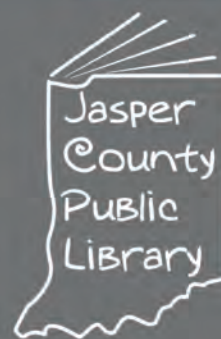


SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2024

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

INFORM, ENRICH, EMPOWER



LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

"Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs-up for their own library card"

(<https://www.ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/presskits/lcsum>).

As an effort to celebrate National Library Card Sign Up Month, you can find some JCPL statistics gathered from 2023:

- JCPL had 20,510 registered users
- JCPL circulated 230,905 physical materials and 51,703 electronic materials, for a combined total of 282,608 circulations
- JCPL offered access to over 225,500 physical items and over 500,000 ebooks
- JCPL patrons visited the library 134,004 times
- JCPL staff answered 25,656 reference questions and offered 132 one-on-one training sessions
- JCPL's wireless internet was accessed almost 40,000 times and the library's multi-use computers (with internet) almost 10,000 times
- JCPL offered 728 programs to the community – 449 programs to kids/young adults/families and 279 to adults
- JCPL programs were attended by 12,719 kids/young adults/families and 2,585 adults
- JCPL provided access to 79 electronic databases



As can be seen, we are blessed to be such a beloved and integral part of DeMotte, Rensselaer, Wheatfield, and the surrounding communities!

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CONNECT WITH US

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www.myjcpl.org

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DeMotte
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Wheatfield
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LIBRARY CARD

To further celebrate National Library Card Sign Up Month, we will be encouraging anyone who doesn't currently have a JCPL card to stop in during the month of September to sign up for one. Anyone getting a card throughout the month will be able to select a small prize, and anyone using their card in September can enter their name into a drawing.

We love doing all we can to "inform, enrich, and empower our diverse community," and we can't do it without you! So thank YOU for continuing to support your local public library.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Monday, September 2 All JCPL
Locations will be CLOSED for
Labor Day



DEMOTTE EVENTS

Wednesdays, September 11-25-Toddler Time

10 am, Ages 2-3. Registration required.
Join us for a morning of stories, activities, and crafting! Each week will have a different theme that all can enjoy.

October 10-Friends Meeting

1 pm, Adults.

September 11-Adult Bingo

11 am, Adults. Registration requested.
Join us for Bingo fun! Prizes awarded to the winner.

September 16-Magnificent Monday

10 am, All ages.
This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read a story or two and provide a craft.

September 19-STEM

4:30 pm, Grades K-5.
STEM combines science, technology, engineering, and math to foster creative problem solving, collaboration, and critical thinking.

September 23-Pre-Stem

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.
STEM combines science, technology, engineering, and math to foster creative problem solving, collaboration, and critical thinking.

September 26-Lego Night

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

September 27-November 4-Indiana Disasters

The Indiana Historical Society will be having a temporary exhibit in the DeMotte Library about disasters in our state.

September 30-Quest Trekkers

6 pm, Grades 2-5. Registration required.
Join us while we discuss the book Tonight on the Titanic by Mary Pope Osborne.

October 9, 23 & 30-Storytime

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.
Join us for a morning of fun as we read some books, do some activities and rhymes and end with a fun craft!

October 7-Magnificent Monday

10 am, all ages.
This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read a story or two and provide a craft.

October 10-Stem

4:30 pm, Ages 3-5.
Join us for another STEM filled afternoon!

October 16-Adult Bingo

11 am, Adults. Registration requested.
Join us for Bingo fun! Prizes awarded to the winner.

October 21-Pre-Stem

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.
Join us for another STEM filled morning!

October 24-Lego Night

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

October 28-Quest Trekkers

6 pm, Grades 2-5. Registration required.
Join us while we discuss the book El Deafo by CeCe Bell.



WHEATFIELD EVENTS

September-Story Time

Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Join us for Storytime! Choose between two sessions:
Tuesdays, September 3-24 at 2:30-3 pm, or Wednesdays,
September 4-25 from 11-11:30 am.

September 5-Lego

4-5 pm, Ages 5+. Registration required.

Create with Legos while listening to a story and having a snack.

September 6-Friday Fun Bingo

11 am, Adults.

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

September 13-Jeannie Conrad and Conrad Station

6 pm, All ages.

The Wheatfield Library is teaming up with the group History & Mystery to bring you "Jeannie Conrad and Conrad Station". Conrad Station was once a thriving town located just south of Lake Village partially built on the drained Beaver Lake. The town consisted of a railroad station, store, post office, brick factory, large farm, school, and church. Discussion about founder Jeannie Conrad, the town, and the remnants that remain. Presented by local historian and former Newton County Public Library Director, Mary Emmrich.

September 16-Fall After School Program

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

Kids will enjoy a snack, make a craft, and hear a story.

September 17-Teen Tuesday

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

Enjoy some snacks as we play trivia.

September 23-Craft Swap

During the week of September 23-28 the Wheatfield Library will be accepting new and GENTLY used craft supplies and items. All those who bring in items will get tickets to redeem a new comparable item from the swap. If you bring in craft items you will be able to choose first from the items collected, anytime on Friday, September 27, until we close that day and until noon on Saturday, Sept. 28. We will open the swap to the public after noon on that Saturday. All the donated items will be free, no purchase necessary.

September 24-Friends Meeting

1 pm, Adults.

New members are always welcome!

Tuesdays, October 1-22-Lapsit Storytime

10-10:40 am, Ages 0-23 months along with a caregiver.
Children will hear stories and songs, lap-bounce, and interact with other children.

October 4-Friday Fun Bingo

11 am, Adults.

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

October 8-Teen Tuesday

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

Join us for a snack and fun gaming on the Xbox and Wii.

October 11-Bill Taylor: the Vietnam War in the DMZ

6 pm, All ages.

The Wheatfield Library, along with the group History & Mystery, presents "Bill Taylor: The Vietnam War in the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone)" Taylor, a Marine in Vietnam in 1966 with special landing force Alpha and highly decorated individual, will speak about his experiences in Vietnam. He went on to write a book, Author of On Full Automatic: Surviving 13 Months in Vietnam.



WHEATFIELD EVENTS



October 14-Halloween Afterschool Program

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

Join us for a spooky snack, craft and story.

October 15-Fantasy Fiction Book Club

6 pm, Adults.

Join us for our first Fantasy Fiction Book Club! There will be no book for the first meeting, we will discuss our past favorite book and what our first book should be.

October 18-19-Friends of the Library Book Sale

9 am-4 pm, All ages.

All items may be purchased through at-will donations.

October 22-Friends Meeting

1 pm, Adults.

New members are always welcome!

October 28-Maker Monday

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

We will enjoy a snack, hear a story, and make some fun Halloween creations.

October 31-Halloween Story Time

Ages 3-5. 11-11:30 am OR 2:30-3 pm. Registration required.

Come in costume and enjoy stories and a Halloween craft.



Medicare 101 Presentation



Come to a FREE educational presentation at your local Jasper County Public Library to get the answers you need to all of your Medicare questions!

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:

Rensselaer Library on October 19 at 1:30 pm.

DeMotte Library on October 29 at 6 pm in the East Room upstairs.



**BANNED
BOOKS
WEEK**
SEPT. 22-28, 2024

ALA.ORG/BBBOOKS





RENSSELAER EVENTS

Tuesdays, September 3-17-Toddler Time

10 am, Ages 2-3. Registration required.

Toddlers along with their caregivers are welcome to join us for stories, activities, and crafts.

September 4-Scrabble Game Night

6-7:30 pm, Ages 16+

Join us at the Rensselaer Library to test your word skills by playing a game of Scrabble! Supplies are provided and free.

September 5-Bingo

10 am, Adults.

Join us for a fun morning of Bingo!

September 10-Creative Writing Tips

6 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Join us as Kayla de Jong shares tips on writing, and how to get started! This free class is for anyone who is interested in writing poetry, fiction, non-fiction, or just for yourself!

September 11-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 the free online resources available at the library. All assistance is available on a first come, first serve basis.

September 14 and 28-Beginner's Watercolor Class

9-11 am, Adults. Registration and fee due before September 3.

Instructed by Bobbie Graham, we will be learning how to paint with watercolor, as well as some important facts as well. This class is \$45 a person that covers both days.

September 17-VR for Learning

6-7:30 pm, Ages 13+. Registration required.

Explore educational VR programs that can help bring classroom and homeschool concepts to life. This program will allow you to see inside an Oculus 2 headset (without putting one on.) We will look at life aboard the International Space Station, have a chat in another language, and explore the world and the ocean through the magic of VR. A waiver must be signed. A parent or guardian must sign for children under 18.

September 19-Third Thursday: World's Fair!

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

Come and help us create our own miniature Ferris wheel and marble roller coasters, and enjoy some fair food as well!

September 20-Fabulous Friday

1 pm, All ages.

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

September 21-Tile Painting

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

All supplies will be provided. We will be using tiles as a "canvas" to paint on.

September 24-Kahoot! Car Trivia

6 pm, Ages 16+

Play on your own or gather your friends and test your knowledge of cars! Prizes will be awarded. Registration requested, limit of 20 teams. Teams are optional. A mobile device is required to participate.





RENSSELAER EVENTS

September 25-Cook the Book: Dinner in One Pot

6 pm, Teens and up. Registration required.

Bring a friend and enjoy a variety of meals prepared in one pot. These recipes can be made in a variety of pots, Crockpot, Dutch Oven, Sheet Pan, Instant Pot, or a Pan of any kind. 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. All participants will discuss how easy or hard it was to make and what worked or didn't work well. Best of all we get to sample new dishes and bring a copy of the recipes home to share with our families. This is a FREE program and a great opportunity for cooks of all ages, skill levels and interests to share their love of cooking as well as eating. The library will provide a copy of the recipe and the plates, utensils, and a drink. Registration required, limit 15, attendees may bring someone with them.

September 26-Lego Workshop

5 pm, All ages. (Ages under 5 require adult supervision)

Come and see what you can create using Legos.

October 1-Understanding AI

6 pm, Adults.

Come for an overview of AI, both the good and bad, and a chance to see tools like Chat GPT and DALL-E in a controlled environment.

Tuesdays, October 1-15-Lapsit

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

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

October 2-Scrabble Night

6-7:30 pm, Ages 16+

Join us at the Rensselaer Library to test your word skills by playing a game of Scrabble! Supplies are provided and free.

October 3-Bingo

10 am, Adults.

Join us for a fun morning of Bingo!

October 9-Genecalogy 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.

October 12-Digital Newspapers at JCPL

2 pm, All ages. Registration required.

Celebrate National Family History Month and join us as we preview our Historic Jasper County digital newspapers. Our earlier newspapers are available for free, on the Hoosier State Chronicles. Our online digital newspapers are filled with family history and local history information. We will discuss how to search, save, and clip newspaper articles.

October 17-Third Thursday: Frugal Fun Day!

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

Celebrate Frugal Fun Day! We will explore fun activities that don't cost a thing and make some frugal treats.

October 18-Fabulous Friday

1 pm, All ages.

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

October 22-Kahoot! Through the Decades

6 pm, Ages 16+

Play on your own or gather your friends and test your knowledge! Prizes will be awarded. Registration requested, limit of 20 teams. Teams are optional. A mobile device is required to participate.



RENSSELAER EVENTS

October 26-Coffee and Canvas Painting

2-4 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Join us at the Rensselaer Library for a painting class, and have some coffee and snacks. We will be painting a simple acrylic painting on canvas, with instructions from Jenna Skinner. This class does not require any previous knowledge of painting. Just come and have fun! All materials will be provided.

October 29-Paper Mache Pumpkins

5:30-7:30, All ages (adult supervision required under 5)

Discover the art of paper mache and create a small holiday decoration for Halloween or Thanksgiving.



Teen-TOber

During the month of October teens in grades 6-12 can enter a drawing when checking out books, magazines, or audiobooks at the DeMotte or Wheatfield Library. A grand prize winner will be announced at the end of the month!



Family Fall Fest: Incredible Bats!



Join us on October 5th for Family Fall Fest!

Incredible Bats will be visiting the libraries at the times below to teach us and introduce us to our flappy friends. Wheatfield will be offering fun activities to do as well!

Rensselaer: 10 am Wheatfield: 1 pm

DeMotte: 3 pm



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:

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

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

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

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.mycpl.org/events.

DeMotte

SEPTEMBER 17- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 7:00 PM

BOOK: "A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE" BY SONIA PURNELL

OCTOBER 15- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY-7:00 PM

BOOK: "CARNEGIE'S MAID" BY MARIE BENEDICT

Wheatfield

SEPTEMBER 10- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM

BOOK: "THE INVISIBLE LIFE OF ADDIE LARUE" BY V.E. SCHWAB

SEPTEMBER 24- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM-AT CUP OF JOY IN DEMOTTE

BOOK: "COLD MOUNTAIN" BY CHARLES FRAZIER

OCTOBER 8-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM

BOOK: "BRAIDING SWEETGRASS" BY ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

OCTOBER 29- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM -AT CUP OF JOY IN DEMOTTE

BOOK: "ON HER OWN GROUND: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MADAM C.J. WALKER" BY A'LELIA BUNDLES

Rensselaer

SEPTEMBER 25- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM

BOOK: "PILGRIMS" BY GARRISON KEILLOR

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

SEPTEMBER 26- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1 PM

BOOK: "MURDER IN OLD BOMBAY" BY NEV MARCH

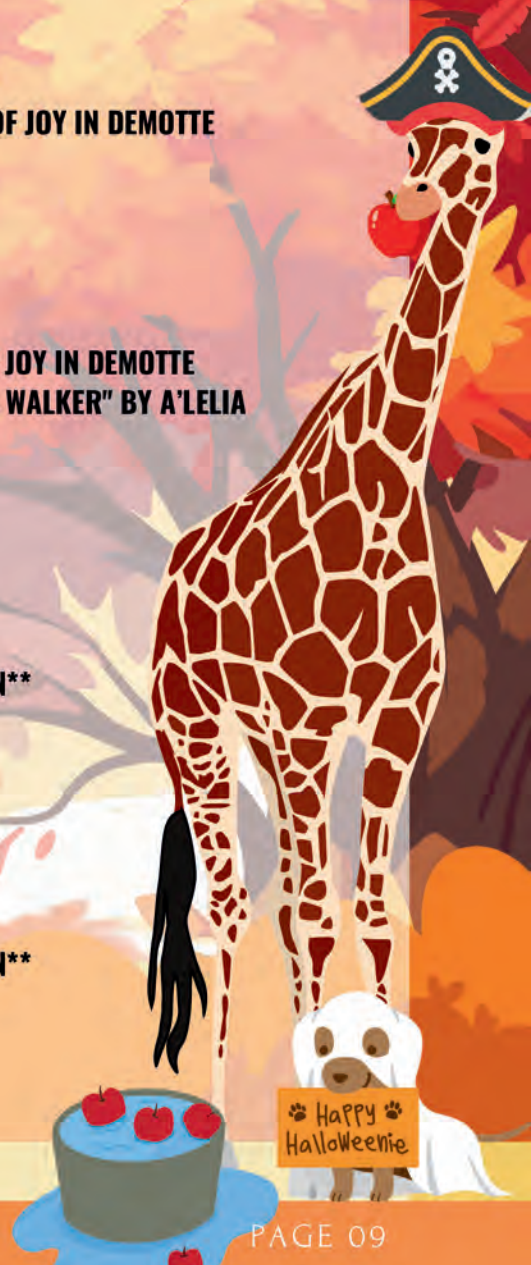
OCTOBER 23- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM

BOOK: "LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY" BY BONNIE GARMUS

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

OCTOBER 24- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1PM

BOOK: "TOMORROW'S BREAD" BY ANNA JEAN MAYHEW





NEW RELEASES FOR SEPT/OCT



ADULTS

Counting Miracles
by Nicholas Sparks, 9/24

The Grey Wolf
by Louise Penny, 10/29

Good Lookin' Cookin'
by Dolly Parton and Rachael
Parton George, 9/17

Passions in Death
by J.D. Robb, 9/3

Capture or Kill
by Vince Flynn, 9/3

The Waiting
by Michael Connelly, 10/15

In Too Deep
by Lee Child and Andrew Child,
10/22

Here One Moment
by Liane Moriarty, 9/10

Lies He Told Me
by James Patterson, 9/30

CHILDREN

Percy Jackson and the Olympians:
Wrath of the Triple Goddess
by Rick Riordan, 9/24

Kristy and the Walking Disaster; a
Babysitter's Club Graphic Novel
by Ann M. Martin and Ellen T.
Crenshaw, 9/17

InvestiGators: Class Action
by John Patrick Green, 9/24

YOUNG ADULTS

Our Shouts Echo
by Jade Adia

Silent Sister
by Megan Davidhizar

Supernatural Creatures
by Dorling Kindersley

Sync
by Ellen Hopkins



AUDIOBOOKS

Counting Miracles
by Nicholas Sparks, 9/24

The Grey Wolf
by Louise Penny, 10/29

Passions in Death
by J.D. Robb, 9/3

The Waiting
by Michael Connelly, 10/15

In Too Deep
by Lee Child and Andrew Child,
10/22



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Babes

The Bikeriders

Prey

Reacher: Season 2

Horizon: An American Saga

