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# News Notes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## SUMMER READING CONTINUES!

COOKIN' UP  
SUMMER FUN  
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JCPL!

The summer fun is not over—it's not too late to make a difference! JCPL is challenging you to help us hit our community goal of reading 3,000 hours! Summer reading is going on now **through July 22** this year. When we reach our goal, the library will donate \$1,000 that will be used to purchase food to give away to our community for our Pop-Up Food Pantry event on **July 27**. All ages are invited to participate, and every minute that you read counts towards our goal! To participate, visit the library's front desk and pick up a reading log depicting food pantry items. For every ten minutes that you read, mark off one of the food items on the log. Once your food items are all marked off, fill out the form and return it to the library to be entered into prize drawings for all age groups! Children who are between the ages of 0-12 will also get to pick a completion prize each time they visit the library to turn in forms. You may complete and turn in as many logs as you would like! Help us meet our reading goal and make a difference in our community!

## POP-UP FOOD PANTRY

**Thursday, July 27** will be the Pop-Up Food Pantry event at the library. It will be held from **12-6 p.m. in the community room**. Any and all members of our community will be able to come in and shop for some free food items! Shopping will be on a first come, first served basis, while our supplies last. Extra parking for the event will be available in the First Presbyterian Church parking lot beside the library. Public donations for canned food and non-perishables are being accepted at the library through **July 22**.



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## SECOND STORY TRAIL

Come back to the library for a second story trail that will be available from **June 26-July 8**. This interactive sensory experience for kids and families will feature children's book *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* by Candace Fleming. Come find out if the rabbits will eat Mr. McGreely's vegetable garden! A small prize will be available at the front desk for kids each day they complete the story trail.



## CHALK THE WALK

Create artwork on the library's sidewalks this summer whenever you visit the library! Sidewalk chalk is available at the front desk now through **July 22** for kids and families to take outside and enjoy drawing throughout the summer.



Register your child for an opportunity to read to a certified therapy dog on **Friday, July 7**. Held in the Community Room from **10:00-11:00 a.m.**, each child or family will have 15 minutes of reading and playtime with the dog. Participants may bring their own books or read those provided by the library. **Register by calling or visiting the library. Parent/guardian must sign a waiver at the time of the event.**

## CLIFFORD'S PAWSOME PARTY

Come meet Clifford at the library on **Thursday, July 20 from 5-7 p.m.** In addition to visiting with Clifford, children will have a chance to meet a certified therapy dog, play games, do a scavenger hunt, enjoy a sweet treat, and make crafts in this come-and-go family event. Come join us for a bone-fide good time at the library!

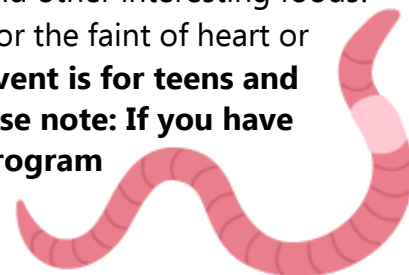


## STAR SPANGLED FUN DROP-IN

Bring your family to enjoy making a hamburger craft, your own festive snacks, an exciting science experiment, and play in a corn sensory play area in this come-and-go event on **Monday, July 3, from 2-4 p.m.**

## FEAR FACTOR: EDIBLE EDITION DROP-IN

Are you an adventurous eater and up for a challenge? If so, drop into the library on **Friday, July 7 from 2-4 p.m.** for an ultimate challenge to see if you can handle our taste test of creepy, crawly, gross, sticky, and other interesting foods! This program is NOT for the faint of heart or the squeamish. **This event is for teens and adults 13+ only. Please note: If you have food allergies, this program may not be suited for you.**



## ADULT COOKIE CRAWL



Calling all cookie bakers  
AND taste testers!  
On **July 17 from  
5-7:30 p.m.**, JCPL  
will be hosting its  
first Adult Cookie Crawl!

We need your help for two different categories: bakers and judges. If you like to bake and want to enter to be part of the Baker's Dozen (13 bakers) competition group, you will be required to bake one type of cookie. Bakers will need to prepare 24 cookies to submit for judging. Bakers may also choose to bring their own cookie stands or decorations for their display area, but it's not required. We will be accepting 24 judging spots. So, if you like to eat cookies and want to be a judge, bring your sweet tooth and be prepared to taste test 13 different cookies! The judging panel will vote on their favorites and the first place winner will win an ultimate baking gift basket. **This event is for adults 18+ and registration for both baking and judging spots are REQUIRED. Attendance is also mandatory.** Bakers will be required to set-up their cookie stations between 5 and 5:30 p.m. Judges are required to arrive at 5:30 for briefing. Taste testing and judging will begin at 6 p.m. **Please note: If you have food allergies, this program may not be suited for you.**

## CLUB DATES

### JCPL Book Club:

**Monday, July 17, 7:00 PM**

Come and discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. Anyone who loves to read may join.

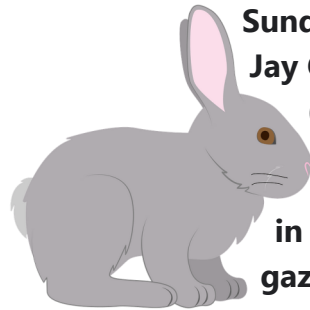
### JCPL Friends:

**Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.



## BOOKS IN THE BARN

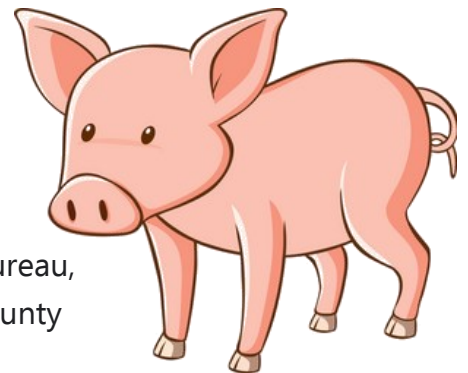


**Sunday, July 9 at 2:00 PM in the  
Jay County Fairgrounds gazebo  
(animal topic: pigs)**

**Tuesday, July 11 at 10:00 AM  
in the Jay County Fairgrounds  
gazebo (animal topic: rabbits)**

Bring your preschool aged children (ages 3-8) to the Jay County 4-H Fair for Books in the Barn! Each family will leave with a copy of the book we read, thanks to the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc.!

**Sign up for one or both sessions by calling or visiting the library, or registering online via the library's Facebook page.** Older children are welcome to attend, although the books we will be reading are geared towards those ages listed above. Following the reading there will be a craft, snack, and up close encounter with the animal in the story. This program is being offered in coordination with Purdue Extension, Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc., and the Jay County Public Library.



*"Then join hand in hand,  
brave Americans all!  
By uniting we stand,  
by dividing we fall."*

*-John Dickinson*



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# → CHIEF UNIVERSITY ←

Kids, do you love to cook? Then come to the library this summer, and learn some new cooking skills! Kids who have completed grades 3-6 are invited to sign up for interactive cooking classes with Purdue Extension's Amie Carpenter this summer. **A parent/guardian or adult caregiver is required to attend. You can sign up for one or all four classes. Space is limited, so sign up early by calling or visiting the library! When signing up, please indicate any food allergies that should be considered. On the day of the cooking class, please bring a take home container for any leftovers.**

Classes will be a 2½ hour time block, held on the following days with each week's menu:

**Thursday, June 22 from 9:00-11:30 AM**

Deviled eggs, mini frittatas/egg muffins,  
poached eggs, and magical fruit salad

**Thursday, July 6 from 9:00-11:30 AM**

Smoothies, fruit kabobs, and yogurt dip

**Thursday, July 13 from 9:00-11:30 AM**

Fruit Pizzas, Fruit Salsa, Cinnamon Chips,  
Black Bean Brownies, and N'Ice Cream

