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News Notes

Jay County Public Library

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THE FESTIVAL OF TREES!

The Jay County Public Library invites our community to the Festival of Trees presented by the Jay County Chamber of Commerce! The Festival of Trees is a joyful and free display of Christmas trees decorated by Jay County nonprofits, service organizations, clubs, and municipalities for the public to enjoy.

A special kick-off celebration will be held on **December 1 from 5-7 p.m.** for the community! Everyone is welcome to come stroll through the library and enjoy viewing the beautifully decorated trees in the main areas. A Christmas story walk will coincide with the Christmas tree viewing where families can enjoy reading a story while walking through a magical winter wonderland. Families can also meet Santa and Mrs. Claus while enjoying live music throughout the evening. Free miniature artificial trees and stockings will be given away, while supplies last.

An interactive and educational Christmas tree farm experience will be provided in the Community Room. Families will have an opportunity to enjoy various fun activities such as tree identification, making a pine tree sensory bottle, decorating a Rice Krispie Christmas tree, making a nature ornament, and learning about famous Christmas trees and history. Begin the magic of the Christmas season with a visit to the library, and support our local community Christmas tree display. No sign up is required for this event.

If you can't make it on December 1, **the trees will be available for viewing from December 1 – 30.** Come to JCPL during normal service hours and see a magical winter wonderland during Winterfest and throughout the holidays. The space will sparkle with beautifully decorated trees, each one representing the heart and spirit of our community. Stroll through and admire the displays and enjoy the holiday cheer and vote for your favorites. **Tree voting will be held December 1 – 6!**



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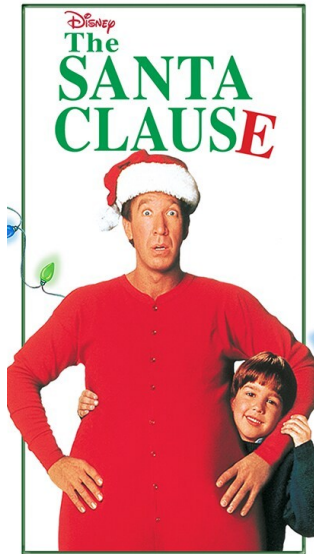
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TASTE THE MOVIE: THE SANTA CLAUSE

Come to the library on **Monday, December 22 at 5 p.m.**, and enjoy watching this Christmas classic and eating food and tasty treats inspired by the movie. **Space is limited and registration is required. When registering, please sign up the names of all who will be attending.** Christmas dress is encouraged! (Movie is PG for a few crude moments.)



COOKIES & CANVAS FOR KIDS

The Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. and JCPL are once again offering the popular kids Cookies & Canvas event on **Thursday, December 18!** 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 painting a Christmas donkey picture, a story, an agricultural lesson, and of course, cookies! A parent/caregiver is encouraged to attend to help each child as needed. **Call or visit the library soon to register for this program!**



COCOA ON THE POLAR EXPRESS!

All aboard the Polar Express! All ages of children are invited to the library on **Thursday, December 11** for a fun evening featuring the reading of a story, festive activities, and hot chocolate tasting of different flavors. Wear your coziest pajamas and climb aboard for an evening of holiday cheer for the whole family to enjoy. **Space is limited and sign up is required. When registering, please sign up the names of all who will be attending. No add-ons at the door, please. Due to space limitations, families may sign up only one adult per child, with a maximum of 2 adults per family. Call to sign up for 3:45-5:00 p.m. or 6:00-7:15 p.m.** Families will be grouped together as much as possible, but a large group may not all be able to sit together. Please arrive promptly to enjoy the whole evening's experience. We look forward to seeing you there!

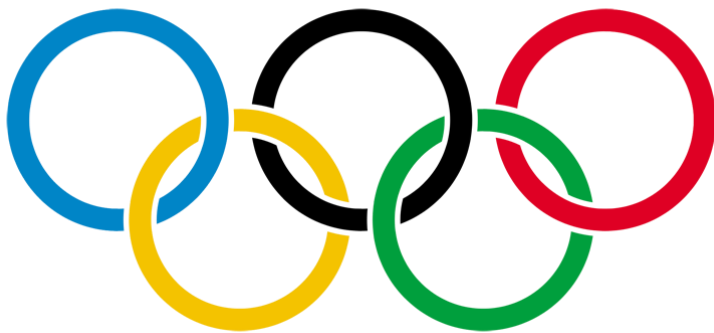


HOT COCOA TAKE & MAKES FOR KIDS

Hot cocoa-themed take & makes will be available on **Monday, December 8** for kids ages preschool-6th grade, **while supplies last.** Grab a bag and make something festive and tasty at home!

COMING SOON... GO FOR THE GOLD: ADULT & TEEN WINTER READING OLYMPICS!

Get ready to celebrate Winter Reading and the Winter Olympics with our Winter Reading Olympics! Teens and adults, start training now as you read your way to gold! The program will run from **January 5—February 28**. Look for more information in the next newsletter.



ONGOING PROGRAMS:

JCPL Book Club:

Monday, December 15, 7 PM

We will be discussing *The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis. Anyone who loves to read may join!

Friends of JCPL:

Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 PM

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

Lawyers in Libraries:

Thursday, December 18, 10 AM-12 PM

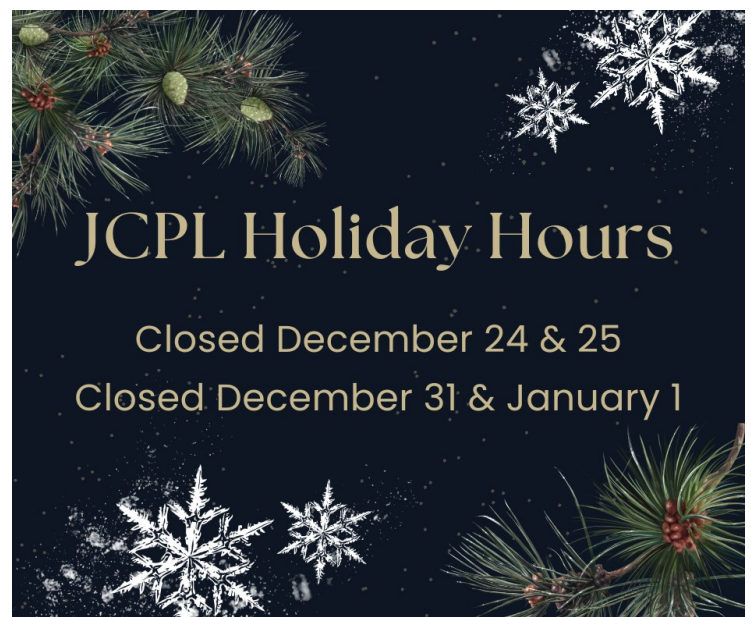
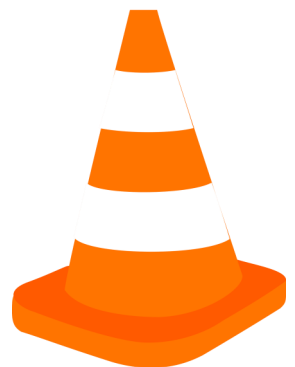
Participants will be able to speak with an attorney through a video conferencing system about a limited number of topics. **Registration is required.**

TEEN & ADULT PLAID TREE ORNAMENT TAKE & MAKES

Hey, teens and adults (13+)! Need a winter craft or want to update your décor? We've got you covered! Come to the library on **Monday, December 8** to grab a bag full of supplies needed to make a 6-inch tall tree using plaid fabric strips, available while supplies last.

INDIANA ROOM CLOSURE

The Indiana Room at JCPL will be closed **November 14-January 5** for collection maintenance. All of the genealogical items in that room, including the Microfilm machine, yearbooks, and the obituary database will not be available during the closure. However, ancestry.com will be accessible on any computer in the library. We are sorry for the inconvenience but look forward to welcoming you back into the room after the new year!





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DID YOU MISS IT?

In November, we traveled back in time to the Jurassic era--but don't worry, we all made it out alive! We uncovered buried dinosaur eggs, created cave drawings, saw an active volcano, fed some dinosaurs, got stuck in the tar pits, and did some dinosaur crafts!

