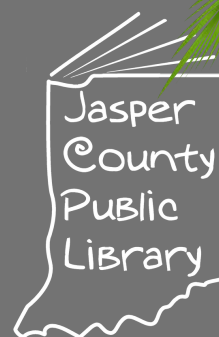


JULY / AUGUST 2023

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

INFORM, ENRICH, EMPOWER



## SUMMERTIME AT JCPL

JCPL staff will be 'out and about' this summer, participating in a variety of events planned throughout the county! We will be offering children's stories and crafts at the farmer's market, a booth and photo opportunities at the county fair, games and goodies at local festivals, and school supplies at Back-to-School events. Staff enjoy getting out of the library and interacting with patrons we already know, as well as meeting new people in our community!

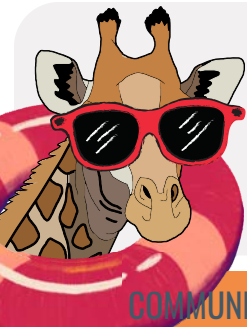
We also want to remind you that each of the JCPL locations offers a variety of outdoor activities that you can enjoy. The Story Walk® at the DeMotte branch has new stories throughout the year, and the landscaping continues to grow and thrive. The Wheatfield branch is in the process of starting a sensory garden, so you'll want to be sure to stop by and check it out. All three locations offer hidden geocaches that we challenge you to find if you haven't already.

If you've worked up a sweat from the warm summer air, feel free to come inside to take advantage of our air conditioning and pick out a book or movie to take home to enjoy – we won't mind. ☺

See you through this summer!

## JULY YOUTH BOOKMARK PROGRAM

Those under 17 years of age are invited to join us for our passive reading program in July! Pick up a bookmark at any of the JCPL locations for the month of July and complete as many reading prompts on the bookmark as you can. Once the bookmark is complete, bring it back for an entry into a grand prize drawing to be done at the end of July!



## CONNECT WITH US

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

[www.myjcpl.org](http://www.myjcpl.org)

VISIT US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



E-book and Audio



Rensselaer  
(219) 866-5881

DeMotte  
(219) 987-2221

Wheatfield  
(219) 956-3774





# RENSSELAER EVENTS

## **July 5, 12, 19-Geri-Fit**

10 am-11 am; Senior adults. Registration required.

Come get fit with us! There is no cost for this program. Participants will follow DVD instructions with staff assistance. This is a chair exercise, strength training, muscle building and maintaining class for senior adults. Please bring your water bottle and 2 lb weights if desired. Stretch bands will be provided.

## **July 6-Bingo**

10-11 am, Adults.

Join us for a fun morning of Bingo!

## **July 8-Build an Ecobrick**

2 pm, All ages.

Think you know how much plastic you use in a day? You might be surprised at how fast it adds up. Discover a unique way to help keep plastic out of landfills and the ocean. One person at a time, or all together, we can solve our problems. Join us at the Rensselaer Library and build an Ecobrick with plastic waste. This eye-opening program will introduce you to the world of Ecobricking and Ecobrick construction. A short video will be followed by hands-on activities. Participants please bring an empty disposable plastic water bottle. You are also invited to bring your own plastic waste for recycling. (Photo: A man builds a garden wall with completed ecobricks. (Ecobricks.org))

Learn more about Ecobricks at <https://ecobricks.org/>



## **Tuesdays, July 11-18-Story Time**

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Join us for a special story time as we promote the Indiana Firefly Award. We will be reading the five Firefly nominees to preschoolers and asking them to vote on their favorite one. We will report the votes to the Indiana State Library.

## **July 12-Genealogy 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.

## **July 14-Fabulous Friday**

1 pm, All ages.

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

## **July 19-Scrabble Game Night**

5:30-8 pm, Ages 16+

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

## **July 25-Kahoot! American History**

6 pm, Ages 16+

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



## **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

**Tuesdays, August 1-22-Story Time**

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required  
Join us for a morning of stories, activities, and crafts!

**August 2, 9, 16-Geri-Fit**

10 am-11 am; Senior adults. Registration required.  
Come get fit with us! There is no cost for this program. Participants will follow DVD instructions with staff assistance. This is a chair exercise, strength training, muscle building and maintaining class for senior adults. Please bring your water bottle and 2 lb weights if desired. Stretch bands will be provided.

**August 3-Bingo**

10-11 am, Adults.  
Join us for a fun morning of Bingo!

**August 5-VR Open Play**

2 pm, Ages 13 +. Registration required.  
Open to ages 13+, this program invites participants to come and play VR games with others using the library's Oculus Quest VR headsets. Participants must have a signed waiver. Participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign their waiver.

**August 9-Genealogy 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.

**August 12-Beaded Sun Catchers**

2:30-4 pm, Ages 18+. Registration required.  
Join us to make a beaded suncatcher. All supplies will be provided for this free class. We will make one or two suncatchers to catch the nice summer sun. (Photo on the right is an example. The finished project might be different.)

**August 16-Scrabble Game Night**

5:30-8 pm, Ages 16+  
Join us at the Rensselaer Library and play a game of Scrabble and test your word skills! Supplies are provided.

**August 18-Fabulous Friday**

1 pm, All ages.  
This program is for individuals with developmental disabilities. We will read a story and provide a craft.

**August 19-Kahoot! Mini Trivias**

2:30 pm, Ages 16+  
Play on your own or gather your friends and test your knowledge of various themes! Prizes will be awarded. Registration requested, limit of 20 teams. Teams are optional. A mobile device is required to participate.

**August 21-Friends of the Library Quarterly Meeting**

7 pm, Adults.  
Please support your friends by attending or joining today! Annual dues are only \$3 for an individual, or \$5 for family.

**August 26-Family Fun with Water Day**

2-3:30 pm, All ages.  
With school starting but the warm weather still here, come and enjoy some fun water activities at the library. Wear your bathing suit or clothes that can get wet. Snacks will be served.







## DEMOTTE EVENTS



### **July 3-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.

### **July 7-Nerf Night Battle Royale**

7-9 pm, All ages welcome to play! Registration required

Join us for an evening of capture the flag in the library after hours! Sign up on one of four teams online. The team you choose is the shirt color you must wear on game night. Each participant must have a signed waiver, eye protection, and an unmodified Nerf Gun. Darts and light refreshments will be provided. May the best team reign victorious!

### **July 11 & 25-Anime Club**

6-7:15 pm; Grades 5-12.

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

### **July 12-Adult Bingo**

11 am, Adults. Registration required.

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

### **July 13-Firefly Family Storytime**

10 am, Ages 0-5 with a caretaker.

Five picture books that were nominated for the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award will be read. Crafts and activities will enhance each of these stories. Children ages 0-5 can vote on their favorite story. A separate voting will also take place during this story time. All children can vote on which Firefly Award nominated book will be DeMotte Library's favorite.



All Jasper County  
Public Libraries will  
be closed on July  
4th.

### **July 27-Lego**

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

Join us for an afternoon of Lego creation!

### **August 1, 15, 29-Anime Club**

6-7:15 pm; Grades 5-12.

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

### **Wednesdays, August 2-23-Lapsit Story Time**

10 am, Ages 2 and under. Registration required.

Join us for a morning of stories, rhymes, and interactive play!

### **August 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.

### **August 12-19-DeMotte Library Book Sale**

The Friends of the DeMotte Library will be having a book sale during the open hours of the Library. (During the Rotary Ramble it will be open in the Story Time Room from 9 am-4 pm.) There will be a Friend's Preview on August 11 from 1-5. On August 19 there will be a \$3 a bag sale.

### **August 12-DeMotte Library Closure**

The DeMotte Library will be CLOSED for the Touch of Dutch Rotary Ramble. The book sale will continue in the Story Time room accessible through the lobby from 9 am-4pm.

### **August 16-Adult Bingo**

11 am, Adults. Registration required.

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

### **August 21-Pre-Stem**

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Sign up for a morning of exploration as we learn about weather through various stations.



## DEMOTTE EVENTS



### **August 21-Quest Trekkers**

6-7 pm, Grades 2-5. Registration required.

Welcome back Trekkers! We are kicking off our fall session with some snacks and games. At this meeting, you will receive the book we will be discussing in September.

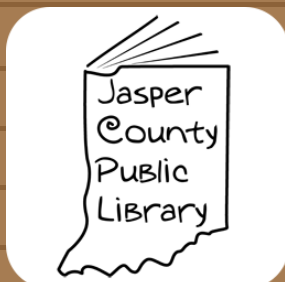
### **August 31-Lego**

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

Join us for an afternoon of Lego creation!

## Join us at the

# JASPER COUNTY Fair!



## July 15-21

JCPL Will be at the Jasper County Fair! Come see our booth in the Commercial Building for a chance to win a prize, or take a photo at our photo booth!!



### **July 6-Lego program**

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

Registration required.

Kids in attendance will enjoy a snack, and make Lego creations that will be on display.

### **July 7-Friday Fun: Bingo!**

11 am, Adults.

Join us for an hour of fun and prizes while playing BINGO.

Prizes will be awarded to winners!

### **July 10-Firefly Awards Story Time**

10 am, Ages 0-5 years. Registration required.

Those in attendance will hear the five book nominees for the Firefly Award and vote for their favorite at the end of the program. We will do a craft as well. After this date, the nominated books will be available at the front desk for the patrons to read and submit a vote before the July 31st deadline.

### **Tuesdays, July 11-August 1-Lapsit Story Time**

10-10:40 am, Ages 0-23 months with a caregiver. Registration required.

Those in attendance will hear stories, sing songs, and have playtime.

### **July 14-Nerf Night**

6-8 pm, All ages.

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.

### **July 25-Friends of the Library Meeting**

12 pm, Adults.

Join us at our meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at noon as we discuss upcoming events, purchases, and more! Everything we do benefits the library.

### **July 28-Paint Your Pet**

6 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Join us and create an abstract painting of your pet.

Participants will need to email a picture of their pet or an animal of their choice to [cdevries@myjcpl.org](mailto:cdevries@myjcpl.org) prior to the event.

### **August 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!

### **Mondays, August 7-21-Toddler Time**

10-10:30 am, Ages 2-3. Registration required.

Those in attendance will enjoy stories, crafts, and interacting with other children. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **August 21-Maker Monday**

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

Join us to have fun making cool STEM creations! A snack will also be provided.

### **August 22-Friends of the Library Meeting**

12 pm, Adults.

Join us at our meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at noon as we discuss upcoming events, purchases, and more! Everything we do benefits the library.

All Jasper County Public Libraries will be  
**CLOSED**  
**Monday, August 28**  
For Staff Development Day.



# 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

 JULY 18- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY-7:00 PM  
BOOK: "HIDDEN FIGURES" BY MARGOT LEE SHETTERLY

 AUGUST 15- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY-7:00 PM  
BOOK: "YOURS CHEERFULLY" BY A J PEARCE

## Wheatfield

 JULY 11- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM  
BOOK: "WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR" BY PAUL KALANITHI

 JULY 25- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM-AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY  
BOOK: "HELL'S CORNER" BY DAVID BALDACCI

 AUGUST 8-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM  
BOOK: "BEARTOWN" BY FREDRIK BACKMAN

 AUGUST 29- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM -AT WHEATFIELD LIBRARY  
BOOK: "LITTLE BEE" BY CHRIS CLEVE

## Rensselaer

 JULY 26- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM  
BOOK: "EVICTED: POVERTY AND PROFIT IN THE AMERICAN CITY" BY MATTHEW DESMOND  
\*\*THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN\*\*

 JULY 27- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1 PM  
BOOK: "THE GIVER OF STARS" BY JOJO MOYES

 AUGUST 23- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM  
BOOK: "THE DIAMOND EYE" BY KATE QUINN  
\*\*THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN\*\*

 AUGUST 24- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1PM  
BOOK: "ANGELS OF THE PACIFIC" BY ELISE HOOPER





# NEW RELEASES FOR JULY / AUGUST

## FICTION TITLES

The Collector  
by Daniel Silva, 7/18



Tom Lake  
by Ann Patchett, 8/1

Obsessed  
by James Patterson, 7/10

Dead Fall  
by Brad Thor, 7/25

None of This Is True  
by Lisa Jewell, 8/8

After That Night  
by Karen Slaughter, 8/22

The Breakaway  
by Jennifer Weiner, 8/29

After Death  
by Dean Koontz, 7/18

An Evil Heart  
by Linda Castillo, 7/11

## CHILDREN

The Bad Guys in Let the Games Begin!  
by Aaron Blabey, 7/4

Karen's Haircut: A Babysitter's Club  
Little Sisters Graphix  
by Ann Martin and Katy Farina, 7/4

Dawn of the Light Dragons (Dragon  
Masters)  
by Tracey West and Matt Loveridge,  
8/1

## YOUNG ADULTS

The Supervillain and Me  
by Danielle Banas

Picture Perfect Boyfriend  
by Becky Dean

Ashfall Prophecy  
by Pittacus Lore

Big Bad Me  
by Aislinn O'Loughlin



## AUDIOBOOKS

Obsessed  
by James Patterson, 7/10

After Death  
by Dean Koontz

Dead Mountain  
by Preston & Child, 8/22



Ant-Man and the Wasp:  
Quantumania

Evil Dead Rise

The Last Of Us: Season 1

John Wick Chapter 4

Avatar: The Way of Water

Big George Foreman: The  
Miraculous Story of the Once and  
Future Heavyweight

Endeavour: Season 9

