COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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The holidays are over; we've settled back into our daily routines. The days are cold and the nights are long. As you look for ways to occupy your time, we suggest you consider checking out our newest digital resource, Kanopy!

"Kanopy is a video-streaming platform dedicated to thoughtful and thought-provoking films. Founded in 2008, Kanopy was established to provide academic institutions with essential films that foster learning and conversation. In 2016, Kanopy expanded its services to public libraries and now delivers a diverse collection of 30,000+ enriching films, available to stream anytime and anywhere — from desktop to TV to tablet. With an ideal platform for showcasing independent films that fuels lifelong learning, we are on a mission to ensure that everyone has access to enriching films that bridge cultural boundaries, spark discussion, and expand worldviews" (https://pressinfo.kanopy.com/#stats).

Kanopy features include documentaries, independent cinema, world cinema, kids' shows, classics, and award-winning films from partners such as PBS, Paramount, HBO Documentary Films, and more.

If you're hoping to find quality features for kids, it's easy to establish parental controls, which will help ensure the options they can choose from are age appropriate.

The best part – everything is FREE to use if you have a JCPL library card. Each account will allow you 10 films each month and unlimited credits for Kanopy Kids. Simply visit https://kanopy.com/myjcpl to learn more and set up your account!

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January 10-Friends of the Library Meeting

1 pm, Adults. New members always welcome!

January 10&24-Anime Club

6-7:15 pm, Grades 5-12

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

January 10-Young Writers

6 pm, Grades 2-4. Registration required.

This is a club for those interested in creative writing. Participants will learn how to hone their writing skills and create stories of wonder!

January 13-21-Friends of the Library Book Sale

There will be a Friends-Only preview on Jan. 13 from 1-5 pm. The sale will be going on during library hours Jan. 14-21. On Saturday, Jan. 21 you may fill a bag for \$3.

Mondays, January 16-February 6-Machine Quilting Class

9am-12pm or 5pm-8pm, adults.

Lisa Guernsey will be teaching you how to make a lap quilt or a baby quilt using machine quilting. The class is free, and a list of needed items will be provided at the library.

Tuesdays, January 17-February 7-Hand Quilting Class

9am-12pm or 5pm-8pm, adults.

Lisa Guernsey will be teaching you how to make a lap quilt or a baby quilt using hand quilting. The class is free, and a list of needed items will be provided at the library.

January 18-Adult Bingo

11 am, adults. Registration required.

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

January 19- Junior Scribes

6-7 pm, Grades 5-12. Registration required.

Participants will learn how to hone their writing skills.

January 20-Adult Trivia

6-7:30 pm, Adults, Registration required.

Gather in teams of 2-6 and test your knowledge of music from the 80's, 90's and 00's! Feel free to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Prizes awarded to the top team!

January 23-Quest Trekkers

6 pm, Grades 2-5. <u>Registration required.</u>
We will discuss <u>Rise of the Balloon Goons</u> by Troy
Cummings!

January 26-Lego Night

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

Wednesdays, February 1-22-Toddler Time

10 am, ages 2-3. Registration required.

Toddlers and their caregivers are invited to hear stories, make a craft item, and participate in other activities!

February 7&21-Anime Club

6-7:15, grades 5-12

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

<u>February 14-Young Writers</u>

6 pm, Grades 2-4. Registration required.

This is a club for those interested in creative writing. Participants will learn how to hone their writing skills and create stories of wonder!

<u>February 15-Adult Bingo</u>

11 am, adults. <u>Registration required.</u>

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

February 16-STEM

4:30 pm, grades K-5











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6-7 pm, Grades 5-12. <u>Registration required.</u>
Participants will learn how to hone their writing skills and create stories of wonder!

February 20-Pre-STEM

10 am, ages 3-5. <u>Registration required.</u>
Join us for a morning of exploration as we look into the wonder of arctic animals and environment!

February 20-Quest Trekkers

6-7 pm, grades 2-5 We will be discussing <u>Adventures of Captain Underpants</u> by Dav Pilkey

February 23-Lego Night

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

February 24-Adult Trivia

6-7:30 pm, Adults, Registration required.

Excelsior! Gather in teams of 2-6 and test your knowledge of Marvel movies and comics! Feel free to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Prizes awarded to the top teams!





It's time to Read for All the Feels with our Beanstack All Ages Reading Program!

This year's theme is all about looking ahead to the future-to the new year, new normal, new resolutions, and to all the feelings that come with it. All the Feels encourages readers of all ages to feel, experience, and dive into how reading enlivens our emotions-all while earning badges on a virtual bingo card!

Every time you use your library card to check out a book, ebook, audiobook or magazine between January 1 and February 25, you can enter your name to win a prize, or log it on Beanstack! Each JCPL location will have weekly prizes and a grand prize drawing on February 27.

To get started, please visit https://myjcpl.beanstack.org.



RENSSELAER EVENTS









January 3, 10, & 17-Sewing Machine Basics

6-7:30 pm, Teens through adults. Registration required. Judy Chernowsky will show attendees how to use a sewing machine and fix common household items. Participants must bring their own machine.

<u>January 3, 10, & 17-Story Time</u>

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required. Children and their caregivers are welcome to join us for stories, activities and crafts.

<u>January 4, 11, & 18-Gerifit</u>

10-11 am, Senior Adults. Registration required. 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.

<u>January 10-Teen Tuesday: Stained Glass Snowflakes</u>

4-5 pm, Grades 6-12. Registration requried. We will be making paper stained-glass snowflakes to brighten up your January day!

January 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.







Every 3rd Monday of the month from 9:30-11 am. Created by a Vet, Combat Coffee is a casual environment in which Veterans can connect through coffee, conversation, and camaraderie.

<u>January 14-Jewelry Craft Class</u>

2:30-4:30 pm, Teens and adults. Registration required. Come create something with fancy beads; a bracelet, earrings, or even a necklace! We will use elastic strings or even wire. All supplies will be provided. Feel free to bring your own beads.

<u> January 17-STEAM: Crystal Snowflakes</u>

4-5 pm, Grades 3 and up. Registration required. Come in and make crystal snowflakes with pipe cleaners and Borax.

<u> January 19-Third Thursday: Indoor Fun and Games</u>

4-5 pm, Grades 1-5. Registration required. Come and learn some fun and interesting new ways to keep

busy when you're stuck in the house on a cold winter day.

<u>January 23- Create with Legos</u>

5-6:30 pm, All ages, ages under 5 require adult supervision. Join us for a night of Lego creation!

<u>January 24-Kahoot! Indiana Trivia</u>

6 pm, Teens and adults. Registration required. Bring your mobile devices and join us for Indiana-themed trivia. Prizes will be awarded to the top team!

February 1, 8, & 15-Gerifit

10-11 am, Senior Adults. Registration required. 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.

February 7, 14, & 21- Lapsit

10 am, Ages 0-23 and their caregiver. Registration required. We will have activities such as fingerplay, music, and a story.





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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.

February 11-Kahoot! Trivia

2 pm, Teens and adults.

Bring your mobile devices and join us for music-themed trivia. Prizes will be awarded to the top team!

February 14-Author Visit

10 am, Adults

John. P. Nichols Stl PhD will speak about his new book: <u>Be</u>
<u>Hearers and Doers of the Word: Points of Entry into the</u>
<u>Judeo-Christian Scriptures.</u> You will also have an opportunity to purchase his book.

February 14-Teen Tuesday: Paint Pour

4-5 pm, Grades 6-12

Back by popular demand, join us to make a paint pour masterpiece!

<u>February 16-Third Thursday: Love Your Pet and Support Your Local Shelter</u>

4-5 pm, Grades 1-5. Registration required.

We will make toys and treats for pets and shelter animals.

February 20-Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting

7 pm, new and old members

Please support your Friends group by joining today! Annual dues are only \$3 individual, \$5 for family.

February 21-STEAM workshop

2-5 pm, Grades 3 and up. <u>Registration required.</u>
Come play with and explore all the STEAM Kits we have available in the library.

February 23-Create with Legos

5-6:30 pm, All ages, ages under 5 require adult supervision. Join us for a night of Lego creation!

February 25-Adult Pour Painting

2:30-4:30 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Come create something amazing using paint and canvas! We'll have tons of colors to use. All supplies will be provided. Please bring an apron to use to protect your clothing. Bring your own canvas if you would like to create a second piece.



You can now check out an ABCmouse account from your local library to use at home with your child. ABCmouse is the #1 learning app for children ages 2–8+, with more than 8,500 activities that teach reading, math, science, health, social studies, art, and music. ABCmouse makes learning fun and exciting, and it teaches children through books, games, songs, puzzles, videos, and more!

Just visit https://www.abcmouse.com/bringlearninghome from your home computer or a computer in the library, click on "Check out Account" and enter your state, library, and library card number!





January 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.

January 10-Friends of the Library Meeting

10 am. New members are always welcome!

January 12- Lego Program

4-5 pm, All ages, ages under 5 require adult supervision. Join us for a night of Lego creation!

<u>January 13-Empower Me to be Clutter Free</u>

6 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Learn the negative effects of clutter, common organization barriers, strategies to take action, and how to choose less to improve your well being. Offered by Carmen Fortney of the Purdue Extension Office. Free.

January 16 & 17- Themed Story Time

3-3:30 pm, Ages 3-5. <u>Registration required</u>.

Join us on the 16th for a Unicorn-themed story time. On the 17th we will have a Mario-themed story time.

<u>January 23-Winter After School Program</u>

4-5 pm, Grades k-5. Registration required.

<u>February-Story Time</u>

Ages 3-5, <u>Registration required.</u> We will have two sessions: Mondays, February 6-27 from 11-11:30 am OR Tuesdays, February 7-28 from 2:30-3 pm.

February 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.

February 9-Valentine's After School Program

4-5 pm, Grades k-5. Registration required.

February 17-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. <u>Registration required.</u>

February 27-Maker Monday

4-5 pm, Grades 1-8. <u>Registration required.</u> Join us for winter themed activities!

February 28-Friends Meeting

12 pm-New members welcome!

Be Heart Smart!

February 1, 8, 15, & 22 @ 2 pm

Purdue's Extension's "Be Heart Smart" program is combating heart disease-the #1 cause of death for men and women in Indiana. Designed to help adults prevent heart disease, this four-session program offers simple, practical changes to achieve a heart-healthy lifestyle. This program provides information about:

- 🎨 Managing blood pressure and cholestrerol
- 💎 Increasing daily physical activity
- Improving dietary choices
- Talking to a healthcare provider; and more!

💎 Managing stress

After attending the program, participants will be able to identify their controllable risk factors for heart disease and how to reduce their personal risk. This 4 week program costs \$20 to cover materials and food for the food demo session. Offered

by Carmen Fortney of the Purdue Extension Office. Registration is required and payment is due on the first 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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JANUARY 17- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 7:00 PM BOOK: "EDUCATED" BY TARA WESTOVER

FEBRUARY 21- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 7:00 PM BOOK: "THE AU PAIR" BY EMMA ROUS

Wheatfield

JANUARY 10- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM BOOK: "THE HENNA ARTIST" BY ALKA JOSHI

JANUARY 31- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM-AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY BOOK: "WHEN STARS GO DARK" BY PAULA MCLAIN

FEBRUARY 14-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM
BOOK: "A BOY AND HIS DOG AT THE END OF THE WORLD" BY C.A. FLETCHER

FEBRUARY 28- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM -AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY BOOK: "LILAC GIRLS" BY MARTHA HALL KELLY

Rensselaer

JANUARY 25- JASPER COUNTY MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM WE WILL BE DISCUSSING READER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN

JANUARY 26- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1 PM BOOK: "DANDELION WINE" BY RAY BRADBURY

FEBRUARY 22-JASPER COUNTY MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AMBOOK: "CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY: FIREBRAND OF FREEDOM" BY EDWARD RICHARDSON

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FEBRUARY 23- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1PM BOOK: "THE RUIN" BY DERVLA MCTIERNAN







NEW RELEASES FOR JAN/FEB

FICTION TITLES

The Cabinet of Dr. Leng by Preston and Child, 1/17



Encore in Death by J.D. Robb, 2/7

House at the End of the World by Dean Koontz, 1/24

> The Mitford Affair by Marie Benedict, 1/17

> Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes, 2/7

Unnatural History by Jonathan Kellerman, 2/7

The Last Kingdom by Steve Berry, 2/21

Sleep No More by Jayne Ann Krentz, 1/3

YOUNG ADULTS

Chain of Thorns by Cassandra Clare 1/31

The Stolen Heir: A Novel of Elfhame by Holly Black, 1/3

CHILDREN

InvestiGators: Agents of S.U.I.T. by John Patrick Green, 2/21

Karen's Birthday: Baby-Sitters Little Sister #6 by Ann M. Martin, 1/3

Magic Treehouse: Rhinos at Recess by Mary Pope Osborne, 1/3



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Magpie Murders

Three Thousand Years of Longing

Pearl

Rubikon

She Will



