

News Notes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

We can safely say that 2020 was one crazy year! A lot of curveballs came at our daily lives, routines, and relationships.



I found myself many times at a crossroads, not sure of what path to take. I found myself putting my focus on the things we have not been able to do throughout the pandemic. That was the easy way to think - I was sorrowful that I didn't feel like we could provide library service in the way we always had.

But, I found that when I turned my thoughts to what was possible, the path began to take shape. And, actually, I would challenge anyone to make that shift in focus in their own lives.

The path for me that began to take shape was our focus on the Jay County community. JCPL has always served its community well. Our focus for 2021 and beyond is to build on that concept of community.

So, you will begin to see our new logo and theme starting to show up in the library and around town. To start, we are going to turn around our traditional February theme of

Love Your Library Month to JCPL Loves Our Community and continue this theme throughout the year and into the future.

In 2021, JCPL is looking to celebrate Jay County, partner with and support other organizations, and look for new ways to serve our community, while still striving to provide the same high-quality library service to you our patrons. We want to show you, the Jay Community, that we are here for you.

Take a look in this newsletter at some of the ways we are looking to "love our community" this month. I hope you enjoy what we have in store as much as we will enjoy doing it for you!

Wishing you a safe and healthy new year!
Your library director,
Eric Hinderliter

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Baby Shower!

Due to the pandemic, many of our local nonprofit and service organizations were unable to hold their regular fundraisers last year. This is one reason why the library has chosen to give you opportunities to help support these organizations in 2021.

In February we are highlighting the services and resources of the Jay County Pregnancy Care Center (JCPCC). You will be able to see their display in our lobby and also participate in a month long Baby Shower. We will be collecting new gifts for the JCPCC all month on our New Baby display table. The first 24 people who donate a gift will receive a party favor. Here are some of their most needed items: Diapers size 4-5 -6, Baby Wash, Baby Shampoo, Baby Lotion, Baby Wipes, Baby Food & Snacks, Formula, Gas Drops, Baby Orajel, Baby Toothbrush & Toothpaste.

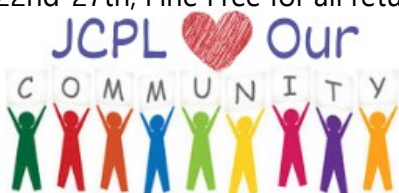
If you shop online you can have your gifts sent directly to the library at, 315 N Ship St. Portland IN 47371.



JCPL's February Love

JCPL is showing you love in February with the following special weeks!

February 1st-6th, Free Faxing Week
 February 8th-13th, Free Copies Week
 February 15th-20th, Free Printing Week
 February 22nd-27th, Fine Free for all returned materials.



COVID-19 Vaccine Information

JCPL is able to help you schedule an appointment for the COVID-19 Vaccine by providing Internet access or by walking through the process with you.



You can access the registration process at ourshot.in.gov or at coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/ Once at the site click on the red bar to find a vaccination site and register. You can also call to schedule an appointment at 2-1-1.

There have been significant wait times in some instances and you are able to schedule an appointment outside of Jay County if the available days and times work for you. Jay County is currently administering the vaccine at the County Health Department and IU Jay Hospital.

Tax Forms

The Indiana Department of Revenue recently made the decision to stop printing State tax forms for distribution at public libraries. The State made this decision partly to cut costs and partly to encourage tax-payers to begin filing their taxes on-line.

So, with that in mind, starting February 1, JCPL will print the State tax booklets for \$2. (The State tax booklet is 65 pages long, and the State has shifted the printing cost to us.) All other State tax forms (the tax return and common schedules) will be free of charge.

Also, Federal tax booklets and forms will likely be available by February 1. The IRS mails these out when they are ready to go. Keep checking back with us as to their availability.

Be sure to see us in February for your tax forms!

Take & Make Crafts

JCPL will be providing Take & Make Crafts each month for all ages.

Craft bags will be available at the front counter starting on the second Monday of the month, while supplies last.

February's crafts will include Valentine themes for children and book art hedgehogs for teens and adults.



Finding an AR Book

Are you looking for the perfect Accelerated Reader (AR) level for your child? Getting those AR points is much easier with the AR Bookfinder website: www.arbookfind.com

When visiting this site you'll be prompted to indicate if you are a student, parent, teacher or librarian. Simply search for the book your child wants to read and you will see the grade level and points connected to that book.

Gifts to the Library



Donation received from:
Rebecca Peterson
For Audio Books.

Big Girl Small Town, by Michelle Gallen

The Children's Blizzard, by Melanie Benjamin

The Lost Boys, by Faye Kellerman

Scorpion's Tail, by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

Donations can be given to the library in memorial or honor of loved ones, or through the Portland Foundation to further the work of the library.

Friends of the Library News

It's time to renew your annual membership! The Friends of the Jay County Public Library help support the mission of the library and other literacy based organizations. Your \$10.00 membership dues (\$20.00 for family) helps fund programs and equipment for the library as well as provide textbook scholarships for our graduating Student Pages.

Curbside Story Times

Brr Baby it's cold outside. Why get out of the car and take your little ones into the cold weather? Use the library's Story Time Kits and Book Bundles to checkout great stories, activities and crafts.

When you receive notification that your materials are ready, set up a time for curbside delivery and we will bring them right out to you while your family stays warm in your car. You can find order forms on line through the Shelf Help link on our website.

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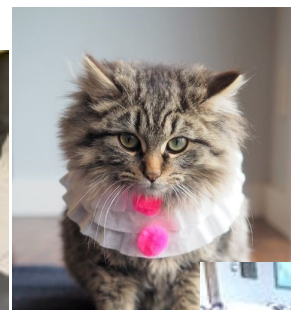
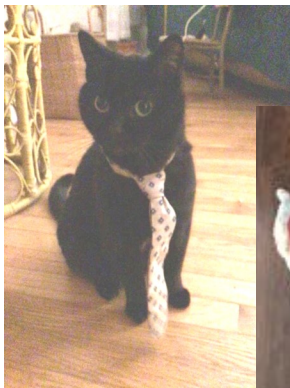
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Did you miss it?

On January 14th JCPL helped celebrate "National Dress Up Your Pet Day" with a Facebook video of patron's pets. Here are some of the fun loving pets that dressed up for the occasion.



You can see the video on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/jaycountylibrary/videos/856087618291293>