

January &
February
2009

A New Year at JDL

Thank you for your support!

On behalf of the Jackson District Library's Board of Trustees and its entire staff, I would like to sincerely thank you for your strong support of our operating millage proposal in the November 4 election. We were successful by an impressive margin of 62% to 38%.

I want to pay particular tribute to our staff and Board members who waged a truly inspired campaign, touched the lives of thousands of Jackson County residents, and inspired you to support our efforts. During these challenging economic times, Jackson County residents have demonstrated how much they value their libraries and we are deeply humbled by their strong support.

As we savor the results of this wonderful victory, we must remind ourselves that it comes with many challenges and responsibilities. We will strive to consistently deliver outstanding service and continually seek ways to make a lasting impact on the community and to be truly a part of the solution. We are very excited to announce that the Jackson County Data Network will officially be launched on Wednesday,

January 21 at 5:30 p m in the Clare Sergeant Auditorium of the Carnegie Library. Fueled by a \$20,000 grant from the United Way of Jackson County, the Jackson County Data Network is a centralized source of timely, relevant information on Jackson County that will assist grant writers, planners and researchers seeking solutions to Jackson County's pressing needs. I look forward to seeing you at this event or at one of the several other events listed in this newsletter.

With best wishes for the holidays and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

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Jackson, MI 49201

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Reading is important so *clear a path* to **Winter & Spring Preschool Storytime** 2009

www.myjdl.com

Library Babies (birth - 23 months) - **Thursdays** February 5 - April 23 at Carnegie Library 10 am

Time for Twos (24 - 35 months) - **Mondays** February 2 - April 20 at Carnegie Library 10 and 11 am

Please register for Library Babies and Time for Twos - 517-788-4087 x235. Space is limited.

Preschool Storytime for children three years old and up

Give your children a great head start by reading to them out-loud and often. Stock up on great reading material at your favorite JDL location.

Brooklyn, 207 N. Main St., Brooklyn, 517-592-3406
THURSDAYS at 10 am - February 5 - April 23

Meijer, 2699 Airport Rd., Jackson, 517-788-4480
THURSDAYS at 10:30 am - February 5 - April 23

Carnegie, 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, 517-788-4087
WEDNESDAYS at 10 am and 1:30 pm - February 4 - April 22

Napoleon, 6755 Brooklyn Rd., Napoleon, 517-536-4266
WEDNESDAYS at 2 pm - January 7 - March 25

Concord, 108 S. Main St., Concord, 517-524-6970
MONDAYS at 11 am and 2 pm - January 12 - April 27

Parma, 102 Church St., Parma, 517-531-4908
MONDAYS at 10:30 am - February 9 - April 27

Eastern, 3125 E. Michigan Ave., Jackson, 517-788-4074
THURSDAYS at 10:30 am - February 5 - April 23

Spring Arbor, 113 E. Main, Spring Arbor, 517-750-2030
WEDNESDAYS at 10:30 am - February 4 - March 25

Grass Lake, 130 W. Michigan, Grass Lake, 517-522-8211
MONDAYS 10:30 am and 1 pm - February 2 - April 27

Springport, 116 Mechanic St., Springport, 517-857-3833
WEDNESDAYS at 10 am - January 7 - May 13

Hanover, 118 W. Main St., Hanover, 517-563-8344
WEDNESDAYS at 10:30 am - January 7 - April 29

Summit, 104 Bird Ave., Jackson, 517-783-4030
MONDAYS at 7 pm - February 9 - March 16

Henrietta, 11744 Bunkerhill, Pleasant Lk, 517-769-6537
WEDNESDAYS at 6 pm - February 4 - March 25

For more information on story times at your branch or to reserve space for larger groups, please call number provided.

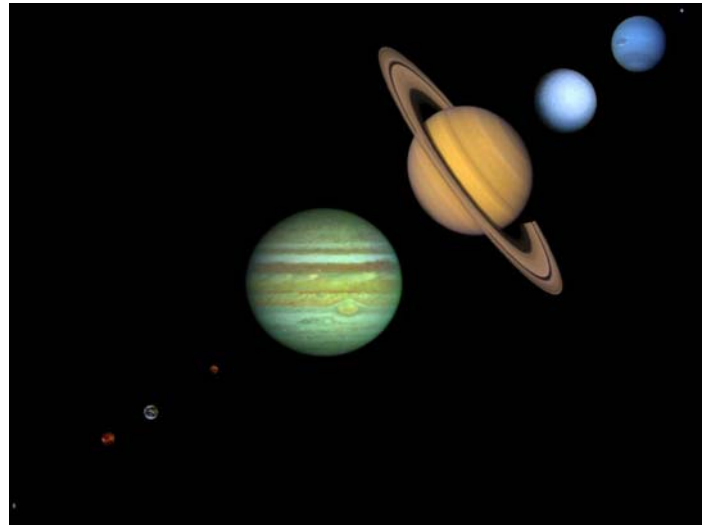
Beyond Earth: Exploring Outer Space

January - February - March

MYJDL kids & teens

For the last few years, the Jackson District Library has partnered with University of Michigan Exhibit Museum's Family Reading and Science Program. *Beyond Earth: Exploring Outer Space* is filled with hands-on family fun! These programs are funded by the James A. and Faith Knight Foundation.

Beyond Earth begins in January with *Look Up at the Sky!* Participants will explore the star pictures, constellations and more. In February, *Planet Adventures* will teach children about the solar system and what the planets are made of. *Missions into Space* will take place in March. Discover the history of space explorations and the cool spacecrafts of tomorrow!



This program is for children six to eleven years of age accompanied by an adult. The program is FREE! but reservations are required. Please contact the JDL location where you will be participating in Beyond Earth. For more information contact JDL's Children's Department, 517-788-4087 x235 or our website at www.myjdl.com.

JANUARY

Look Up at the Sky!

When you look up at the night sky, what do you see? Discover how to read star maps and find the brightest star on your own! Explore the different star pictures, or constellations. Learn about the big star closest to Earth: our Sun! Does the Sun really move across the sky every day? Can we track the Sun's movement to tell time? Make a sundial and see for yourself!

Saturday, January 10

Meijer, 2699 Airport, Jackson
10 am
517-788-4074

Carnegie, 244 W. Michigan, Jackson
2 pm
517-788-4087

Saturday, January 17

Brooklyn, 207 N. Main, Brooklyn
10:30 am
517-592-3406

Eastern, 3125 E. Michigan, Jackson
1:30 pm
517-788-4074

FEBRUARY

Planet Adventures!

Did you know that Earth is a planet, and that we share our Sun with neighboring planets? Find out what makes something a planet, and learn all about the planets in our Solar System. Discover how these planets move around the Sun. Explore the air and weather on other planets. Is there life beyond earth? Design a life form that might survive on another planet!

Saturday, February 14

Meijer, 2699 Airport, Jackson
10 am
517-788-4074

Carnegie, 244 W. Michigan, Jackson
2 pm
517-788-4087

Saturday, February 21

Brooklyn, 207 N. Main, Brooklyn
10:30 am
517-592-3406

Eastern, 3125 E. Michigan, Jackson
1:30 pm
517-788-4074

MARCH

Missions into Space!

When did people start exploring space? How did they get there? Launch your own rocket and find out! How do astronauts live and eat in the reduced gravity of Earth's orbit? Find out how to survive in space and prepare a meal for an out-of-this-world trip! Learn about future missions into space and discover cool spacecrafts of tomorrow!

Saturday, March 7

Meijer, 2699 Airport, Jackson
10 am
517-788-4074

Carnegie, 244 W. Michigan, Jackson
2 pm
517-788-4087

Saturday, March 14

Brooklyn, 207 N. Main, Brooklyn
10:30 am
517-592-3406

Eastern, 3125 E. Michigan, Jackson
1:30 pm
517-788-4074

Programs at JDL

January

Brooklyn

207 N. Main, Brooklyn, 517-592-3406

Saturday, Jan. 17, 10:30 am
Science Reading Workshop
Look Up at the Sky!

Carnegie

244 W. Michigan, Jackson, 517-788-4087

Friday, Jan. 2, 12 – 4 pm
Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament – All ages
Bring your cards!

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2 pm
Science Reading Workshop
Look Up at the Sky!

Thursday, Jan. 15, 6:30 pm
CommUnity Forum
Economy Got You Down?

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 6:30 pm
Mr. Lincoln, You're Such a
Caution!
The Lincolns share some humor.

Concord

108 S. Main, Concord, 517-524-6970

January Mondays, 10 am
Knit & Crochet Classes w/ Pat
Kandall

Eastern

3125 E. Michigan, Jackson, 517-788-4074

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2 pm
Internet Health Resources Class

Thursday, Jan. 8, 6 pm
Beading and Crocheting Class

Eastern (cont'd)

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1:30 pm
Book Group

Saturday, Jan. 17, 1:30 pm
Science Reading Workshop
Look Up at the Sky!

Meijer

2699 Airport, Jackson, 517-788-4480

Saturday, Jan. 10, 10 am
Science Reading Workshop
Look Up at the Sky!

Thursday, Jan. 15, 6 – 7:30 pm
Beginners Knitting w/ Sherrill
Blazier
Learn the basics!

Monday, Jan. 26, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Beginning Japanese and Culture
Sara Hashimoto - educator

Napoleon

6755 Brooklyn, Napoleon, 517-536-4266

Thursday, Jan. 8, 2 pm
Non-fiction Book Group
The Professor and the Madman by
Simon Winchester

Friday, Jan. 9, 2:30 pm
Napoleon Friends Meeting

Friday, Jan. 9, 3 pm
Just Desserts Mystery Book Club

Monday, Jan. 12, 12:30 – 2:30 pm
Introduction to Computers Class

Thursday, Jan. 15, 2 pm
Fiction Book Group
Atonement by Ian McEwan

Napoleon (Cont'd)

Monday, Jan. 19, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
World of Word Craft WOW
A writing workshop for writers.

Summit

104 Bird, Jackson, 517-783-4030

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6 pm
The Knit Wits
Knitting Group

February

Brooklyn

207 N. Main, Brooklyn, 517-592-3406

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 pm
Financial Aid night w/ Adrian
College

Saturday, Feb. 21, 10:30 am
Science Reading Workshop
Planet Adventures!

Carnegie

244 W. Michigan, Jackson, 517-788-4087

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2 pm
Science Reading Workshop
Planet Adventures!

Monday, Feb. 19, 6:30 pm
“Darwin” Returns
Discussions on Darwin theories.

Concord

108 S. Main, Concord, 517-524-6970

February Mondays, 10 am
Knit & Crochet w/ Pat Kandall

February 2 – 6
Young Lincoln and his log cabin
days. Projects and displays.

February 9 – 14
Lincoln's interest in abolishing
slavery. Projects and displays.

Programs at JDL

February (Cont'd)

Concord (Cont'd)

February 16 – 20

Lincoln's presidential and Civil War years.

Projects and displays.

February 23 – 27

Lincoln's assassination

Projects, displays and a movie.

Eastern

3125 E. Michigan, Jackson, 517-788-4074

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2 pm

Finding that Perfect Read

JDL Reader's Advisory Databases

Thursday, Feb. 5, 6 pm

Beading Class

Saturday, Feb. 21, 1:30 pm

Science Reading Program

Planet Adventures!

Meijer

2699 Airport, Jackson, 517-788-4480

February Mondays, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Beginning Japanese and Culture
Sara Hashimoto - educator

Saturday, February 14, 10 am

Science Reading Workshop

Planet Adventures!

Napoleon

6755 Brooklyn, Napoleon, 517-536-4266

Monday, Feb. 9, 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Introduction to Computers Class

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2 pm

Non-Fiction Book Group - *Dreams from My Father* by Barack Obama

Napoleon (Cont'd)

Friday, February 13, 2:30 pm

Napoleon Friends Meeting

Friday, February 13, 3 pm

Just Desserts Mystery Book Club

Monday, February 16, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

World of Word Craft WOW

A writing workshop for writers

Thursday, February 19, 2 pm

Fiction Book Group

Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar

Nafisi

Summit

104 Bird, Jackson, 517-783-4030

Wednesday, February 11, 6 pm

The Knit Wits

Knitting Group

March

Brooklyn

207 N. Main, Brooklyn, 517-592-3406

Saturday, March 14, 10:30 am

Science Reading Workshop

Missions into Space!

Carnegie

244 W. Michigan, Jackson, 517-788-4087

Saturday, March 7, 2 pm

Science Reading Workshop

Missions into Space!

Concord

108 S. Main, Concord, 517-524-6970

March Mondays, 10 am

Knit & Crochet Classes w/ Pat

Kandall

Eastern

3125 E. Michigan, Jackson, 517-788-4074

Saturday, March 14, 1:30 pm

Science Reading Program

Planet Adventures!

Meijer

2699 Airport, Jackson, 517-788-4480

Monday, March 2, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Beginning Japanese and Culture

Sara Hashimoto - educator

Saturday, March 7, 10 am

Science Reading Workshop

Planet Adventures!

Napoleon

6755 Brooklyn, Napoleon, 517-536-4266

Monday, March 16, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

World of Word Craft WOW

A writing workshop for writers.

Summit

104 Bird, Jackson, 517-783-4030

Wednesday, March 11, 6 pm

The Knit Wits

Knitting Group

Coming soon to JDL

Wanted: Readers

Winter Reading @ the Library

The Jackson District Library's *Wanted: Readers - Winter Reading Program* will kick off January 31 and run until February 21, 2009! This will be a family reading program and participants will read together for at least 1 hour per week. Reading logs will be provided and prizes will be awarded at the end of the three week period at the participants' local branch.

Carnegie Branch will host an author day to kick off this reading program on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 2 - 4 pm. The afternoon will feature three local authors. Each author will read from the book(s). After the readings, there will be refreshments and an opportunity to purchase books from the authors for book signing.

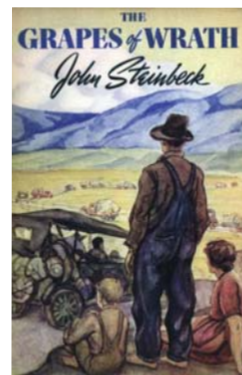
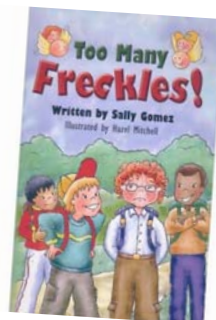
Carnegie will wrap up the program by having a "Readers' Roundup" on February 21, 2009 at 2:00 pm in Carnegie's auditorium. The movie, *Toy Story 2*, will be shown as well. Come on down for fun, surprises, and refreshments!

Books by Ann Purmell



Author,
Sheila
Pursglove

Sally
Gomez,
Author



The Big Read Kick- Off

February 28, 2008
2 to 6 pm

Lincoln School
154 W. Clark Street
Vandercook Lake

Community Faire

Join us.

Free!

Calendar of events
coming soon!



Jackson District
Library now has
Federal Income
Tax Forms. State
of Michigan Tax

Forms will become available
January 20. You may pick up
tax forms at any of our 13 loca-
tions.

The IRS VITA (Volunteer
Income Tax Assistance) Program
offers FREE tax services to low
and moderate income individuals
who cannot prepare their own
income tax returns. Volunteers
will be at JDL locations to assist
you; please call 211 to make an
appointment.

Coming Soon to JDL

Word Wise 2009



featuring

Diana Gabaldon

May 8 and 9

Watch for program and registration information coming in the next JDL newsletter.

Get information about your library faster

Get the Jackson District Library e-newsletter.

Send your email address to smithdm@myjdl.com or call Donna Smith, JDL Marketing Officer, at 517-788-4099 x252.

Carnegie Friends Have Year Round Book Sale On-line

Check out Friends of JDL's site at www.betterworld.com. Scroll down to *Online Sidewalk Sales* and type in your zip code. You will see Jackson District Library-Carnegie listed. Browse our listing and order directly from Better World Books.

President Abe Lincoln & Mary Lincoln to visit JDL

The Carnegie Branch of the Jackson District Library to host

*Mr. Lincoln, You're
Such a Caution!*

Wednesday
January 28, 2009
6:30 pm
Sergeant Auditorium

The Lincolns are portrayed by Fred and Bonnie Priebe who have been professional educators since 1969 in Michigan public schools. Fred and Bonnie have been providing quality historical presentations together since 1996. They pledge to provide historically accurate and entertaining presentations by continuously researching the social and political habits of the time.



For more information, visit

The New Jackson County Data Network



The Jackson County Data Network is a service site intended to provide information on county needs and issues. This information may be in the form of government data, private industry statistics, nonprofit organizations' research and reports, or any other useful data. The intended audience is grant-writers, nonprofit planners, researchers, as well as the general public.

Give to Your
Library
online

www.myjdl.com

ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

January/February 2009

Registration for January Classes begins January 5, 2009 at 8 am
Registration for February classes begins February 2, 2009 at 8 am

PLEASE REGISTER AT THE BRANCH WHERE YOU WILL BE TAKING THE CLASS

Brooklyn, 207 N. Main St., Brooklyn, MI 49230 - 517-592-3406

Carnegie, 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49201 - 517-788-4099 x260

Eastern, 3125 E. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49202 - 517-788-4074

Meijer, 2699 Airport Rd., Jackson, MI 49202 - 517-788-4480

Napoleon, 6755 Brooklyn Rd., Napoleon, MI 49261 - 517-536-4266

[Computer Basics or How do I turn this Darned Thing On?](#)

Geared for adults with limited experience using computers, this class will cover basic components of computers. Use and operation of the mouse, (right click, left click, double click) and saving and retrieving documents.

[Monday, January 12, 12:30-2:30 PM @ Napoleon or](#)

[Wednesday, January 14, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Carnegie or](#)

[Thursday, January 15, 10:00 AM 12:00 PM @ Carnegie or](#)

[Monday, February 9, 12:30 – 2:30 PM @ Napoleon](#)

[Keyboarding Skills](#)

Learn and/or refresh typing skills and learn various functions of the keys (F keys, Esc, Ctrl, Alt etc).

[Wednesday, January 21, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Carnegie or](#)

[Thursday, January 22, 10:00 AM 12:00 PM @ Carnegie](#)

[Computer Basic Utilities](#) **NEW CLASS**

Prerequisites: Computer Basics class (above) or some knowledge of the computer, mouse (right click, left click and scroll) and windows. Participants of this class will learn how to create folders, move files from one place to another, back-up files, delete files, download and upload files and change screen resolution.

[Wednesday, January 28, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Carnegie or](#)

[Thursday, January 29, 10:00 AM 12:00 PM @ Carnegie](#)

[Beginning Microsoft Word](#)

Prerequisites: Computer Basics class (above) or similar experience using a computer, mouse, keyboard and Windows. Should know how and why to right click, left click and double click. Users will gain an overview of MS Word and practice formatting documents (selecting text, changing font size and style, cut /copy and paste).

[Thursday, January 8, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Meijer or](#)

[Friday, January 9, 10:00 AM 12:00 PM @ Meijer or](#)

[Monday, January 26, 5:30-7:30 PM @ Brooklyn or](#)

[Thursday, February 26, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Meijer or](#)

[Friday, February 27, 10:00 AM 12:00 PM @ Meijer](#)

[Introduction to the Internet](#)

Prerequisites: Participants should have Computer Basics class (above) or be comfortable with the computer, keyboard, mouse (right click, left click, double click, scroll) and Windows. Learn how to do a general search of the Internet and how to evaluate information you find on websites.

[Wednesday, February 11, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Carnegie or](#)

[Thursday, February 12, 10:00 AM 12:00 PM @ Carnegie or](#)

[Monday, February 16, 5:30 -7:30 PM @ Brooklyn](#)

[Health Resources on the Internet:](#)

Prerequisites: Knowledge of computers, the mouse and Windows, Computer basics and keyboard and Introduction to the Internet classes (below) or equivalent experience. This class will help the participants find some web sites related to health information and staying healthy.

[Wednesday, January 7, 1:00-3:00 PM @ Eastern](#)

[How to use the Jackson District Library Website](#)

Prerequisites: Computer Basics class (above) or knowledge of the computer, mouse and windows, and Internet.

Participants will learn how to use the computer to find and order the “stuff I need” from Jackson District Library. Bring your library card and know your pin number!

[Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Carnegie or](#)

[Thursday, February 19, 10:00 AM 12:00 PM @ Carnegie](#)

[JDL Reader’s Advisory Databases-Finding That Great Book To Read!](#)

Prerequisites: Knowledge of computers, the mouse and Windows, Basic computers, keyboard skills, Introduction to the Internet and How to use the JDL Website classes (above) or equivalent experience. Some knowledge of the JDL webpage is recommended.

[Wednesday, February 4, 1:00-3:00 PM @ Eastern](#)

[Intermediate Microsoft Word:](#)

Prerequisites: Some knowledge of the computer, mouse, keyboard and windows functions and Beginning Word Class or equivalent experience. Participants will learn how to make bulleted lists, set tabs, add tables, create a mail merge and insert graphics in word documents.

[Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM @ Carnegie or](#)

[Thursday, February 26, 10:00 AM 12:00 PM @ Carnegie](#)

Note:

- o All classes are offered at various times for your convenience.
- o These classes are FREE
- o SPACE IS VERY LIMITED - registration is required to reserve your spot.
- o Each class is only one session. The information obtained is cumulative, what is learned in one session will be applied in later classes.
- o There is no limit on the number of classes you can take; sign up for one or the whole series. You can repeat classes that you have taken in previous series, but please sign up for only one session of each class in this series.