

News Notes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BLOOD DRIVE

This holiday season, the Red Cross and JCPL are hosting a blood drive in the Community Room at the library on December 29, from 12-6 p.m. Donors must bring photo ID, donor card, or use the Blood Donor app. All donors and volunteers are required to wear a mask over the mouth and nose. Donors are encouraged to sign up for RapidPass at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass, to make the donation process quicker. Donors who are at least 19 years of age must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Donors who are 16-18 must have a signed consent form and meet special height and weight criteria. For eligibility questions, call 1-866-236-3276, select option 3 and then option 1. Donors should remember to eat well-balanced meals and drink extra water before and after donating. No children or people who are not donating will be permitted in the donor room due to Red Cross social distancing policies.

***All donors will receive a long-sleeved t-shirt as a special thank you!**



American Red Cross



Santa Claus is coming to the library!

Jump-start your family's holiday spirit by stopping by the library on December 13, any time between 5 and 7 p.m. Children will get to sit on Santa's lap, meet Mrs. Claus, and even Santa's reindeer! Stick around to decorate reindeer cookies and create your own ornament. You will not want to miss this family-friendly, holiday event!



Happy Holidays!

Open Thursday, December 23, 8:00-8:00

Closed December 24 & 25

Open Friday, December 31, 8:00-12:00

Closed Saturday, January 1

Open Monday, January 3, 8:00-8:00

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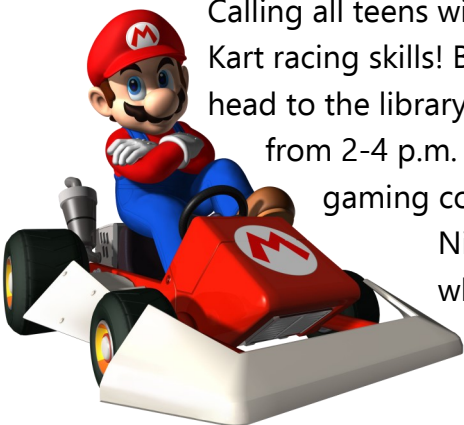
GINGERBREAD SLIME

On December 20, anywhere from 4-6 p.m., everyone is invited to stop by the Community Room at the library to make gingerbread slime! There will be a hot cocoa bar, as well. All ages are welcome to this come-and-go, family-friendly, holiday event!



MARIO KART SWITCH PARTY

Calling all teens with awesome Mario Kart racing skills! Bring some friends and head to the library on December 28 from 2-4 p.m. Don't miss this gaming competition on the Nintendo Switch to see who the ultimate racer is! Refreshments will be provided.



GINGERBREAD VILLAGE KIDS SHOPPING NIGHT

Our Gingerbread Village Kids Shopping Night is back again! On December 6, from 5-7 p.m., there will be a chance for any child aged 4 to third grade to come and "buy" a gift for two special people in their life. To participate, children will be asked to read or check-out a holiday book, write a letter to Santa, decorate a gingerbread person to be hung on a tree at the library, and take a selfie with the library's gingerbread man and post it to Facebook. Once the child completes all four activities, they will receive their ticket to enter Gingerbread Village. There will be gifts tailored to all ages available to choose from. Our Gingerbread Village helpers will help the child pick out a gift and then wrap and tag it. Parents can wait in the Community Room or enjoy the library while your child shops, but we do ask that they remain in the building. 15-minute reservations will be taken for this event. Hurry and register as spots are limited!



GINGERBREAD MAN SCAVENGER HUNT

There is a Gingerbread Man loose in the library and we need your help catching him! Visit the front desk December 20-30 to start your scavenger hunt throughout the library to see if you can find where the sneaky Gingerbread Man is hiding. Once you find him, bring your completed scavenger hunt map to the front desk to get a prize!

MERRY MOVIE-THON

Wrap up the holiday season and test out your movie-watching endurance by joining us for our Merry Movie-Thon on December 30 from 2-4 p.m. We will be showing *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, *Frosty the Snowman*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* back to back. All ages are welcome! Refreshments will be provided.



MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY



December 27, 6 p.m.

Join us for a showing of Disney's *Jungle Cruise*. Refreshments will be provided. The movie is rated PG-13 for intense action violence and innuendo.

BOARD GAMES

On December 29, there will be board games set up throughout the library all day!

CLUB DATES

JCPL Book Club:

Monday, December 20, 7 p.m.

We will be discussing *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*, by J. Ryan Stradal.

Anyone who loves to read may join!

JCPL Friends:

Tuesday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

STAY SCAM SAFE

As technology evolves, scammers are getting more creative and inventive in stealing personal information and money. This online virtual class with the Purdue Extension office will teach you about how to avoid scams and protect your personal information. This class will be held on December 2 at 6 p.m. on Zoom and registration is required. Please call the library to register. Want to attend but not sure how to use Zoom? Call the library and ask for Hannah. She will help train you on how to use Zoom and get you set up for class.



The Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. is teaming up with JCPL for Cookies & Canvas on December 9, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the library. Come enjoy cookies while painting a Christmas tree! Learn how farmers are involved with raising Christmas trees, the ingredients for the cookies, and of course, where milk comes from! We will also be doing a drawing for a live tree, stand, and ornaments and each child will get a small gift! Don't miss this wonderful family event where you can prepare for Christmas and learn about agriculture! This event is recommended for elementary-aged children. Register for this event by calling or visiting the library. Space is limited.

"The holiday season is the perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us."

-Terri Marshall



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

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This issue of News Notes will be the final one sent out by mail. To keep up on all the latest at JCPL next year, pick up a copy at the library or contact us to receive it by email.

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Cocoa, Cookies, & Classics

This December, we are getting in the holiday spirit with a three-part Classic Christmas film series. Join us on the following dates to drink hot cocoa, eat cookies, and celebrate the season in a classical way!

December 3, 2 p.m. *Miracle on 34th Street*

December 14, 2 p.m. *White Christmas*

December 22, 2 p.m. Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*

