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## BECOME A FRIEND OF JDL TODAY

In May 1967, seven people gathered and formed a Friends of the Library group at what was then the Jackson City Library. Through the years, the group has grown, district-wide, to more than 500 members of the Friends of the Jackson District Library.

The Friends of JDL, a non-profit organization, always accepts gifts such as honorariums, endowments, bequests, and donations which are used to enhance and support library services, programs, and collection materials.

To become a member of the Friends of the Jackson District Library, stop in to any of the library's 13 branches, email [friendsofjdl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofjdl@gmail.com), or mail your request to:

**Friends of the Jackson District Library**  
**244 W. Michigan Avenue**  
**Jackson, MI 49201**

## IN THIS ISSUE

### ON THE ROAD AGAIN

The Jackson District Library Bookmobile is back in action, and it has a bubble machine.

### START A NEW CHAPTER

There's never been a better time to sign up for a library card now that we've done away with overdue fines.

### BROOKLYN BRANCH OPEN

The Brooklyn Branch is open for business after an eight-month face lift that doubled its square footage and updated its amenities.

## STORYFEST 2021

### The 34th Annual Jackson Storyfest returns with in-person programming November 1-6, 2021.

Storytelling Through the Arts, which captures the many fun and creative forms of storytelling, is the theme for this year's storytellers: Satori Shakoor, Larry Castleberry, Noa Baum, and annual favorite Jenifer Strauss (all pictured below, left to right).

These storytellers are sure to bring energy, laughter, and excitement to area students prior to the Storytelling Showcase, scheduled for 7:30 PM Friday, Nov. 5, at Weatherwax Hall in downtown Jackson. Save the date and stay tuned to our website for up-to-date info: [www.myjdl.com](http://www.myjdl.com).



# CHAPTERS

THE JACKSON DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



FALL 2021



## FALL PROGRAMS

Events identified with the ●<sub>REC</sub> icon are filmed ahead of time, will be posted on our social media pages at 2 PM the day of the event, and will be available for viewing after their premiere. Other events are either in-person programs or live online.

SEP  
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**SCIENCE OF SOUND** ●<sub>REC</sub> | Learn how to make a harmonica using household materials and how sound and music are made.

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**BINARY CODING** Join our library staff during open hours at our Concord and Hanover branches to make a binary coded bracelet of your initials.

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**JACKSON PRISONS** In this edition of JDL Chats - a podcast-style virtual chat over Zoom at 6 PM - participants will discuss the history of local prisons.

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**KUMIHIMO BRACELETS** ●<sub>REC</sub> | Learn about Kumihimo, the traditional Japanese art form of making braids and cords, while you make a bracelet yourself.

OCT  
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**YOGA** ●<sub>REC</sub> | Explore the many benefits of yoga and how it can improve our wellbeing, both physically and mentally. This will be a gentle, introductory practice.

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**LOCAL GHOSTS** This iteration of JDL Chats - a podcast-style virtual chat over Zoom at 6 PM - will have participants discussing local ghost stories.

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**AMONG US** Sign up at [www.myjdl.com](http://www.myjdl.com) and join a group of eight others at 6 PM to play the hit smartphone game "Among Us."

NOV  
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**NATIVE AMERICAN STORIES** ●<sub>REC</sub> | In honor of Native American History Month, storyteller Genot Picor will share traditional tales and music.

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**JACKSON INVENTORS** JDL Chats - a podcast-style virtual chat over Zoom at 6 PM - will have attendees discussing Jackson inventors.

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**BOOK TASTING** Staff will host a live virtual "book tasting" at 6 PM on Zoom to discuss what they're reading, what they like, and other recommendations.

## SEW COOL

**Learn basic hand sewing techniques and even some sewing machine skills with this eight-part series.**

Airing 2 PM every Monday and Friday in September, join JDL's own Katie Sayles as she demonstrates a variety of stitches, explains when they are best used, and gives examples of the projects you can take on using the stitch demonstrated.

Show us some of your own projects online by posting a picture using the hashtag #craftworkjdl.

## LIBRARY FINES REMOVED

**Jackson District Library continues to find ways to increase library access for everyone in our community and that's why on September 1 JDL joined thousands of libraries across the country by doing away with overdue fines.**

Studies have found that fines do not encourage the on-time return of materials, and contrary to what some may believe, fines don't make the library any significant amount of money either, accounting for less than one-half of one percent of Jackson District Library's annual budget. What fines do is prevent access for patrons who cannot afford to pay those fines, resulting in more materials going unreturned compared with libraries who have removed overdue fines.

JDL patrons are still responsible for returning materials, however. When materials are 30 days overdue, patrons will be charged the replacement cost for them. Accounts with lost/damaged fees totaling \$10 or more will result in the patron's account being blocked until the items are returned or paid for.

## BROOKLYN

**After eight months of renovations, the Brooklyn Branch is open to the public.**

Patrons are welcome to stop by to check out materials and see the space, which includes a footprint twice as large as the original space, a community room, a children's area, and new furniture and shelving.

A grand opening and ribbon cutting is scheduled for Sept. 18 at the branch. Stay tuned for specific information on this exciting event.



## WWII STORIES

**Larry Martin has spent years interviewing more than 100 World War II participants and will again this fall team with JDL to showcase those stories with his series "WWII: In Their Own Words."**

Join us on the following Saturdays at 10 AM in the Carnegie Library to watch these recordings and talk with Larry Martin:

**September 11  
October 2  
November 6**

## BOOKMOBILE

**The JDL Bookmobile is back and traveling around Jackson County.**

With features like a wheelchair lift, WiFi, and a bubble machine, this mobile library is bringing our books, movies, games and resources to more people than ever before. Follow the bookmobile on social media and [myjdl.com](http://myjdl.com) to see its schedule.



**OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES WILL HAVE UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFO ON ALL OUR PROGRAMMING**