

JACKSON DISTRICT LIBRARY
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WE'RE UPDATING THE LIBRARY WEBSITE

After roughly a decade, the library will improve and modernize its website to better serve JDL patrons and the Jackson County community.

With the ultimate goal of keeping what works for library patrons, fixing what doesn't work, and modernizing the aesthetics of the page, Jackson-based RJM firm has worked for months to update JDL's website (www.myjdl.com).

"We want our community to be able to access all the library has to offer, and making the website easy to navigate and more accessible is our goal," IT Manager Andy Lane said.

The new site is scheduled to be unveiled in 2022.

JDL PICKS

JDL is offering reader's advisory services in a number of exciting ways.

By going to our website at myjdl.com and clicking the "JDL Picks" banner, patrons can have library staff contact them and recommend books, movies, and more that may fall within their interests.

Additionally, we're uploading a new YouTube video on our channel every Thursday featuring staff reading the first chapters of youth novels that JDL has available. If you're drawn in, then you're welcome to check the book out for yourself.

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

JDL officials are making a concerted effort to keep Jackson County residents and library patrons connected with free WIFI access hubs.

After partnering with the Jackson Area Transportation Authority earlier this year to provide free WIFI to passengers on JATA buses, JDL staff worked with City of Jackson officials and are now providing free WIFI access to those in and around Horace Blackman Park in downtown Jackson. The free WIFI access will be available 24/7.

"One of our main initiatives has always been increasing Internet access to area residents," JDL Director Sara Tackett said. "We're consistently looking for ways to partner with community organizations to help area residents discover, learn, and succeed."

Thousands of people still depend on public computers and WIFI despite the proliferation of technology, Tackett said. "In 2021 and beyond, Internet access should be a right."



CHAPTERS

THE JACKSON DISTRICT LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



WINTER 2021/22

WINTER 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.

DEC 6 **MICHIGAN ORNAMENTS** Create your own Michigan-shaped Christmas ornament. Supplies and directions available at all 13 branches starting Dec. 6.

DEC 13 **HORSE CARE** ● REC | In recognition of National Horse Day, join Kate, Karen, and Amy as they walk viewers through the basics of horse care.

DEC 20 **CHALK ART** Release your inner star with this chalk art craft. Supplies and directions will be available at all 13 branches starting Dec. 20.

JAN 3 **CHINESE NEW YEAR** Pick up kits with Chinese birth charts, a tiger lantern, red envelopes, and more to learn about the Chinese New Year.

JAN 24 **'CRAFTAVISM'** ● REC | Geared toward teens, this program will have participants take their negative thoughts and will turn them into a positive outlook.

JAN 31 **JDL COOKS!** ● REC | We continue our monthly cooking show by showing viewers how to stay warm this winter season with chili and chicken soup.

FEB 7 **LIBRARY LOVERS** Celebrate National Library Lover's Month by creating a bookmark complete with a ribbon and charm.

FEB 26 **BLACK SUPERHEROES** Highlight all the superhero material JDL has to offer at any of its libraries with comicbooks, graphic novels, and more.

FEB 28 **FIRST CHAPTERS** ● REC | Join us for a series of podcasts showcasing a narrator reciting passages from JDL's collection, including new release and hidden gems.

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

ON THE MOVE

The Jackson District Library Bookmobile is on the move, here are some of the stops the mobile library will make in the coming months.

Dec. 17 | 10 AM | YMCA
127 W Wesley St, Jackson

Jan. 25 | 3 PM | Hillian Lake
3998 Sunset Dr, Brooklyn

Jan. 28 | 2:30 PM
Tompkins Twp, Jackson County

Weekly | MLK Center
1107 Adrian St, Jackson

Be sure to follow us @JDLBookmobile on Facebook and at myjdl.com for an up-to-date schedule.

LET'S TALK

JDL will kick off a series of community conversations about race in January 2022.

Beginning 6 PM Thursday, Jan. 27, area residents are invited to attend a program at the Carnegie Library in downtown Jackson to discuss Ijeoma Oluo's book "So you Want to Talk about Race."

The program is facilitated by Racing4Equity founder Kesha Hamilton.

THE ART & VOICE OF MLK

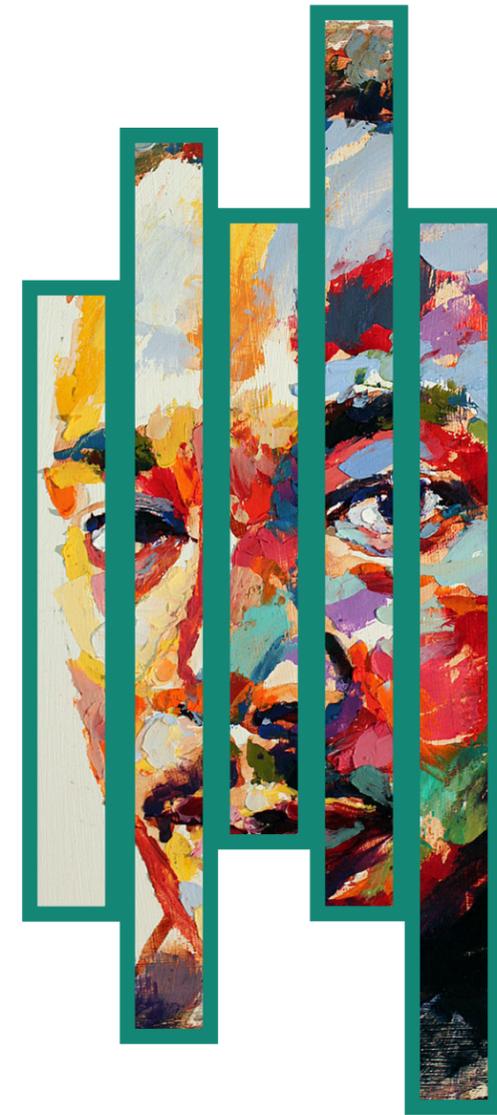
Calling all artists and advocates! Area residents are welcome to celebrate the legacy and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by participating in JDL's art contest that highlights King's voice.

The contest looks to honor MLK, highlight the role art and artists play in social and political transformation, and bring people together at the library as a community connected by a desire for racial equality and justice for all.

JDL officials will accept pictures of original artwork this December inspired by one of the prompts we provide from MLK's sermons, speeches, and writings. Pictures of the work should be emailed to community@myjdl.com between Dec. 1 and Dec. 31.

Participants are allowed one work of art per person.

All the artwork will be included on Jackson District Library's social media channels and on its website, www.myjdl.com, during the contest. Winners' artwork will be displayed publicly at the Ella Sharp Museum of Art & History.



READING PROGRAMS EXPANDED FOR K-2

In addition to our Summer Reading Program and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge, we've expanded our reading challenges for children. New programs include:

100 BOOKS IN KINDERGARTEN
50 BOOKS IN 1st GRADE
50 BOOKS IN 2nd GRADE

These programs, which run until May 31, have a goal of continuing a child's learning journey at home. For each program, participants earn a free book when they sign up and a free book when they complete the program. Tracking is easy with the Beanstack App, or participants can use the JDL website or paper logs provided at any JDL location.

Check out myjdl.com/beanstack to review the challenges and sign up today.