



News Notes
Jay County Public Library



GO FOR THE GOLD:

ADULT & TEEN WINTER READING OLYMPICS!

Hey **adults & teens (ages 13+)**, are you excited for the 2026 Winter Olympics that will be taking place in Milan, Italy? The torch is lit and it's time to go for the Gold! Starting **Monday, January 5**, visit the library to pick up your winter reading form to get started competing. In order to be a finisher, you need to read **at least 5 books** in the different categories that are on the form (these are your qualifying events). This will earn you a bronze medal and 1 entry into the \$50 Walmart gift card giveaway. Reading 7 books will earn you silver and 2 entries into the giveaway. If you read a book from all 9 categories on the form, you will earn the gold medal and 3 entries into the giveaway! Just like the athletes competing, we are pushing our reading goals to the limits! Start off the year right and become a reading Olympian! All forms need to be completed and turned in by **Saturday, February 28 at 1 p.m. Only one form per person will be completed for the entirety of winter reading this year.**



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KIDS PAJAMA PARTY!

Kids ages 8-12 are invited to come to the library for a fun night of slumber party activities on **Thursday, January 29 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** The

Community Room will be divided into two sections. One side will be a glam party with nail stickers, hair brush decorating, and more! The other side will be fort building, Nintendo Switch games, and more. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas and come out for a night of fun.

Space is limited and registration is required. When signing up, please let library staff know which "side" you would like to be on during the party! Call or visit the library to sign up today!



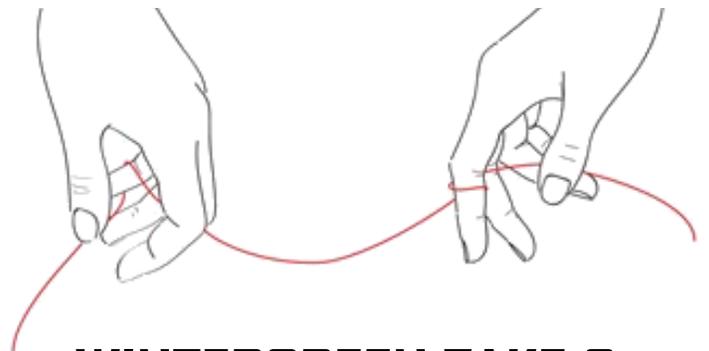
Come to the library on **January 15** to compete in our Family Game Show Experience for **kids of all ages and their parents**. Play a few rounds of Wheel of Fortune, Name that Tune, The Price is Right, and some "Library" Feud. Each team will be competing to win a Family Game Night Basket, with second and third place getting to pick a board game of their choosing. Gather a team of up to six people; you must have at least a minimum of three on your team to compete. There will be three one-hour sessions: **3:30-4:30, 5:00-6:00, and 6:30-7:30. Registration is required, so please call or visit the library to sign up.**

THE INVISIBLE STRING GROUP FOR KIDS

Beginning in February, a new interactive, activity-based group will be starting to support children who deal with separation issues such as:

- First days of school, camp, or other life milestones
- Friendship and other relationship challenges
- Family separations due to travel, illness, or military service
- Divorce
- Trauma
- Temporary or permanent loss

Led by Sheron McClung Borders, this group is for **children ages kindergarten and up. (Children 7 and under need to have an adult present in the library building during the activity.)** The group will work through lessons and activities based on the book *The Invisible String Workbook: Creative Activities to Comfort, Calm, and Connect* by Patrice Karst and Dana Wyss. Snacks will be served as well. **Sessions will be held on Thursdays at 3:30-4:30, February 5-March 12 in the Friends room. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call or visit the library to sign up.**



WINTERGREEN TAKE & MAKES FOR KIDS

Come grab a bag of fun activities for kids of all ages, on **January 19**, while supplies last!

PLANNING YOUR GARDEN WORKSHOP

Planning on planting a garden in the spring? If so, join us on **Tuesday, January 27 from 6-7:30 p.m.** for this fun, free, and educational workshop to get started planning out what you will be growing this year! With the help of Purdue Extension, we will learn best practices, as well as actively plan out your garden spaces during this workshop. As a pre-workshop planning activity, participants are asked to come prepared with a list of types of soil you have for your garden, sunlight and exposure areas for your garden, and what type of ground you have to work with, such as if you are planting for the first time or re-planting, container gardening, or greenhouse planting, etc. **If you would like to attend the class, please register by calling or visiting the library to reserve your space!**



ONGOING PROGRAMS:

JCPL Book Club:

Monday, January 19, 7 PM

We will be discussing *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Anyone who loves to read may join!

Friends of JCPL:

Tuesday, January 20, 6:30 PM

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

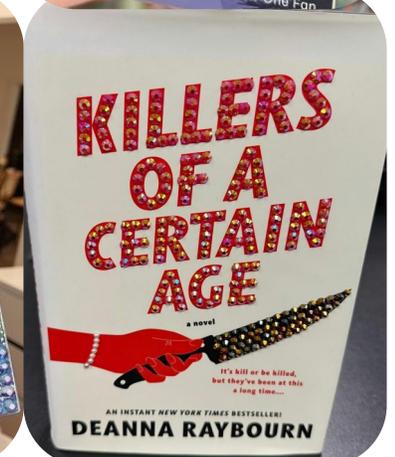
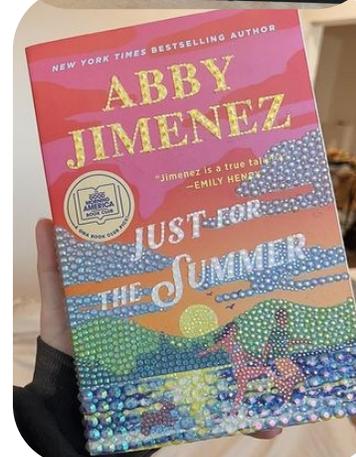
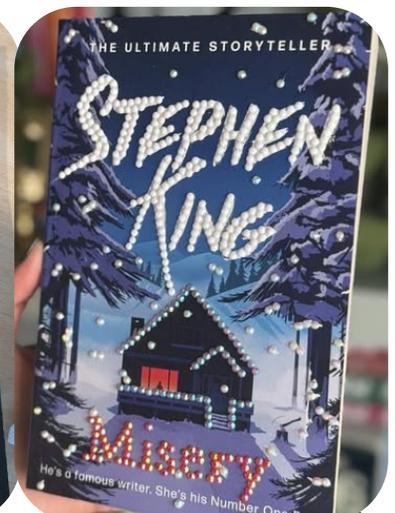
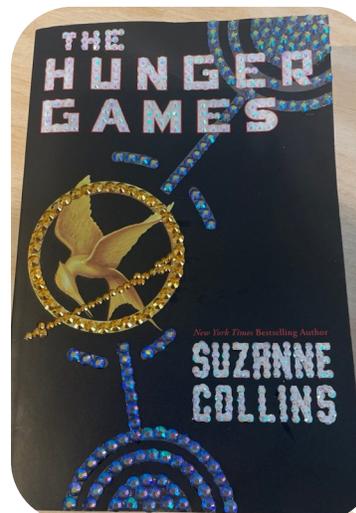
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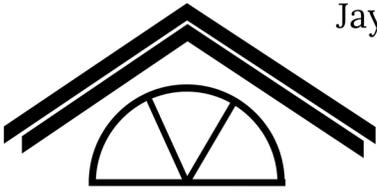
Thursday, January 22, 10 AM-12 PM

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

BOOK BEDAZZLING FOR ADULTS!

Adults (18+), let your creativity shine during our book bedazzling program on **Tuesday, January 13 from 1-2:30 p.m. or 6-7:30 p.m.**, where you can make the cover of your favorite book shine and sparkle with gems! Join us for either the afternoon or evening session for this fun and creative event. All you need to bring is a book and we will provide the gems and the glue. Each session is an hour and a half, which is the perfect amount of time to bedazzle the title and a small picture on the cover. **Please register for this event by calling or visiting the library, as space is extremely limited and will fill up fast. Note: Due to high demand, patrons are limited to only attending one session.**





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→ **DID YOU MISS IT?** ←

The Chamber of Commerce housed their Festival of Trees at JCPL this year and we had a kick-off celebration on December 1. We learned about trees, did some tree crafts, visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and heard some absolutely beautiful harp music! If you missed it, the trees and the story walk will be up until December 30.

