

April 2026

**Wednesday, April 1st**

**Adult Craft Night: Mother's & Father's Day Cards at 6 pm -**

Join us on Wednesday, April 1st at 6 pm for our April Adult Craft Night, this month we are making cards for Mother's Day and Father's Day! Registration is limited – please call 217-243-5435 ext. 235 or email Ali at [ajones@jaxpl.org](mailto:ajones@jaxpl.org) to register!

**Thursday, April 9th**

**What Can the Job Center Do for You? at 11 am -**

Come to the library to learn about the amazing services The Job Center has to offer from their Career Specialist Jeni Sprinkle! From job boards, resume building, to job applications, The Job Center has so many resources for people seeking employment! Admission is Free! Hope to see you there!

**Friday, April 10th**

**Lego Club from 2:30 - 5 pm -**

Calling all builders! This month's Lego Club meeting is coming up! Join us at the library on April 10th to show off your Lego skills. Stop in anytime between 2:30 and 5:00 pm. This month's challenge: build a superhero!

**Saturday, April 11th**

**Encore Family Craft Class: Mother's & Father's Day Cards at 2 pm -**

Couldn't make it to the Wednesday craft! No problem! Join us on Saturday, April 11th at 2 pm for our April Encore Family Craft, this month we are making cards for Mother's Day and Father's Day! Registration is limited – please call 217-243-5435 ext. 235 or email Ali at [ajones@jaxpl.org](mailto:ajones@jaxpl.org) to register! Adults and teens grades 6 and up may register.

**Sunday, April 12th**

**Music Under the Dome: Illinois College Percussion Ensemble at 4 pm -**

We invite you to join us for our next Music Under the Dome performance on Sunday, April 12th at 4 pm. This month, we are hosting the Illinois College Percussion Ensemble!

**Tuesday, April 14th**

**Being Mindful in a Busy World at 2 pm -**

Feeling disconnected between yourself and life? Having trouble feeling present in the moment? Come learn some mindfulness techniques to help reduce stress and increase life satisfaction. (\*Including fun brain games.\*) Part of the new "Brain Boost Tuesday" series. ~2nd Tuesday of the month~ No registration required!

**Wednesday, April 15th**

**Elizabeth Packard: The Woman Who Would Not Be Silenced with Laura Keyes at 6 pm -**

Elizabeth Parsons Ware Packard was committed to the Illinois State Hospital (the state mental asylum) in 1860, and was kept under lock and key for three years, all the while protesting her sanity. While her husband, Theophilus, insisted to everyone – Elizabeth's children, extended family, neighbors, friends, and the asylum employees – that she was, in fact, insane, Elizabeth was able to obtain her release. But her battle did not stop there. Join Laura Keyes, as Elizabeth Packard, for this informative and inspiring presentation!



## Thursday, April 16th

### Author of the Year Reception at 6:30 pm -

The Friends of the Library invite you to celebrate the winners of the annual Author of the Year contest on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in the meeting room at the library. Winners will read their poems or prose, and light refreshments will be served. Come join us!

### Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection (Zoom Event) at 7 pm

Thursday, April 16th at 7 pm. This event is intended for adults. Please call the Jacksonville Public Library at 217-243-5435 to register.

## Tuesday, April 21st

### Teen Craft Night: Basket Weaving at 6 pm -

Stay tuned for more details!

## Wednesday, April 22nd

### Adult Book Club: The Midnight Library at 6 pm -

Join us on April 22nd at 6 pm for our April Page Turners Book Club meeting. This month we are reading "Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. All are welcome! Books are available for check out at the Circulation desk!

## Saturday, April 25th

### Baby Rave at 10 am -

Stay tuned for more details!

## Wednesday, April 29th

### John Lynn Presents: Louis & Clark - The Return to St. Louis (1806) at 6 pm -

Explore the return journey of the Lewis and Clark expedition via the Missouri River, which shaped much of their 28-month trek. Based on John Lynn's modern paddle down the river, the program highlights the Corps of Discovery's 2,300-mile descent from Montana to St. Louis. **ADMISSION IS FREE!**

D&D Club from 4 - 6 pm

Well met, traveler! The Jacksonville Public Library is looking for brave adventurers to join our party!

Group 1 meets: April 3rd

Group 2 meets: April 17th

Our current session of D&D Club is full! Check our social media for updates or email Blaine at [blainecoultas@gmail.com](mailto:blainecoultas@gmail.com) with questions regarding future sessions.

Teen Advisory Board - What do you want to see at your library? Join TAB to help us make the library a better place for teens! In April, we'll be meeting on the 9th and 23rd at 5 pm! Please email Courtney at [clangdon@jaxpl.org](mailto:clangdon@jaxpl.org) or Brittany at [boverby@jaxpl.org](mailto:boverby@jaxpl.org) with questions!

Mindful Movement - Grab a towel and join Jeannie Hemphill for a mindful movement class. Learn the basics of mindful movement with an introduction to balance, finger/wrist exercises, shoulder rolls and more. As long as there's enough interest, this class will continue so don't hesitate to stop by! This month classes will be held on April 6th, 20th, & 27th from 4:30 - 5:30 pm in the meeting room.

Storytime - Join us for stories and a craft every Wednesday morning at 10 AM and every Wednesday afternoon at 3PM unless otherwise posted!

Toddler Storytime - Join us at the library every Friday at 10 AM for Toddler Storytime!

