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Jasper County Public Library
"Inform, Enrich, Empower"

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As our November newsletter goes to press we are just entering the final quarter of 2019. The year has passed so quickly! Seven months ago we attended the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation where we learned to turn outward so that we can accelerate and deepen our impact.

Since March we have conducted several community conversations to gather input from constituents and library users. Each conversation was a chance for us to better understand people’s aspirations for the community, the concerns they have and what they believe might make a difference in strengthening the community. Our goal was to let people be heard, to look for patterns/themes to reflect the larger community, and find something that we can act upon.

It is important for us to share what we are learning so, to that end, we are sharing a word cloud this month. As a part of our ‘ask’, we conducted a User/Non User Survey and asked this question – “What kind of community do you want to live in?” This word cloud represents the responses we received, teasing out the most common words found in the responses. The size of the words indicates how frequently they were used. The bigger the word, the more frequently it was used.

We are studying this word cloud along with other data received as we prepare to write our Long Range Plan 2020-2024. Connected, community, friendly, safe, and welcoming will be a part of the discussion as we strive to clarify organizational direction, set goals for the next five years and find the sweet spot—that spot that meets needs, strengthens our community, and fits with library assets.

Thank you so much for taking our survey and for being a part of the discussion. We could not inform, enrich, and empower our diverse community without you.
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What's Happening? JCPL Adult Program Lineup at a Glance

—Alpine Echoes, Sun., Nov. 3, 2pm, Rensselaer Library: Join us Sunday, November 3rd at 2pm and enjoy Alpine Echoes Musical Program sponsored by the Friends of the Rensselaer Library! Registration is requested but not required. Free for all ages. Refreshments will be served.

—Marketplace Insurance Help, Mon., Nov. 4 & 18, 9am-2pm, Rensselaer Library: Certified application counselor and Indiana Navigator Barb Hickner will be available for questions and/or enrollment on an appointment only basis. Please bring information from the previous year’s income and current employment information. Call Certified Application Counselor Barb Hickner to reserve your spot.

—Health Screenings, Tues., Nov. 5, 9-11am, DeMotte Library: Free blood pressure and glucose screenings. Provided by Clinical Home Health Care of DeMotte. No appointment needed.

—Geri-Fit for Ages 50+, each Tues., Nov. 5-19, 11am-12pm, Rensselaer Library: This is a chair exercise, strength training, muscle building and maintaining class for senior adults. Participants will follow DVD instruction with staff assistance. Please bring your water bottle and one or 2 lb. weights. Stretch bands will be provided. Registration appreciated.

—Flu Shot Clinic for Seniors, Wed., Nov. 6, 9:30-11am, Rensselaer Library: Provided by Clinical Home Health Care. No appointment needed, available on a first come first served basis. Traditional Medicare recipients may receive this shot for FREE. For all others there is a cash fee as follows: Ages 65+ - $70 (high dose), Under 65 - $39.75 (regular dose). Payable by cash or check. Debit/credit not accepted.

—The Gathering Knit/Crochet Group Meeting, each Wed., Nov. 6-27, 12:30-2:30pm, DeMotte Library: Adults are invited to bring their current knit/crochet projects. Registration.

—Zentangled Stocking Stuffers Sessions, Tues., Nov. 6 & 20, 6pm, Rensselaer Library: Teens & Adults are invited to the first of three make-n-take sessions to create unique homemade zentangled gifts. No experience is needed. In session one, we'll make paper ornaments and gift tags. For each session attended, you can enter a chance to win a prize, to be drawn at the end of the last session. Must be present to win. Prize includes a gift card and more.

—3D Printed Fossils Presentation, Thurs., Nov. 7, 6pm, DeMotte Library: 3D Printed Fossils is a hands on presentation for teens and adults located in the West Meeting Room. Peter Brummel will have various human and ape fossils and will explain their relation to us from a creationist viewpoint. Registration appreciated.

—Woodcarving w/ Joe Zellon, Sat., Nov. 9, 1pm, DeMotte Library: Joe Zellon of DeMotte, will be presenting a wood carving demonstration and discussion on the tools and techniques used for wood carving. This program is free and open to older children and adults. Registration appreciated.

—Heroes Tree Decorating, Mon., Nov. 11, 3pm, Rensselaer Library: Honor your loved one by bringing in a photo of your military hero and adding it as an ornament to the Heroes tree, set up in the library's Genealogy Department. Refreshments will be served.

—Adult Book Discussion, Tues., Nov. 12, 1pm, Wheatfield Library: Adults invited to a review of Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance. Call to reserve your copy! Registration.

—Genealogy Help, Wed., Nov. 13, 6-7:30pm, Wheatfield Library: Teens & adults invited to this free help session to learn about resources available for researching family history. No pre-registration required.

—Christmas Gnome Craft, Fri., Nov. 15, 6pm, Wheatfield Library: Join us for a fun evening as we make an adorable Winter Gnome. You bring a glue gun, plenty of glue sticks and a sweater sleeve to recycle (optional). We'll supply the rest of the supplies for the low price of $7.50. All fees must be paid by Nov. 8th in order to attend. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Registration is required to attend. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult to attend.

—Combat Coffee, Mon., Nov. 18, 9:30-11am, Rensselaer Library: Veterans invited to network with other area Vets with coffee, conversation and camaraderie. Registration requested, but not required. Call for details.

—Bookies’ Book Discussion, Tues., Nov. 19, 2pm OR 7pm, DeMotte Library: Join us in a review of The Forgotten Room by Karen White, Beatriz Williams & Lauren Willig. Copies available at the library’s circulation desk. Registration.

—Men’s Book Group, Wed., Nov. 20, 10am, Rensselaer Library: Everyone is invited to share thoughts and ideas during this morning meeting as we review Telling the Truth by Frederick Buechner. Call to reserve your copy! The Men’s Book Club group was created for men, but anyone can join.

—Morning Movie Presentation, Thurs., Nov. 21, 10am, Wheatfield Library: Join us as we watch this movie starring Judi Dench as Joan, an innocent-seeming elderly neighbor arrested because of her previous activities with the KGB during WWII. Free and open to any adults, refreshments will be provided.

—4th Thursday Book Discussion, Thurs., Nov. 21, 1pm, Rensselaer Library: This month’s 4th Thursday Book discussion will be Reader’s Recommendations by group members. We encourage readers to bring one of their favorite selections to the discussion and share a bit about it with everyone. Bringing in a dish to share would be lovely but not necessary.

—Wheatfield Library Hosts Books ‘n Coffee @ Wilvoet’s Eatery in DeMotte, Mon., Nov. 25, 2pm; Adults invited to review The Paris Architect by Charles Balfour. 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.

—Coloring Your Stress Away/UFO Program, Mon., Nov. 25, 5:30-7pm, Rensselaer Library: Enjoy a relaxing evening working on your coloring or craft projects. Registration.

—Friends of the Library Meeting/Decorating, Tues., Nov. 26, 10am, Wheatfield Library: The Friends of the Wheatfield Library will meet to decorate the library for the holidays, with a carry-in lunch to follow. All Friends members and those wishing to join welcome.
—DeMotte Game Club for Ages 2+, Fri., Nov. 1, 6pm, DeMotte Library: Celebrate International Games Week by playing board and card games with your friends. All ages are invited, come when you can and stay as long as you want. Registration.

—Family Fun Event: Moon Landing, Sat., Nov. 2, 10am, DeMotte Library: Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with our Family Fun Event for all ages. Registration.

—Magnificent Monday, Mon., Nov. 4, 10am, DeMotte Library: Individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities are invited to this program, where we’ll enjoy stories and related activities. Registration.

—Toddler Time for Ages 2-3, each Mon., Nov. 4-25, 10:30-11am, Wheatfield Library: Toddlers ages 2-3 are invited to enjoy stories, play, and socialize during these 30 minute sessions. Registration.

—Yoga for Kids for Grades K-5, Mon., Nov. 4, 6pm, DeMotte Library: Please bring a large towel or yoga mat. Registration is required and class size is limited.

—Story Time for Ages 3-5, each Tues., Nov. 5-19, 10am, Rensselaer Library: Kids ages 3-5, are invited to weekly sessions of stories and crafts. Registration appreciated.

—Jr. Scribes Writer’s Group for Grades 3-12, Tue., Nov. 5, 6pm, DeMotte Library: Kids in grades 3-12 will meet in the Story Time Room where they will practice their writing skills using fun activities and writing prompts. If you like to write poems, memoirs, novels, short stories, fiction or non-fiction and would like to meet with other young writers, we are looking for you! Bring your creative energy, notebooks, pens, pencils and friends. Registration required.

—Lapsit Story Time for Ages 0-2, each Wed., Nov. 6-27, 10am, DeMotte Library: Babies ages 0-2 are invited to enjoy stories, music, rhymes and play time during these 30-45 minute long sessions. Registration.

—Library Lego for Ages 6+, Tues., Nov. 6, 6pm, Wheatfield Library: We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. Build a creation and have it displayed in our display case. Registration.

—Sensory Lego Workshop for Kids on the Spectrum, Mon., Nov. 11, 5-6:30pm, Rensselaer Library: Children of all ages on the Autism Spectrum are invited to play with Legos.

—Teen Tuesday for Grades 6-12, Tues., Nov. 12, 4-5pm, Rensselaer Library: Come fly with us using our computerized flight simulator! Registration.

—inbeTWEEN the Lines Book Discussion for Ages 8-12, Thurs., Nov. 14, 6pm, DeMotte Library: We will be discussing Chester & Gus by Cammie McGovern. Books are available at the circulation desk of the DeMotte Library. We will also have a live therapy rabbit to pet! Bring your friends! Registration.

—Preschool STEM for Ages 3-5, Mon., Nov. 18, 10:30am OR 2pm, DeMotte Library: Preschoolers are invited to one of two 30 minute sessions- morning or afternoon, where they will be able to design, create and explore with magnets! Registration.

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—Library Lego Event for Ages 4-14, Tues., Nov. 19, 6pm, DeMotte Library: We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. Build a creation and have it displayed in our Children’s Department. Registration.

—STEAM Workshop for Grades 2-8, Tues., Nov. 19, 4-5pm, Rensselaer Library: Come have fun with our Code and Go Mouse! Registration appreciated.

—Thanksgiving Book Talk for Grades K-1, Thurs., Nov. 21, 4-5pm, Wheatfield Library: Kids in grades K-1 are invited to listen and discuss Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silvano. Those in attendance will also enjoy a craft and a snack! Registration.

—Third Thursday for Grades 1-5, Thurs., Nov. 21, 4-5pm, Rensselaer Library: Gobble Gobble! Join us for all things Thanksgiving! Books, crafts, and treats will be enjoyed by all in attendance. Registration.

—Super STEM for Grades K-5, Thurs., Nov. 21, 4:30pm, DeMotte Library: Kids in grades K-5 are invited to make & test gliders for Aviation History Month! Registration.

—Homeschool Adventure, Fri., Nov. 22, 1:30pm, DeMotte Library: Homeschoolers of all ages are invited for stories, games, crafts and activities all related to the theme of Germany at the DeMotte Library. Registration.

—Rock Band Family Jam, Sat., Nov. 23, 1-4pm, Rensselaer Library: Become a Rock Star! Groups of 3 needed to compete in our Rock Band Family Jam! Are you a Drummer, guitarist or lead singer??? Wii Rock Band game system provided. All ages welcome. 12yrs and under must be accompanied by parent/guardian or sibling 13 or older. Registration.

—Thanksgiving After School Program for Grades K-5, Mon., Nov. 25, 4-5pm, Wheatfield Library: Celebrate Thanksgiving with related activities and a snack. Registration.

—Lego Workshop, Mon., Nov. 25, 5-6:30pm, Rensselaer Library: Children of all ages are invited to play with Legos. Registration.

—Teen Book Discussion for Grades 6-12, Wed., Nov. 27, 4-4:30pm, Wheatfield Library: Teens are invited to discuss this month’s book- title TBA. Books will be available at the circulation desk. Registration.