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FRIENDS NEWS

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JOHNSON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY



Welcome to TLC!

JCPL is Getting an Upgrade

The Organization of Watauga Libraries (OWL), which includes Johnson City Public Library (JCPL), has changing its catalog and circulation system to TLC, The Library Corporation's (TLC) Library Solution Software. The new system became available to library users on Wednesday, March 2. JCPL Director and OWL President, Julia Turpin says, "We are all excited to offer this new catalog. TLC is more modern, streamlined, and easier to navigate than our current system. Not only is it simpler for staff, but it also provides a higher quality experience for our users." TLC's catalog system is mobile-friendly and includes new interactive features for users. For example, people can add subject and genre tags to materials to help others find them. TLC also offers automatically generated recommendations related to the titles that users view. Library users will not need to get new library cards when the switch to TLC is made. All current holds, including holds on digital materials, will automatically transfer to the new system.

Exciting Library Programs!

Lisa Krekelberg, Adult Services Manager, shared news of a full agenda of enriching programs being offered at the Johnson City Public Library. A brief sampler of activities includes the Seekers Book Club, a collaboration of the Library with the neighboring Langston Centre, for book discussions featuring classic and modern classic works by African American authors. Also in progress are Community Conversations, to give people a chance to listen to and learn from others about topics of interest to members of our community, with the upcoming March conversations on the topic of Freedom to Read. A Tech Take-Apart Workshop for patrons of all ages will be conducted in late March. This is a fun and educational STEM event to deconstruct old technology and learn about how it works.

There will be several happenings to celebrate Poetry Month in April, such as a Reading Event, featuring area poets Jesse Graves, Lacy Snapp and Isabel Gomez Sobrino reading from their recent releases. There will also be a Bring Your Own Book poetry sharing occasion at the new Johnson City Brewing location in Boones Creek.

The theme for the 2022 Summer Reading programs is Oceans of Possibilities, including a One Book, One Community read of Daniel Wallace's book Big Fish. Details will be released soon! Stay current with schedules and opportunities to register for these and other exciting Library programs by visiting www.JCPL.org, following JCPL on Facebook and Instagram, or by calling 423-434-4450.



New Online Payment Options for Friends' Membership

You may now renew your Friends of the Library membership online with a credit card payment by going to the Friends' page on the Library web site (www.jcpl.org/friends). Also new for the Friends are Gift Memberships! If you are looking for that special gift for a book lover, library supporter or someone new to Johnson City, a membership to the Friends is the perfect solution. A personalized card will be sent announcing your gift, along with a membership card and membership level gift. All memberships are for one year.

Book Reviews

The Book of Two Ways

Jodi Picoult (2020)

Picoult tells a rollicking good love story with the usual twists and turns while supplying the reader with a crash course in Egyptian archaeology and mythology. It is a fun read at either level.

His Truth is Marching On

Jon Meacham (2020)

Meacham, a Pulitzer Prize winning author of presidential history, provides a survey of the long and distinguished career of John Lewis from his days in the early Civil Rights Movement through his service in Congress but also explores the deeply religious faith that animated his pursuit of justice.

The Women of Chateau LaFayette

Stephanie Day (2021)

The latest of Day's historical novels centered around amazing women, this one deals with a series of actual women who were associated with the ancestral home of the Marquis de LaFayette beginning with his wife, Adrienne, and stretching all the way through World War II. The story of these women as they face the trials and vicissitudes of history is truly inspiring.

You Never Forget Your First

Alexis Coe (2020)

Despite its catchy title this is actually a short but enlightening biography of George Washington. Coe, with degrees in history and experience as a research curator, has done her homework and presents the story of Washington in new and interesting ways. Readers should find themselves with a deeper understanding of the real man behind the myth.



Quiet in Her Bones

Nalini Singh (2021)

A complex psychological mystery is given an extra dimension by the author's vivid description of the people and culture of the area around Waitakere Ranges Regional Park near Auckland, New Zealand.

Spring Book Sale

The Spring Book Sale will soon be here! Mark your calendar for the April 29 – May 1. Friends will have access to a special preview sale from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Friday, April 29. Your membership can be renewed (or started!) at the door. The sale for the general public continues Saturday, May 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and our special sack sale will take place Sunday, May 1 from 1-3 p.m. All proceeds from the sale go to support the library. We invite you to feel good about shopping generously! Bring a buddy to the sale and invite them to become a Friend also! This year we will have a special thank you surprise for all Friends members that attend our preview sale on April 29th. And don't forget the Ongoing Booksale taking place all year long inside the library.

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