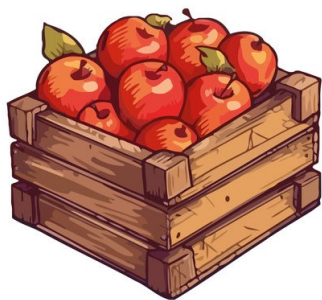


News Notes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

FALL INTO FUN AT THE LIBRARY!

Join us for some free fall fun on **Thursday, October 12 from 5-7 p.m.!** We will be having all kinds of fun activities for children and families, including “bobbing” for apples, pumpkin picking, an indoor fall maze to walk through, games to play, popcorn, and other treats to eat, hot chocolate and apple cider to drink, and wagon rides outside in the parking lot. Come experience the best parts of the fall season with us!



NERF FLAG TAG

Kids in grades 2-5 are invited to come to the library and play NERF Flag Tag in the Community Room during fall break on **Thursday, October 19.** Kids will be divided into two teams, and one team will try to take the flags of another team while trying to avoid NERF Blasters! NERF blasters and darts will be provided by the library. **Two time slots of 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.** to choose from will be available and a signed waiver by a parent/guardian must be signed in order to participate. Parents are asked to stay in the library while their child enjoys the fun event. Space is limited, so call or visit the library to register today!



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FALL BREAK ACTIVITIES



REMINDER: No Family Storytime on October 19.

From **October 18-21**, outdoor games to play with in the children's area and an engineering table with binder clips, popsicle sticks, and clothespins will be available for you to see what you can create with the supplies provided.

Halloween-themed take and makes will be available on **Wednesday, October 18**, while supplies last. For kids in grades preschool-6th grade, grab a take and make and use the Jello for slime, a science experiment, or a tasty treat and enjoy other activities in the bag. For kids in grades 7-12, grab a take and make and create your own monster corner bookmark, as well as some other Halloween activities included.

On **Friday, October 20** from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and **Saturday, October 21** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Legos will be available to play with in the children's area of the library.

PARENT CAFE

On **Monday, October 16 from 4:30-6 p.m.**, Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition and Firefly Children's Services will be partnering to host a parent café group in the Community Room. Prizes, free Dinner, and an activity for children will be provided. Please call or visit the library to register your spot! This event is great for support and resources for parenting.

TRICK OR TREAT AT THE LIBRARY



Happy Halloween! Come Trick or Treat at the library on **Tuesday, October 31** from 5-7 p.m.. Kids will receive one book of their choice and candy. We can't wait see you at the library in your best costumes!

AN EVENING, DARK AND DREARY

Join us on **Tuesday, October 24 at 6p.m.** for an evening presentation of everything Edgar Allan Poe. We will be doing an exploration of the author, his life, his works, and more! This is perfect for fans of horror or gothic writing or anyone who loves Poe. Help us celebrate the month of Halloween with an eerie evening of celebrating one of the horror genre's founding fathers. Light refreshments will be provided. Call or visit the library to reserve your spot!



HALLOWEEN CRAFTERNOON

Come enjoy some fun Halloween activities in this come and go event in the Community Room on **Wednesday, October 18** from 2-4 p.m.

We'll be making clay monsters, Halloween lava lamp bottles, eating a pumpkin patch dirt snack, making glove monsters, and doing a fun monster balloon experiment. Hope to see you there!



HOME ALONE SAFETY CLASS



On **Saturday, October 14** from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., students in grades 3-6 who have expressed interest in assuming the responsibility of staying home alone are invited to come to this safety class to learn

how to practice safe habits, how to prevent unsafe situations, and what to do when faced with dangers such as power failures or weather emergencies. Students are also introduced to the Safe Sitter® First Aid Chart and learn a system to help them assess and respond to injuries and illnesses. Snacks will be provided. Text HA to 765-729-9035 to register.

READY, SET, ZEN!

Join us on **Tuesday, October 10** at 6 p.m. in the Community Room for our next session of our Design Your Life Mental Health Series partnership with IU Health. This month we will be discussing how to use mindfulness to relieve stress and will be making our Zen gardens to take home. Free blood pressure checks will also be available. Light refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Jay County Public Library. Please call or visit the library to sign-up for your spot.



CLUB DATES

JCPL Book Club:

Monday, October 16, 7:00 PM

Come and discuss *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell. Anyone who loves to read may join.

JCPL Friends:

Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m.

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

STORY SEEKERS BOOK CLUB



Calling all readers in grades 3, 4, or 5; join the Story Seekers Book Club at the Jay County Public Library! We are currently reading *Pages and Co: The Bookwanderers*, and you can sign up any time at the library. The club will meet on **Thursdays October 5 & 19, and November 9** from 4-5 p.m. in the Community Room. Come and meet some fellow readers and read some awesome books!

FAMILY MOVIE TIME

Join us in the Community Room on **Friday, October 20** for a free showing of *Elemental*, which is rated PG for brief language, thematic elements, and mild peril. **The movie will begin promptly at 2 p.m.** and free popcorn will be provided, while supplies last.



“October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book”
-John Sinor



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SAVE THE DATE!

Calling all Longmire fans! We are excited to announce that Craig Johnson, author and creator of the book and TV series *Longmire*, will be visiting JCPL on November 2nd, 2023! We will be hosting the event off-site at Arts Place at 6:30 p.m., with a reception and book signing to follow. Free refreshments will be provided by the Friends of Jay County Public Library. More information on the event, free tickets, and free copies of his new book *The Longmire Defense* coming during the week of October 2!

