



NewsNotes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK!

In celebration of National Library Week, we are excited to announce our Jay County Public Library Week campaign! Throughout the week, there will be things going on in the building and on our Facebook page, as well as a celebration of our library staff, partnerships, and our Friends of the Jay County Public Library group. Here is the daily schedule of free services that we will be offering:

- **Monday, April 7:** Fine free and forgiveness day! No overdue fines will accrue all day and fines on accounts will be forgiven. ***This does not include lost or damaged materials, or fines owed to other Evergreen libraries.***
- **Tuesday, April 8:** Free printing and copying
- **Wednesday, April 9:** Free lamination
- **Thursday, April 10:** Free faxing and email scanning
- **Friday, April 11:** Free popcorn from 11:00-3:30 p.m., while supplies last!



FREE

INTERNET & TECHNOLOGY NEEDS SURVEY

Jay County Public Library & ECI Regional Planning District are partnering to survey residents of Jay County about your internet access and technology skills from

April 1-June 1. The purpose of this survey is to gather data that could help us get grant funding to be able to provide free computer and technology classes, as well as getting data needed for the Indiana State Broadband Expansion Project. The survey should take about 15-20 minutes to complete. You can complete the survey on paper by visiting the library or complete it online by scanning the QR code below. **Anyone who completes the survey will be entered into a raffle for Pizza King, Bizzy Dips, and El Camino Mexican Restaurant gift cards, and winners will be contacted at the conclusion of our survey!**



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MAKE YOUR OWN TREASURE

Help us celebrate Earth Day with recycling art! Create something unique and wonderful from preexisting items like magazines, plastic water bottles, tin cans, egg cartons, and more! Come to



the library on **Thursday, April 3 from 4:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.** in the Community Room. **Kids in grades 1-6** are welcome! **Be sure to sign up, space is limited.**

RAPUNZEL & FLYNN'S ENCHANTED CELEBRATION!

Live your dream! Hurry through the forest and come to an enchanted, come-and-go party for children and their families on **Thursday, April 24**. Meet Rapunzel and Flynn and take pictures with them! Come early for face painting and hair braiding. Visit the Snuggly Duckling corner to make a Viking hat, lantern, and satchel. Enjoy a variety of games like duck fishing, pin the nose on Flynn, Maximus' apple toss, and more. Come hungry and ready to eat Maximus' apple pie, Rapunzel's pretzel braids, cookies, cupcakes, and more. You'll also want to paint a picture, make a tiara, and ribbon wand. All princesses and heroes are welcome! Dress up is encouraged but not required. **All activities will begin at 4:30, but Rapunzel and Flynn will be available for a meet and greet from 5-7 p.m.** Can't wait to see you there! Best. Day. Ever!



Ready to help boost your child's kindergarten readiness before they start school in the fall? KiPS is a "jumpstart" into kindergarten program presented by the Jay County Public Library and sponsored by The Portland Foundation, Jay Schools, and the library. Children who are eligible for kindergarten in 2025-2026 and who will be attending any school in Jay County may be registered for this program. KiPS will be held every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the library, starting June 4 and ending July 16. Visit the library's website, www.jaycpl.lib.in.us or come to the library for registration forms and information. Call the library at 260-726-7890 for details. Registration deadline is May 10, 2025.

HOW TO GROW A CARROT CAKE

Come to the library on **Thursday, April 10 from 5-7 p.m.** for a fun, come-and-go family activity where we will learn about growing carrots and making carrot cake! Children will learn how to plant carrot seeds, will make a mug carrot cake, decorate their cake, and experience other fun carrot-themed activities. This program is in partnership with the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc.



FAMILY STORY TIME

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 through **April 15**. **Please note:** story time content will be the same for both days, but each week will have a different theme.
March 31 & April 1 – Construction theme with a visit from KBL Transport
April 7 & 8 – Firefighters theme with a visit from the Portland Fire Department
April 14 & 15 – Chicks & Bunnies

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Club 55+:

Thursday, April 3, 10-11 AM

We will be welcoming back Hannah Harris from Yogi of the Airwaves, who will be offering another round of chair yoga! This session will include some new poses, as well as a refresher of poses and techniques from her last visit. **Call or visit the library to reserve your spot in the club!**

Friends of JCPL:

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 PM

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

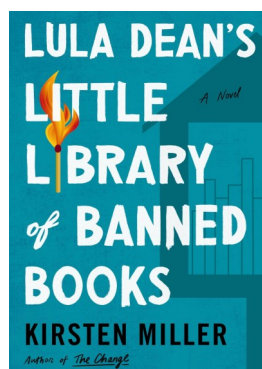
Story Seekers Book Club:

Thursday, April 17, 4-5 PM

JCPL Book Club:

Monday, April 21, 7 PM

We will be discussing *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller.

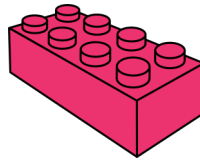


Lawyers in Libraries:

Thursday, April 24, 10 AM-12 PM

Speak with an attorney through a video conferencing system about a limited number of topics. **Registration is required.**

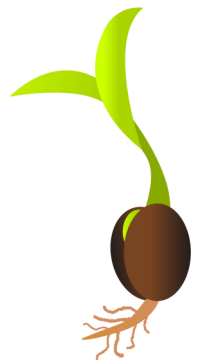
MAGNETIC BLOCKS & LEGOS



Magnetic Blocks and Legos will be available to play with in the children's area on **Thursday, April 17 from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

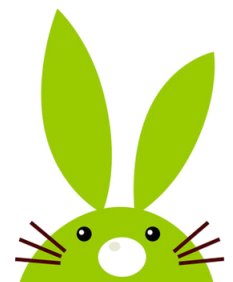
FREE SEED LIBRARY

JCPL is excited to announce our new free seed library, in partnership with the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc., Jay County Purdue Extension, the Jay County Health Department, and the Jay County Soil & Water Conservation District. Beginning on **Monday, April 14**, ALL AGES are welcome to visit our seed library table and choose up to FIVE different seed envelopes to take home and plant in your gardens, while supplies last. Happy gardening and growing season!



FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

Celebrate Easter on **Good Friday, April 18** with egg decorating, crafts, and an Easter-themed snack! Kids will have a chance to learn about chickens and egg production too in this fun, educational event which will be held in collaboration with the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. and Minnich Farms. There will be two sessions to choose from: **10:00-11:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** **Sign up is required for this event. Please call or visit the library to register.**



BE HEART SMART: HEART HEALTHY EATING

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 on **Tuesday, April 1 at 6 p.m.** 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. This session will be focused on describing and discussing heart-healthy foods, recipes, cooking substitutions, and eating conscientiously. A food demonstration and taste test will also be happening during the event. **Registration is required for this program, so please call or visit the library to reserve your spot in the class.**



BE HEART SMART: TAKE-ACTION

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 on **Monday, April 7 at 6 p.m.** 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. In this FINAL session of the series, you will learn about how to incorporate physical activity into your day, learn healthy ways to lower your stress levels, and learn about questions you can ask your health provider to figure out your heart-health risks. **Registration is required, so please call or visit the library to reserve your spot!**

BUNNIES & BLOOMS: ADULT CRAFTING NIGHT

Join us for a fun night out at the library on **Tuesday, April 8 at 6 p.m.** for the next session in our adult crafting series. This month, we will be getting in the spring and Easter spirit with fun refreshments, and by making bunny flower bins and pressed flower suncatchers for the upcoming holiday. 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!**



FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS: DECIPHERING DEBT

For many people, some amount of debt is a fact of life. Debt can be a useful way to fund your dreams, buy a home, or go to college. What's important is knowing how to manage your debt and avoid allowing it to grow. This class on **Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m.** covers the different types of debt, repayment strategies, and scams to avoid. It is taught by a First Financial Bank financial wellness specialist. **Registration is required; please call or visit the library to reserve your spot.**



ADULT SPEED PUZZLING

Calling all puzzle lovers! We are back with a new challenge for you on **Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m.** Gather a team of 2-4 people, create a fun team name, and see if you can complete a 300-piece puzzle in 65 minutes. Each team will have their own table, the puzzles are provided, and there is a completion prize for you if you finish in the time allotted. Puzzlers are welcome to bring in your own drinks, snacks, and headphones if you want to listen to music. Please have your entire team together and check-in with us in the Community Room at 5:50 p.m. The clock starts running



promptly at 6 p.m. Join us for a new version of our puzzle competition and see if you can set your own record! **Call or visit the library to register your team for this fun competitive hour of puzzling!**

SING-O: DECADES (70'S-90'S)

JCPL and Portland Pizza Hut are partnering to bring back another edition of Sing-O on **Tuesday, April 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, but this time it's for the adults! Flash back to the past and reminisce on good tunes, as we play rounds of Sing-O themed on the 70's-90's. Free pizza, breadsticks, dessert, pop, and water will be provided, while supplies last. Come dressed as your favorite decade, try to win some prizes, listen to some good music, and have some fun! **Reservations are required and space is limited, so make sure to reserve as soon as you can by calling or visiting the library.**



BEYOND THE MAINSTREAM: INDIE AUTHORS SPEAK

Join us **Monday, April 21 at 6 p.m.** where we are welcoming local true-crime author Stephen Terrell for a talk about his book *The Madness of John Terrell: Revenge and Insanity on Trial in the Heartland*. His book covers both true crime and Wells County history and is about his great uncle's murder of his son-in-law in 1903, that made headlines across the nation. Stephen Terrell is a retired Indiana attorney with decades of experience in trials and appeals at state and federal levels. He has written two other legal thrillers (*Stars Fall* and *The First Rule*) and *Last Train to Stratton*, which follows an emotionally detached Chicago reporter who seeks to lose himself in the dullness of small-town America after his life is shattered. He has been a frequent speaker at legal conferences and seminars and was selected to the Indiana State Bar Association's General Practice Hall of Fame. Copies of his book will be available for purchase at the event and the library has a few copies to check-out.



HOUSEPLANT HACKS

Have you wanted houseplants, but are not sure how to take care of them? Have you had houseplants before but can't keep them healthy? If so, join us on **Tuesday, April 29 at 6 p.m.** for this fun and educational program with Purdue Extension's Emily Kring, to learn tips and tricks on how to make your houseplants thrive! **Please reserve your spot for this program by calling or visiting the library.**



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LIBRARY HOURS

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SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

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→ **DID YOU MISS IT?** ←



In March, we continued our
Adult Crafting Night program
series with Crafts & Clovers.

Come join us in April for
Bunnies & Blooms! Call to
register, these fill up fast!

