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NewsNotes

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EVENING OF STORIES!

On **Thursday, December 5 from 5-7 p.m.**, come experience a classic family Christmas with us! Families will have an opportunity to hear Mrs. Claus read Christmas stories by the tree, decorate and eat Christmas cookies, make ornaments for their own tree and the library's Christmas tree, make special gifts for our local homeless shelter, make a towel reindeer, and more! Come join us for

a magical and nostalgic Christmas experience at the library!



CHRISTMAS EDITION!

Join us in the Community Room for some holiday fun on **Monday, December 16 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** We will be playing Sing-O—the Christmas Music Edition! If you are new to playing Sing-O, it is essentially bingo that is played with song titles instead of numbers and letters! Free pizza and refreshments will be served at this program, in partnership with Portland's Pizza Hut. Gather your friends and family and come to a fun night out for all ages! **Registration is required and space is limited for this event, so call or visit the library soon to reserve your spot!**

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COOKIES & CANVAS FOR KIDS!

The Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. and JCPL are once again offering the popular kids Cookies & Canvas event on **Monday, December 2! Families may sign up for one of two sessions from 4:00-5:30 p.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Community Room. Recommended for elementary-aged children, this fun experience will include painting a cow picture, a story, an agricultural lesson, and of course, cookies! A parent/caregiver is encouraged to attend to help each child as needed. **Call or visit the library soon to register for this event!**



Join us for the last Family Story Time of the season on **Tuesday, December 3 at 10 a.m.** This will be a special Charlie Brown Christmas story time in the Community Room with Charlie Brown-themed snacks, crafts, and activities for children ages preschool and younger with their caregivers.

MOTHER GOOSE

Mother Goose will be flying to the library on **Friday mornings at 11:15 a.m. now through December 13!** Join Mother Goose in the Community Room for stories, rhymes, and movement. **If Jay Schools are not in session, Mother Goose will not be held.**



ELF ACADEMY

Do you have what it takes to become a real elf for Santa? Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the library on **Thursday, December 12 from 5-7 p.m.** and participate in a wide variety of activities to test their skills and earn the right to be called an official "Elf." Kids will get to make homemade gifts for Jay County Country Living residents, homemade gifts for family or friends, and towel teddy bears for local foster children. In addition, kids will decorate wrapping paper, practice wrapping a gift, and will officially be recognized as an elf and receive their very own elf name after completing the activities. Join us for a night of Christmas fun and community service! No registration required.



BUILD & DECORATE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Come join us for a traditional Christmas experience on **Tuesday, December 17 at 4, 5, or 6 p.m.** and build a milk-carton, graham-cracker gingerbread house! Families may choose from one of three times to sign up. All supplies will be provided. It's almost Christmas, so bring a friend and come decorate a gingerbread house with us! **Registration is required, so call or visit the library to sign up.**





JCPL Holiday Hours

Closed December 24 & 25

Closed December 31

Closed January 1

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Club 55+:

There will **NOT** be a December session of Club 55+, due to holiday programming.

The club will resume on **January 2, 2025**.

JCPL Book Club:

Monday, December 16, 7 PM

We will be discussing *Between Two Trailers* by Dana Trent. Anyone who loves to read may join!

Friends of JCPL:

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 PM

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

Lawyers in Libraries:

Thursday, December 19, 10 AM-12 PM

Lawyers in Libraries will be on the third Thursday in December because of the holidays. Participants will be able to speak with an attorney through a video conferencing system about a limited number of topics. **Registration is required.**

INTERACTIVE MOVIE EXPERIENCE: ELF EDITION!

Get in the Christmas mood and join us for a fun and interactive movie showing of *Elf* on **Tuesday, December 10 at 6 p.m.!** Attendees will be given a bag of prompts and props to participate throughout Buddy the Elf's adventure to New York and the North Pole.

Audience participation is highly encouraged for this unique movie showing for all ages!

Registration is required and space is limited for this event, so call or visit the library to reserve your spot!



SEASONAL SAVOR: HEALTHY HOLIDAY EATING



Join us on **Tuesday, December 3 at 6 p.m.** in the Community Room, for the final session of our Seasonal Savor

adult healthy eating series, in partnership with IU Health. During this session, registered dietitian Melissa Kanney will be teaching us about how to stay within healthy eating habits during the holiday season. She will also be doing a food demonstration including shaved brussel sprout salad, whole wheat gingerbread, healthy sweet potato casserole, and angel food cake! **Please call or visit the library to register your space for this final session.**



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LIBRARY HOURS

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→ THE GREAT STOCKING STUFFER! ←



Get the family together, explore your community, and get to know your local businesses! Children **ages 3 through Grade 6** are invited to participate in the Great Stocking Stuffer Scavenger Hunt put on by State Farm's Karmen Ward. The hunt will take place **December 19-23**. Children may pick up their stocking at 108 N Ship St. starting at **9:30 a.m. on December 19**. There are only 200 stockings available, so hurry to claim yours! Child/children must be present to receive a stocking. Stocking and child must be present to receive gifts from all participating merchants. Children will receive a list of participating merchants when picking up their stocking. Once a child has their stocking, they can visit each of the participating businesses anytime they are open December 19-23 and receive a small gift of some kind! JCPL is one of the businesses participating in the Great Stocking Stuffer and children will receive a reading-themed slap bracelet, a reading sticker, and a Santa chocolate when stopping by the library. Happy hunting!