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CLD&J LIBRARY GUIDE

Your guide to what's happening at your Community Library



Programs, News, and More

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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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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THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON:
NOVEMBER 11
NOVEMBER 26
DECEMBER 24
DECEMBER 25, 2026
& JANUARY 1, 2027

THE LIBRARY CLOSES AT 5:00 PM ON:
NOVEMBER 25, 2026
& DECEMBER 31, 2026

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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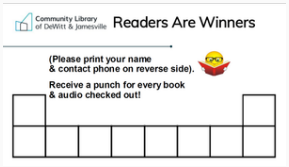
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LIBRARY NEWS

Library Loyalty Punch Card program



For ages 18 and up.
Now through December 31, 2026, 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 to the Front Desk with your name and phone number written on the back to be entered into our raffle. There will be two prizes: one each for November & December.
Winners will be notified at the end of each month.
No registration necessary.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

Craft and Content with Savannah Stephens



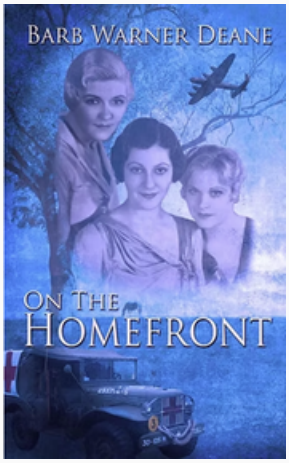
Thursdays, November 5, 12 & 19 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
In Community Room 1
For ages 18 and up.
Join local author Savannah Stephens (Witch Queen Rising) for a 3 week series on writing fantasy and science fiction. Bring a notebook and your own mug; hot chocolate and cider mixes will be provided!

November 5: Breaking into Traditional Publishing from a Unicorn
Stephens will discuss her experience as a debut author so far.

November 12: Developing Magic Systems
Hard or soft, how to build a magic system that works for your story.

November 19: Writing Inclusively in SFF
Discussion will focus on accurate and respectful depictions of various marginalized groups.
Registration Encouraged. Sign up for each session.

Women of WWII: On the Front Lines & the Home Front



Tuesday, November 10 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
In Community Room 2
For ages 18 and up.
Join Author & Public Speaker Barb Warner Deane to learn about the Clubmobile CNY program and all the ways in which American women helped win WWII! During World War II, American women took on many new roles, both in the military and as civilians. Beyond Rosie the Riveter and the Atomic Girls, women made incredible contributions to the war effort. One of the civilian avenues was through the American Red Cross Clubmobile program, which was a mobile club, featuring doughnuts, coffee, and good old American friendliness, all served up at the front lines in Europe, Southeast Asia, India, and Australia - wherever the troops were to be found.
Registration Encouraged.

Cookie Swap!

Monday, December 21 @ 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
In Community Room 1
For ages 18 and up.
Bring some cookies, take some cookies! Bring a batch of cookies (or any shareable dessert) to swap with other participants. All experience levels welcome from box-made to family recipes.
Please ensure to bring a list of all ingredients in your dessert.
Please be aware that food brought may contain or come into contact with common allergens, such as dairy, eggs, wheat, soybeans, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, shellfish or wheat. The Library cannot guarantee the accuracy of any listed or unlisted ingredients of a dish brought by an individual, nor to the quality or safety of the circumstances in which they were cooked. The Library disclaims all responsibility for any consequences related to food or beverage consumption, participants should assess the suitability of a given dish for their own dietary and health requirements.
Registration Required.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Storytimes

In the Children's Programming Room

Please Note: There is no storytime in December.

Babies and Books

Mondays, Sept 7 - Nov 30 @ 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
Sept 1 - Nov 26
Ages 0 - 5.
This is the perfect place to meet new friends! Enjoy a structured 20 - 30 minute story time that combines books, songs, and games, followed by playtime for kids and their caregivers.
No Registration Necessary.

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

Family Movie & Pizza



In the Children's Programming Room
For children of all ages.
Let's cozy up and watch a movie!
Free pizza, juice and water will be provided.
No Registration Necessary.

Tuesday, November 3
@ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
***Kung Fu Panda* (2008) - Rated PG.**

Twelve Days of To-Go Crafts

December 1 through December 12
For children of all ages.
For the first 12 days of December, Miss Jeanie will put out a to-go craft each morning. They are free to take and are first-come, first-serve (while supplies last). Look for them in the Children's Room near the scavenger hunt sign.
No Registration Necessary.

Program Series

In the Children's Programming Room

Lego Club



Mondays, Sept 14 - Nov 30
@ 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
For children of all ages!
Let's build! Join us for LEGO challenges and building themes. Stop by and make something awesome. We'll display your LEGO creations in the Children's Room.
No Registration Necessary.

Crafternoon

Wednesdays, Nov. 11 & 25
@ 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.
No Registration Necessary.

Lunch Bunch!

Every other Tuesday @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Nov 3 & 17
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.

Chef Camp

Saturdays, Nov. 7 & Dec. 5
In the Children's Programming Room
For Grades PreK - 2.
Chefs, make kid-friendly snacks! On the menu for Nov 7 are rice cakes topped with fruits and a chocolate spread and cracker sandwiches with cheese and turkey pepperoni. On Dec 5, whip up yogurt parfaits and celery with cream cheese and goldfish crackers.
Registration Required.

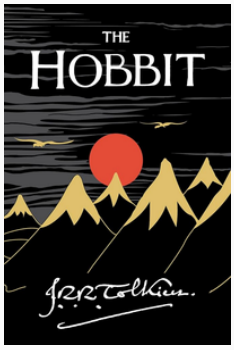
Age Guidelines for Children's Programs:
Our librarians plan a variety of activities for children of all ages. Each event is carefully designed with a particular age group in mind. Please observe age requirements listed. Parents are asked to stay with their children under age 10 for library activities,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

TEEN PROGRAM SERIES

These programs take place in the Children's Programming Room, unless otherwise noted.

Teen Book Club

Thursdays @ 3:30 pm*
Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 & Dec. 10
For Grades 6 - 12.
Join the club! Here, we will discuss our group's chosen book for the past month, go over what we liked and did not like, and plan for our next read. Not sure what we're reading and want to join? Reach out to the Teen Librarian, Alexandra, and she will help get you ready for the next meeting!
No registration necessary.



November Book
(if not selected by teens):
The Hobbit
by J.R.R. Tolkien

December Book
(if not selected by teens):
The Count of Monte Cristo
by Alexandre Dumas

Teen History Club

Thursdays @ 3:30 pm*
Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov 19 & Dec 17
For Grades 6 - 12.
Join us for the history club! Come and discuss events that occurred this month in history and learn more about US and World History.
No Registration Necessary.

November Topics:
JFK, November 11 Armistice, Fall of the Berlin Wall

December Topics:
Rosa Parks arrested, Pearl Harbor, Boston Tea Party, End of the Norman Conquest

Teen Career Readiness Series

Wednesdays @ 3:30 pm*
Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 & Dec. 2
For Grades 9 - 12.
Are you applying for your first job or working on college applications? Trying to develop your first resume and don't know where to start? Join us at the library to develop some basics and be ready for the career world!
No registration necessary.

November Topic: Interview Practice

December Topic: How to Find a Job

Teen Healthy Habits Series

Wednesdays @ 3:30 pm*
Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 & Dec. 16
For Grades 6 - 12.
Want to develop healthier habits? Trying to learn new techniques for your health? Join us for our monthly meeting to discuss healthy habits you can adopt as a teen to set you up for a healthy adulthood!
No registration necessary.

November Topic:
Mindfulness: Yes, You Actually Need to Pay Attention to Your Stress to Be Healthy

December Topic:
Screentime: The Secret Motivation Killer and What You Can Do Instead

***TIME SUBJECT TO GROUP AVAILABILITY. CONTACT THE LIBRARY'S TEEN LIBRARIAN FOR MORE DETAILS.**

TEEN PROGRAMS

In the Children's Programming Room. For Grades 6 to 12, unless otherwise noted.

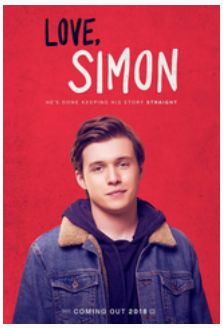
CNY Young Naturalists
Wednesday, November 4 @ 3:30 pm
Explore nature and the world around you at the Library! Join us as we learn about ways to better connect with nature and how to engage with our local environment!
No registration necessary.

Teen Choice Awards
Friday, November 6 @ 3:30 pm
Cast your ballots! Join us for our first-ever Teen Choice Awards, where you select your favorite songs, movies, TV shows, and more. Battle it out to see who wins!
No registration necessary.

READ Poster Night
Tuesday, November 17 @ 3:30 pm
Do you remember those corny READ posters from days of old? Have you ever wanted to be in one or make one using yourself, your friend, or a favorite celebrity? Come and create new and improved READ posters and display them in the Teen Vault!
No registration necessary.

Library Doppelganger Night
Friday, December 4 @ 3:30 pm
Have you ever wondered who your spiritual doppelganger was? Come to the library to find out who they are! Here, you will answer questions about yourself and see who is most aligned with you and if your twin is out there!
No registration necessary.

Teen Movie Night:
Love, Simon (2018) PG-13
Thursday, December 3 @ 5:00 pm
Read the book (or don't) and see the film.
Free pizza will be provided.
No registration necessary.



ADULT PROGRAMS

CLD&J Music Series
For all ages.
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, November 6 @ 7:00 pm
Keyna Hora Klezmer Band
The CLD&J Music Series returns with a lively performance of the Keyna Hora Klezmer Band. Enjoy rousing folk music that will get you on your feet and dancing.
Registration Encouraged.

Friday, December 4 @ 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.
Registration Encouraged.



Intro to Canva
Thursday, December 10 @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am
In Community Room 2
For ages 18 and up.
Canva is used for creating a wide variety of visual content, including social media graphics, presentations, posters, and videos. This class is for absolute beginners and will cover the basics to help patrons get started in exploring the many uses of Canva. Participants can create a free account and follow along to the instructor's tutorial on a laptop computer. Please bring your own laptop computer. If you are unable to bring one, please email Kelly at: knovak@CLDandJ.org for accommodation. If you need individual assistance creating a Canva account, please arrive by 10:00 am with an e-mail you have the password to.
Registration Required.



EXERCISE & WELLNESS

Yang 24 Form Tai Chi

Fridays, Nov. 6 - Dec. 18 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
In the Community Room
For ages 18 and up.

Tai Chi is 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, enhancing 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 Tai Chi practitioners, beginner and experienced.

Anna Wong, our Assistant Director, has been a practitioner of Qigong, Tai Chi, Tai Chi Fan, and mindful movement for decades and will be your guide.
Registration Encouraged.

Adult Yoga

Monday, Nov. 2 - Dec. 21 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
In the Community Room
For ages 18 and up.

Join instructor Heidi for a beginner's Yoga class. Yoga is a balance between mind, body, and spiritual energy. 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.



BOOK & FILM



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, Nov. 18 @ 6:30 pm
***Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocum**
When Bern Hendricks, one of the world's preeminent experts on famed 20th composer Frederick Delaney, is asked to help authenticate a newly discovered piece he thinks he's received the call of a lifetime. However, it soon becomes clear that Delaney's true history is far more complicated than it seems. Just who was the real genius behind Delaney's world famous complete works?

Wednesday, Dec. 16 @ 6:30 pm
Bring a book to share!
This month we're sharing our own books. Choose a book you've recently read and bring it along to the club! We'll share our thoughts on our books and get recommendations for the coming year.



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.

Thursday, Nov. 12 @ 3:00 pm
Read any Hannah Swensen mystery by Joanne Fluke
Amateur sleuth and baker Hannah Swensen solves murders in her small Minnesota town.

Thursday, Dec. 10 @ 3:00 pm
Bring a book to share!
Share a mystery you're reading or a past favorite with the group and discover new authors.

CRAFT PROGRAMS

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.



Saturday, Nov. 14 @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Forest Dwellers

Tuesday, Dec. 22 @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Snowflakes

Register for Each Class Separately.

Learn to Use Cricut

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, Nov. 23 @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
For ages 14 and up!
Cardmaking

Tuesday, Dec 8 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
For ages 14 and up!
Design a Mug

Register for Each Class Separately.



Adult Origami



Wed., Nov. 18 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
For ages 18 and up!
Join us for this fun paper folding 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 beginners to longtime origami practitioners. All materials will be provided.
Registration Encouraged.

Holiday Embroidery

Thurs., December 3 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
For ages 18 and up!
Join Adult Services Librarian Kelly to create a beginner holiday design with hand embroidery! Patrons do not need to have embroidered before, but must be able to thread a needle and tie knots with embroidery floss. Instruction and materials will be provided.
Registration Required.

Upcycled Book Vases



Mon., December 14 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
For ages 12 and up!
Decorate for the holidays with an upcycled book vase! All materials and instruction will be provided to make one book vase with poinsettias per registrant. Poinsettias are also known as cuetlaxóchitl (pronounced kwet-la-SHO-chee) in the original Nahuatl language of the Aztec peoples of Mexico.
Registration Required.

Kakizome: 書き初め



Wed., Dec. 16 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
For ages 18 and up!
Kakizome (書き初め) translates to "first writing" and is a beloved Japanese New Year tradition where people practice calligraphy to set intentions for the upcoming year. The practice began during the Heian period (794–1185) as an exclusive imperial court ritual. Today, it is widely practiced. Individuals use a calligraphy brush and ink to write a meaningful kanji character or phrase that represents their aspirations for the new year.
Registration Required.

Craft Book Club



Tuesday, Nov. 3 & Dec. 1 @ 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 deisgnated 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.

INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Community Solar Explained: Shining a Light on Your Electric Bill

Tuesday, November 24 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am or
Saturday, December 12 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Community Room 2
Ages 18 and up.
Learn how Community Solar can help lower your electric costs without installing panels on your roof! Think Energy's Senior Energy Advisor Dwayne Love will be presenting a free seminar on community solar.
At this seminar we will discuss:

- LMI Status (Low-Moderate Income) & program eligibility
- How to subscribe to a solar farm that generates clean electricity for the grid
- The Benefits of Community Solar (lower your electric bill, no rooftop panels, support clean renewable energy, save for up to 20 years, no cost to install)

Community patrons are asked to bring a copy of their electric bill to confirm eligibility and answer any questions about the charges on the bill. Let's power a brighter future together!
Registration Encouraged.



Outsmart the Scammers

Thursday, December 17 @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Community Room 2
Ages 18 and up.
Brian Stinson, Financial Advisor from Edward Jones, will be presenting on "Scam Awareness" during a free educational lecture.
Topics covered will include: how to identify scams and prevent being scammed, what to do if you think you may be involved in a scam, and how to manage the aftermath if you were scammed. The presentation will be followed by ample time for Q&A.
Registration Encouraged.

Edward Jones

VA S.A.V.E Training

Wednesday, November 18 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
In Community Room 2
Ages 18 and up.
VA S.A.V.E. Training is a free course that will help you act with care and compassion if you come across a Veteran who is in crisis or having thoughts of suicide. The acronym S.A.V.E. helps you remember the important steps involved in suicide prevention:
Spot the signs a Veteran might be thinking about suicide
Ask the critical question — “Are you thinking of killing yourself?”
Validate the Veteran’s experience
Encourage and support next steps with the Veteran
No Registration Necessary.



ONE ON ONE TECH HELP

One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesdays @ 2:00 pm; Fridays @ 2:30 pm
Ages 18 and up.
Get in-person help with your laptop, tablet, smartphone, or eReader. Make an appointment with one of our tech staff to help you troubleshoot device problems or to learn more about how to get the most out of your devices. Be sure to tell us what kind of device you need help with in advance and what kind of issues you’re having. While our library staff are not IT professionals, we have a wealth of practical IT skills and are happy to provide computer training and advice within the scope of our knowledge.
Registration Required.

The Library and Library Staff are unable to assist with medical, financial, legal requests, and entering or accessing sensitive information. The Library and Library Staff reserve the right to refuse service for any requests, including but not limited to:

- Tax Filing
- Online Banking
- Legal Documents
- Medical Documents
- Credit Card Information
- Social Security Numbers
- Explicit Images/Content
- Dating Apps

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At the Library

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.

ESOL

The Library hosts an English Conversation Group. Join us weekly to practice English conversation and grammar skills in a low stress environment. Check out Event Calendar at www.CLDandJ.org for details.

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS & SERVICES

Libby/Overdrive Checkout ebooks, digital audios, and stream mov-ies with the library's digital catalog available 24/7 with your library card and pin number. **onondaga.overdrive.com/onondaga-dewitt/content**

Hoopla Featuring movies, music, and digital audios to stream or download. **www.hoopladigital.com**

Guides to Digital Services Explore our digital collections with guides to using Libby/Overdrive & Hoopla with your devices. **www.cldandj.org/collections.html#Streaming**

QUESTIONS?

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