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# News Notes

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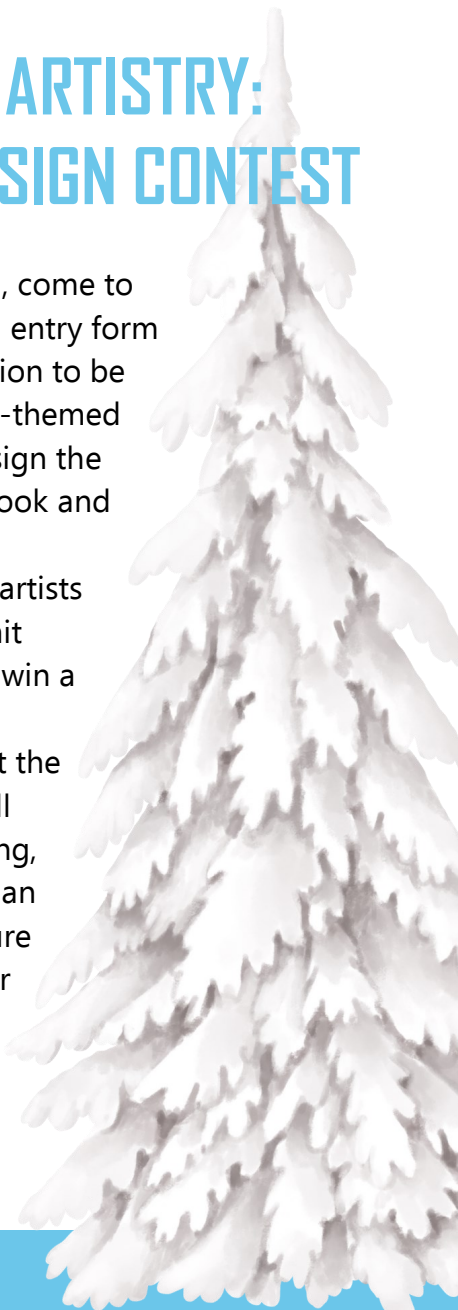


## ADULT & TEEN WINTER READING CHALLENGE

The Adult & Teen Winter Reading Challenge is back for 2025! Any adult or teen who wants to participate is welcome to pick up a challenge card from the library any time between **January 13 and March 1** and **must complete a minimum of 4 spaces** on the card to complete the challenge. Participants are welcome to complete as many challenge cards as they would like, but one card equals one prize entry into our drawings. This year, participants will get to choose which gift card drawings they want to enter and can choose from Pizza Hut, Walmart, or Bizy Dips. All participants will also be automatically entered into our grand prize drawing for a Kindle Paperwhite. All challenge cards must be turned in by **1 p.m. on Saturday, March 1** to be qualified for prize drawings. Winners will be notified during the week of March 3. Thank you to the Friends of the Jay County Public Library and Pizza Hut for sponsoring our 2025 winter challenge for adults and teens! Happy reading!

## CHILLED ARTISTRY: COVER REDESIGN CONTEST

**January 20 to March 8**, come to the library to pick up an entry form and additional information to be able to enter our winter-themed cover art contest. Redesign the cover of your favorite book and winterize it! This is an opportunity for serious artists of various ages to submit artwork for a chance to win a prize and have their art temporarily displayed at the library. To enter, you will need to submit a painting, sketch, or drawing with an entry form. Please be sure to come to the library or check our Facebook page for additional requirements and rules after January 20.



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## CRAFTS, COOKIES, & COCOA: ADULT CRAFTING NIGHT



New year, new crafts! JCPL is excited to continue our adult crafting night series into 2025. On **Monday, January 20 at 6 p.m.**, we will be making winter glittery votive candle holders, as well

as doing magnetic snowflake diamond painting. Cookies and cocoa will be provided, while supplies last. **Space is limited and these programs fill fast, so call or visit the library to reserve your seat!**



## FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS: BANKING BOOTCAMP

JCPL is excited to announce our new partnership with First Financial to bring you a five-part financial wellness and foundations series with one of their financial wellness specialists, Brad Harsha. Don't miss the first session, which will be on **Monday, January 27 at 6 p.m.**, Brad will be helping you on your path to a worry-free financial future by starting with teaching you the basics. This banking basics class will handle topics like why you should use a bank, what types of bank accounts exist, and how to go about building a valuable relationship with your local banker.

**Registration is required, so please call or visit the library to reserve your spot for this program.**



## TECH TALK HOUR: INTRO TO macOS

Have a MacBook or Mac desktop but not sure how to use it? Join us on **Tuesday, January 7 from 6-7 p.m.** for our beginner's basics class where we will introduce you to macOS and give tips on how to get started. Attendees are welcome to bring their device to walk through the steps in the presentation, but devices are not required. **Please call or visit the library to reserve your spot for this program.**



## TECH TALK HOUR: INTRO TO WINDOWS

Have a Windows laptop or desktop but not sure how to use it? Join us on **Tuesday, January 28 from 6-7 p.m.** for our beginner's basics class where we will introduce you to Windows and give tips on how to get started. Attendees are welcome to bring their device to walk through the steps in the presentation with us, but devices are not required. **Please call or visit the library to reserve your spot for this program.**



## FINANCIAL QUESTION APPOINTMENTS

Have questions about your finances or money in general? Need help planning to get out of debt? Need a professional to guide you on how to improve your credit? Sign up for a **free 15-minute appointment on Monday, January 27 from 4:30-5:45 p.m.** with First Financial's Brad Harsha, who is a financial wellness specialist. **No walk-ins will be accepted. Appointments are limited to 15 minutes and can be made by calling or visiting the library.**

## ONGOING PROGRAMS:

### Club 55+:

**Thursday, January 2  
10-11 AM**

Seniors (aged 55+) are invited to come to the library on **Thursday, January 2 from 10-11 a.m.** and kick off the new year reminiscing about 'the good old days' with this themed trivia hour. Gather your friends and be ready to travel back in time! **Registration is required, so call or visit the library to reserve your spot.**

### JCPL Book Club:

**Monday, January 20  
7 PM**

We will be discussing *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. Anyone who loves to read may join!

### Friends of JCPL:

**Tuesday, January 21  
6:30 PM**

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

### Story Seekers Book Club:

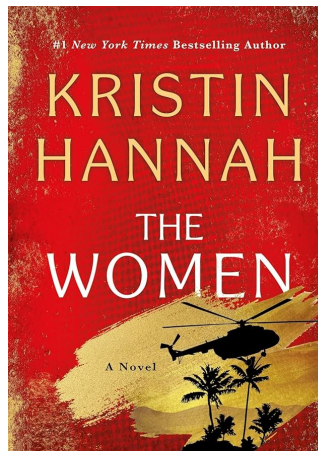
**Thursday, January 23  
4-5 PM**

Calling all readers in grades 4, 5, or 6! Join the Story Seekers Book Club at the Jay County Public Library! **Sign up by calling or visiting the library to receive a free copy of the book at the first meeting!** The club will meet **January 23, February 20, March 20, and April 17 from 4-5 p.m.** The first meeting will be in the Friends Room and the rest will be in the Community Room. Come and meet some fellow readers, enjoy a great book, and participate in fun activities!

### Lawyers in Libraries:

**Thursday, January 23  
10 AM-12 PM**

Participants will be able to speak with an attorney through a video conferencing system about a limited number of topics. **Registration is required.**



## BE HEART SMART: KNOW YOUR RISKS

JCPL and Purdue Extension are partnering for our new multi-session Be Heart Smart series for individuals who want to learn more about preventing heart disease by making heart-healthy lifestyle changes. This program will teach participants how to monitor risk factors for heart disease and how to make simple changes to their daily routine that can improve their heart health. January's session will be on **Monday, January 6 at 6 p.m.** and will focus on knowing your risks for heart disease. **Please call or visit the library to reserve your spot for this program.**



## MOTHER GOOSE

Mother Goose will NOT be flying to the library in January. She will be returning to the library on Friday mornings at 11:15 a.m., starting February 7.

## SOURDOUGH BAKING FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Interested in making your own Sourdough bread but feel like you're too busy? Join us on **Monday, January 13 at 6 p.m.** for a fun and educational class with Janel Franks from Purdue Extension, as she teaches us about how to fit baking sourdough into our busy lives, the health benefits of fermentation, how to manage a sourdough starter, and attendees will receive a free dry sourdough starter! **This class has extremely limited space, so call or visit the library as soon as possible to reserve your spot.**







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## INVASIVE SPECIES IN OUR BACKYARDS: WHAT HOMEOWNERS CAN DO



Even though it's January, it's never too soon to start thinking about your spring gardens! Join us on **Tuesday, January 14 at 6 p.m.**, for this program with Purdue Extension and the State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management, if you are a homeowner who is wanting to control the invasive species in your landscaping and properties. This program will also highlight wintertime invasive species identification. **Please call or visit the library to reserve your spot.**

## "SNOW" MUCH FUN WINTER ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY!

On **Thursday, January 30 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.**, kids of all ages are invited to stop by the Community Room to make a snow globe, mug cake, and stuffed sock penguin! Join us for some winter fun in this come-and-go event. **Registration is requested so call or visit the library to let us know if you are planning to come.**



## FINGER KNITTING FOR KIDS

**Kids in grades 3-6** are invited to try making their own scarf by finger knitting with loopy yarn! This fun and very easy activity is perfect for a winter day. Come join us for a fun after-school activity and start making a soft scarf to wear. Supplies and assistance to get started will be provided. **Space is limited, so call or visit the library to sign up for one of two sessions on Thursday, January 9 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m.**