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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS TAKE THEIR SEATS

**The Jackson District Library welcomes our newest board trustees in Kelsey Heck Wood and Brenda Pilgrim.**

Heck Wood enjoys reading, cooking, and tackling DIY projects around the 100-year old home she shares with her husband and two cats in Jackson. The library has always been an important part of Pilgrim's life and she credits her varied love of music, history and art to being able to access a public library.

Heck Wood and Pilgrim were appointed to the Jackson District Library Board of Trustees by the Jackson City Council in January and March, respectively. They join five other board members.

## SPRUCED UP

**The Irish Hills Regional Chamber of Commerce recently awarded JDL with its annual Spruce Award for the renovations done to the Brooklyn Branch.**

The award recognizes organizations that renovate, remodel, build and "spruce up" a building in the Irish Hills and Brooklyn area.

JDL finished the renovation project at the Brooklyn Branch last year, which doubled the size of the library, added a community room, and built out dedicated spaces within the building for both adults and children.

## MOVIN' AND SHAKIN'

**Adult Services Coordinator Calvin Battles was recently selected as a "Mover and Shaker," an honor annually awarded by the Library Journal.**

Every year, the Library Journal selects 40-50 library employees from across the country who have helped "shape the future of libraries." Battles is the first JDL employee to receive the honor and has worked for JDL since 2012.

Battles was nominated for his work on the library's expungement program, which helps individuals remove certain criminal cases from their record. Battles spearheads the program that received a Jackson Community Foundation grant to operate and works with the United Way, Michigan Works, and Legal Aid to help area residents expunge their criminal record. The program will continue through September 2022.



# CHAPTERS

THE JACKSON DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



**SUMMER 2022**

*A young poet gets some help in reading her poem at the Young Poets Awards Ceremony.*



## SUMMER PROGRAMS

Programs identified with the ● REC icon are filmed ahead of time and will be posted on our social media pages at 2 PM the day of the event. These videos will be available for viewing after their premiere.

Other events are either in-person programs or live online events.

**JUN 6** **OCEAN IN A BOTTLE** Visit any branch during open hours to pick up materials to build your very own ocean in a bottle - including shells, sand, and more.

**JUN 13** **MAKING DOUGHNUTS** ● REC | To celebrate National Doughnut Day, watch our video interviewing staff at Jackson's famous Hinkley Bakery.

**JUN 15** **MESSY ART** Come to the Summit Branch on June 15, July 20, and Aug. 17 to create your own messy art. Register online at JDL's event's calendar.

**JUN 20** **MEET UP & EAT UP** Free meals are available at the Carnegie Library to all children ages 18 and younger Mondays through Fridays at noon. Ends Aug. 12.

**JUN 25** **BABY SHARK** Parents hate it; toddlers love it; and we're celebrating Baby Shark with games and crafts on the Carnegie Library front lawn, weather permitting.

**JULY 1** **TECH HELP** From Facebook to Facetime, Eastern Branch staff will help with basic technology needs. Call for an appointment. Continues through Aug. 31.

**JULY 5** **FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS** Visit any JDL branch the week of July 5 to pick up your bracelet craft kit in preparation for Friendship Day on July 30.

**AUG 1** **MERMAID CRAFT** ● REC | This video will show you how to create your own keychain in the shape of a mermaid tail using macrame cord and knots.

**AUG 15** **BUILD A BEAST** Make your own monstrous creations the week of Aug. 15. Check our website for participating branches: [www.myjdl.com](http://www.myjdl.com).

## ON THE MOVE

**The Jackson District Library Bookmobile is on the move.**

**The Green Market**  
205 E Michigan Ave, Jackson  
**Thursdays** | 9 AM - 2 PM

**Grand River Farmers Market**  
114 W Pearl St, Jackson  
**Fridays** | 9 AM - 2 PM

**Art, Beer, & Wine Festival**  
Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson  
**June 11** | All Day

**VCL Festival Car Show**  
400 Blk Pkwy St, Vandercook  
**July 16** | 9 AM - 2 PM

Be sure to follow us  
@JDLBookmobile on  
Facebook and at [myjdl.com](http://myjdl.com).

## LET'S TALK

**JDL kicked off a series of community conversations about race in January 2022.**

JDL continues the program with a discussion about the second half of "Sum of Us" by Heather McGee from 6-8 PM on Thursday, July 28, at the Carnegie Library Auditorium.

Similar discussions about books that highlight race and race relations are slated for October 27.



## REGISTER, READ, & WIN THIS SUMMER

Explore the "Oceans of Possibilities" that await you at your local library during JDL's 2022 Summer Reading Program.

Simply read for four hours between June 1 and July 31, log your time on our website, and enter to win a wide variety of prizes including gift cards to local favorites like Cascades Ice Cream, Jax 60 bowling, the Michigan Theatre, Ella Sharp Park Putt-Putt, the Jackson Symphony Orchestra, and the Jackson County Fair, among other prizes. Every four hours read gets you another entry into a prize drawing of your choice.

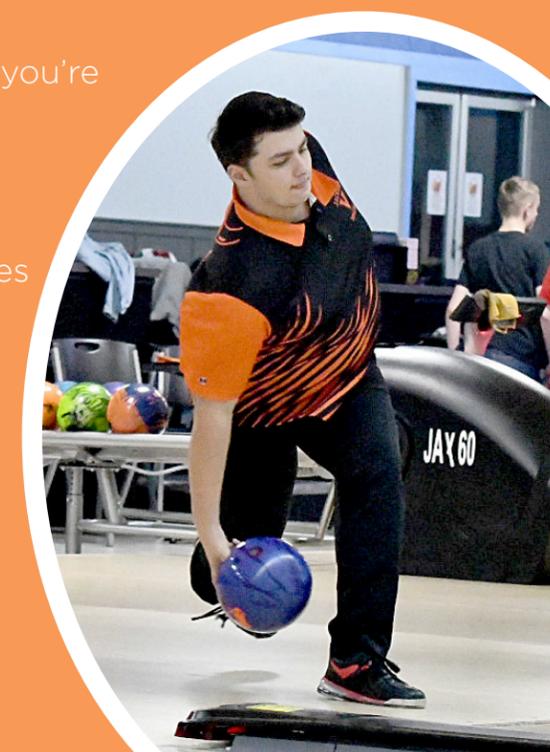
Parents and guardians of those who can't read earn a free book for signing up and another for completing the program. A total of two hours of reading to your toddler or loved one enters them into a prize drawing.

Books, magazines, graphic novels - even the newsletter you're reading right now - count toward your reading goal.

**Sign up today at [myjdl.com/SRP](http://myjdl.com/SRP).**

During the months of June and July all of our 13 branches throughout Jackson County will host family-themed programs and events like ARK Animal Encounters, Bubbleman, and magicians and storytellers. A full program schedule is included on our website at the link above.

Join us for an **SRP Block Party** from 1-4 PM Saturday, July 30, in front of Carnegie Library in downtown Jackson that will feature a live DJ, live performances, games, activities, performers including pirates and mermaids, and more.



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