

MARCH - APRIL 2026

CLD&J LIBRARY GUIDE

Your guide to what's happening at your Community Library



Programs, News, and More

INSIDE THIS GUIDE

Mission: The mission of the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville is to provide quality library service for the residents of DeWitt, Jamesville, and surrounding areas.

Vision: The Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville will be an essential asset to the DeWitt and Jamesville communities and serve as a center of community life. The Library will provide and promote free access to high quality resources to meet the information, educational, and cultural needs of the community.



**Community Library
of DeWitt & Jamesville**

COMMUNITY LIBRARY OF DEWITT & JAMESVILLE

**5110 JAMESVILLE ROAD
DEWITT, NY 13078
315-446-3578
WWW.CLDANDJ.ORG**

LIBRARY HOURS

**MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

**FRIDAYS
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**SATURDAYS
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**SUNDAYS
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

LIBRARY NEWS	4
CLD&J MUSIC SERIES	4
CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES	5
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS	5
ADULT PROGRAMS	6
EXERCISE & WELLNESS BOOK DISCUSSIONS	7
CRAFT PROGRAMS	8
ARTS & CRAFTS ONGOING PROGRAMS	9
LIBRARY INFO	10

To register for library events, programs, and workshops, call 315-446-3578, visit **www.CLDandJ.org**, or stop by the Front Desk in our Lobby.

Events beyond our control may result in date changes, event cancellations, or library closures. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience. The Library will post closures on our website, social media accounts, and on the local news CNYCentral and WSYR. The Library will attempt to notify registered patrons through the registration platform regarding any programming changes or cancellations.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

KATIE CENTOLELLA
President

LISA MOORE
Vice President

DAN MALAY
Secretary

MELINDA DERMODY
Membership Officer

LAURA BENJAMIN
BEN CLARDY
ANGELA DESANTIS
DR. INDU GUPTA
TEDDY LEWANDOWSKI
DR. JOE MCDONALD
MAX RUCKDESCHEL
SUE SMITH
KARIN VANSLYKE BEICKERT

MARIA COLLINS
Executive Director

Puzzle Pandemonium

Puzzle Pandemonium!

Join us for two great Puzzle events for all ages on Saturday, March 14!

Puzzle Race

March 14 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

In Community Room 1

Compete against fellow patrons in a friendly Puzzle Race. Race to finish a puzzle before the other teams in this friendly Puzzle Race. All teams will be assembling a copy of the same 500pc Ravensburger puzzle. This program is sponsored by Ravensburger who donated the puzzles. Sign up as a team (up to 5 members). There will be a maximum of 6 teams. Please arrive on time because the competition will start promptly at 11:00 am. Puzzles must be completed by 4:30 pm at the latest.

Registration Required.

Puzzle Exchange

March 14 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

In Community Room 2

Drop in to exchange your old puzzles for different ones!

Finishing a puzzle is so satisfying! However, once you've completed your puzzle does it sit in a closet for years? At a puzzle exchange you can bring in puzzles you no longer want and exchange them for new ones from your community! At the Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville we have a Puzzle Exchange Cabinet year round where you can take a puzzle and leave a puzzle. At this Saturday event we will have all the puzzles spread out in Community Room 2 for browsing. Patrons are welcome to donate puzzles ahead of the event. Any puzzles leftover afterward will be stored in the Exchange Cabinet. Please only bring puzzles that have all pieces.

No Registration Necessary.



CLD&J Music Series

Join us for our CLD&J Music Series, live musical performances in the Library afterhours! Arrive between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm to mix and mingle, and then settle in for our free concert scheduled to start at 7:00 pm.

Registration is strongly encouraged.

Friday, March 27 @ 7:00 pm

Name That Tune with Geoff Clough

Test your knowledge of popular music from the 1940s through 1970s in a name that tune style event with music and trivia.

Friday, April 24 @ 7:00 pm

Big D & Skip

This dynamic duo will entertain with the sounds of jazz in honor of April as Jazz Appreciation Month.

Friday, May 8 @ 7:00 pm

A Brass Act

Join us for the sounds of brassy tunes as the Brass Act Ensemble perform a variety of familiar and popular tunes.

Friday, June 5 @ 7:00 pm

WWII Music Presentation

Geoff Clough presents this musical presentation that includes stories, memorabilia, and trivia about the songs of WWII and how they were written.



Storytimes

In the Children's Programming Room

Babies and Books

Mondays through April 27 @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Birth to 18 months.

This lively storytime helps babies experience sounds and the structure of language through rhythm, rhyme and repetition. Enjoy lap and bouncing rhymes, short books and songs. Plan on a 20 minute program with time for baby and caregiver socialization afterwards.

No Registration Necessary.

Story Play

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

@ 10:30 am - 11:30 am

March 3 - April 30

Ages 0—5.

This fun, informal storytime combines stories with play time. Enjoy stories, discover wonderful toys, and meet new friends.

No Registration Necessary.

Storytime is an allergen free program. We ask that you don't bring foods that contain, may contain, or are processed in a facility with peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, and eggs. We provide safe snacks for your children during storytime.

Program Series

In the Children's Programming Room

Lego Club

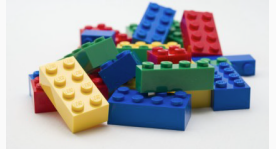
Mondays through March 31

@ 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

For children of all ages!

Let's build! Join us for LEGO challenges and building themes. Each week, we will display your LEGO creations in the Children's Discovery Room.

No Registration Necessary.



Crafternoon

1st and 3rd Wednesdays in March & April

@ 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

For children of all ages (Children 7 and under may need assistance from a parent or caregiver)

Children and families can stop in for some crafting fun, together. Each week, we will create something new and the final product can be taken home to show off and enjoy.

Registration Required.

Sign up for each session individually.

Chef Camp

Saturday, March 7 @ 10:30 am

For Pre-K to 2nd Grade

Little chefs can learn to make kid-friendly snacks.

View the menu for each session when you register.

Registration Required.

Family Movie & Pizza

The Super Mario Bros. Movie (2023) PG

Friday, March 20 @ 1:00 pm

For children of all ages.

Let's cozy up and watch a movie!

Pizza, juice, and water will be provided.

Registration Encouraged.

Fancy Tea Party

Saturday, April 4 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

For children of all ages.

You are cordially invited to Ms. Jeanie's Fancy Tea Party. We shall do crafts, dance, and have delightful conversation. Please wear something that makes you feel fancy!

Registration Required.

HOMESCHOOLING

Lunch Bunch!

Every other Tuesday @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

March 10 & 24 and April 7 & 21

In the Children's Programming Room

For Ages 2 to 6.

Calling all half-day and homeschool families! Pack a lunch and gather round for some fun with new friends. Join us for a themed story, game, and craft, followed by time for free play and socializing for kids and their caregivers.

No Registration Necessary.

Age Guidelines for Children's Programs:

Our librarians plan a variety of activities for children of all ages. Each event is carefully designed with a particular age group in mind. Please observe age requirements listed. Parents are asked to stay with their children under age 10 for library activities, unless otherwise noted.

ADULT PROGRAMS

A Grain of Salt: A History of the Salt City Wednesday, March 25 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm In the Community Room For ages 14 & up.

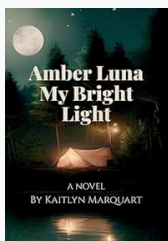


Robert Searing, Curator of History at the Onondaga Historical Association, presents A Grain of Salt, an exploration of Syracuse (the Salt City) from the Great Law of Peace to the Erie Canal to the foundation of Syracuse University and the rise of the city's industrial might in the 20th Century as one of the 30 largest cities in America.

Syracuse's rich history encompasses social justice movements such as the Underground Railroad and the Civil Rights era of the '60s and '70s. Searing gives us an holistic understanding of the city's history so as to understand the present moment where Central New York once again finds itself on the precipice of another massive transformation.

Registration Encouraged.

Local Author Talk: Connection, Confidence & Cake Monday, March 16 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Community Room 1 For Ages 12 and up.



Local Join local author Kaitlyn Marquart for an inspiring talk featuring her award-winning Young Adult novel, *Amber Luna My Bright Light*, and her confidence-building guidebook, *IDK What to Say: A Guide for Navigating Social Situations*. Kaitlyn will share her journey from entry-level assembly line worker to master spring maker and published author, and how perseverance and self-belief shaped her path. Discover how finding your voice - and your confidence - can change everything. Cake will be served!

Registration Required.

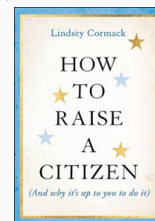
Local Author Talk: Dreams of Freedom Sunday, April 11 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Community Room 2 For all ages.

Local author Marilyn Higgins presents her book, *Dreams of Freedom: An Irish Woman's Story of Love, Justice, and a Young Nation Coming Apart*. Higgins' novel captures the history, mystery, and power of Upstate New York in the years leading up to the Civil War. Not unlike today, it was a time when Americans feared their nation was coming apart. Higgins will share the inspirations behind her book, followed by a Q&A.

Registration Encouraged.



How to Raise a Citizen (and Why It's Up to You to Do It) Monday, April 13 @ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm In the Community Room For ages 18 & up.



The League of Women Votes of Syracuse Metro Area and the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation present: Dr. Lindsey Cormack, to speak about her book, *How to Raise a Citizen (and Why It's Up to You to Do It)*.

In this live presentation, Dr. Cormack will discuss with parents and educators how to reach kids about politics, government, and citizenship in a way that is engaging, practical, and non-partisan. She is offering us the guidebook to nurturing the next generation of responsible, informed citizens. Educational information and books will be available during the event. Light refreshments will be served. **Registration Encouraged.**

5:00 pm: Learn more about the League of Women Voters & Mathilda Joslyn Gage

5:30 pm: Speaker Dr. Cormack, followed by Q&A

7:00 pm: Book signing



Edward Jones®

Retirement: Making Your Money Last Tuesday, March 24 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Community Room 2 Ages 18 and up.

Join Financial Advisor Brian Stinson from Edward Jones for a free finances seminar. Discuss ways to help you work toward achieving your retirement goals - what matters most to you. A key focus will be how to provide for your income needs, including your retirement income for the future. And explore how to address important concerns such as inflation, health care expenses, market volatility, and unexpected events.

Registration Encouraged.

Foundations of Investing Thursday, April 30 @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Community Room 2 Ages 18 and up.

Join Financial Advisor Brian Stinson from Edward Jones for a free seminar on investing. Building your investor IQ starts with understanding the basics. Whether you are new to investing or want a refresher, this presentation will help you learn about: the importance of developing a strategy, the impact of asset allocation, and ideas for focusing on what you can control with your finances.

Registration Encouraged.

Adult Yoga**Mondays thru April 27 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am****In the Community Room****For ages 18 and up.**

Yoga is a balance between mind, body, and spiritual energy. Join yoga instructor Tommy for a demonstration and hands-on practice with breathing exercises and gentle poses that will allow you to improve your balance and turn stiffness into flexibility. This is a beginning yoga class; expect a relaxed, friendly environment with laughing, fun, and learning. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your yoga mat.

Registration Required.**Yang 24 Form Tai Chi****Fridays thru April 24 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am****In the Community Room****For ages 18 and up.**

A balance between mind, body, and spiritual energy. Tai Chi is a gentle movement exercise that improves balance by strengthening muscles and coordination; simultaneously, it strengthens the mind, enhances calmness and confidence in not falling. With regular practice, Tai Chi is a highly effective exercise for fall prevention. The Yang 24 Form is the most popular Tai Chi form around the world. It is suitable for all levels of practitioners, beginner and experienced.

Anna Wong, our Assistant Director, had been a practitioner of Qigong, Tai Chi, Tai Chi Fan, and mindful movement for decades and will be your guide in this ancient Asian practice that teaches, breathing, mindfulness, and movement.

Registration Encouraged.**Medicare 101 with Michele****Thursday, April 16 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm****In Community Room 2****For ages 18 & up.**

Join Michele Hawthorne, Licensed Medicare Insurance Agent, will present on the process of getting started, understanding coverage options including the difference between Medicare Advantage Plans and Supplement Plans, enrollment periods, financial assistance, and more. This is a strictly educational event. For accommodation of persons with special needs at the event, please call 315-415-7074 (TTY:711)

Registration Encouraged.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Mystery Book Club

Explore the rich diversity of the mystery genre from the earliest examples and Golden Age authors to today's contemporary sleuths and cozy tales. New members welcome.

Monday, March 9 @ 2:00 pm**Read *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano**

A single mom and struggling romance novelist gets mistaken for a contract killer in a madcap adventure.

Monday, April 6 @ 2:00 pm**Read any Archibald Dortmunder caper by Donald E. Westlake**

Dortmunder's madcap adventures often go awry in light-hearted tales of criminal hijinks.

Monday, May 4 @ 2:00 pm**Read *Dial A for Aunties* by Jessie Q. Sutanto**

An accidental killing leads to madcap adventures when four Asian aunts meddle in the comic drama.

**Page Turners Book Club**

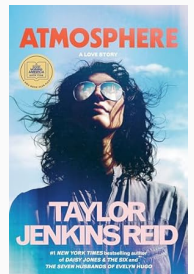
Read contemporary adult fiction by a diversity of authors. Participate in-person or via Zoom. Physical copies of the current title for discussion are available to checkout at the Library's Front Desk. New members welcome.

Wednesday, March 18 @ 7:00 pm***Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid**

A professor of physics and astronomy sees an advertisement seeking women scientists to join NASA's Space Shuttle program. In 1980, she begins training to become an astronaut, developing a new passion and love. A mission in December of 1984 changes everything.

Wednesday, April 15 @ 7:00 pm***The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong**

A nineteen-year-old is rescued from suicide by an elderly widow with dementia. The two form a powerful and life transforming bond, showing the importance of love, labor, and loneliness in American life.



These programs take place in the Hive Makerspace.

Quilling Crafts

For ages 12 and up!

Learn how to quill and create a quilled card. Quilling is an art form that involves using a small tool to roll paper strips into intricate designs. Materials and instruction will be provided.

*Please note the quilling tool is quite small, the action is comparable to threading a needle.

Tues., Mar. 10 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Shamrocks

Mon., Apr. 6 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sea Creatures



Register for Each Class Separately.

Learn to Use Cricut

For ages 14 and up!

Learn to use the Cricut machine in our Hive makerspace. Cricut is a computer controlled cutting machine. Participants will create designs in the Cricut design space software for the machine to print. Choose from one of the premade designs, or create your own design if time allows. Materials and instruction will be provided.

Mon., Mar. 2 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Drink Koozies

Registration Required.

Cricut Intermediate Class

Tuesday, April 28

@ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

For Ages 14 and up.

Learn some new skills with the Cricut machine in our Hive makerspace. This class is for participants who already know the basics of using Cricut Design Space software. Instruction on intermediate skills will be provided such as uploading your own files, advanced text settings, using contour, etc. Materials will be provided to test a variety of project types.

Registration Required.

Trinket Box Decorating

Monday, Mar. 9 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

For ages 12 and up!

Join us for a crafty evening decorating a trinket box. Unleash your creativity and decorate a provided wooden box any way you desire. All materials will be provided, including one box per person, and associated craft supplies like paint, rhinestones, fabric, glue, etc.

Registration Required.

Write Your Name in Traditional Chinese Characters

Tuesday, March 17 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

For ages 16 and up!

Do you want to know how to write your name in Chinese? There are two ways to make your Chinese name. The traditional way is making your name based on the meaning. Or you can take out the sound of Chinese characters and make your Chinese name that sounds similar to your English name. Join us for this free program and learn how to write your name in Chinese.

Registration Required.

CNY Bead: Heart Earrings

Monday, March 30 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

For ages 14 & up!

Join the CNY Bead Society for an earring making event. This program is beginner friendly and all materials and instruction will be provided by the CNY Bead Society.

*Please note: the beads and tools are very small and the crafting will require fine motor functions.

Registration Required.



Adult Origami Program

Tuesday, April 14 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

For ages 18 & up!

Join us for a fun paper folding, origami program! Origami is the Japanese art of paper folding, originating in Japan in the 7th century. Learn the basics of modular and geometric origami. All are welcome, from the humblest of beginners to longtime practitioners. All materials will be provided.

Registration Encouraged.



Upcycled Book Vases

Monday, April 20 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

For Ages 12 and up.

Get started on Spring decorating with an upcycled book vase! All materials and instruction will be provided to make one book vase with flowers per registrant.

Registration Required.

Zentangle**Monday, March 23 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm****In the Hive Makerspace****For Ages 12 and up.**

Join Certified Teacher Diane Yaciuk for a hands on introduction to the Zentangle Method of creating beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Learn about the history of the practice, how it works, and why it is such a helpful tool for creativity, focus, and relaxation. Yaciuk will guide attendees through a simple demo to learn a few patterns, try the basic technique, and feel how calming it can be. Create a small finished bookmark to take home, along with the confidence to keep drawing on your own. No experience needed; all supplies are provided. Just come ready to explore something new and enjoy a little creative play!

Registration Required.**Painting with Evelyn Fiorenza****Tuesday, April 21 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm****In the Hive Makerspace****For Ages 13 and up.**

Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon creating a beautiful acrylic painting. Simple step-by-step instructions will be given. You can follow along with the instructor or go in your own direction. No rules, only fun. No drawing skills are required. All materials will be provided.

Example painting provided by the artist.

Registration Required.**Craft Book Club****Tuesday, March 3, April 7 & May 5 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm****In the Hive Makerspace****For ages 13 and up.**

A social book club for crafters! Each month choose a craft project from the designated book and bring your project to the Library on the 1st Tuesday each month to share with the group. Discuss how you found the crafting process, whether the instructions were clear, and how your projects turned out. Share crafting tips and ideas with your fellow crafters. In-progress projects are also welcome for peer feedback and advice. Participants are welcome to use any materials and tools available in the Hive Makerspace, but specific materials/tools won't be provided as everyone will choose their own craft. The designated craft book will be provided at each meeting to choose a project from.

Registration Required.

ONGOING PROGRAMMING

Library Loyalty Punch Card program**March 1 - April 30****For ages 18 and up.**

Now through April 30, adult patrons 18+ will receive one punch per item checked out at the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville on our library loyalty punch cards. Completed cards with 10 punches can be returned with your name and phone number written on the back to be entered into our raffle. There will be two prize baskets: one each for March & April. Patrons can return completed cards to the Library's Front Desk and will be eligible for each raffle basket. Winners will be notified at the end of each month.

No registration necessary.

Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville Readers Are Winners

(Please print your name & contact phone on reverse side). 

Receive a punch for every book & audio checked out!

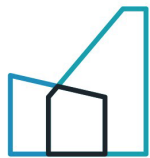
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

English Conversation Group**Tuesdays @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

In-Person and via Zoom.

The Library hosts informal English Conversation Classes for those who wish to practice their English speaking and listening skills. Each session is centered around a specific topic question that is emailed out the day before the weekly class. Afterward, practice and discuss some key vocabulary and/or English idioms. Let's practice together!

Registration Required.To sign up, e-mail: sbrandt@cldandj.org



Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville

At the Library

The Library offers a variety of programs and events. Check out our online calendar at: www.CLDandJ.org. We provide updated information as it becomes available on our website and Facebook.



NOTARY

Free Notary Public services are available at the Library!

Mondays from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tuesdays from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Wednesdays from 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Fridays from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Please call ahead to verify Notary Services are available the day of your visit at: 315-446-3578.

No registration necessary. First come, first served basis. For ages 18 and up.

A notary public is not an attorney and cannot make something legal or ensure its truthfulness. If you need legal advice, please consult a certified attorney. We are unable to notarize wills or certify official copies of Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates.

In order to have a document notarized, please bring the following to your appointment:

- All the people who will sign the document (involved parties). If your document requires witnesses in addition to the notary, please bring additional witnesses with you. Non-notary staff and other patrons cannot serve as additional witnesses.
- A valid, government issued photo ID for each person.
- The document without any signatures.

The notary will verify your identities, witness the signing of the document, and notarize it when complete.

WIFI

The Library offers free wifi throughout our building and in our parking lot. Just search for **CLD&J Wifi** to log on.

WIFI HOTSPOTS

The Library circulates hotspot devices that can be checked out for individual Wi-Fi access at home. Reserves on hotspots can be placed by calling the Library at 315-446-3578 or through the Library's online catalog at: catalog.onlib.org by searching for "T10 Franklin Mobile Hotspot". Hotspots are available for a three-week loan with an option to renew for an additional three weeks.

GUIDED TOURS

Join us for "**I Didn't Know the Library Offers That!**" **Guided Tour on Saturdays, March 18 or April 25 at 10:30 am**, and get a personalized tour of the Library, focusing on the things we provide that you may not know about. Libraries have changed a lot in the past 20 years. We offer more than just books and movies. At the CLD&J, you can reserve meeting rooms, learn in programs, create in our makerspace, exchange sewing matters, get a new puzzle, and so much more. Each tour will be tailored to the people attending, including accessibility. Meet at the tour sign in the lobby. Come for the tour, stay for the uniqueness. For all ages. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

No registration necessary.

QUESTIONS?

Please e-mail our staff at: reference@CLDandJ.org