

KiPS (Kindergarten Prep School)



What is KiPS? – KiPS is a “jumpstart” into kindergarten program sponsored by the Jay County Public Library and Jay Schools. This program will help boost your child’s kindergarten readiness as they start school in the fall. The program will be led by Jay Schools teachers, community volunteers, and JCPL staff.

If your child participates in this program, he/she is expected to be at all 7 sessions of KiPS. We understand vacations and illness, but otherwise your child is expected to be present. Please call the library anytime that your child will be absent. If you decide, after returning the registration form, that your child will not attend KiPS, please call the library to let us know.

How much does KiPS cost? – The majority of KiPS funding comes from the Jay County Public Library and some from Jay Schools, local businesses, organizations, and granting sources. There is no cost this year to the child’s family, though donations are always welcome.

Who can attend KiPS? Any child in the Jay Schools district that is eligible for kindergarten in 2021-2022 can register. If your child is repeating kindergarten, this program is not suitable as it is a kindergarten *preparation* program, not a remediation program.

When is KiPS?

Day: **EVERY Wednesday** (Note change in day of the week!)

Time: 9:00 am to 12 noon

Where: Jay County Public Library, 315 N Ship St., Portland

When: Starts **Wednesday, June 23rd**; last day will be **Wednesday, August 4th**

How do I get my child to KiPS?

You may bring your child to the library, and our staff will meet your child at the curb and escort them into the building. If no one is available to bring your child to the library, transportation may be provided. Jay Schools may provide bus transportation and will contact you directly to arrange pick up times if you need their service. **Please indicate your needs on your child’s registration form. Bus Garage Phone number: 260-726-9605.**

Registration for KiPS

Please fill out the KiPS registration form. It can be turned in at the Jay Schools Administration Office, any elementary school, or the Jay County Public Library before **May 29, 2021**.

Acceptance in KiPS

Typically all children who register for KiPS are welcome to come. Children with severe special needs may not be able to be accommodated; please call and discuss any concerns you might have with Youth Services Librarian Shana Neuenschwander before the first day.

You will be mailed an entry packet for your child with first day directions and a map for drop-off in early June. Transportation information will come from Jay Schools Transportation Department, usually by telephone, so please be sure your contact information stays current.

For more information please contact: Shana Neuenschwander / Jay County Public Library
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