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**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**  
APRIL 12-18, 2015 | ILOVELIBRARIES.ORG

*UNLIMITED Possibilities*

# National Volunteer Week

“We are proud and happy to announce the names and total hours of our wonderful 2014 library and Friends of the Library volunteers. Without them, we could not have all the services we offer. Thank you very much, volunteers!”



## Volunteers:

Joseph Allen  
Anita Bartley  
John Burkhart  
Dara Burnett  
Seth Carter  
Amanda Combs  
Alison Craig  
Courtney Densford  
Sadie Fallis  
Ian Hensen  
Eunice Lacey  
Starr McCasland  
Shanna McClellan  
Steven Plasse

Kathy Sage  
Laurin Schmidt  
Charlotte Sellers  
Mandy Snowden  
Alexis Thomasma  
Aaron Tiemeyer  
Angel Trejo  
Sue Vaughn  
Nicole Wheeler  
Jalynn Whittymore  
Summar Williams  
Chris Winters

**606.75 hours**

## Friends of the Library:

Teddi Ashcraft  
Debbie Clifford  
Grace Eubank  
Joyce Fouts  
Kathleen Green  
Sandi Hall  
Nancy Kent  
Karen Kiel

Julie Nay  
Billie Richardson  
January Rutherford  
Ann Schwein  
Carol Wait

**574.75 hours**

Volunteers earning free Friends memberships in 2015 due to over 75 hours in volunteer time in 2014: Teddi Ashcraft (75), Kathleen Green (82), Sandi Hall (77), and Ruth Ann Roberts (100.75)

**Your Seymour Library Holds Can Now Be Picked Up in the Lobby!**

Go straight into the Lobby to pick up your hold.  
They are in order by last name. Check them out at the self-check stations nearby.

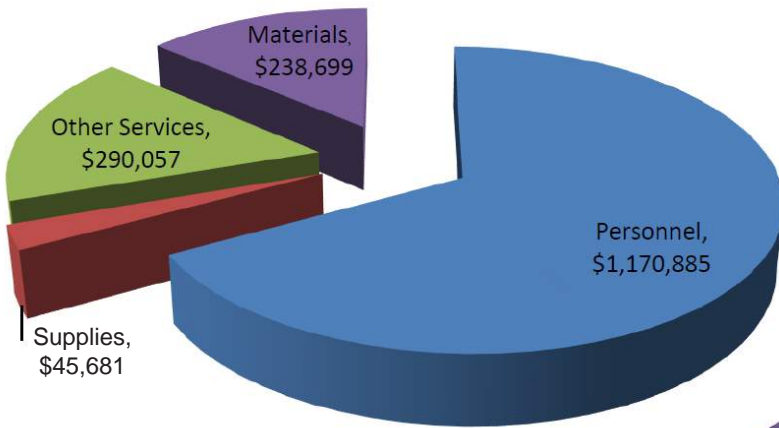


# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

## JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

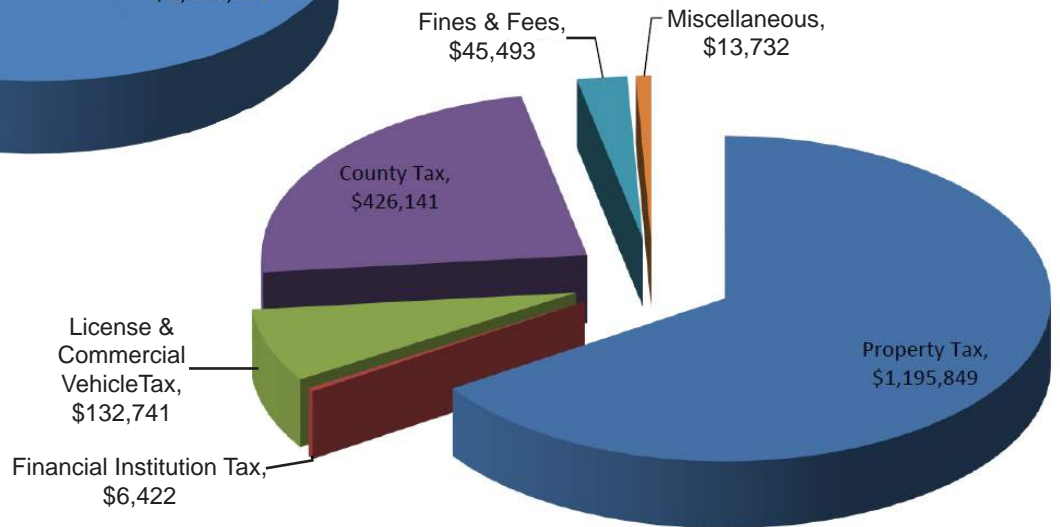
### 2014 Operating Expenditures:

**\$1,745,322**



### 2014 Operating Income:

**\$1,820,378**



Materials Borrowed	338,588
Reference Questions Answered	22,781
Interlibrary Loan Transactions	357
Program Attendance	28,831
Internet Use Sessions	88,481
Meeting Room Use	243
Meeting Room Attendance	2,835
Door Count	228,252

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*“Nonsense wakes up the brain cells. And it helps develop a sense of humor, which is awfully important in this day and age”*

Theodore Seuss Geisel was born on March 2, 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts. An

American writer and cartoonist, Geisel is best known for his 46 published children's books written under the pseudonym Dr. Seuss. Each of his books plays with, and encourages children to play with, languages and words. As part of the National Education Association's *Read Across America Day* the Jackson County Public Library will celebrate Dr. Seuss and his amazing contributions to early literacy.

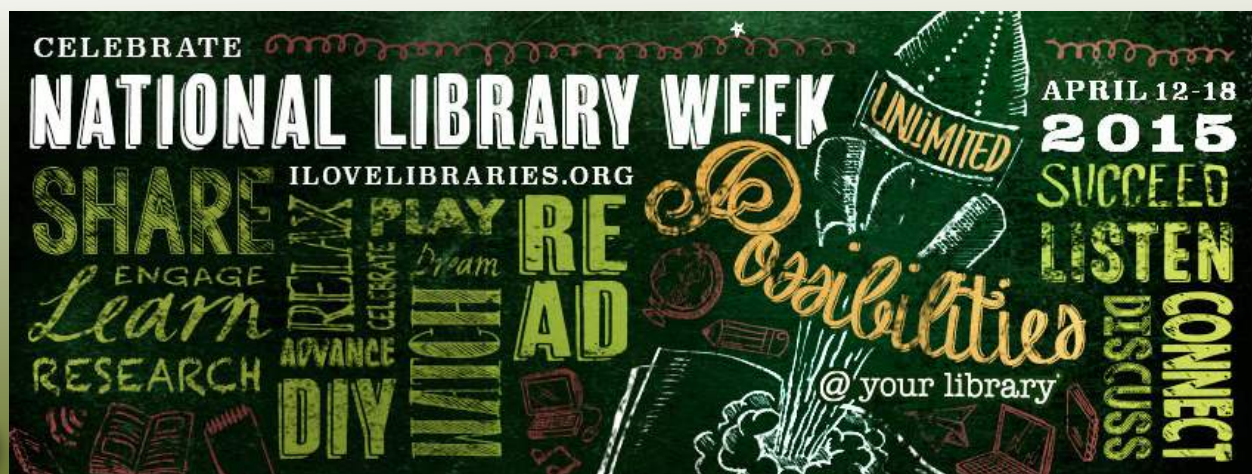
# Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss



## *Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library* National Library Week April 12-18 Bookmark Contest

In honor of National Library week, the library and the Friends of the Library will sponsor a bookmark contest. Winning designs will be displayed at the Seymour, Crothersville and Medora libraries and on the Discovery Bus during National Library Week. Children in grades K-5 are eligible, and one winner from each grade will be chosen. Winners will receive a prize and have their bookmark design reproduced and circulated throughout the county library system.

Pick up the rules for the contest at any of the three library locations or on the Discovery Bus!







Graphics Specialist **Amy Grant** graduated from International Business College in Castleton, IN, with an Associate Degree in Graphic Design. She says, “My hometown is Seymour, although I was born in West Palm Beach, Florida! In my free time I enjoy learning about photography, expanding my design skills, listening to music and being involved in various church activities.”

Youth Services Program Assistant **Angie Eckstein** has lived in Seymour since she was five years old and has been coming to the library ever since. She has a twenty-year-old son and enjoys making jewelry, crocheting, listening to music, and reading. Her past jobs include Kids Klub site director, elementary school teachers aide, and library assistant at IUPUC. She says, she is “very excited to be a part of JCPL Childrens Department!”



Circulation Assistant **Jordann Malone** graduated from SHS in 2011 and attended IU. Born and raised in Seymour, she loves books, music and movies.

**Bill Anderson** recently joined the library team as the new Community Services Manager. Bill attended Indiana University Southeast and received his Masters of Library Science from Indiana University. Bill comes to JCPL having previously been the Southeastern Indiana Regional Coordinator for the Indiana State Library, as well as a Branch Manager and Collection Development Librarian at the Jefferson County Public Library in Madison, Indiana. Bill says, “My main goal here at JCPL is to continue the strong legacy of outreach and community services in Seymour, Crothersville and Medora. We are going to continue to provide excellent services as well as find new, exciting ways to partner with our communities to bring you the best library service possible in our branches and our Discovery Bus. Great things are happening here at JCPL, and you don’t want to miss out!”



Medora native **Joni McPike** is working at the Medora Library as a Circulation Assistant. She graduated in May 2006. Joni says, “I married my best friend in October 2009, and we have two boys who are four and one. I love anything outdoors. Reading is my favorite pastime. I love reading to my boys as well. Photography is also another hobby of mine when I have time. I absolutely love my job at the library, I have only been here for a few months, but I couldn’t imagine working anywhere else.”

Information Services Clerk **Trina Roark** has always lived in Seymour. She and her husband, Greg, have four children and two grandchildren. Trina feels that the library has always been a very special place to her, and she began coming to the Seymour Library when she was very young. Trina remembers that she “fell in love with the place! I enjoy reading (of course), painting, gardening, music....the list goes on. I really enjoy working at the library. I find it challenging and very rewarding.”



**Sara Brockman** is a Circulation Assistant and says, “I so enjoy it.” Married to Brad for 20 years this coming June 24, they have two beautiful children, Molly and John. Sara says, “I remember going to the Jennings County library often with my mom and sisters when I was a young girl. Then when I got married and moved to Seymour, one of the very first things I did was find the library and get a library card. And now, I too bring my children to our library here, so we all can get a stack of books, then go home and curl up and get lost in a good book. Oh, the places you can go just by opening a book!!”



**Stephanie Sluder**, Information Services Assistant, is a local native. She is studying to obtain a Technical Library Assistant Associate’s Degree through Ivy Tech and planning for graduation in May 2015. Stephanie has been married to high school sweetheart, Dustin Sluder, since October 13, 2012.



**Julie Rumph** JCPL’s new Outreach Services Assistant, is happily married, and has three children plus five granddaughters all under the age of seven! This native of Seymour enjoys lending a helping hand and meeting new people at the library.



# Seymour Programs

## ARTS & CRAFT

### KNIT & CROCHET NIGHT

Second & fourth Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm  
March 12 & 26  
April 9 & 23  
Led by volunteer & experienced knitter & crocheter Georgiann Coons  
Blog: myjclibraryknitcrochet.blogspot.com

### SPILLING INK WRITER`S CLUB

#### *Writing Education & Discussion*

On a mid-month Saturday each month, 2-3:30 pm  
March 21 Share Our Writing  
April 18 Debi Hurt Stanton  
Led by Information Services Assistant & author Kathi Linz

### CREATE A BEADED MOTHER`S CHARM NECKLACE

Tuesday, April 14, 6-8:15 pm  
Led by Erin Ortman  
Open to teens and adults  
Limit 10  
Registration & prepayment of \$15 for supplies required by April 11.

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

- NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
- CHECK OUT A COPY OF EACH BOOK AT THE CHECKOUT DESK.
- BLOG: *READ A GOOD BOOK AT MYJCLIBRARYRGB.BLOGSPOT.COM*

### FANTASTIC FICTION

Third Friday of each month, 11 am  
Led by volunteers Maxine Darlage & Lou Shollenberger  
March 20 *The Dressmaker* by Kate Alcott  
April 17 *The Supremes at Earl`s All-You-Can-Eat* by Edward Kelsey Moore

### BOOKS BY NIGHT

Bimonthly on the fourth Wednesday, 6-7 pm  
Led by volunteer Tim Decker  
March 25 *One More Thing* by B.J. Novak

## OTHER PROGRAMS

### YU-GI-OH! CARD CLUB

Every Tuesday, 2-6 pm  
Every Friday, 2-5:45 pm  
Location: Upstairs at tables near Swope Art Collection

### CRIBBAGE GAME MEETUP

#### *Learn to play Cribbage*

First & third Thursday of each month, 6 pm  
March 5 & 19  
April 2 & 16  
Location: Upstairs at tables near Swope Art Collection

### ASTRONOMY: STARS, CONSTELLATIONS & MORE!

#### *See the Universe*

Tuesday, March 3, 7-8:15 pm  
Presented by Forrest Willey  
Registration preferred by March 6

### STRAW BALE GARDENING

#### *Cheap, Easy & Space Gardening!*

Sunday, March 8, 2-3 pm  
Presented by Kathi Linz Information Services Assistant and gardener  
Registration preferred by March 6

### REMOTE-CONTROL FLYING VEHICLE EXHIBIT

#### *Drones, Planes, & Helicopters @ the Library*

Saturday, March 28, 10 am-4 pm  
Presented by the Southern Indiana Flying Eagles

### THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA

Tuesday, March 10, 6-7:30 pm  
Presented by Greensburg High School history teacher John Pratt  
Registration preferred by March 8

## JACKSON COUNTY JOB FAIR

Location: Seymour American Legion Annex  
Thursday, April 9, 10 am -1 pm  
Co-sponsored by the office of US Representative Todd Young  
Bring your resume

## LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE WITH PRONUNCIATOR

Thursdays, 6-7 pm  
March 12  
April 2 & 16  
Location: Information Services Desk  
Registration is not required

## FOSTER CARE INFO NIGHT

#### *Information About Long & Short Term Foster Care & Adoptions*

Thursday, March 19, 6 - 8 pm  
Coordinated by White`s Residential Services Resource Family Developer Michelle Kleber  
Attending: White`s Residential and Family Services, Benchmark, NYAP National Youth & DCS Indiana.  
Refreshments will be served.

## SPRING GARDENING

#### *How to Get Started Growing Your Own Veggies*

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Presented by Horticulturist & Purdue Extension Manager Richard Beckort  
Registration preferred by April 5  
Minimum of 5 attendees

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- OPEN TO ALL UNLESS NOTED
- LOCATION: SEYMOUR LIBRARY MEETING ROOM UNLESS NOTED
- SEE THE *LEARNING @ THE LIBRARY* BROCHURE FOR DETAILS
- UNLESS NOTED, REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED BY GOING ONLINE AT [WWW.MYJCLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.MYJCLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS) OR CALLING 812-523-INFO.



# TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

## BASIC COMPUTER

### LEVEL 1 - Mouse & Keyboard

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8 pm  
Wednesday, April 15, 10-11:30 am

### LEVEL 2 - Files & Folders

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30-8 pm  
Wednesday, April 22, 10-11:30 am

### LEVEL 3 - Internet Searching & Email

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30-8 pm  
Wednesday, April 29, 10-11:30 am

## FACEBOOK BASICS

### Bring Your Friends with You!

Tuesday, March 17, 2-3:30 pm  
Monday, April 6, 10-11:30 am

## LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE WITH PRONUNCIATOR

Saturday, March 7, 2-3:30 pm  
Tuesday, March 31, 2-3:30 pm  
Thursday, April 16, 6-7:30 pm

## MICROSOFT EXCEL (2013)

### LEVEL 1 - Using Sum Function, Formatting Cells

Saturday, March 7, 10-11:30 am  
Monday, April 20, 6-7:30 pm

### LEVEL 2 - Entering Formulas, Creating Charts & Templates, Using Functions

Saturday, March 21, 10-11:30 am  
Monday, April 27, 6-7:30 pm

## MICROSOFT WORD (2013)

### LEVEL 1 - Cut, Copy & Paste, Formatting Text

Thursday, March 5, 6-7:30 pm

### LEVEL 2 - Tables, Columns, Charts, Graphics, Find & Replace Text

Thursday, March 19, 6-7:30 pm

## MICROSOFT POWERPOINT

### Creating a Slideshow

Monday, March 16, 6:30-7:30 pm

## MICROSOFT PUBLISHER

Sunday, April 19, 2-4:30 pm

## SELLING ONLINE

Saturday, April 18, 10 am

## PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Do you need to fill out an online job application and don't know where to start? Don't get left behind. In addition to our technology classes, we offer free personal one-to-one computer and computer program instruction available by appointment. Get comfortable using a computer! Please call ahead for an appointment so we will be ready for you. 812-523-INFO (4636)

### INSTRUCTION AVAILABLE:

- Basic Computer Skills
- Books & Authors
- CHILTON® LIBRARY
- eBay/Amazon/Etsy
- Ebrary
- Email Basics
- Facebook
- INSPIRE
- Internet Basics
- Job Searching
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2013
- Microsoft Publisher 2013
- Microsoft Word
- OverDrive, Inc.
- Photoshop
- Pinterest
- Price It!
- Pronunciator
- Resume Writing
- Twitter
- Using Your Phone, Tablet or eReader
- Windows 8
- World Book Online

# Wowbrary

The newest stuff at your library

- CLASSES ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC.
- REGISTER BY GOING ONLINE AT [WWW.MYJCLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.MYJCLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS) OR AT THE SEYMOUR LIBRARY CHECKOUT DESK OR CALL 812-523-INFO (4636).
- ALL CLASSES ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION DUE TO LOW OR NO ATTENDANCE.

## Don't get left in the dark

about everything going on at JCPL



### Connect with MyJCLibrary on the web!

Go to [www.myjclibrary.org](http://www.myjclibrary.org)



# pronunciator:

Learn a new language!





# Kidz Programs

## STORYTIMES

### MOTHER GOOSE & ME

Mondays, 5:30 pm  
March 2, 9, 16 & 30  
April 6, 13 & 20

Open to ages 0-24 months  
An adult must accompany children.



### SHAKE YOUR SILLIES OUT TODDLER TIME

Mondays, 6 pm  
March 2, 9, 16 & 30  
April 6, 13 & 20

Open to ages 25-36 months  
An adult must accompany children.

### PRESCHOOL EXPLORERS

Mondays, 6:30 pm  
March 2, 9, 16 & 30  
April 6, 13 & 20

Open to ages 3-5 years

### BABES & TYKES

Tuesdays, 9:30 am  
March 3, 10, 17 & 31  
April 7, 14, & 21

OR  
Fridays, 9:30 am  
March 6, 13 & 20  
April 3, 10, 17 & 24  
Open to ages 0-24 months  
An adult must accompany children.



### TODDLER TALES & TUNES

Tuesdays, 10 am  
March 3, 10, 17 & 31  
April 7, 14 & 21

OR  
Fridays, 10 am  
March 6, 13 & 20  
April 3, 10, 17 & 24  
Open to ages 25-36 months  
An adult must accompany children

### PRESCHOOL POWER

Tuesdays, 10:30 am  
March 3, 10, 17 & 31  
April 7, 14 & 21

OR  
Fridays, 10:30 am  
March 6, 13, & 20  
April 3, 10, 17 & 24  
Open to ages 3 - 5 years

Enjoy Dr. Seuss programs  
during regular storytimes,  
March 2-6 in Seymour.

## ADVENTURES IN ART

### Open to ages 3-5

Designed for Kindergarten readiness, this class incorporates scissor skills, pencil holding, gluing, and more in a creative and fun way while introducing children to famous artist and their work.

Registration is required. Limit 25

March 4 – Dr. Seuss craft  
March 11 – Cracked Painting Art  
March 18 – Shaving Cream Bunny  
April 1 – Salt Painting  
April 8 – Rice Painting  
April 15 – Eggshell Painting  
April 22 – Birdseed Painting

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### MILK & COOKIES STORYTIME

Saturdays, 11 am  
March 7, 14, 21 & 28  
April 4, 11, 18 & 25  
Open to all ages

### WEEKEND BUILDERS

Saturdays, 2 pm  
March 14 & 28  
April 11 & 25  
Open to all ages



## SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

### SCHOOL-AGE LIT

Wednesdays, 4:30 pm  
March 4, 11 & 18  
April 1, 8, 15 & 22  
Open to grades K-5

No programs during Seymour  
Spring Break March 23 - 27.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### MIDDLE MATTERS

Tuesdays, 4 pm  
March 10  
April 7 & 21  
Open to grades 6-8

## MIDDLE MATTERS

### Spring Break Activities

2 pm  
Tuesday, March 24  
Spring Breakout  
Thursday, March 26  
Movie & Popcorn  
Open to grades 6-8



## JUST FOR TEENS

Mondays, 4:30 pm  
March 9  
April 6 & 20  
Open to grades 9-12

## TEEN TECH WEEK

### Design Your Own Bookmark Contest: Libraries Are for Making...

Sunday, March 8 - Saturday, March 14  
Design Your Own Bookmark Contest:  
Libraries are for making.....  
Entry forms due by 5 pm on  
Saturday, February 28  
Open to grades 6-12

### Tinker Time

Tuesday, March 10, 4:30 pm  
Open to grades 9 -12

## JUST FOR TEENS

### Spring Break Activities

Monday, March 23, 4:30 pm  
Talent Show  
Tuesday, March 24, 2 pm  
Cornhole Tournament  
Wednesday, March 25, 3pm  
Movie & Popcorn

Thursday, March 26,  
Bookface

Friday, March 27, 4 pm  
Tie-Dye T-shirts

All week  
Spring Break Selfies

Open to grades 9-12

## HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

### HOMESCHOOL FRIDAYS

Friday, 4 pm  
March 20  
April 24

## YOUTH SERVICES

- SEE THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM BROCHURE FOR REGISTRATION AND DETAILED INFORMATION.
- LOCATED IN SEYMOUR LIBRARY KIDZ KORNER UNLESS NOTED.
- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED UNLESS NOTED.



# More Programs

## MORE ADULT PROGRAMS

### MONEY SMART WEEK: WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

*Learn How to Manage Your Money - Over Your Lunch Hour*

Monday, April 20, 12 Noon

Presented by Registered Dietitian & Purdue Extension Educator Laruen Neuenschwander

Registration preferred by April 18  
Minimum of 5 attendees

### MONEY SMART WEEK: SELLING ONLINE

*Make Money Selling Your Items from Home*

Saturday, April 18, 10-11:30 am

Presented by Information Services Assistant and online seller Kathi Linz  
Registration preferred by April 16

### MONEY SMART WEEK: A CREDIT SCORE MILLIONAIRE

*Learn About Credit Scores*

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30-7:30 pm

Presented by Purdue Extension Manager Richard Beckort

Registration preferred by April 20  
Minimum of 5 attendees

### BE FIT

*Thirty Minutes a Day-Stretch Out Those Tight Muscles*

Tuesday, April 28, 7:15-8:15 pm

Led by AFPA certified Personal Trainer & AFAA certified group fitness instructor

Becky Schepman

Registration preferred by April 26

Kids! Listen to Radio Storytime  
Saturday mornings at 9 am on WJAA  
96.3 FM Sponsored by JCB  
Sammy Saver



IRS trained volunteers are offering free tax help to individuals and couples at the library and other locations in the county. Appointments are required and must be made by calling 2-1-1 on land lines or 812-376-6666 from cell phones.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance



# VITA

## Discovery Bus Outreach Services

Be sure to look at the Outreach Services Discovery Bus Spring schedule for March to May at [www.myjclibrary.org/discoverybus](http://www.myjclibrary.org/discoverybus) or pick up a copy at the library.



## BRANCH PROGRAMS

### MEDORA

#### CHILDREN'S CRAFT

Thursday, 3:30 pm

March 5 & 19

April 2 & 16

Open to ages 5-11

#### BOOK DISCUSSION

Mondays, 6 pm

March 23

*Wish You Well*  
by David Baldacci

April 27

*Chocolate Chip Cookie Murders*  
by Joanne Fluke

Refreshments will be served.

### CROTHERSVILLE

#### CHILDREN'S CRAFT

Wednesday, 3:30 pm

March 4

April 1

Open to ages 5-11

#### BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, 6 pm

March 18

*Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister*

by Gregory Maguire

April 15

*We Bought a Zoo*  
by Benjamin Mee

Open to adults

Refreshments will be served.

#### FAMILY CRAFT

Thursday, 6 pm

March 19

April 16

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY! DR. SEUSS PARTY

at Crothersville and Medora Libraries

March 2, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

- SEE THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM GUIDE OR THE LEARNING @ THE LIBRARY GENERAL BROCHURE OR CALL THE LIBRARY FOR DETAILS.
- CHECK OUT A COPY OF THE DISCUSSION BOOK AT THE LIBRARY CHECKOUT DESK WHERE THE DISCUSSION IS HELD.
- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED UNLESS NOTED.



At the last Friends of the Library Board meeting, we agreed to give ourselves a much-needed gift. We purchased two book carts. This will help tremendously in carting materials back and forth from the Friends' storage room (formerly known as the Book Cellar) to the quarterly book sale in the library's meeting room—and the carts were bought at a reduced price!

The Friends encourage each library customer once again to become an official "Friend of the Library" member. Not only will each one have access to the sale at the earliest moment, but there are many perks throughout the year. As I announced in the last Browse, the Friends are revamping our sales in the new year. The sales will be held quarterly in the meeting room with expanded hours to match the space.

The "all-a-bag-can-hold-for-only-\$3" special will be in effect the final hour of each sale. The board members are really excited about the spacious meeting room for all the sales. We are thinking about other possibilities to enhance sale changes and welcome customer opinions, either on the Friends' Facebook page or in person.

I encourage you once again to become an official "Friend of the Library" member. Not only will you have access to the sale at the earliest moment, but there are many perks throughout the year. Also, for as little as \$5 for an annual fee, you'll be bettering your community by providing financial assistance to YOUR public library.

Just ask for a application form the next time you're at the library or go online at <http://web.myjclibrary.org/libraryInfo/friends/JointheFriends.pdf>

-Submitted by Nancy Kent, Secretary

2015 Book Sales  
Saturdays  
May 2  
August 1  
November 7  
10 am to 4 pm  
(members at 9:30 am)

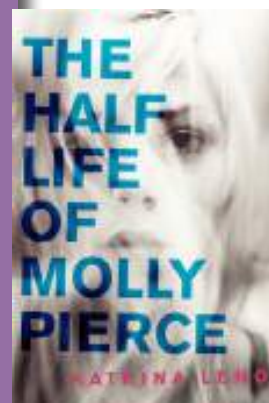


# YOUTH BOOK REVIEWS

## *The Half Life of Molly Pierce* by Katrina Leno

Great young adult read that will keep you turning the pages. When I began the book, I thought it was going to be a science fiction story because of how the first 3/4 of the book is written; however, it ends up going in a completely different, amazing direction. Leno's writing really connects you with the main character as you experience her trials and tribulations of being a teenager. Sometimes I had trouble understanding what was going on in Molly's head, but that's the beauty of the story: it's a mystery until everything is finally explained at the end. *The Half Life of Molly Pierce* also touches on teen issues such as suicide and peer pressure.

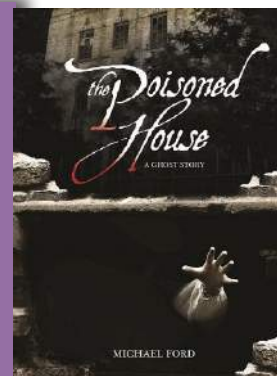
Review by Jill Willey, Youth Services Assistant/Teen



## *The Poisoned House* by Michael Ford

This is in our YA horror section; it is a ghost story, and it does have some tense and startling moments. I think, however, that this book is more mystery set in an historical period that lends itself perfectly to this type of intrigue and exploration of the supernatural. If you allow yourself to get lost in the story, add the gloom and mists of London, and add an appropriate movie soundtrack in your head, you will love this book. It will scare you at the right moments. It will keep you reading until the last page.

Review by Lola Synder, Head of Youth Services

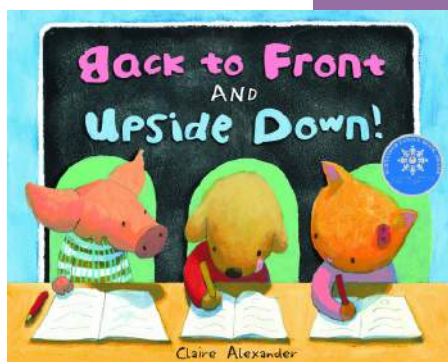


# PICTURE BOOKS

## *Back to Front and Upside Down* by Claire Alexander

Winner of the Schneider Family Book Award, this is the story of a young pup whose letters come out, "back to front and upside down, and some didn't look like letters at all!" A two page spread of all black and a little lone pup sitting with his head down beautifully illustrates how this makes him feel about himself. "Stan felt sick, like his tummy was being all stirred up with a big wooden spoon." A friend sees his pain and... Well, you wouldn't want me to give it all away, would you? Suffice to say this book will leave you smiling and may just give children who struggle with writing the courage to ask for help.

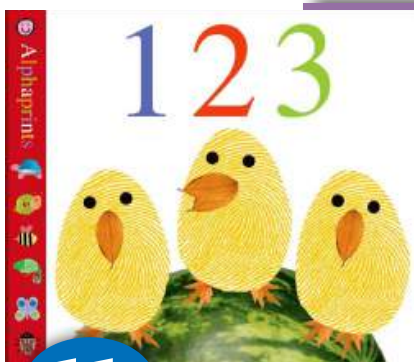
Review by Lola Synder, Head of Youth Services



## *Alphaprints: 1 2 3* by Sarah Powell

This board book is great for babies through preschool age. The colorful illustrations lead to so many educational conversations that you can have with your little one. The different pictures of animals are made of things you see in the world from nature to food to human fingerprints. On the side of each page, the child can practice counting from 1 to 10. If you are looking for an educational counting board book, this is definitely one to check out.

Review by Shannon Sumner, Youth Services Assistant



# JUV FICTION

## *Disaster Strikes: Blizzard Night* by Marlene Kennedy

Jayden is on a winter trip to the Michigan wilderness to enjoy some snowmobile riding with his foster family, the Walcotts. On their way there, a deer crosses the path of their moving vehicle and the van crashes! Mr. Walcott's leg is badly hurt, so Jayden and a couple of his foster siblings set out to get some help because the van is inoperable and all cell phones are of no use. Will the three of them be able to survive long enough to get help out in the cold winds and darkness? What will happen when their path crosses with a bear in the wilderness? Other titles in this series include *Earthquake Shock*, *Tornado Alley* and *Volcano Blast*.

Review by Shannon Sumner, Youth Services Assistant

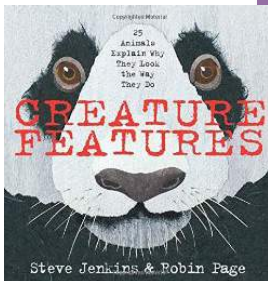


# JUV NON-FICTION

## *Creature Features: Twenty-Five Animals Explain Why They Look The Way They Do* by Steve Jenkins & Robin Page

"Dear star-nosed mole: What is that weird thing growing on your face? Actually, that's my nose. I live underground and I use the tentacles on my snout to feel my way in the dark..." In Jenkin's remarkable paper collage artwork, learn from the animals themselves about their strange features in a humorous, educational way that both children and adults will enjoy.

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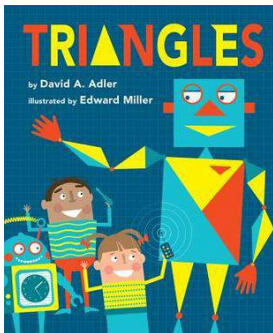


## *Triangles* by David A. Adler

David Adler, a former math teacher, has masterfully written a children's book that teaches the building blocks of geometry with the help of a savvy robot.

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