





What is happening at JPL?

- Adult Winter Reading Challenge: [Now-January 31](#)
- Children's Chess Club: [January 2](#)
- Puzzle Competition: [January 11](#)
- Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia: [January 16](#)
- Story Corner: [January 21](#)
- Winter Sowing Seeds: [January 23](#)
- Super Saturday Winter Wonderland: [January 25](#)


The library is CLOSED January 1st for New Years Day and January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

View the [online calendar](#) for MORE events for Children, Teens & Adults.



Fiscal Year Report


Our fiscal year runs November-October, and we're excited to share those numbers with our community! It's encouraging to see the areas most used by patrons, and to have feedback on areas to promote or change within the library. Overall it was a great year and we can't wait to see what the future holds!



AT A GLANCE

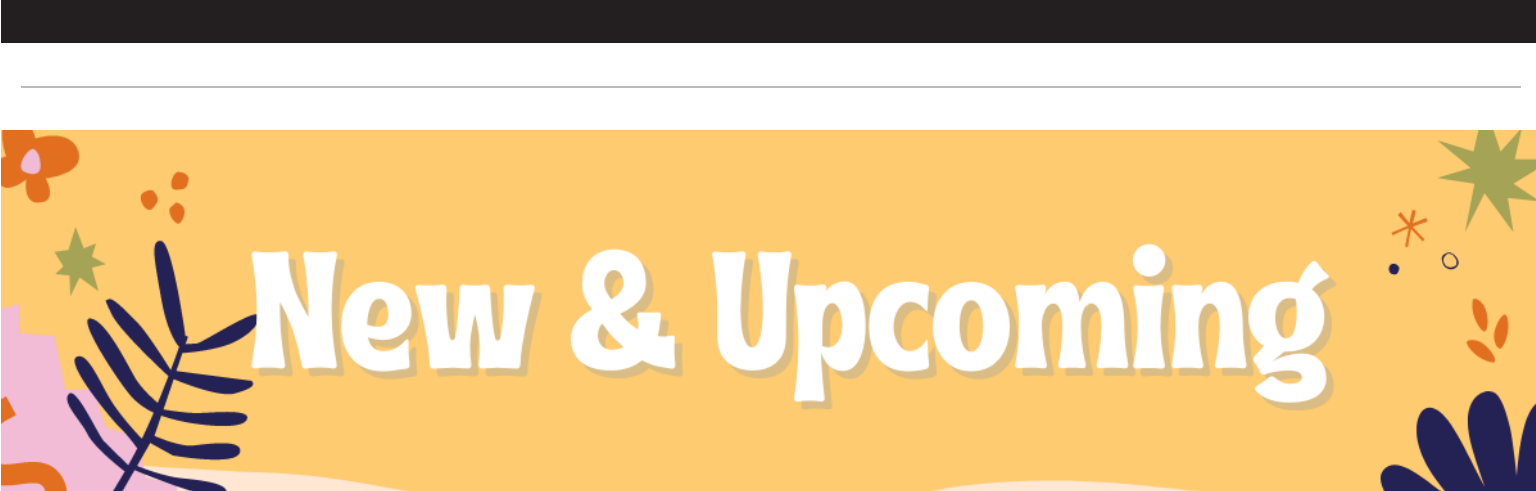
Nov. 2023-Oct. 2024

Total Materials Circulated	417,700
Visitors to the Library	216,461
New Library Cards Issued	4,568
Program Attendees	12,927
Computer Lab Sessions	18,376
Meeting/Study Room Uses	5,739

 *Extra! Extra!*

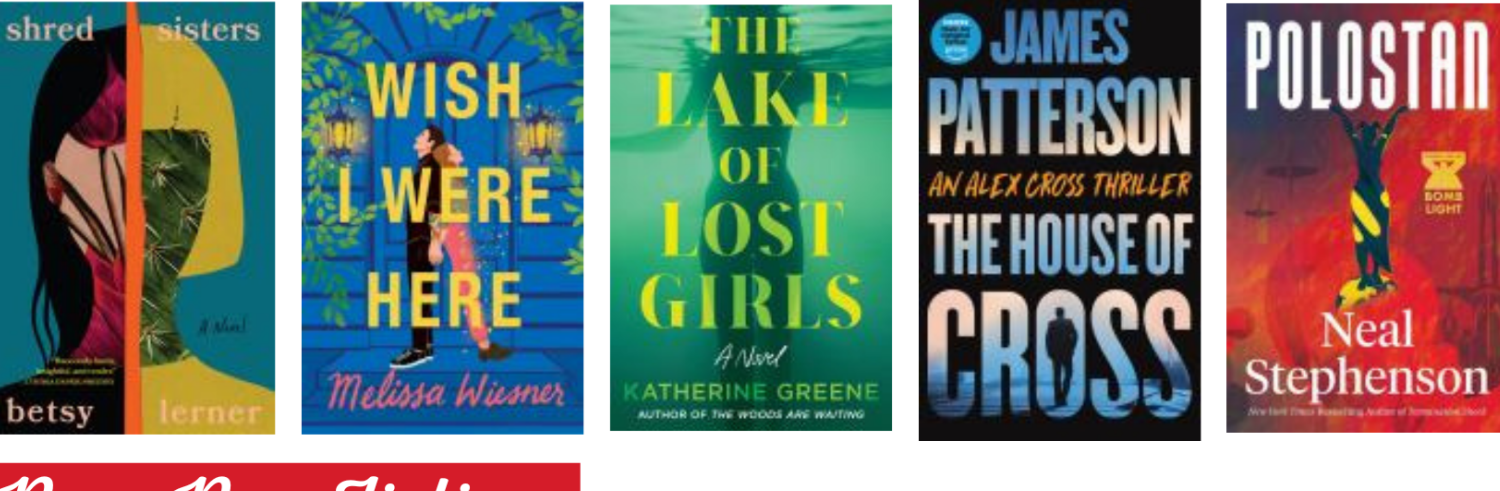
- 900+ Free meals for area children
- 113,367 Database uses
- 1,540 Library of Things circulated
- 340 Passports processed
- 4,712 Makerspace equipment uses
- 460 Joplin Reads Together participants

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New Items In Our Catalog

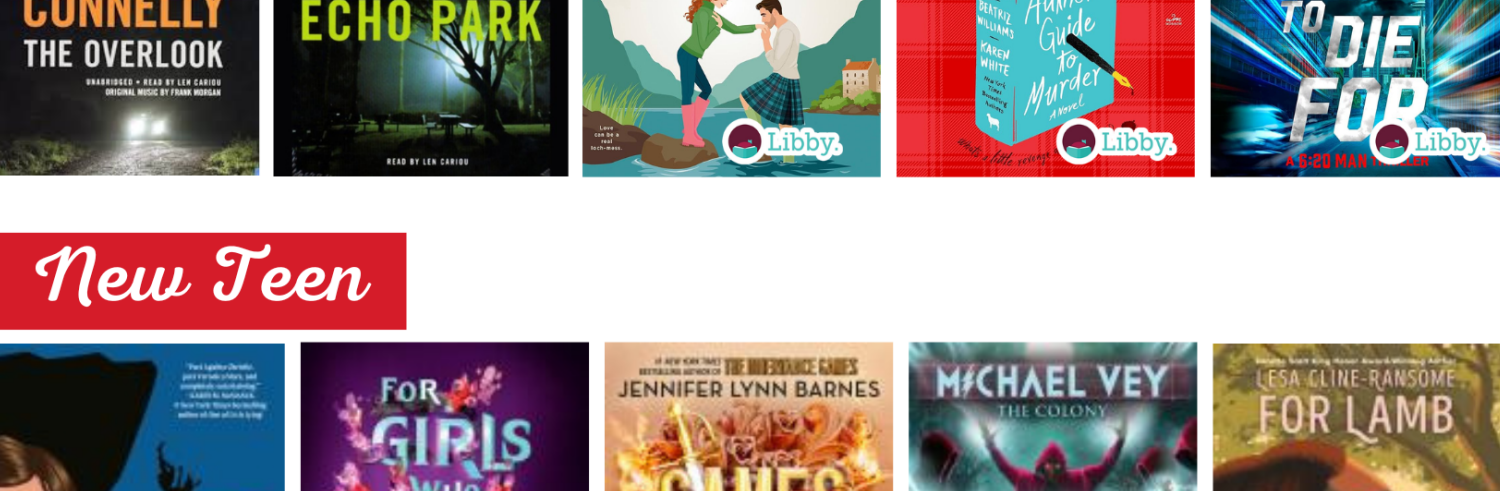
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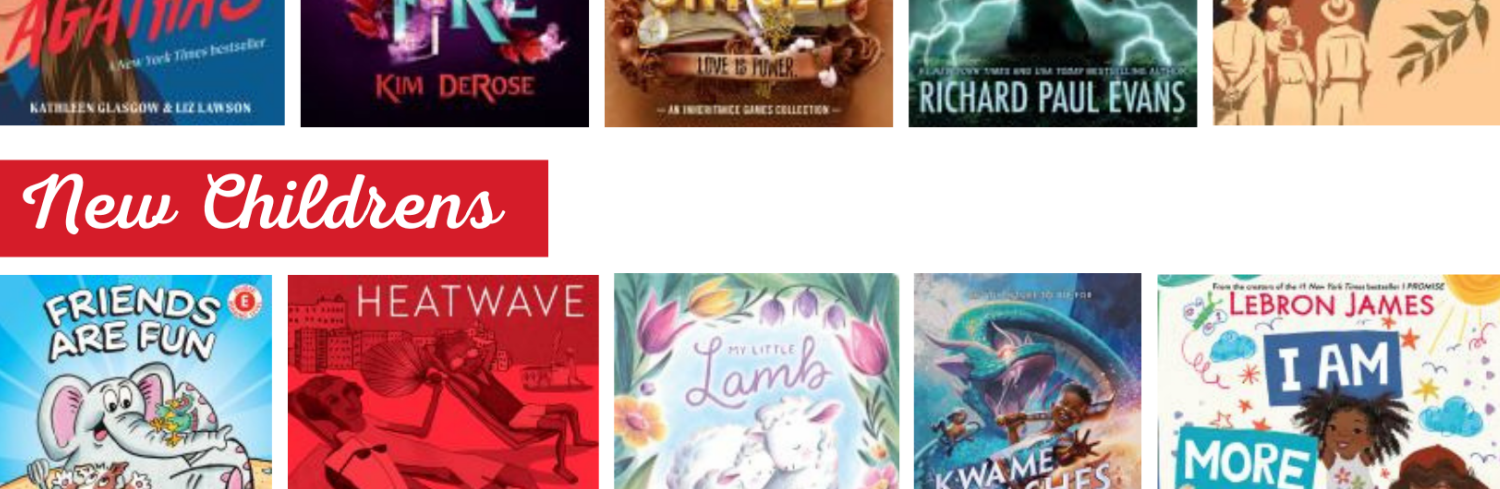
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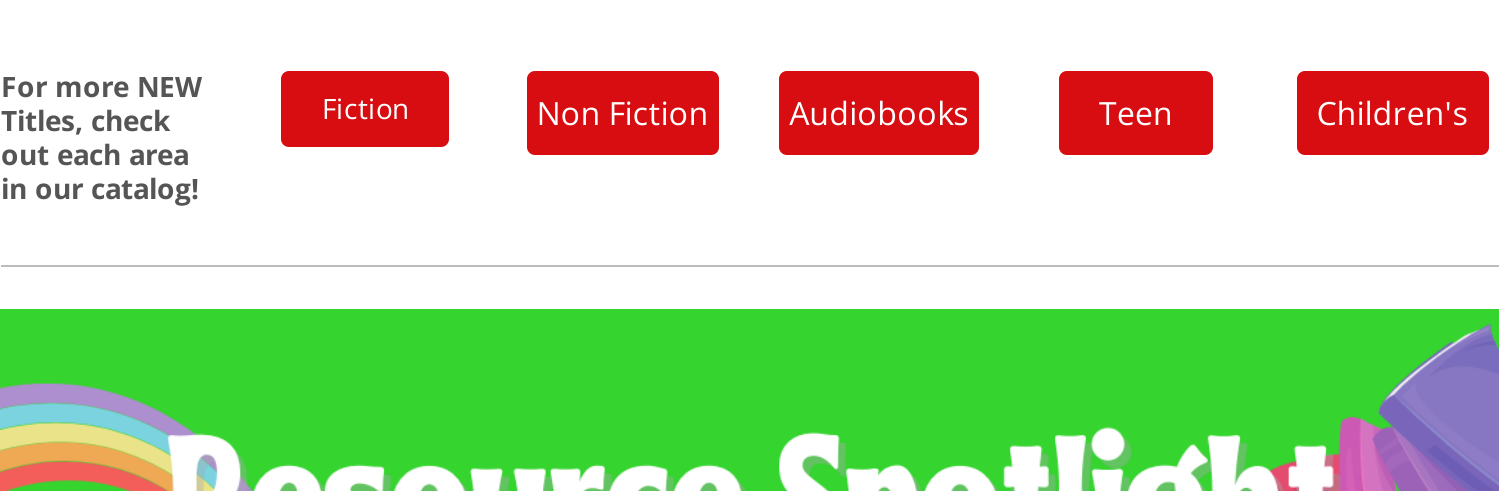
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New Teen

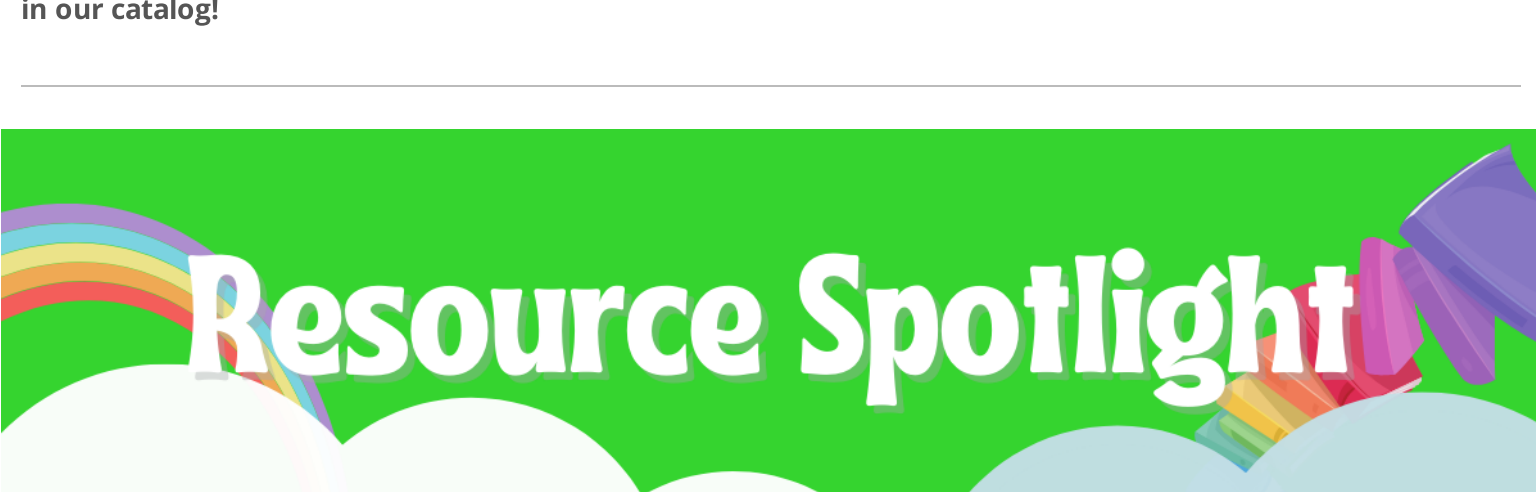


New Childrens



For more NEW Titles, check out each area in our catalog!

[Fiction](#)[Non Fiction](#)[Audiobooks](#)[Teen](#)[Children's](#)



Traveling Titles- Homebound Delivery

In partnership, the Friends of the Joplin Public Library and the Joplin Public Library are pleased to announce the launch of an initiative to select and deliver books and other library materials to homebound patrons. The program is called Traveling Titles and is available to individuals who are residents of the city of Joplin and are unable to physically visit the Joplin Public Library.


The new Traveling Titles program calls for both organizations to work closely together. The Library staff will register patrons for the homebound delivery program, work directly with each patron to select materials they are interested in, and then ready them for delivery. Once materials are ready, Friends volunteers will deliver the items and pick up any items for return.

This is the first time this service has been offered to the Joplin community; though homebound delivery programs are available at many libraries across the country and are designed to help patrons who are homebound due to age, injury, illness or other factors. The goals of the program include increasing the number of Joplin residents with access to educational and entertainment opportunities, increasing quality of life and cognitive faculties, improving mental health, and reducing the number of Joplin residents experiencing exclusion and isolation.

"Access is an important part of the Library's mission; and this program ensures that mobility issues do not prevent patrons from accessing the Library," said Library Director Jeana Gockley. "We're excited to partner with the Friends of the Joplin Public Library to meet this need in our community."


To participate in receiving materials, individuals must first be card holding members of the Joplin Public Library. Once that requirement is met, patrons need to complete a homebound delivery application form, available as a downloadable document online, in a paper format available at the Library, or with help from a Library staff member over the phone at 417-624-5465. Library staff will review the application and follow up with the applicant about their status. Once patrons are approved for the program, they will receive their library holds monthly courtesy of trained Friends of the Joplin Public Library volunteers.

Individuals interested in becoming trained delivery volunteers with Traveling Titles can find out more by visiting the Friend's website at <https://friendsofthejpl.org>.



2024 Five Star Reads from JPL Staff


Our library staff LOVE to read, and we all read very different things! No matter your reading genre, we've got a suggestion for you! Let's take a look at some of our staff's FIVE STAR reads from 2024! If you'd ever like a [personalized reading suggestion](#), our staff would be happy to make one!



STAFF READS 2024

Speaking of staff, two of our own were honored as part of [Joplin's 20 Under 40!](#) Sarah Turner-Hill is our Adult Services Coordinator, and Lori Crockett is our PR/Marketing Assistant.

They each contribute so much to the Library and to our community. We're excited to see them honored and hope you will congratulate them the next time you're in the Library!



Post Art Library - A Note from the Director

Hello! As the end of the year draws near, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of what we at the Post Art Library accomplished in 2024. We:

- hosted or co-hosted 20 events, both at the library and in the larger community, including the annual Joplin Arts Fest, Joplin Writers' Faire, JPL Black History Fair, and PAL Holiday Tea;
- coordinated 13 exhibits/displays in the library;
- helped bring three author visits to the library;
- continued work on the local history files;
- continued to help manage the JPL Makerspace;
- facilitated research related to historic preservation and local history;
- connected with about 2800 people through programming and outreach;
- advocated for Joplin Memorial Hall and numerous other local historically significant buildings;
- worked (with others) on a revision of the Joplin History Guide;
- and partnered with at least a dozen area organizations, including Connect2Culture, Downtown Joplin Alliance, Freeman Health System, Joplin High School, Joplin History & Mineral Museum, Joplin Public Library, Joplin Regional Artists Coalition, MSSU, the Quapaw Nation, Rader Farm Park, Spiva Center for the Arts, and Visit Joplin, to bring a variety of FREE arts-related events to our community.

We also received - and are very grateful for - grant funding from the W.R. Corley Memorial Trust, which aids in continuing our publicly accessible events, exhibits, and programs. If you were unable to attend one of our happenings over the past year, then you needn't fear because we have plenty of programming in the works for 2025!

We'll start the year off by exhibiting miniature paintings by local artist Jesse McCormick (opens 1/9) and participating in Joplin Public Library's Annual Black History Fair on February 1st. Photography by the Southwest Missouri Camera Club, a Summer Reading Art Challenge, the Four States Photography Group, and work by the Joplin Regional Artists Coalition are among our major exhibits, while the 2025 Joplin Reads Together program, Joplin Writers' Faire, reception openings, and our annual holiday tea are among our events. Plus, we have a handful of wonderful exhibits scheduled for the gallery wall in the library's Local History department.

As you make plans throughout the new year, I encourage you to keep the library's budget-friendly (that is, FREE!) events, exhibits, and programming in mind. Not to mention the growing collection of books, electronic, technological, and other resources you'll find when perusing the collections. Visit us! Find us on Instagram and/or Facebook (@postartlibrary)! And have a happy, happy new year!

-Jill Halbach, Post Art Library Executive Director

