways to decorate your home for the fall season. Includes a decoration you will make that night.

### JayCPL Book Club

Monday, October 15th at 7:00 pm

The group discusses *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. *From the seed of historical truth that is the death of President Lincoln's beloved eleven-year-old son Willie, George Saunders spins a "story of familial love and loss that breaks free of its realistic, historical framework into a supernatural realm ... Willie Lincoln finds himself in a strange purgatory where ghosts mingle, gripe, commiserate, quarrel, and enact bizarre acts of penance. Within this transitional state--called, in the Tibetan tradition, the bardo--a monumental struggle erupts over young Willie's soul"*

### Hook & Needles Club

#### \*LAST MEETING OF 2018

Tuesday, October 23rd from 5:00-6:30 pm

Get inspired to start those holiday gifts or use the time to finish one while sharing your skills and crafts with other knitters, crocheters, and craftsmen.

### Writers Guild

#### \*SPECIAL DATE

Monday, October 22nd at 6:30 pm

We will meet to discuss and practice adding horror and suspense to your story.

## FRANKIE'S FALL FUN



Halloween is known as a spooky time, but for kids and families, Halloween is really a time for loads of fun! The library has *scared* up a month full of things to do. Since our friend, *Frankie* (Frankenstein), turns 200 this year, we are going to CELEBRATE!

**October 6th, 9:30-11:00 am: Saturday Morning Cartoons Meet Frankenstein** Join Alvin and Scooby Doo as they meet up with Frankenstein's Monster. Donuts and juice will be provided.

**October 10th, 6:30 pm: Monster Mash Escape Party**  
For grades 3 – 8; Sign up required, limit of 15.

An escape room dance party! Figure out the clues, unlock the Breakout Box to get to the final key, and you can escape the monsters from Igor's Dance Dungeon! Clues will need to be solved as a group in 45 minutes' time to "win" the escape. Refreshments provided.

### FALL BREAK WEEK—October 24-27

**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm: Halloween Party** Come in costume and hear some scary stories!! Then relax with refreshments as you wander about the children's area and play with some library toys. Then complete a craft to showcase a picture of yourself in costume—we'll take them this night and you can come back later to claim them!

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am: Movie & Donuts** *Curious George: A Halloween Boofest* (57 minutes) Curious George is excited about Halloween and the Annual Boo Festival. While visiting the pumpkin farm, George hears the tale of No Noggin and sets out to prove he's real.

**2:00-4:00 pm: Drop – in crafts in the children's area**  
All the supplies and directions that you need to make several monster crafts on your own!

**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am-12:00 pm: Drop – in crafts in the children's area (different ones than yesterday!):**  
All the supplies and directions that you need to make several monster crafts on your own!

**2:00 pm: Movie & Popcorn: The Halloween Tree** (88 minutes)  
Four youths try to save the spirit of their friend Pip from the ghosts of Halloweens past, and discover the magic and meaning of Halloween and friendship.

**October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm: Frankenstein's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday party:**  
**For all ages**

Join us in celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the writing of this famous monster story! There will be cupcakes to frost, monster games to play, and a monster dance party. We'll even sing happy birthday to Mary Shelley, author of Frankenstein, and to Frankie as well!



## SHIFT INTO OVERDRIVE

JCPL is now part of a new initiative offered by OverDrive, which gives you a big advantage to check out eBooks and audiobooks. Through OverDrive Advantage, you still have access to the full collection of the eIndiana Digital Consortium, but you'll get priority on titles purchased by the Jay County Public Library.

When you're logged in with your JCPL library card, you'll find JCPL Advantage books on the main screen of the OverDrive app or website. When you enter the collection, you can browse or filter the items to find exactly what you're looking for. The collection will grow each month as new items are added. For the first six months, only JCPL patrons will have access to these items. That means you'll have a much shorter wait for these books!

The library will monitor the holds list and look to reduce wait time for patrons by purchasing high demand titles in the OverDrive Advantage program, getting the book in your hands much more quickly.

That's the good news. Unfortunately, if you place holds on items in the JCPL Advantage collection, you won't see the benefit in your holds list. OverDrive does not yet have a way to show patrons where they truly are in their wait for an Advantage book. For instance, a patron places a hold on a book right after it was purchased as a JCPL Advantage book. However, her holds list shows her as #44 on 3 copies (right). But that's not true! A look at the staff side shows her as #2 on the wait for JCPL's copy. Much better!

OverDrive Advantage is one way to get books faster, but we want to remind you of other options that apply to all eIndiana Digital Consortium items. Remember to return them as soon as you're finished. Yes, books automatically return at the end of the check-out time, but you also have the option to return them early. Also, you can select a shorter check out time. You have the option of 7, 14 or 21 day checkout, and that can be customized for EACH BOOK. If you know you're a fast reader, select a shorter time, and return it early if you finish quickly.



## 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 \$1,548.50 was raised. 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 16th at 6:30 pm.**  
(Come early at 6:00 pm to help fold the  
November newsletter and get the scoop on library news.)

## INTRODUCING: DIY HOME



We can all use a little help with ideas and how-to's we see on places like Pinterest and HGTV. DIY Home is a new series being offered at JCPL that will do just that. Each month, local businesses, community members, or library staff will provide useful explanations and some hands-on demonstrations to make your house the home you want it to be.

DIY Home meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Community Room here at the library. October is Fall Décor, and November will be "Winterizing Your Home."

Watch for the DIY Home logo to see what is happening next.!

## VOTER INFORMATION

When you have questions about voting in Indiana, check the website [indianavoters.in.gov](http://indianavoters.in.gov) that offers these possibilities:

- Confirm My Voter Registration
- Register to Vote
- Find My Polling Place
- See Who Is On the Ballot
- 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.



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

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in the library!

Our Story Corner  
is getting  
a fresh new look!  
Be sure to check it out!

