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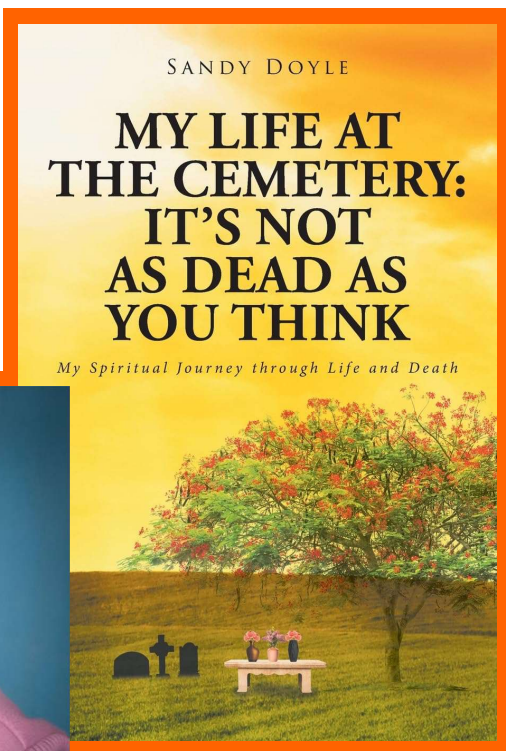
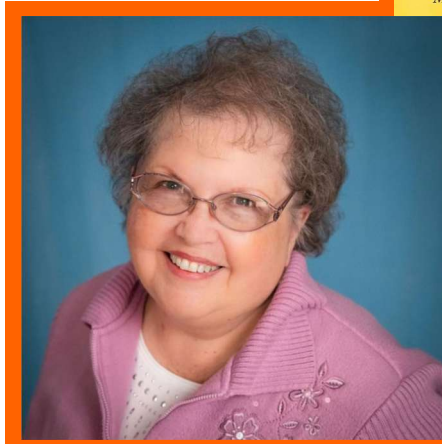
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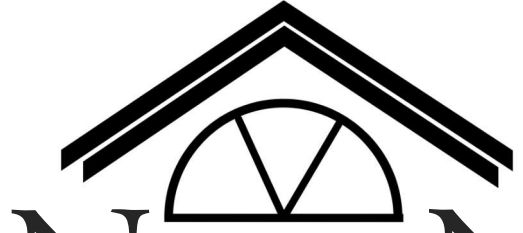


# AUTHOR TALK WITH SANDY DOYLE

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at a cemetery? Join us on **Monday October 26 at 6 p.m.**, where Midwest native Sandy Doyle, will talk about her book My Life at the Cemetery: It's Not as Dead as You Think: My Spiritual Journey through Life and Death. Working in the death care industry for over 14 years, Sandy experienced a broad spectrum of human emotions and a colorful cast of characters that would regularly lead her to say, "One of these days I am going to write a book!" My Life at the Cemetery is that book. Through her writing, various speaking engagements, and podcast, Life Love and the Cemetery, Sandy shares true, emotional, and oftentimes surprising, stories from her years working at a cemetery. She also gives important insights to help people reflect, plan, and connect more deeply with life. **Registration is recommended but not required, and the first 10 to register will receive a copy of Sandy's book at the program! Please call or visit the library to reserve your seat.**



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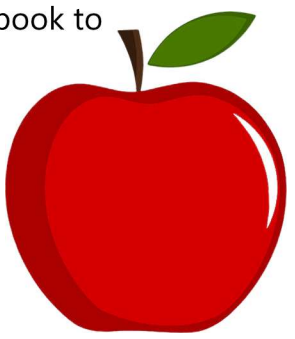
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## AUTUMN FARM FOODS

Purdue Extension Jay County, Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc., and the library are partnering to provide an Autumn Farm Foods interactive, family event on **Thursday, October 8 from 5-7 p.m.** Join us for a come and go, hands-on event featuring simple, easy-to-make recipes with favorite fall flavors. Kids will have a chance to make apple nachos, pumpkin pie in a cup, apple salsa, seasoned pumpkin seeds, and more! Throughout the event, kids will gather recipe cards and leave with a mini cookbook to recreate the recipes at home. **Registration is not required, but please call or visit the library to let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan our grocery list accordingly.** Thank you!



## PUMPKIN DECORATING

Families are invited to gather for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest on **October 15** at the library! Sign up for one of two sessions from **4-5 p.m. or 6-7 p.m.** Each family will receive one pumpkin to decorate together using a variety of supplies provided by the library. Families will have one hour to decorate their pumpkin, while they enjoy watching the movie It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown. Popcorn and other activities will be provided. A photo will be taken of each pumpkin, and photos will be displayed in the library and on Facebook for voting between October 19-23. The winner will receive a family fun activity bundle! **Registration is required and space is limited.** Special thanks to Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. for providing this year's pumpkins!

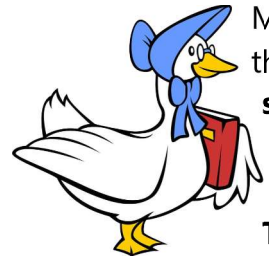


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## MOTHER GOOSE



Mother Goose will be flying back to the library **once a month on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.** This month, join her in the Community Room on **Thursday, October 8**, for stories, rhymes, and movement. **If Jay Schools are not in session, Mother Goose will not be held.**

## TRICK-OR-TREAT!



Celebrate Halloween on **Friday, October 30 from 5-7 p.m.** by stopping by the library as part of the Merchant Trick-or-Treat Night. Kids will get some free candy and a free book, while supplies last. **Happy Halloween!**

## FRIENDS SALE THANK YOU!

The Friends of the Jay County Public Library would like to give a big "Thank You!" to everyone who donated items and all those who came to the sale. Your support has made this year's sale another success, and allows us to stand strong behind our great library!

## ONGOING PROGRAMS:

### JCPL Book Club:

**Monday, October 19, 7 PM**

We will be discussing A Gun in My Gucci by E. C. Smith. Anyone who loves to read may join!

### Friends of JCPL:

**Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 PM**

### Lawyers in Libraries:

**Thursday, October 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.**

## AFTER-SCHOOL STREAM

Purdue Extension 4-H and JCPL are hosting an interactive STREAM Studio starting on **Wednesday, October 7 & 14 @ 3:00-4:30 p.m.** Get ready to explore, build, create, and discover! Our STEM After-School Program gives **kids in grades 3-6** the chance to learn through hands-on activities involving drones, bees, electricity, coding, robots, AI, 3D printing, and engineering. Come discover where curiosity can take you! Please direct questions to Allison Keen at 260-726-4707 or keen12@purdue.edu. This program is made possible by a grant from IN-MaC. **Students who go to Jay Schools can be bussed from school to the Jay County Public Library, though home school and private school students are also invited to attend! Registration is required and you can register using this QR Code:**



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## FAMILY STORY TIME

Family Story Time will be held on both **Monday and Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** in the Community Room. Join us for stories, songs, and activities for children ages preschool and younger with their caregivers **now through November 17. Please note:** story time content will be the same for both days, but each week will have a different theme. Also, **there will be no story time during Fall Break week on October 19 & 20.**

October 5 & 6 – Bedtime & Pajamas (Kids are welcome to wear pajamas and bring a stuffie friend!)  
October 12 & 13 – Apples and Autumn  
~~October 19 & 20~~ – No Story Time for Fall Break!  
October 26 & 27 – Happy Halloween! (Kids are invited to dress up in costume!)

# 30 YEARS ON SHIP STREET!

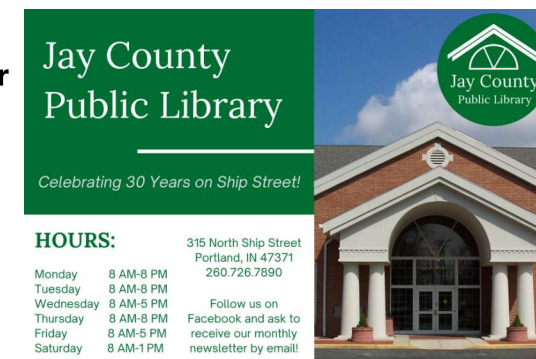
Can you believe it has been 30 years since the current Jay County Public Library building was constructed on Ship Street in Portland? In celebration of this, we have planned an entire month of games and activities, giveaways, and fine forgiveness to show our appreciation for our patrons and our community!

## FINE FORGIVENESS ALL MONTH!

In celebration of 30 years on Ship Street, JCPL is excited to announce fine forgiveness, which will be going on all month! **With the exception of fines and fees that are owed to other Evergreen libraries**, we will be forgiving all fines and fees, including for lost and damaged items, on your library card account for **the entire month of October**. This opportunity is open to all JCPL library card holders who come into the library, active or inactive, regardless of the amount of fines and fees owed! So, if fines and fees have been keeping you away, take advantage of this limited-time program. We would love to have you back!

## FREE JCPL MERCH!

Come in throughout **the month of October** to pick up a new 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary JCPL magnet, given out **throughout the month, while supplies last!**



## FREE DONUT DAY!

We DONUT know what we'd do without our fabulous patrons! Stop by to grab a free donut at the library on **Wednesday, October 21 from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., while supplies last.**



## FREE POPCORN DAY!

Pop into the library for free popcorn on **Friday, October 9 from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., while supplies last!**



## BOOKWORMS IN A JAR

Kids of all ages are invited to the children's area from **October 5-17** to see if you can guess how many bookworms (gummy worms) are in a jar! Closest guess wins the jar! Winner will be chosen and contacted on October 19.



## INDOOR BOOK WALK

Join us for an interactive book walk on the children's side of the library **October 12-24!** Families will enjoy reading the book All of the Factors of Why I Love Tractors by Davina Bell. Kids will get to ride pedal tractors around the library shelves while they read the book with their families.

