

What's going on this summer at your Jay County Public Library?

SUMMER CHALLENGE 2021 June 7- July 17

This summer JCPL is challenging you not only to read, but also to complete community and library activities and weekly challenges. If you meet the challenge, you will receive a completion prize and be entered into a drawing for a grand prize based on your age. Stop at the front desk to pick up your activity card and join the challenge anytime between June 7 and July 17. Don't miss out!



SUMMER PROGRAMS

Loblolly Marsh Nature Event: Monday, June 14, 10:00 am, at Loblolly Marsh

The Jay County Public Library and Limberlost State Historic Site are collaborating to offer a nature event at the Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve (8323 N. 250 W., Bryant). Come experience the wonders of nature and learn from Limberlost naturalist, Curt Burnette. Participants will have the opportunity to look at and touch a variety of nature biofacts and take a hike through the Loblolly. This event will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes and masks may be required for part of the event. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend this family-friendly event, but must be accompanied by an adult. Participants will be asked to sign a waiver at the event. Please wear closed-toed shoes and bring bug spray and sun screen. In the event of rain, the nature event will be held on Tuesday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m. Sign-up is required, so visit the library or call 260-726-7890 to reserve your spot today.

Silly Safaris: Monday, June 21, 1:30 pm

The ever-popular Silly Safaris live animal show will return to the Jay County Public Library. Starring RYAN the LION, this fun and educational show will give kids the chance to see live animals and hear about animals in fairy tales. Sign-up is required, so visit the library or call 260-726-7890 to reserve your spot today.

Movie & Popcorn at the Library: Monday, June 28, 1:00 pm

"Tom and Jerry" (2021) will be shown in the library's community room. Fun for all ages. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Meet a Pony at the Library: Monday, July 12, 5:30-7:30 pm

Come to the Jay County Public Library parking lot and learn all about ponies and the care of horses. This come-and-go, family-friendly event will allow children the opportunity to pet and brush horses, make a craft, and learn all about horse care. Thanks to Reins of Faith for providing this educational experience as part of our Summer Challenge programs! An alternate rain date will be Tuesday, July 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Summit City Disc Dog Demonstration: Saturday, July 17, 10:00 am, at Hudson Park

In collaboration with the Jay County Public Library, Fort Wayne's Summit City Disc Dog group will be giving a demonstration at Hudson Park in Portland. Bring a chair or blanket to enjoy watching Frisbee catching dogs on the lawn across from the playground. The dogs will showcase their agility skills, and their handlers will share about their training and care. The dogs will be off-leash during the presentation. An alternate rain date is Saturday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the same location.

Facebook Live Summer Challenge Winners Announcement: Monday, July 19, 10:00 am

Visit the library's Facebook page where we will be drawing and announcing the winners of our Summer Challenge grand prizes.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Tabby Tuesdays: Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:00 am, June 15 through July 13

Register your child for an opportunity to read to a cat from the Midwest Pet Refuge. Each session will be 15 minutes long to allow for reading and playtime with the animal. Participants may bring their own books or use some provided by the library. Parent/guardian must sign a waiver at the time of the event. Sign-up is required, so visit the library or call 260-726-7890 to reserve your spot today.

Brainstormers & Explorers Story Time: Friday mornings, 10:00am, June 18 through July 16

Stories followed by a variety of activities. This one-hour program is recommended for children ages 8 and under. All Brainstormers & Explorers Story Times will be held in the Community Room at the library except for the program on July 16.

June 18 – Tails and Tales (Explore Jungle Animals)

June 25 – Mrs. McDonald's Farm in collaboration with the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc.

July 2 – Block Party with Purdue Extension

July 9 – Let's all cheer for basketball (in collaboration with Jay County High School cheerleaders and basketball players)

July 16 – Story Time at the 4-H Fair (Meet in the Farmer's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds)

DROP-IN CRAFTS

Make Your Own Bookmark Craft: Tuesday, June 8, 3:00-5:00 pm

Get ready for reading by creating an original bookmark to use this summer! Bookmarks available for all skill levels.

Make & Donate Pet Toys: Thursday, July 8, 3:00-5:00 pm

Make pet toys and chew items to donate to local rescues. Old T-Shirts and jeans can be donated for this craft day.

The 2021 Summer Challenge is generously supported by: Tri Kappa, Delta Theta Tau, Portland Lions Club, Cincinnatus League, Portland Evening Optimists, Gamma Nu, Portland Rotary, Psi Iota Xi, and Portland Kiwanis. Thank you!