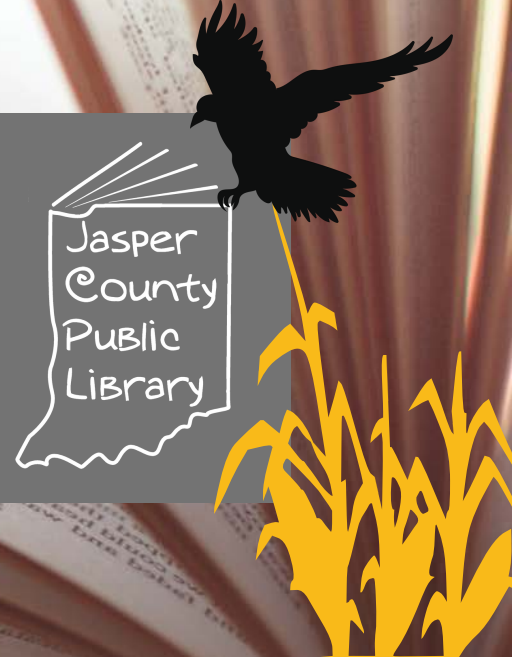


SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

INFORM, ENRICH, EMPOWER



Happy International Literacy Day!

While Labor Day may be the only federally celebrated holiday of September (yay for 3-day weekends!), we believe there is another important observance in September worth sharing – International Literacy Day!

According to www.nationaltoday.com, International Literacy Day takes place on September 8 every year to raise awareness for literacy within both local and global communities. Founded by proclamation of The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1966, International Literacy Day was established “to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights.”

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics defines literacy as “the ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate and compute, using printed and written materials associated with varying contexts.”

Unfortunately, the statistics for the United States are disheartening. The National Literacy Institute cites that:

- 21% of adults in the U.S. are illiterate in 2022
- 54% of adults have a literacy below 6th grade level
- 45 million are functionally illiterate and read below a 5th grade level
- 44% of the American adults do not read a book in a year
- 20% of Americans read below the level needed to earn a living wage
- Illiteracy costs American taxpayers an estimated \$20 billion each year
- 3 out of 5 people in American prisons can't read

To determine how many prison beds will be needed in future years, some states actually base part of their projection on how well current elementary students are performing on reading tests

- 85% of juvenile offenders have problems reading
- Approximately 50% of Americans read so poorly that they are unable to perform simple tasks such as reading prescription drug labels.

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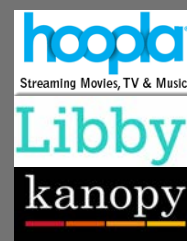
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It is because of these statistics that we find it valuable to observe International Literacy Day and consider ways to increase literacy within our communities and the world. But it doesn't have to end there. The day also "gives us reason to pause and be thankful for the parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers and others who invested their time to help us learn to read and write when we were young. Our literacy is a treasure for which we are grateful" (National Today). And, as always, JCPL will continue to fight illiteracy and "inform, enrich and empower our diverse community" with the help and support of all of you!



A library card
is elemental.

Get yours today!

September is
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

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If you've never gotten a library card before, now is the perfect time! Visit any Jasper County Public Library during September and receive a small gift when you sign up for a new library card. Every time you use your card, you will have the opportunity to enter a weekly drawing.



Monday, September 4 All JCPL
Locations will be CLOSED for
Labor Day



DEMOTTE EVENTS



September 5-Growing Together A Parenting Group

6:30 pm, Adults.

Growing Together is a parenting group focused on creating a safe and supportive environment for all parents. We aim to learn about positive interventions, coping skills, and communication styles to help kids and parents thrive. We welcome mothers, fathers, foster parents, and all guardians raising children. This month's theme will be "Power Struggles & Positive Discipline."

Wednesdays, September 6-27-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.

September 8-Schitt's Creek Trivia

6:30-7:30 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Gather your family and friends in groups of 2-4 and don't forget the snacks and nonalcoholic beverages! Prizes awarded to the winning team.

September 11-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 12-Friends of the Library Meeting

1 pm, Adults.

New members are always welcome!

September 12 & 26-Anime Club

6-7:15, Grades 5-12.

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

September 13-Adult Bingo

11 am, Adults. Registration requested.

Join us for Bingo fun! Prizes awarded to the winner.

September 15-Adult Nerf Wars

7-9 pm, Adults 13+. Registration required.

Here by popular demand, join us for adult Nerf Wars! We will be playing capture the flag in the library after hours. Sign up for one of four teams online, and wear your team color on game night. Each participant must have a signed waiver, eye protection, and an unmodified Nerf gun. Darts and light refreshments will be provided.

September 18-Quest Trekkers

6 pm, Grades 2-5. Registration required.

Join us while we discuss the book Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan.

September 21-STEM

4:30 pm, Grades K-5.

Join us as we will be doing science projects using milk.

September 25-Pre-Stem

10 am, Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Join us while we explore the wonders of texture! Come and explore our various stations and learn all you can about your senses and how things are perceived in our world!

September 28-Lego Night

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

Join us for an afternoon of Lego creation!

October 2-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 3-Growing Together, a Parenting Group

6:30 pm, Adults.

This month's topic is Bullying and Social Media. Learn how to deal with school and social media bullying while keeping kids safe.



DEMOTTE EVENTS



Wednesdays, October 4-25-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 6-Nerf Night: Fortnite Battle Royale

7-9 pm, All ages. 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!

October 9-Pre-Stem

10 am, ages 3-5. Registration required.

Come for a morning of fall inspired fun and exploration! Come in and try various stations revolving around the fall season.

October 10 & 24, Anime Club.

6-7:15, Grades 5-12.

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

October 11-Adult Bingo

11 am, Adults. Registration requested.

Join us for Bingo fun! Prizes awarded to the winner.

October 12-STEM Pumpkin Volcano

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

Celebrate the fall season by creating a pumpkin volcano!

October 13-Hocus Pocus Family Trivia Night

6:30-7:30 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Grab your broomstick and 2-4 of your close witches and fly on over to join us for Hocus Pocus Trivia Night! We will have questions covering both movies.

October 19-Wood Burner Coaster

4:30-6:30, ages 13 and up. Registration required.

Sign up for a night of artsy fun as we wood burn and paint coasters!

October 23-Quest Trekkers

6 pm, Grades 2-5. Registration required.

Join us as we discuss Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor.

October 26-Lego Night

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

Join us for an afternoon of Lego creation!



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:

DeMotte Library on September 26 at 6 pm in the East Room upstairs.

Rensselaer Library on Tuesday, October 10 at 6 pm.

Wheatfield Library on October 17 at 6:15 pm.





RENSSELAER EVENTS



Tuesdays, September 5-19-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 6, 13, 20-Geri Fit

10-11 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 class for senior adults. Please bring your water bottle and 2 lb. weights if desired. Stretch bands will be provided.

September 7-Bingo

10 am, Adults.

Join us for a fun morning of Bingo!

September 12-STEAM Workshop

4-5 pm, Grades K-3. Registration required.

We will create beautiful artwork with the use of paint and magnets.

September 12-Kahoot! Are You Smarter Than a 7th Grader?

6-7:30 pm, Ages 16+

Bring a mobile device to participate! Prizes will be awarded- the first place winner receives a gift card!

September 13-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 13-Scrabble Game Night

5:30-7:30 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 15-Fabulous Friday

1 pm, All ages.

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

September 16-Mini Canvas Painting

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

All supplies will be provided, all you must bring is your creative mind! We will be using tiles as a "canvas" to paint on. Feel free to bring any photos or paint you'd like to use.

September 19-Teen Tuesday

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

In honor of Better Breakfast Month, we will make a variety of different omelets.

September 19-Jim Henson's Labyrinth VR

5:30-7:30 pm, Ages 13+. Registration required.

Games like this are what Virtual Reality was made for. Play miniature golf with Hoggle, Sir Didymus and his mighty dog steed Ambrosius. Free Ludo and escape the Bog of Eternal Stench. Will you make it through the labyrinth as reality gets more and more strange? Participants must be age 13+ to play VR at the library. A participation waiver must be signed.

Parent must sign waiver for those under the age of 18.

September 20-Cook the Book

6 pm, Ages teen through adult. Registration required.

This session's topic is Taste of Home Casseroles, Slow cooker & Soups. 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, as well as sample new dishes and bring a copy of the recipes home to share with our families. This is a FREE program. The library will provide a copy of the recipe and the plates, utensils, and a drink. Ages under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.



RENSSELAER EVENTS Cont.



September 21-Third Thursday

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

Come and explore the difference between butterflies and moths.

September 25-Lego Workshop

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

Come and see what you can create using Legos.

Tuesdays, October 3-24-Lapsit

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

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

October 4, 11, 18-Geri-Fit

10-11 am, Senior Adults. Registration required.

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10 am, Adults.

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6 pm- 7:30 pm; All ages.

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October 17-STEAM Workshop

4-5 pm, Grades K-3. Registration required.

Explore the structure of leaves with leaf rubbings and leaf painting.

October 17-VR Share Your Scares

5:30-7:30 pm, Ages 13+. Registration required.

Participants will sample various scary games for VR – if they dare. Other favorite games such as Beat Saber or Among Us may also be played. Participants must be age 13+ to play VR at the library. A participation waiver must be signed. Parent must sign waiver for those under the age of 18.

October 18-Scrabble Night

5:30-7:30 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 19-Third Thursday

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

Come and doodle to your hearts content as we explore some fun fall doodles.

October 20-Fabulous Friday

1 pm, All ages.

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

October 21-Family Photo Preservation Workshop

2-4 pm, Ages 13+.

During this hands-on workshop, participants will be guided through various techniques and strategies to identify, organize, catalog, and preserve their family photos effectively. Whether it's learning how to handle and store delicate prints, digitize old photographs, or create a comprehensive cataloging system, this workshop promises to provide invaluable skills and knowledge to attendees. Participants are encouraged to bring their photos to the event along with a USB flash drive if digitizing is desired.



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 Cont.



October 24-Teen Tuesday

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

In honor of National Pizza Month, we will make our own individual pizzas and learn some history about pizza making.

October 24-Halloween Trivia

6-7:30 pm, Ages 16+.

Join us for spooky trivia using Kahoot! Bring a mobile device to participate. Prizes will be awarded to winners.



Teen-Tober

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



Family Fall Fest

Join us on October 28 for Family Fall Fest! Humane Indiana will be visiting the libraries at the times below. Wheatfield and Rensselaer will be offering fun activities to do as well!

DeMotte: 9 am

Rensselaer: 1 pm

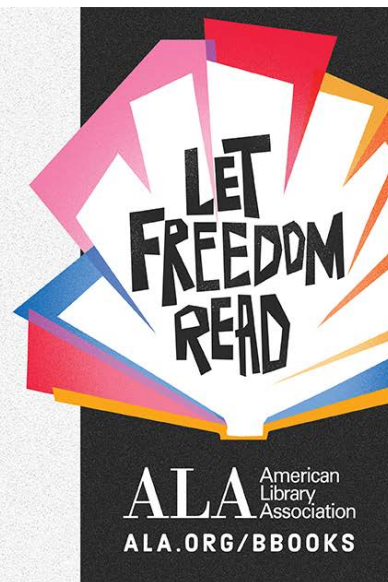
Wheatfield: 11 am



THIS LIBRARY
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**BANNED
BOOKS WEEK**

OCTOBER 1-7, 2023





WHEATFIELD EVENTS

September 1-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-Story Time

Ages 3-5. Registration required.

Join us for Storytime! Choose between two sessions:
Tuesdays, September 5-26 at 2:30-3 pm, or Wednesdays,
September 6-27 from 11-11:30 am.

September 7-Lego

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

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

September 12-Teen Tuesday

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

Enjoy some snacks as we play trivia.

September 20-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 22-History Channel Trivia Night

6 pm, Adults. Registration required.

Test your knowledge of popular History Channel shows.
Drinks will be provided, feel free to bring your own snacks.

September 26-Friends Meeting

12 pm, Adults.

New members are always welcome!

Tuesdays, October 3-24-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 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!

October 12-14-Book Sale

October 12 from 1-5 pm, October 13-14 from 10-5 pm.

October 17-Teen Tuesday

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

Join us for a Halloween craft.

October 19-Ghost Stories

Join us for some spooky Halloween fun as Cindy Horgash tells us ghost stories! Stories for children 7 and under will be at 5:30-6:30 pm, refreshments will be served 6:30-7 pm, and scarier stories will be told from 7-8 pm. Registration preferred.

October 24-Friends Meeting

12 pm, Adults.

New members are always welcome!

October 26-Halloween Afterschool Program

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

Join us for a spooky snack, craft and story.

October 30-Maker Monday

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

Create some cool STEAM creations! Snacks will be provided.

October 31-Halloween Story Time

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

Come in costume and enjoy stories and a craft.



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

SEPTEMBER 19- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 7:00 PM
BOOK: "WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BENNETT'S" BY LISA SCOTTLINE

OCTOBER 17- THE BOOKIES- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM OR 7:00 PM
BOOK: "THE KITCHEN FRONT" BY JENNIFER RYAN

Wheatfield

SEPTEMBER 12- ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM
BOOK: "THE LAST MONA LISA" BY JONATHAN SANTLOFER

SEPTEMBER 26- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM-AT CUP OF JOY
BOOK: "HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD" BY ROBERT KOLKER

OCTOBER 10-ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION- TUESDAY- 1:00 PM
BOOK: "THE NIGHT WATCHMAN" BY LOUISE ERDRICH

OCTOBER 24- BOOKS AND COFFEE- TUESDAY- 2:00 PM -AT CUP OF JOY
BOOK: "THE GREAT GATSBY" BY F. SCOTT FITZGERALD

Rensselaer

SEPTEMBER 27- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM
BOOK: "THE MEN WHO UNITED THE STATES" BY SIMON WINCHESTER
THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN

SEPTEMBER 28- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1 PM
BOOK: "A FALL OF MARIGOLDS" BY SUSAN MEISSNER

OCTOBER 25- MEN'S BOOK GROUP- WEDNESDAY- 10 AM
BOOK: "PEOPLE OF THE BOOK" BY GERALDINE BROOKS
THE MEN'S GROUP WAS CREATED FOR MEN BUT ANYONE CAN JOIN

OCTOBER 26- 4TH THURSDAY GROUP- THURSDAY- 1PM
BOOK: "THE SECRET OF SNOW" BY VIOLA SHIPMAN





NEW RELEASES FOR SEPT. / OCT.

FICTION TITLES

Holly
by Stephen King, 9/5

The Running Grave
by Robert Galbraith, 9/26

The Exchange
by John Grisham, 10/17

Dirty Thirty
by Janet Evanovich, 10/30

The Armor of Light
by Ken Follett, 9/26

The Secret: A Jack Reacher
Novel
by Lee Child, 10/23

Judgement Prey
by John Sandford, 10/3

The River We Remember
by William Kent Krueger, 9/5

The Longmire Defence
by Craig Johnson, 9/5

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!
by Mo Willems, 9/5

No Brainer (Diary of a Wimpy Kid 18)
by Jeff Kinney, 10/24

The Chalice of the Gods
by Rick Riordan, 9/26

YOUNG ADULTS

Lore
by Alexandra Bracken

Nimona
by Noelle Stevenson

Silver in the Bone
by Alexandra Bracken

Foxglove
by Adalyn Grace

Belladonna
by Adalyn Grace

AUDIOBOOKS

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DVDS

1923: A Yellowstone Origin Story

Abbott Elementary: Season 2

Father Brown: Season 10

97 Minutes

Asteroid City