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NewsNotes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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YOUR DIGITAL VOICE: INTERNET & TECHNOLOGY NEEDS SURVEY CONTINUES...



Just a reminder that we are still collecting surveys this month, until **June 1**. Jay County Public Library & ECI Regional Planning District are partnering to survey residents of Jay County about your internet access and technology skills from May 1-June 1, 2025. 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 take the survey by visiting the library and completing a paper copy or scanning the QR code and completing it online.

Anyone who completes the survey will be entered into a raffle giveaway for Pizza King, Bizy Dips, and El Camino gift cards, and winners will be contacted at the conclusion of our survey. Thank you for your feedback and participation in the survey!



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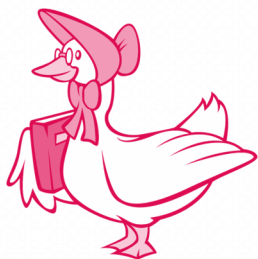
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MOTHER GOOSE



Mother Goose will be flying to the library on **Friday mornings at 11:15 a.m.** 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.

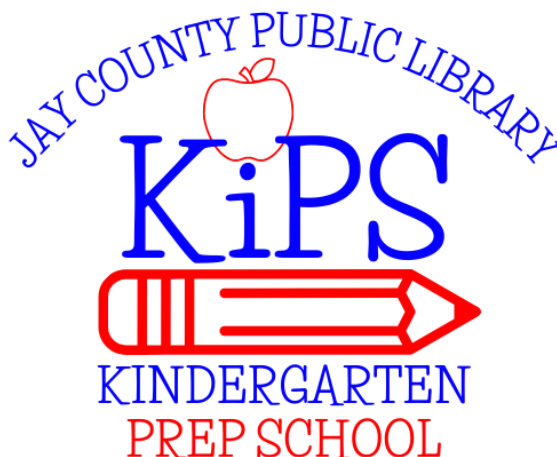
HOW TO GROW SALSA

Stop by the library on **Thursday, May 8 from 4:00 -5:30 p.m.** for a fun and educational family experience learning about salsa! Plant your own pepper and tomato plants, make some salsa, learn how to make a mini-greenhouse for herbs, and make some tortilla chips. **Registration is requested, but walk-ins welcome.** Please call or visit the library to let us know if you plan to come. This program is being held in collaboration with the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. and Purdue Extension Jay County.



MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT

Mothers, bring your children in for a craft in the children's area at JCPL. Be sure to stop by the front desk to enter the raffle to win a beautiful flower for Mother's Day! The raffle and the craft will **start Monday, May 5, and end Friday, May 9.** Raffle winner will be contacted before the end of the day on Friday. Happy Mother's Day!



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.



MAGNETIC BLOCKS & LEGOS

Magnetic Blocks and Legos will be available to play with in the children's area of the library on **Thursday, May 15 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS: CREDIT 101

Not sure what a credit score is? Or are you looking for help improving your scores? In this free class on **Monday, May 5 at 6 p.m.** with one of First Financials' wellness specialists, you'll learn how to access your credit score, how your score is made, what to do to improve your score, and how to protect yourself from debt repair scams. Credit scores don't have to be a mystery. When you know what factors in to your score, you can take steps to nurture and improve it. **Please register for a seat in the class by calling or visiting the library.**



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

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Club 55+:

Thursday, May 1, 10 AM

May's Club 55+ session will be held on **Thursday, May 1 from 10-11 a.m.** We will be having some fun and playing bingo with prizes! **Call or visit the library to reserve your spot in the club.**

JCPL Book Club:

Monday, May 19, 7 PM

We will be discussing *The Heiress* by Rachel Hawkins. Anyone who loves to read may join!

Friends of JCPL:

Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 PM

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

Lawyers in Libraries:

Thursday, May 22, 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.**

TROPICAL VIBES & CRAFTY TIDES: ADULT CRAFTING NIGHT

Join us on **Tuesday, May 6 at 6 p.m.** for a fun night out at the library for the FINAL session in our adult crafting series for the season. This month, we will be escaping to a tropical getaway paradise with themed refreshments and by making tropical tote bags, sand art in jars, and stamped tea towels. 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!**





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

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DID YOU MISS IT?



During some of the
last couple story
times of the season,
we got visits from
some local
firefighters and
construction workers!

