

NewsNotes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024!

What is a total solar eclipse?

On Monday, April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk! Partiality will begin around 1:52 p.m. and totality will be around 3:08-3:12 p.m. in Jay County. Safety is the number one priority when planning to view a total solar eclipse! Be sure you are familiar with when you need to wear eye protection specially designed for solar viewing. More information about the solar eclipse can be found at <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/where-when/>.



Planning to watch the solar eclipse? We have your eyes covered! Drop by the library beginning March 11 to get your pair of **FREE** solar shades, while supplies last, to safely watch the eclipse on the big day!

Quick Facts

- After the total solar eclipse on April 8, the next total solar eclipse that can be seen from the contiguous United States will be on August 23, 2044.
- We can't normally see the corona—the sun's outer atmosphere—because the Sun's surface below it is so much brighter. But during a total solar eclipse, the corona becomes visible, offering unique opportunities to study it.
- When the moon completely blocks the visible surface of the Sun during a total solar eclipse, viewers can remove their eclipse glasses. A total solar eclipse is the only type of solar eclipse where eclipse glasses can be momentarily removed.
- When a total eclipse reaches totality, nocturnal wildlife sometimes wake up, thinking that it's nighttime and non-nocturnal wildlife might think it's time to head to bed!

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FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

Celebrate Easter on **Thursday, March 14** with egg decorating, crafts, 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. and Minnich Farms. There will be two sessions to choose from: **4:30-5:30 or 6-7 p.m.** **Sign up is required for this event. Please call or visit the library to register.**



FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT

Come to the library for a fun Easter Egg hunt on **Wednesday, March 27**! Preschool and elementary-age kids are encouraged to sign up for one of three time slots: **10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.** Participants and their caregivers will assemble in the Community Room for quick instructions and then hunt Easter eggs throughout the library. Each child will find 10 eggs to keep. Following the hunt, families can make a craft in the Community Room. **Registration is required. Sign up by calling or visiting the library today!**

SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES!

- Legos will be available to play with in the children's area of the library on **Friday, March 22 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** and on **Saturday, March 23 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**
- Outdoor games will be available to play with in the children's area from **March 25-30.**
- Take & Make Crafts celebrating Ag Week will be available for **ALL AGES** on **Monday, March 25, while supplies last.** These crafts and activities are provided by the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. and celebrate agriculture in our area! Come grab an activity for spring break fun!
- Stop by the children's area on **March 28-29** to enjoy making a simple spring craft!

PLAY WITH PURDUE AT THE LIBRARY

Start your spring break off with fun activities provided by Purdue Extension and the library! Join us for a come-and-go event in the Community Room on **Monday, March 25 from 2-4 p.m.** and learn how to make ice cream in a bag, a milk-carton bird feeder, exploding seed balls, and also learn about positive ways to handle adversity. **Registration is suggested, but walk-ins welcome. Call or visit the library to let us know if you plan to come!**



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FAMILY TRIVIA

Join us on **Tuesday, March 26** during Spring Break for our first edition of family trivia! We will be playing three rounds of regular trivia that is all based on Disney & Pixar movies, plus a bonus round to take home the grand prize. Disney-themed refreshments will be served. Gather your family, sign up your team, and bring a mobile device to play! **There will be two different sessions to choose from: 2-3:30 p.m. or 5-6:30 p.m.** Please register your team (no more than 6 people to a team, please!) by calling or visiting the library, as space is limited. **Reminder: one mobile device per team is required to play!**

SEASONAL SAVOR: HEALTHY FOOD PREP IDEAS

JCPL is excited to announce our new seasonal, 4-part adult healthy cooking mini-series in partnership with the dietitians from IU Health Jay! During this mini-series, we will be covering a healthy cooking topic that relates to the season that we are in. There will be discussion, food demonstrations, and taste tests! Join us on **Tuesday, March 5 at 6 p.m.** for our kick-off night, where registered dietitian Malarie Krieg will be sharing healthy food prep ideas, including egg cups, energy balls, and a microwave stir fry. The remaining sessions will be held on the first Tuesday in June, September, and December. Attendees will receive a free goodie bag provided by IU Health and there will be a free raffle for a Healthy Food Prep Starter Kit, with a cookbook, meal prep set, and more! **Registration is required and your spot can be reserved by visiting, calling the library, or signing up online.**



NEW LOOK FOR EVERGREEN

Evergreen Indiana is getting a new look on or around March 19. Stay tuned for further updates!



CLUB DATES

Story Seekers Book Club: March 14, 4-5:30 PM
JCPL Book Club: Monday, March 18, 7 PM
 We'll be reading *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett.
JCPL Friends: Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 PM
 Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

CREATE THE MOOD YOU WANT: A NIGHT OF EXPRESSION THROUGH PAINT & POETRY

Join us for a fun evening on **Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m.**, for our next session of the Design Your Life Adult Mental Health Series with IU Health's Jenni VanSkyock! During this session, we will be creating our works of self-expression through paint and poetry, no experience required! Self-expression and creativity can help us analyze our feelings and emotions, as a therapeutic practice to help us cope and improve our mental wellbeing. **Please RSVP**

as space is limited. You can RSVP by calling, visiting the library, or signing up online.



FLOURISH WITH FLOWER GARDENING

Join us on **Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m.** for an evening all about flowers, in partnership with Purdue Extension's Emily Kring and the State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management's Liz Yetter. During this program, we will be learning all about native and invasive flowers, flowering trees, shrubs and why there is a difference between them. This will be an event you don't want to miss if you are into gardening and landscaping. **Please reserve your spot in the class by visiting or calling the library.**

*"After your darkest hour,
the sun will shine again."*



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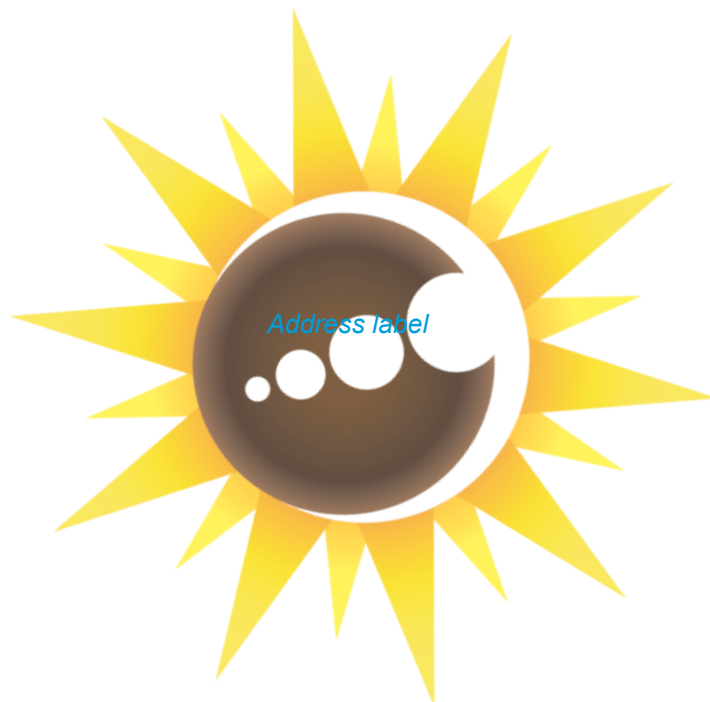
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Receive a monthly e-mail
with link to an online version of
the newsletter.

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MARCH MADNESS BRACKET COMPETITION

It's that time of year again and our annual March Madness bracket competition is back! However, this year we decided to do brackets for both men's and women's basketball for double the excitement and competition! You may complete brackets to enter the competition for men's, women's, or both! **Brackets will be available on Monday, March 18 and need to be filled out and turned back into the library by 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 21 to be entered into the competition.** Keep checking back at the library after the weekly games to see how well your bracket is holding up against your opponents. The person with the most perfect bracket for both men's and women's will each win a \$25 Amazon gift card and will be contacted at the conclusion of March Madness. Happy basketball season and may the best team win!

