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JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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FALL FUN WITH THE FRIENDS: SLOW COOKER SHOWDOWN & BAKE SALE

Calling all chefs and foodies! The Friends of JCPL are excited to announce their new fall fundraiser event that will get you in the mood for slow cooker and baking season! The Friends invite chefs of any skill level, in teams of two people maximum, to show off their cooking skills in a slow cooker on **Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Participants are encouraged to bring ANY type of food in their slow cooker, it's the chef's choice. There is an entry fee of \$5 per team. Entry fees can be dropped off at the library prior to the event; cash or checks made out to the Friends of the Jay County Public Library, will be accepted. Cooking teams will need to check in at the library with their slow cooker at 10 a.m. and will need to have their food ready for public tasting and voting at this time. Teams must be present and stay at the event the whole time. The official judging for the competition will begin at 12 p.m. The top three favorites, plus the public voting favorite, will win a prize! The public is invited to drop by from **9 a.m.-1 p.m.** to purchase baked goods from the bake sale and to try samples from the competitors and vote for their favorites after 10 a.m. Come out and enjoy some baked goods or samples from the slow cooker competition, or enter to be in the showdown for yourself—all for a good cause! All proceeds from the entry fees and bake sale purchases will go towards helping fund library programs. Come support the Friends and the library, and have some fun while doing it! **To register your team into the Slow Cooker Showdown, call or visit the library.**



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PICK YOUR POISON READ & WATCH CHALLENGE!

During the month of October, adults and teens (ages 13+) are invited to participate in our new reading and watching challenge. Participants will have three different "poison" cards to choose from: reading, watching tv series, or watching movies. On each card, you will color or mark in the poison bottles to keep track of your progress—for every 30 minutes that you read, for each episode of a tv series that you watch, or for each movie that you watch. You can choose to complete only one type of card or do the ultimate challenge and try to complete all three. You can also complete as many cards as you want! All cards must be turned in by **October 31**. In the spirit of Halloween, there will be fake poison bottles filled with candy to win for each category. Winners will be drawn and contacted on



November 1.
Note: you **DO NOT** have to only watch or read Halloween-themed materials to participate, but it is highly encouraged!

FALL INTO FUN AT THE LIBRARY

Join us for some free fall fun on **Thursday, October 17 from 5-7 p.m.!** In coordination with the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc., there will be fun activities for children and families inside the library and in the library's parking lot. Families will enjoy "bobbing" for apples, pumpkin picking and painting, fall crafts, making mini apple pies, eating walking s'mores, popcorn, and caramel apples. There will also be hot chocolate and apple cider to drink. Outside, come enjoy wagon rides, outdoor games, and a giant inflatable combine bouncy slide and corn maze in the parking lot! Come experience the best parts of the fall season with your whole family!



MONEY MATTERS: STAY SCAM SAFE

Tuesday, October 1 at 6 p.m. is the next session of our financial how-to series, in partnership with Jay County Purdue Extension's Ashley Drees! In this class, you will learn how to safely use technology to reduce the risk of being a scam victim and how to identify and prevent common scams. Participants will learn to take proactive steps to protect themselves and their information and how to report scams or fraud that have taken place. **Space is limited, so get your seat in the class by calling or visiting the library.**

TEEN READ WEEK TAKE & MAKES

Teens in **grades 7-12**, are invited to drop-by the teen area of the library to pick up a free activity kit in celebration of Teen READ week! These will be available **October 14**, while supplies last.



LEGOS AND STRAW BUILDERS

Legos and straw builder toys will be available to play with in the children's area on **Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 24 from 3:00-7:00 p.m.**

SIP, PAINT, & PUMPKIN: ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Join us on **Tuesday, October 8 at 6 p.m.** for a fun adult night out with painting, crafting, and sipping on apple cider! We will be making pumpkin-themed crafts, including a 12-inch wooden round door hanger and a mason jar lid pumpkin decoration! Come out and have some fall fun with us! **Space is limited so call or visit the library to register for this program.**

PAWS & PAGES

Families may **register** their child for an opportunity to read to a certified therapy dog on **October 3**. Held in the Community Room from **4:00-5:30**, 15-minute time slots will be available for a chance to read to and play with a furry friend. Participants may bring their own books or read those provided by the library. **Parent/guardian must sign a waiver at the time of event.**



BE YOUR BEST SELF: WHAT'S RIGHT WITH ME?



Join us on **Monday, October 21 at 6 p.m.** for the next session of our Be Your Best Self mental health series with IU Health's Jenni VanSkyock! For the October session, we will be discussing self-growth and fixed mindsets. We will examine how changing our thinking can truly change our outlook and mental health. **Please register for this event by calling or visiting the library.**

TEEN HOUR

Any teens, in **grades 7-12**, are invited to stop by the library after school from **4-5 p.m.** on the **fourth Tuesday of the month** for a fun hour of themed crafts, snacks, and activities! October's meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 22** and will be Halloween-themed (of course!) with neon pumpkin painting and snacks. **Sign-up is requested, but not required. To reserve your spot, please call or visit the library.**

FALL TAKE & MAKES FOR KIDS

Fall-themed take & makes for kids ages preschool through 6th grade will be available, while supplies last, on **Tuesday, October 15**.

CLUB 55+

Seniors (55+) are invited to come to the Community Room on **Thursday, October 3 from 10-11 a.m.** for a fun social hour with crafts. We will be making fall flannel coasters and a flannel pumpkin ornament. **Please reserve your spot by calling or visiting the library!**



FEARFUL FILMS CINEMA: DOUBLE FEATURE & DINNER

Calling all adult horror lovers, **ages 18+!** Join us on **Tuesday, October 29 from 5-8 p.m.** for a unique evening of thrills and chills during our Fearful Films Cinema dinner and double movie experience. We will be showing two classic throwback horror films: *The Creature from the Black Lagoon* and the 1931 version of *Dracula*. Dinner will be served Halloween-style (tasty, but might look a little creepy!) so come prepared for fun! **Make your reservations for a "scarily" good night out with us to celebrate Halloween by calling or visiting the library.**



ONGOING PROGRAMS:

JCPL Book Club:
Monday, October 21, 7 PM
Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

Friends of JCPL:
Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 PM
Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

Lawyers in Libraries:
Thursday, October 24, 10 AM-12 PM
Participants will be able to register to speak with an attorney through a video conferencing system about a limited number of topics.



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LIBRARY HOURS

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HALLOWEEN AT JCPL!

TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE LIBRARY!

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

VERY SLIGHTLY SCARY ESTATE TOUR

Enter, if you dare! **On Halloween night, from 5-7 p.m.** the ghouls are taking over the Community Room and invite you to take a self-directed tour through their creepy estate rooms. Unlike normal haunted houses, this is a walk-through experience and doesn't include any scary actors or jump scares. However, there may be some slightly scary elements, so this is **recommended for our brave souls, ages 8+.** Adults and teens are also welcome to walk through! For our visitors ages 8-12, a parent or guardian is required to be present to go through the tour.