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GINGERBREAD AND CELEBRATIONS

The seasonal urge for celebrations is contagious and the library is not immune. We're decking the library in gingerbread this month and planning opportunities to discover ways to celebrate.

A Multicultural Celebrations Expo

Monday, December 5th, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

From Noche Buena and Our Lady of Guadalupe to traditions from India and Japan, different cultures celebrate holidays, well, differently. Come see some of the traditions and holidays celebrated by families in our community. Visit displays and talk to volunteers who have come to share their traditions with you. Maybe you will even get a chance to taste something new.

Holiday Open House and Visit Santa

Saturday, December 10th, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Drop in to enjoy holiday crafts and refreshments and even visit Santa Claus to make your last minute requests and wish him well on his upcoming travels. Santa visits courtesy of the Jay County Chamber of Commerce and will also be in the library Thursday, December 1st from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and Thursday, December 15th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

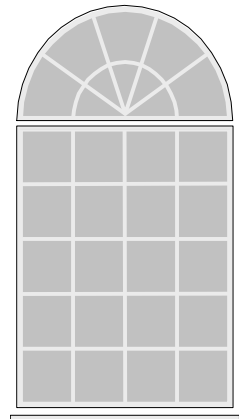
Cookie & Cake Decorating 101

Monday December 12th, 6:15pm in the Community Room

Try your hand at constructing and decorating festive treats. The JayCPL Cookbook Club will be hosting a hands-on demonstration of how to decorate cakes and cookies using the library's new Cake Decorating Kit and other creative ideas. Great for adults and teens. Any child attending must be accompanied AND supervised by an adult.



Here's a tip (or tips!): The Cake Decorating Kit includes a DVD, instruction booklet, pastry/piping bag and a set of tips. It's one of many different kits and items that the library circulates. We also have Learning to Knit or Crochet and various exercise kits. Look for them by the Non-fiction audiobooks or ask at the circulation desk.



HEARD AT THE LIBRARY

Why gingerbread at the library?

Maybe it's that white icing looks like snow when frosting a gingerbread house. Maybe bright decorations catch the light in a special way during the longer winter evenings. Or it could be that since gingerbread figures in some of the first tales heard in childhood, what with runaway cookies and tempting edible houses, it just seems natural to associate it with the storybooks at the library.

For all those reasons and more we're spreading fun gingerbread around the building this month.



Sweet!

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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.

Use the gift form on the insert to this issue or ask for one at the circulation desk, or print one from our website. Drop it off or return it by mail with your gift.

CLUB DATES

JayCPL Couponing Club

Monday, December 5th at 6:00 pm

Cookbook Club

Monday, December 12th at 6:15 pm

Hosting Cookie & Cake Decorating 101.

JayCPL Book Club

Monday, December 19th at 7:00 pm

The Best Book of the Year Celebration (see below).

Hook & Needles Club

Tuesday, December 27th 5:00-6:30 pm

Make learning to crochet one of your goals for 2017 and get a head start at this year's last meeting.

Writers Guild

No meeting in December. Fix yourself a hot drink at home and sit down to write.

JayCPL Book Club

Best Book of the Year Celebration

December 19th at 7:00 pm
Community Room

What was the best book you read this year? Come share it with our Book Club as we celebrate our Bicentennial Year of Reading. (Your pick does not have to be a book club book.)

AND

Let's have a book exchange. Have a gently read book that you would like to share with someone else? Bring it along and exchange it for something new to you.

HEALTH INSURANCE INFO & HELP

Learn more about getting health care insurance at an Insurance Information Update coming Wednesday, December 14th at 10:00 am in the Community Room.

The talk is a presentation by Meridian Health Services, a not-for-profit organization that offers full body health care, accepts most insurances and also offers a sliding fee scale for those who qualify.

Following the talk, a representative will be available for one-on-one appointments until 2:00 pm to help people fill out online applications for any of the Indiana State Insurance programs or the Federal Marketplace.

To schedule an appointment call Erica at Meridian Services (765-625-1483) or drop in for any available appointments. You do not need to be a Meridian client to take advantage of this free service that answers questions about any of the Indiana state insurance programs, including HIP 2.0, Hoosier Healthwise, Medicaid, CHIP and Marketplace.

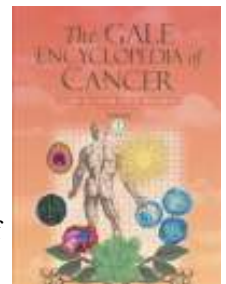
Meridian Health Services has two locations in Jay County: at 931 W. Water Street in Portland and 1150 S Main Street in Dunkirk.



CANCER REFERENCE

When you need to know more about cancer types, terms, tests, treatments and the many factors to weigh when making decisions, consider using [The Gale Encyclopedia of Cancer](#).

The 2015 edition is a 3-volume set in the library's reference section. The oversized books don't circulate, but can be a place to begin tracking down the facts you need and understanding more about what you learn from medical professionals.



The reference section is on the east side of the adult area, just past the red wall. Or ask at the circulation desk.

COUNTING SUCCESS

Here we are again - another year has gone by. Has it gone as quickly for you as it has for us? For me, this time of year with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year, always brings about a process of looking back.

How has 2016 been at JCPL? I am happy to report that we are considering it a successful year. Can I count the ways?

1. Another fun Summer Challenge was completed.
2. We introduced the No Slide Zone to help young students hold onto reading skills during summer vacation.
3. Our Kindergarten Prep School helped over 100 students get their education off on the right foot.
4. We paid off the bond on our facility and in the process enjoyed 20 Things in 20 Days in recognition of 20 years of service in our Ship Street location.
5. Bookmobile service grew this summer.
6. Classroom and outreach visits by our staff increased greatly.
7. Our borrowers are on pace to check out over 250,000 items this year.
8. We are also on pace to have over 125,000 visitors to the library.

That's a lot to be thankful for. But, we are most thankful for you and your families, who make JCPL a regular part of your life. To reference our 20th Anniversary banner, "Keep coming through the door!"

Eric Hinderliter, director

SAVE WITH THE JAYCPL COUPONING CLUB

If you are looking for a way to save money on your grocery bill, food for your pet or maybe bargains for your Christmas list, join us at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 5th to learn about ways to save with coupons both paper and electronic.



Bring any coupons with you that you would be willing to share.

The meeting is in the Friends Room, just past the electronic gallery.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Friends do not have a regular meeting in December but they are still busy helping out with cookies for the Holiday Open House. In fact they've been busy all year helping with programs, supplying treats, running the annual August book sale, folding the newsletter and more. Thanks to our Friends for their many, many hours of volunteer work and support.

Friends, might be available to help fold the January newsletter? Give Cheryl a call at the library to let her know.

Shop with Friends this season. Items from the ongoing used book sale can be inexpensive and "green" recycled gifts. Or give a tote bag or library ornament to the readers in your life.



I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. 1841-1935
Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

TREES A TREAT TO SEE

The library staff and two of our library's interest groups have trees on display at two community sites.

Among the trees on display at the Jay County Courthouse you'll find one with ornaments handcrafted by the Hook and Needles Club and more ornaments made from recycled books.



At the Jay County Historical Society display, see the library's tribute to Dr. Seuss. The Cookbook Club has a tree at the same venue decorated with cooks' tools, recipes, ingredients and treats.



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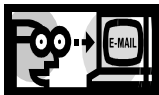
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Look what's up at
 the library.



Dorothy and Glinda came all the way from Oz for Books Come Alive night.



The Book Character Pumpkin event brought some strangely familiar faces to the library.

PreK winner Emma Slack made Clifford the Big Red Dog.

Two winners were inspired by A Bad Case of Stripes: Callie Houck (K-3) and Angel Clairday (4-6).

Teen winner Celeste French went for Pinkalicious.



Library staff tried a couple faces too. Recognize these characters?