



# NEWSNOTES

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## GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Homemade gifts are welcome ways to show you care and are also easy on the budget. This season, the library is offering a variety of opportunities to create a gift from the heart.

### December 10 at 6:00 pm - DIY Home: Gifts from the Kitchen & More

Treat your friends and family to healthy, home-prepared gifts. Whether you want to give delightfully-layered mixes in a canning jar or simple crafts that you've made yourself, we will help you do it. Creative ways to wrap these treats will also be demonstrated with supplies available to create and wrap something up that night. For teens and adults.



### December 12 at 6:30 pm - Kids/Teens Tie Dye Crafts

Want a groovy way to show you care? Bring a white, washed item and use our dyes to make a one-of-a-kind gift for someone special. Suggested items include t-shirts, socks, undershirts, onesies, and hairbands. Please limit your selection to one large or a couple of small items. Dye, gloves, rubber bands, and wash-out instructions will be supplied. Refreshments will be available. Registration is requested. For teens or children with adult supervision.



### December 13 from 2:00-4:00 pm - Crafternoon

Spend a relaxing afternoon making some new ornaments for your tree. Use available supplies to felt an ugly Christmas sweater ornament or create a unique painted ball ornament. For teens and adults.

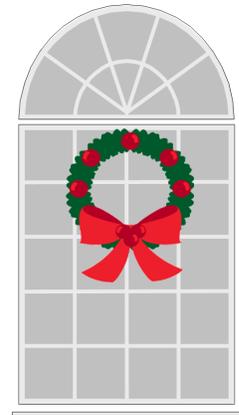


### December 19th at 6:30 pm - Kids/Teens Candy making

Come and complete a few microwave or no-cook recipes that you can gift to a friend or loved one or keep for yourself! All supplies will be provided to make a sampling of fudge, hard candy, and more. A cardboard candy box will be available to decorate for carrying home the goodies. Registration is requested. For teens or children with adult supervision.



Can't make the craft time? Check out one of our many new crafting and cooking books.



## HEARD AT THE LIBRARY

*"I'm happy to get this book to share with my daughter."*

This patron shared a story about how as a young child she was not a reader until she came across this book. It was the first book she loved. She shared how she planned to read this same book with her daughter and talk about it in the hopes of igniting that same love of reading in her.

Why not share a favorite book from your childhood with *your* child or grandchild? ❤️



## Holiday Schedule

Closed December 24 and 25

Close at noon December 31

Closed January 1

Open regular hours all other days

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## 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.



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.

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The annual Kids' Holiday Open House gets the season off to a great start. On Saturday, December 8th, drop in any time from 9:00-11:00 am and have a cup of hot cocoa. Kids can keep the mug! Decorate a cookie like a holiday ornament, then make some real ones to hang on your tree or leave to hang on ours. Check out the holiday books, movies, and CDs we'll have on display for your viewing and listening pleasure.



## CLUB DATES

### DIY Home

Monday, December 10th at 6:00 pm  
Gifts from the Kitchen

### JayCPL Book Club

Monday, December 17th at 7:00 pm  
Year-End Wrap-up  
Enjoy a movie, refreshments, and view our selection of titles for 2019.

### Hook & Needles Club

No meeting in December. Take this time to plan some new projects for 2019!

### Writers Guild

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

## WINTERFEST AT THE LIBRARY



WinterFest in Jay County is a much anticipated annual event, and this year the events at the library will be worth the wait!

On Friday night, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, be sure to bring your family to enjoy a free showing of

“The Man Who Invented Christmas,” the journey that led to Charles Dickens’ creation of *A Christmas Carol*, a timeless tale that would redefine the holiday. Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

On Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm, the Minnetrista Theater Group presents “An Adaptation of a Christmas Carol” right here at YOUR library. In 1925, Ball Brothers Company had an edition of *A Christmas Carol* designed and printed as a gift for friends, family, and employees in hopes of encouraging families to read the book. The Minnetrista Theater Group is performing their adapted version of the story in the hopes of inspiring you to read the book again.



## BREAKOUT: ELF GAME



Buddy the Elf says, “The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear.” Well, since libraries are “quiet places,” why not try to help Buddy out in another way?

Buddy needs to get the keys for the sleigh to Santa, but they are locked in a box. Your team will solve various puzzles in the library to unlock the box and get Santa his keys, so he can deliver all the toys on Christmas Eve. (Based on the movie, “Elf.”)

On Saturday, December 22nd between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, a new game will start every half hour if there are people waiting to play. Feel free to join a team at any time. Registration is not required unless you want to reserve a specific time for your team.

## WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES



Fill your family's winter break with a sleighful of activities between Christmas and the new year. We have something for each day that the library is open that week.

### **Breakout: Let it Snow**

**December 26 at 1:30 & 6:30 pm**

Do you LOVE snow but get cold playing outside in it? Well, we found a way to make snow to play with inside. It isn't real, but it may satisfy your wish for snow. However, we inadvertently locked the directions and ingredients in the lock box. Figure out the puzzles and clues to unlock the ingredients for making your own snow, then make some to play with. Grades 3-8. Registration required. Limit of 10 players.

### **Winter Wonderland Crafts**

**December 27 from 1:00-3:00 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm**

Drop-in to make some crafts featuring winter sports (skiers, sleds), hot chocolate, and snowmen crafts. All materials and directions will be provided to complete each craft.

### **Show Gratitude Crafts**

**December 28 from 1:00-3:00 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm**

Was Santa good to you this year? Then write him a letter to thank him! We'll provide some stationery and envelopes for you to thank the big guy. Need to send a thank-you card to someone else who gave you presents? We'll have the stuff and ideas to make those, too. Want to thank someone in an especially nice way? We'll even have a few easy-to-make gifts you can assemble for that.

### **Noisemakers**

**December 29 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm**

Get ready for New Year's Eve! Drop in to find materials and directions for putting together and decorating your own special noisemakers to take home. Happy New Year!

## GIFT WRAPPING

Do you need to wrap up your Christmas giving? JCPL is making gift wrapping stations available in the Community Room on Thursday, December 6th from 6:30-7:30 pm. All of the necessary supplies will be available to get your gifts ready for giving.



Staff will also be on hand to help out if you need. Please no oversized gifts and limit to 3 gifts per person.



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Being a friend is a good thing. Being a Friend of the Library is a great thing. Many needs are met by our Friends. Through the year, they purchase many supplies for the programs with funds raised with their annual/ongoing book sales. This month, the gift wrap supplies are provided by the Friends. Baked goods and volunteering at events are other ways they help make the library events run smoothly. Consider becoming part of the Friends of the Library. Ask at the circulation desk.

As in the past, there will be no regular Friends meeting in December.

Friends, might you be available to help fold the January newsletter Tuesday, December 18th at 6:00 pm? Give Cheryl a call at the library to let her know.

Need to check off a gift for that reader in your life? Friends have Jay County Public Library colorful tote bags for \$10.00 and insulated travel mugs for just \$8.00. Check out the back page! Purchase at the circulation desk.

## A NEW GENERATION OF LITTLE WOMEN



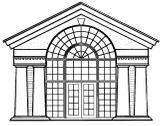
This year marks the 150-year anniversary of the release of *Little Women*. In honor of the occasion, the 2018 remake will be shown on Friday, December 21 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room. Share this classic with your family. Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

Amazon has this to say: "From girls playing in the attic to women living with purpose, the March sisters – Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy – are committed to always supporting each other. Yet growing up sometimes means growing apart. When tragedy brings the sisters back home, sticking together takes on a new meaning. *Little Women* brings the same sisters to a new generation to celebrate dreams, family and unconditional love."



**Come see Santa at the  
Jay County Public Library  
Wednesday, December 5th  
4:00 - 6:00 pm.**

Santa visits courtesy of the Jay County  
Chamber of Commerce.



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