

NEWSNOTES

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HELPING YOUR STUDENTS SUCCEED

As school approaches, Linda Shreve, the Children's Services Librarian, has some ways you and the library can help get the school year off to a great start for your students.

Kindergarten Prep School, or KiPS, is a program offered at Jay County Public Library each summer. Supported by Jay Schools, which provides transportation and snacks, the program is for incoming kindergartners to prepare them for school. Started in the summer of 2011, the program has helped over 800 children. The children are taught some basic academics but are also introduced to such necessary things as standing in line, keeping their hands to themselves, taking turns, waiting patiently and quietly, opening their own milk cartons, and throwing away their trash from snacks. These are hard things to teach at home, where waiting in line to use the bathroom generally isn't necessary and milk comes in a glass!



Kindergarten teachers in the Jay Schools often spend weeks (months!) preparing their students to do these simple things before they can begin teaching them how to succeed in school. KiPS is a program that assists them with this endeavor. Parents, too, can help prepare their children before they begin their formal schooling. The library offers many ways to help with this.

Story Times and other programs

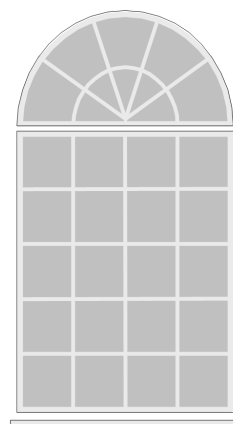
Children learn by example, and you'll find excellent examples of reading at any story time. Parents, too, can learn how to read aloud to their own children in a way that is entertaining and engaging. Seeing a librarian let loose and show their dramatic side makes it easier for any parent to get in character when reading to their own child. A child read to is a child who likes to read.

Books, books, and more books

We believe you can never have too many books (though we do limit your check-outs to 100 items at a time!). Borrowing books often and reading together is a simple way to help your child succeed. By reading aloud to their young children, parents help them acquire the skills they will need to be ready for school. Older children also benefit from being read to, even when you think (and they think) they're too old. It's also a great way to bond with these sometimes difficult tweens. And the simple act of letting your children see *you* reading shows them that it's something you value, that it's worth the time to do. *(Continued on page 3)*

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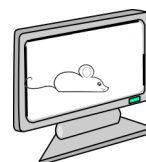


HEARD AT THE LIBRARY

This sweet story was shared on our Facebook page:

I took this little guy to the library today and we found the computer games for toddlers. He was playing a game with a little mouse on it but he kept trying to touch the screen to get it to do what he wanted because he is used to touch screen. I showed him the mouse and told him what it was called and how it works. Next thing I know he has his little face right down next to the mouse and he says, "Hey mouse, you in there?" and then he proceeded to tell the mouse which game he wanted to play! Of course that makes the most sense of what I was saying to an almost 3 year old who has never used an actual

mouse before!
He keeps me
laughing!



GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Many thanks to those who have made gifts to the library in memory or in honor of friends and loved ones.

Given by Elizabeth Baughn and Marilyn Borgia in memory of Sandra (Whetsone) Lawrence

Forever Kozy / Marilyn Borgia

Donations given to Kindergarten Prep School (KiPS) by

Anonymous Donor

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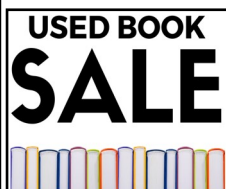
Jay County REMC



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>.



Friends' Used Book Sale runs **8/23-8/25** at JCPL. Hours are Thursday - Friday 8 am to 7 pm and then Saturday 8 am - noon for a box and bag sale.

Come stock up!!

CLUB DATES

JayCPL Book Club

Mondays, July 16th & August 20th at 7:00 pm

Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart will be discussed on July 16th, and then on August 20th, No One is Coming to Save Us by Stephanie Watts will be the topic.

Hook & Needles Club

Tuesdays, July 24th & August 30th, 5:00-6:30 pm
Bring your own supplies and ideas to share or items to brag on.

Writers Guild

Last Mondays of the month, July 30th and August 29th at 6:30 pm.

DON'T MISS THE BUS! BE READY TO RIDE

Any Jay Schools new kindergarten students who will be riding the bus are invited to the library's annual school bus program on Friday, August 3rd. The children ride a real school bus with their parents from the library to an area school.



Though we don't visit each school individually, the program is a chance to learn about how riding the bus works. The bus driver provides a review of school bus safety rules. At the school building, a kindergarten teacher will welcome the children to a classroom where they are treated to some kindergarten fun, a story or two, and a chance to play on the playground equipment.



Come share and learn with your child. Space is limited. Call 260-726-7890 to register the child and a caregiver in advance.

The bus leaves the library at 10:00 a.m. and returns at noon. Only kindergarten age children with an adult caregiver may ride. Sorry, siblings may not come along.

Thank you

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the Summer Challenge possible!

COME ON A SILLY SAFARI!

GO WILD with JJ and Silly Safaris' LIVE animal show, a perfect blend of fact and fun for all ages.

The show features a variety of reptiles, mammals, birds, and bugs for an experience everyone will remember. JJ, the funologist, will keep the entire audience involved, and special guests from the audience join each animal for a game that teaches about the natural world.



Be sure to join us on Monday, July 16th at 10:00 am here at the library. You won't want to miss this!

HELPING STUDENTS

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Materials for parents

When checking out books, look for some that might help YOU help your child. The non-fiction section 371 and 372 offers many books, such as What smart students know: maximum grades, optimum learning, minimum time by Adam Robinson. There are many other similar titles available at JCPL as well as through the Evergreen Indiana consortium. Ask a library staff person for help.

The Internet

If you've got a smart phone, you can use it to be smart about education. Pull up any search engine and ask: "What can I do to help my child succeed in school?" No phone? No problem! Use one of the library's many computers to search. Or borrow a hotspot to connect your phone to Wi-Fi at home (currently there is a waiting list for the library's 10 hotspots). A couple of sites you can try are the following:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/helping-your-child-succeed-school>
<https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/succeed/succeed.pdf>

There are many obstacles blocking your child's success pathway as they make their way through school. Don't let "I didn't know" be one for your family. Come to the library and ask us; we'll be glad to help!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

PLANNING MEETING

The annual used book sale is set for August 23rd, 24th and 25th. The Friends will meet on July 17th at 6:30 to do some planning. Any changes to the meeting will be posted on the Friends of the Library Facebook page. There will be no newsletter folding this month.

FRIENDS ONLY PREVIEW SALE

Wednesday night, August 22nd is the Friends Only Preview Sale from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Friends of the Library members who have paid their dues will have first pick of the materials available. Membership dues may be paid that night.

DONATIONS FOR THE SALE: August 20th -21st

The Friends of the Library will be accepting donations of gently used books, movies, music, games, and puzzles. Please bring your donations to the Community Room during library hours. DO NOT drop off books outside the library. Please note that some materials will not be accepted. Do NOT bring any type of encyclopedia sets, textbooks, Reader's Digest Condensed books, or any materials that are musty, moldy, or damaged.

**Next regular Friends meetings:
Tuesdays, July 17th & August 21st at 6:30 pm.**

(Come early at 6:00 pm on August 21st to help fold the September newsletter and get the scoop on library news.)

"YOUNG" McDONALD HAD A FARM...



Come out to the Farmer's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds on Monday, July 9th at 10:00 am as JCPL and Future Farmers of America in Jay County are teaming up for some barnyard fun at the fair.

Join Linda Shreve as she reads farm stories and sing animal songs along with the FFA members and their young animals. This activity is for all ages, so bring the whole family!



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Look what's up at
the library—



**Feel the excitement of
Summer Reading Challenge!**



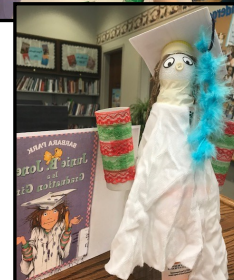
**Summer Time Fun
Bunch is in full swing!**



**Summer campers enjoying
weekly activities**



**Family Programs have
something for everyone!**



Summer Bookmobile service will continue through Friday, July 20th.