



# News Notes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAY 2021

## JCPL Loves Our Service Members

JCPL wants to share our love with our military community in May. With your help we plan to send care packages to more than 10 active duty service men and women who have a connection with Jay County. We will be collecting items to send between May 1 and May 22. Packages will be mailed out the week of May 24. We will be accepting donations of the following items: Beef Jerky/Meat Sticks, Protein Bars, Powdered Drink Packets (for bottles), Coffee/Tea, Snack Packages, Pens, Notepads, Card Games, Non-Liquid Toiletries, Socks, Current Magazines, Puzzle Books, Reminders of Jay County, Personal Letters and Cards, Gum, and Non-melting Candy. There will also be pictures available at the library for kids to color, sign, and turn in to be included. Thank you for helping us show our love to our Jay County military community!

If you know of any active service men or women from Jay County please make sure the library has their mailing address.



## World War II Speaker Coming to JCPL

Hoosier author Kayleen Reusser is returning to JCPL for three events this month.



Thursday, May 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

*Those Plucky Women of World War II*

A look at females who volunteered to enlist in various military branches. Their skills were needed, but not everyone believed they deserved to wear uniforms.

Monday, May 24 @ 6:30 p.m.

*The Longest Day- June 6, 1944*

The world's largest amphibious invasion took place on June 6, 1944, when 150,000+ Allies put boots on the ground of Normandy, France, in an effort to end the war in Europe. Photos of the various beaches at Normandy are combined with quotes from veterans she has interviewed who served there.

Tuesday, May 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

*Captured! Stories of American WWII Prisoners of War*

Kayleen's interviews with seven men who spent considerable time as captives of German and Japanese forces resulted in amazing accounts of their will to survive. This talk includes unique journal excerpts from the eighth subject, Grant Workman, who was a Bataan Death March survivor. His thoughts of racing through the Philippines jungle as a 16-year-old (he lied about his age to enlist), only to be captured and made a slave laborer in the Philippines and Japan's coal mines are riveting.

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## Story Time

Story Times for preschool age children and younger are currently being held on Tuesday mornings @ 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Children and their caregivers are encouraged to join us for stories, songs, and activities. Story Times will be held through May 11.

## March Madness

Congratulations to our NCAA basketball tournament bracket champion, Angie Ingram! Ingram had the top score of our 15 competitors this year and correctly picked Baylor as her champion.



## Grow & Learn at the Library

Join JCPL and the Jay County Farm Bureau for hands-on, interactive learning activities all about sunflower seeds on Thursday, May 6 at 4:15 p.m. Participants will have a chance to hear stories, plant sunflowers seeds, and make a bird seed feeder and a sunflower craft. Recommended for children elementary age and younger.



## Mother Goose

Join Mother Goose on Friday mornings at 11:30 a.m. for stories, rhymes, and movement in the Community Room through the end of the school year. **Note: Mother Goose will not be here on Friday, May 7, and will fly back to the library the following week at 12 noon instead of 11:30.**



## Kindergarten Prep School



Ready to help boost your child's kindergarten readiness before they start school in the Fall?

KiPS is a "jumpstart" into kindergarten program sponsored by the Jay County Public Library and Jay Schools.

Any child who is eligible for kindergarten in the Jay Schools for the 2021-2022 school year can register.

**This year KiPS will be held every Wednesday, starting June 23 and ending August 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the library.**

Registration forms are due before May 15.

**Do you love working with children? Volunteers are needed for KiPs. If you would like to participate as a teen or adult volunteer, stop by the library and pick up an application!**

Contact Shana Neuenschwander with questions:  
JCPL (260) 726-7890  
shaman@jaycpl.lib.in.us

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## Take & Make Crafts

limit to  
**1**  
per person

Grab the bag in your age group, take the craft home, and create!

**Monday, May 10**

**While supplies last!**

## POND MANAGEMENT CLINIC

Do you have a pond or lake?

Join Jonathan Ferris from the Purdue Extension Office on Monday, May 3 at 6 p.m. for a pond clinic. You will learn about pond weeds, water quality, fish species, stocking rates, pond/lake maintenance, and other tips. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and get answers that evening. If you have pond weeds you would like identified, bring a sample for identification and recommendations for removal.



**RSVP to Jay County Extension Office  
(260) 726-4707 or jcurley@purdue.edu**

## ARE YOU UP FOR IT?

The weather is heating up and so is our desire to challenge your reading like never before!

Watch for more information in next month's Newsnotes on our Summer Challenge 2021.



## CLUB DATES

**JCPL Book Club-** Monday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.  
Come and discuss *Cilka's Journey* by Heather Morris.  
Anyone who likes to talk about books is welcome!

**Friends of JCPL-** Tuesday May 18, 6:30 p.m.  
(Newsletters at 6:00)

## 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.*

### All of the following are given in Memory of Shirley Ramey

**Given by:** Joyce Thomas

*Finding Ashley* by Danielle Steel

*Gambling Man* by David Baldacci

**Given by:** Cheryl Thomas

*Reunion Beach* by Elin Hilderbrand

*Sooley* by John Grisham

**Given by:** Daniel and Cynthia Wheeler

*Band of Sisters* by Lauren Willig

**Given by:** Richard Manor

*Double Jeopardy* by Stuart Woods

**Given by:** Patricia Iliff

*Eternal* by Lisa Scottoline

*Haunted Hibiscus* by Lauren Childs

*Last Garden in England* by Julia Kelly

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. 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>.

*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."*

-Anne Frank





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#### LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY  
8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

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

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# DID YOU MISS IT?

If you missed it, Mother Goose visited her ducklings in April. We also had so much fun at Story Time!

