

Newsletter

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CLD&J Book Sale

All books and CDs are .50¢ each. DVDs and other media items are \$1.00. Other items specially marked.

Proceeds raised benefit the library and its programs and services.

News Briefs

VENDING MACHINES

Looking for a snack or something to drink? The Library hosts 2 vending machines in the lower level lobby across from the elevator. Satisfy your craving or thirst from the available stock. Please note: at this time, we do not offer hot coffee or tea. The Library is looking into the possibility of offering these in the future.



WIFI HOTSPOTS

The Library also circulates hotspot devices that can be checked out to library patrons 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". These hotspots are available for a three-week loan with an option to renew for an additional three weeks.

The Library offers free wifi throughout our building and in our parking lot. Just search for **CLD&J Wifi** to log on.

PROGRAMMING/MEETING ROOM USE

All of our meeting room spaces are now available for use by the public. These meeting rooms may be booked in-person, online (www.CLDandJ.org) or by phone (315-446-3578) on a first-come, first-served basis.

STAFF UPDATES

Welcome our new Assistant Director of Patron Services Alyssa Newton. Alyssa brings years of experience from area libraries such as Onondaga Free, Fayetteville Free, and LeMoyne.

QUESTIONS?

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

We will provide updated information as it becomes available on our website: www.CLDandJ.org and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CLDandJ).



Community Library
of DeWitt & Jamesville

Upcoming Events

The Library continues to offer events & programs virtually through online platforms.

CLD&J Music Series In the Library Afterhours

Blair Frodelius

Friday, February 16 @ 7:00pm

Keyna Hora Klezmer Band
Friday, March 29 @ 7:00pm

Come enjoy a free concert of live music at the Library. Doors open at 6:30pm.
Registration Encouraged.

AARP Tax Help

AARP will be providing free Tax Help at the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville. Appointments are required, register by calling the Library at 315-446-3578 or asking at the circulation or reference desks. Appointments are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at either 10:00AM, 11:30AM, or 1:30PM. Ask Library staff for up-to-date availability.

*Bring a photo ID and Social Security card for each individual on the return.

If the tax payers are filing JOINT, both spouses must come. Bring all your tax information including: Tax Return from last year, Income information, Expenses, Property owners should bring their real estate bills and the amounts of any refund checks received.*

Community 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

315-446-3578
www.CLDandJ.org

The Library will be closed:
Mon., Jan 15

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Library Annual Fund Drive Continues

Start off the new year with a donation and support your Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville. Why give to the Community Library?

- We're open 62 hours a week, with new opening hours M-F at 9:00am!
- A beautiful, award-winning design that makes us a great place to come and enjoy your time, whether that's reading our expanded selection of newspapers or seeing what is new
- Free broadband internet access for all (improved cell service and wifi, even in our parking lot)
Technology such as printers, scanners, etc. that not all in our community have available at home

Please donate to the Library! Our donors enable the following:

- Increased outreach of library information and services outside of our building, such as community events and homebound services
- Free loan of library Roku boxes, Wi-Fi hot spots & even laptops [library-use only for laptops]
- A brand new collection, called "A Nest of Things" - items to check out that facilitate making and crafting and other tool needs
- Continuing to improve our Memory Care Collection - unique in the County and important for dealing with memory loss

It is easy to make a donation online at www.CLDandJ.org, use the QR code below, or mail us a check made payable to: Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville. We appreciate donations in any amount; **THANK YOU** in advance for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Katie Centolella
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Executive Director



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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Fancy Tea Party
Saturday, February 10 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm
In the Community Room For Kids of All Ages
 Here's an excuse to wear your fanciest outfit! Join Miss Jeanie for tea, snacks, and delightful conversation.

Valentine's Day Craft
Wednesday, February 14 at 2:00pm to 4:00pm
In the Children's Programming Room For Kids of All Ages
 Drop in and make a Valentine's Day decoration or grab supplies to craft at home.
No Registration Necessary.

Learn to Cross Stitch
Thursday, February 22 at 2:00pm to 3:00pm
In the Children's Programming Room For Ages 7 & up.
 Come learn a fun new skill from a longtime stitcher. Supplies will be provided and participants can go home with their own cross stitch kit.

February Break Movie & Snacks
Friday, February 23 at 11:30am
In the Children's Programming Room For All Ages.
 Looking for something to do during February break? Come get cozy, watch a family friendly movie, and enjoy snacks!
No Registration Necessary.

Staff Favorite Reads

Here's a list of our staff's favorite reads in 2023. How many of them have you read?

The Book of Cold Cases by Simone St. James
 Recommended by Brian
 A true crime blogger snags an interview with a woman acquitted of two cold case murders which leads to long buried truths.

The Rachel Incident by Caroline O'Donoghue
 Recommended by Briana
 A debut novel about the turbulent, transitory time of one's early twenties.

The Peripheral by William Gibson
 Recommended by Charles
 In the future, technology has altered society and a woman discovers an alternate reality of a darker future. The basis for the Amazon Prime series, *The Peripheral*.

Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid
 Recommended by Diane
 A woman is determined to be the best tennis player in the world, no matter the cost.

Fairy Tale by Stephen King
 Recommended by Denise
 A boy and his dog find a portal to another world where good and evil are at war.

The Lies of Ajungo by Moses Ose Utomi
 Recommended by Eli
 A debut novella about a boy's epic quest to bring water back to his city and save his mother's life.

Fire and Blood by George RR Martin
 Recommended by Jeanie
 Set before the events of *A Game of Thrones*, this novel recounts the exploits of the Targaryen family.

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins
 Recommended by Kelly
 The prequel novel about 18-year-old Coriolanus Snow and his first time mentoring a tribute in the Hunger Games.

Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid
 Recommended by Meghan
 Daisy is an up and coming singer. The Six is a band starting to make their mark. Together, they will become the stuff of legends.

The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich by Deye Muniz
 Recommended by MJ
 A graphic novel about a nobleman, a princess, and grilled cheese.

Astrid Parker Doesn't Fail by Ashley Herring Blake
 Recommended by MJ
 An interior designer sets about to renovate her love life.

Sir Callie and the Champions of Helston by Esme Symes-Smith
 Recommended by Melissa
 In this graphic novel, a nonbinary teen hopes to become a knight and defeat threats to the kingdom.

Earth's the Right Place for Love by Elizabeth Berg
 Recommended by Nancy
 A story about kindness, character, and family, and how love can grow when least expected.

Friends Speaker Series

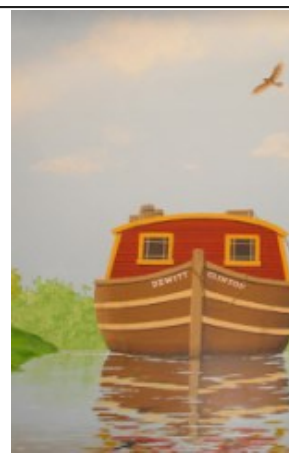
Waterway of Change

Join us for a women's history presentation on **Thursday, March 14 at 6:00pm**. Our speaker will be Elizabeth Farrell, Research & Education Assistant for the Erie Canal Museum.

The Erie Canal revolutionized Upstate New York bringing new ideas, people, and industries to the region, sparking a firestorm of

chance. The fight for women's rights grew out of these changes and the Canal's enabling of communication and networking.

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



Nest of Things

The new year has brought in four new items to the Nest of Things collection for you to borrow. Get started on your rhythm journey and try out the collection's new tambourine or bongo drum set. Both instruments are beginner friendly. You can also now borrow knitting loom rings, which include QR codes on how to use them, and what kind of fiber creations they're useful for. Last but not least, the collection has added a 3 axis phone gimbal stabilizer. With this item, you can make your phone videos look smooth and professional.

The Nest of Things collection is constantly evolving and it will be gaining even more new items as the year goes on. The collection's goal is to make items that are hard to obtain or hard to learn more accessible for everyone to try out. If you have a suggestion for an item, we'd love to hear from you! Drop by the library, or send us an email at hive@cldanjd.org.



Nest of Things is a special collection consisting of "bundles" of Hive inspired equipment. Some featured bundles are: the Cricut Joy bundle, jewelry making bundle, streaming bundle and podcasting bundle. Kits can be checked out for up to 2 weeks. Search "Nest of Things" to easily find them in the Catalog.

Art in the Library

For the months of March & April, the Community Library is featuring local artist Lydia Benschner.

Artist's Statement:

Encaustic painting has been used by artists for thousands of years; the Fayum portraits from Coptic Egypt still exist today. It was at an exhibit of these paintings at the Royal Ontario Museum that I fell in love with this medium, and have worked with it ever since.

Encaustic paint is made of pigment, beeswax, and resin. Traditionally, encaustic paint is heated to apply it to a surface. It is rich in color and texture.

Artist's Bio:

Lydia Benschner studied at the Art Student's League of New York, Syracuse University, and received a Dual BA in History and Studio Art from Binghamton University. She has a studio at the Delavan Center in Syracuse, New York, and continues working as an encaustic painter.



From the Stacks

Top 10 Most Checked-out Fiction Books Read in 2023

According to our statistics, these were the most popular fiction titles in 2023. How many did you read?

#10. **The 23rd Midnight** by James Patterson

#9. **The Summer Place** by Jennifer Wiener

#8. **Dreamland** by Nicholas Sparks

#7. **The House of Wolves** by James Patterson

#6. **Sparring Partners** by John Grisham

#5. **3 Days to Live** by James Patterson

#4. **Simply Lies** by David Baldacci

#3. **The Boys from Biloxi** by John Grisham

#2. **No Plan B** by Lee Child

#1. **Long Shadows** by David Baldacci

The Patterson machine lands 3 titles in the top 10 most checked out items, but of course, with so many titles coming out per year, why buy them when you can borrow them for free from the Library? However, the top spot goes to David Baldacci who reclaims the #1 spot after relinquishing it to Kristin Hannah in 2022.