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Discover a Universe of Stories this summer with the JCPL Summer Reading Program. Our space-themed program this year honors the 50th anniversary of July 20, 1969, when the Apollo 11 crew walked on the moon. Explore the stars with real-life astronauts, make crafts that are out of this world and learn about the worlds beyond our world this June and July. Kick off our program in Rensselaer on June 3 with our highly-anticipated Breakout Room Space Adventure. Spots are limited, so sign up early starting May 15.

For more information visit our events page online: www.myjcpl.org/events
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What’s Happening? JCPL Adult Program Lineup @ A Glance

—“Curiosity: Mission to Mars and the Deep Space Search for Another Earth,” Sat., June 1, 7pm, Wheatfield Library; Presented by Astronomer, Kevin Manning. Listen to what scientists have learned from the probe so far; you won’t want to miss the many astounding images and incredible video footage of Mars and space. Recommended for ages 8 & up. Registration.

—Space Challenge Breakout Room, Mon.-Thurs., June 3-6, 4:30 / 5/15 / 6:00 / 6:45pm, Rensselaer Library; Try our brand new escape room experience. Sign up your group of up to 8 people for one of our evening sessions Monday through Thursday, June 3-6. See if you can break the codes and become a LOCK STAR! Registration.

—Health Screenings, Tues., June 4, 9-11am, DeMotte Library; Free blood pressure and glucose screenings. $5 total cholesterol screenings. Provided by Clinical Home Health Care of DeMotte. No appointment needed- service is on a first come, first served basis.

—The Gathering Knit/Crochet Group Meeting, each Wed., June 5-26, 12:30-2:30pm, DeMotte Library; Adults invited to bring their current knit/crochet projects. Registration.

—Beginners Line Dancing, each Wed., June 5-26, 5-6pm, DeMotte Library; Adults are invited to learn the steps and movements that will get you out on the dance floor at your next event or party. Classes are free. Registration.

—Health Screenings, Tues., June 11, 9:30-10:30am, Wheatfield Library; Free blood pressure and glucose screenings. $5 total cholesterol screenings. Provided by Clinical Home Health Care of DeMotte. No appointment needed- service is on a first come, first served basis.

—Adult Book Discussion, Tues., June 11, 1pm, Wheatfield Library; Adults invited to a review of ‘The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper’ by Phaedra Patrick. Call to reserve your copy! Registration.

—Genealogy Help, Wed., June 12, 6-7:30pm, Rensselaer Library; Teens & adults invited to this free help session to learn about resources available for researching family history. No pre-registration required.

—WorkOne Career Services, Thurs., June 13, 9am -12pm, DeMotte Library; WorkOne will be at the Wheatfield Library to offer their career services to our patrons. No appointment needed.

—Combat Coffee, Mon., June 17, 10:30am – 12pm, Rensselaer Library; Veterans invited to network with other area Vets with coffee, conversation and camaraderie. Registration requested, but not required. Call for details.

—Cook the Book: Vintage Recipes, Wed., June 19, 6pm, Rensselaer Library; Cooks of all ages are invited to cook a vintage recipe from our chosen cookbooks and bring them in to share with others in attendance. Cooks of all ages are invited to attend, and ages 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration.

—Natural Living/Essential Oils Class, Fri., June 21, 12pm, DeMotte Library; Dawn O’Dor will be presenting ‘Natural Living with Essential Oils’. She will discuss how essential oils can impact your health and your family's well-being. Registration required.

—Guy Time: Bat Boxes, Sat., June 22, 10am, Wheatfield Library; Bring your favorite guys (at least one adult required) as we create a wooden bat box! Mounting a bat box house on your property is the perfect way to help bats who are in need of a safe place to live while protecting your yard from pesky night-flying insects. Cost is $10 per group, which will include materials. Registration.

—Social Club for Young Adults on the Spectrum, Sat., June 22, 3pm, Wheatfield Library; Join us for a few hours of friendly video gaming competition, or board games. Registration is required to attend and snacks and drinks will be provided. 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.

—Wheatfield Library Hosts Books ‘n Coffee @ Somethin’s Brewin’ in DeMotte, Mon., June 24, 2pm; Adults invited to review ‘Juliet’ by Anne Fortier. 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.

—Cheesemaking Demonstration, Mon. June 24, 6:30pm, DeMotte Library; Mark Lyons, proficient home vegetable gardener and skilled cheese maker, will be hosting a cheese making demonstration at the DeMotte Library. Be a part of this event and learn the techniques and what is needed to make your own cheese. Open to all ages, free samples will be available. Registration.

—Coloring Your Stress Away/UFO Program, Mon., June 24, 5:30-7pm, Rensselaer Library; Enjoy a relaxing evening working on your coloring or craft projects. Registration.

—Friends of the Library Meeting, Tues., June 25, 1pm, Wheatfield Library; All Friends members and those wishing to join the Friends of the Library welcome! New members always welcome! Call for details.

—Men’s Book Group, Wed., June 26, 10am, Rensselaer Library; Everyone is invited to share thoughts and ideas during this morning meeting as we review ‘Pompeii’ by Robert Hammer. Call to reserve your copy! The Men’s Book Club group was created for men, but anyone can join.

—Morning Movie Presentation, Thurs., June 27, 10am, Wheatfield Library; Adults are invited to a free, rated PG-13 film highlighting the relationship between a wealthy man with quadriplegia and an unemployed man with a criminal record who’s hired to help him. Starring Bryan Cranston, Kevin Hart. Refreshments will be served. Registration appreciated.

—4th Thursday Book Group, Thurs., June 27, 1pm, Rensselaer Library; Adults are invited to discuss ‘Little Fires Everywhere’ by Celeste Ng. Refreshments will be provided. Call to reserve a copy!
—Story Time for 3-5 Year Olds, each Mon., June 3-24, 10am OR 11am, Wheatfield Library: Preschoolers ages 3-5, are invited to enjoy listening to stories, making crafts, and joining in other fun activities during the Wheatfield Library’s Story Time sessions, offered each Monday, 10-10:30am OR 11-11:30am. Registration.

—Magnificent Monday, Mon., June 3, 10am, DeMotte Library: Individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities are invited to this program. You will hear the stories ‘A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee’ by Chris Van Dun and ‘There’s No Place Like Space: All About Our Solar System’ by Tish Rabe, with a craft to follow. Registration.

—Preschool Time for 2-5 Year Olds, each Wed., June 5-26, 1pm, DeMotte Library: Children ages 2-5, along with their caregivers, are invited to enjoy a series of Summer Preschool Times in the Children’s Area of the DeMotte Library! Held in conjunction with JCPL’s A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program, each session will relate to the theme. Registration.

—DeMotte Library Hosts Market Day Story Time @ Spencer Park in DeMotte, Wed., June 5, 5pm; Stop by the pavilion located directly next to the market, and enjoy stories and crafts during DeMotte Market Day @ Spencer Park! No registration; open to all ages.

—Summer Reading Events for Grades K-5, each Tuesday in June @ 1pm, DeMotte Library; June 11- Challenger Learning Center; June 18- Silly Safaris; June 25- CR Ryan, Master Magician.

—Summer Reading Events (all ages), each Tuesday in June, Rensselaer Library: June 11- Ice Cream Social, 2 pm; June 18- Silly Safaris, 10 am; June 25- CR Ryan, Master Magician, 10 am. Registration.

—Summer Reading Events for Grades K-5, each Tuesday in June @ 3pm, Wheatfield Library; June 11- Interactive Games; June 18- Silly Safaris; June 25- CR Ryan, Master Magician. Registration.

—Father’s Day Story Time for 2-5 Year Olds, Tues., June 11, 6pm, Wheatfield Library: Children ages 2-5 along with their fathers are invited for a special, half hour long Story Time session. Registration.

—Summer Reading Events for Grades K-5, each Wednesday in June @ 2pm, Rensselaer Library; June 12- T-Shirt Decorating; June 19- Explore the Power of the Sun; June 26- Explore the Planets. Registration.

—Teen Summer Reading Events for Grades 6-12, each Thursday in June @ 1pm, DeMotte Library; June 13- Galaxy Painting; June 20- Tie-Dye Shirts; June 27- STEM Challenges. Registration.

—Teen Summer Reading Events, each Thursday in June @ 2pm, Rensselaer Library; June 13- T-Shirt Decorating (Grades 6-9); June 20- Explore the Power of the Sun (Grades 6-12); June 27- Explore the Planets (Grades 6-12). Registration.

—Teen Summer Reading Events for Grades 6-12, each Thursday in June @ 2pm, Wheatfield Library; June 13- Xbox & Wii; June 20- Trivia Challenge; June 27- Bingo. Registration.

—Children’s Book Discussion for Grades 2-5, Mon., June 17, 4-5pm, Wheatfield Library: Kids in grades 2-5 are invited to read and discuss the book ‘I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011’ by Lauren Tarshis. Copies of the book are available at the front desk of the Wheatfield Library. Registration.

—Maker Monday for Grades 1-8, Mon., June 24, 4pm, Wheatfield Library; Kids in grades 1-8 are invited to play with gadgets. Registration.