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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

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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

**SUMMER HOURS
BEGIN JUNE 1
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SUMMER HOURS BEGINNING JUNE 1

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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CLOSED SUNDAYS*

***DENOTES CHANGE FROM REGULAR HOURS**

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.

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Friends Lecture

Writing Freedom: Voices, Stories & Change Beyond Prison Walls

Tuesday, May 19 @ 6:00 pm

What might it mean to write under conditions of confinement? What can letters and journals created in prison help us understand about freedom, identity, and the human need to be heard? This talk introduces *Fugitive Letters: The Prison Notebooks*, a course developed at Brown University that explores writing produced within U.S. prisons. It also draws on Project Mend, a multimodal, grassroots, open-access national archive of writing and art by people impacted by the criminal legal system, to consider how such work can challenge problematic understandings of this population. The presentation invites participants to consider how system-impacted writers use language to document their lives, navigate isolation, and advocate for change. Audience members will be invited into conversation about how writing can function as both a means of survival and a way of building connections across institutions and communities. What might it mean to listen more closely to these voices?

Registration Encouraged.



Project Mend editors and authors gather for a workshop at Syracuse University. Credit: Courtesy of Patrick W. Berry

Speaker Bios:

Patrick W. Berry is an Associate Professor of Writing and Rhetoric at Syracuse University and Director of Project MEND, an initiative that focuses on writing and publishing as a means by which formerly incarcerated individuals and their families can reimagine themselves, their communities, and their futures.

Austin Jackson is an Assistant Professor of the Practice in the Department of English at Brown University. He is currently working with Ashanti Alston on an oral history and documentary project on Black radical writing in carceral settings.

CLD&J Music Series

Join us for live musical performances in the Library afterhours! The doors open at 6:30 pm; concert begins at 7:00 pm. Regular Library service is not available during the concert.

Registration is strongly encouraged.

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, May 4 to August 31

@ 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

May 5 to August 27

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

Tuesdays, May 5 - May 26

@ 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

For children of all ages!

40 billion LEGOs stacked together would reach the moon. While we don't have 40 billion, we do have 40 thousand LEGOs. Let's build! Stop by and make something awesome.

No Registration Necessary.



Crafternoon

1st and 3rd Wednesdays in May & June

@ 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

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

Join us for an afternoon of crafting with the whole family! Each session features a new hands-on project designed to spark creativity.

Registration Required.

Sign up for each session individually.

Chef Camp

Saturday, May 2 @ 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

Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (2022) PG

Wednesday, May 27 @ 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.

Spring Fling with Donna B

Friday, May 22 @ 10:30 am

For children ages 1 to 10.

Come join Donna B for preschool Spring Music Fling as we celebrate our Earth and all that grows! Lots of song and movement with rhythm scarves, shakers, and bubbles! Come and start the day the musical way.

No Registration Necessary.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville.

HOMESCHOOLING

Lunch Bunch!

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

May 5 & May 19

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.

**Victor Hugo:
The Man Behind Les Miserables**

Tuesday, May 19
@ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
In the Community Room
For ages 13 & up.

Presented by Eileen M. Angelini, Ph.D., Fulbright Scholar and Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques. Learn about French poet, novelist, and dramatist Victor Hugo's life story, with spectacular shifts in status and fortune, is in some ways not so different from that of his *Les Miserables* hero, Jean Valjean. At the age of 29, the publication of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* made him famous around Europe, but his personal life was beset with tragedy and drama. After Napoleon's fall in 1870, and the huge success of *Les Misérables*, Hugo returned to Paris as a people's hero. When he died in 1885, two million people joined his funeral procession.

Registration Encouraged.

**Local Author Talk:
Compounds, Kings & Cake**

Monday, June 15 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Community Room 2
For all ages.

Local author Joseph Godlewski presents a lively, illustrated talk on his award-winning book, *The Architecture of the Bight of Biafra: Spatial Entanglements*. Godlewski will show how compounds, masquerades, and prefabricated houses in coastal southeastern Nigeria tell five centuries of stories about life, ritual, and trade along the Atlantic coast. Q&A follows. Cake will be served!

Registration Encouraged.

Foundations of Investing

Thursday, May 14
@ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
In Community Room 2
For ages 18 and up.

Join Financial Advisor Brian Stinson from Edward Jones for a 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
- Ideas for focusing on what you can control with your finances

Registration encouraged.

Urban Renewal in New York State

Exhibit in the Library Lobby
throughout the Month of May
During Open Hours
For all ages.

This exhibit, from the New York Heritage repository, explores the history and legacy of Urban Renewal in New York State.

On July 15, 1949, President Harry Truman signed into law the Housing Act of 1949. He promised "decent homes in wholesome surroundings for low-income families now living in the squalor of the slums." Instead of addressing the housing crisis, Urban Renewal is known for displacing families and hollowing out downtowns during its 25-year existence. In the hands of local officials, the program focused on revitalizing downtown commercial districts and boosting property tax revenue. Many residents Truman had hoped to help were instead hurt by the loss of homes, businesses, and community institutions. By the end of the program in 1974, targeting and clearance of Black and Puerto Rican neighborhoods had made segregation and overcrowding worse.

No Registration Necessary.

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ONGOING PROGRAMMING

English Conversation Group

Tuesdays @ 11:00 am - 12:00 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. Practice and discuss some key vocabulary and/or English idioms. Let's practice together!

Registration Required.

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

"I Didn't Know the Library Offers That!" Guided Tour

Saturday, May 23 @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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 Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville, you can reserve meeting spaces, learn in programs, create in our makerspace, exchange sewing patterns, 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 our lobby.

Come for a tour, stay for the uniqueness.

No Registration Necessary.

Adult Yoga

Mondays thru August 31 @ 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.

Qigong

Fridays, May 8 thru Aug 28 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
In the Community Room
For ages 18 and up.

Put on your comfortable clothes and sneakers and join us for our weekly Qigong practice. Qigong has been practiced for hundreds of years and is particularly helpful for dealing with stress, limited mobility, developing better balance and flexibility, and can be practiced by nearly everyone, young and old. Qigong can be modified to allow participants to be seated.

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, June 22 @ 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
In the Community Room
For ages 18 & up.

Please help save lives by signing up to donate blood. An estimated 38 percent of Americans are eligible to give blood or platelets, but of those, less than 10 percent actually donate each year. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross. Sign up to donate today by clicking the link or visiting: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CLDJ>.

Registration Required.

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, 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.

Monday, June 8 @ 2:00 pm

***The Seven Dials Mystery* by Agatha Christie**

A weekend prank goes wrong and spirited amateur sleuth Lady Eileen "Bundle" Brent is drawn into a web of conspiracy, international intrigue, and murder.

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, May 20 @ 7:00 pm

***My Name is Emilia del Valle* by Isabel Allende**

A journalist meets her estranged aristocrat father when on assignment at the onset of the Chilean civil war. A story of self-discovery and love in spite of the dangerous world around us.

Wednesday, June 17 @ 7:00 pm

***The Original Daughter* by Jemimah Wei**

The legacy of a grandfather results in only child Genevieve being raised with another girl as siblings. As the two girls grow closer, they spurn a social life in pursuit of academic perfection and a better future, but a stinging betrayal will estrange them.

These programs take place in the Hive Makerspace, unless otherwise noted.

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: this process required a certain level of dexterity as the quilling tool is quite small; the action is comparable to threading a needle.

Thursday, May 21 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Flowers

Monday, June 8 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Earrings

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.

Monday, May 18 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Cardmaking

Tuesday, June 23 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Design a Mug

Registration Required.

Craft Book Club

Tuesday, May 5, June 2 & July 7

@ 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.

Ceramics Glazing

Monday, May 11 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

For ages 13 and up!

Join Tamice Gates, the owner of the new paint-your-own pottery experience Painted Turtle in Syracuse, for a class on glazing ceramics! Learn how to glaze in a hands-on workshop. All materials will be supplied, including 4 different styles of bisque pieces to choose from. Choose which piece you would like to glaze when registering. Return to the library on Tuesday May 19th after Tamice fires the pieces in her kiln to pick up your finished project.

Registration Required.

Adult Origami Program

Tuesday, May 12 & June 16

@ 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 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 for each session.



Artist Talk & Reception:

I-Chene Tai - Paper and Passion

Wednesday, May 27

@ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

In Community Room 1.

For all ages.

Come hear our featured artist for May/June, I-Chene Tai, talk about her exhibit and how she develops the ideas for her works. Afterward, join us in the gallery for a small reception and the opportunity to speak directly with the artist. I-Chene will share her artist process and inspiration, as well as some works not displayed in our current exhibit.

Registration Encouraged.



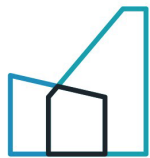
Macrame Coaster

Monday, June 22 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

For Ages 13 and up.

Join Adult Services Librarian Kelly for a beginner macrame project. In this class you will learn how simple knotting techniques can make beautiful macrame decor and accessories. Materials and instruction will be provided to make one coaster per registrant.

Registration Required.



Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville

At the Library

The Library offers a variety of programs and events.
Checkout 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.

QUESTIONS?

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

SUMMER READING

Summer Reading begins June 29

For all ages!

Sign up using the QR code or
visit: www.CLDandJ.org
to register for our Summer
Reading Program through
ReadSquared.

