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# News Notes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## BOOK SPINE POETRY CONTEST

Calling all poetry lovers! April is National Poetry Month and we are challenging you to create the ultimate haiku (poem with three lines only) using titles located on book spines selected by library staff. Visit the poem building table to see your choices and to try to create the ultimate combination of titles to create an epic poem. Each completed poem will be entered into the contest that will be judged by library staff. The grand prize winner will win the Ultimate Poetry Lover's Bundle! The contest begins on **Friday, April 1** and will **end on Saturday, April 30**.



We are celebrating National Library Week **April 4 through 9!** This year's theme is "Connect with Your Library." Stay tuned for various Facebook postings, free popcorn on **April 4** to kick off the week, and a fun contest opportunity to help us celebrate the library!

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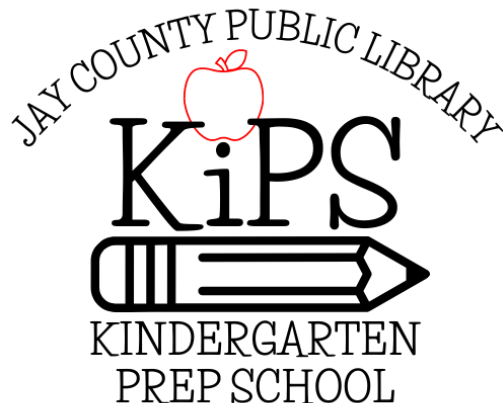
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## FIREFLY AWARD



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 their 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: *Find Fergus* by Mike Boldt, *Grace and Box* by Kim Howard, *Not Now, Cow* by Tammi Sauer, *One-Osaurus, Two-Osaurus* by Kim Norman, and *We All Play* by Julie Flett. Look for the Firefly when you come into the library in **April and May**, choose one of the titles, and start reading!



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. Children who are eligible for kindergarten in 2022-2023 and who will be attending any Jay County school may be registered for this program. KiPS will be held every **Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** at the library, starting **June 8** and ending **July 20**. Visit the library's website, [www.jaycpl.lib.in.us](http://www.jaycpl.lib.in.us) or come to the library for registration forms and information. Call the library at 260-726-7890 for details. Registration deadline is **May 15, 2022**.

## FIND AN EASTER EGG AT THE LIBRARY!

During the week of **April 11-16**, Easter eggs will be hidden around the library, and children are invited to come find one and bring it to the front desk for a prize!



## STORY TIME

Story Time will continue to be held through **April 26**. Join us in the Community Room **every Tuesday at 10 a.m.** for stories, songs, and activities for children ages preschool and younger with their caregivers.

## MOTHER GOOSE



Join Mother Goose **every Friday at 11:30 a.m.** in the Community Room for stories, rhymes, and movement!

**Note: Mother Goose does not meet on days when Jay Schools are closed. Mother Goose will not be flying to the library on April 15.**



Patrons may register their child for an opportunity to read to Sonny the Chihuahua, a certified therapy dog on **April 7**. Held in the Community Room from **3:30-5:00 p.m.**, 15 minute time slots will be available for a chance to read and play with Sonny. Participants may bring their own books or read those provided by the library. Parent/guardian must sign a waiver at the time of event.

## FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

Celebrate Easter on **Friday, April 15 at 10 a.m.** in the Community Room with stories, egg decorating, and Easter activities! This fun, educational event is held in collaboration with the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc.

## INVASIVE SPECIES

Join us on **April 14 at 6 p.m.** as we host Purdue Extension's Laurynn Thieme, as she discusses invasive species in landscapes and gardens. Invasive species are any plant, animal, insect, or plant disease not native to a specific location that can cause harm to the environment, impact the diversity of native species, reduce wildlife habitat or disrupt important ecosystem functions. Come learn about the different types and how you can manage them this Spring! Please RSVP for this event by calling or visiting the library.

## BUNNY BINGO

Come join the fun on **April 18 at 6 p.m.**, as we celebrate Easter with Bunny Bingo! There will be multiple rounds with prize winning opportunities, including the Grand Prize Easter Basket! Bunny-themed refreshments will also be provided. Please call or visit the library to make reservations for this special event for all ages, as space is limited and will be first come, first serve!



## ADVANCED SELF-DEFENSE

Monte Shrack returns to the library to teach a class for anyone who has attended the Basic Women's Self Defense class but wants to learn more! This class covers more advanced techniques and further content on self-defense. This session will be on **April 26 and runs from 6 to 7:45 p.m.**, in order to have a review at the beginning of the session for anyone who needs a refresher from the Basic Women's Self-Defense class offered previously at the library. This event is registration only so call or visit the library to reserve your spot for this advanced class!

## CLUB DATES

**JCPL Friends:**  
**Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.**  
Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

## GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Given by : Phil and Sue Rager



In Memory of Louise Gelzleichter:  
*Smitten with Kittens* by Florence Minor  
*The Sheep, the Rooster, and the Duck* by Matt Phelan  
*Good job, George!* by Jane O'Connor

In Memory of Karen Miller:  
*School for Whatnots* by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*The Animal Rescue Agency #2: Case File: Pangolin*  
*Pop Star* by Eliot Schreder  
*The Puffin Keeper* by Michael Morpurgo and illustrated by Benji Davies

## FINANCIAL LITERACY #1

Celebrate Financial Literacy Month in April by attending the two-part Financial Literacy Class taught by Amanda Bullion from the Jay County Purdue Extension Office. In this class, you will learn about how to save money, how to budget, and look at your spending habits. You will be given resources to help you get started on your financial health journey! This first class session is on **April 25 at 1 p.m.**, and the second class session will be in May. No experience necessary! Please register for this class by calling or visiting the library to ensure we have supplies and refreshments for you!



*"April hath put a spirit  
of youth in everything."  
-William Shakespeare*



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#### LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY  
8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.  
SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

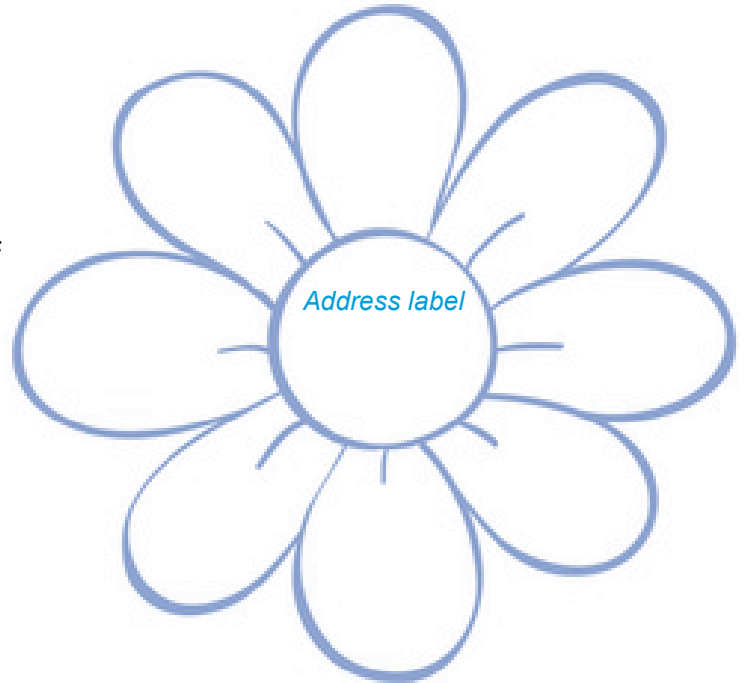
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the newsletter.

**Send request to:**  
**[jaylibrary315@gmail.com](mailto:jaylibrary315@gmail.com)**



# MENTAL WELLNESS MOMENTS

Join us on

**Monday, April 25 at 6 p.m.**

as we host Jenni Vanskyock, a  
licensed clinical social worker  
and program manager from IU  
Health, as she discusses Mental  
Wellness Moments.

In this session, she will discuss techniques  
for self-care and ways to seek support when  
needed. This will be a fun and interactive  
discussion that serves as the kick-off event

for our Self-Care Series coming in May for Mental Health Awareness  
Month. Refreshments will be provided. This will be an event that  
you won't want to miss!

