



News Notes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

A Note From the Director

On behalf of the Jay County Public Library Staff and Board of Trustees, I would like to extend best wishes to all of you during the Christmas and New Year seasons. This year has brought us a lot of challenges and we, at the library, continue to adapt to the changing situation.

Like many in our community, the Jay County Public Library staff and Board of Trustees have been watching the public health crisis posed by Covid-19 in Jay County and throughout Indiana. In light of how the pandemic has progressed we are trying to make decisions that are in the best interest of the safety of our staff and patrons.

As a result, we are making a few adjustments to some of our services enjoyed by our patrons. First, all in-person programming (with the exception of our Whoville event on December 3) has been suspended. Second, all meeting room space for the public is closed. And, third, patrons must wear a face covering, in accordance to the Governor's Executive Order, while in the building.

We are taking these steps in order to do our part to help stop the spread of Covid-19 in Jay County. Slowing the spread now only increases our chances of avoiding having to close our doors completely to the public as we did this spring.

I invite those who are unable to wear a mask to take advantage of Curbside Delivery. We can still help all patrons with copying, faxing, printing, and scanning needs. All it takes is a phone call to the library and we will be happy to help you.

We understand these steps may pose an inconvenience to some, and I thank you for your understanding during this time.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at (260) 726-7890 or email me at ehinderliter@jaycpl.lib.in.us.

Eric Hinderliter

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Whoville Shopping Event



The holidays are coming, and it's time to spread some Christmas cheer! JCPL will host a special shopping night on Thursday, December 3 from 5-7 p.m. for children ages 4 years to 3rd grade. Half hour reservations will be taken. It's a chance for children to "buy" a free gift for two family members.

Children must complete four tasks and present their ticket to get into Whoville. Children may choose from a variety of gifts, and the library's Whoville helpers will help your child select a free gift and wrap it. Parents can wait outside Whoville (In the Community Room) or enjoy the library while your child shops. Parents must remain in the library and will be notified when the child is finished shopping.

Due to social distancing recommendations, sign-up is limited for this event, so call now!

Virtual Santa Visits

Give your child the gift of a virtual Santa visit this year! The Jay County Public Library is offering a free opportunity for you and your child to talk with Santa via Zoom from the comfort of your own home. Simply go to the library's website, Facebook page, or come to the library and fill out a simple reservation form so that Santa may personalize your conversation. Once your form is received by the library, you will be contacted by Santa's helper to confirm the details of your Zoom visit.

15-minute time slots are available on Tuesday, December 8 from 5-7 p.m.; Thursday, December 10 from 5-7 p.m.; and Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Library staff will also assist with questions regarding devices and Zoom access. Space is limited, so reserve your virtual session soon. Visit or call the library at 260-726-7890 and talk to Shana or Cheryl for more information.



The Most Popular

What are the most in-demand books in the 115+ Evergreen libraries? Here are the top ten most requested titles. How many have you read? Place a hold or give us a call and we can do it for you!

1. *A Time for Mercy* - John Grisham
2. *Tantalizing 27* - Janet Evanovich
3. *The Return* - Nicholas Sparks
4. *The Sentinel* - Lee Child/Andrew Grant
5. *Daylight* - David Baldacci
6. *The Law of Innocence* - Michael Connelly
7. *Three Women Disappear* - James Patterson
8. *Deadly Cross* - James Patterson
9. *Anxious People* - Fredrik Backman
10. *All That Glitters* - Danielle Steel

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? Ask for a gift form at the circulation desk or print one from our website by clicking on Support the Library. 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>.

Christmas Card Project

This has been a tough year and it has affected our seniors the most. In an effort to bring Christmas cheer to our nursing and assisted living home residents in Jay County, the library will be gathering Christmas cards to deliver to these homes.

All you need to do is buy or make Christmas cards, include a holiday message and sign your name. Then drop off your cards at the Jay County Public Library. If you are short on card making supplies, plan a trip to the library and create cards at our Christmas Card Station.

Cards will be delivered to our local homes so their staff can address each card to their residents and deliver them by Christmas Day. So, help us spread some cheer this December and drop off your Christmas cards before December 15.





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WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

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Cut paper & postage costs!
Receive a monthly e-mail
reminder and link to an online
version of the newsletter.

Send request to:
newsnotes@jaycpl.lib.in.us

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Holiday Hours

Just a reminder - the Jay County Public Library will have adjusted hours for the holidays!

Christmas Eve (Thursday) - Closed

Christmas Day (Friday) - Closed

December 26 (Saturday) - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve (Thursday) - Close at 12:00 p.m.

New Year's Day (Friday) - Closed

January 2 (Saturday) - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.