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JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### **JAY COUNTY POETRY CONTEST**

April is Poetry Month and what better way to celebrate than having a Poetry Contest in Jay County! All Jay County residents are encouraged to try their hand at writing a poem and submitting it



to the library.

Poems must be all original content, and submitted to the library between April 1st -20th. Submissions should be in Word or PDF format if sent to:

jaylibrary315@gmail.com or printed if delivered in person.

Poets will qualify for one of three age group categories: 12 and under, 13-17, or adult. A poem must be able to be read in 3 minutes or less. There will be a live poetry reading held on Monday, April 26th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jay County Public Library. (Reading performance is not

judged.) We want to thank the Friends of Jay County Public Library for donating a \$50 award for the winning poem in each age category.



#### **CARDING JUST GOT EASIER**

Have you ever come up to the desk at the library with your stack of books, movies and more, only to discover you left your library card at home? This is frustrating for you and for us, because we want you to take home the materials you selected.

Now there is an easier way to access your library card! Your smartphone can now store a digital barcode for your account that we can scan to check-out materials to you. All you need to do is download the Evergreen Indiana (EI) App from

your device's app store and log in with your library card number and password. (If you don't know your password we can reset it for you at the library.) The EI App also will allow you to search the library catalog, place holds, and



renew your materials.

If your JCPL library card is worn out or does not scan anymore you can bring it to JCPL for a free replacement in April.

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## **STORY TIME RETURNS**

Story Time at the library will return for a Spring Session on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. beginning April 6th. Story Time will be held in the Community

Room at the library for preschool and younger children with their caregiver.



Mother Goose flies back in on Friday morning, April 9th, at 11:30 a.m. Toddlers and

preschoolers will enjoy her stories, songs and movement based program.

## VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

Join Shana on another Community Story Time Field Trip as she visits the Portland Police Department. The video will be posted on the library's Facebook Page on Friday,



### TAKE 'N MAKE CRAFTS

Take 'N Make Craft Bags will be available, with spring themed projects, for all ages on Monday, April 12th, while supplies last.

April 2nd, at 10:00 a.m.



#### LOCAL AUTHOR EVENT

Local author, Evangelist Phill Jellison, will be presenting his book, *The 30 Years of Revival Meetings in Portland~Jay County~Indiana 1928-1958,* Tuesday, April 27th, at 6:00 p.m.

Jellison did a large amount of his research, for his book at the Jay County Public Library. He will have copies available for sale after his presentation. (\$25)

#### **WELCOME NEW TRUSTEES**

Meet Tabby Sprunger.

Tabby is the Executive Director for the Jay County Chamber of Commerce. She is a lifelong Jay County resident and graduated from Jay County High School in 2001. Tabby is married to Ricky Sprunger, and they have 3 children: Brayden, who is a student at Grace College. Sophia is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Easton is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. A fun fact about Tabby, she is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Black Belt in Judo, which she grew up doing and later in life gave back with coaching, right here in Jay County with Judan Judo!

"I love Jay County! One of the very reasons I wanted the position as the executive director of the Chamber was because, I am at a point in my life where I want, what I do every day, to make a difference. I want to touch lives and grow, and I want to encourage and help grow our amazing community. Joining the Jay County Library board, helps take me even further in the direction towards that goal. I look forward to serving Jay County!"

#### Meet Jessica Cook.

Jessica resides in Portland with her husband Kyle and their three kiddos; Evie (7), Isla (4) and Gryffin (2). Since 2010, Jessica has been the Program Officer with The Portland Foundation where she is involved with grants, scholarships and early education programs. When not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, dancing and playing video games with her kids! Being an avid reader and having a passion for learning, Jessica is ecstatic about joining the Library board!

#### **FIREFLY AWARD**

The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award is an initiative of the Indiana Center for the Book. The intention of the program is to expose early learners to exceptional picture books as they interact with the parents or caregivers.

Indiana children ages 0-5 can vote with a caregiver for their favorite of five titles nominated for the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. This year's nominees are: *The Box Turtle*, by Vanessa Roeder, *Brown Baby* 



*Lullaby,* by Tameka Fryer Brown, *Red House Tree House Little Bitty Mouse,* by Jane Godwin, *Who Has Wiggle Waggle Toes?,* by Vicky Shiefman, and *How Do You Dance?,* by Thyra Heder.

Look for the Firefly when you come into the library, choose one of the titles, and start reading!

-Voting begins May 1, 2021-This year you can hear and see the Firefly books during Tuesday morning Story Times at the library.

#### **CLUB DATES**

**Community Connections,** Thursday, April 8th, 6:00 p.m. Master Gardeners from Jay County Purdue Extension will be presenting on lawn care and growing a green yard.

**JCPL Book Club,** Monday, April 19th, 7:00 p.m. Join us as we talk about *Fates and Furies,* by Lauren Groff.

**Read Local: Author Event,** Tuesday, April 27th, 6:00 p.m. Evangelist Phill Jellison will talk about his book on Jay County Revivals during 1928-1958.

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

If you have tuned in to Rambling Book Talks on Facebook Live, you may have noticed that the last few episodes have better sound and video quality. This is a result of a new laptop that the Friends helped purchase for the library.

This is just one of the ways the Friends help support the mission of the library. Funds raised through book sales, book bags and tumblers, and membership dues are used for library programs and other literacy endeavors in our community.

#### The next Friends Meeting is Tuesday, April 20th, 6:30p.

*Come early at 6:00 p.m. to help fold newsletters and get informed about things that are happening in the library.* 



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# - DID YOU MISS IT?

The library celebrated Youth Art Month with a display of artwork from students of Jay County High School. Stop in during April to see some projects from Ms. Tillman's East Jay students.

