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# News Notes

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of Independence Day!

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# JUST SOME OF THE FUN WE HAD IN JUNE!





## 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!

## ONGOING PROGRAMS:

### Club 55+: Beginning Genealogy

**Thursday, July 3, 10-11 AM**

July's Club 55+ meeting will be held in the **Indiana Room**, 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. **Call or visit the library to reserve your spot.**

### Friends of JCPL:

**Tuesday, July 15, 6:30 PM**

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

### JCPL Book Club:

**Monday, July 21, 7 PM**

We will be discussing *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club* by Helen Simonson. Anyone who loves to read may join!

### Lawyers in Libraries:

**Thursday, July 24, 10 AM-12 PM**

Lawyers in Libraries this summer will be held on **Thursday, June 26 and Thursday, July 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.** Participants will be able to speak with an attorney through a video conferencing system about topics such as divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates, or immigration. The service is free, confidential, and will be held at the library on laptops provided by the library. **Please sign up in advance at the library; spots are limited.**

## END OF SUMMER BLUEY PARTY

Let's end summer at JCPL by celebrating Bluey-Style! On **Thursday, July 17 from 5-7 p.m.**, 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!



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

Our summer bookmobile stops continue! During our appearances, you can check out and return materials, register or renew your library card, learn about the library, participate in an 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 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 stops. **We will waive all fines and fees on your account, EXCEPT for fines and fees (lost and damaged items) owed to other libraries.** We hope to see you at one of the following stops:

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

**Tuesday, July 15 @ Redkey Health Fair  
from 5-7 PM (this was rescheduled)**

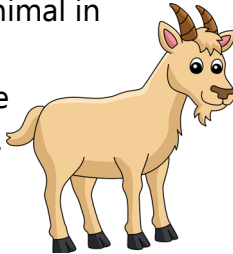
Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for any updates, as well as weather cancellations.

## 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.

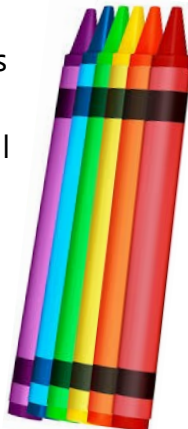


## COLORING CONTEST

For two more 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 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.

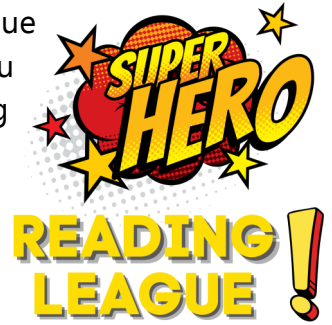
**Week Two (June 30 – July 5):** Entries must be turned in by **1 p.m. on Saturday, July 5**. Since the library will be closed on July 4, the contest will be extended an extra day.

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



## SUPERHERO READING LEAGUE CONTINUES!

The Superhero Reading League continues until **July 19!** If you haven't yet, pick up a reading log at the front desk 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 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.



## 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 our cool summer teen display!

## 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 fun 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.*** Space is limited and time slots will fill up fast, so please call or visit the library to register for this fun and unique event.



## 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. Sign up is required. Call or visit the library to sign up.**

## COMMUNITY HERO CELEBRATION

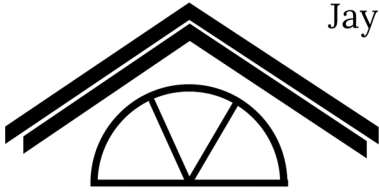
"Heroes are made by the path they choose, not the powers they are graced with."

— Iron Man

Superheroes assemble!

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, the Portland Police, the Portland Fire Department, and chat with local health providers. In the library's Community Room, the Jay County Farm Bureau will be providing a Taste of Jay County experience, celebrating our local farming community heroes and giving an opportunity to try the variety of foods produced here. Outside, families will enjoy a superhero training camp with a variety of superhero games and activities. Children will get to make their own superhero cape and accessories and visit a petting zoo. In addition, children who have participated in the library's Superhero Reading League will receive their participation prize during this program. Come on out to the library for a fun evening celebrating our local heroes!





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# 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, Pizza Hut, 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 in 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 and giving out free school supplies! You are invited to attend both events at the same time. **IMPORTANT: The street block will be CLOSED during this event, but parking 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.**



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