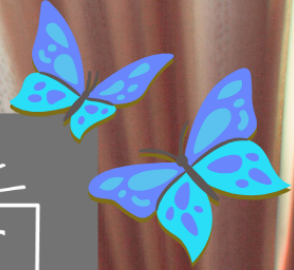


MARCH / APRIL 2025

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Jasper County Public Library encourages all community members to visit the library during National Library Week, April 6-12, to explore all they have to offer. The theme for National Library Week 2025 is "Drawn to the Library!" Millions of people across the country visit their libraries every week. What's the draw? Everything.

Whether its young families stopping in for play and Story Time to tutors utilizing our study rooms to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, JCPL can help connect the dots from one part of your journey to the next. Chart your next literary adventure by browsing the stacks or joining a book club. Let an author color your imagination at an author talk, learn a new craft at our various workshops, or trace your history with your library's genealogy resources. Make your mark and get involved with your library by volunteering or spreading the word.

Stop by for a visit to celebrate with us during National Library Week, April 6-12. Each library will have daily prizes, and a drawing that anybody using their 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. 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!" 2025 marks the 67th anniversary of this event. National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

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DEMOTTE EVENTS

March- Silent Auction

The Friends of the DeMotte Library will be hosting a silent auction throughout the month of March. Bidding will end on March 31 and the winners will be called on April 1.

March 1-Happy Birthday Dr Seuss!

10 am-12 pm, All ages.

Come and celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a variety of activities in the upstairs meeting rooms.

Wednesdays in March-Story Time

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Join us for stories, crafts, and more!

March 11-Friends Meeting

1 pm, Adults.

New members are always welcome!

March 11-DPL Film Club

1 pm AND 5 pm. Adults.

Join us as we watch "Children of Men" (2006) (Rated R) A short discussion will follow each screening. Popcorn will be provided, or feel free to bring your own refreshments.

March 12-Bingo!

11 am, Adults. Registration required.

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

March 17-Pre-STEM

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Join us for a morning of STEM projects!

March 20-STEM

4:30 pm, Grades K-5. Registration required.

Join us for an afternoon of projects using Science, Technology, Engineering and Math!

March 24-Quest Trekkers

5:30 pm, Grades 2-5.

Our book this month will be "Hello, Universe" by Erin Entrada Kelly.

March 25-Family Movie Night

5 pm, All ages.

Join us for a fun family movie! Our movie this month will be "The Fox and the Hound." (1981, Rated G) Enjoy some of our popcorn or feel free to bring your own snacks. Kids can bring pillows and blankets for the floor if they would like.

March 27-Lego Night

4-5 pm, All ages, (under 5 requires adult supervision)

Join us for lego building fun!

Wednesdays, April 2-23-Lapsit

10 am, Ages 0-2 years. Registration required.

Join us for a morning of interactive music and rhymes.

April 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.

April 8-DPL Film Club

1 pm AND 5 pm. Adults.

Join us as we watch "10 Cloverfield Lane" (2016) (Rated PG-13) A short discussion will follow each screening. Popcorn will be provided, or feel free to bring your own refreshments.

April 12-House Plant Swap

10 am, Adults.

Come to this event to trade or give away houseplants. Bring a houseplant to trade at 10 am. If you do not have a houseplant to trade but would like to adopt one, you can start at 11. Participants may also leave their plants at the front desk starting Monday, April 7 and they will be cared for until the event.



DEMOTTE EVENTS

April 12-19-Friends of the Library Booksale

There will be a Friends-Only preview on April 11 from 1-5 pm. The sale will be going on during library hours April 12-19. On Saturday, April 19 you may fill a bag for \$3. On April 21 you may bring your own box and fill it with free books.

April 16-Bingo!

11 am, Adults. Registration required.

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

April 17-STEM

4:30 pm, Grades K-5. Registration required.

Join us for an afternoon of projects using Science, Technology, Engineering and Math!

April 21-Quest Trekkers

5:30 pm, Grades 2-5.

We will be discussing "Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library" by Chris Grabenstein.

April 22-Family Movie Night

5 pm, All ages.

Join us for a fun family movie! Our movie this month will be "Mulan" (1998, Rated G) Enjoy some of our popcorn or feel free to bring your own snacks. Kids can bring pillows and blankets for the floor if they would like.

April 24-Lego Night

4-5 pm, All ages (under 5 requires adult supervision)

Join us for a night of Lego creation!

April 28-Preschool STEM

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Join us for a morning of STEM projects!

DeMotte Crochet Night



Calling all crocheters! Crochet night is back! Join us in the Upper East Room of the DeMotte Library every Monday at 6 pm.

Bring your projects to work on or bring a hook and yarn if you would like to learn the basics of crochet. Crochet Night is welcome to novice crocheters as well as experts. We hope to see you there!



RENSSELAER EVENTS

March 3-April 3-IHS Traveling Exhibit: Endangered Heritage

This exhibit gives guests examples of some of the most common dangers to objects and documents in Hoosier history collections, and how you can help assist Indiana's organizations in preserving their state's history.

March 4-Writing Club

6 pm, Adults. Registration required.

This class is to help you experience different types of writing techniques, strengthen your writing, and encourage other writers. Hosted by Kayla de Jong, we will do different writing exercises, including prompts, freewriting, and more!

March 4, 11, and 18-Toddler Time

10 am, Ages 2-3 years.

Enjoy a story or two, crafts, songs, and fingerplays.

March 5-Scrabble Game Night

5:30 pm, Ages 18+.

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

March 6-Bingo!

10 am, Adults.

Join us for a morning of Bingo fun!

March 8-Free Family Train Day: Track the Past

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 12-Genealogy Help

5 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.

March 13-Lego Workshop

5-6:30 pm, All ages (Ages under 5 with adult supervision.)

Come and see what you can create with Legos!

March 20-Dungeons and Dragons

3:30-5:30 pm, Grades 6-adult.

Players of all skill levels are invited to join us for Dungeons and Dragons. All materials will be provided.

March 20-Third Thursday-Giant Games

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

We will be playing giant games such as Guess Who, Candyland, Yahtzee, and Connect Four.

March 21- Fabulous Friday

2 pm, All ages.

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

March 25-Kahoot! Hunger Games Trivia

5 pm, 18+ unless accompanied by an adult.

Hunger Games Trivia using Kahoot! Bring a mobile device to participate. Prizes will be awarded, and the first place winner will get a gift card!

March 26-Cook the Book

5:30 pm, Teen through adult. Registration required.

This session's topic is Italian Cuisine. 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. The library will provide a copy of the recipe and the plates, utensils, and a drink.



RENSSELAER EVENTS

March 29-Canva Create Class

10 am, Adults. Registration required.

Discover the free design website Canva and learn how to create a stunning resume quickly, or use the software to design invitations, posters, ads and more. Personal computing device is not required but might be helpful.

April 1-Writing Club

6 pm, Adults. Registration required

This class is to help you experience different types of writing techniques, strengthen your writing, and encourage other writers. Hosted by Kayla de Jong, we will do different writing exercises, including prompts, freewriting, and more!

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15 and 22-Lapsit for Littles

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

April 2-Scrabble Game Night

5:30 pm, Ages 18+.

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

April 3-Bingo!

10 am, Adults.

Join us for a morning of Bingo fun!

April 9-Genealogy Help

5 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.



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.

April 10-Workshop

5-6:30 pm, All ages (Ages under 5 with adult supervision.)

Come and see what you can create with Legos!

April 17-Dungeons and Dragons

3:30-5:30 pm, Grades 6-adult.

Players of all skill levels are invited to join us for Dungeons and Dragons. All materials will be provided.

April 17-Third Thursday

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

Experiment with "Little Bits" and Legos.

April 18- Fabulous Friday

2 pm, All ages.

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

April 26-VR Scavenger Hunt

2-3:30 pm, Ages 13+.

Come on an virtual scavenger hunt and follow clues to discover lost treasure while playing miniature golf. Other games may also be played! 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.

April 29-Kahoot! 90's Trivia

5 pm, 18+ unless accompanied by an adult.

90's Trivia using Kahoot! Bring a mobile device to participate. Prizes will be awarded, and the first place winner will get a gift card!





WHEATFIELD EVENTS

Tuesdays in March-Lapsit Story Time

10 am, Ages 0-23 months w/ caregiver. Registration required. Children will hear stories and songs, lap-bounce, and interact with other children.

March 4-Teen Program

4-5 pm, Grades 6-12. Registration required.
Join us for games on the Xbox and Wii!

March 6-Lego

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

March 14-Basket Weaving Class

5 pm, Adults. Registration and fee required.
Local basket weaver Lottie Stein will be here to teach us how to weave a basket! There will be a \$15 materials fee. All supplies will be provided and refreshment will be available. Payment will be required at the time of the program.

March 18-Spring After School Program

4-5 pm, Grades K-5. Registration required.
Join us for a spring themed craft, snack, and a story.

March 25-Friends Meeting

1 pm, Adults.
New members are always welcome!

March 28-Nerf Night

5:30 pm, All ages. Registration required.
Join us for capture the flag games! Anyone under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult, and all participants will be required to sign a waiver. Participants are required to bring their own unmodified Nerf toy and protective eyewear. The library will provide darts. Refreshments will be provided at this FREE event.

April 1-Teen Program

4-5, Grades 6-12. Registration required.
We will be having a teen book discussion.

April 4-Bingo

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

Mondays, April 7-28-Toddler Time

10 am, Ages 2-3. Registration required.
Those in attendance will hear stories, make crafts and interact with other children.

April 8-Fantasy Book Club

6 pm, Adults. Registration required.
Join us as we discuss "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern.

April 15-Easter After School Program

4-5 pm, Grades K-5. Registration required.
Join us for an Easter themed craft, snack, and a story.

April 22-Friends Meeting

1 pm, Adults.
New members are always welcome!

April 25-Histories & Mysteries Program

6 pm, All ages.
Join us for an informative evening!

April 28-Maker Monday

4-5 pm, Grades K-8. Registration required.
Enjoy a snack while making some cool creations.



Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 10 am.

Created by a Vet, Combat Coffee is a casual environment in which Veterans (with or without combat experience) can connect through coffee, conversation, and camaraderie.



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

MARCH 18- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 6:00 PM
BOOK: "THE MOTHER-IN-LAW" BY SALLY HEPWORTH

APRIL 15- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 6:00 PM
BOOK: "THE MARSH KING'S DAUGHTER" BY KAREN DIONNE

Wheatfield

MARCH 11- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:30 PM
BOOK: "RAISIN IN THE SUN" BY LORRAINE HANSBERRY

MARCH 25- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM-AT CUP OF JOY IN DEMOTTE
BOOK: "RED SKY OVER HAWAII" BY SARA ACKERMAN

APRIL 8-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:30 PM
BOOK: "STIFF" BY MARY ROACH

APRIL 8-FANTASY BOOK CLUB-TUESDAY-6 PM
BOOK: "THE NIGHT CIRCUS" BY ERIN MORGENSTERN

APRIL 29- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM -AT CUP OF JOY IN DEMOTTE
BOOK: "REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES" BY SHELBY VAN PELT

Rensselaer

MARCH 26- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM
BOOK: "DREAMS OF EL DORADO" BY H.W. BRANDS
****THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN****

MARCH 27- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1 PM
BOOK: "JUST MERCY" BY BRYAN STEVENSON

APRIL 23- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM
BOOK: "THE WAGER" BY DAVID GRANN
****THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN****

APRIL 24- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1PM
BOOK: "WEST WITH GIRAFFES" BY LYNDA RUTLEDGE



NEW RELEASES FOR MARCH/APRIL



FICTION TITLES

Great Big Beautiful Life
by Emily Henry, 4/22

25 Alive
by James Patterson, 4/28

Strangers in Time
by David Baldacci, 4/15

Say You'll Remember Me
by Abby Jimenez, 4/1

Lethal Prey
by John Sandford, 3/25

Far From Home
by Danielle Steel, 3/4

Elphie
by Gregory Maguire, 3/25

Nobody's Fool
by Harlan Coben, 3/25

Blood Moon
by Sandra Brown, 3/4

CHILDREN

Mallory and the Trouble with Twins: A
Babysitter's Club Graphic Novel
by Ann M. Martin, 4/4

Little Blue Truck and Racer Red
by Alice Schertle, 3/25

Karen's Prize: A Babysitter's Club
Graphic Novel
by Ann M. Martin, 4/1

I Survived the Great Molasses Flood
by Lauren Tarshis, 3/4

YOUNG ADULTS

Sunrise on the Reaping
by Suzanne Collins, 4/24

Fearless
by Lauren Roberts, 4/8

Oathbound
by Tracy Deonn, 3/4



AUDIOBOOKS

25 Alive
by James Patterson, 4/28

Strangers in Time
by David Baldacci, 4/15

Nobody's Fool
by Harlan Coben



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