



## Summer Program Guide



### 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, as well as on our cool summer teen display!

### 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!

### 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. Kids must color in the page entirely. You may submit one entry per child, per contest. Winners will be contacted on the following Monday. Be sure to put your child's name, age, and phone number on the back of the page.

**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**.

### Super Start: Summer Reading Kick-off Party

Calling all superheroes of **all ages**! Library Town needs super readers for the summer and needs your help. Drop by the Community Room on **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, practice your poses, complete feats of physical strength and agility, and make 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!

Calling all superheroes and readers! Join JCPL on a reading adventure for all ages, **June 2-July 19**! Pick up a reading log on **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 p.m. on July 19**. In addition, join us for our Community Hero Celebration on July 10 from 5-7 p.m. to get a Superhero Reading League completion prize, while supplies last.



### **\*\*Club 55+: Summer Bingo!**

Come play some fun summer-themed bingo with us at June's Club 55+ session for seniors. On **June 5 from 10-11 a.m.**, we'll play several rounds and give away several summer-related prizes.

### **Jump Rope Warrior Show**

The Jay County Public Library and the Jay Community Center are excited to announce an exciting jump rope show for **all ages!** The Jump Rope Warrior, Inc.'s David Fisher will be performing on **Thursday, June 5 at 3:30-4:15 p.m. and 5:30-6:15 p.m. at the Jay Community Center.** 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's repertoire includes such techniques as: glow-in-the-dark ropes, power jumping (the rope passes under his feet up to four times per jump), jumping rope while sitting and lying, rope-jumping versions of practically any dance step, dribbling with his feet, and jumping inside a balloon—all to a background of pulsating, contemporary music. His rope speed has been timed at over 100 mph! Be there early to get your seats and be prepared for an awe-inspiring show that you won't want to miss!

### **Frosting & Fun: National Donut Day Celebration**

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

### **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!

### **Family Game Kit**

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

### **Field Day**

Cool off at JCPL's Field Day on **Monday, June 9 from 10-11:30 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.

### **Father's Day Take and Make Craft & Raffle**

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

### **\*Teen Messy Art**

**Teen artists (ages 13-18)** are encouraged to 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 that you don't mind getting paint on. The projects can be left to dry and picked up later. In case of weather, the program will be moved to the Community Room. **Registration isn't required, but appreciated.**

### **\*\*Cookies and 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.

### **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 during June & July! 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 and everything we have going on, 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. We hope to see you visit us at one of our location stops below (weather & bookmobile operation permitting):

**Saturday, June 14 @ Redkey Health Fair from 11 AM-2 PM**

**Monday, June 16 @ Portland Pizza Hut from 2-6 PM (pizza deals for new and current library cardholders will be announced soon!)**

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

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

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

### **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!**

### **\*\*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.

### **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 program, families will have an opportunity to hear Shannon read her books and purchase one. 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 for a pie eating contest that will be held at 6 p.m. Families can also observe a hydroponic plant-growing demonstration, a concept featured in Shannon's book.

### **\*\*Silly Safaris Animal Show**

The popular Silly Safaris live animal show will return to the Jay County Public Library on **Monday, June 23 at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.** Starring Hummingbird Hailey, this fun and educational show will give kids the chance to see live animals and the colors of nature!

### **\*\*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. **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!**

### **\*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!**

### **Books in the Barn**

**Monday, June 30 @ 10 AM Jay County Fairgrounds gazebo (animal topic: sheep)**

**Tuesday, July 1 @ 10 AM Jay County Fairgrounds gazebo (animal topic: goats)**

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.! Older children are welcome to attend, although the books we will be reading are geared towards the ages listed above. 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, Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc., Jay County Public Library, and Jay County 4-H.

### **\*\*Club 55+: Beginning Genealogy**

July's Club 55+ meeting will be held in the **Indiana Room** on **Thursday, July 3 from 10-11 a.m.**, as we get an introduction to the library's version of Ancestry.com and learn the basics of how to use the information in the room. Participants will get a family tree to fill out, an opportunity to use the computer, and a list of helpful resources.

### **\*\*Stranger Things @ JCPL: An Interactive Scavenger Hunt Experience**

A new gate to the Upside Down has opened at the library, and strange things are happening. You must solve the mystery, navigate Hawkins and the Upside Down, and ultimately face Vecna to prepare for the final season of Stranger Things. This unique program on **Monday, July 7** is a major mash-up of a scavenger hunt and escape room with elements of Dungeons and Dragons mixed in. Participants may do the experience alone, with a friend, or as a small group, but **registration is required and there is a strict age limit of 13+, due to the nature and content of Stranger Things.** The following time slots are available for you to participate in the challenge: **5:00, 5:20, 5:40, 6:00, and 6:20 p.m.** The experience will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. ***We will be running the sessions in a timely manner, so we kindly request that you show up a few minutes early for your admittance into the experience.***

### **Community Hero Celebration**

Come celebrate our community heroes with an outdoor family fun program on **Thursday, July 10 from 5-7 p.m.** Held in partnership with the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc., this program will give families a chance to meet local first responders and see their vehicles. Families will have a chance to meet representatives from the Museum of the Soldier, Portland Police, Portland Fire Department, and local health providers. In the Community Room, the Jay County Farm Bureau will be providing a Taste of Jay County experience, celebrating our local farming heroes and giving an opportunity to try the variety of foods produced here. Outside, families will enjoy a superhero training camp where children will make their own superhero cape and accessories and visit a petting zoo! Participants in the library's Superhero Reading League will receive their participation prize during this program.

### **\*\*Enchanted Book Gardens**

Come for a calm and relaxing hour on **Tuesday, July 15 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3:30-4:30 p.m.**, and turn an ordinary book into a miniature magical habitat, similar to a fairy garden. Refreshments will be provided. **For ages 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, including teens.**

### **End of Summer Bluey Party**

Let's end summer at JCPL on a fun note and celebrate Bluey-Style! On **Thursday, July 17 from 5-7 p.m.**, let's celebrate all things Bluey! Meet Bluey and take pictures! Play keepy uppy, dress up as grannies, and complete an obstacle course. Make Bluey slime, a Bluey piggy bank, and your own Bluey mask. Snack on some Bluey Puppy Chow, cheese and crackers, and "Magic Veggie Sticks." Come out to the library and enjoy these and more fun Bluey activities!

### **JCPL's Pop-Up Food Pantry & JCHD's Back to School Bash**

JCPL is excited to announce the return of our Pop-Up Food Pantry event, in partnership with American Structurepoint, Tyson Foods, the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. and the Friends of the Jay County Public Library, on **July 31 from 3-6 p.m.** in the Community Room. Any and all members of our community will be able to come and shop for some free food items! Shopping will be on a first-come, first-served basis, while our supplies last. Tyson Foods will be giving out free bags of chicken and chips for anyone who goes through the food pantry and grilling hot dogs for free. Pizza Hut will be on-site giving out free pizza and other items, while supplies last. Meanwhile, in the library's parking lot, the Jay County Health Department will be hosting their Portland Back-to-School Bash, giving out free school supplies, hygiene products, and more! **IMPORTANT: The street block will be CLOSED during this event, but parking for the event will be available in the First Presbyterian Church parking lot beside the library and street parking surrounding the block.** Public donations for canned food and non-perishables for pantry day are being accepted at the library **June 2-July 26.**

**\*\*denotes programs that require registration.**

**To register, visit the library at 315 N. Ship St. in Portland or call JCPL at 726-7890.**

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