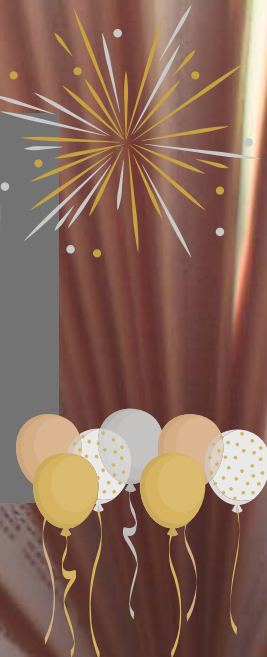
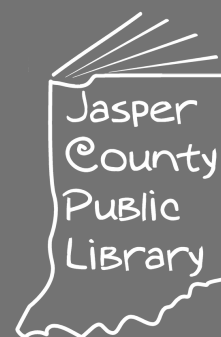


JANUARY / FEBRUARY

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

INFORM, ENRICH, EMPOWER



## Preserving our History

Jasper County Public Library is pleased to announce that we have been awarded \$24,986.60 in grant funding which will help us digitize our microfilm copies of the newspapers of record in Jasper County, from the first issue printed in 1853 eventually through modern day, providing remote searchable access to content. The grant monies received will not fund the entire project, but the funds will get us started as we will be able to digitize our Rensselaer titles by date from 1853 to 1920, and the KV Post-News from 1932 to 1950.

"We recognize the importance of digitizing these unique and historically significant newspapers," said Jasper County Public Library Director Patty Stringfellow.

"We field requests for information regularly, from individuals in our community and across the country seeking genealogy and obituary records that only we have. Searching through reels of microfilm can be time consuming as there is no mechanism for a key word search. Our digitized records will have this capability. Additionally, sometimes individuals cannot visit our library because they are homebound or do not have the means to travel to us. Remote access will allow folks to use these records from any location with internet access."

Digitized materials will also be accessible through the Indiana State Library's Hoosier State Chronicles, part of Indiana Memory. Indiana Memory is a collaborative effort to provide access to the wealth of primary sources in Indiana libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural institutions. It is a gateway to Indiana's history and culture found in digitized books, manuscripts, photographs, newspapers, maps, and other media. As a portal to the

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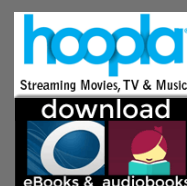
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collections, Indiana Memory assists individuals to locate materials relevant to their interests and to better appreciate the connections between those materials.

This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act, administered by the Indiana State Library.

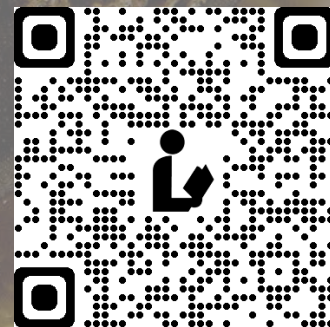
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To complete this project more grant funding will be necessary, but we are excited about this momentous beginning. It is another way that we will "inform, enrich, and empower our diverse community!"



It's time to Read for a Better World with our Adult Reading Program. Every time you use your library card to check out a book, ebook, audiobook, or magazine between January 1 and February 28, you can enter your name to win a prize or log it on Beanstack! Each JCPL location will have weekly prizes and a grand prize at the end.

Get the Beanstack Tracker app on your smart phone by visiting [www.myjcpl.org/beanstack](http://www.myjcpl.org/beanstack) or scan the code here!







## DEMOTTE EVENTS

### **January 3-Demotte**

Magnificent Monday @ 10 am

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

### **January 4 and 18-DeMotte**

Anime Club @ 6-7:15; grades 5-12

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

### **January 7-DeMotte**

Flannel Fun Friday @ 10 am- 12 pm

Children are invited to come with their parents and enjoy a time of free play with our felt kits and accompanying books.

### **January 8-15- DeMotte**

The Friends of the DeMotte Library will be hosting a book sale during library hours. The Friends preview is Friday, January 7 @ 1-5 pm. New members are welcome!

### **January 11- DeMotte**

Friends of the DeMotte Library meeting @ 1 pm.

### **January 12-DeMotte**

Hot Chocolate Party @ 10 am - 1 pm

Come and enjoy some hot chocolate while creating crafts and doing activities in the children's area of the library. Come and go as you please. Please wear clothing appropriate for painting.

### **January 17- DeMotte**

Pre-School STEM @ 10 am

Join us for a morning of intergalactic adventure! Baby Yoda seems to have gotten lost, can you help him find his way?



The Gathering Knit and Crochet Group will be meeting every Tuesday upstairs from 12:30- 2:30



### **Puzzle Exchange**

Chase away the winter boredom with our puzzle exchange! We have a variety of puzzles to choose from to take or leave as you please!

### **January 26- DeMotte**

Arctic Animals @ 10 am - 1 pm

Come take the polar plunge! Create crafts and enjoy snacks in the children's area. Come and go as you please. Please wear clothing appropriate for painting.

### **February-DeMotte**

Toddler Time for ages 2-3 will be held Wednesdays, Feb. 2-Feb. 23 @ 10 and 11 am.

### **February 1 and 15-DeMotte**

Anime Club @ 6-7:15 pm; grades 5-12

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

### **February 7- DeMotte**

Magnificent Monday @ 10 am

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### **February 11-DeMotte**

Flannel Fun Friday @ 10 am - 12 pm

Children are invited to come with their parents and enjoy a time of free play with our felt kits and accompanying books.

### **February 21- DeMotte**

Pre-School STEM @ 10 am

Pre-Schoolers are invited to come hang out for a morning of Jell-O fun!

### **February 24-DeMotte**

Super-STEM @ 4:30 pm; grades K-5

Join us for an afternoon of learning and experimentation!



# RENSSELAER EVENTS

## January-Rensselaer

Story Time for ages 3-5 years will be held Tuesdays, Jan. 4-18 @ 10 am.

## January 11-Rensselaer

Teen Tuesday: Acrylic Pour Paint @ 5-6 pm. Grades 6-12. Come create a pour paint masterpiece to proudly display.

## January 11-Rensselaer

Water Color Library Due Date Cards @ 6 pm for adults. Learn how to create water color paintings using old library due date cards as canvas. All materials are provided and free.

## January 17-Rensselaer

Magnificent Monday @ 1 pm. This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read a story or two and provide a craft.

## January 18-Rensselaer

STEAM Workshop-Explore What Your Five Senses Can Do Grade 3 and up @ 4-5 pm. We will do some experiments to explore how amazing the five senses are.

## January 20-Rensselaer

Third Thursday-Come and Learn Some New Ways to Keep Busy @ 4-5 pm for grades 1-5. Come and learn some fun and interesting new ways to keep busy when you're stuck in the house on a cold winter day.

## January 24-Rensselaer

Create with Legos @ 5-6:30 pm. All ages.

## February-Rensselaer

Lapsit for ages 0-23 months will be held Tuesdays, Feb. 1-15 @ 10 am.

## February 8-Rensselaer

Card Making Class for Adults @ 6pm Make handmade cards just in time for National Send a Card to a Friend Day! All materials are provided and free.

## February 8-Rensselaer

Teen Tuesday: National Bird Feeding Month @ 4-5 pm for grades 6-12. Learn some interesting facts about birds and create different kinds of bird feeders.

## February 14-Rensselaer

Magnificent Monday @ 1 pm. This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read a story or two and provide a craft.

## February 14-Rensselaer

Celebrating Valentine's Day-Author Visit With Shannon Anderson @ 6 pm for all ages. Shannon will talk about her new Valentine's book and autographed copies will be available to buy. We will also have crafts, refreshments and a Valentines scavenger hunt in the library.

## February 15-Rensselaer

STEAM Workshop-American Heart Month @ 4-5 pm for grade 3 and up. Learn about your heart and what makes it beat.

## February 17-Rensselaer

Third Thursday-Love Your Pet and National Dog Biscuit Day @ 4-5 pm for grades 1-5. We will make toys and treats for pets and shelter animals.



### **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



### **February 21- Rensselaer**

Friends of the Rensselaer Library Quarterly Meeting @ 7 pm  
Please support your Friends group by attending! Annual dues are only \$3 individual, \$5 for family. The Friends are selling totes for \$8 each, limited supply and colors left!

### **February 28- Rensselaer**

Create with Legos @ 5-6:30 pm. All ages.

### **February 28- Rensselaer**

Coloring Your Stress Away / The UFO (Unfinished Object) Crafts Group @ 5:30-7 pm (come and go as you can) for Teens, Adults and Seniors.

Coloring pages and supplies are provided. Bring your unfinished crafts and have a fun conversation while completing your projects or coloring pages.



# *Genealogy Help*

*January 12th and February 9th  
Rensselaer Library  
6-7:30 pm*

Find your story at your library!

Are you interested in researching your family history? You are invited to join us every month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for Genealogy Help. This monthly program is designed to help you learn how to search for your family history using the library's free resources. The library has free use of genealogy websites such as Ancestry, Heritage Quest and Family Search. We also have a variety of genealogy books available for check out and in house use. All assistance is available on first come, first served basis. Registration is not required. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Smith at (219) 866-5881



## WHEATFIELD EVENTS



### **January 10- Wheatfield**

Superhero Story Time @ 3-3:30 pm; ages 3-5

Registration required

### **January 11- Wheatfield**

Princess Story Time @ 3-3:30 pm; ages 3-5

Registration required

### **January 12- Wheatfield**

Lego program @ 4-5 pm; ages 6 & up

Registration required

### **January 24- Wheatfield**

Winter After School Program @ 4-5 pm; grades K-5

Registration required

### **January 28- Wheatfield**

Trivia Night @ 6 pm

All adults are invited to participate. Teams will be established, and a prize will be awarded to the winning team! Event is free and refreshments will be provided.

Registration required

### **February- Wheatfield**

Story Time for ages 3-5 will be held Tuesdays, Feb. 1- Feb. 22 @ 2:30-3 pm or Wednesdays, Feb. 2- Feb. 23 @ 11-11:30 am.

Registration required

### **February 7- Wheatfield**

Valentine After School Program @ 4-5 pm; grades K-5

Registration required

### **February 11- Wheatfield**

Nerf Night @ 6-8 pm; ages 8 & up (Ages under 13 require adults to stay.) Refreshments will be provided at this free event. Participants must bring own unmodified nerf guns and protective eyewear. Library will supply the darts.

Registration required

### **February 15- Wheatfield**

Friends of the Library meeting @ 1 pm.

### **February 28- Wheatfield**

Maker Monday @ 4-5 pm; grades 1-8

Registration required


## Fitness Fridays at Wheatfield Library

### Every Friday @ 10 am

Adults of all ages are invited for this free 45-60 minute chair workout session. Please bring a resistance band, light weights, and water if you have them. We will be watching a pre-recorded video. There is no instructor.







**January 18**  
**2 or 6 pm**



## **Escape the Winter Blues with VR at Rensselaer Library!**

Play a round of golf on a tropical island on January 18th at 2 or 6 pm, or brush up on your bowling skills and enjoy an authentic bowling alley environment with a game of virtual bowling on February 15th at 2 or 6 pm.

Thanks to our Friends of the Rensselaer Library who purchased Oculus Quest 2, ages 13+ have the chance to discover the world of VR.



**February 15**  
**2 or 6 pm**



# 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is promoted by all three branches of JCPL for ages 0-preschool. Pick up a binder at any JCPL location, checkout books, read and record the titles for special incentives- offered after 100, 500 and, finally, 1,000 books read. Check with your local library for details!



*"Books are uniquely portable magic."*

*-Stephen King*

Books can transport you across state lines, country borders, even oceans! Escape for a little while and explore other countries and continents with our Passport to Stories Around the World Reading Program. All throughout the month of February; read a book, audiobook, ebook, eaudiobook or magazine from the library to gain extra entries to win one of our winter reading prizes. Use Beanstack to track your reading journey across the world OR you can grab a paper passport from your local library at DeMotte, Rensselaer or Wheatfield to fill out. Up to seven extra entries can be earned; redeem Beanstack entries at your local library. A completion prize will also be rewarded if all continents are "visited" (in other words, 7 books, audiobooks, ebooks, eaudiobooks, or magazines have been read).

Happy travels!



# 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



**JANUARY 18- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM OR 7:00 PM**  
**BOOK: "DEAR MRS. BIRD" BY A J PEARCE**



**FEBRUARY 15- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM OR 7:00 PM**  
**BOOK: "THE BROKEN GIRLS" BY SIMONE ST. JAMES**

## Wheatfield



**JANUARY 11- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM**  
**BOOK: "THE WOMAN'S HOUR: THE GREAT FIGHT TO WIN THE VOTE" BY ELAIN WEISS**



**JANUARY 25- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM-AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY**  
**BOOK: "CALL YOUR DAUGHTER HOME" BY DEBORAH SPERA**



**FEBRUARY 8-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM**  
**BOOK: "OONA OUT OF ORDER" BY MARGARITA MONTIMORE**



**FEBRUARY 22- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM -AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY**  
**BOOK: "THE OTHER EINSTEIN" BY HEATHER TERRELL**

## Rensselaer



**JANUARY 26- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM**  
**BOOK: "ROBINSON CRUSOE" BY DANIEL DEFOE**  
**\*\*THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN\*\***



**JANUARY 27- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1 PM**  
**BOOK: "AMERICAN DIRT" BY JEANINE CUMMINS**



**FEBRUARY 23-JASPER COUNTY'S MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM**  
**BOOK: "SHANTUNG COMPOUND" BY LANGDON GILKEY**  
**\*\*THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN\*\***



**FEBRUARY 24- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1PM**  
**BOOK: "THE WATER DANCER" BY TA-NEHISI COATES**

*Happy New Year!*





# NEW MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT

## FICTION TITLES

The Last House on the Street  
by Diane Chamberlain



The Family You Make  
by Jill Shalvis

Easter Bonnet Murder  
by Leslie Meier

Lightning in a Mirror  
by Jayne Ann Krentz

One Step Too Far  
by Lisa Gardner

Abandoned in Death  
by J.D. Robb

A Game of Fear  
by Charles Todd

City of the Dead  
by John Kellerman



Dark Horse  
by Gregg Hurwitz

## CHILDREN'S

Good-bye Stacey, Good-bye: A  
Graphic Novel (The Baby-sitters Club  
#11)

by Ann M. Martin

Middle School: It's a Zoo in Here!  
by James Patterson

Moose's Book Bus  
by Inga Moore



## YOUNG ADULT

The Infinite Pieces of Us  
by Rebekah Crane

The Ace of Spades  
by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé

When Elephants Fly  
by Nan Fischer

All My Rage  
by Sabaa Tahir



## AUDIOBOOKS

Quicksilver  
by Dean Koontz



Daylight  
by David Baldacci

## DVDS

Dune

The Eyes of Tammy Faye

Call the Midwife: Season 10

Cobra Kai: Season 3

Cry Macho

No Time to Die

Hell Hath No Fury

Holler

Lives Well Lived

