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ON THE COVER

Professional storyteller Adam Mellema performs for a crowd at the Ella Sharp Museum during JDL's Storyfest Showcase event.

This was the 37th straight year that the library organized and hosted storytellers for Storyfest.

FESTIVE CRAFTS

Register at myjdl.com/events for any of the five crafting programs listed below.

Book Trees

Dec. 8 | 2 PM | Carnegie
Dec. 16 | 6 PM | Summit

Make Christmas Trees out of paperback books.

Handmade Ornaments

Dec. 12 | 3:30 PM | Napoleon

Ages 3-7 make a candy cane ornament. Ages 8 and older make a gumball machine.

Gingerbread Houses

Dec. 14 | 11 AM | Springport
Dec. 18 | 3 PM | Spring Arbor

Build your own gingerbread house to take home with you.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES

The Jackson District Library is hosting, sponsoring, and celebrating the holiday season with open houses all across Jackson County.

Enjoy everything from a pancake breakfast with Santa to the annual Light Up Concord contest this December. A full list of events is below.



Santa Pancake Breakfast

Dec. 7 | 9:30 AM | Spring Arbor Fire Dept.

Spring Arbor Fire Department firefighters will make a pancake breakfast for the community and Santa - sponsored by the department and JDL.

Santa Claus Visit

Dec. 10 | 6 PM | Eastern Branch

Santa is coming to the Eastern Branch, so join us for a visit and a free book.

Parma Open House

Dec. 13 | 1 PM | Parma Branch

Come into Parma and enjoy treats, refreshments, and fun activities for all ages.

Hanover Open House

Dec. 13 | 1 PM | Hanover Branch

Enjoy door prizes, a Santa visit, and cookies at the annual holiday open house hosted by the Hanover Branch.

Light Up Concord Open House

Dec. 20 | 1 PM | Concord Branch

Drop in to the Concord Branch for a holiday open house followed by the Light Up Concord award ceremony at 4 PM.

Annual Holiday Open House

Dec. 20 | 1 PM | Springport Branch

Stop by Springport and enjoy treats, refreshments, and fun activities for all ages!

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Find plenty of fun and interesting things to do when you participate in a program or event at one of the many JDL locations throughout Jackson County. You can find a more detailed, complete list of library programs and events by visiting and browsing our website events calendar at www.myjdl.com/events.

- DEC 4** **STUFFIE PET CLINIC** Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library and perform your own wellness visit/check-up. **Meijer Branch 10 AM**
- DEC 7** **YOUR DRINKING WATER** Learn how we affect the quality of our drinking water and, ultimately, our health. **Eastern Branch 1 PM | Registration Required**
- DEC 13** **HOLIDAY MOVIE MATINEE** Join us for a fun afternoon movie screening of "Elf" including treats, door prizes, and activities. **Concord Branch 3 PM**
- DEC 18** **LIGHTS, CAMERA, READ** Pop into the Summit Branch and enjoy stories, movie snacks, and book trailers. **Summit Branch 6 PM | Registration Required**
- DEC 22** **FEEL THE ROAR** Come cheer on the Detroit Lions as they take on the Chicago Bears. Snacks provided. **Eastern Branch 1 PM | Registration Required**
- JAN 5** **WINTER WREATHS** Come craft a "BOHO" style winter wreath to adorn your living space. **Carnegie Library 2 PM | Registration Required**
- JAN 13** **LIVING TREE HOUSE** Dahlem Center reps will be on hand to teach attendees about local wildlife. **Summit Branch 4:30 PM | Registration Required**
- FEB 5** **GLOBAL PLAY DAY** Drop in for unstructured playtime to honor Global Play Day, when more than 2 million kids will do the same. **Parma Branch 1-6 PM**
- FEB 15** **SOUP MIX IN A JAR** Learn to make soup kits in a jar. Great for long term storage or gifts. **Springport Branch 11 AM | Registration Required**



CÓMO SE DICE?

Whether it's through our online tools, our programs, or our Spanish language materials, JDL is here to help you learn a new language.

ONLINE TOOLS

Mango Languages and Tutor.com are available to library cardholders on myjdl.com. Mango is an award-winning program while Tutor.com pairs you with an online tutor.

PROGRAMS

The Summit Branch will host a **Spanish language workshop** for adults the following days this winter at 5 PM (register by calling 517-783-4030):

- December 9**
- January 6**
- February 3**
- February 17**

MTG DROP IN

Drop in to the Carnegie Library anytime between 5-8 PM on the days listed below to play Magic the Gathering with friends and like-minded cardboard slingers (other board games also provided):

- January 10**
- February 21**



DISTRICT WIDE 2025 STORYTIMES

BRANCH	DAYS AND TIMES	AGES
Brooklyn	Thursdays, 11 AM	Up to 5
Carnegie	Thursdays, 10 AM	2-5
Eastern	Tuesdays, 11 AM	2-5
Grass Lake	Thursdays, 11 AM	3-5
Henrietta	Tuesdays, 11 AM	3-5
Meijer	Wednesdays, 10 AM	3-5
Parma	Mondays, 10:30 AM	2-4
Spring Arbor	Thursdays, 11 AM	2-5
Summit*	Wednesdays, 11 AM	2-5

Storytimes will run weekly from January 6 to May 17.



Storytimes at JDL are just one of the many ways we promote healthy reading habits and life-long learning, as well as help parents find ways to bond with their children.

We also provide an array of literacy services for all ages, including our "1000 Books before Kindergarten" program and our adult literacy tutoring program. **Learn more about both by visiting a branch or scanning the QR code.**

*Summit Branch storytimes will run until May 28.