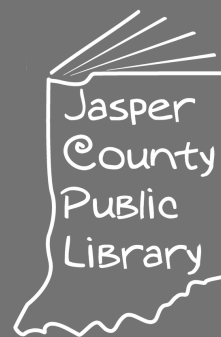


JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2025

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

INFORM, ENRICH, EMPOWER



GET SNOWED IN WITH JCPL!

The weather outside is frightful this time of year, making it difficult (and sometimes unsafe) to venture outside. But never fear! JCPL has plenty of apps and services to use from the comfort of your own home! As long as you have a library card and a pin number set up, you are good to go!

Our website (myjcpl.org) is the best place to start! From our many resources you can do everything from learning new languages to researching history, and more! Unless otherwise noted, many of the resources can be used from home or away from the library. There are even educational services such as ABC Mouse available as well.

Libby is our most popular ebook app. It's easy to send a Libby book to any e-reader, or you could simply download the app onto most devices. Libby also has an array of audio books, magazines, and graphic novels as well!

Libby holds you down? Give Hoopla a try! There are no holds on Hoopla, allowing you to instantly read your book of choice. Hoopla also offers music, TV and movies and can be downloaded on most streaming devices such as a Roku or smart TVs. There is a borrow limit, so spend your borrows wisely!

Kanopy is another fantastic source of movies and TV shows, and is also available on most devices. This app also allows you to instantly borrow movies and shows utilizing a ticket system. Kanopy also offers Kanopy Kids. One credit unlocks all the content for Kanopy Kids, featuring content such as video books by popular authors and PBS educational programming.

All of these services can be found at our website at myjcpl.org, and any questions can be answered by calling your local library.

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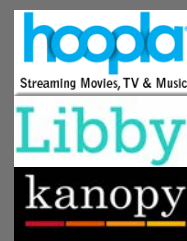
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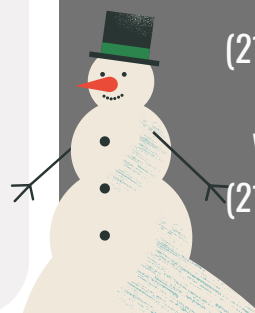
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BE A READING MACHINE

Winter Reading Challenge

 **beanstack**

Ready to zoom through books like a reading machine? Gear up for Beanstack's "Be a Reading Machine" winter reading challenge, sponsored by Baker & Taylor!

As we kick off the new year with fresh resolutions, we remind readers that the journey of reading is fun and rewarding for all ages. Participants will earn exciting new badges for logging minutes, completing activities, and earning bingo spaces. Join us and gear up for an unforgettable reading adventure!

Every time you use your library card to check out a book, audiobook, or magazine between January 2 and March 2, you can log it on Beanstack! E-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines also count! Each JCPL location will have weekly prizes and a grand prize drawing on March 3.

To get started, please visit myjcpl.beanstack.org.



JCPL Has New Hours!



Starting January 2025, the hours for all three branches are as follows:

DeMotte

Monday-Thursday
9am-7pm

Friday & Saturday
9am-5pm

Rensselaer

Monday-Thursday
9am-7pm

Friday & Saturday
9am-5pm

Wheatfield

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, &
Saturday
9am-5pm

Tuesday & Thursday
9am-7pm



DEMOTTE EVENTS

January 11-18-Friends of the Library Booksale

There will be a Friends-Only preview on Jan. 10 from 1-5 pm. The sale will be going on during library hours Jan. 11-18. On Saturday, Jan. 18 you may fill a bag for \$3, and on Monday, Jan. 20 you may bring your own box and fill it up for free.

January 14-Friends of the Library Meeting

1 pm, Adults. New members are always welcome!

January 15-Adult Bingo

11 am, Adults. Registration required.

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

January 23-Lego Night

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

Join us for an afternoon of Lego creation!

January 27-Quest Trekkers

5:30 pm, Grades 2-5. Registration required.

Join us as we discuss Helen Keller by Margaret Davidson.

February 1-Winter Sowing Program

11 am-1 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Join us for a free hands-on class with horticulturist Dolly Foster and Sara from Sara's Select Seeds. We will be learning winter sowing. Please bring 1-2 empty clear water or milk jugs.

Wednesdays, February 5-26- 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 12-Adult Bingo

11 am, Adults. Registration required.

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

February 17-Pre-STEM

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Join us for a fascinating STEM-filled morning! STEM combines science, technology, engineering, and math to foster creative problem solving, collaboration, and critical thinking.

February 17-Dark and Stormy Night Book Club

6 pm, Adults.

Join us for the first meeting of The Dark and Stormy Night Book Club, where we will be reading spine-tingling true crime stories and other horrifying tales. Our first book will be about a local horror, the "Black Widow" of Laporte Indiana: Hell's Princess: The Mystery of Belle Gunness, Butcher of Men by Harold Schechter. Join us and learn more about one of America's most prolific female serial killers, who committed her dark deeds only an hour away from here. Registration is preferred.

February 20-STEM

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

Join us for a STEM filled afternoon! STEM combines science, technology, engineering, and math to foster creative problem solving, collaboration, and critical thinking.

February 24-Quest Trekkers

5:30 pm, Grades 2-5. Registration required.

Join us as we discuss Niagara Falls, or Does It? by Henry Winkler.

February 27-Lego Night

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

Join us for an afternoon of Lego creation!





RENSSELAER EVENTS

January 2-Bingo!

10 am, Adults. Registration required.

Join us for a morning of Bingo fun!

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, & 21-Lapsit for Littles

10 am, Ages 0-23 months w/caregiver. Registration required.

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

January 7-Writing Club

5:30 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! Feel free to bring something you've written that's about ten minutes or less if you'd like to share it with the class. You do not need writing experience to join us, everyone is welcome! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

January 8-Scrabble Game Night

5:30 pm, Ages 16+.

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

January 8-Genealogy Help

5 pm- 6:30 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.

January 9-Lego Workshop

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

Join us for a night of Lego creation!

January 11-Blood Drive

10 am-2 pm (Last Appointment at 1:45), Ages 17+ (Donors who are 16 may donate with parent / guardian permission)

To make an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter "Rensselaer Library."

January 16-Third Thursday

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

We will be enjoying indoor fun and games!

January 16-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.

January 17-Fabulous Friday

2 pm, All ages.

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

January 25- VR Mini Golf Vacation

2:30 pm, Ages 13+

Get away from the cold and snow with a mini golf vacation in a tropical setting! Other games will also be available to play. 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.

January 28-Kahoot! General Trivia

5 pm, Ages 16+

Test your knowledge with Kahoot! Bring a mobile device to participate. Prizes will be awarded to the winner!

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, & 18-Story Time

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Children and their caregivers are welcome to join us for stories, activities and crafts.

February 4-Writing Club

5:30 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!



RENSSELAER EVENTS

February 5-Scrabble Game Night

5:30 pm, Ages 16+.

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

February 6-Lego Workshop

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

Join us for a night of Lego creation!

February 6-Bingo!

10 am, Adults. Registration required.

Join us for a morning of Bingo fun!

February 8-Beaded Bookmarks

2:30 pm, Adults. Registration required

Join us at the Rensselaer Library to make a beaded bookmark or two! This is a free program and all supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own beads as well.

February 12-Genealogy Help

5-6:30 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.

February 15-Food Preservation Workshop

2 pm, Teen through adult (13 and under requires supervision)

We will talk about a variety of preserving techniques such as canning, freeze drying and other preservation methods, the group would like to share. Participants may just come to learn about the items people preserve, or they may bring a few of their own preservation items. We will also share the cost and savings of home preservation and preserving.

Participants are invited to share a sampling of some of their preserving creations with the group. This program is designed to help people learn about things we can preserve and keep on our shelves or in our freezers.

February 17-Friends of the Library Meeting

6 pm, New and old members

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

February 20-Third Thursday

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

Have fun with building blocks and various games and puzzles.

February 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.

February 21-Fabulous Friday

2 pm, All ages.

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

February 22-VR Bowling

2:30-4 pm, Ages 13+. Registration required.

Work on your hook shot with VR Bowling! Other games are also available. 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.

February 25-Kahoot! History

5 pm, Adults

Test your knowledge with Kahoot! Bring a mobile device to participate. Prizes will be awarded to the winner!



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.



WHEATFIELD EVENTS

January 3-Nerf Night

5:30 pm, Ages 8+. Registration required.

Participants must bring own unmodified Nerf guns and protective eyewear. Library will supply the darts.

January 7-Friends Meeting

10 am, All ages.

The Friends will be taking down Christmas decorations.

January 7-Teen Craft Night

4 pm, Grades 6-12. Registration required.

Those in attendance will make a New Year's themed craft.

January 9-Lego Program

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

Join us for a night of Lego creation!

January 13-Bluey Story Time

2:30 pm, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Join us for a Bluey Story Time where we will hear stories and make a craft.

January 14-Moana Story Time

2:30 pm, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Join us for a Moana Story Time where we will hear stories and make a craft.

January 14-Fantasy Book Club

6 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Join us as we discuss "Darkfever" by Karen Marie Moning.

January 23- Winter 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.



January 24-Loom Weaving Class

6 pm, Adults.

Join us for our free loom weaving class. Looms will be available to purchase after the class.

February-Story Time

Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Choose between two different story times: Tuesdays

February 4-25 from 2:30-3 pm OR Wednesdays, February 5-26 from 11-11:30.

February 7-Friday Fun Bingo

11 am, Adults.

Join us for a morning of Bingo fun!

February 10-Valentine 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.

February 11-Teen Craft Day

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

Join us for a snack and make a Valentine craft for someone special.

February 24-Maker Monday

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

Enjoy a snack while making some cool creations.

February 25-Friends Meeting

1 pm, All ages.

New members are always welcome!



Combat Coffee



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.

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JANUARY 21- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 7:00 PM
BOOK: "THE INVINCIBLE MISS CUST" BY PENNY HAW

FEBRUARY 18- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 7:00 PM
BOOK: "HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET" BY JAMIE FORD

February 24-DARK AND STORMY NIGHT BOOK CLUB-MONDAY-6 PM
BOOK: "HELL'S PRINCESS: THE MYSTERY OF BELLE GUNNESS: BUTCHER OF MEN" BY HAROLD SCHECHTER

Wheatfield

JANUARY 14- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:30 PM
BOOK: "ALCHEMIST" BY PAULO COELHO

JANUARY 14-FANTASY BOOK CLUB-TUESDAY-6 PM
BOOK: "DARK FEVER" BY KAREN MARIE MONING

JANUARY 28- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM-AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY
BOOK: "THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY" BY MATT HAIG

FEBRUARY 11-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:30 PM
BOOK: "BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA" BY KATHERINE PETERSON

FEBRUARY 25- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM -AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY
BOOK: "REMARKABLE CREATURES" BY TRACY CHEVALIER

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JANUARY 22- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM
BOOK: "THE FOUNDER'S KEY" BY LARRY ARNN
****THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN****

JANUARY 23- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1 PM
BOOK: "RED SKY OVER HAWAII" BY SARA ACKERMAN

FEBRUARY 26- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM
BOOK: "BEWILDERMENT" BY RICHARD POWERS
****THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN****

FEBRUARY 27- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1PM
BOOK: "REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES" BY SHELBY VAN PELT





NEW RELEASES FOR JAN / FEB

FICTION TITLES



Onyx Storm
by Rebecca Yarros, 1/21

Beautiful Ugly
by Alice Feeney, 1/14

Battle Mountain
by C. J. Box, 2/25

Never Say Never
by Danielle Steele, 1/7

Bonded in Death
by J. D. Robb, 2/4

Witchcraft for Wayward
Girls
by Grady Hendrix, 1/14

The Big Empty
by Robert Crais, 1/ 14

Midnight Black
by Mark Greaney, 2/18

Better Than Friends
by Jill Shalvis, 1/21

CHILDREN'S

InvestiGators: Agents of S.U.I.T: Wild
Ghost Chase
by John Patrick Greene, 2/18

Sweet Valley Twins: Sneaking Out
by Nicole Andelfinger, 2/4

Unicorn Diaries: The Secret of the
Lost Gold
by Rebecca Elliot, 2/4

YOUNG ADULTS

After Life
by Gayle Forman, 1/7

What the Woods Took
by Courtney Gould

The Party
by Natasha Preston

Five Nights at Freddy's: Return to the
Pitt
by Scott Cawthorn



AUDIOBOOKS

Battle Mountain
by C. J. Box, 2/25

Midnight Black
by Mark Greaney, 2/18

Better Than Friends
by Jill Shalvis, 1/21

We All Live Here
Jojo Moyes, 2/11



DVDS

Alien: Romulus

Godzilla Minus One

White Bird

You Gotta Believe

Speak No Evil