



### What is happening at JPL?

- Gardening Class: Companion Gardening: [June 4](#)
- Glass Mosaic Art: [June 6](#)
- ALL AGES Art Night: [June 10](#)
- Will Stuck's "Pigment of Your Imagination": [June 13](#)
- Bee Crochet Workshop: [June 14](#)
- MO Dept. of Conservation Escape Room: [June 17](#)
- Reimagined Book Covers: [June 18](#)
- Art Career Fair: [June 21](#)
- Nailed It! Bad Art Night: [June 24](#)
- "Pink Goes Good with Green" Sing-A-Long Movie Night: [June 26](#)
- Do Art: June 30 [Teen](#) & [Children's](#) Classes


The Library will be closed June 19 for Juneteenth. View the [online calendar](#) for MORE events for Children, Teens & Adults.



### "Color Our World" Summer Reading Happening NOW!

Joplin Public Library is excited to present their annual all-ages Summer Reading Program from May 27th through July 20th, with the theme "Color Our World". Summer Reading is a FREE program designed to keep the public of ALL AGES reading, learning, and creating this summer. Participants are invited to track their reading and complete fun activities to earn prizes!

No Library card is required to participate in the Summer Reading Program; however, for the fifth year, the Joplin Public Library is extending the offer of a free Summer Reading Library card to EVERYONE! No matter your age, or where you live, everyone is eligible for a free JPL card to be used for the duration of Summer Reading! Come in today and join the fun!




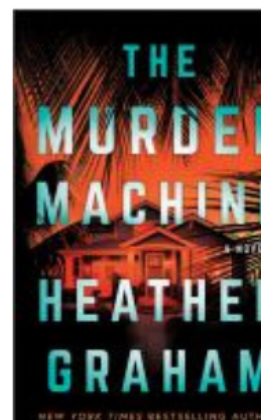



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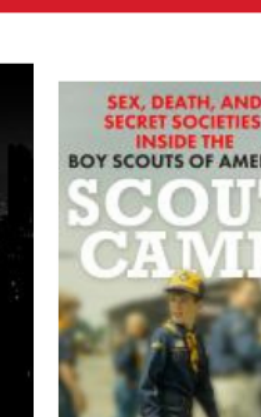



### New Items In Our Catalog

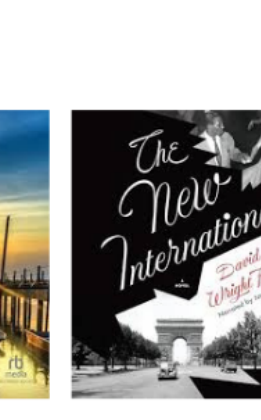
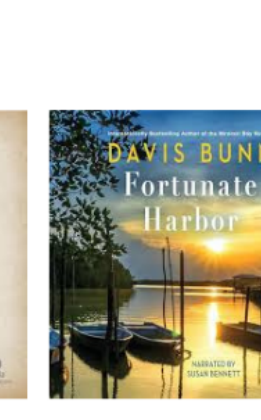
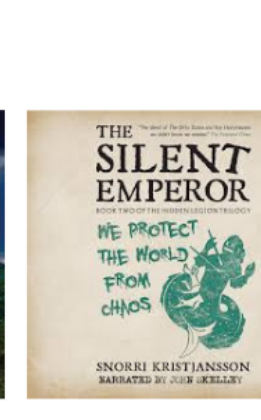


#### New Fiction








#### New Non Fiction






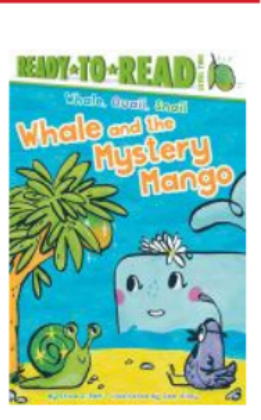

#### New Audiobooks



#### New Teen



#### New Childrens



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

FictionNon FictionAudiobooksTeenChildren's



### Makerspace at Joplin Public Library

The Joplin Public Library Makerspace is a place where people may create, explore, tinker, and discover using a variety of tools and materials. Use of Makerspace equipment is FREE, though makers must bring their own materials and a small cost-recovery fee applies to consumables.

Enjoy equipment such as a Laser Cutter, Digital Media Conversion, 3D Printers, upgraded PCs with a variety of software, a sewing machine, button press, Cricut and more.

A library card is NOT necessary to access the Makerspace, but JPL is excited to offer FREE Summer Reading library cards available to everyone regardless of where they live.

Our Makerspace Assistant, Jen, is back from maternity leave and with her return, we have more open hours in the space! Thank you to Justin (IT Manager) for covering the space in her absence!

### MAKERSPACE HOURS

You are Invited to enjoy the Makerspace: a free innovation space, open to all (no library card required), where you are empowered to create, invent, tinker, explore, and discover using various tools and materials during the following hours:

Tuesdays, 11 am – 8 pm (staff break at 3 pm)

Wednesdays, 9 am – 6 pm (staff break at 1 pm)

Thursdays, 9 am – 6 pm (staff break at 1 pm)

Fridays, 9 am – 6 pm (staff break at 1 pm)

First Saturdays, 9 am – 5 pm (staff break at 1 pm)

Second Saturdays, 10 am – 2 pm

Closed Sunday, Mondays & Holidays

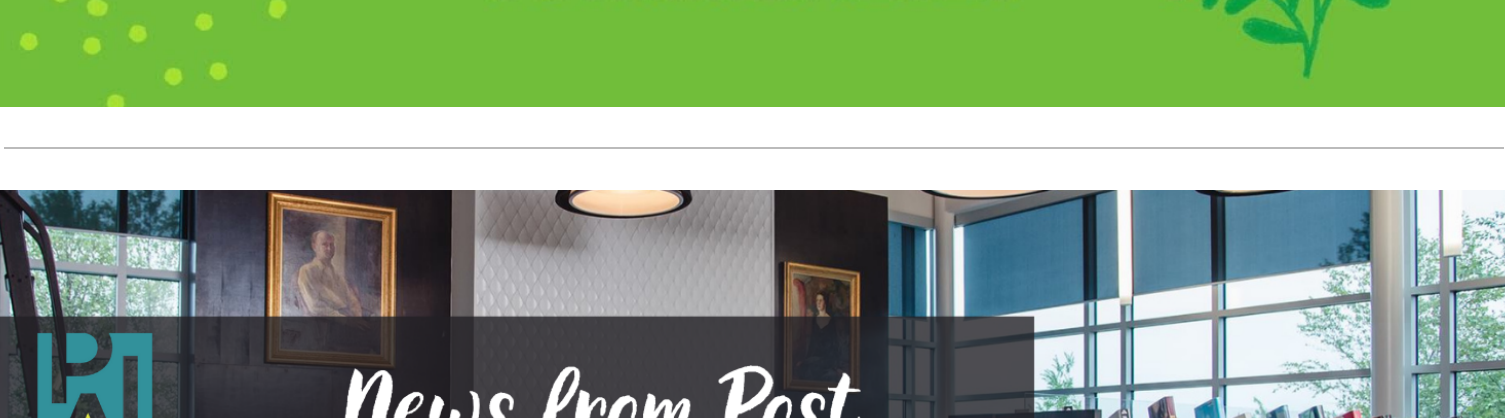
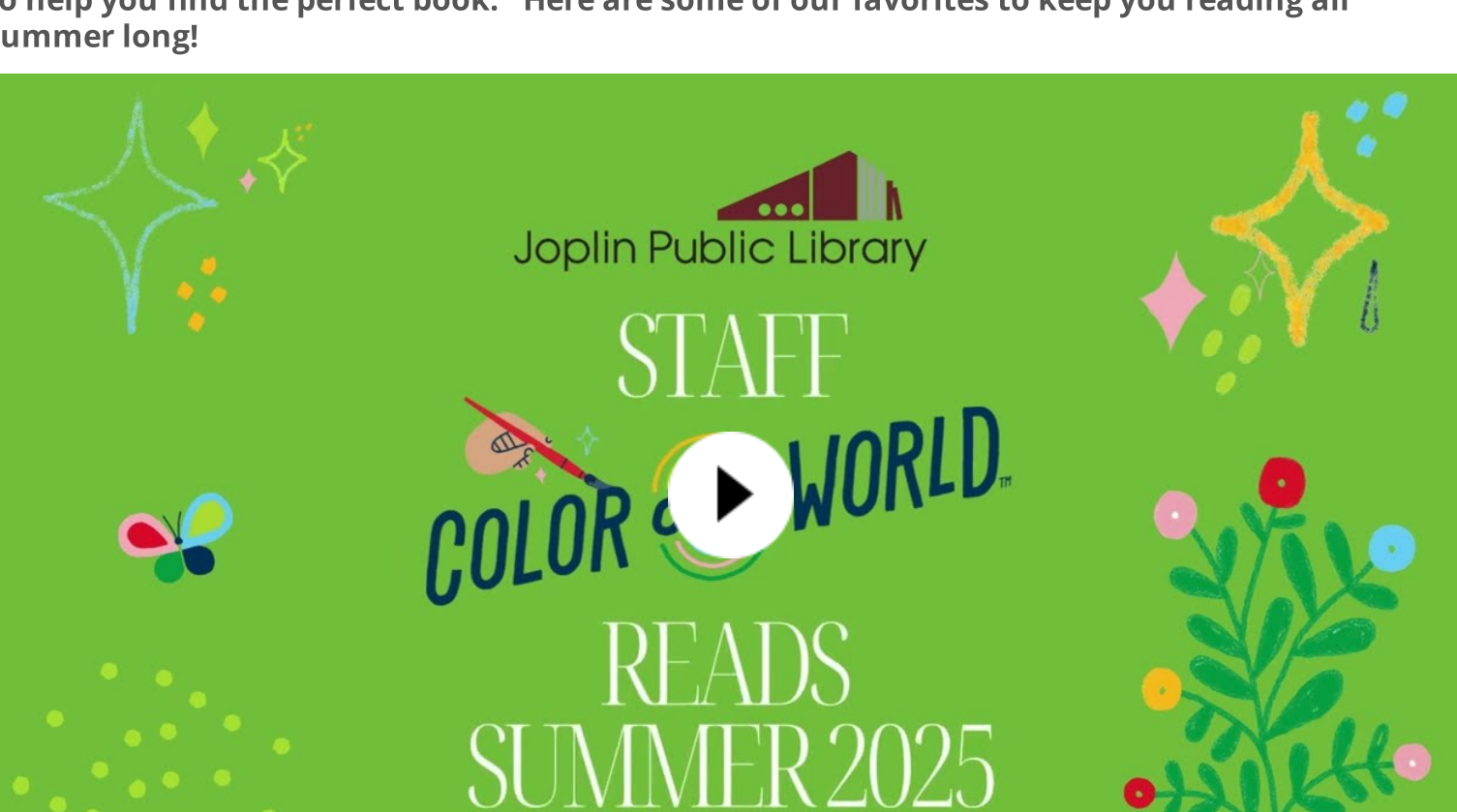
Walk-ins are welcome for most equipment, but you can also make an appointment through [joplinpubliclibrary.org](#), reaching out to [makerspace@joplinpubliclibrary.org](mailto:makerspace@joplinpubliclibrary.org), or 417-623-7953 x1056.





### Staff Picks for Summer Reading

Joplin Public Library is proud to offer programs, databases, study rooms, and so much more. However, we are most proud of our collection of hundreds of thousands of books. We are THE place to go for children's books, chapter books, fiction and non-fiction, graphic novels, bestsellers, and the books you've always loved. As a diverse group of readers, our staff is happy to help you find the perfect book. Here are some of our favorites to keep you reading all summer long!



### Summer Reading: Color Our World Art Challenge

Summer is starting and so is the 2025 Post Art Library Summer Reading Art Challenge! But what is *that*, you ask? Summer Reading Art Challenge is a community-based call for art inspired by Missouri's state-wide theme for public libraries' summer reading programs. This year, that theme is "Color Our World," so the theme for our art challenge is "Color YOUR World!"

To participate:

- Pick up a FREE 12" x12" canvas from the library's Circulation, Children's, Reference, or Teen department desks
- Create artwork on the canvas! (Your completed artwork may not exceed 12" x 12" x 12".)
- Return your artwork to the library by 5pm on Sunday, June 29th to be included in the library-wide exhibition. (Late entries will not be accepted.)
- Save the date for YOUR opening reception (and bring your friends & family): Thursday, July 10th from 5:30-6:30pm
- Once the exhibit closes, pick your artwork up from the library!


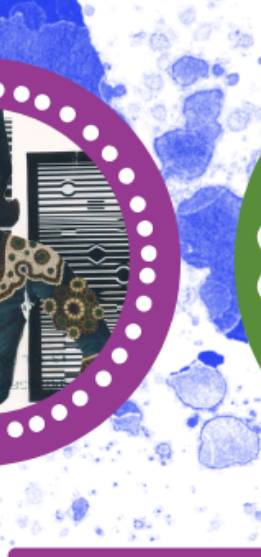

It's that simple! During the exhibit, visitors will have the opportunity to vote for People's Choice in three different categories: Kids, Teen, and Adult, with winners being announce on Friday, August 15th.

This is a FREE, all-ages opportunity open to the general public. Questions? Call Jill at 417-623-7953 x1041.

Happy Summer Reading!

### 2025 SUMMER READING ART CHALLENGE

## COLOR YOUR WORLD!



#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 27: PICK UP A FREE CANVAS PANEL FROM ANY PUBLIC SERVICE DESK IN THE LIBRARY  
(YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PICK YOUR CANVAS UP ON THIS PARTICULAR DAY, BUT MUST HAVE YOUR ARTWORK RETURNED BY THE DEADLINE REGARDLESS OF WHEN YOU PICK IT UP.)

JUNE 29: 5PM DEADLINE! YOUR ARTWORK IS DUE! LATE ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED!

JULY 10: JOIN US FOR A FREE, PUBLIC RECEPTION, 5:30-6:30PM!

AUGUST 18-24: YOUR ARTWORK MUST BE PICKED UP FROM THE LIBRARY'S FRONT DESK

ART EXHIBITED JULY 10TH-AUGUST 17TH

Follow us on social media, visit our website, or send us an email if you have any questions. We are here to serve you!

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