

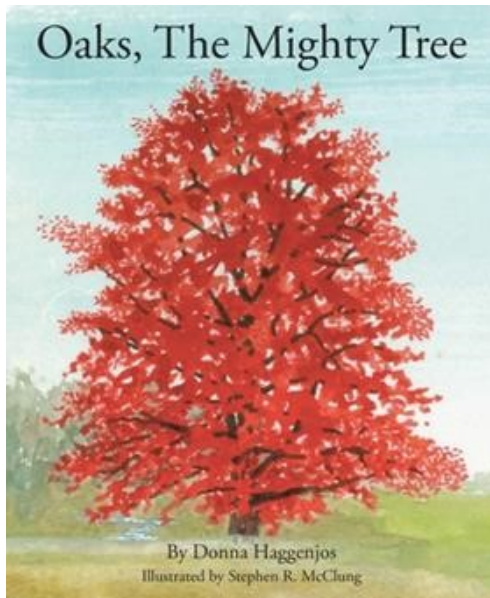
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JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUTHOR VISITS FOR ALL AGES



Join local author Donna Haggenjos and illustrator Stephen McClung as they share their children's book *Oaks, the Mighty Tree* on **Saturday, October 15 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** This family event will begin with a reading of the story, followed by cookies and interactive fall activities for children. Children will have a chance to make a leaf person craft, a wood and leaf owl, and learn about the lifecycle of an oak tree. Books will be available to purchase for \$12 and can be signed by the author and illustrator.

Horror lovers, this one is for you! On **Thursday, October 27 at 6 p.m.**, join us for a spine-chilling evening as Indiana author and Ball State graduate D.E. Westbrook III shares about his craft and love of writing classic horror and his process for creating epic scary stories.

He will also be discussing many ghost stories that inspired the horrific monsters in his *Tales of Aver Nes* series and upcoming *Rebel Red* horror graphic novel series. Aside from writing, he is also an independent horror filmmaker. This will be an exciting program for those who love the horror genre and/or Halloween! Signed copies of his books will be available for purchase at the event.



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TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE LIBRARY

Come Trick-or-Treat at the library on **Monday, October 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Books, candy, and bookmarks will be available for trick-or-treaters.

PUMPKIN & APPLE FUN

Families can drop by the Community Room at the library on **Monday, October 3 anytime from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for an opportunity to make their own miniature apple pie, make pumpkin and apple-themed crafts, and participate in apple and pumpkin STEM activities. Join us for this fun-filled fall event!



FALL BREAK ACTIVITIES!

TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

Halloween Take & Make Crafts with activities will be available on **Wednesday, October 19** for kids ages preschool through teen. Available while supplies last!

STEM EXPLORATION

Kids in grades 3-6 are invited to come to the JCPL Community Room on **Thursday, October 20 from 2-4 p.m.** and try out 3-D printing and pens, coding, computer-aided design, and engineering provided by Purdue Extension during this come & go, hands-on opportunity. No registration required and snacks will be provided!

PUMPKIN SEASON AT JCPL!

It's pumpkin season! From **October 10-31**, everyone is encouraged to come to the front desk and guess the weight of a pumpkin that will be on display and also the number of candy pumpkins in a jar. For each guessing game, there will be a prize for the adult and child who are closest to the correct number!

LEGO MARBLE RACE TRACKS

Let's have fun with Legos! Build a marble race track with Legos and pool noodles on **Thursday, October 13 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.** in the Community Room. Fall-themed Lego build challenge cards will be available or you can make your own Lego creations in this come-and-go event. Snacks will be provided.

CREEPY CRAFTS

Drop by the library **anytime from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, October 21** to enjoy some creepy craft-making! In preparation for Halloween, we will have a station where you can color your own trick-or-treating bag, a monster cookie decorating station, and you will be able to learn how to build an LED circuit to create a light-up Halloween paper creature (pre-made templates will be available or you can create your own from scratch). This will be a fun and ghoulish time!

LEGO FUN

Legos will be available in the children's area of the library on **Saturday, October 22 from 9 – 12 a.m.** Fall Lego build challenge cards will be available to spark your creativity!

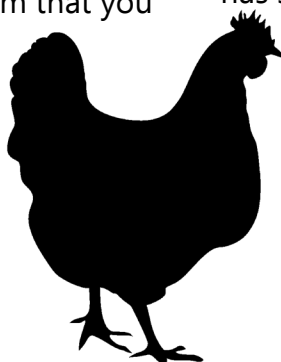
VISITING THE BEYOND



Have you ever wondered what the inside of a REAL haunted house looks like? This INTERACTIVE and extremely unique presentation does just that! Join us on **Monday, October 24 at 6 p.m.** as we welcome presenter and historian Curt Strutz to JCPL, as he takes us on a journey to the beyond. During this program, we will take tours through some of the nation's most haunted locations - including abandoned hospitals, schools, asylums, homes, and more; all done with original photography, deep history, and haunted experiences! Curt's background (and close to ten years' experience with these lectures) make for a presentation like no other! Curt has featured these lectures at hundreds of libraries, museums, and has been a past guest speaker at Troy Taylor's Haunted America Conference, and was a keynote headline speaker for the Illinois Paranormal Conference a few years back. He was featured on TV and newspaper coverage, as well. Perfect for the Halloween season, this will be a program that you will NOT want to miss!

CLUB DATES

JCPL Friends:
Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.
Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.



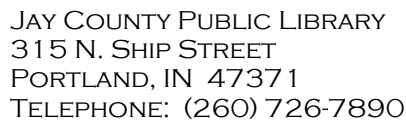
TRUE CRIME UNIVERSITY

Join us on **Monday, October 17 at 6 p.m.** for our next session of True Crime University. October's session topic is on drugs and toxicology. Forensic toxicology is the analysis of biological samples for the presence of toxins, including drugs. The toxicology report can provide key information as to the type of substances present in an individual and if the amount of those substances is consistent with a therapeutic dosage or is above a harmful level. These results can be used to make inferences when determining a substance's potential effect on an individual's death, illness, or mental or physical impairment. Warning: content discussed in these programs may be graphic in nature and disturbing to some. The goal of this program is to provide those attending with information that will help them understand forensic science in criminal investigations, while also adding elements of true crime. **There is a limited space for this event so call or visit the library to register.**

BACKYARD POULTRY 101

Join us on **Monday, October 10 at 6 p.m.** for Backyard Poultry 101! Keeping poultry (chickens, ducks, geese, guinea fowl, and turkeys) is becoming more popular. Whether you are already raising poultry and have questions, or are interested in learning how to do it, this program has something for everyone.

"There is magic in the night when pumpkins glow by moonlight."



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INTERACTIVE STUDIO

Purdue Extension 4-H & JCLP are hosting an Interactive STEM Studio at the library on the first Wednesday of each month, starting October 5. The event is free, will be held in the Community Room from 3:00-4:30 p.m., and space is limited to the first 20 youth in grades 3-6. Students will learn about science, technology, engineering, art, and math through a hands-on process of making. We will be using Dash and Dot Robot, block coding with micro:bit, 3D printing with the MakerBot 3D printer and MYNT3D 3D pens, and engineering a model Mars Rover with the National 4-H STEM Challenge. There will also be unplugged activities to teach pattern recognition, algorithms, and other computational thinking processes.

*Please be aware we will be using a 3D printer, 3D pens, robots, computers, and other valuable equipment. Appropriate conduct is a must! Your child can be dismissed from the program if failure to follow the rules occurs.

*It is recommended students bring a Chromebook or other personal device.

Registration forms will be available at the library. Please complete and turn in registration by Thursday, Sept. 29 to Purdue Extension or the library. Contact Purdue Extension Jay County at 260-726-4707 or keen12@purdue.edu or contact the library, with questions.