So, What’s New?

Looking for a Good Book?

New Adult Fiction Titles!

Only by Death
By Kathy Herman

The Library of Lost and Found
By Phaedra Patrick

Blood Oath
By Linda Fairstein

You are free.
You just don’t know it yet.
Redefining lost, Traci Chee

New DVDs

Bumblebee by Nick Folkes, With Josh Cooley

Aquaman

Berlin, I Love You

The Mule

Vice

Rust Creek

A.I. Rising

A Dog’s Way Home

Holmes & Watson

New Non-fiction

Eight Dates
By Nick Folkes, With Joshua Cooley

Love Your Enemies
By Arthur C. Brooks

Kitchen Yarns
By Ann Hood

The Widower's Notebook
By Jonathan Santlofer

Fabio’s 30 Minute Italian
By Fabio Viviani

One Shot: The World War II Photography of John A. Bushemi
By Ray E. Boomhower

Girls
By Maren Morris

Native Tongue
By Switchfoot

Vida
By Luis Fonsi

Girl Grammy Nominees 2019
By Various Artists

You may have seen some buzz on JCPL social media in March about the Library and the Harwood Public Innovators Lab. We hope you did! Our Library Board President, Janet, along with Librarians Patty, Linda, Debbie, and Evie attended this valuable training event in Indianapolis last month and became Public Innovators!

The Harwood Public Innovators Lab was a two-and-a-half-day experience that helped us learn what it means to Turn Outward – to use our community, not our conference room, as our reference point for choices and action. We have new tools in our toolbox for community engagement. In coming weeks we will be holding community conversations, asking our community - what are your aspirations for our community; what challenges might we face in reaching these aspirations; what changes are needed in our community to reach our aspirations? We will start with those we know, but we will seek voices that are seldom heard. We won’t limit our conversations to adults only. We will ask children as well.

The goal is not to find consensus. The goal is to let people be heard, to look for patterns/themes to reflect the larger community, and find something that we can act upon. Our next Long Range Plan will be written in consideration of community aspirations.

It is another way we inform, enrich, and empower our diverse community.

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” – Mother Teresa

Saturday, May 11th 10am-3pm

Travel in time and meet the Voyageurs- canoe men from Canada who came to trade goods with the Native Americans. Listen to stories and explore artifacts! All ages welcome.

Ladies Tea
at DeMotte Library

- Saturday, May 11th at 2:30pm -

Ladies are invited to join us for tea, sandwiches, and desserts at DeMotte Library’s ‘Ladies Tea’. Bring friends or family and spend an hour socializing, relaxing and enjoying quality time together.

Register Today!

Wheatfield Library

Mother’s Day Story Time
Saturday, May 11th - 10am

Children ages 2-5 along with their mothers are invited to listen to stories and make a craft. Register Today!
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**Girls Night Out - Fairy Gardens!**

Join us for a special night of making fairy gardens!

* Registration Required *

**Purdue Extension’s BLOCK PARTY DEMOTTE LIBRARY / MAY 9TH 10AM**

**Wheatfield Library**

Friday, May 10th 6pm

**Closed for Memorial Day**

*It's Almost Time for Summer Reading!*
What’s Happening? JCPL Adult Program Lineup @ A Glance

—The Gathering Knit/Crochet Group Meeting, each Wed., May 1-29, 12:30-2:30 pm, DeMotte Library; Adults invited to bring their current knit/crochet projects. Registration.

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—Social Club for Young Adults on the Spectrum, Sat., May 4, 3-5 pm, Wheatfield Library; Young independent adults on the autism spectrum age 18 and over are invited to meet at the library and head next door to Wheatfield Lanes for a fun day of bowling! Social Club is for independent adults, 18 and over, who are on the autism spectrum and would like to meet others, make friends and explore shared interests. Registration.

—Health Screenings, Tues., May 7, 9-11 am, DeMotte Library; Free blood pressure and glucose screenings. $5 total cholesterol screenings. Provided by Clinical Home Health Care of DeMotte. No appointment needed—service available on a first come, first served basis. Registration.

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—Voyageur Rendezvous Re-enactors Visit, Sat., May 11, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, DeMotte Library; The Voyageur Rendezvous re-enactors will be at the DeMotte Library sharing local history for all ages through the use of artifacts & costumes. Don’t miss this free, educational event!

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—Friends of the DeMotte Library Annual Meeting, Tues., May 14, 1:00 pm, DeMotte Library; Meeting to be held in the East Meeting Room of the DeMotte Library. All Friends members and those wishing to become a member of the Friends of the Library are encouraged to attend.

—Adult Book Discussion, Tues., May 14, 1 pm, Wheatfield Library; Adults invited to a review of ‘Behold the Dreamers’ by Ibramol Mbbe. Call to reserve your copy! Registration.

—WorkOne Career Services, Thurs., May 16, 9 am -12 pm, DeMotte Library; WorkOne will be at the DeMotte Library to offer their career services to our patrons. No appointment needed.

—WorkOne Career Services, Thurs., May 16, 1-4 pm, Wheatfield Library; WorkOne will be at the Wheatfield Library to offer their career services to our patrons. No appointment needed.

—Natural Living/Essential Oils Class, Fri., May 17, 7:00 pm, DeMotte Library; Dawn O’Dor will be presenting ‘Natural Living with Essential Oils’ in the East Meeting Room. She will discuss how essential oils can impact your health and your family’s well-being. Registration required.

—Combat Coffee, Mon., May 20, 10:30 am, Rensselaer Library; Veterans invited to network with other area Vets with coffee, conversation and camaraderie. Registration requested, but not required. Call for details.

—Wheatfield Library Hosts Books ‘n Coffee @ Somethin’s Brewin’ in DeMotte, Mon., May 20, 2 pm; Adults are invited to review ‘The Forgotten Garden’ by Kate Morton. Snacks and coffee are available for purchase at the coffee house, but no purchase necessary to join in the discussion. Copies are available for check out at the Wheatfield & DeMotte Libraries. Registration.

—Friends of the Library Meeting, Mon., May 20, 7 pm, Rensselaer Library; The Friends of the Rensselaer Library will hold their monthly meeting in the Storytime Room. All Friends members and those wishing to join are welcome! Annual dues are only $3 individual, and $5 for family.

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—4th Thursday Book Group, Thurs., May 23, 1 pm, Rensselaer Library; Adults are invited to discuss ‘A Gentleman in Moscow’ by Amor Towles. Refreshments will be provided. Call to reserve a copy!

—Friends of the Library Meeting, Tues., March 26th, 1 pm, Wheatfield Library; All Friends members and those wishing to join the Friends of the Library are welcome to attend this monthly meeting. New members always welcome! Call for details.

—Computer and Tablet Q&A, Tue., May 28, 2 pm OR 6 pm, Rensselaer Library; Adults and teens may bring their portable technology to our monthly workshop where we will help with basic issues and questions. Registration required.
—Children’s Book Week, April 29 - May 4, Wheatfield Library: Wheatfield Library will be celebrating Children’s Book Week all week long with prize drawings and programs. Call or visit us online for details.

—Library Lego for 6 Years & Up, Wed., May 1, 4-5 pm, Wheatfield Library: Children 6 & up are invited to build with Lego and have their creation displayed in our display case. Registration.

—Children’s Bingo for Grades K-5, Thurs., May 2, 4-5 pm, Wheatfield Library: Children in grades K-5 are invited to play Bingo for a chance to win prizes. Registration.

—Visit Rensselaer Library at Brookside Park’s ‘Spring Fling,’ Sat., May 4, 9-11 am, Rensselaer Library: The Rensselaer Library will have a booth at ‘Spring Fling’ in Brookside Park. We will have giveaways and information regarding upcoming library events. Stop by and say hi!

—Magnificent Monday, Mon., May 6, 10 am, DeMotte Library: Individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities are invited to this program, where we’ll enjoy the story ‘Dragons Love Tacos’ by Adam Rubin and make a fun craft. Registration.

—Children’s Book Talk for Grades K-1, Mon., May 6, 4-5 pm, Wheatfield Library: Grades K-1 will listen to a special Mother’s Day story and make a craft. Snack will be provided. Registration.

—LapSit Story Time for 0-2 Year Olds, each Tues., May 7-21, 10-10:45 am, Rensselaer Library: Our littlest patrons ages 0-2 are invited to enjoy stories, interactive play and socializing during these 30-45 minute long sessions. Registration.

—Teen Tuesday for Grades 6-12, Tues., May 7, 4-5 pm, Rensselaer Library: Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to play with Floam, and ‘Make & Take’ more fun crafts with obsolete book pages. Registration.

—Jr. Scribes Writer’s Group for Grades 3-12, Tue., May 7, 6 pm, DeMotte Library: Kids in grades 3-12 will meet in the West Meeting Room where they will practice their writing skills using fun activities and writing prompts. If you like to write, and would like to meet with other young writers, we are looking for you! Bring your creative energy, notebooks, pens, pencils and friends. Registration.

—Block Party for Ages 18 Months-8 Years, Thurs., May 9, 10 am, DeMotte Library: Kids 18 months - 8 years along with their families are encouraged to attend the Purdue Extension’s ‘Block Party.’ Come learn how hands on play develops skills in a fun way! Registration.

—STEM Pop-In for Grades K-5, Thurs., May 9, 3-5 pm, DeMotte Library: Kids are invited to explore STEM at their own pace. Come make designs and shapes with our 3Doodler Pens! Stay and play for as little or as long as you would like.

—Girls Night Out - Fairy Gardens, Fri., May 10, 6 pm, Wheatfield Library: Bring your favorite gals (no more than four people per group, and at least one adult required) as we create a starter fairy garden! Cost is $8 per group, which will include one pot, dirt, two mini plants, and two fairy decorations. The library will also have a variety of natural materials to be used, but feel free to bring your own to use or share as well! Light refreshments will be provided. Registration.

—Mother’s Day Story Time for Ages 2-5, Sat., May 11, 10-10:30 am, Wheatfield Library: Kids ages 2-5, along with their mothers, are invited to a special Mother’s Day themed story time. Enjoy a morning of listening to stories and making crafts! Registration.

—Preschool STEM for 3-5 Year Olds, Mon., May 13, 10:30-11 am, DeMotte Library: It’s never too early for STEM! The DeMotte Library will be holding a 30 minute session for preschoolers, ages 3-5. They will be able to explore different stations, discover and build, all in the theme of Space. Registration.

—Library Lego, Tues., May 14, 6 pm, DeMotte Library: Ages 4-14, create shapes out of Legos. Registration.

—Third Thursday for Grades 1-5, Thurs., May 16, 4-5 pm, Rensselaer Library: Kids in grades 1-5 are invited to “Get Lost in Space!” Registration.

—“Blast Off!” Family Fun Event, Sat., May 18, 10 am, DeMotte Library: Children of all ages and their families are invited to join us for a morning of space themed activities and crafts!

—Magnificent Monday, Mon., May 20, 1 pm, Rensselaer Library: Individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities are invited to listen to stories and participate in activities. Registration.

—STEAM Workshop for School Age Kids, May 21, 4-5 pm, Rensselaer Library: School age kids re invited to come learn about flight and try out our flight simulator kit! Registration.

—Super STEM for Grades K-5, Thurs., May 23, 4-30 pm, DeMotte Library: Kids in grades K-5 are invited to Super STEM, which will include a variety of activities and experiments related to vibration and sound. Registration.

—Teen Book Discussion for Grades 6-12, Thurs., May 23, 4-4:30 pm, Wheatfield Library: Grades 6-12 are invited to this half hour long book review of ‘Stranger Than Fiction’ by Chris Colfer. Books available for check out at the circulation desk. Refreshments provided. Registration.

—Homeschool Adventure, Fri., May 24, 1:30 pm, DeMotte Library: Homeschoolers of all ages are invited for stories, games, crafts and activities all related to the theme of Mexico at the DeMotte Library. Registration.

—Teen Volunteer Training for Ages 11-17, Tues., May 28, 4-30-5 pm, DeMotte Library: The library is seeking teen volunteers to help during our Summer Reading Program, scheduled to begin in June. Open to ages 11-17, teens interested in volunteering this summer need to attend. You will fill out a volunteer form and sign up for dates you are available to volunteer during the library’s upcoming “A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program. This meeting will also provide an overview of the Summer Reading Program and how our volunteers can help the Children’s Department and staff to make our program a success. Registration.

—Lego Building Day, Thurs., May 30, 5-6:30 pm, Rensselaer Library: Come and see what you can create using Legos! Registration.

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