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NewsNotes

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'WRITE THE HOLIDAYS' SHORT STORY CONTEST

JCPL is launching a short story contest this November, in honor of National Novel Writing Month. (We hope to inspire you to write a novel someday, but want to get you started with something short for now!) To enter the contest, you will need to write a short story that includes your choice of any nationally-recognized holiday weaved into the story. (i.e. your story happens during a holiday, your character loves the holiday and it influences them or the story, holiday traditions, etc.) The options are endless and we just want you to get creative! Please keep the stories family-friendly and no profanity. Short stories may be typed or handwritten, but need to be clear and legible for our judging panel to be able to read them. If typed, stories need to be double-spaced and font needs to be 12 pt. in Times New Roman or Calibri. Each story should have the writer's name and their age group written at the top of the front page, along with the title of the short story. Writers who are in K-5 may have an adult helper. Listed below are the word requirements for each age group:

Grades K-2 age group: 80-200 words

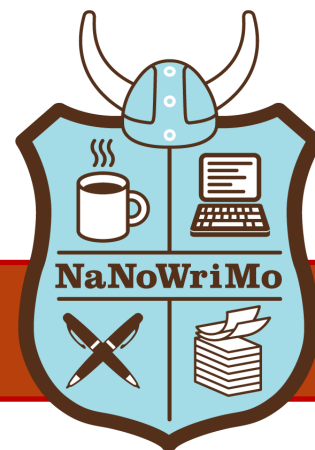
Grades 3-5 age group: 100-250 words

Grades 6-8 age group: 200-500 words

High School and Adult age groups: 1,000-2,000 words

Contest entries will be accepted through **November 30**, which is the last day to enter! Judging will happen during the week of December 5 and there will be one winner per age group. Prizes for each of the K-5 groups are Bananagrams and \$10 Pizza Hut gift cards. Prizes for each of the 6-8, high school, and adult age groups are \$25 Amazon gift cards.

National Novel Writing Month



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GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

In Memory of Sandy Bubp



Given by: Plant, Hoe, and Hope Garden Club

Tiny Space Gardening by Amy Pennington

Four Season Food Gardening by Misilla dela Llana

Midwest Gardener's Handbook by Melinda Myers



Would you like to make a gift to the library? Ask for a gift form at the circulation desk or print one from our website. Drop it off or return it by mail.

Gifts may also be made to further the work of the library through the endowment at The Portland Foundation. More information is available at the library or at the Foundation's website <http://portlandfoundation.org>.

AFTER-SCHOOL FUN!



Come make turkey balloon rockets, pony bead fall corn crafts, and Oreo turkeys in this come-and-go event on **Thursday, November 10 in the Community Room from 4:00-5:30 p.m.**



FUN!

Legos will be available for play and building in the children's area of the library on **Thursday, November 17 from 3-7 p.m. AND Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m.—12 p.m.**

STORY TIME

Story Time meets on **Tuesday mornings at 10 AM now until December 6.** Join us in the Community Room for stories, songs, and activities for children ages preschool and younger with their caregivers.



LEND A HAND, GIVE A CAN

The 'Lend a Hand, Give a Can' Drive returns! JCPL is showing love to our community by hosting a non-perishable food drive again this year from **November 1-22**.

Everyone is welcome to bring in and donate non-perishable items that will be given to the Trinity Church's Food Pantry in Portland. All non-perishable food items are welcome. Join us in lending a hand and giving back to our community this holiday season through food donations!



WRITER'S CAFÉ AT THE LIBRARY



This program is for writers of all ages who need a scheduled time, or a change of scenery, to jump-start creativity! Drop by the library during our weekly Writer's Café to

enjoy refreshments, get some inspiration, and a provided space to get your write on! Whether you are currently writing a book, want to get started on a project, or if you are writing for our Holiday-themed writing contest, the café is open for you! The Writer's Café will be open in the Community Room on the following dates and times:

Wednesday, November 9, 9:30-11:30 AM

Friday, November 18, 2-4 PM

Monday, November 21, 5:30-7:30 PM

Monday, November 28, 5:30-7:30 PM

CLUB DATES

JCPL Friends:

Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

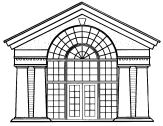
TRUE CRIME UNIVERSITY

Join us on **Tuesday, November 8 at 6 p.m.** this month for our next session of True Crime University. **Note: The date for this session has changed from the previously scheduled date.** November's session topic is on serology and DNA analysis. Warning: content discussed in these programs may be graphic in nature and disturbing to some, so only those 18 and older may attend. 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.**

SOUP SPECTACULAR!

Now that it is officially soup season and the holidays are quickly approaching, it is the perfect time to learn all about the Instant Pot and how it can help meet your cooking needs in a quick and easy way. Join us on **Thursday, November 3 at 2 p.m.** for our Instant Pot 101 and soup demo session. Try some delicious corn chowder soup made in the Instant Pot during the program and go home with some easy soup and Instant Pot recipes. **Please call or visit the library to RSVP to this fun and tasty event by Wednesday, November 2 to ensure that we have enough soup supplies for everyone!** This program is in partnership with Amanda Bullion and the Jay County Purdue Extension office.

*"A thankful heart is
a happy heart."*



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

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DID YOU MISS IT?



In late September, we kicked off the Halloween season by meeting the Sanderson Sisters and doing some spooky crafts & activities at our Hocus Pocus night!

