May is upon us, and June is just around the corner! The grass is green. Flowers are beginning to bloom. Our thoughts are turning to the end of school and summer. At the Jasper County Public Library, thoughts of summer remind us that our Summer Reading Program will soon be underway, and that is no lie, not even a Tall Tale! Speaking of tales reminds us that our Summer Reading theme this year, is Tails & Tales, and we cannot wait to ‘tail’ you more.

Summer Reading is a great way for kids, ages pre-school to teen, to keep their reading and listening skills sharp during the summer months and be better prepared for the next school year. Vocabularies increase and comprehension levels increase, while kids read for fun and win prizes. What could be simpler or more rewarding?

And it doesn’t stop with just reading, and it doesn’t stop with just kids. We have programs and activities planned for adults, too. For a complete list of activities and other program information be sure to visit our website myjcpl.org!

Happy Summer! and Happy Reading!
### DeMotte

**Pre-School Time Ages 2-5**
- June 9, 16, 23, 30 - 1pm
  - North Lawn of Library

*must register for each date, limited spaces*

#### Grades k-5
- June 8 - 1pm
  - Balloonist at Freedom Park

- June 15 - Craft to Go

- June 22 - 1pm
  - Scavenger Hunt at Freedom Park

- June 29 - 1pm
  - Humane Indiana at Freedom Park

- July 6 - Craft to Go

- July 13 - Party

#### Grades 6-12
- June 10 - 1pm
  - Amazing Race for Teens

- June 17 - Craft to Go

- June 24 - 1pm
  - Tie-Dye, bring a white shirt, limit of 25

- July 1 - 1pm
  - Humane Indiana

- July 6 - Craft to Go

- July 15 - Party

### Wheatfield

**Storytime**
- June 7 - 10am & 2pm
  - Story Time at Park

- June 14 - Virtual Story Time and Craft Pick Up

- June 21 - 10am & 2pm
  - Story Time at Park

- June 28 - Virtual Story Time and Craft Pick Up

#### Grades k-5
- June 8 - 3pm
  - Balloonist at Park

- June 15 - Craft to Go

- June 22 - 3pm
  - Outside Day at the Park

- June 29 - 3pm
  - Humane Indiana at Park

- July 6 - Craft to Go

- July 13 - Party

#### Grades 6-12
- June 10 - 3pm
  - Bingo at the Park

- June 17 - Craft to Go

- June 24 - 3pm
  - Outside Day at the Park

- July 1 - 3pm
  - Humane Indiana at Park

- July 8 - Craft to Go

- July 15 - Party
**Summer Reading Cont.**

**Rensselaer**

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**Tips for Encouraging Your Child’s Reading**

- Start sharing books when your child is born, and don’t forget to keep reading with your children into their teen years.

- Make a time and place for reading in your home and encourage talking about reading in your family.

- Take advantage of “waiting” time to share books: on trips, at the doctor’s office, in line at the grocery store.

- Set a good example - read on your own.

- Allow your child to select books to read and be aware of your child’s reading interests.

- Give books as presents.

- Get to know the children’s librarian at your local public library.

- Register your child for a library card. Get the one free card that brings you a world of opportunity - no matter what your age.

- When preparing for family road trips, stock up on audio books from your library. Let your children choose some stories to listen to in the car. Have family members share favorite ghost stories and/or adventure stories around the campfire at picnics and on camping trips.
UPCOMING EVENTS

**Face covering / Social distancing guidelines will be observed.**

May- Wheatfield
For the entire month of May, Wheatfield is encouraging Mothers to come in and take pictures with their kids using their butterfly wings wall decorations.

May 3- DeMotte
Magnificent Monday @ 10am. Themed stories and craft, registration required.

May 3-9 Rensselaer
Children's Book Week. Children who come in and check out a book any day this week will receive a free book to keep!

May 3-9 Wheatfield
Children's Book Week. Children 12 and under who come in and check out materials can enter into a prize drawing.

May 5- DeMotte
Family Story Time @ 4pm, all ages, registration required. Program will be outside.

May 12- Rensselaer
Story time with some other activities planned will be outdoors at 1pm for all ages.

May 20- DeMotte
InbeTWEEN the Lines Book Discussion @ 4pm Hoot by Carl Hiaasen- ages 8-12, registration required.

May 24- Wheatfield
Morning Movie- "Our Friend" @ 10 am registration required.

May 24- Rensselaer
Magnificent Monday will be meeting at 1pm for all ages. Registration is required. Contact Janice or Nancy at (219) 866- 5881.

May 27- DeMotte
Teen Volunteer Training @ 4pm, ages 11-17. If interested in helping with summer reading, teens must take this training session.

June 7- DeMotte
Magnificent Monday @ 10am Books and Crafts related to Tails and Tales, registration required.

June 15 - DeMotte
Bingo at Freedom Park @ 11 am, 18+. Feel free to bring your own water and snacks to enjoy while playing several rounds of Bingo, winners will receive $5 gift cards.

June 24- Wheatfield
Morning Movie @ 10 am "The Mauritanian" registration required.
CRAFTS AND FRIENDS

May 1-8 Rensselaer
Mother’s Day Card Craft. All ages, limited craft packages. Children are welcome to come take a package with materials to create a Mother’s Day card.

May 3-8 - Wheatfield
'May the 4th be with you!' Star Wars Lantern Kits to take home and make.

May 3 - DeMotte
Macrame Keychain Craft for Adults available for pickup. All supplies included.

May 4 - Rensselaer
Starwars themed Shrinky Dink and String Art Kits will be available all day or until supplies run out. Most materials needed and directions will be included for both kits.

June 14 - DeMotte
Paracord Bracelet Craft for adults! All materials included, while supplies last.

May 11 DeMotte
Friends Meeting @ 1pm

May 24 Rensselaer
Friends Meeting @ 7pm. Annual fees are due.

May 25 Wheatfield
Friends Meeting @ 1pm.

June 22 Wheatfield
Friends Meeting @ 1pm.

All Branches
Each branch of JCPl has their own variety of Story Time Craft Kits or activities available year round for kids to come in and check out.
### Fiction Titles
- **Jackpot**  
  By Stuart Woods
- **Golden Girl**  
  By Elin Hilderbrand
- **Unfinished Business**  
  By J.A. Jance
- **Project Hail Mary**  
  By Andy Weir
- **21st Birthday**  
  By James Patterson
- **Family Reunion**  
  By Nancy Thayer
- **Find You First**  
  By Linwood Barclay
- **The Lady Has a Past**  
  By Amanda Quick

### Young Adults
- **Realm Breaker**  
  By Victoria Aveyard
- **Instructions for Dancing**  
  By Nicola Yoon

### Audiobooks
- **Killing the Mob**  
  By Bill O'Reilly
- **The Bullet**  
  By Iris Johansen
- **Unfinished Business**  
  By J.A. Jance

### Kids
- **Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Posh Paris Adventure**  
  By Rachel Russell
- **Upside Down Magic: Night Owl**  
  By Sarah Mlynowski

### DVDs
- **The Little Things**
- **The Marksman**
- **The Unhealer**
- **The Nest**
- **Embattled**
- **The World to Come**
- **Land**
- **Zeroville**
JCPL Adult Book Discussions

Most of our book discussion groups are finding new ways to stay connected. For more details or to reserve a copy, please visit or call your local library. Registration is appreciated, and available online at www.myjcpl.org/events. Face covering / Social distancing guidelines will be observed.

DeMotte

MAY - THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- MAY 18th- 2:00 PM OR 7:00 PM
BOOK: THE RIVER BY PETER HELLER

JUNE- NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Wheatfield

MAY- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- MAY 11- 1:00 PM
BOOK: NOVEMBER ROAD BY LOU BERNEY

MAY- BOOKS AND COFFEE- MONDAY- MAY 24- 2:00 PM
BOOK: DIGGING TO AMERICA BY ANNE TYLER

JUNE- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- JUNE 8- 1:00 PM
BOOK: HOMEGOING BY YAA GYASI

JUNE- BOOKS AND COFFEE- MONDAY- JUNE 28- 2:00 PM
BOOK: DRESSMAKER’S DOWRY BY MEREDITH JAEGGER

Rensselaer

MAY - MEN’S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- MAY 26- 10 AM
BOOK: THE LINCOLN CONSPIRACY: ... BY BRAD MELTZER
**THE MEN’S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN IN PERSON OR ZOOM**

MAY- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- MAY 27 - 1PM
BOOK: THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK BY KIM RICHARDSON

JUNE- MEN’S BOOK GROUP-WEDNESDAY - JUNE 23 -10 AM
BOOK: BULLWHIP DAYS: THE SLAVES REMEMBER BY JAMES MELLON
**THE MEN’S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN IN PERSON OR ZOOM**

JUNE- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- JUNE 24- 1 PM
BOOK: BECOMING BY MICHELLE OBAMA
Summer Reading 2021

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