

Newsletter

Sept | Oct 2021

Upcoming Events

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



Community Library
of DeWitt & Jamesville

ONLINE: Page Turners Book Club

This book club reads primarily contemporary adult fiction books. Join us via Zoom. New members are always welcome! To RSVP, register via our website or email our librarian Kara at kconley@clandj.org.

Wed., Sept 15 | 6:30pm-7:30pm: *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano

Wed., Oct 20 | 6:30pm-7:30pm: *Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty* by Patrick Radden Keefe

ONLINE: The Battles of Saratoga

Premiering Thursday, Sept 23 at 7:00pm

Author, Historian, & Librarian Cheryl Pula narrates the events leading to the Battles of Saratoga and the turning point of the American Revolutionary War. Watch it on our YouTube channel.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, Oct 4 at 2:00pm

The Library's Mystery Book Club returns this fall with a look at "A Different Sort of Mystery." Join us as we discuss Gillian Flynn's novel, *The Grownup*, an Edgar-award winning homage to classic ghost stories. Registration Required.

Registration is encouraged for all Library programs.

Visit: www.CLDandJ.org, and click on **Events** to sign up or view other upcoming programs.

Library Lingo

Do you feel as if the Library speaks a different language than the rest of the world?

Learn Library language here.

STEM:

An acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Used by educators and librarians to foster learning in these subjects. Our Library's Discovery To Go (DTG) collection is comprised of many kits and tools to encourage STEM learning.

Meeting Rooms

After Tuesday, September 7th, the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville's meeting rooms will be available for use by the public. Reservations are required to use the Library's meeting rooms. Reservations may be made up to 30 days in advance. To reserve a meeting room space, please call the Library at 315-446-3578 or e-mail: reference@CLDandJ.org.

For more information about the Library's meeting rooms, please review our meeting room policy available online at www.CLDandJ.org or at the Library. Please note that additional restrictions may apply to our meeting room use due to the Covid pandemic.

Notary Service Changes

Beginning Tuesday, September 8th, the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville's notary service will be available for free on Sundays from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

Library Board

Are you interested in serving on the Community Library's Board of Trustees? The Library Board is currently looking for a Treasurer. Please contact Board President Max Ruckdeschel or Executive Director Charles Diede for details.

Community Library HOURS

Monday - Thursday
10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Fridays & 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:

Monday, July 5 for
Independence Day &
Saturday, Sept. 4,
Sunday, Sept. 5 &
Monday, Sept. 6 for
Labor Day weekend

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No More Late Fees!

At their June 2021 meeting, the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville's Board of Trustees voted to eliminate overdue fines. The Board had previously voted to suspend overdue fines on library materials back in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. After reviewing this policy and considering library trends, the decision was made to make this policy permanent.

As of July 1, 2021, the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville will no longer charge late fees on library materials, except for special collection items*. Fees for damaged or lost items will still apply.

*Special collection items include materials in our Discovery To Go collection, CLD&J Games Collection, Accessible Games Collection, Digital Gateway Collection (including Roku & WiFi Hotspots), and Empire Passes.

For more information, please call the Library at 315-446-3578, or visit our website: www.CLDandJ.org.

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Kids Corner

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Decorate a pumpkin like your favorite book character and enter to win a prize! There are categories for Children (ages 3-12), Teens (ages 13-18), and Adults (ages 19 & up).

Halloween Costume Contest

Drop by in your costume, get your picture taken, and be entered to win a prize! We'll also have trick or treating available. There are categories for Littles (ages 0-6), Children (ages 6-12), Teens (ages 13-18), and Adults (ages 19 and up).

One submission per person per contest. **Look for the full contest info, rules, and entry form available at the Library and online at: www.CLDandJ.org.**

ONLINE: via Zoom
Halloween Party Friday, October 29 at 4:00pm

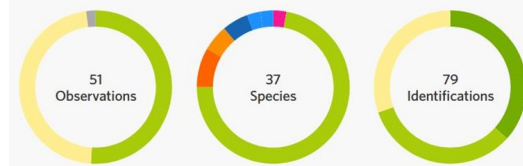
For children ages 2 and up. Celebrate the spookiest day of the year from the comfort of your home. Wear your costume and enjoy stories and crafts. Registered participants receive a party kit (available for pickup on Thursday, October 28 between 10:00am-9:00pm).

Registration Required. Sign up on our Calendar of Events at: www.CLDandJ.org with a valid e-mail to receive the link/login info. Join the event from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

CLD&J's 1st BioBlitz Event

On July 31st, the Library held its first annual BioBlitz at Clark Reservation State Park. A BioBlitz is an event where scientists, kids, adults and other community members can work together to find and identify as many species as possible in a specific place over a short period of time. This can be beneficial to foster the love of nature and the environment in young minds, and it can be used for more rigorous purposes like analyzing how many invasive species may be present in an area.

Library staff prepared check-in stations where participants received their guide to BioBlitz activities at the park and information about how to participate in the project using the iNaturalist apps. Participants were also given a button to identify them as a seeker and a team flag to guide them to log specific species in the park. A local teen volunteer patiently prepared buttons for the participants.



Experts gathered from the several nature education organizations to assist the Library staff. Tom Hughes led the charge with staff members Michael Serviss, Katie Mulverhill, and park stewards Stephanie and Sophia all from the Central Region NYS Parks office. They were joined by David DuBois from Baltimore Woods Nature Center and Brian and Jared from Onondaga Earth Corps. Their expertise and enthusiasm was supplemented by identification guides from OCPL's collection on mushrooms, ferns, birds, plants, flowers, insects, and more. The Sibley's and Peterson's guides were some of those favored by the experts.

Many participants were drawn to the event from the Library's weekly Grab & Go craft, which included a nature journal in a plastic pouch with a magnifying glass and pencils. This kit could be used to view and collect samples outside. Upon arrival, participants were assigned to a team to log specific species. Team assignments included log-

ging: trees, bushes & birds; moss, lichen & insects; or blooming plants & fish! These team assignments were not hard and fast but provided guidance for those who needed or wanted it.

Tom Hughes from NYS Parks took one group down to the Glacier Lake and was able to recover several interesting specimens from the water for the participants to view. Several groups went out to explore other areas of the park. Some seekers struck out without a guide and were able to log observations from afar while others worked with the experts to review their logs and obtain accurate identifications of the species they caught through their lenses. As the seekers returned, they added their names into a raffle for three Snap Circuits kits. Names were drawn and three winners were selected.

The Library's BioBlitz encouraged scientific inquiry and a bond with nature. A total of 51 observations were made by 10 observers and checked by 13 identifiers. 72% of the identified species are plants, followed by insects and arachnids. One species of fungi and two ray-finned fish identifications were made. To see the full results please visit: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/bioblitz-at-clark-reservation-state-park>.

Thanks to everyone from the NYS Parks, Baltimore Woods, and Onondaga Earth Corps who came out and made this a fun, lively, and engaging experience for children and their families. With a little interpretation, we can all better understand how we are a part of and an influence on the natural world around us. The Library looks forward to hosting future BioBlitz events.



Art in the Library

For the months of September & October, the Community Library is featuring the work of local artist Joyce Day Homan.

Joyce Day Homan has lived in Dewitt many years. She and her husband Ray brought their 4 children up here and both taught in the Jamesville-Dewitt School system. She has taught art in all 12 grades of public school, in summer camps, senior centers and a facility for homeless teen boys.

She is an Art Education graduate of SUNY Buffalo and Syracuse University, loves music, travel and being active in community affairs.



Her favorite medium is watercolor with collage and acrylic painting a close second. Besides the work shown here highlighting nature she also does commentary on social and political themes.



Community Connections: ESOL

Virtual English Conversation

The Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville hosts informal **English Conversation Classes** for those who wish to practice their English speaking and listening skills. Join us online on **Tuesdays at 11:00am to 12:30pm via Zoom**. Each session is centered around a specific topic question that is emailed out the day before the class (example: "Bring your favorite family photo to show the group. Why is it special to you?"). Each student gets an opportunity to share their response to the topic question and converse about it as a group. Afterward, practice and discuss some key vocabulary and/or English idioms. **Registration Required.** To sign up, email Librarian Kara Conley at: kconley@cldandj.org

ESOL Classes Return to the Library

Beginning Wednesday, September 8, BOCES returns to the Library with their English as a Second Language classes. Classes are held on **Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00am to 1:00pm** at the Library. Learn English. Study reading, writing, and vocabulary. Practice pronunciation and conversation. No advanced registration is required. Interested individuals are encouraged to attend and speak with the instructor about joining.



From the Stacks

Digital Resources Available from your Library 24/7

The Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville offers digital collections and resources you can access from home.

Overdrive/Libby
Includes currently popular e-books in epub, Kindle, and pdf formats, as well as downloadable audiobooks, streaming movies, magazines, and music.

Hoopla
Stream or download movies, TV shows, audiobooks and music.

Lynda.com
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Visit the Digital Books & Media and Apps & Databases section of our website at: <https://www.cldandj.org/collections.html#Digital>

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