

News Notes

JAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOOK ADVENTURE CHALLENGE!

Let's go on a reading adventure as a community! From **June 3-July 20**, JCPL is challenging you to help us reach a community goal of reading 300,000 minutes (or 5,000 hours) this summer! When we reach our goal, we will celebrate with free popcorn and cookies at the library from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 25**. All ages are invited to visit the library's front desk any time **beginning June 3** and pick up reading bookmarks for all ages. For every 15 minutes you read, color or mark off the icons on the bookmark. Once your bookmark is completed, write your name and phone number on it and return it to the library to be entered into the prize drawings! Each completed bookmark is equal to one entry. Children ages 0-12 will also receive a free book for every bookmark completed. You may complete and turn in as many logs as you would like! Visit the library often, read as much as you can, and let's go on a book adventure together this summer!

JCPL would like to thank the financial donors of our Summer Adventure at JCPL!

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POP-UP FOOD PANTRY

JCPL is excited to announce the return of our Pop-Up Food Pantry! Our second annual one-day pantry will take place on **Thursday, August 1 from 12-6 p.m.** in the Community Room at the library. In the meantime, we are asking for and accepting non-expired canned food and non-perishable food item donations to help stock the pantry! We will be accepting donations beginning on **Monday, June 3 through Saturday, July 27.**



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ADVENTURES OF THE TRAVELING BOOKWORM

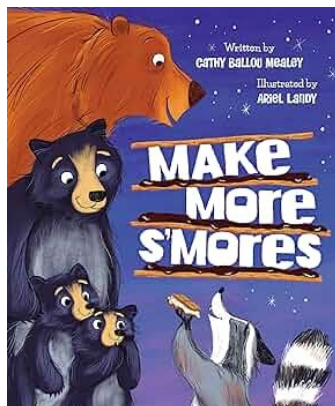


JCPL is excited to welcome the newest addition to our staff this summer—our library bookworm, Willa Worma! Each week of our summer reading program, **June 3-July 20**, Willa Worma will be adventuring around the parks of Jay County to read her favorite books and hang out with her friends. She wants you to follow along with

her! Each Monday throughout the summer, check for her posts on our Facebook page or stop into the library to see where her adventures take her. In addition, we will be doing a Family Read at the Parks Adventure Map, where families can choose to go visit and read a book at each of the 7 parks that Willa travels to. Families who visit at least one park on the map can turn it in for a chance to win a Family Outdoor Adventure Pack. **Please submit only one map per family!** Each park equals one entry into the prize drawing, so the more parks you visit, the better chance you have to win! You may pick up a map from the library or you can print off the digital copy from our Facebook page or website after **June 3**.

INDOOR STORY TRAIL

Take a walk through the children's side of the library **June 3-29**. This summer's Indoor Story Trail will be featuring *Make More S'mores* by Cathy Ballou Mealey. Learn how Roscoe the Raccoon loves sharing s'mores with his friends, but will there be any left for him? Follow the signs located in the library foyer and by the circulation desk to know where to go. Happy Reading!



JCPL'S WRITING CONTEST

All ages are invited to participate in JCPL's writing contest this summer, which will take place **June 3-July 20**. **Kids who have completed grades K-8** may write a short comic strip for a chance to win a prize! First place winners will receive their own writing kits. Second and third place will receive prizes as well. There are three separate age groups, so please check the rules for the group your child is in. **Teens (9th grade+) and adults** may write a short story in any genre you choose for a chance to win a prize! First place for teens and adults will each receive writing bundles, and there will also be prizes for second and third place as well. Winners will be announced on July 29. **Please stop by the library's information table for a rule sheet with a complete description of the contest.** Good luck and enjoy your writing!



TEEN TIE-DYE HOUR

Teens (**ages 13-18**) are invited to come to the library on **Tuesday, June 11 at 6 p.m.** for a fun evening of tie-dye! Teens will be able to pick two tie-dye projects to create, including a canvas tote bag, socks, or hair scrunchie. **Registration is required for this program so call or visit the library soon!**



TEEN POP-TART PARTY

This one is for all of the Pop-Tart loving teens (**ages 13-18**)! Join us on **Friday, June 7 from 2-4 p.m.** for a fun drop-in event where we create our own Pop-Tart pillows, have an epic taste test with Pop-Tart flavors, and more! **Registration is required to attend this event, but once registered, you may drop-in anytime during the 2-4 time-frame.** (We recommend no later than 3:30 to ensure you get to experience all activities!) We hope to see you there for some tasty fun!



STUFFED ANIMAL PARTY

Choose from a variety of animals and stuff your very own furry friend on **Thursday, June 6 from 1-2 p.m. or from 2:30-3:30 p.m.** in the Community Room. Enjoy a variety of additional activities as you get to know your new friend! **Children of any age are welcome to participate. Registration is required and space is limited, so call or visit the library to reserve your spot!**

HAIR-RAISING SCIENCE WITH WONDERLAB

What does lightning have to do with your socks? Static electricity! Come to the library on **Monday, June 17** to learn how electricity is generated and how it impacts our lives from making your socks stick to your sweater—to creating a bolt of lightning! You'll get to see electrifying experiments performed with Wonderlab's Van de Graaf Generator. Demonstrations will include mini bolts of lightning, floating packing peanuts, and someone's hair will get an "Extreme Van de Graaf Makeover"! Come to the library and spark your interest in science! **Registration is required, so call or visit the library to sign up for either the 1:30 p.m. or the 3:30 p.m. show!**



CLUB DATES

JCPL Book Club:

Monday, June 17, 7 PM

The JCPL Book Club meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. This month, we will be reading *The Girls in the Stilt House* by: Kelly Mustian. Anyone who loves to read may join.

JCPL Friends:

Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 PM

Meet at 6 to fold newsletters.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



On **Tuesday, June 11 at 10 a.m.**, JCPL will be hosting a Teddy Bear Picnic in the Community Room! Each child may bring a teddy bear of their own, but will also get the opportunity to pick out a stuffed animal they can keep! The program will begin with two stories and then children will be free to do bear activities and crafts! And it's not a picnic without some food, so enjoy some complimentary snacks! **This program is recommended for children ages 8 and under with their parent or caregiver.**

SEASONAL SAVOR: FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE

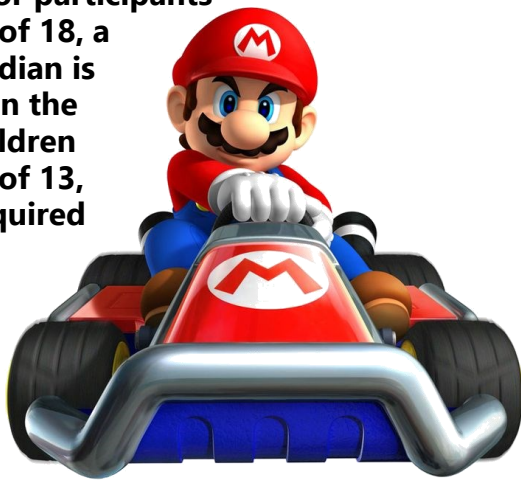
Join us for the next session of our 4-part adult healthy cooking mini-series in partnership with the dietitians from IU Health Jay! During this mini-series, we will be covering a healthy cooking topic that relates to the season we are in. There will be discussion, food demonstrations, and taste tests! Join us on **Tuesday, June 4 at 6 p.m.**, where registered dietitian Melissa Kanney will be sharing tips on cooking with fresh produce and will demonstrate deconstructed chicken kabobs and a tomato and cucumber salad. The remaining sessions will be held on the first Tuesday in September and December, later this year. Attendees will receive a free goodie bag provided by IU Health and there will be a free raffle prize basket. **Registration is required for this program and your spot can be reserved by visiting or calling the library.**



LIFE-SIZE MARIO KART RACING

Calling all racers and Mario Kart lovers **ages 8 and up!** Drop into the library on **Friday, June 28 from 2-4 p.m.** to try out your racing skills on a life-size level! Using giant bouncy balls, you will have an opportunity to hop around the track to see who is the fastest!

Signed waivers are required for ALL participants. For participants under the age of 18, a parent or guardian is required to sign the waiver. For children under the age of 13, parents are required to sign the waiver AND be present during the race.



SURVIVAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Do you have what it takes to survive in the wilderness? Join us for a Wilderness Survival Skills workshop on **Monday, June 3** in the parking lot of the library. Come learn about making wilderness shelters, fire-starting techniques, how to find fresh water and food, and what to do if you are lost and need rescue. This two-hour program is recommended for children in **grades 2-6**, and participants should dress for outdoor activities. We will remain outside in light rain but will move indoors if it storms. Two sessions will be available to choose from: **10 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1:30-3:30 p.m.** **Registration is required so call or visit the library to reserve your spot!**



LETTER HUNT ADVENTURE

Join in on our Letter Hunt Adventure **June 3-29** which includes our Indoor Story Trail and a new weekly craft. The goal is to solve a Cryptogram Puzzle! Clues will be hidden in various spots on the children's side of the library. Printouts of the puzzle and additional instructions will be located on the north side of the circulation desk. Turn in the completed puzzle for a prize!

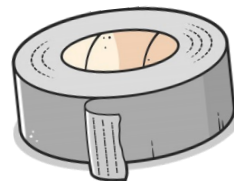


PIONEER TAKE & MAKES

On **Monday, June 10**, take & makes will be available, while supplies last, for kids to take home and experience pioneer fun! **Preschool-2nd graders** will be able to create a foam patchwork quilt sewing craft with other printed activities. **3rd-6th graders** will be able to paint two pioneer peg dolls, make a wagon for them to "go out West," and enjoy some additional printed activities.



TAPE TOWN



Come visit newly-established Tape Town--right here in the Community Room at JCPL! Join us on **Tuesday, June 4 from 10-11 a.m.** for activities like "driving" down the tape roads of Tape Town and visiting interactive stations like the grocery store and car wash. There will be a fun car snack to make and an On-the-Go Activity Goodie Bag to take home! We will begin with stories, but don't worry if you miss them. **This program is recommended for children ages 8 and under with their parent or caregiver.**

PIRATE CAMP



Ahoy Me Hearties! Learn to speak, dress, and talk like a pirate at JCPL's Pirate Camp on **Tuesday, June 25 from 10-11 a.m.** in the Community Room! Prepare yourself to battle the high seas or walk the plank. Make your own parrot companion, treasure map, and more! Most importantly, you can dig for buried treasure and enjoy a pirate snack. We will begin with stories, but don't worry if you miss them. **This program is recommended for children ages 8 and under with their parent or caregiver.**

MINI HOLLYWOOD PROM

JCPL proudly presents: Mini Hollywood Prom! **Children ages 1-8 years old** and one significant adult (parent, grandparent, or grandfriend) are invited to come dance the evening away and participate in activities together. Two sessions will be available to attend on **Thursday, June 20 from 4-5 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.** **Registration is required so please call or visit the library to sign-up for one of the two sessions.** Children are encouraged to dress up, but not required! We hope to see you there!

FAMILY FAIR NIGHT

Stop on by the library's parking lot on **Thursday, June 27** anytime from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** and enjoy a petting zoo, ice cream, outdoor games, farm crafts, and more, for the whole family! Participants will also have a chance to sign up for entry passes, ride wristbands, and other goodies for the Jay County Fair. This free, come-and-go family event is being offered in coordination with the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc., Jay County Purdue Extension, and with assistance from the Jay County High School FFA. (The rain date for this event will be Friday, June 28 from 5-7 p.m.)



COOKIES & CANVAS FOR KIDS!

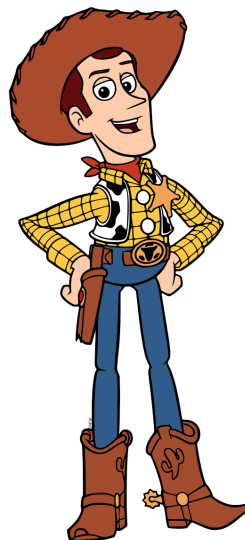


The Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. and JCPL are again offering the popular kids Cookies & Canvas event on **Monday, June 24!** Families may sign up for one of two sessions from **4-5:30 p.m. or 6-7:30 p.m.** in the Community Room. **Recommended for elementary age children**, this fun experience will include stories, making a chicken painting, an agricultural lesson, and of course, cookies! Participants will also get to meet some chickens! A parent/caregiver is encouraged to attend to help each child as needed. **Registration is required, and space is limited. Call or visit the library soon to register for this event!**

NEON PARTY SIP & PAINT

On **Tuesday, June 25 at 6 p.m.**, join us for a fun neon-themed paint night for adults and teens (**ages 13+**). During this relaxing program, we will have self-directed canvas painting with neon paint and neon-themed refreshments. **Registration is required and space is limited.** We hope to see you there!

INTERACTIVE MOVIE: TOY STORY EDITION



Join us on **Friday, June 14 at 2 p.m.** for a fun and interactive movie showing of *Toy Story*. You'll have a blast whether it's your first or twenty-first viewing of this film. Attendees will be given a gift bag of prompts and props to participate in the journey of our favorite toys. All ages are welcome and audience participation is highly encouraged for this unique movie showing. **Registration is required and space is limited, so call or visit the library to reserve your spot!**



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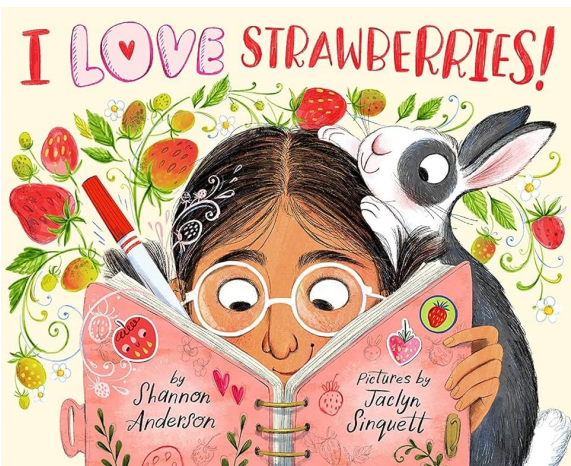
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STRAWBERRY FEST WITH INDIANA AUTHOR SHANNON ANDERSON

Come meet Indiana Author Shannon Anderson at a Strawberry Fest on **Thursday, June 13 from 5-7 p.m.**, presented in partnership by JCPL and the Jay County Farm Bureau, Inc. During this event, families will have an opportunity to meet and hear Shannon read her books and purchase one if they would like. Shannon is the author of *I LOVE Strawberries!*,



with art by Jaclyn Sinquett. This picture book was chosen as Indiana Farm Bureau's 2023 Book of the Year. This family-friendly event will feature strawberry games, crafts and activities, an indoor strawberry patch, strawberry ice cream, and a strawberry mini pie-making station. Come join us for a fun-filled evening with your family!

