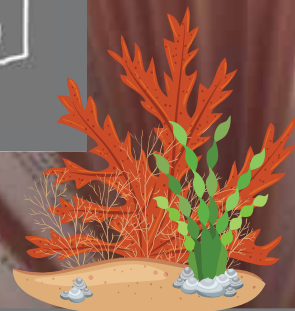


MAY/JUNE

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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DEMOTTE PARKING LOT PROJECT BEGINS

Work is now underway on the DeMotte Library Parking Lot Project, a project that has been eagerly anticipated and meets two of Jasper County Public Library's long-range plan goals, to be a welcoming community hub and to engage our staff and community in lifelong learning.

Work is expected to be complete this summer and will result in 29 parking spaces, a story walk, a dry creek bed featuring a bridge and native plants, and a new program area in front of the main library entrance. Handicap parking spaces will be available.

"It has long been a goal of our library board to offer new and additional parking and eliminate the hilly drive that patrons currently use to exit our front parking lot. Our new parking lot, which will be built just south of our current parking lot, will have a much easier entrance and exit," said Patty Stringfellow, director of the Jasper County Public Library. "We are excited to provide a new parking area, but we also want people to think about our library as a destination point, a place to linger, enjoy a story, participate in a program, and enjoy nature," said Stringfellow.

The library has erected a time-lapse camera to capture the work of the project for historical purposes and human interest. "Adding a time-lapse camera is another first for the library, but we think it is an exciting element," Stringfellow explained. The recording will be made available for the public to view.

Mohler Architects created the design for the library project and will oversee the construction which will be completed by the Hamstra Group, Inc.



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SUMMER READING BEGINS!

JCPL is looking forward to another great summer! Following this year's Collaborative Summer Reading Program theme of "Oceans of Possibilities," staff have been busy planning a variety of activities to encourage an enjoyable library experience. All locations will be returning to weekly in-person programming for kids and teens and have contracted presentations from places like Humane Indiana and Balloongenuity. Prizes and drawings will be awarded to participants of all ages, and exciting challenges will be offered for additional reading incentive.

Registration for the 2022 Summer Reading Program will begin May 31, with programming beginning the week of June 6. Final celebrations will be held July 12. Adult participants will be able to enter their readings online or in person through July 16. Participants are encouraged to use the Beanstack app for tracking their reading, but paper options will be available as well for those not wishing to register or record online. Additional information is available on our website www.myjcpl.org. As always, JCPL strives to offer services that inform, enrich, and empower our diverse community, and we hope that 2022's Summer Reading Program activities do just that!

For a list of Summer Reading events, please refer to pages 8-9.

Children's Book Week

May 2-7

Children's Book Week is the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, young people across the country participate by attending events at schools, libraries, bookstores, celebrating at home, and engaging with book creators both online and in person.

To celebrate, each Library is participating in its own unique way!

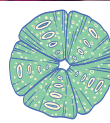
- Children who come into the Rensselaer Library and check out a book any day this week will receive a free book to keep! (One book per child.)
- DeMotte Library will be hosting a drawing. When checking out books, audiobooks and magazines, children ages 12 and under will be able to fill out a slip for a chance to enter a drawing for a book bundle! (One entry per day.)
- Wheatfield Library will be hosting a drawing as well, and will also be hosting a few programs during the week.

Have fun and happy reading!





DEMOTTE EVENTS



May 2-7-Children's Book Week

When checking out books, audiobooks and magazines children ages 12 and under will be able to fill out a slip for a chance to enter a drawing for a book bundle! Participants are allowed one entry per day.

May 10-Friends of the DeMotte Library Meeting

1 pm, New members are always welcome!

May 10 & 24-Anime Club

6-7:15 pm; Grades 5-12

Join us as we watch anime, play games, and learn about Japanese culture.

May 16-Patio Planter with Judi from Judi's Bloomers

6 pm- Adults; one planter per person per household

Create your own beautiful patio planter to display all summer! All materials are provided and free. Registration required

June- Silent Auction

Stop by the DeMotte Library to place a bid for the Silent Auction, sponsored by the Friends of the Library!

May 31-June 4-Summer Reading Registration

Grades Preschool-12

Children wishing to participate in Summer Reading are encouraged to sign up during this time frame; either in person or through Beanstack.

June 6 & 20-Anime Club

6-7:15 pm; Grades 5-12

Join us as we watch anime, play games, and learn about Japanese culture.

June 15-Adult Bingo

11 am-12 pm; Adults

Join us upstairs for Bingo fun! Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

June 17-Adult Trivia Night

6-8 pm; Adults

Think you know sitcoms? How about music? Gather your friends in groups of 4-6 and come test your skills against others to see who will come out on top. Prizes awarded to the top team! Registration required.



The DeMotte Library will be celebrating 30 years with a birthday party in August! We are asking local artists of all ages to help celebrate this momentous occasion by creating a piece of artwork that will be displayed during the month of August. The prompt is "What adventures has the library inspired you to take?" The DeMotte Library will be providing a variety of canvas sizes available for pickup starting May 2nd. Artists can use the canvas provided or their own materials. If you would like to create a piece of art not using canvas, please contact Shannon at the DeMotte Library. Artwork is to be dropped off between July 11-13. Artists are limited to dropping off 2 pieces for display.

We are so excited to see how the library has inspired you!



RENSSELAER EVENTS

May 2-7-Children's Book Week

Children who come in and check out a book any day this week will receive a free book to keep. One book per child.

May 3, 10, & 17- Lapsit Storytime

10 am; Ages 0-23 months

May 4, 11, & 18- Geri-Fit Class

10 am-11 am; Senior adults

Come get fit with us! There is no cost for this program. Participants will follow DVD instructions with staff assistance. This is a chair exercise, strength training, muscle building and maintaining class for senior adults. Please bring your water bottle and 2 lb weights if desired. Stretch bands will be provided. Registration required.

May 8-Mother Daughter Scrapbook Pages

1 pm- 3 pm; All ages, ages 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

In honor of Mother's Day, mothers and daughters are welcome to come create scrapbook pages! All materials are provided and free. Please bring your own photos. Small snacks and drinks will be available. Registration required.

May 10- Teen Tuesday

4 pm- 5 pm; Grades 6-12

Come and plant new flowers in the butterfly garden to attract our winged friends.

May 11-Genealogy Help

6 pm- 7:30 pm; All ages

This monthly program is designed to help you learn how to search for your family history using the free online resources available at the library. All assistance is available on a first come, first serve basis.

May 16- Magnificent Monday

1 pm; All ages

This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read a story or two and provide a craft.

May 17-Steam Workshop

4 pm-5 pm; Grades 3 and up

Spring is bird watching time, so come and build your own birdhouse!

May 19-Third Thursday

4 pm-5 pm; Grades 1-5

Come and try your hand at building different Marble Run courses.

May 21-Author Visit/ Book Signing

11:30 am- 1:30 pm; All ages

William Clark, author of a story included in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series The Magic of Cats and A Walk on the Sunny Side; has published his fifth book: Smokey Mountain Rising: The Day that Changed Everything.

May 23- Coloring Your Stress Away / The UFO (Unfinished Object) Crafts Group

5:30 pm-7 pm (come and go as you please); For teens, adults and seniors.

Coloring pages and supplies are provided. Bring your unfinished crafts and have a fun conversation while completing your projects or coloring pages.

May 23- Friends of the Rensselaer Library Meeting

7 pm

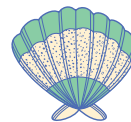
Please support your library by joining and attending the Friends quarterly meeting. New members welcome!

★ ★ ★ **Combat Coffee** ★ ★ ★
Every 3rd Monday of the month from 9:30-11 am.

Community Veterans are invited to join us for this opportunity for fellowship and obtaining resources in an effort to build a strong network among area Vets.



RENSSELAER EVENTS



May 24-VR Bowling

6 pm; Ages 13+

Enjoy ForeVR Bowl with us! This program is a chance to discover the world of VR in a fun and social setting. All participants over 18 will be required to sign a waiver, participants under 18 will need a guardian to sign a waiver.

Registration required.

May 26-Lego Building Day

5 pm-6:30 pm; All ages

Come and see what you can create using Legos. Ages under 6 require adult supervision

May 31- June 6- Summer Reading Registration

Grades Preschool-12

Children wishing to participate in Summer Reading are encouraged to sign up during this time frame; either in person or through Beanstack.

June 1, 8, & 15-Geri-Fit Class

10 am-11 am; Senior adults

Come get fit with us! There is no cost for this program. Participants will follow DVD instructions with staff assistance. This is a chair exercise, strength training, muscle building and maintaining class for senior adults. Please bring your water bottle and 2 lb weights if desired. Stretch bands will be provided. Registration required.

June 8-Genealogy Help

6 pm- 7:30 pm; All ages

This monthly program is designed to help you learn how to search for your family history using the free online resources available at the library. All assistance is available on a first come, first serve basis.

June 25 and 28-VR Ocean Rift

2 pm- 4 pm Saturday, 6 pm Tuesday; Ages 13 +

Swim with sea turtles and sharks and discover the deep ocean as never possible before the magic of Virtual Reality with Ocean Rift on Oculus Quest 2. Even though Ocean Rift is a "comfortable" rated experience, VR may affect some people sensitive to motion sickness. All participants over 18 will be required to sign a waiver, participants under 18 will need a guardian to sign a waiver. Registration required.

June 27-Coloring Your Stress Away / The UFO (Unfinished Object) Crafts Group

5:30 pm-7 pm (come and go as you please); For teens, adults and seniors.

Coloring pages and supplies are provided. Bring your unfinished crafts and have a fun conversation while completing your projects or coloring pages.



Tea Party with the Indy Tea Lady

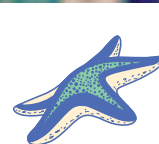
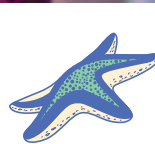
May 14, 2 pm



Donna Yarema-McCoy, from Reynolds, IN, also known as the Indy Tea Lady will be hosting a Tea Education program, along with our annual Tea Party. Donna has been hand blending her loose-leaf teas, for the past 17 years. She is recognized as one of only seven Master Tea Blenders in the United States. Brewed teas have been known to help with a variety of ailments. All her teas are pesticide free and organic. She grows most of the ingredients herself and the rest are provided from vendors she has worked with for many years. Some of her most popular blends are called Brain Brews. There are over 75 Brain Brew teas to help with alertness, energy, memory, and concentration. Donna will have a variety of all her special blend teas, available for purchase, after the program. There will be treats to go along with our tea tasting.



WHEATFIELD EVENTS



May 2-7-Children's Book Week

When checking out books, audiobooks and magazines children ages 12 and under will be able to fill out a slip for a chance to enter a drawing.

May 2-Special After School Program

4-5 pm; Grades K-5. Registration required.

May 4-Lego Program

4-5 pm; Ages 6+

For this month's Lego program, we will be celebrating "May the 4th" with a special Star Wars theme. Children under 6 will need to be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

May 4-Combat Coffee

10 am.

Created by a Vet, Combat Coffee is a casual environment in which Veterans can connect through coffee, conversation, and camaraderie.

Fridays in May-Fitness Fridays

10 am; Adults

Adults of all ages are invited for this free 45-60 minute chair workout session. Please bring a resistance band, light weights, and water if you have them. We will be watching a pre-recorded video. There is no instructor.

May 7-Mother's Day Storytime

10-10:30 am, Ages 2-5

Children and their mothers are invited to this special storytime. Registration required.

May 24-Friends of the Library Meeting

Noon; New members always welcome!

May 31-June 4-Summer Reading Registration

Grades Preschool-12

Children wishing to participate in Summer Reading are encouraged to sign up during this time frame; either in person or through Beanstack.

Mondays in June-Storytime

Either 10-10:30 am OR 11-11:30 am; Ages 3-5.

Registration required.

June 1-Combat Coffee

10 am.

Created by a Vet, Combat Coffee is a casual environment in which Veterans can connect through coffee, conversation, and camaraderie.

Fridays in June-Fitness Friday

10 am; Adults

Adults of all ages are invited for this free 45-60 minute chair workout session. Please bring a resistance band, light weights, and water if you have them. We will be watching a pre-recorded video. There is no instructor.

June 28-Friends of the Library Meeting

Noon. New members always welcome!



All Jasper County Public Libraries will be closed on May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.



JCPL Adult Book Discussions

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.




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MAY 17- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM OR 7:00 PM
BOOK: "FIN AND LADY" BY CATHLEEN SCHINE

DUE TO SUMMER READING, THE BOOKIES WILL NOT BE MEETING IN JUNE.
SEE YOU IN JULY!


Wheatfield



MAY 10- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM
BOOK: "THE ANTHROPOCENE REVIEWED: ESSAYS ON A HUMAN-CENTERED PLANET"
BY JOHN GREEN



MAY 24- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM-AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY
BOOK: "THE DRY" BY JANE HARPER



JUNE 14-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM
BOOK: "THE GIRL WITH THE LOUDING VOICE" BY ABI DARE



JUNE 28- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM -AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY
BOOK: "KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON" BY DAVID GRANN


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MAY 25- JASPER COUNTY MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM
BOOK: "THE NICKEL BOYS" BY COLSON WHITEHEAD
THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN



MAY 26- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1 PM
BOOK: "ASK AGAIN, YES" BY MARY BETH KEANE



JUNE 22- JASPER COUNTY MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM
BOOK: "LONESOME DOVE" BY LARRY MCMURTRY
THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN



JUNE 23- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1PM
BOOK: "WHISTLING PAST THE GRAVEYARD" BY SUSAN CRANDALL

SUMMER READING

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Preschool Time Ages 2-5

June 8-1pm
Preschool Story Time

June 15-1 pm
Preschool Story Time

June 22- 1 pm
Preschool Story Time

June 29- 1 pm
Preschool Story Time



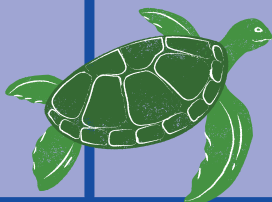
Grades K-5

June 7-1 pm
Hedgehog Hannah

June 14-1 pm
Balloongenuity

June 21- 1 pm
Magician

June 28- 1 pm
Humane Indiana



Grades 6-12

June 9-1 pm
Ocean Art

June 16-1 pm
Terrariums

June 23- 1 pm
Water Relay at Freedom Park

June 30- 1 pm
Humane Indiana



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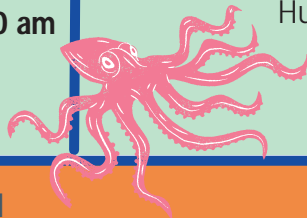
Preschool Time Ages 3-5

June 6-10-10:30 am OR 11-11:30 am
Preschool Story Time

June 13-10-10:30 am OR 11-11:30 am
Preschool Story Time

June 20- 10-10:30 am OR 11-11:30 am
Preschool Story Time

June 27-10-10:30 am OR 11-11:30 am
Preschool Story Time



Grades K-5

June 7-3pm
Hedgehog Hannah

June 14-3pm
Balloongenuity

June 21- 3 pm
Magician

June 28- 3 pm
Humane Indiana

Grades 6-12

June 9-3pm
Teen Bingo

June 16-3 pm
Gaming Day

June 23-3 pm
Craft Day

June 30-3 pm
Humane Indiana



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Preschool Time Ages 2-5

June 7-10 am
Hedgehog Hannah

June 14-10 am
Balloongenuity

June 21- 10am
Magician

June 28- 10 am
Humane Indiana



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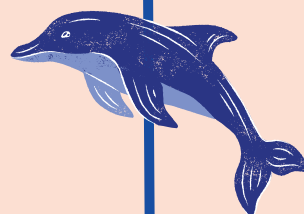
June 9-2pm
Tie Dye

June 14- 10 am
Balloongenuity

June 16- 2 pm
Shadow Box Project

June 23- 2 pm
Make a Book Bag

June 30- 10 am
Humane Indiana



"Oceans of Possibilities" Adult Summer Reading Program

June 6th-July 18th

For each fiction, non-fiction, magazine, e-book, audio book or audio e-book that you read or listen to, you will receive a ticket to enter the weekly prize drawings held each Monday. We will be having a grand prize drawing on July 18th. Beanstack signup and participation is available for participants, and has added challenges to complete!





NEW RELEASES FOR MAY AND JUNE



FICTION TITLES

The Summer Place
by Jennifer Weiner, 5/10

An Island Wedding
by Jenny Colgan, 6/21

Sparring Partners
by John Grisham, 5/31

22 Seconds
by James Patterson, 5/2

In the Blood
by Jack Carr, 5/17

Nightwork
by Nora Roberts, 5/24

The Lioness: A Novel
by Chris Bohjalian, 5/10

The Boardwalk Bookshop
by Susan Mallery, 5/31

Overboard
by Sara Paretsky, 5/10

YOUNG ADULTS

Trapped
by Sigmund Brouwer

The Red Place
by June Hur

One Last Job
by Sean Rodman

I Must Betray You
by Ruta Sepetys

CHILDREN

The Dangerous Gift (Wings of Fire 14)
by Tui Sutherland, 5/3

Snuggle When We Read This Book
by Joe Fitzpatrick

A Dragon Named Egg
by Daniel Howarth

Knight Owl
by Christopher Denise



AUDIOBOOKS

Dark Vector
by Clive Cussler, 5/24

22 Seconds
by James Patterson, 5/2

Nightwork
by Nora Roberts, 5/24

Sparring Partners
by John Grisham, 5/31

Bride on the Loose
by Debbie Macomber, 5/24

DVDS

Around the World in 80 Days

Chucky: The Complete First Season

C'mon C'mon

Cyrano

Dr. Death

