



### What is happening at JPL?

- Black History Fair: [February 1](#)
- Tuesday Knight Chess: [February 4](#)
- Anime/Manga Hang Out for Grownups: [February 6](#)
- Teen Takeout Kit: Origami Hearts: [February 11](#)
- School Age Black History Storytime: [February 12](#)
- Story Corner: [February 18](#)
- Tiny Art Night: [February 25](#)
- Adulting 101: Media Literacy: [February 27](#)

The library is CLOSED February 17 for Presidents Day.  
View the [online calendar](#) for MORE events for Children, Teens & Adults.



## JPL Hosts Black History Fair

The Joplin Public Library is excited to host drummer and storyteller Kenya Ajanaku in conjunction with its annual Black History Fair. The fair will take place in the Library's Community Room on Saturday, February 1, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Kenya Ajanaku is a nationally known drummer and storyteller whose talents have captivated his audiences for over 26 years. His signature program, "Rhythms and Folklore of Africa," is a unique combination of storytelling, drumming, and dance. Mr. Ajanaku's performance will begin at 11:15 am.

Just before and immediately following this presentation, attendees may visit interactive displays and booths from the Library, community members, and local organizations. Participating organizations include the Emancipation Committee, George Washington Carver National Monument, EastTown Dreams District, Joplin NAACP, and more.



### JOPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

# BLACK HISTORY FAIR

**ALL AGES!**

**SATURDAY, FEB 1**  
**11:00AM-1:00 PM**

**11:15-11:45AM: PERFORMANCE BY STORYTELLER & DRUMMER KENYA AJANAKU**

**11:45AM-1:00PM: VISIT INFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY BOOTHS**






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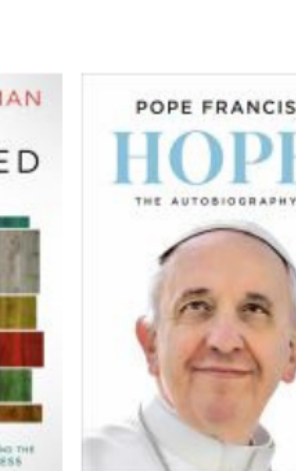



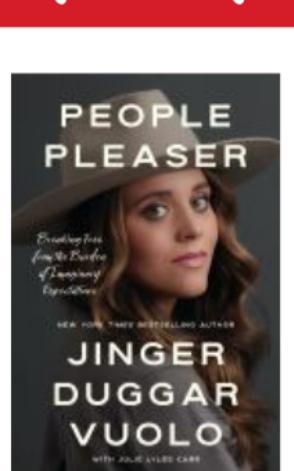


### New Items In Our Catalog






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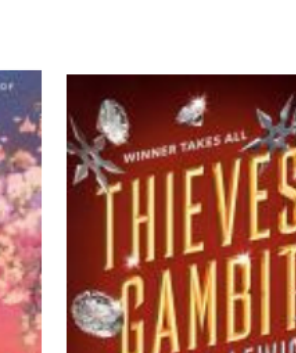

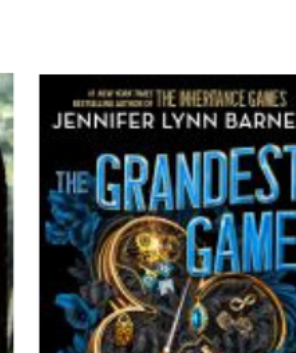

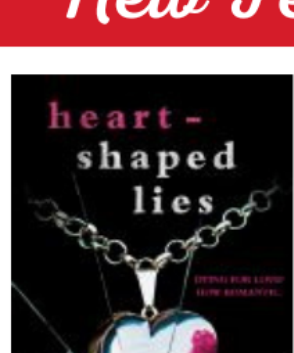
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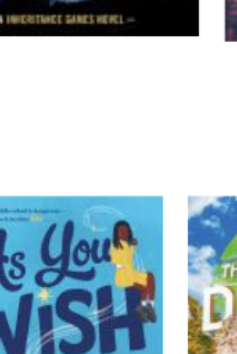


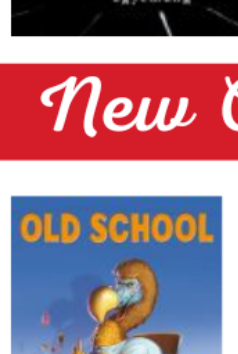
#### New Audiobooks



#### New Teen



#### New Childrens



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### New Teen Series: Adulting 101

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How do I find credible sources?

How do I use a coping skill?

How do I cook an easy meal?

**Adulting 101:  
a JPL Teen series**

Joplin Public Library is hosting a NEW series of programs just for area teens: Adulting 101. Adulting 101 is a free, educational series covering topics chosen by our Teen Advisory Committee.

Led by experts on each topic, these monthly programs aim to teach valuable life skills that aren't always taught in the classroom. These practical life skills are crucial to successfully thrive as an independent adult in the real world. Plan to join us [monthly](#)!





### New Play Touch Table Added Thanks To Grant Award

Joplin Public Library is excited to add a new Play Touch Table in the Rosemary Titus Reynolds Children's Library, thanks to a recently awarded Bramlage & Willcoxon Foundation Grant. The new Play Touch Table features games encouraging eye-hand coordination, brain development, and teamwork.

Because of the grant award, the Library was able to purchase the state-of-the-art, interactive, 32' Play Touch Table, along with 13 games. Many of the games are educational, such as WordsTouch, which helps children practice spelling, organization, and gain confidence in their vocabulary. Some of the games are multiplayer, which allows children to connect with other kids in the Library and foster a sense of community.

The Bramlage and Willcoxon Foundation mission of "improving the lives of the people and communities it touches by focusing on health, education, and children" is in direct alignment with the Play Touch Table addition to the Children's Library. Joplin Public Library is thankful for the award and the opportunity to enrich and improve the lives of our youngest patrons by providing access to unique educational and entertaining resources.

