

OCTOBER 2025

Wednesday, October 1st

Adult Craft Night: Air Dry Clay Gnomes at 6 pm -

Stop by the library for the October craft night! This month we are making Halloween air dry clay gnomes! Registration is limited - please call 217-243-5435 ext 235 or email ajones@jaxpl.org to register. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, October 8th

Adult Book Club: "The Sanatorium" at 6 pm -

The Jacksonville Public Library Page Turners will be discussing "The Sanatorium" by Sarah Pearse at this month's Adult Book Club meeting on Wednesday, October 8th at 6 pm. Never been to a meeting before? No problem! All adults are welcome!

Friday, October 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 October 10th to show off your Lego skills. Stop in anytime between 2:30 and 5:00 pm. This month's challenge: build something spooky!

Saturday, October 12th

Encore Family Craft Class at 2 pm -

Sad you missed last night's craft? No worries! There will be an encore family craft date on Saturday, October 11th at 2pm. Children 6th grade and up and adults may register - registration is limited to call or email to sign up today!

The Jacksonville Public Library will be closed on Monday, October 13th for Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Wednesday, October 15th

Crisis Center Foundation: Domestic Violence 101 at 6 pm -

Join the JPL and The Crisis Center Foundation in Jacksonville on October 15th at 6 pm for Domestic Violence 101: What you can do to recognize the signs and what you can do to prevent it. Admission is free - we hope to see you there!

Tuesday, October 21st

Paint & Sip for Teens at 6 pm -

Join us for a Halloween Teen Paint & Sip on Tuesday, October 21st at 6 pm. Drinks will be provided. For grades 6 - 12. We hope to see you there!

Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode via Zoom at 7 pm - Prepare for a magical evening as Illinois Libraries Present welcomes actress Marissa Bode. Bode made her feature film debut as Nessarose in Academy Award-winning blockbuster, Wicked, directed by Jon M. Chu. Please Call the Jacksonville Public Library at 217-243-5435 to register.

Wednesday, October 22nd

The Return of Dead People of Illinois at 6 pm -

Join us again on October 22nd at 6pm to hear from John Lynn, for The Return of Dead People from IL! Searching for dead people in all the right places, this "underground" presentation explores hundreds of Illinois cemeteries to find interesting graves and headstones, intriguing lives and deaths, and lots and plots of funny names.

Thursday, October 23rd

The History of Public Reading in Jacksonville at 6 pm -

Presented by Morgan Historical Society and Chad Boehlke, Public Historian.

Thursday, October 23rd at 6pm. Stay tuned for more details!

Saturday, October 25th

Sensory Sensitive Storytime at 10 am -

This month on Saturday, October 25th at 10 am, JPL is offering a monthly storytime program that caters specifically to neurodiverse children or those with sensory processing challenges, but all families are welcome to attend. This program is best suited for ages 3-7.

Wednesday, October 29th

Ravens and Tombstones: An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe at 7 pm -

Join us on Wednesday, October 29th at 7 pm for Ravens and Tombstones: An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe. With Halloween almost upon us, who better to spend an evening with than that master of the macabre Edgar Allan Poe? In the 90-minute program, using Poe's poetry to explore his life and times, Robert Seufert portrays Poe and Sherri Mitchell assumes the role of Poe's beloved wife and muse, Virginia Clemm. Admission is free - all are welcome!

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: October 24th

Group 2 meets: October 17th

Our current session of D&D Club is full! Check our social media for updates or email Blaine at 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 October, we'll be meeting on the 9th and 23rd at 5 pm! Please email Courtney at clangdon@jaxpl.org or Brittany at boverby@jaxpl.org with questions!

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

There will be no Storytime on October 15th.

Baby Storytime - Join us at the library every Friday at 10 AM for Baby Storytime! This program, for caregivers and babies 0-24 months, is designed to encourage baby's early literacy skills through stories, songs, rhymes, and movement.