The Indiana State Library is pleased to announce the launch of the Indiana Library Passport, a mobile passport that encourages everyone to visit libraries across the Hoosier state, including your very own Jasper County Public Library.

The passport is a free program, open to everyone. It showcases over 60 main libraries and branches to explore – including 31 historical Carnegie libraries – in an easy, mobile-friendly way.

In addition to 31 historical Carnegie libraries, the passport includes stops at the Allen County Public Library, which features the new Rolland Center for Lincoln Research; the South Whitley Community Public Library, which features the Shultz Gem Collection; the Bartholomew County Public Library, which features architectural design by I. M. Pei and the Large Arch statue by Henry Moore; and much more!

Patrons can visit a dedicated mobile passport landing page where they can sign-up for the Indiana Library Passport by providing their name, email address and mobile phone number. A link is then sent to their mobile phone, which opens the passport and directs the user to add the button icon to their home screen, where they can access it any time. There is never anything to download and no bulky apps take up space on a user’s phone.

When participants check in to libraries on the Indiana Library Passport trail, they will be entered into a quarterly drawing for a prize package, including, but not limited to, historical tour tickets, architecture books and gift cards from local and national merchants. Once users sign up for the passport, they only need to use their phone to check in while physically at each location. Participants are eligible to check in to each location on the passport once per week which will enter them into the prize drawing.

The Indiana Library Passport is a collaboration between the Indiana State Library and Bandwango, a well-known technology company.
company in the travel space. Bandwango technology is designed to support free and paid experiences created by destinations and marketed to visitors and locals. They are the technology company behind Visit Indiana’s State Nature Passport, among other passports in the state.

The 2022-23 Indiana Library Passport program is sponsored by the Indiana State Library Foundation. The Indiana State Library Foundation plays an important role in promoting the dissemination of knowledge and information, the cultivation of historical research and individual ancestry, the preservation of valuable historical documents and the vehicle for the visually impaired to continue their ability to read and hear books. As a partner with the Indiana State Library, the Foundation enables the library to fulfill its mission and enhance its ability to serve the citizens of Indiana in the preservation of Indiana history. The vision of the Foundation is to enable the Indiana State Library to become the finest state library in the country.

-Article written by John Wekluk, communications director at the Indiana State Library.

SEPTEMBER IS Library Card Sign-Up Month

Let your imagination sing at the library

CARA MENTZEL & IDINA MENZEL
Library Card Sign-Up Month Honorary Chairs

Library Closures

Monday, September 5 all JCPL Libraries will be CLOSED for Labor Day.
Friday, September 9 all JCPL Libraries will be CLOSED for Staff Development Day.
The Rensselaer Library will be celebrating 30 years with a birthday party in November! We are asking local artists of all ages to help celebrate this momentous occasion by creating a piece of artwork that will be displayed in November through mid-December. The prompt is "What adventures has the library inspired you to take?" The Rensselaer Library will be providing a variety of canvas sizes available for pickup starting September 1st. 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 Linda Poortenga the Headquarter Librarian at the Rensselaer Library. Artwork is to be dropped off between November 8-10. Artists are limited to dropping off 2 pieces for display. We are so excited to see how the library has inspired you!
**Wednesday, September 7-28-Toddler Time**
10 am, Ages 2-3
Toddlers along with their caregivers are welcome to join us for stories, songs and a craft. **Registration required.**

**September 12-Magnificent Monday**
10 am, All ages
This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read stories and provide a craft.

**September 13-Friends of the Library Meeting**
There will be a luncheon celebrating staff anniversaries at 12 pm, the meeting will begin at 1 pm.

**September 16-Family FortNight: Battle Royale**
7-9 pm, All ages
Join us for a night of Nerf fun as we play capture the flag after hours. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Each participant must bring a signed form, with eye protection and their own unmodified nerf guns. Darts will be provided. **Registration required.**

**September 19-Preschool Stem**
10 am, Preschoolers
Join us for a morning of exploration as we have various stations related to a theme.

**September 20-Anime Club**
6-7:15 pm, Grades 5-12
Join us as we watch anime, play games, and learn about Japanese culture.

**September 21-Bingo**
11 am, Adults
Join us upstairs for Bingo fun! Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

**September 22-STEM**
4:30 pm, Grades K-5
Come hang out with us and play with our Block Rocks, Dash and Dot Robots, and Makey Makey kits! **Registration required.**

**September 24-Jim Henson Birthday Party**
10 am, All ages
Join us as we celebrate the creator of Sesame Street's birthday. We will be viewing some of Jim's works, as well as dabbling in the creation of our own puppets and puppet shows!

**September 26-Quest Trekkers**
6-7 pm, Grades 2-5
Join us for the first Quest Trekkers meeting! This is our new book club for grades 2-5. In this club, we will feature books that are historical, adventurous, and everything in between. For the first meeting, bring your favorite book and be ready to tell us all about it! Books for October's meeting will be handed out at this time. **Registration required.**

**September 29-Lego**
4-5 pm, All ages, ages under 5 require adult supervision.
Join us for an afternoon of Lego creation!

**September 30-Adult Trivia**
6 pm, Adults
Test your knowledge of the most radical decade ever, the 80s! 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! Feel free to bring any snacks and non-alcoholic drinks you like! **Registration required.**

**October 3-Magnificent Monday**
10 am, All ages
This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read stories and provide a craft.
**Medicare 101 Presentation**

Important changes are coming to Medicare in 2022. Do you know what they are? Come to a FREE educational presentation at your local Jasper County Public Library to find out, and get the answers you need to your other Medicare questions as well!

Those who would benefit and might want to attend would be: Anyone already on Medicare, anyone approaching Medicare age (65), any spouses and/or children of those on Medicare who help make these types of decisions, and anyone under 65 who is on disability and receiving Medicare benefits as well.

The program will be held at the following locations:
- DeMotte Library on September 27 at 6 pm and October 22 at 2 pm, both in the East Room upstairs
- Rensselaer Library on September 21 at 1:30 pm and October 25 at 1:30 pm
- Wheatfield Library on September 6 at 6:15 pm
September 6, 13, 20-Toddler Time  
10 am, Ages 2-3 years old  
Registration required.

September 7, 14, 21-Geri-Fit Class  
10-11 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 class for senior adults. Please bring your water bottle and 2 lb weights if desired. Stretch bands will be provided. Registration required.

September 10-Scrapbooking  
2-4 pm, Ages 16+  
All supplies are provided for free, just bring your photos!

September 13-Teen Tuesday  
4-5 pm, Grades 6-12  
Come and create your own succulent garden! All materials will be provided. Registration required.

September 14-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.

September 15-Third Thursday  
4-5 pm, Grades 1-4  
We will celebrate Comic Book Day! Try your hand at creating a new character or turn yourself into a comic book character. All materials and guidance provided. Registration required.

September 19-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.

September 19, Lego Building Day  
5-6:30 pm, All ages  
Come and see what you can create using Legos. Ages under 6 require adult supervision.

September 20-VR Beat Saber  
5:30-7:30, Ages 13+  
Slash your way to stardom with Beat Saber, one of the most popular games on VR. Use your light sabers to destroy the incoming targets while moving to pulse-pounding music using our Oculus Quest 2 VR headsets. 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. Space is limited, registration is required.

September 20- STEAM Workshop  
4-5 pm, Grades 2-8  
Come and learn about why seasonal changes happen including the autumn equinox and the winter solstice. Discover how what happens at the equator affects us all with some hands-on activities. Registration required.

September 22-Pour Painting for Adults  
5:30-7:30 pm, Ages 16+  
Come create something amazing using paint and canvas! We'll have lots of colors to use. All supplies will be provided. Please bring an apron to use. Free, registration required.

October 4, 11, 18-Lap Sit  
10 am, ages 0-23 months.  
Registration required.
**October 5,12,19-Geri-Fit**  
10 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.**

**October 8-Kahoot! Art Quiz**  
2 pm, Adults ages 16+  
Gather yourselves in teams and test your Artistic knowledge! **Registration preferred.**

**October 11-Teen Tuesday**  
4-5 pm, grades 6-12  
In honor of National Pizza Month, we will make our own individual pizzas and learn some history about pizza making. **Registration required.**

**October 12-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. **Registration required.**

**October 15-Wii Dance Party**  
2-4 pm, Adults and kids 13+  
Come to the library and join us for a Wii Dance Party! We will be using the Wii and playing a couple of Wii dance games. Have a fun workout as you dance the afternoon away! **Registration required.**

**October 17-Lego Building Day**  
5-6:30 pm, All ages  
Come and see what you can create using Legos. Ages under 6 require adult supervision. **Registration required.**

**October 17-Magnificent Monday**  
1 pm, All ages  
This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read stories and provide a craft. **Registration required.**

**October 18-VR Face your Fears!**  
5:30-7:30, Adults ages 13+  
Are you afraid of heights? How about spiders? Can you take standing surrounded by your fears when you know they’re only a computer simulation? Explore a variety of scary virtual scenarios with our Oculus Quest2 VR headsets. 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 the waiver. Registration required.**

**October 18-Steamp Workshop**  
4-5 pm, Grades 3 and up  
Come and explore how nature has helped us solve everyday problems with the use of Biomimicry. **Registration required.**

**October 19-Cook the Book; Fix-it and Forget It.**  
6 pm, Teens through adult.  
Do you love to cook? This session's topic is "Fix-It and Forget It: Best of Fall Recipes". We choose the cookbooks, you choose and make a recipe to share! Come to the front desk to see the cookbooks, use a sticky note to mark which recipe you choose, and take a copy of the recipe home. Prepare the recipe and bring it to share with the other participants. We will discuss how easy or hard it was to make and what worked well. This is a free program for cooks of all skill levels. The library will provide a copy of the recipe and the plates, utensils, and a drink. Anyone under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration required.**

**October 20-Third Thursday**  
4-5 pm, Grades 1-5  
Use your imagination to think of different ways to decorate a pumpkin. All materials provided. **Registration required.**
**September 8—Lego Program**
4-5 pm, all ages.
Come and see what you can create using Legos. Ages under 5 require adult supervision.

**September 9—Rick Sherwood Discusses D.B. Cooper**
6 pm, Adults
Wheatfield native Rick Sherwood will be speaking about his involvement in uncovering the alleged identity of D. B. Cooper. Sherwood was recently featured on the Netflix series "D.B. Cooper: Where Are You?" for his work decoding letters sent from one claiming to be the infamous skyjacker who has never been officially identified. Sherwood will be offering a Q&A style presentation on D.B. Cooper, his involvement with the proposed suspect Robert Rackstraw, and his investigation and decoding.

**Mondays, September 12—October 31—Geri-Fit**
2 pm; 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.

**September-October—Storytime**
Storytime for ages 3-5 will be offered at two different times: Mondays, September 12-October 3 from 11-11:30 am, or Tuesdays, September 13-October 4 from 2:30-3 pm. Registration required.

**September 27—Friends of the Wheatfield Library Meeting**
Noon. New members are always welcome!

**September 29—Fall After School Program**
4-5 pm; Grades K-5
We will have a snack, crafts and a story. Registration required.

**September 30—Fall Wreath Craft**
6 pm, Adults
Come and make a beautiful fall wreath. Refreshments will be provided. A cost of $5 is due by September 17. Registration required.

**October 4, 11, 18, 25—Lapsit Storytime**
10 am, Ages 0-23 months. Registration required.

**October 14-15—Friends of the Wheatfield Library Book Sale**
10 am-4 pm, All ages.

**October 17—Maker Monday**
4-5 pm; Grades 1-8 Registration required.

**October 20—Halloween After School Program**
4-5 pm; Grades K-5.
We will have a snack, crafts and a story. Registration required.

**October 21—Nerf Night**
6-8 pm; ages 8 & up (Ages under 13 require adults to stay.) Refreshments will be provided at this free event. Participants must bring own unmodified nerf guns and protective eyewear. Library will supply the darts. Registration required.

**October—Halloween Story Time**
We will be offering a special Halloween themed story time for ages 3-5 at two different times:
October 24 @ 11-11:30 am or
October 25 @ 2:30-3 pm. (Registration required for both times.)
There will be a story and a craft. Kids can come in costumes!

**October 25—Friends of the Library Meeting**
Noon. New members are always welcome!
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.

**DeMotte**

SEPTEMBER 20 - THE BOOKIES - TUESDAY - 2:00 PM OR 7:00 PM
BOOK: "THE BOSTON GIRL" BY ANITA DIAMANT

OCTOBER 18 - THE BOOKIES - TUESDAY - 2:00 PM OR 7:00 PM
BOOK: "THE FLIGHT GIRLS" BY NOELLE SALAZAR

**Wheatfield**

SEPTEMBER 12 - ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION - TUESDAY - 1:00 PM
BOOK: "DEEP DOWN DARK: THE UNTOLD STORIES OF 33 MEN BURIED IN A CHILEAN MINE, AND THE MIRACLE THAT SET THEM FREE" BY HECTOR TOBAR

SEPTEMBER 27 - BOOKS AND COFFEE - TUESDAY - 2:00 PM - AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY
BOOK: "THE HUSBAND’S SECRET" BY LIANE MORIARTY

OCTOBER 11 - ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION - TUESDAY - 1:00 PM
BOOK: "ANXIOUS PEOPLE" BY FREDRIK BACKMAN

OCTOBER 25 - BOOKS AND COFFEE - TUESDAY - 2:00 PM - AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY
BOOK: "THEIR EYES WERE WATCHING GOD" BY ZORA NEALE HURSTON

**Rensselaer**

SEPTEMBER 22 - 4TH THURSDAY GROUP - THURSDAY - 1 PM
BOOK: "NEWS OF THE WORLD" BY PAULETTE JILES

SEPTEMBER 28 - 4TH WEDNESDAY MEN’S GROUP - WEDNESDAY - 10 AM
BOOK: "ORDINARY GRACE" BY WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER
**THE MEN’S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN**

OCTOBER 26 - 4TH WEDNESDAY MEN’S GROUP - WEDNESDAY - 10 AM
BOOK: "THE IMMENSE JOURNEY" BY LOREN EISELEY
**THE MEN’S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN**

OCTOBER 27 - 4TH THURSDAY GROUP - THURSDAY - 1 PM
BOOK: "THE LAGER QUEEN OF MINNESOTA" BY J. RYAN STRADAL

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION**

Oh no! George got scared and dropped his candy! How many pieces of wrapped candy can you find in this issue?
NEW RELEASES FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

FICTION TITLES

Fairy Tale
by Stephen King 9/6

It Starts With Us
by Colleen Hoover 10/18

The Boys from Biloxi
by John Grisham 10/18

Dreamland: A Novel
by Nicholas Sparks 9/20

Desperation in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel
by J. D. Robb 9/6

Long Shadows
by David Baldacci 10/11

Oath of Loyalty
by Vince Flynn 6/13

Jack Reacher: No Plan B
by Lee Child and Andrew Child 10/25

CHILDREN

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Diaper Overload
by Jeff Kinney 10/25

Jessi's Secret Language: a Babysitter's Club Graphic Novel
by Ann M. Martin 9/6

A Winter Treasury of Recipes, Crafts and Wisdom
by Angela Ferraro-Fanning 9/6

YOUNG ADULT

Long Live the Pumpkin Queen
by Shea Ernshaw

Demon in the Wood
by Leigh Bardugo

Batter Royale
by Abrams Brooks

A Forgery of Roses
by Jessica Olson

AUDIODES

Desperation in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel
by J. D. Robb 9/6

The Boys from Biloxi
by John Grisham 10/18

Jack Reacher: No Plan B
by Lee Child and Andrew Child 10/25

Captive
by Iris Johansen 9/6

Long Shadows
by David Baldacci 10/11

1883: A Yellowstone Origin Story
Murder at Yellowstone City
Outlander Season 6
The Phantom of the Opera

COMMUNITY CONNECTION