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News Notes

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JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

OPERATION: "FRIEND"-LY S.O.L.E.S.

During **the month of April**, which also is home to Earth Day, the Friends of the Jay County Public Library will be partnering with a non-profit sneaker recycling organization to raise funds for the library and to help people who need tennis shoes. **If you choose to donate your sneakers to the Friends, you will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 gift card to Fisher Meats! To stay updated, please like and follow the Friends of the Jay County Public Library on Facebook.**

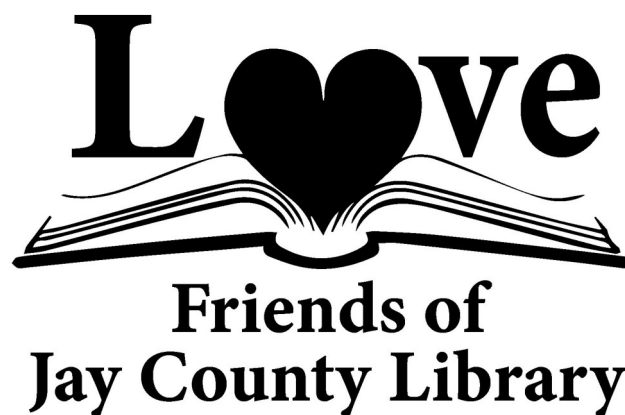
S-Sneakers (Donate your gently worn, used, or new sneakers to the Friends by bringing them to the front desk at JCPL. Donations will be accepted in any condition and any size. If any pairs cannot be donated to people in need, they will be recycled.)

O-Opportunity (This is a great opportunity to help people in need and to do some recycling.)

L-Library (This partnership fundraiser will allow the Friends to receive some funding to help support more library programs. Plus, you get to visit the library when donating!)

E-Environment (The sneaker recycling program helps keep sneakers out of landfills, which has harmful effects on our environment.)

S-Solution (This is the perfect solution for when you have too many pairs of sneakers, need to clean out your closets, if you have kids who have outgrown their sneakers, or if you are just looking for a place to donate them!)



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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 2023-2024 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 7 and ending July 19**. Visit the library's website, 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 6, 2023.**

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

Celebrate Easter on **Friday, April 7 at 10 a.m.** in the Community Room with stories, egg decorating, a craft, and an Easter-themed snack! Kids will have a chance to learn about chickens and egg production too in this fun, educational event which will be held in collaboration with the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. **Sign up is required for this event. Call or visit the library to register.**



FAMILY STORY TIME

Kids preschool age and younger with their caregivers are welcome to join us for stories, songs, and activities during Family Story Time! Family Story Time will meet in the Community Room on **Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.**

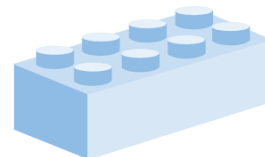
Note: There will be no Story Time on April 4. April 25 will be the last Family Story Time for the season!

LEGO PLAY

Legos will be available to play with in the children's area on

Saturday, April 15 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and on

Thursday, April 20 from 3:30-7:00 p.m.



INTERACTIVE STEM STUDIO

Purdue Extension 4-H & JCPL host an interactive STEM Studio at the library on the **first Wednesday of each month**. The event is free for kids in grades 3-6, held in the Community Room from **3:00-4:30 p.m., and registration is required**. On **April 5**, we will be working with Neuromaker Hand kits and doing a robotic hand science project!

*In STEM Studio meetings, we will be using 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 rules occurs.

*It is recommended students bring a chrome book/ other personal device.

Registration forms are available at the library.



Extension - 4-H Youth Development



ESSENTIAL OILS 101

Have you wondered what essential oils are or how to use them? Do you have questions about which ones you can mix or all of the different ways that you can incorporate them into your daily life to promote wellness? If so, this program is going to be one that you won't want to miss! On **Tuesday, April 11 at 6 p.m.**, we will teach you all about them! We will also have a prize drawing for a brand-new diffuser set that comes with ten essential oils to get you started! Caution: if you have allergies to specific spices or scents, this class is not recommended. **Please register for this class by visiting or calling the library.**

COMPOSTING 101

This month's topic in our gardening series was requested in high demand and will be covering everything you need to know about compost for your gardens. This includes what composting is, how to create the perfect compost mixology, and creating the perfect schedule for adding it to your gardens. Justin Curley from Purdue Extension will be giving all of the tips and tricks to make your garden successful on **Tuesday, April 4 at 6 p.m.** **Please sign-up for this event by calling or visiting the library.**



CLUB DATES

JCPL Book Club

Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Come and discuss *The Bookwoman's Daughter* by Kim Michelle Richardson. Anyone who loves to read may join!

JCPL Friends:

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

TRUE CRIME UNIVERSITY: JANIS THORNTON AUTHOR VISIT

This month's TCU class is on **Monday, April 3.** Join us as we welcome true crime, history, and mystery author Janis Thornton to JCPL as a special keynote speaker and visitor. Janis has written a book on her classmate



Olene Emberton's murder, titled *Too Good a Girl*, and this mysterious case will be discussed by both Thornton and Mike Medler. Janis also has a new book out on weather history titled *The 1965 Palm Sunday Tornadoes in Indiana*. Janis will be doing an author meet and greet and book signing from **4:30 -5:30 p.m.**, followed by her speaking to the class beginning at **6 p.m.** Books will be available to purchase at the event.

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.

"If winter has the courage to turn into spring, who says I can't bloom just the same?"



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

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DID YOU MISS IT?

Emily Ann Thompson & Kel brought the sounds of Celtic music to JCPL in March!

