

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2025

CLD&J LIBRARY GUIDE

Your guide to what's happening at your Community Library



Programs, News, and More

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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**

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Patrons are encouraged to register for library events, programs, and workshops. To sign up for Community Library programs, call 315-446-3578, visit **www.CLDandJ.org**, or stop by the Front Desk in our Lobby.

Sometimes events beyond our control result in date changes or event cancellations. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience. The Library will attempt to notify registered patrons who supply contact information (phone number or e-mail) of program changes as they may occur.

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.

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MARIA COLLINS
Executive Director

Welcome our new Executive Director

MARIA COLLINS

The Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville welcomes Maria Collins as our new Executive Director!

"We're excited to welcome Maria Collins to our Library!" said Board President Katie Centolella. "She brings a wide variety of skills and experience, and we know she will help us continue to grow and serve our community."

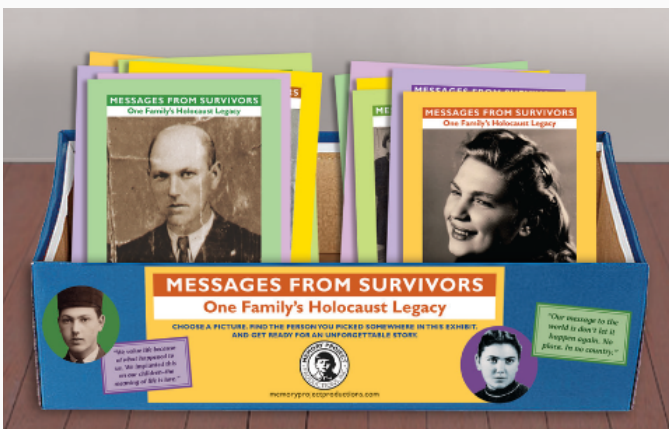
Collins has worked for a number of years in non-profits and libraries in Upstate NY. She brings a wealth of knowledge and proven track record in leadership and development. Collins started the first week of October but has been working behind the scenes in the last month to get up to speed on the needs of the DeWitt & Jamesville Library, Staff, and Community.

I am excited to step into the role of Executive Director here at the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville. Even in the short time I've been here I can already see this organization has some

really great strengths; most especially the hard-working staff. I am looking forward to strengthening Library services and resources for the community and to affect meaningful change for all who come through our doors".

As Collins settles into her role here at the Community Library, she looks forward to getting to know our Library's patrons and leading the Library forward in meeting the community's needs.

The Community Library has served as an essential asset to the residents of DeWitt, Jamesville and the surrounding areas as a informational, educational, and cultural center since 1962. With Collins at the helm, the Community Library will continue its mission to provide quality library service for our community and is looking ahead to the future; affecting meaningful change to provide services and access for all who come through our doors.



Messages From Survivors: One Family's Holocaust Legacy

For the month of December, the CLD&J will be hosting a powerful exhibit, on loan from The Memory Project, that introduces the Holocaust through powerful personal perspectives. By sharing stories from a family of survivors, Messages from Survivors aims to help combat Antisemitic stereotypes while transmitting messages they wished to convey to future generations. This display will be located in the Library's Lobby for all to experience.

Check out our related program about the *Vel d'Hiv Round Up* in France during WWII on December 9 at 2:00 pm. More details on Page 6.

Storytimes

In the Children's Programming Room

Babies and Books

Mondays @ 10:30 to 11:30 am

Sept 8—Nov 24

Birth to 18 months.

This lively story time 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 to 11:30 am

Sept 2—Nov 26

Ages 0—5.

This fun, informal story time 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 @ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Oct 6 thru Nov 24

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 @ 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

in November and December

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. In the event of inclement weather, we will craft in the Children's Programming Room.

Registration Required.

Sign up for each session individually.

Family Movie & Pizza

For All Ages.

Let's cozy up and watch a movie.

Pizza, juice, and water will be provided.

Dec 16 @ 5:00 pm: Elio

Registration Encouraged.



Young Naturalists

Tuesday, November 18 @ 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

For ages 5 to 12.

Young Naturalists is a monthly program run through the CNY Izaak Walton League and staffed by SUNY ESF students with passion and experience in environmental education. Young Naturalists host hour-long lessons for elementary and middle school aged children about fungi, winter hibernation, bugs, paleontology, and more with cool crafts or games.

Registration Encouraged.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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Cardboard Winter Wonderland

Saturday, December 6 @ 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

In the Children's Programming Room

For children of all ages.

Miss Jeanie has the supplies. You have the creativity. Let's create the coziest, most magical winter wonderland!

No Registration Necessary.

Gingerbread House Decorating

Tuesday, December 9 @ 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

In the Children's Programming Room

For children of all ages.

Let's commemorate the holidays with something sweet! With icing, candy canes, sprinkles and more, kids will create their own masterpiece to take home and display.

Registration Required.



Taylor Swift Birthday Party

Saturday, December 13 @ 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

In the Community Room

For kids and tweens.

Calling all Swifties! We'll have Taylor Swift's *Eras Tour* concert video playing while we make and trade friendship bracelets, eat snacks, sing along, and make new friends.

No Registration Necessary.



1000 BOOKS

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Why 1000 Books?

It is never too early to read to your child! Research shows reading with your child is the single most important way to help them get ready to read. Not only is it a great bonding activity, reading also builds vocabulary, stimulates language development, strengthens their social, emotional, and character development, and more! The benefits are priceless and enormous.

Beginning early is important because the roots of language are developing in a baby's brain even before they can talk!



How do I participate?

1. Sign up on READSquared.
2. Let the front desk know you have signed up. You will receive a tote bag with all the materials you need to get started and a free board book.
3. Read with your child and log the read-ing in READSquared. If you prefer, you can fill out the paper logs instead and bring them in to the front desk.
4. When you have reached 500 books, come in to pick out another board book.
5. When you have completed 1000 books, come in for a certificate and a final board book!

SIGN UP TODAY!

<https://cldandjny07.readsquared.com/>
or scan the QR code!



The Poet Speaks Screening

Monday, November 10

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Community Room 1 & 2

All Ages

Join artist and educator Amanda Eke for a screening of *The Poet Speaks*, the first made for TV series on Heritage Broadcasting, the new platform from The Archaeology Channel. The show explores the global impact of spoken word poetry, featuring voices all around the world. It's designed to spark dialogue around culture, identity, and creative expression. Amanda Eke will lead a Q&A following the screening.

Registration Encouraged.



Drug Trends: presented by Prevention Network

Wednesday, November 12

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Community Room 2

Ages 18 and up

Drug Trends is a deep dive into the prominent substances being used in the local community presented by Will Hunter, Community Educator at Prevention Network. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of addiction, substance use, and effective harm reduction strategies. Attendees under 18 may join with a guardian, but be aware sensitive topics related to substance use disorder will be discussed.

Registration Encouraged.

Charitable Giving and Your Financial Strategy

Monday, November 17

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Community Room 2

Ages 18 and up

Join Financial Advisor Brian Stinson from Edward Jones for a free presentation highlighting charitable giving channels and strategies to help you achieve your giving goals and plan for your philanthropic legacy — no matter where you are in your journey.

Registration Encouraged.

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A Mindful Approach to Growth

Monday, December 1

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Community Room 1 & 2

All Ages

"Singaporean-based lama Singha Namdrol Rinpoche, founder and spiritual director of Thekchen Choling Syracuse, will present a lecture discussing how challenges are opportunities for individual and collective growth. Through practices like mindfulness, loving-kindness meditation and compassion, we can achieve a more just and equitable society—in the United States and across the globe.

Known for his presence, warmth and power, Rinpoche has a gift for making Buddhist teachings accessible to Western audiences. He founded Thekchen Choling in Singapore in 2001 and has since established centers in Malaysia and Minoa, New York (his North American seat). Rinpoche is in residency at Thekchen Choling Syracuse from Oct. 28-Dec. 16, 2025."

Registration Encouraged.



WWII History: The Vel d'Hiv Round-Up

Tuesday, December 9

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Community Room

Ages 13 and up

Eileen M. Angelini, Ph.D. will be presenting on The Vel d'Hiv Round-Up. Learn about the detailed planning by the Vichy Government behind the round-up and detainment of more than 13,000 French Jews in 1942 and how the French government and people have since dealt with the pain and shame of this traumatic event.

Registration Required.

Check out our related display on *Messages From Survivors: One Family's Holocaust Legacy* in the Library's Lobby in December. More details on Page 3.

Social Security – Your Questions Answered

Thursday, December 11

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Community Room 2

Ages 18 and up

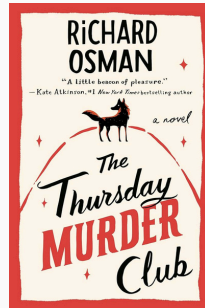
Join Financial Advisor Brian Stinson from Edward Jones for a free presentation on how Social Security fits into your retirement income plan, when you should start taking benefits, and tax considerations.

Social Security will likely be the foundation of your retirement income. Before you retire, it's important to understand your options regarding Social Security and the impact your decisions have on your retirement.

Registration Encouraged.

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, November 10 @ 2:00 pm

Read *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.

Four friends in a retirement community band together to solve cold cases, but are soon drawn into a live murder investigation in the present.

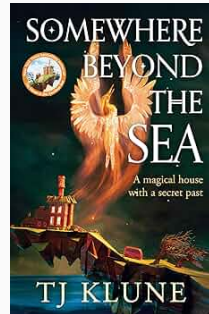
Monday, December 8 @ 2:00 pm

Read *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* by Charles Dickens

A young English lad disappears and is presumed to be the victim of foul play, but what really happened to him? Was he murdered and by whom? We may never know as Dickens died before completing the story.

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, November 10 @ 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Somewhere Beyond the Sea* by TJ Klune.

The sequel to *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, *Somewhere Beyond the Sea* returns to Arthur Parnassus and his island orphanage. When a new magical child appears on the island, Arthur must fight for the life he wants his family to live.

Wednesday, December 8 @ 7:00 pm

This month bring a book to share!

Participants should bring a book, written in the past two years, that they think the group would be interested in reading. All format of books are allowed: physical, audio, or digital.

EXERCISE

Adult Yoga

Thursdays thru Dec 18 @ 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. Please note: there is no yoga on Nov. 27.

Registration Required.

Qigong

Fridays thru Dec 19 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am

In the Community Room

For ages 18 and up.

Qigong exercise has psychological and physical components and involves the regulation of the mind, breath, and body's movement and posture. Put on your comfortable clothes and sneakers, and come out to our weekly Qigong practice. Qigong has been practiced for hundreds of years and is particularly helpful for dealing with stress, limited ability to move, and developing better balance and flexibility. Qigong 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.

Quilling Crafts

**In the Hive Makerspace
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.

Thurs., Nov. 20 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Forest Dwellers

Fri., Dec. 5 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Snowmen

Mon., Dec. 15 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Snowflakes



Register for Each Class Separately.

Learn to Use Cricut

**In the Hive Makerspace
For ages 14 and up!**

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

Mon., Nov 24 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Cardmaking

Wed., Dec. 17 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Tote Bags

Register for Each Class Separately.

Macrame Earrings

**Monday, November 3 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
In the Hive Makerspace**

For ages 13 and up!

Join Adult Services Librarian Kelly for a beginner macrame project. Learn how simple knotting techniques can make beautiful decor and accessories. Materials and instruction will be provided to make one pair of earrings per registrant.
Registration Required.

Adult Origami Program

**Tuesday, November 18 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
In the Hive Makerspace**

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.

Etched Door

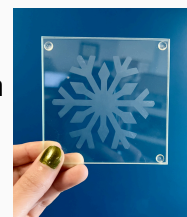
**Monday, December 8 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
In the Community Room**

For ages 18 & up!

Learn how to use etching cream to permanently etch glass or mirrors. For this class, participants will choose from one of several pre-selected design options and perform the etching process themselves on a glass coaster to take home. There will be a discussion and demonstration on how to use the Library's Cricut cutting machine to create stencils, and patrons may be able to create a personalized stencil to use if time allows.

Due to etching cream containing hazardous materials this program is for adult patrons 18+ only. Plastic gloves will be provided to protect against the chemicals. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own eye protection or face mask if desired.

Registration Required.

**Craft Book Club**

Tuesday, November 4, December 2 & January 6 @ 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 for each session.

ONGOING PROGRAMMING

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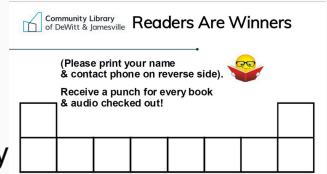
Library Loyalty Punch Card program

November 1 to December 31

For ages 18 and up.

During September through December of 2025, 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 four prize baskets: one each for September, October, November, and December. Patrons can return completed cards from September through December and will be eligible for each raffle basket. Winners will be notified at the end of each month.

No registration necessary.



English Conversation Group

Tuesdays @ 11:00 am to 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

ART GALLERY EXHIBITION

For the months of November and December, the CLD&J Wendy Scott Art Gallery will feature the artwork of local artist Stephanie Porcello.

About the Exhibit:

Time Traveler Lines

Throughout my artwork I use lines that I like to call "time traveler lines." The name is fitting because these lines fade in and out, wandering around the painting, but never fully disappearing. I'm also a huge fan of stories about time travel.

Something else to notice about my time traveler lines is that they can be found in both the calm and chaotic areas of my paintings. These lines serve as a reminder that beauty and hope exist wherever you are, just waiting to be discovered.

The painting, "Adventures in the Deep" is a great example of my use of time traveler lines. Can you spot the time traveler lines?



Artist Statement:

My abstract, asymmetrical paintings are beautiful disasters, teetering between areas of messy chaos and calming deep breaths. They offer a moment of rest to remind you that you aren't alone when feeling mixed-up emotions. Beauty and hope exist within life's perfectly, imperfect moments.

Music inspires me. The songs I listen to while painting totally influence my brushstrokes. You can see the rhythm in the patterns and movement. My shapes are soft and rounded, like smooth river stones that make me feel grounded in the present moment. I love painting with bright colors and warm neutrals. They remind me of those little everyday moments that matter—you know, the ones full of kindness and laughter. I paint to say it's ok to feel unbalanced— and invite you to find beauty in imperfection too.

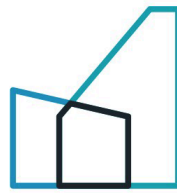
Artist Bio:

Stephanie Porcello is an abstract artist living in Manlius, New York. While recovering from a concussion, she discovered that painting released the emotions trapped inside her that she couldn't describe with words. She is part of the coaching team at Art2Life, a global platform focused on positivity and guiding creatives to become their favorite selves through art.

Website: [Http://www.StephaniePorcelloArt.com](http://www.StephaniePorcelloArt.com)

Instagram: @StephaniePorcelloArt

Facebook: @StephaniePorcelloArt



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.

BOOKSALE

The Library hosts an ongoing booksale in our Lobby. Browse books and more to add to your collection. Proceeds raised benefit the Library and its programs and services.

NOTARY

Free Notary Public services are available at the Library!

Mondays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tuesdays from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Fridays from 2:00 pm to 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