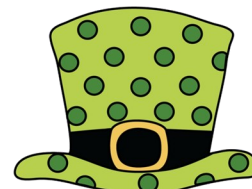


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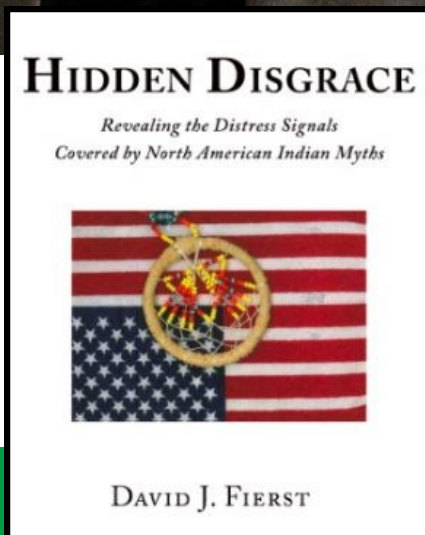
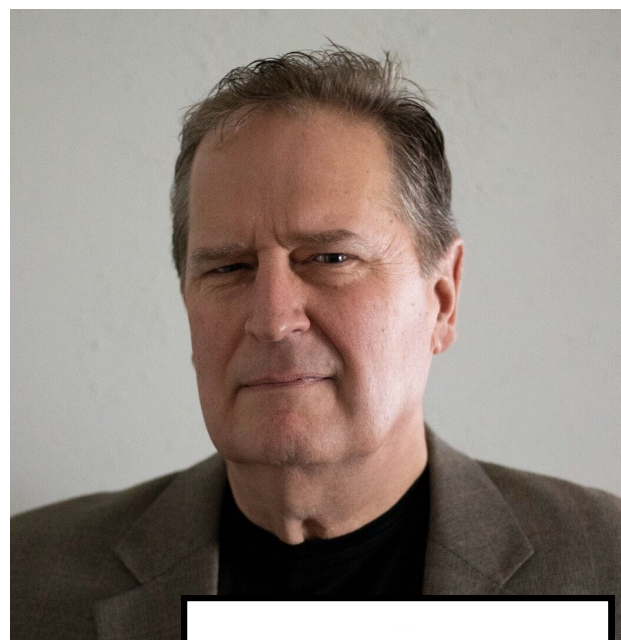
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BEYOND THE MAINSTREAM: INDIE AUTHORS SPEAK

JCPL is excited to announce a new series focused on spotlighting independent authors who have published works worth reading! Join us for our first session on **Tuesday, March 4 at 6 p.m.**, where we are welcoming David Fierst to the library for a talk about his book, *Hidden Disgrace: Revealing the Distress Signals Covered by North American Indian Myths*, and a book signing. His book is the result of a visit to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 2014. After viewing the living conditions on the reservation, he became curious about the history of the Lakota people. Fierst conducted original document research at such diverse venues as the National Archives in Washington, D.C., the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, and the Lilly Library in Bloomington, Indiana. David graduated from Indiana University in January 1979 and enlisted in the United States Army that same year. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1981. He received his masters from the University of Louisville and a law degree from the University of Dayton. Fierst worked for the Ohio Attorney General's Office from 2007 to 2021. Currently, he is in private practice law. He is married with two adult children. Copies of his book will be available for purchase during the program. JCPL will also have a few copies of the book that will be available for check-out prior to the program.

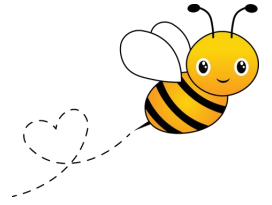


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SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS!



THANK A FARMER CARDS

Stop by the children's area during spring break (**March 24-28**) and write or draw in a card to thank local farmers for their hard work! Cards will be delivered to local farming families after spring break.



AG WEEK TAKE & MAKES

Take & make crafts celebrating Ag Week will be available for ALL AGES on **Monday, March 24**, 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!

MISSION EXPL-OREO-ATION

JCPL and the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. are excited to invite you to the library on **Tuesday, March 25 from 5-7 p.m.**, for a fun and OREO-filled family night during Spring Break! During this fully-immersive, educational, and exploratory program, attendees will get to taste test and rate their favorite Oreo flavors, learn about the milk process and practice milking a cow, build and launch Oreo catapults, experiment with Oreos to learn if they will sink or float, design and name your own Oreo flavor, create an Oreo pillow, write Oreo poetry, work on an Oreo cookie coloring collaborative project for the library, visit pop-up displays to learn Oreo history and fun facts, visit the OREO Gaming Center and play several different games, including Oreo NERF Blasting, the cookie stack challenge, Oreo Battleship, and an Oreo Speed Lick Contest! Attendees are also invited to take photos in our photo booth and enter to win door prizes. Stop by the welcome table when you first get to the library to receive an activity map, as well as some free Oreo recipes! We hope to see you there!



SLIME, SQUISH, & SPLATTER

It's texture time at the library! We are starting off Spring Break with a program where kids can dive into a variety of sensory crafts using clay, slime, shaving cream, and more. This is a come-and-go event on **Friday, March 21 from 1:30-3:00 p.m.** in the Community Room for children of all ages, so bring the family and come on down!

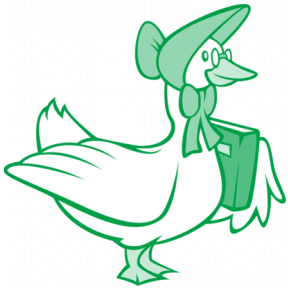


CARS INTERACTIVE MOVIE

Join us on **Thursday, March 27 from 5-7 p.m.** in the community room for an interactive experience of a Pixar favorite: CARS! Enjoy themed snacks and activities while watching the movie. **Please call or visit the front desk to register for this program!** Hope to see you there!



MOTHER GOOSE



Mother Goose will be flying to the library on **Friday mornings at 11:15 a.m. March 7 through May 23.**

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.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Club 55+:

Thursday, March 6, 10 AM

Seniors (age 55+) are invited to come to a fun Irish-themed morning. We will be making foam clover wreaths, painting a shamrock-shaped sun catcher, and enjoying Irish Tea with Shamrock Shortbread cookies. **Registration is required, so call or visit the library to reserve your spot for this month's club meeting.**

JCPL Book Club:

Monday, March 17, 7 PM

We will be discussing *Sold on a Monday* by Kristina McMorris. Anyone who loves to read may join!

Friends of JCPL:

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 PM

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

Story Seekers Book Club:

Thursday, March 20, 4-5 PM

Lawyers in Libraries:

Thursday, March 27, 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.**



Family Story Time is held on both **Monday and Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** in the Community Room. Join us for stories, songs, and activities for children ages preschool and younger with their caregivers now through **April 15.** **Please note:** story time content will be the same for both days, but each week will have a different theme. In addition, there will be **no Family Story Time on March 24 and 25**, during Spring Break.

SEUSSVILLE

Parents, bring your children to the library on **Thursday, March 13 from 5-7 p.m.** to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday! Plant and take home a "Truffula Seed," make an Oobleck stress ball, enjoy snacks, play games, and so much more! Have you ever visited JCPL for a family event? *"If you never did, you should. These things are fun, and fun is good!"* - Dr. Seuss



MAGNETIC BLOCKS & STRAW BUILDERS

Magnetic Blocks and Straw Builders will be available to play with in the children's area of the library on **Thursday, March 6 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 26 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

TEEN MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SPOTLIGHT

March 1-31, there will be a special interactive display for Teen Mental Health Awareness month. All teens (**age 13-17**) are invited to come hang out in the teen area of the library where there will be books to check out, free resources, fun activities to participate in throughout the teen area, as well as take and make activity bags, while supplies last. Help us to spread awareness of this important topic!



BE HEART SMART: KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

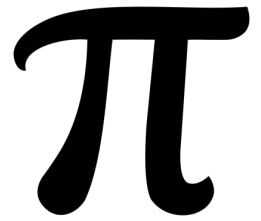
JCPL and Purdue Extension are partnering for our new multi-session Be Heart Smart series for individuals who want to learn more about preventing heart disease by making heart-healthy lifestyle changes. This program will teach participants how to monitor risk factors for heart disease and how to make simple changes to their daily routine to improve their heart health. March's session will take place on **Monday, March 3 at 6 p.m.** and will be focused on calculating your Body Mass Index (BMI), identifying normal numbers for blood pressure readings, discussing the impact of cholesterol on heart health, and learning the



normal levels of good, bad, and total cholesterol. **Registration is required for this program, so please call or visit the library to reserve your spot in the class.**

LET THEM EAT PI(E)

All ages are welcome to join us to celebrate Pi Day on **Friday, March 14 at 3:14 p.m.!** For one hour (or until supplies last), grab a slice of pie and learn about the history of the number pi.



TEEN CRAFTERNOON

Are you a teen (age 13-17) who needs to get out of the house for a bit and stretch your creative muscles during Spring Break? Drop by the library on **Monday, March 24 from 2-4 p.m.** to color socks with fabric markers, disco ball-ify an item, and decorate cupcakes, while

watching the movie classic Shrek with snacks and drinks!

Registration is required, so please call or visit the library to sign up. We hope to see you there!



CRAFTS & CLOVERS: ADULT CRAFTING NIGHT

Join us on **Tuesday, March 11 at 6 p.m.** for the next session in our adult crafting series! This month, we will be getting in the St. Patrick's Day spirit with fun refreshments, and by making clover-themed photo art and a wooden "lucky" shamrock decorative banner for the upcoming holiday. Bring your friends and have some relaxing fun! **Space is limited and these programs fill up fast, so call or visit the library to reserve your seat!**



MARCH MADNESS BRACKET COMPETITION

It's that time of year again and our annual March Madness bracket competition is back! You may complete brackets to enter the competition for men's, women's, or both! **Brackets will be available on Monday, March 17 and need to be filled out and turned back into the library by 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 20 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 after the championship game on April 7. Happy basketball season and may the best team win!



FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS: BUDGETING

We are continuing our five-part financial wellness and foundations series on **Monday, March 24 at 6 p.m.** Budgeting doesn't have to be a bad word! A rock-solid budget gives you peace of mind and the chance to grow your savings. The best part? You don't need to give up the things you enjoy to do it. When you create and stick to a budget, you know how much money you are bringing in and where your money is going. This free class taught by a financial wellness specialist from First Financial, will teach you how to save more money and tackle debt in the process. **Registration is required, so please call or visit the library to reserve your spot for this program.**



PLANNING YOUR GARDEN

It's that time of year again to start planning for your spring and summer gardens. Join Jay County Purdue Extension's Emily Kring on **Monday, March 31 at 6 p.m.**, as she teaches us about what we should consider planting to make our gardens fruitful and successful. **Please register for this class by calling or visiting the library.**



CRAFT SWAP NIGHT

Hey Jay County, let's update our craft supplies by trading items at our first Craft Swap Night! Bring your unused craft supplies (these can be previously opened, but we ask that they are in good condition) to the library anytime **March 7-14**. Then, join us for our Swap Night on **Monday, March 17 from 5-7 p.m.** in the Community Room. Even if you aren't able to donate supplies prior to the event, please stop by to take anything you need for current or future projects. Happy crafting!

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** between **4:30 and 5:45 p.m.** with a First Financial wellness specialist. March's session will be held on **Monday, March 24. No walk-ins accepted, appointment only! Appointments are limited to 15 minutes and can be made by calling or visiting the library.**



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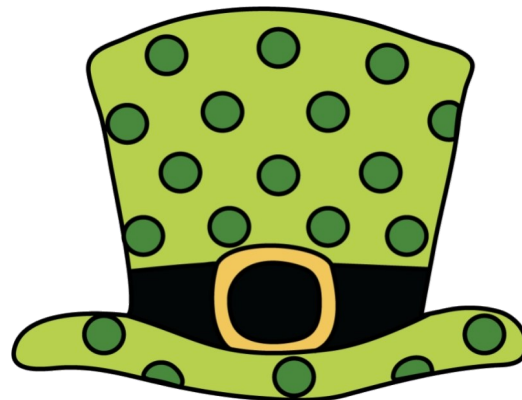
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