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# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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## Jasper County Public Library Offers Grants Database in 2023

The Jasper County Public Library would like to invite the public to explore our newest resource, Foundation Directory Online by Candid.

This database, provided in partnership with the Jasper Newton Foundation through 2023, will help local nonprofit organizations find sources of grant funding around the globe.

This resource is available by link at any computer at the Jasper County Public Library, or by connecting to the library's Wi-Fi network and searching the library's website for Foundation Directory Online.

"This project is a great example of successful partnerships," said Patty Stringfellow, JCPL Director.

"The Jasper Newton Foundation shared an expressed community need with us, a grants database for local nonprofits. JCPL researched databases to meet the need and shared what we learned with the foundation and selected the database."

The library is providing the resource and will host training sessions for the public to learn more about it. The Jasper Newton Foundation has agreed to fund the database for one year.



"We welcome and are committed to meeting expressed community needs," said Stringfellow. "With this project, we met one! We are also committed to partnering with other organizations in the community."

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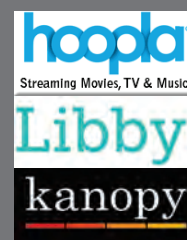
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Funding for the database subscription was provided by the Jasper Newton Foundation out of the Scott & Inez Hilliard Endowment Fund and the John & Connie Nichols Unrestricted Fund. Established by local donors, these funds allow JNF to be nimble in response to community needs like education, capacity building, and finding additional granting resources for our nonprofit community.

Those interested in the resource are invited to any JCPL location, Rensselaer, DeMotte, and Wheatfield, to explore at your own pace.

Rensselaer Library will offer two training sessions on Tuesday, March 7: a brown bag lunch session from 12-1 pm and an evening session from 6-7 pm. A third training session will also be held at the DeMotte Library on Thursday, March 23 at 10am in the East Meeting room.

For more information, please visit [myjcpl.org/databases](http://myjcpl.org/databases), or contact JCPL Database Coordinator Melissa Widner at 219-866-5881.



## Attention OverDrive Users!



OverDrive is discontinuing the legacy OverDrive app in early 2023 and transitioning users to the Libby app. Libby is OverDrive's newer app for browsing and enjoying digital content from our library.

It's time to give Libby a try! All your loans, holds, and wish list items will be waiting for you in Libby when you add your library card.

Libby also comes with new features we know you'll love, like:

- Tags to categorize books however you'd like—you can even sync your OverDrive wish list into a tag!
- A central bookshelf for all loans and holds
- Customizable notifications for ready holds, new magazine issues, and more
- Compatibility with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and Sonos speakers
- Extra learning and entertainment resources, like Kanopy
- Easy access to OverDrive support staff



For more information on Libby and how to make the switch, please visit:

<https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/switchtolibby>

# Libby.

Note: Our library's digital collection will continue to be available at <https://idl.overdrive.com> on desktop and mobile devices.



# **Celebrate National Library Week April 23-29, 2023**

Jasper County Public Library encourages all community members to visit the library during National Library Week, April 23-29, to explore all they have to offer.

Most people know about the wealth of stories available at the library, from picture books and large print to audiobooks and ebooks. But there's so much more to the story of libraries.

Libraries are welcoming spaces that bring communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, storytimes, movie nights, crafting classes, lectures, and more. JCPL offers a wide array of programs, classes and resources, including fun family activities, genealogy department, online data bases, free movie streaming apps, and more!

Libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. JCPL supports Jasper County with services such as our new grants database.

If you haven't checked out JCPL lately, you're missing the full story. Stop by for a visit to celebrate with us during National Library Week, April 23-29. Each library will be having daily prizes, and a weekly drawing that anybody with a library card can enter.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

For more information, visit the library's website at [myjcpl.org](http://myjcpl.org)



## **History of National Library Week**



In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the ALA and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life."

In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!"

National Library Week was observed again in 1959, and the ALA Council voted to continue the annual celebration. When the National Book Committee disbanded in 1974, ALA assumed full sponsorship.

The ALA Archives Blog published an illustrated history of the event on April 10, 2015, by Lydia Tang, National Library Week: "For a Better-Read, Better-Informed America".



## DEMOTTE EVENTS

### **March-Silent Auction**

During the month of March the DeMotte Library will be having a silent auction. Bids can be placed on March 1 through March 31 during library hours. Bidding will end on March 31 at closing time. The winners will be called April 1.

### **Wednesdays March 1-22-Story Time**

10 am, Ages 3-5.

Join us for a morning of fun! We will read some stories, do some interactive activities, and a craft.

### **March 7 & 21-Anime Club**

6 pm-7 pm, Grades 5-12.

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

### **March 13-Pre-STEM**

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Sign up for a morning of exploration as we learn about light through various stations!

### **March 14-Friends of the DeMotte Library Meeting**

1 pm. New members are always welcome!

### **March 17-Nerf Night: Battle Royale**

7-9 pm, All ages. Registration required.

Join us for an evening of capture the flag in the library after hours! Sign up on one of four teams online. The team you choose is the shirt color you must wear on game night. Each participant must have a signed waiver, eye protection, and an unmodified Nerf gun. Darts and light refreshments will be provided. May the best team reign victorious!

### **March 20-Quest Trekkers**

6 pm, Grades 2-5. Registration required.

We will discuss Cam Jansen and the First Day of School Mystery by David A. Adler!

### **March 22-Adult Bingo**

11 am, Adults. Registration required.

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

### **March 23-STEM**

4:30 pm, Grades K-5.

Going, going, gone! Join us as we conduct an experiment with balloons as well as build a balloon powered car.

### **March 24-Trivia Night: Are You Smarter than a 7th Grader?**

6 pm, All ages.

Gather in teams of 2-6 and test your knowledge and see if you're as smart as a 7th grader! A fully charged smartphone is required per team. Feel free to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Prizes awarded to the top teams!

### **March 27-Anime Keychains**

6-7:30 pm, Ages 10 and up. Registration required.

Come and turn your favorite anime characters into keychains!

### **March 30-Legos**

4-5 pm, All ages, ages under 5 require adult supervision.

Join us for an afternoon of Lego creation!

### **April 3-Magnificent Monday**

10 am, All ages.

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

### **April 4 & 18-Anime Club**

6 pm-7 pm, Grades 5-12.

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





## DEMOTTE EVENTS

### **Wednesdays, April 5-26-Lapsit**

10 am, Ages 2 and under.

Join us for a morning of stories, rhymes, and play!

### **April 7-15-Friends of the Library Book Sale**

There will be a Friends-Only preview on April 7 from 1-5 pm.

The sale will be going on during library hours April 8-15. On Saturday, April 15 you may fill a bag for \$3.

### **April 12-Adult Bingo**

11 am, adults. Registration required.

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

### **April 14-Anime Trivia**

6-8 pm, All ages. Registration required.

Come test your anime knowledge in this game of Kahoot!

Feel free to form teams up to 4, or play solo! Participants are encouraged to bring their own snacks and non alcoholic drinks. Please bring a charged smartphone per team.

### **April 17-Pre-STEM**

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Join us as we explore the wonder of color through various activities and stations!

### **April 24-Quest Trekkers**

6 pm, Grades 2-5. Registration required.

We will discuss Love from Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke!

### **April 27-STEM**

4:30 pm, Grades K-5.

Join us for our Engineering Mystery Bag Challenge! Creative thinking and problem solving will help you engineer this challenge.

### **April 28-Sports Trivia Night**

6 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Calling all sports fans to test their knowledge! Gather in teams of 2-6 to compete! A fully charged smartphone is required per team. Feel free to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Prizes awarded to the top teams!



## **Silent Auction**



The Friends of the DeMotte Library will be hosting a silent auction all through the month of March. Bids can be placed on March 1 through March 31 during library hours. Bidding will end on March 31 and the winners will be called on April 1.

Some items in the auction include:

- Pamphlet: DeMotte American Legion Post 440 Presents Annual Homecoming, July 6-9, 1955
- Fifteen Charles M. Schultz paperbacks, 1962-1973
- American Girls Short Stories: 6 books in slipcase; 1999
- Liberty, the Nostalgia Magazine 3 issues: 1971, 1972, 1974
- Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman
- Simpson Collection: Homer Simpson doll, 10 books and DVD, Complete 20th season
- Stallone Rambo Trilogy, 3 dvd box set

And more!



## RENSSELAER EVENTS

### **March 7-Foundation Directory Online by Candid**

12-1 pm and 6-7 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Come and learn how to use the library's newest resource and search for funding sources that could help your project soar in 2023. There will be two training sessions; a brown bag lunch session from 12-1 pm and an evening session from 6-7 pm. The session will cover how to connect to the resource, basic searching, and where to find more training and resources.

### **Tuesdays, March 7-21-Story Time**

10 am; Ages 3-5.

Come and enjoy stories, crafts, songs, and fingerplays.

### **March 7-Charcuterie Board Demonstration by Carmen**

6 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Offered by the Purdue Extension Office, stop by and learn how to make the popular Charcuterie Board! This is a free demonstration.

### **March 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.

### **March 11-Free Family Train Day**

10 am-3 pm; All ages.

Come and see model trains of all shapes and sizes! We will also have puzzles, games, and more!

### **March 14-Teen Tuesday**

4-5 pm, Grades 6-12. Registration required.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day we will make Boxty; also known as potato pancakes.

### **March 15-Scrabble Game Night**

5:30-7:30 pm; Ages 16+. Registration required.

Come and test your word skills by playing Scrabble!

### **March 16-Third Thursday**

4-5 pm, Grades 1-5.

To celebrate National Bubble Week we will do bubble crafts and activities.

### **March 17-Feel Good Friday**

2 pm, All ages.

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

### **March 20-Lego Building Day**

5-6:30 pm, all ages. Ages under 5 require adult supervision.

Come and see what you can create using Legos.

### **March 21-STEAM Workshop**

4-5 pm, Grades 3 and up. Registration required.

Come and help us put together a portable STEAM cart, then choose the activity you want to play with.

### **March 21-VR Among Us**

5:30-7:30 pm, Ages 13+. Registration required.

You are stuck on a spaceship with a small group, but one of you is a killer! Will you find them before it's too late? Come play the popular online game "Among Us" using the library's Oculus Quest VR headsets. Participants must have a signed waiver. Participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the waiver.



### **Combat Coffee**

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.



## RENSSELAER EVENTS

### **March 22-Cook the Book: Pioneer Woman**

6 pm, Teen through adult. Registration required.

Join us for Cook the Book: Pioneer Woman. 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.

### **March 28-Kahoot! Dr. Seuss Theme**

6pm, Ages 16+. Registration required.

Participants must bring a mobile device to play. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team!

### **Tuesdays, April 4-18-Toddler Time**

10 am, Ages 2-3. Registration required.

We will sing songs, read a story and have a craft.

### **April 11-Teen Tuesday**

4-5 pm, Grades 6-12.

Create a keychain, bracelet or earrings to keep or give to Mom on Mother's Day! All beads and supplies provided.

### **April 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.

### **April 15-Tile Craft**

2:30-4:30 pm, Ages 16 +. Registration required.

Come create something beautiful with a tile plate. It can be a coaster for a drink or just a painting. All supplies provided.

### **April 17-Lego Building Day**

5-6:30 pm, all ages. Ages under 5 require adult supervision.

Come and see what you can create using Legos.

### **April 18-STEAM Workshop**

4-5 pm, Grades 3-12.

Join us for STEAM game night! We will have several different building games to challenge your imagination.

### **April 18-VR Player Choice**

5:30-7:30 pm, Ages 13+. Registration required.

Explore various programs of your choosing on our Oculus Quest VR headset. All participants are required to sign a waiver, under 18 signed by a guardian.

### **April 20-Third Thursday**

4-5 pm, Grades 1-5.

April showers bring May flowers! Create a watercolor painting to brighten up this wet weather.

### **April 22-Kahoot! Book-Lover Theme**

2:30 pm, Ages 16+. Registration required.

Test your reading knowledge! Participants must bring a mobile device to play. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

## Geri-Fit

First three Wednesdays each month at 10-11 am

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.





## WHEATFIELD EVENTS

### **March 1-Combat Coffee**

10 am, Adults.

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

### **March 2-Lego Program**

4-5 pm, All ages, ages under 5 require adult supervision.

Join us for a night of Lego creation!

### **March 3-Friday Fun-Bingo!**

11 am, Adults.

Join us for an hour of fun and prizes while playing BINGO. Prizes will be awarded to winners!

### **March 4-Understanding Long Term Care Insurance**

2 pm, Adults.

With over 15 years of experience in the insurance industry, Bob Cacovski will help you better understand the ins and outs of Long Term Care insurance. Join us for this informational seminar to learn more.

### **Tuesdays, March 7-28-Lapsit**

10-10:40 am, Ages 0-23 months. Registration required.

Those in attendance will hear stories, sing songs, participate in lapbounces, and socialize with others during playtime.

All children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

### **March 9-11-Friends of the Library Book Sale**

10 am-5 pm.

Stop in to check out what we have at our biannual book sale! All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Wheatfield Library.

### **March 20-Spring After School Program**

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

Those in attendance will enjoy a snack, make a craft, and hear a story.

### **March 28-Friends of the Library Meeting**

12 pm, Adults.

Join us at our meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at noon as we discuss upcoming events, purchases, and more! Everything we do benefits the library...cost is minimal, but impact is great!

### **Mondays, April 3-24-Toddler Time**

10-10:30, Ages 2-3. Registration required.

Those in attendance will hear stories, make crafts, and have fun interacting with others. Caregivers must be present.

### **April 4- Easter After School Program**

4-5 pm, Grades K-5.

Those in attendance will enjoy a snack, make a craft, and hear a story.

### **April 5-Combat Coffee**

10 am.

Join us for another morning of coffee and camaraderie.

### **April 7-Friday Fun- Bingo!**

11 am, Adults.

Join us for an hour of fun and prizes while playing BINGO. Prizes will be awarded to winners!

### **April 14-Author Visit: Joseph Pete**

7 pm. Registration preferred.

Indiana author Joseph Pete will be discussing his new book "Secret Northwest Indiana: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure."

### **April 24-Maker Monday**

4-5 pm, Grades 1-8. Registration required.

Those in attendance will enjoy a snack, and have fun creating cool objects relating to Spring.

### **April 25-Friends of the Library Meeting**

12 pm. New members 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](http://www.myjcpl.org/events).

## DeMotte



**MARCH 21- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 7:00 PM**  
**BOOK: "ANXIOUS PEOPLE" BY FREDRIK BACKMAN**



**APRIL 18- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 7:00 PM**  
**BOOK: "BEFORE WE WERE YOURS" BY LISA WINGATE**



## Wheatfield



**MARCH 14- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM**  
**BOOK: "A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE" BY SONIA PURNELL**



**MARCH 28- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM-AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY**  
**BOOK: "THE WOMEN IN THE CASTLE" BY JESSICA SHATTUCK**



**APRIL 11-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM**  
**BOOK: "THE GUNCLE" BY STEVEN ROWLEY**



**APRIL 15- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM -AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY**  
**BOOK: "THE BOYS IN THE BOAT; NINE AMERICANS AND THEIR EPIC QUEST FOR GOLD AT THE 1936 BERLIN OLYMPICS" BY DANIEL JAMES BROWN**

## Rensselaer



**MARCH 22- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM**  
**BOOK: "THE PURITAN DILEMMA: THE STORY OF JOHN WINTHROP" BY EDMUND MORGAN**  
**\*\*THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN\*\***



**MARCH 23- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1 PM**  
**BOOK: "THE DIAMOND EYE" BY KATE QUINN**



**APRIL 26- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM**  
**BOOK: "I MUST BETRAY YOU" BY RUTA SEPETYS**  
**\*\*THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN\*\***



**APRIL 27- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1PM**  
**BOOK: "NO TIME LIKE THE FUTURE" BY MICHAEL J. FOX**





# NEW RELEASES FOR MARCH/APRIL

## FICTION TITLES

Never Never  
by Colleen Hoover and  
Tarryn Fisher



Storm Watch  
by C. J. Box

Dark Angel  
by John Sanford

Homecoming  
by Kate Morton, 4/4

Smolder (Anita Blake book 29)  
by Laura K. Hamilton, 3/21

The Way of the Bear  
by Anne Hillerman, 4/25

The Sister Effect  
by Susan Mallery, 3/7

Lassiter  
by J. R. Ward 4/11

The Maltese Iguana  
by Tim Dorsey



## CHILDREN

Dogman: Twenty Thousand Fleas  
Under the Sea  
by Dav Pilkey, 4/28

Warriors: A Starless Clan  
by Erin Hunter, 4/4

Curse of the Shadow Dragon  
by Tracey West, 3/7

## YOUNG ADULT

The Stolen Heir  
by Holly Black

Escape from the Wildfire  
by Dorothy Bently

Hunter X Hunter 2  
by Yoshihiro Togashi

The Stranded  
by Sarah Daniels



## AUDIOBOOKS

Storm Watch  
by C. J. Box

Simply Lies  
by David Baldacci, 4/18

I Will Find You  
by Harlan Coben, 3/14



## DVDS

All Creatures Great and Small  
Season 3

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever

Detective Knight: Independence

Devotion

Empire of Light