

What is happening at JPL?

- Color Our Summer with Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center: [July 2](#)
- SPIVA Mixed Media Sketch Books: [July 2](#)
- Tween DIY Printmaking: [July 7](#)
- Embellished Photo Portraits: [July 9](#)
- All Ages Game Night: [July 10](#)
- Digital Art: [July 11](#)
- Preserving Memories Free Verse Workshop: [July 12](#)
- Dance Party: [July 15](#)
- Thrifted Art Night: [July 15](#)
- Mad Science Presents: Color Our World Through Science: [July 18](#)
- Teen Open Mic Night with Sigma Tau Delta: [July 24](#)

The Library will be closed July 4 for Independence Day. View the [online calendar](#) for MORE events for Children, Teens & Adults.



Summer Reading Ending Celebration



JULY 19: 11 AM - 1 PM

ENDING CELEBRATION

ALL AGES


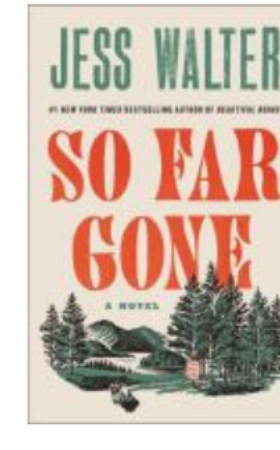

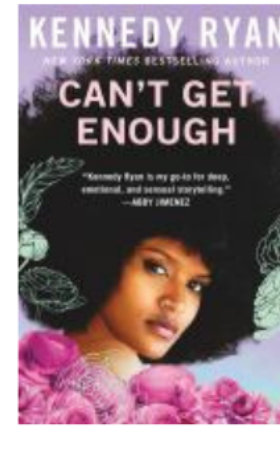



MUSIC BY JONNY WOOD, CRAFT TUTORIALS, CHILDREN'S SENSORY ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS, BUTTON-MAKING AND ART IN TEEN, GAMES, SNACKS, AND FACE PAINTING BY CHEEKY FUN. BOOK SWAP FOR ADULTS!



New Items In Our Catalog

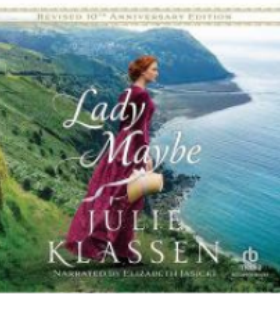
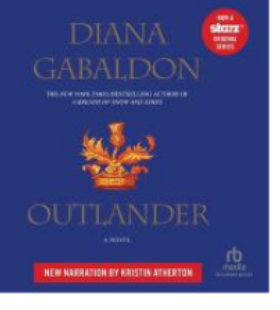


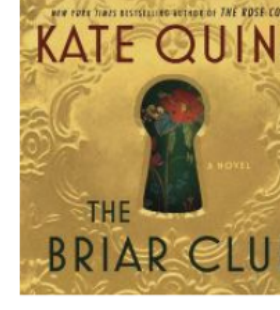
New Fiction



New Non Fiction



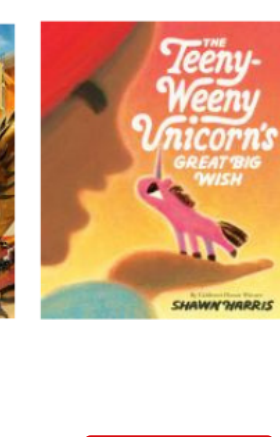
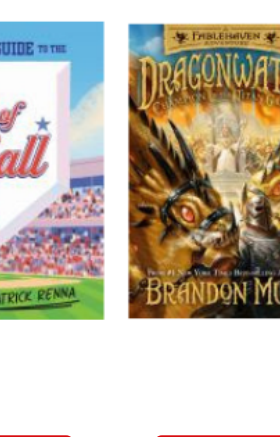
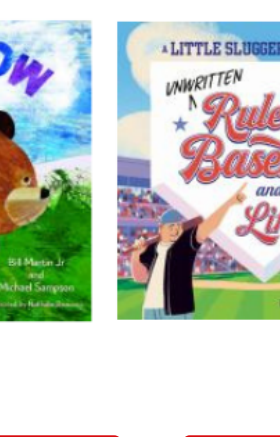
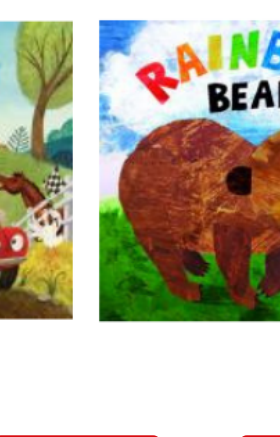

New Audiobooks



New Teen



New Childrens



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

- Fiction
- Non Fiction
- Audiobooks
- Teen
- Children's



FREE MEALS for Area Kids

Joplin Public Library is proud to partner with the Joplin School District's Nutritional Services department to provide free lunches to area children starting Monday, June 30. Any child, under 18 years, is eligible to receive a sack lunch. Lunches will be handed out Monday through Friday, from 11:00-11:30am, while supplies last, in the vending area of the Library, located at 1901 E. 20th St. They will be provided on a first come, first served basis, with the program running through August 8, 2025. All food must be eaten onsite.

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL KIDS!



WEEKDAYS
JUNE 30 - AUGUST 8
11:00 AM-11:30 AM

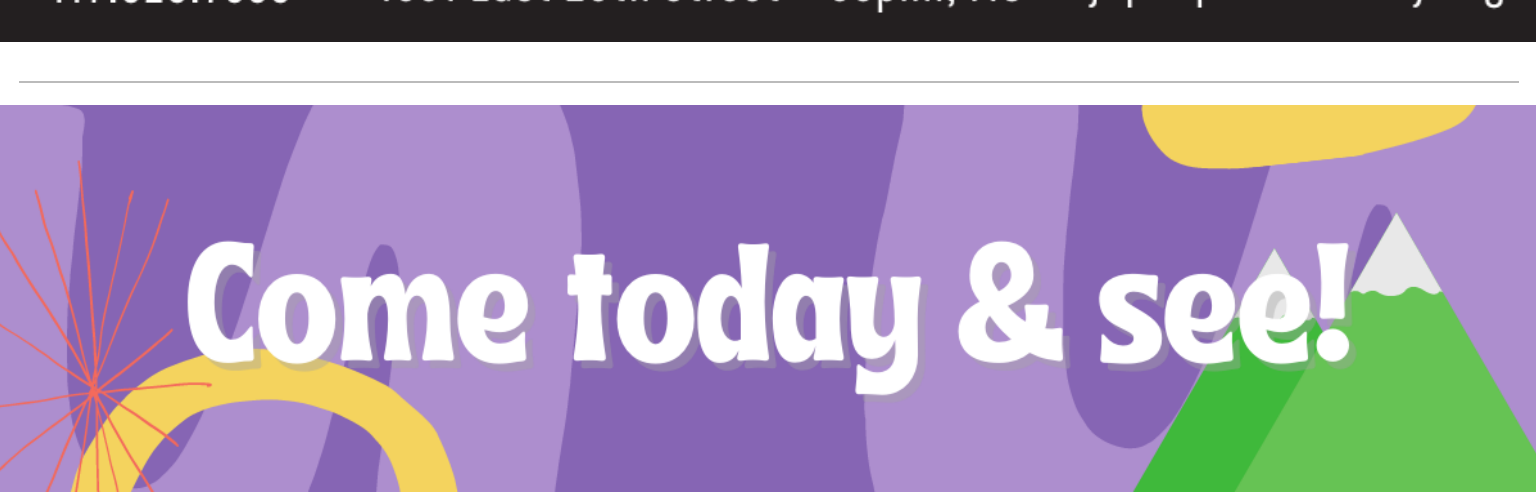
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Furniture Update Refreshes Children's Library

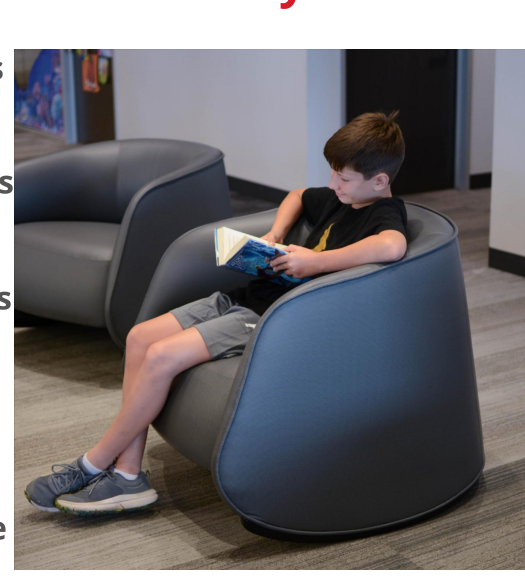
Thanks to support from local sources, the Joplin Public Library's Rosemary Titus Reynolds Children's Library has been given a refresh with the installation of eight new pieces of furniture, three reupholstered chairs, three newly recovered window seats and a fresh and fun play carpet. After being open eight years and having more than 1.5 million visitors through the Library's doors, many of those being families who frequent the Children's Library, the space was due for some upgrades.


For the furniture, the Friends of the Joplin Public Library and Arvest Foundation came together in a collaborative effort, with Friends of the Joplin Public Library contributing \$20,000 and Arvest Foundation donating \$6,270. There are new chairs by the computer area and by the window seats, plus three chairs near the play area have been reupholstered. The ones by the computer area replace rocking chairs and are both larger, and easier to clean. The new chairs by the window seats also offer an easier to clean fabric, and replace chairs that were unfortunately malfunctioning, as the bearings were going out.

For the circular window seats, the Library contracted with Branco Enterprises Inc to frame out and ready the window seat frames and Ken's Kustom Upholstery to create brand new seats. The previous seats had separated from the walls and had several rips.

"These popular seats are such a favorite spot in the Library! We knew they needed to be done correctly to ensure they'd stand up to years of wear and tear from book reading kids," said Christina Matekel-Gibson, Youth Services Librarian. Lastly, one of the most popular spots in the Library, the Children's play area, located near the Storytime Room, has a newly installed large oval carpet for children to sit and play on. The carpet features Pete the Cat, a well-known picture book character.

Thanks to the updates, the space has a fresh new feel and is ready to take on additional years of use from children and caregivers!





News from Post

Check Out the Library's Arts Magazines - Literally!

What do American Craft, Antiques, Aperture, Artforum, Art in America, Dance, Early American Life, First American Art, The Joplin Toad, Preservation, Old House Journal, and Threads have in common? They're all arts or arts-related magazines you'll find in the library's collection and, better yet, they're available for check out.

Magazines are adventurous, colorful, and fun ways to supplement your regular reading, discover new topics, develop your vocabulary and reading skills, inspire creativity, and so much more. They're perfect for those in-between-books moments when you don't know what to read, plus they offer an often much needed break from screens and digital content.

Joplin Public Library cardholders may typically check out up to six magazines; they check out for one week and are renewable once. In addition to arts magazines, the library has titles that cover an array of topics, not only for adults, but for teens and kids, too. So the next time you visit, we encourage you to browse the collection and check one out!

