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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
August 18, 2025**

Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for July 2025 are:

- 10,393 items were checked out. This is an 12.2% increase from July 2024. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 12.2%.
- 34 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 34 new library cards have been issued.
- 99 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 3,839 people engaged with these activities.
- Two public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 203 hours and 491 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 203 hours and 491 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 1,158 sessions, 969 visits, and 355 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 1,158 sessions, 969 visits, and 355 unique users.
- There were 6,745 library visits.

Grants:

The Library Director was awarded a grant of up to \$1,500.00 to attend the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference in September 2025.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the August events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for September. Some of the events scheduled include a Model T and fishing for books at the Downtown Market, the Kids Can Cook fall sessions, a 10-week series on dementia prevention, activities for National Coloring Day and a visit from author Jeff Bremer who will talk about his book, *A New History of Iowa*. The Conservation Camp continues until mid-September. Special activities are also being planned for Library Card Sign-up Month and Banned Books Week. The Wreath-it-up Fundraiser starts in September and another jigsaw puzzle fundraiser is being planned for this fall.

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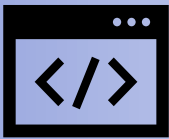
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

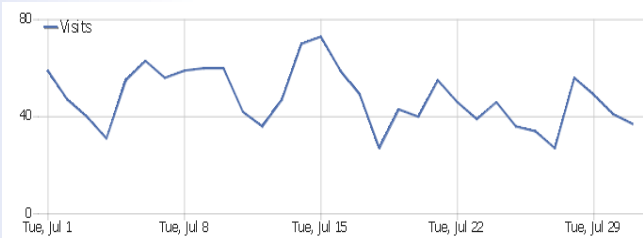
Month: July-25
YTD: July-24 to July-25
Previous YTD: July-23 to July-24

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	6745	(↑ 19.2%)	10393	(↑ 12.2%)	18	34	(↓ 15%)
YTD	6745	(↑ 19.2%)	10393	(↑ 12.2%)	18	34	(↓ 15%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1482	1:37



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
203	203	337	491	491	600

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
1158	1158	969	969	355	355

Meeting room use



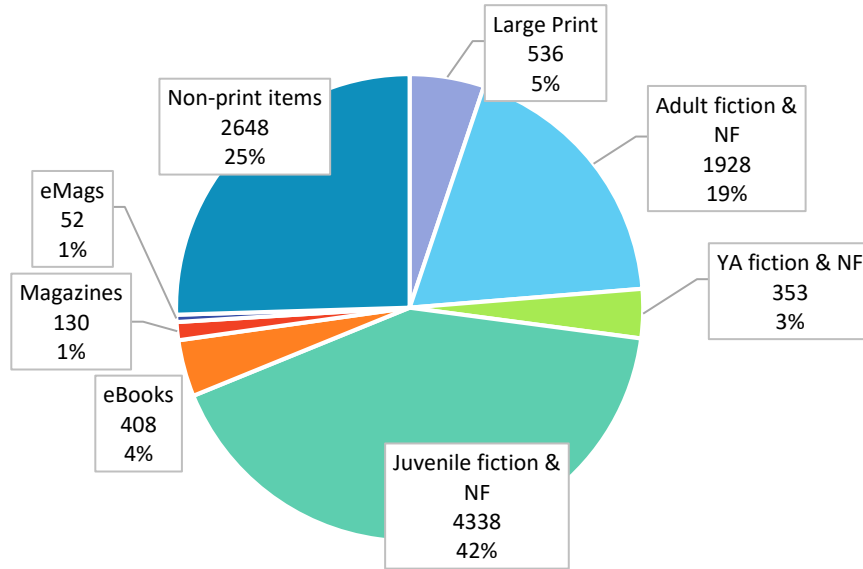
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
87	87	54

Online Learning
Sessions: 50
YTD: 50

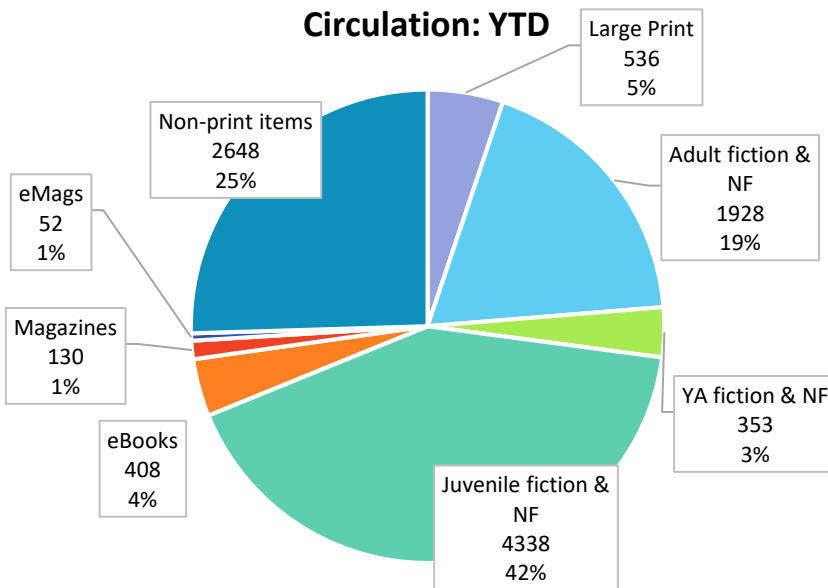


Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

Month

YTD

eAudio	725	725
Adult & YA audio	97	97
Juvenile audio & kits	54	54
Adult & YA video	877	877
Juvenile video & DVD	437	437
Games, LoT, etc.	458	458
	2648	2648

Music

Downloads: 1
Total YTD: 1



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 11
YTD: 11



Visits: 89
YTD: 89



Languages

Sessions: 5
YTD: 5



Genealogy

Visits: 144
YTD: 144



World Culture

Visits: 0
YTD: 0



Hobbies

Sessions: 8
YTD: 8



Sessions: 0
YTD: 0



Collection

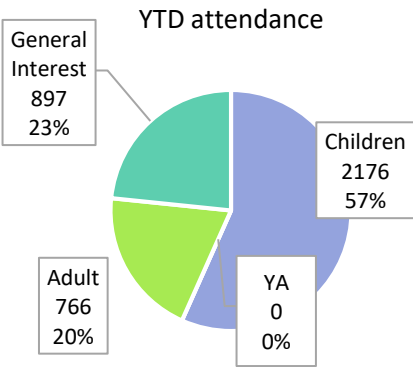
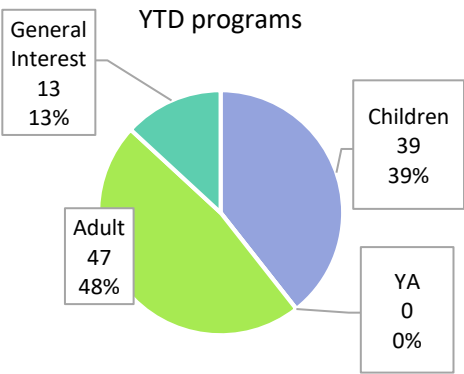
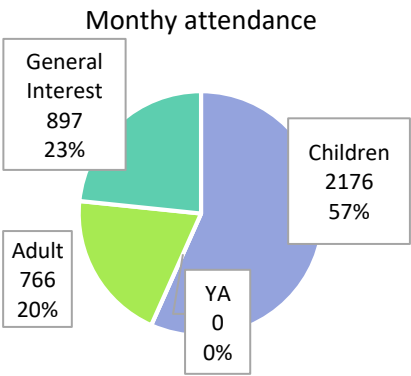
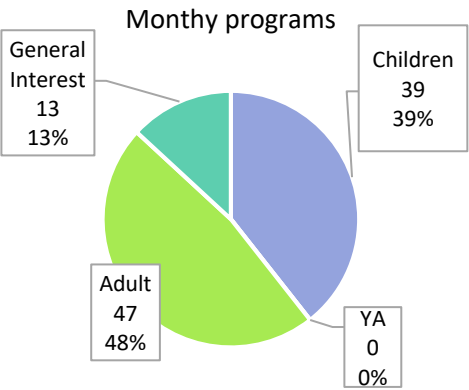
Items purchased	
Month:	214
YTD:	214

Items donated	
Month:	57
YTD:	57
Prev. YTD:	90

Items withdrawn		
	Month	YTD
Books	401	401
Audio	0	0
Video	74	74
Other	6	6
Total	481	481

Summary of additions													
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	10	79	26	15	88	3	9	0	0	23	9	9	271
Previous month	17	132	46	20	65	17	10	8	1	24	7	4	351
Current YTD	10	79	26	15	88	3	9	0	0	23	9	9	271
Previous YTD	17	132	46	20	65	17	10	8	1	24	7	4	351

Programs



Prev. YTD
94 5.30%

Prev. YTD
3662 4.80%

AUGUST 2025

Adult Summer Library Program Continues: August 1—31

Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2025 program that runs through August 31. This year's theme is *Color Our World*. The program theme this year invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity, while celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives.



- Adults are welcome to join throughout the summer.
- Participants will receive a bookbag, bookmark, and a free book just for registering.
- Participants will track books read or listened to, library services used, programs attended, and activities completed to earn prizes.
- For each four items completed, participants will be able to select an item from the prize box or another book.
- Prizes will be library swag, items donated to the library, and things fitting the art theme.
- Participants completing at least sixteen activities, which must include reading at least four books, will have completed the program and will be eligible for the grand prize drawings. Grand prizes include 2 ski / lift passes to Sundown, a Book Lover's Basket, an Arts and Crafts basket, a Library Swag Basket, and more.
- The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Color Our World: Book Genre Bingo Continues: August 1—31

Adults and teens are invited to participate in our new summer Book Genre Bingo!

- Pick up a bingo form at the library and read different genres.
- Each bingo completed earns a book from the summer library program book cart to add to your personal library and a scratch-off ticket for a surprise prize. You will also earn an entry into a drawing to win an Adopt-A-Book form (where you can choose one item you'd like added to the library collection).
- A black-out bingo automatically earns an Adopt-a-book form.
- Participating in the Adult Summer Library Program? Up to eight of the books you read for bingos may be included for that program as well.

Color Our World: Art Medium: August 1-31. The summer library programs this year focus on art and creativity so each month this summer you are invited to respond to a question related to this topic. August's question is: What is your favorite art medium? Visitors of all ages are welcome to share their response every time they visit the library by putting a pom-pom in the jar that matches their choice. Each response also earns an entry into a drawing to win a special prize.

Color Our World: Reading Recommendations Continue: August 1—31

Do you like to recommend books to others? Or enjoy reading something recommended to you? When you finish a book you love, pick up a "Read This" bookmark and share why it should be read. Give the bookmark to a staff member to get your name entered into a drawing for a JKPL themed swag bag that will include a tote bag, book journal, and more! Staff will put the bookmark in the appropriate book and display them in the library for others to discover and enjoy!

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Cars: August 1—31. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Cars" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.



Children's Pretend Play Station: Automotive Shop: August 1-31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Automotive Shop play!

Kids Can Craft: Create a Car Challenge: August 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and/or color a really cool car! Every design turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into a drawing for a train set. Entries are limited to one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early September.

Creation Station Craft: Paper Milkshakes: August 1—31. This month's craft is creating a milkshake out of construction paper, a CD, cotton fluff, pompoms, and glue. Kits include instructions plus all needed supplies, except for glue. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

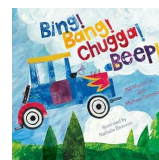


Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: August 1—31. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. You will need to supply the glue. Kits are available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: August 1—31. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: August 1—31. Stop in the library to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Pickleball Paradise*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Bing Bang Chugga Beep” by Bill Martin, Jr. and Michael Sampson: August 1—31. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



Euchre Card Party: Fridays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Teen Summer Reading Program Finale: Splatter Art Painting: Friday August 1 from 1:00—3:00 pm

As the finale for the Teen Summer Reading program, we are blocking off the parking lot and having fun with splatter art! Participants will make their own masterpieces by flinging paint, popping balloons filled with paint, and much more! This program is only for those that participated in the Teen Summer Reading Program. Sponsored by TACKL.



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, August 2 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is “State Fair”. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.



Children's Summer Reading Program Completion Party: Saturday, August 2 from 12:00—3:00 pm

Drop in at the library to celebrate all of your amazing summer reading! Delaney's Ice Cream Truck will offer free ice cream to any child who participated in summer reading, and children can choose a free book for completing the summer reading challenge. **The Summer Reading Store will also be open for one day only, so kids can turn in their points and shop the store from 9:00 am—3:00 pm.** Stop by before the party! Can't make it Saturday? Children can continue to claim their free book(s) through the end of August at the front desk. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, August 2 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. New players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament: Sunday, August 3 @ 1:30 pm

Join us at the library for a chance to see who among your friends is the Smash Bros Champion! Rules for the tournament will be three stock lives, no items, random stage per fight. We will be using the Ultimate (Switch) version and players may only use standard switch grip controllers. For ages 10 and up. No registration needed.



Book Art For Your Library Silent Auction Ends: Sunday, August 3 @ 3:00 pm. Join us for the closing of the silent auction of the Book Art donated to the JKPL. All proceeds benefit the library. Refreshments provided.



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, August 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28 @ 9:30 am & 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, August 4 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the 2025 All Iowa Reads teen selection *Rez Ball* by Bryon Graves. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please send an email to librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you. The Zoom room is set up upon request.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, August 4 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.



Blank Park Zoo: Monday, August 4 @ 2:00 pm

Join the Blank Park Zoo for their final visit to the JKPL this summer. Animal visitors will be selected by Blank Park Zoo on the day of the visit, depending on factors that can influence the animals' health like weather, temperature, and stress. Coloring pages featuring animals will also be available to color in the library or to take home. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 require an older teen or adult companion. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Fun and Games with Paul presents Dungeons & Dragons: Tuesday, August 5 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm. Join library staff member Paul and learn how to play Dungeons and Dragons—the popular roleplaying game where you go on quests as a group! Registration is requested to make sure we have enough staff. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. This program is for those age 10 and up. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.*

Children's Book Club and Art: Wednesdays, August 6 & 13 @ 10:00 am

Join area kids for an all-ages book club show-and-tell! Bring your favorite book to the library to tell us all about it, eat snacks, and complete a simple art project. Open to all ages from infant to age 12, but a teen or adult companion is required to accompany children under 7 years old. No registration is necessary.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The Zoom room is set up upon request and the same link is used each week.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, August 7 & 14 from 3:00—5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market! Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Take-and-make activities may also be available. *The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.*

Art in the Park: Thursday, August 7 from 3:30—4:30 pm. Join us at the Farmer's Market to make slime! There will be fun mix-ins to put into your slime. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

TACKL Fun and Games @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, August 8 from 5:30—9:00 pm. Join the Teen Advisory Council to the Kennedy Library (TACKL) at Downtown Summer Nights in Legacy Square for fun, free games for kids. This event is sponsored by the Dyersville Chamber of Commerce.

Pop-Up @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, August 8 from 5:30—8:30 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by "popping up" at Downtown Summer Nights at Legacy Square! Visitors will be able to select a free book to keep from the pop-up library as well as learn more about library services. *The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.*

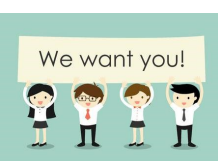
Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Harold and the Purple Crayon": Saturday, August 9 @ 1:00 pm. When Harold is living within the confines of his book, anything he touches with his purple crayon can come to life. Now Harold wants to take it a step further, and draw himself into the physical world. Based on the 1955 children's book of the same name. Rated PG (92 minutes).

Children's Read to Animals Event: Monday, August 11 from 12:00—1:00 pm

Join us for an event that features animals, reading, and coloring! In partnership with Dubuque County Conservation, the library will offer a read-to-animals event. Children and their families are welcome to stop in to read a story to a tamed Eastern Iowa forest animal. Animals will be caged and/or handled by conservationists. Animal coloring books will also be available for children to color in the library or to take home to color. An adult companion is required.



Adult Crafternoon: Watercolor Bookmark: Monday, August 11 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us to paint a watercolor bookmark. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.

**Neurodivergent Needs Conversation: Monday, August 11 @ 6:00 pm & Tuesday, August 12 @ 10:30 am**

Are you or someone you love or care for part of the neurodivergent community? Then we want to talk to you! The JKPL was selected for a Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities Grant to offer services to neurodivergent youth in the community. We are defining this group as anyone under age 18 with a physical, emotional, behavioral, or learning disability or impairment. We are excited about this grant and we want to be sure the funds received are used appropriately to serve the members of this community so we are asking for your help.

- Join one of these conversations where we will discuss what the library should be doing to serve the neurodivergent community.
- In addition to these two meetings, one-on-one and small group conversations may also be scheduled.
- If these dates don't work, or you prefer to share your thoughts in a different fashion, please reach out to the library to express your interest.
- Refreshments and fidget toys will be provided.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, August 12 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *Set The Stars Alight* by Amanda Dykes. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

Bowling Break: Thursday, August 14 @ 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

The JKPL will host this fun bowling event at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dyersville (across the alley from the library). Please note, there are 2 steps up into the building and 4 steps down to get to the bowling lanes in the KC Hall.

- Candy, chips and pop may be available to purchase.
- Bowling shoes provided.
- This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome.
- Those under the age of 13 need an adult companion.
- Registration for a session is requested as space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.
- The following sessions are available: 10:30 am—12:30 pm and 6:00—8:00 pm
- *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*



Conservation Camp—Soil Saturday: Saturday, August 16 from 9:30—11:30 am. All those registered for this program will gather at the Dyersville Community Garden to learn about soil and do some digging. Pre-registration for this program was required and registration has now closed.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, August 16 @ 4:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed. Guns with excessive hitting power will not be allowed.



Made-in-the-USA Chocolate and Candy Tasting: Monday, August 18 from 12:00—2:00 pm

Drop in to taste-test some favorite chocolate and candy made in the USA, then vote on your favorite! A drawing will be held to award a candy gift basket to one participant. All ages welcome. No registration is required. Program is available while supplies last.

Bingo Party: Monday, August 18 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Color Our World: Summer Art Activities—Diamond Art: Monday, August 18 from 5:30—7:30 pm. Diamond art has been described as a combination of paint by number and cross stitch except instead of paints or thread, artists use faceted beads to make beautiful and glittery art. Interested? Then this program is for you! Stop in at this special drop-in session and use diamond art to create bookmarks, garden decorations, and more! Participants will select an item that they would like to make. Each kit comes with everything needed to create a work of art. This is an adult program but those age 8 and up are welcome. Children under the age of 10 must have an adult companion.

Armchair Travel—Indonesia: Tuesday, August 19 @ 1:00 pm. Grab your travel buddy and join us on this virtual visit through the breathtaking islands of Indonesia—all from the comfort of your seat. With over 17,000 islands rich in history, culture, and natural wonders, Indonesia offers an incredible blend of beauty, tradition, and everyday life that's sure to inspire. Our "tour guide" for the day is Chelsea Middendorf from Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque. This program is for older adults, but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Introduction to KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesday, August 19 @ 6:00 pm. Are you interested in learning more about how you can prevent dementia? Join us for this one hour video presentation by Dr. Patricia Quinlisk, Medical Director of the nonprofit Brain Help and Hope. You will learn about dementia, brain health, and making lifestyle changes to reduce your risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Deb and Mary Lou, the local KEYS course facilitators will be present to answer questions about the 10 week Community KEYS to Dementia Prevention course coming in September.

Bilingual Storytime: Wednesday, August 20 from 6:30—7:15 pm

Hola, amigos! Bienvenido a la biblioteca! {Hello, friends! Welcome to the library!} Join librarian Ms. Christa for a bilingual storytime, where children will learn Spanish phrases, listen to Spanish-language books, and sing songs in Spanish. All children ages infant to age 12 are welcome to join to build their Spanish language skills and/or English language skills. A craft will be provided. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is not required.



Drop in and Create—Paper Ice Cream Sundaes: Friday, August 22 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm. Join us as we use construction paper, CD, cotton fluff, pompoms, glitter, and glue to create paper ice cream sundaes with all the fixings! This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

Summer Musical Movies @ Your Library presents “Burlesque”: Saturday, August 23 @ 1:00 pm. A small-town girl ventures to Los Angeles and finds her place in a neo-burlesque club run by a former dancer. Rated PG-13 (119 minutes).

Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, August 23 from 4:00—6:00 pm. Bring your favorite game and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Saturday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Strings Club: Monday, August 25 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, August 26 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please contact the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, August 28 @ 11:15 am. Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will be at the library to talk about scrambled egg muffins, your garden harvest, and the basics of freezing food. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome.

“Hachi: A Dog’s Tale”—Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, August 28 @ 2:00 pm & Friday, August 29 @ 10:30 am. Professor Parker Wilson discovers a lost Akita puppy on his way home from work. Despite initial objections from Wilson’s wife, Hachi endears himself into the Wilson family and grows to be Parker’s loyal companion. As their bond grows deeper, a beautiful relationship unfolds embodying the true spirit of family and loyalty, while inspiring the hearts of an entire town. Rated G (93 min.) Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Please note that this film may be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

JKPL at the Downtown Market: Saturday, August 30 from 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Pop-Up Library

The JKPL will have a pop-up library where visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. There will also be a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. Our participation at this event is weather permitting. *The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.*

Model T Show

Stop by the library’s booth to check out Farley resident Dave Corbin’s Model T, learn the car’s family history, and talk about the creation of the Model T. While at the booth, go “fish” for toys and books at our fish pond!



Library closed for Labor Day: Sunday, August 31 & Monday, September 1



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 am—8:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Sundays: 1:00—4:00 pm



KEYS to Dementia Prevention **Tuesdays, September 9 to November 11 from 5 to 7 pm**

Did you know you can reduce your risk of dementia by up to 70% by making lifestyle changes? This 10-week evidence-based course was developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. It will provide you with tools and resources to preserve your memory and thinking skills. This course is made possible by the nonprofit Brain Help and Hope and will be led by local health experts. Participants should be 55 or older, in good cognitive health, and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions. Sessions are approximately two hours each. A registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required but may be refunded to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions, upon request. This series is co-sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL and Nightingale Drug.



Registration is required as a maximum of 15 participants are allowed.
Please contact the library at (563)875-8912 for more information or to register.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, September 4, 11 & 18 from 4:00—5:30 pm

Kids Can Cook is back this fall! Kids Can Cook teaches kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each class will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron.

- Classes will be held from 4:00—5:30 pm on September 4, 11 & 18; October 2, 9 & 16; and November 6, 13 & 20.
- Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session.
- Registration for all three sessions begins August 11.
- A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must also be on file for a child to attend.
- *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising.*

Registration Begins: Monday, August 11.
Please contact the library at (563)875-8912 for more information or to register.

Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game **Saturday, September 6 @ 4:00 pm**

Join us after-hours for *Kobolds Ate My Baby*, a role playing game with simple rules and lots of shenanigans. The library will have completed character sheets available. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Drop in and Create—Rock Art **Friday, September 19 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm**

Join us as we use paint and paint pens to create rock art! This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.

A New History of Iowa with Author Jeff Bremer **Saturday, September 20 @ 1:30 pm**

Iowa State University Professor and Author Jeff Bremer will be at the library to talk about his book, *A New History of Iowa*. This book, published in 2023, offers the most comprehensive history of the Hawkeye State ever written, surveying Iowa from the last ice age through the COVID-19 pandemic. It tells a new and vibrant story, examining the state's small-town culture, politics, social and economic development, and its many diverse inhabitants. This program provides a brief introduction to some of the book's main ideas, while focusing on three important Iowans whose biographies teach us about the Civil War, temperance, and civil rights in the state. A copy of the book will be available to borrow from the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

MOMETRIX eLIBRARY TEST PREP HELP

Mometrix is a comprehensive test preparation platform offering resources for over 1,000 different exams for all ages from child to adult. They provide a wide range of study materials to help test-takers, including flashcards, practice tests, and guides, covering subjects from foundational education to specialized trades and advanced academic fields. It is free to all Iowa residents! You just need an internet connection to log on. Check it out by visiting the library's website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us) and going to Services / Homework Help & Proctoring. Check it out today!



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ONLINE HEALTH REFERENCES

Looking for health information ? Did you know the library has several online health databases you can use? Each guide is full of information and fully searchable. When you first log on you will see a Table of Contents page of hyperlinks so you can jump right to the topic you are looking for. Or feel to browse all the information. These databases can be accessed anywhere you have an internet connection. To get access to any of these databases, visit the Online Reference page on the library website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us).

- Magill's Medical Guide, 9th Edition
- Dementia Handbook & Resource Guide
- Diabetes Handbook & Resource Guide
- Cardiovascular Disease Handbook and Resource Guide
- Autoimmune Diseases Handbook & Resource Guide
- Nutrition, Obesity & Eating Disorders Handbook & Resource Guide



MANGO LANGUAGES

Want to learn another language? The library can help! Welcome to Mango Languages with simple language and culture learning in over 70 languages. Mango can be accessed at the library, remotely, or on-the-go with apps for iPhone®, Android™, Kindle® and Nook®. To get access, visit the library's website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us) and go to the Services / Learn a Language page. You will need your library card to register.

Please note: this service is limited to full-service patrons which are patrons that either live within the Dyersville city limits, live within the city limits of a city/town that contracts with the library for service, or a patron that has purchased a membership.



COOKING & CRAFTING DATABASES

Library Chef—Your go-to platform for fun cooking experiences for adults, kids, and teens! You can dive into live cooking classes, on-demand classes and instruction, exciting recipes, and more.



Craft & Hobby—Discover what inspires you and unlock your creative potential with this video-on-demand craft and hobby platform. Learn at your own pace with these step-by-step tutorials. Includes 9+ online learning libraries and 4,000 hours of content within 20 different disciplines with classes ranging from beginner to advanced.

CRAFT & HOBBY

To get access to either databases, visit the Digital Collections page on the library website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us). You will need your library card to register.

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<div>AUGUST 2025</div>		<div>August 1–31</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a car challenge Children's Pretend Play Station & scavenger hunt Paper milkshakes craft kits 	<div>August 1–31</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coloring, Creating, & Doing Upcycled Cards kits Get Puzzled StoryWalk® 	<div>Summer Reading Program for Adults continues thru August 31</div>	1 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Teen SRP Finale from 1-3pm	2 Children's SRP Store from 9am-3pm Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am Children's SRP Completion Party from 12-3pm Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm
3 Super Smash Bros Tournament @ 1:30 pm Book Art For Your Library Silent Auction ends @ 3pm	4 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm Blank Park Zoo @ 2pm	5 Fun & Games from 9:30am-12:30pm	6 Children's Book Club & Art @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	7 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm Art in the Park from 3:30-4:30pm	8 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm TACKL Fun & Games from 5:30-9pm Pop-up Library from 5:30-8:30pm	9 <i>Harold and the Purple Crayon</i> (PG) @ 1pm
10 <div>Kids Can Cook Registration begins August 11</div>	11 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Children's Read to Animals from 12-1pm Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm Neurodivergent Needs Conversation @ 6pm	12 Neurodivergent Needs Conversation @ 10:30am A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	13 Children's Book Club & Art @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	14 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Bowling Break @ 10:30am & 6pm Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm	15 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	16 Conservation Camp from 9:30-11:30am Nerf War @ 4pm
17	18 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Candy Tasting from 12-2pm Bingo Party from 1-3pm Diamond Art from 5:30 - 7:30pm	19 Armchair Travel: Indonesia @ 1pm Intro to KEYS to Dementia @ 6pm	20 Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Bilingual Storytime @ 6:30pm	21 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	22 Paper Ice Cream Sundaes from 9:30am-12:30pm Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	23 <i>Burlesque</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm Game Night from 4-6pm
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Upcoming Events for SEPTEMBER 2025

Library closed for Labor Day: Monday, September 1

Wreath-it-Up Fundraiser Begins! Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Pick up a wreath form from the library, decorate it any way you like, and return it to the library. Or decorate a wreath of your own and donate it to the library. Wreaths can be seasonal, thematic, or just anything that appeals to you! And although we focus on wreaths, other decorative wall hangings are welcome. Items will be accepted anytime in October. A silent auction of the donated items will be held in the library from October 20 to November 23. The Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 26. The Silent Auction will end at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23.

Children's Pretend Play Station: Ice Cream Shop: September 2-30. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Ice Cream Shop play!

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Ice Cream: September 2-30. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Ice Cream" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.

Kids Can Craft: Write/Illustrate a Mini-Book Challenge: September 2-30. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to write and illustrate a mini-book. Every mini-book turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket but is limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early October.

Creation Station Craft: September 2-30. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's project to be decided. Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: September 2-30. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. You will need to supply the glue. If crafting in the library, glue sticks may be borrowed from the desk for in-library use. Kits are available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: September 2-30. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: September 2-30. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Great Stories*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "I Love Your Face" by Karma Wilson: September 2-30. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by

the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. The StoryWalk(R) is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Library Card Sign-Up Month: September 2-30. This year, libraries all across the United States remind you that a library card is *One Card, Endless Possibilities*. It may be small, but a library card packs a mighty punch. Borrow museum passes, musical instruments, and even tools from your library's collection. Take part in engaging programs like book clubs, movie nights, crafting classes, and lectures. Access technology, Wi-Fi, and career resources to support your goals, whether you're a student, job seeker, entrepreneur, or lifelong learner. It's one card with endless possibilities! Sign up for a library card in September and receive a special bookmark and sticker. Also this month: Work on the library-themed puzzle under the skylight and get your name entered to win the puzzle.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or, upon request, remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, September 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 & 29 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, September 4, 11 & 18 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each class will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron. Classes will also be held in October and November. Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session. A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend. *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.*

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, September 4 & 11 from 3:00—5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market. Visitors will discover more about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Fun, free Take-and-Make Activity Kits may also be available. Kits will be available while supplies last. *The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the*

Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, September 6 from 10:00-11:00 am. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game: Saturday, September 6 @ 4:00 pm. Join us after-hours for *Kobolds Ate My Baby*, a role playing game with simple rules and lots of shenanigans. The library will have completed character sheets available. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, September 8 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *The Last Bookshop* by Eva Woods. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or, upon request, remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Adult Crafternoon: Monday, September 8 from 1:00-3:00 pm. This month's project to be decided. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.

KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, September 9 to November 11 @ 5:00 pm. Join us for this 10-week evidence-based course that was developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. This course is made possible by the nonprofit Brain Help and Hope and will be led by local health experts. Participants should be 55 or older, in good cognitive health, and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions. Sessions are 2 hours each. Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required by Brain Help and Hope but may be refunded to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions, upon request. Registration is required as a maximum of 15 participants are allowed. Registration begins August 10. Please contact the library at (563)875-8912 for more information or to register. This series is co-sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL and Nightingale Drug.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, September 9 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *The All-American* by Susie Finkbeiner. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, September 13 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

National Coloring Day Coloring Party: Sunday, September 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. An annual event every September 14, National Coloring Day is all about setting aside some time to relax and color. Get creative with paper and crayons, colored pencils or markers. To help you relax during this special day, the library will have coloring pages for all ages available to pick up and take home. For those wanting to color in the library - markers, coloring pencils, crayons and more will be available to check out at the front desk or in the Creation Station. We will also have snacks! Everyone who participates by coloring in the library, or taking coloring pages home, is encouraged to sign up at the front desk to get their name entered into a drawing for a tote bag with coloring supplies.

Color Our World - Adult Summer Library Program Finale: Sunday, September 14 from 1:30-3:30 pm. Participants in the *Color Our World* Adult Summer Reading program are invited to this special open house to celebrate the end of the program. Participants have until 5 pm on Friday, September 5 to submit their forms documenting items read or activities completed prior to September 1. Prizes will be available to pick up during this open house or at the library during the rest of September. Refreshments will be available.

Bingo Party: Monday, September 15 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher presents Customized Drink Tumblers: Monday, September 15 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and customize a drink tumbler with a fun pattern. Tumblers will be provided. Participants should be 14 or older. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held on the third Monday of each month. This is a repeat of the June class. Registration is required as space is limited to 10 participants. Registration begins August 15.

Armchair Travel - Netherlands : Tuesday, September 16 @ 1:00 pm. Grab your travel buddy and join us on this virtual visit. Chelsea Middendorf, from Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque, will take you on this tour. Chelsea will be providing a small taste of the culture as well, so come try something new! This program is for older adults, but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Armchair Travel programs will be held on the third Tuesday of most months from 1 to 2 pm.

Drop in and Create - Rock Art: Friday, September 19 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Join us as we use paint and paint pens to create rock art! This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

Conservation Camp-Fall Clean Up Day: Saturday, September 20 from 9:30-11:30 am. All those registered for this program will gather at the Dyersville Communities Gardens and then at the JKPL for the final session of this program. Pre-registration for this program was required and registration has now closed.

VR-VictoryLabsFX: Saturday, September 20 from 10:00-11:30 am. VictoryLabsFX is a virtual reality educational program that the library can access with our Metaquest VR headsets! Join us as we do a little chemistry, check out some planets and see some museum exhibits! Ages 10 and up only.

A New History of Iowa with Author Jeff Bremer: Saturday, September 20 @ 1:30 pm.

Iowa State University Professor and Author Jeff Bremer will be at the library to talk about his book, *A New History of Iowa*. This book, published in 2023, offers the most comprehensive history of the Hawkeye State ever written, surveying Iowa from the last ice age through the COVID-19 pandemic. It tells a new and vibrant story, examining the state's small-town culture, politics, social and economic development, and its many diverse inhabitants. This program provides a brief introduction to some of the book's main ideas, while focusing on three important Iowans whose biographies teach us about the Civil War, temperance, and civil rights in the state. A copy of the book is available to borrow from the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, September 22 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

Strings Club: Monday, September 22 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, September 23 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please contact the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Family Wellness Event: Tuesday, September 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The JKPL will host a booth at the Western Dubuque Community School District (WDCSD) Family Wellness Event. This community event is being organized to promote awareness and provide valuable resources related to the wellness of our students and families including mental, physical, and emotional health. More details coming.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, September 25 @ 11:15 am. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome!

"E.T. - The Extra-Terrestrial" - Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, September 25 @ 2:00 pm & Friday, September 26 @ 10:30 am. A lonely boy befriends a homesick alien stranded on Earth and attempts to help him find a way home. Meanwhile, a group of government scientists attempt to capture the benevolent visitor for research.. Rated PG (115 min.) Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Please note that this film may be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

Pop-Up Library at the Downtown Market: Saturday, September 27 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The JKPL will have a pop-up library where visitors will be able to find out more about what

the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. There will also be a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. Our participation at this event is weather permitting. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Lilo & Stitch”: Saturday, September 27 @ 1:00 pm. Lilo’s an independent little girl. Stitch is a mischievous creature from outer space. When their worlds collide, it’s love and chaos at first sight! This is the live-action reimagining of the 2002 animated classic. Rated PG (108 minutes).

Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, September 27 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Celebrate National Good Neighbor Day: Sunday, September 28. Activities and details to be decided

National Coffee Day Celebration! Monday, September 29. Coffee Day, or International Coffee Day, is held annually on September 29 and celebrates coffee and the joy it brings to people all over the world. Activities to be decided.