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JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



CARDS FOR A CAUSE: VALENTINE'S EDITION!

This Valentine's season, JCPL is asking for your help to make Valentine's Day cards that will be delivered to local senior citizens in nursing homes and the county home. Here are a few ways that you can help us share the love this month:

- Stop by the children's area of the library between **January 31 and February 11** to make Valentine cards that will be delivered to local senior citizens. Thank you for helping us spread kindness to our community this February!
- Teens & adults (ages 13+) are invited to drop into the Community Room on **Tuesday, February 4 from 5-7 p.m.** to help us make Valentine's cards! All cardmaking supplies will be provided, as well as light refreshments. Attendees can make as many cards as your creativity allows!
- Teens & adults (ages 13+) who are not able to make it to the card making party can pick up a card making kit on **Monday, February 3**, while supplies last, to do at home and then return the card to the library. **Completed cards will need to be returned to the library no later than Wednesday, February 12.**



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NACHO-AVERAGE VALENTINE'S BASH

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to come hang out in the Community Room on **Tuesday, February 11 from 5-7 p.m.** for an evening of fun! Come get nachos from our nacho bar, play *Just Dance* or *Mario Kart* on Nintendo Switch, put together a puzzle, show someone you care about them by making them a bookmark or friendship bracelet, show off your fandom love by visiting our button-making station, dream big and set some goals for self-love by creating a 2025 mini vision board, make a cat or dog toy for an animal that you love, take some selfies with your friends in our photo booth, and get a Valentine's goodie bag on your way out! Teens are welcome to pick and choose which stations they interact with and can stay for the full two hours or drop in for a little while. **RSVP for the bash by calling or visiting the library to let us know if you'll be stopping by.** We hope to see you there!



MOTHER GOOSE

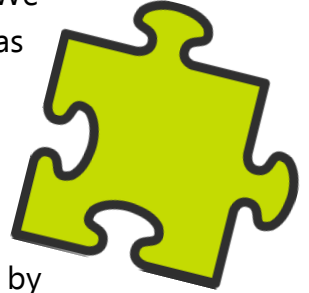


Mother Goose will not be flying back to the library in February, but will return on **Friday mornings at 11:15 a.m. starting March 7** through the rest of the school year. Join

Mother Goose in the Community Room for stories, rhymes, and movement. **If Jay Schools are not in session, Mother Goose will not be held.**

ADULT PUZZLE TEAM COMPETITION

Calling all adult puzzle lovers! We have a new challenge for you, as we host our first ever Puzzle Team Competition event on **February 25 from 5-7:30 p.m.** Teams will have a chance to compete against each other by putting together the same 300-piece puzzle within 2.5 hours. Whichever team either completes the puzzle the fastest, or gets the closest when time is up, will be declared the puzzle competition champions! Teams can be made of up to four people, but will need a minimum of two people to be entered into the competition. The team that wins will get a prize and all teams will get to take the puzzle home. Join us for a night of fun and may the best team win! **To register your team for the competition, please call or visit the library. Teams will need to show up to the library at 4:50 p.m. on competition day to get their table placement and to go over the rules. The competition will begin strictly at 5 p.m. so that teams get the whole 2.5 hours to compete!**



LOVE OF THE LIBRARY TAKE & MAKES

Stop by JCPL on **Monday, February 17**, while supplies last, and pick up take & makes with library and book-themed crafts and other fun activities for ages **PreK-2nd grade and 3rd-6th grade.**

FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS: PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT

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. Your identity is your most important asset and protecting it should be your highest priority. During this second class on **Monday, February 24 at 6 p.m.**, Brad teaches you how to spot the signs of identity theft, how to protect yourself, and what to do if you think your identity has been compromised. Stop scammers in their tracks with skills you'll use for a lifetime. **Registration is required, so please call or visit the library to reserve your spot.**

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 on **Monday, February 3 at 6 p.m.** **This is a makeup date for January's session that got cancelled.** This program will teach participants how to monitor risk factors for heart disease and how to make simple changes to their daily routine to improve their heart health. February's session will be focused on knowing your risks for heart disease. **Registration is required, so please call or visit the library to reserve your spot.**

FINANCIAL QUESTION APPOINTMENTS

Have questions about your finances or about money in general? Need help planning to get out of debt? Need a professional to guide you on how to improve your credit? All of these questions and more can be answered during these free, 15-minute appointments on **Monday, February 24 between 4:30 and 5:45 p.m.** with First Financial's

Brad Harsha, who is a financial wellness specialist. **No walk-ins accepted. Appointments are limited to 15 minutes and can be made by calling or visiting the library.**



CUPID'S CANVAS & CHARCUTERIE: ADULT CRAFTING NIGHT

Need plans for Valentine's Day? We've got you covered! Join us for a fun night out at the library on **Monday, February 17 at 6 p.m.** for the next session in our adult crafting series. This month, we will be getting fancy with something similar to a sip and paint event, but it will be a self-directed Valentine's canvas painting activity and charcuterie board snacking for you to enjoy. Bring your friends and have some relaxing fun! **Space is limited and these programs fill fast, so call or visit the library to reserve your seat!**



BE MY PAL-ENTINE!

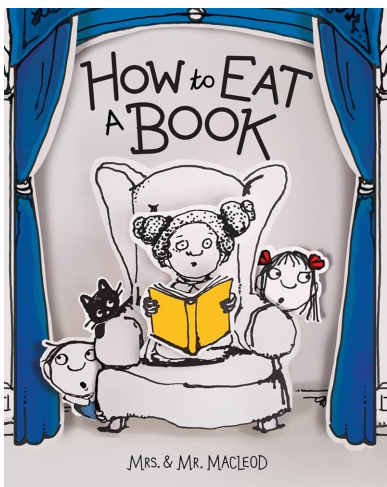
Bring a pal or two with you to JCPL's Community Room on **Thursday, February 13 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.** for our children's Pal-Entine event! You will have the chance to make friendship bracelets, chocolate goodies, a Towel Teddy Bear, and a handmade bouquet for you to enjoy or give to a friend. This program is recommended for children ages Pre-K through 6th Grade. Parental assistance

is needed for younger children. **Registration is requested, but walk-ins are welcome. Call or visit the library to let us know if you plan to come.** Hope to see you there!

*Will you be my
pal-entine?*



Family Story Time will now be held on both **Monday and Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.** in the Community Room. Join us for stories, songs, and activities for children ages preschool and younger with their caregivers from **February 3 – April 15.** **Please note:** story time content will be the same for both days, but each week will have a different theme. **There will be no Family Story Time on March 24 and 25, during Spring Break.**



CAN YOU ESCAPE THE STORY?!

This Escape Room is based on the children's book, "How to Eat a Book" by Mrs. And Mr. MacLeod. This program is for **children grades K-6** and will be held in the Community Room on **Thursday, February 27 from 3:50-6:50 p.m.** There will be two separate rooms running at one time. One room will be for grades K-3, and the second for grades 4-6. There will be multiple 55-minute time slots. With 6 children to a group, each child is sure to solve a puzzle, decode a message, and attempt to make it out of the story in time! A snack and prize will be available at the end of the adventure. **Space is limited, be sure to register your child for this program today!** (The escape rooms will run in a timely manner – please arrive promptly!) Families can also participate in an I-Spy adventure happening during the month of February. No sign up is needed to play "I-Spy" – just stop by the front desk to get started!

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Club 55+:

Thursday, February 6, 10 AM

Seniors (aged 55+) are invited to come to the library on **Thursday, February 6 from 10-11 a.m.** for a health chat hour with local family nurse practitioner Matt Sieg. **Registration is required, so call or visit the library to reserve your spot for this month's club meeting.**

JCPL Book Club:

Monday, February 17, 7 PM

The JCPL Book Club meets on the **third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.** On **February 17**, we'll be reading *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club* by J. Ryan Stradal. Anyone who loves to read may join!

Friends of JCPL:

Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 PM

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

Story Seekers Book Club:

Thursday, February 20, 4-5 PM

Lawyers in Libraries:

Thursday, February 27

10 AM-12 PM

Lawyers in Libraries will be held on **Thursday, February 27 this month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.** Participants will be able to speak with an attorney through a video conferencing system about topics such as divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates, or immigration. The service is free, confidential, and will be held at the library on laptops provided by the library. **Please sign up in advance at the library; spots are limited.**



ADULT & TEEN WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Adult & teen (ages 13+) winter reading continues throughout all of February! Any adult or teen who wants to participate is welcome to pick up a challenge card from the library anytime during February **until 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 Bizzy 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 Jay County Public Library and Pizza Hut for sponsoring our 2025 winter challenge for adults and teens. Happy reading!



LEGOS & MAGNETIC BLOCKS

Legos and Magnetic Blocks will be available to play with in the children's area on **Thursday, February 6 from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, February 15 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**



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DID YOU MISS IT?

The next adult craft night is Cupid's Canvas & Charcuterie on **Monday, February 17 at 6 p.m.!**
Call the library to sign up today!

