



# NewsNotes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## SUMMER READING/POP-UP PANTRY WRAP-UP!



As summer is winding down, the staff of JCPL want to say a special thank you to all of our patrons, volunteers, sponsors, and community for helping make our 2023 Cookin' Up Summer Fun @ JCPL summer reading program a huge success! We would like to thank our patrons who either contributed to the reading challenge or who donated canned food for the pantry.

Altogether, we surpassed our reading goal of 3,000 hours and ended up with 4,784 hours read! As a result of our hard work and donations, we were able to serve 100 families and individuals at our pop-up pantry event on July 27 at the library. We would also like to thank the following community business sponsors for their donations for our summer reading program: JCPL Library Board, Tyson Foods, American Structurepoint Engineering, Portland Rotary Club, Friends of the Jay County Public Library, Jay County Democrats Party, Jay County REMC, Jay County Purdue Extension, Evening Optimists, Delta Theta Tau, Psi Iota Xii, Portland Lions Club, Gamma Nu, Cincinnatus League, Tri Kappa, Portland Kiwanis, Morning Optimists, and First Bank of Berne. Without all of your help, we wouldn't have been able to pull off a great summer of programs, hit our reading goal, or host our community pantry event. We hope everyone had fun here at the library and we look forward to seeing you next year when summer reading returns!



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## FALL RECIPE SHARE

Beginning on **September 1**, we will be collecting and sharing recipes through **November 30**. Bring in your favorite holiday-inspired or regular recipe and pick up one from us at our recipe share table inside of the library. Recipes and cooking bring people together and we are feeling inspired for the upcoming holiday season!

## BACK TO SCHOOL THEMED TAKE'N MAKES



Visit the library on **Monday, September 11** to pick up end of summer and back to school themed take and make activity kits for preschool through high school aged children, while supplies last!

## FAMILY STORY TIME RETURNS

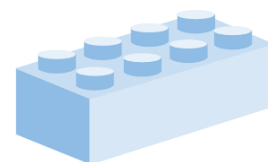
Family Story Time will kick off for the fall on **Tuesday, September 19 at 10am**. Join us in the Community Room for stories, songs, and activities for children ages preschool and younger with their caregivers. Story Time will be held every Tuesday through December 5th. **Note: Due to Fall Break and Thanksgiving, there will be NO STORY TIME held on October 17 or November 21.**

## DESIGN YOUR LIFE: THE ART OF JOURNALING



In part two of the Design Your Life series on **Monday September 11 @ 6pm**, we will be discussing how journaling can be useful in dealing with stress or anxiety. However, it can also be used as a creative outlet. Jenni VanSkyock from IU Health will teach you how to get started journaling, provide helpful prompts, and more! This will be a fun and relaxing class! Attendees will receive a free journal and gel pens. Refreshments will also be provided. Registration is required for this class and space is limited. Please call or visit the library to reserve your spot!

## ALL ABOUT LEGOS



### Lego and Wind Fun

Kids are invited to come to the Community Room on **September 14** between 4-5:30pm to make Lego wind cars or windmills and try them out in a wind tunnel (a fan!). Legos will also be available for creative building during this program.

### Lego Play

Legos will be available to play with in the Children's Area on **Saturday, September 16** from 9am-12pm.

## MARIO-THEMED COLOR BY NUMBER STATION FOR TEENS



During the month of September, there will be Mario themed color by number activity sheets available in the Teen area of the library. Teens may color and relax at the table or they can take some coloring sheets home!



## PUMPKIN SLIME & AUTUMN TIME

Children of all ages are welcome to come create their own Autumn-themed slime, crafts, and a snack on **September 28 from 4-5:30pm!** Kids will get to make pumpkin guts, Cinnamon Bun, and Apple Pie slimes. They will have the chance to experiment with different ingredients and small items for texture to create their perfect slime! Registration requested, but walk-ins welcomed. Come and have some Fall fun!

## CLUB DATES



### JCPL Book Club:

**Monday, September 18, 7:00 PM**

Come and discuss *The Coincidence of Coconut* by Amy Reichert. Anyone who loves to read may join.

### JCPL Friends:

**Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.**

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

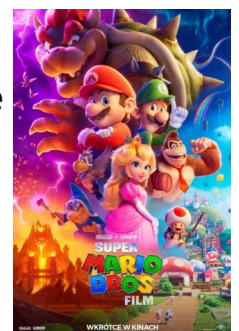
## STORY SEEKERS BOOK CLUB



Calling all readers in grades 3, 4, and 5! Join the new Story Seekers Book Club for our first meeting after school on **September 7 from 4-5pm** in the Community Room. We will be reading through the book *Pages & Co: Tilly and the Bookwanderers* by Anna James. Sign up by September 1 to receive a copy of the book at the first meeting. **The club will meet September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19, and November 9 from 4-5pm.** Come and meet some fellow readers and read some awesome books!

## MARIO MOVIE MONDAY

Please join us on **September 25** for a free showing of *The Super Mario Bros. Movie!* The movie is rated PG and is suitable for all ages. **We will begin the movie promptly at 6pm.** Free popcorn, lemonade, and bottled water will be provided, while supplies last.



*“By all these lovely tokens,  
September days are here. With summer’s best of weather and  
autumn’s best of cheer.”*

*-Helen Hunt Jackson*



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# STEM STUDIO RETURNS

Interactive STEM studio is back! Purdue Extension 4-H & JCPL are hosting an Interactive STEM Studio for youth in grades 3-6 at the library on the first Wednesday of each month, starting **October 4**. The event is free, will be held in the Community Room from 3:00-4:30 p.m., and space is limited. Students will learn about science, technology, engineering, art, and math through a hands-on process of making. We will be using a variety of STEM equipment, such as micro:bits, a 3D printer, MYNT3D 3D pens, Sphero bots, and more. There will also be unplugged activities to teach engineering, design, and computational thinking processes. Students may also have the opportunity to meet adults who use STEM in their careers.

\*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 Friday, Sept. 29 to Purdue Extension or the library.**