



MAY/JUNE 2024

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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ADVENTURE BEGINS AT JCPL!

Summer will be here soon – that means longer days, warmer temps, vacations... and JCPL’s Summer Reading Program! This year’s theme is “Adventure Begins at Your Library.”

As in past years, our youngest patrons will be able to complete a Bingo sheet with various literacy initiatives. Children K-5 will be able to log their reading to receive weekly prizes and a chance to win a grand prize, as well as will be invited to attend weekly performers in June. This year’s performers will include Magician Marc Lehmann, Indiana Wild, and the Science Tellers. Various other events will occur throughout July, such as a Firefly Awards Story Time, and each branch will be offering additional incentives for kids who continue to log their reading activities.

Teens will also be able to participate in weekly events at each of the branches and can log their reading to be entered into weekly and grand prize drawings through the month of June. Adults, too, will have their own weekly drawings between June 3 and July 27 for \$15 gift certificates at each location, as well as \$50 grand prize drawings at the end of July.

JCPL will be using Beanstack to log all reading. If you have participated in winter or summer reading events over the past two years, then you are probably familiar with the app. When you first begin logging again this year, you may need to update the age/grade of any children, but everything else should be similar to past experiences. For anyone using Beanstack for the first time, we suggest you follow the QR code on the next page to learn more.



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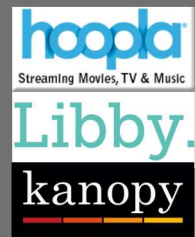
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Rensselaer
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DeMotte
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Wheatfield
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ADVENTURE CONT.

JCPL knows the importance of continued reading throughout the summer – reading just 4 books a summer can keep kids at their current reading level. Studies suggest that children who don't read over the summer can lose up to 3 months of reading comprehension; this loss is cumulative, resulting in 2 years of reading comprehension loss by the end of 6th grade. Therefore, we encourage kids to keep reading this summer and start their adventure at the library, where we inform, enrich, and empower our diverse community every day.



Scan the QR code to begin your Summer Reading Adventure!

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MEMORIAL
Day

All Jasper County Public Library locations will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of the holiday.



DEMOTTE EVENTS



May 6-Magnificent Monday

10 am, All ages. [Registration required.](#)

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

May 11-Paw Patrol Pawty

10 am, All ages. [Registration required.](#)

Party your tails off with us! Join us for some pup-themed crafts and a movie.

May 14-Friends of the Library Meeting

1 pm, Adults.

New members are always welcome!

May 15-Adult Bingo

11 am, Adults. [Registration required.](#)

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

May 17-Star Wars Trivia

6:30 pm, All ages. [Registration required.](#)

Jedis and padawans alike are welcome to join us for Star Wars Trivia! Play solo or in groups up to 4. Prizes will be awarded to the top team!

May 23-Lego Night

4-5 pm, All ages. [Registration required.](#)

Join us for lego building fun! Children under 5 require adult supervision.

June-Silent Auction

The Friends of the DeMotte Library will be hosting a silent auction throughout the month of June. Bidding will end on June 30 and the winners will be called on July 1.

June 3-Magnificent Monday

10 am, All ages. [Registration required.](#)

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

June 12-Adult Bingo

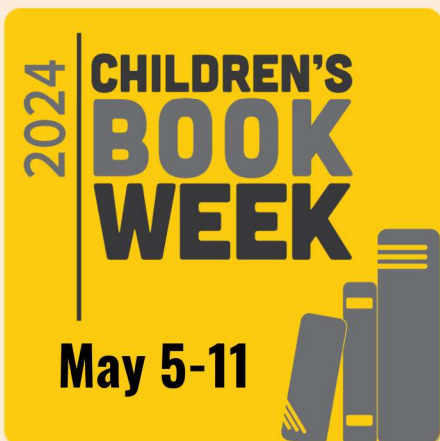
11 am, Adults. [Registration required.](#)

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

June 21-Marvel Trivia

6:30 pm, All ages. [Registration required.](#)

Excelsior! Play solo or in teams up to 4 and test your knowledge of Marvel comics and movies! Prizes will be awarded to the top team.



Children's Book Week is the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. 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 and Wheatfield 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.)

Happy Reading!



RENSELAER EVENTS



May 1-Scrabble

6 pm, Ages 16+.

Join us for a casual game of Scrabble and conversation. All supplies are provided.

May 2-Bingo

10 am, Adults.

Join us for a morning of Bingo fun!

Tuesdays, May 7-21-Lapsit

10 am, 0-23 months. Registration required.

We will have activities such as fingerplay, music, and a story.

May 8-Generology Help

6-7:30 pm, All ages.

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

May 11-Scrapbooking

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

Join us at the Rensselaer Library for an afternoon of scrapbooking. All supplies will be provided for this free event. Patrons will need to bring pictures to use.

May 13-Home School STEAM Workshop

2-3 pm, Grades K-8. Registration required.

We will do a nature scavenger hunt outside looking for specific items. Prizes will be awarded for finding the most items on the list.

May 16-Third Thursday

4 pm, Grades 1-5. Registration required.

We will explore the world of endangered ocean species, including turtles and otters.

May 17-Fabulous Friday

2 pm, All ages.

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

May 18-Tea Party

2 pm, All ages.

It's teatime at the Rensselaer Library! You are invited to the Rensselaer Library's "Tea Party," where tea, sandwiches and desserts will be served. Dress is casual, but if you want to wear a hat or dress to impress, please do. Children are welcome to attend, if accompanied by an adult. Bring your mother, your friend, or a family member. Join us and spend the afternoon socializing and relaxing. If you have a favorite treat that you would like to share, please feel free to bring it along. We will have a drawing for prizes.

May 20-Friends Meeting

7 pm, Adults.

Please support your library by joining and attending the quarterly meeting. Annual dues are only \$3 for individual or \$5 for family.

May 21-Teen Tuesday

4 pm, Grades 6-12. Registration required.

We will be painting pictures with q-tips and other different tools.

May 23-Lego Building Day

5 pm, All ages.

Come and see what you can create with Legos!





RENSELAER EVENTS



May 24-William Clark Book Signing

11:30 am, All ages.

The author of a story included in the Chicken soup series books including Miracles and the Unexplainable, The Magic of Cats, and A Walk on the Sunny Side, has published his sixth book: The American Peacemaker; and will be signing books in the circulation area. He is the former pastor of Brushwood United Methodist; just north of Rensselaer.

May 25-VR Players' Choice

2:30 pm, Ages 13+.

Come and play VR games with the Meta Quest 2 VR Headsets. Games available include mini golf, Bowling, Beat Saber, Among Us, and more! 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.

May 28-Kahoot! Food Trivia

6 pm, Ages 16+ (unless with an adult)

Food trivia using Kahoot! Bring a mobile device to participate. Prizes will be awarded, and the first place winner will receive a gift card!

June-IHS Traveling Exhibit: A Visual Journey: From AIDS to Marriage Equality

Rensselaer Public Library will host A Visual Journey: From AIDS to Marriage Equality, one of the Indiana Historical Society's (IHS's) traveling exhibits, from June 1 thru 27. The traveling exhibit celebrates 30 years of LGBT history as seen through the lens of photographer Mark A. Lee.

June 1-Tile Painting Class

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

Come to the Rensselaer Library to paint tile. We will be taking old bathroom tiles and using them as canvas to paint whatever you'd like. It could be a flower or a design using lines.

June 5-Scrabble Game Night

6 pm, Ages 16+.

Join us for a casual game of Scrabble and conversation. All supplies are provided.

June 6-Bingo

10 am, Adults.

Join us for a morning of Bingo fun!

June 11-15-Dragon Escape Room

Hourly slots by appointment online. Registration required.

Explore an enchanted forest filled with dragons to find the legendary dragon stone and restore balance to the world. All ages welcome, ages 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

June 12-Genealogy Help

6-7:30 pm, All ages.

This monthly program is designed to help you learn how to search for your family history using free online resources available at the library.

June 19-Cook the Book

6 pm, Teens and older.

This session's topic is Salads. We choose the cookbooks; you choose and make a recipe to share. Come to the front desk to see the cookbook (or bring your own recipe), use a Post-It 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.

June 21-Fabulous Friday

2 pm, All ages.

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

June 25-Kahoot! Trivia: Science

6 pm, Ages 16+ (unless with an adult)

Science trivia using Kahoot! Bring a mobile device to play.



WHEATFIELD EVENTS



May 2-Lego

4-5 pm, All ages. Registration required.
Join us for a night of Lego creations!

May 3-Bingo

11 am, Adults.
Join us for a morning of Bingo fun!

May 8-After School Program

4-5 pm, Grades K-5. Registration required.
We will celebrate Mother's Day with a snack, craft, and story.

May 10-Mother/Daughter Spa Night

6 pm, School-age and up. Registration required.
We will do a variety of activities including painting nails, making body scrub, hair dressing, and a tea party.

May 11-Mother's Day Story Time

10-10:30 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.
Those in attendance will hear stories and make a craft with their mothers.

May 14-Teen Craft Day

4 pm, Grades 6-12.
Join us for a day of crafting.

May 28-Friends Meeting

1 pm, Adults.
New members are always welcome!

Mondays, June 3-24-Story Time

10 am OR 11 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.
Join us for stories and crafts!

June 8-Father-Son DIY

11 am, Fathers and sons (of at least school age) Registration required.
We will construct a DIY mountain wooden wall art. All materials will be provided and free.

June 7-Bingo

11 am, Adults.
Join us for a morning of Bingo fun!

June 11-Father's Day Story Time

6-6:30 pm, Ages 3-5 w/ fathers. Registration required.
Join us for a special story time!

June 21-90s Trivia Night

6 pm, Adults. Registration required.
Gather your friends,, dress in your best flannel, grab your lucky beanie baby and join us for trivia night all about the 90s! Snacks will be provided, or feel free to bring your own.

June 25-Friend Meeting

1 pm, Adults.
New members are always welcome!



Combat Coffee



Created by a Vet, Combat Coffee is a casual environment in which Veterans can connect through coffee, conversation, and camaraderie. Each library will be hosting Combat Coffee once every month:

DeMotte will be hosting theirs every 4th Tuesday at 9:30 am in the East Meeting Room.

Rensselaer will be having theirs every 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30 am

Wheatfield will get together on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 am

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Summer Reading Event Schedule

DeMotte

Preschool Time Ages 2-5

June 5@10 am
Preschool Story Time

June 12@10 am
Preschool Story Time

June 19@10 am
Preschool Story Time

June 26@10 am
Preschool Story Time

Grades K-5

June 4@1 pm
Magician Marcus Lehmann

June 11@1 pm
Indiana Wild

June 18@1 pm
TaleWise

June 25@1 pm
Party

Grades 6-12

June 6@1 pm
Life Size Game

June 13@1 pm
Chef for a Day

June 20@1 pm
Paracord Bracelet

June 27@1 pm
Party

Wheatfield

Preschool Time Ages 3-5

June 3@10-10:30 am OR 11-11:30 am
Preschool Story Time

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

June 17@10-10:30 am OR 11-11:30 am
Preschool Story Time

June 24@10-10:30 am OR 11-11:30 am
Preschool Story Time

Grades K-5

June 4@3pm
Magician Marcus Lehmann

June 11@3pm
Indiana Wild

June 18@3 pm
TaleWise

June 25@3 pm
Party

Grades 6-12

June 6@3pm
Teen Bingo

June 13@3 pm
XBox/Wii Gaming

June 20@3 pm
Craft Day

June 27@3 pm
Party

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Rensselaer

Preschool Time Ages 2-5

June 4@10 am
Magician Marcus Lehmann

June 11@10 am
Indiana Wild

June 18@10 am
TaleWise

June 25@10 am
Party

Grades K-5

June 4@10 am
Magician Marcus Lehmann

June 11@10 am
Indiana Wild

June 18@10 am
TaleWise

June 25@10 am
Party

Grades 6-12

June 6@2 pm
Tie Dye

June 13@2 pm
Diamond Painting Crafts

June 20@2 pm
Watercolor craft and Gift Card
Drawing

June 25@10 am
Party

ADULT SUMMER READING

JUNE 3 - JULY 27

For every book, ebook, audiobook, eaudiobook, magazine, or digital magazine adults read they get entered into the weekly prize and the grand prize. Grand prize will be drawn on Monday, July 29.

Additionally, adults will have the opportunity to get 5 extra entries into the grand prize drawing by reading one item from each of these categories: nonfiction, biography/memoir, audiobook, mystery, and magazine. These challenges can only be completed on the Beanstack app.



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

May 21- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 7:00 PM
BOOK: "THE LIONESSE" BY CHRIS BOHJALIAN

THERE WILL BE NO BOOKIES MEETING IN JUNE. ENJOY SUMMER READING!

Wheatfield

THERE WILL BE NO ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION IN MAY.

MAY 28- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM-AT CUP OF JOY IN DEMOTTE
BOOK: "BLACKBIRD HOUSE" BY ALICE HOFFMAN

JUNE 11-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM
BOOK: "CALL YOUR DAUGHTER HOME" BY DEB SPERA

JUNE 25- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM -AT CUP OF JOY IN DEMOTTE
BOOK: "THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY" BY AMOR TOWLE

Rensselaer

MAY 22- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM
BOOK: "THE GUNS OF AUGUST" BY BARBARA W. TUCHMAN
THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN

MAY 23- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1 PM
BOOK: "THE LOST APOTHECARY" BY SARAH PENNER

JUNE 26- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM
BOOK: "THE LAST GREEN VALLEY" BY MARK T. SULLIVAN
THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN

JUNE 27- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1PM
BOOK: "MEET ME AT THE MUSEUM" BY ANNE YOUNGSON



NEW RELEASES FOR MAY/JUNE

FICTION TITLES

You Like it Darker
by Stephen King, 5/21



The 24th Hour: Is This the End?
by James Patterson, 5/6

Camino Ghosts
by John Grisham, 5/28

Swan Song
by Elin Hilderbrand, 6/11

Red Sky Mourning
by Jack Carr, 6/18

Mind Games
by Nora Roberts, 5/21

Think Twice
by Harlan Coben, 5/14

First Frost
by Craig Johnson, 5/28

The Comfort of Ghosts
by Jacqueline Woodson, 6/4

CHILDRENS

The One and Only Family
by Katherine Applegate, 5/7

Karen's Sleepover (Baby-Sitters Little
Sister #8)
by Katy Farina, 5/7

YOUNG ADULTS

Not Like Other Girls
by Meredith Adamo

The Lilies
by Quinn Diacon-Furtado

Off with their Heads
by Zoe Hana Mikuta

What's Eating Jackie Oh?
by Patricia Park

Punk Rock Karaoke
by Bianca Xunise



AUDIOBOOKS

You Like it Darker
by Stephen King, 5/21

The 24th Hour: Is This the End?
by James Patterson, 5/6

Camino Ghosts
by John Grisham, 5/28

Swan Song
by Elin Hilderbrand, 6/11

Mind Games
by Nora Roberts, 5/21



DVDS

The Beekeeper

Devil's Peak

Finestkind

Inside Man Year One

Lisa Frankenstein