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# News Notes

Jay County Public Library

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## NEW LOGO!



Breaking news--Jay County Public Library is very excited to announce and reveal our brand-new logo, just in time for our 2025 summer activity roll-out! We are eager for a change and hope this

logo reflects the library in a new and modern way. You will begin to see the updated logo on our social media pages, our website, in our newsletter, and on future marketing materials.

## SUMMER SPONSORS

JCPL would like to thank the financial donors of our Summer of Fun at JCPL!

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## SUPERHERO READING LEAGUE

Calling all superheroes and readers! Join JCPL on a reading adventure for all ages,

**June 2-July 19!** Pick up a reading log on or after **June 2** and color in a bubble for each 10 minutes that you read this

summer. On the back of the sheet, complete at least one hero task for your superhero reading league training. With both sides complete, turn in your form at the library's front desk to receive an entry for prizes and a badge for the hero task you completed (try to collect all 6). Kids ages 0-12 will also receive a free book for each reading log they complete and will have a chance to win a bicycle, a 3D-Pen, a remote-control robot, and more. Teens and adults will have a chance to win prize baskets. You may complete as many forms as you would like. **All forms must be turned in by 1:00 p.m. on July 19.** In addition, join us for our Community Hero Celebration at the library on Thursday, July 10 from 5-7 p.m. to get a Superhero Reading League completion prize, while supplies last.



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## LARGE GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Throughout the summer, there will be a variety of large games and fun activities for kids to enjoy on the children's side of the library!

### SUPER START: SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PARTY

Calling superheroes of **all ages!**

Library Town needs the help of some super readers for the summer!

Drop by the Community Room

**Monday, June 2 from 4-6 p.m.** to

celebrate the kick-off of our summer reading program and start your training for our Superhero Reading League. Go through super hero training by choosing your name and power, practicing your poses, completing feats of physical strength and agility, and making a hero mask bookmark. The mayor of Library Town will give you an official



Summer Reading Tracker sheet to help you get started reading for the summer. There will also be grab-and-go super snacks available to take before you begin your summer of Super Hero Reading!



### SUMMER FUN IN THE TEEN SECTION

**Teens (ages 13-18)** are invited to participate in some fun passive activities this summer in the teen section of the library. In **June**, teens can make a scratch art bookmark, while supplies last. In **July**, teens can make Pokémon-themed origami. During both months, other activities, such as sticker puzzles, Sudoku, coloring sheets, word searches, etc. will be located throughout the teen area, along with our cool summer teen display!

## COLORING CONTEST

For three weeks this summer, JCPL will be holding coloring contests! There will be two age groups: **Ages 5-9 and Ages 10-13**. Coloring pages will be available on Mondays at the beginning of each contest week at the circulation desk. You may submit one entry per child, per contest. Kids must color in the page entirely. Be sure to put your child's name, age, and phone number on the back of the page. Winners will be contacted on the following Monday.

**Week One (June 2 – June 6):** Entries must be turned in by **5 p.m. on Friday, June 6**.

**Week Two (June 30 – July 5):** Entries must be turned in by **1 p.m. on Saturday, July 5**. Since the library will be closed on July 4, the contest will be extended an extra day.

**Week Three (July 14 – July 18):** Entries must be turned in by **5 p.m. on Friday, July 18**.



### FROSTING & FUN: NATIONAL DONUT DAY CELEBRATION

Donut worry, be happy! Patrons of **all ages**, drop by the library on **Friday, June 6 any time from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.** to help us celebrate National Donut Day! Learn about the history of donut day, get a



free bookmark and sticker, learn about how donuts are made and other fun facts, check out our donut book display, and get a free donut, while supplies last. You do-nut want to miss this!

## FAMILY GAME KITS

Family Game kits will be available to pick up on **Monday, June 9**, while supplies last. Pick up a kit with supplies and fun game ideas to enjoy playing together this summer with your family. One kit per family please.

## NEON GLOW DANCE PARTY

Lights out, glow on! **Kids ages 8-12** are invited to come to the library for a Neon Glow Dance Party on **Thursday, June 26 from 5-7 p.m.** in the Community Room. Kids will enjoy dancing to fun tunes on bubble wrap and playing glow-in-the-dark games like giant jenga, twister, putt putt, and more, under black lights. Be sure to wear neon colors or white so you can stand out under the lights! Kids will get to enjoy snacks, glow sticks, face paint, and more. **Registration suggested, but walk-ins welcome! Call or visit the library to let us know if you are coming.**



## ONGOING PROGRAMS:

### Club 55+:

**Thursday, June 5, 10-11 AM**

Celebrate the beginning of summer by playing summer-themed bingo! We'll play several rounds and give away several summer-related prizes.

### JCPL Book Club:

**Monday, June 16, 7 PM**

We will be discussing *The Saints of Swallow Hill* by Donna Everhart.

### Friends of JCPL:

**Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 PM**

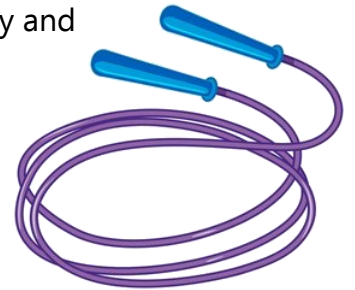
Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

### Lawyers in Libraries:

**Thursday, June 26, 10 AM-12 PM**

## JUMP ROPE WARRIOR SHOW

The Jay County Public Library and Jay Community Center are excited to announce their summer partnership to bring an exciting jump rope show for **all ages** to Jay County! The Jump Rope Warrior, Inc.'s David Fisher will be performing two shows on **Thursday, June 5 at 3:30-4:15 p.m. and 5:30-6:15 p.m. at the Jay Community Center, in the gymnasium.** The Rope Warrior- professional athlete/entertainer/author- is a lean, mean, jumping machine who executes stunts that most of us can't even imagine! He is the current Guinness World Record holder for the most "rump jumps" (jumping rope while sitting) in one minute: 56. Fisher doesn't limit himself to school playground-variety jump roping; his amazing repertoire includes such techniques as: glow-in-the-dark ropes, power jumping (where the rope passes under his feet up to four times per jump), jumping rope while sitting and lying on the floor, rope-jumping versions of practically any dance step, dribbling a ball with his feet while jumping rope, and jumping rope while encased in a human-sized balloon (Kids, don't try this at home!) -- all to a background of pulsating, contemporary music. His rope speed has been timed at over 100 mph. Patrons are invited to attend either session and seating is first come, first served. Get there early to get your seats and be prepared for an exciting and awe-inspiring jump rope show that you won't want to miss!



## POP-UP STORY PLAYTIME

**Preschool children** and their caregivers are invited to come to the Community Room on **Friday, June 6 from 10-11 a.m.** for a fun story time followed by playtime!

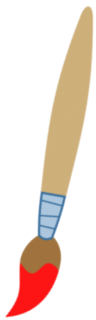


## BRIGHT SCIENCE SHOW WITH WONDERLAB



On **Tuesday, June 17 at 1:30 p.m.**, come to the Community Room and experience an illuminating exploration of a form of energy we can see: **LIGHT!** We'll discover what light is made of and the science behind the surprising ways it's generated. This engaging demonstration features brightly colored flames, cool glowing liquids, bizarre fluorescent materials, and other surprises. **Registration is required so call or visit the library to sign up.**

## TINY ART EXPERIENCE



Join us at the library for a tiny art experience on **June 16** in the Community Room from **1:30-3:30 p.m.**! Make miniature 3-D art galleries and miniature collages, paint on mini canvases, and draw on little post-it notes! You'll get the chance to showcase some of your artwork at the program and mingle with other art lovers! This program is open to **all ages of kids from preschool to high school!** We hope to see you there!

## BOOKS IN THE BARN

**Monday, June 30, 10 AM (sheep)**

**Tuesday, July 1, 10 AM (goats)**

**Both at the Jay County Fairgrounds Gazebo**

Bring your children **ages 3-8** to the Jay County 4-H Fair for Books in the Barn! Each family will leave with a copy of the book we read, thanks to the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc.! Following the reading, there will be a craft, snack, and up-close encounter with the animal in the story. This program is being offered in coordination with Purdue Extension, the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc., JCPL, and Jay County 4-H.



## FIELD DAY

Cool off and have fun at JCPL's Field Day on **Monday, June 9 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.** in the library's parking lot. Come dressed to get wet and enjoy water games, an obstacle course, relay races, and more. Kids will also get to enjoy popsicles and snacks! **All ages of children are welcome.** Adult help will be needed to assist younger children with the activities. Be sure to apply sunscreen before coming, and be prepared to have a splashing good time! In the event of severe weather, indoor activities will be provided. No registration necessary.



## SILLY SAFARIS ANIMAL SHOW

The popular Silly Safaris live animal show will return to the Jay County Public Library on **Monday, June 23** with **two shows at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** Starring Hummingbird Hailey, this fun and educational show will give kids the chance to see live animals and the colors of nature! **Registration is required. Sign up for this event by calling or visiting the library.**

## FATHER'S DAY TAKE & MAKE CRAFT AND RAFFLE

Dads, bring your children to pick up a craft bag located in the children's section at JCPL. Be sure to stop by the front desk to enter the raffle to win a grilling-themed prize basket! The craft will be available starting **Monday, June 9**, while supplies last. The raffle will run **June 9-13**. Raffle winner will be contacted before the end of the day on Friday. Happy Father's Day!





## BLUEBERRY BASH WITH CHILDREN'S AUTHOR SHANNON ANDERSON

Come meet Indiana Author Shannon Anderson at our Blueberry Bash on **Thursday, June 19 from 5-7 p.m.**, presented in partnership by JCPL, the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc., and Purdue Extension Jay County. During this event, families will have an opportunity to hear Shannon read her books and purchase one if they would like. Shannon is the author of the book, *I LOVE Blueberries!* with art by Jaclyn Sinquett. This family event will feature blueberry pie, blueberry lemonade, ice cream, crafts, activities, an indoor blueberry patch, and more! In addition, participants can sign up when they come for a pie eating contest that will be held at 6:00 p.m. Families can also observe a hydroponic plant-growing demonstration, a concept featured in Shannon's book. Celebrate the love of blueberries, and come join us for a fun-filled evening with your family!



## TEEN MESSY ART

Let the messiness inspire you! **Artists ages 13-18**, come to the library on **Tuesday, June 10 from 5-7 p.m.** to make several messy art projects. We'll be outside water gun painting, spinning a top to make a splatter painting, and painting a canvas using anything but a paintbrush. The sidewalk will also be our canvas as we use sidewalk puffy paint to create a masterpiece. Please wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting paint on. The projects can be left to dry and picked up later. If the weather prevents being outside, the program will be moved to the Community Room. **Registration isn't required, but appreciated. Stop by or call to sign up for this messy but fun art experience!**

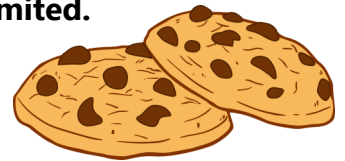


## COOKIES & CANVAS

The Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. and JCPL are again offering the popular kids Cookies & Canvas event on **Thursday, June 12!** Families may sign up for one of two sessions from **4:00-5:30 p.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Community Room.

**Recommended for elementary-aged children**, this fun experience will include stories, making a llama painting, an agricultural lesson, and of course, cookies! Participants will also get to meet a llama and an alpaca provided by Jay County 4-H exhibitors! A parent/caregiver is encouraged to attend to help each child as needed. **Registration is required, and space is limited.**

**Call or visit the library soon to register for this event!**



## PINEWOOD DERBY AT THE LIBRARY

Drivers, start your engines! **Children of all ages** are welcome to come to the library on **Tuesday, June 24** for a Pinewood Derby hosted in partnership with Scout Troop 206, Cub Pack 3206, and Cub Pack 205. There will be two sessions to choose from: **10:00-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-3:00 p.m.** Come into the library to pick up your predesigned derby car kit ahead of time and sign up to reserve your spot to race them. Rules and instructions will be provided with each kit. Take your kit home to assemble and decorate it. Bring it back to the library on June 24 to race against other derby cars to see who has the fastest and best-looking car. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded for both categories. Snacks and additional activities will be provided. **Registration is required and kits will not be reserved – participants must pick them up when signing up for the program. Parents are requested to attend and adult help will be needed for younger children. Visit the library in person to sign up for this fun activity!**



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**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

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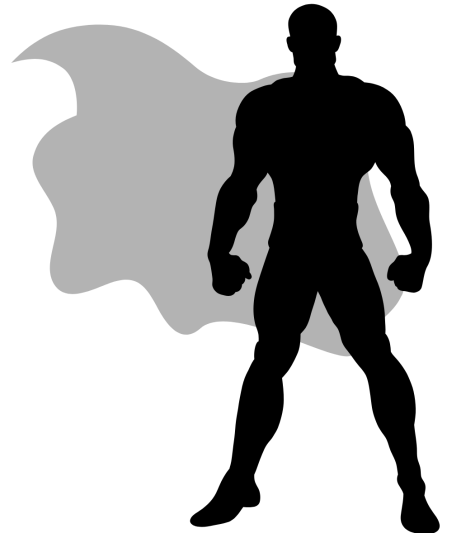
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## SUMMER READING ROAD TRIP! BOOKMOBILE POP-UP EVENTS

JCPL is excited to announce the return of our summer bookmobile that will be out on the road at several stops this summer! During our appearances, you can visit us at the bookmobile to check out and return materials, register or renew your library card, learn about the library, participate in a fun and educational activity outside the bus, and pick-up a FREE family literacy kit that includes a picture book and other fun activities inside. During our summer bookmobile events, we are offering fresh starts for all current and past cardholders and will be doing fine forgiveness on all Jay County Public Library cards, but this deal is **ONLY AVAILABLE** this summer if you visit us on the bookmobile during one of our scheduled stops. **We will waive all fines and fees on your account, EXCEPT for fines and fees (lost and damaged items) owed to other libraries.** Come visit us at one of our location stops below:

**Monday, June 16 @ Portland Pizza Hut, 2-6 PM**

**Tuesday, June 24 @ Portland Walmart Parking Lot, 2-6 PM**

**Tuesday, July 15 @ Bryant Back-to-School Night, 5-7 PM**

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and website for any updates, as well as weather cancellations.

