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**James Kennedy Public Library  
Report to the Mayor and City Council  
June 16, 2025**

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

- 7,852 items were checked out. This is an 11.5% increase from May 2024. Fiscal year to date, circulation is down 0.9%
- 34 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 295 new library cards have been issued.
- 81 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,747 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 169 hours and 417 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 2,267 hours and 4,752 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 1,078 sessions, 917 visits, and 337 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 5,504 sessions, 4,789 visits, and 1,071 unique users.
- There were 5,550 library visits.

*Upcoming Events:*

Enclosed please find a copy of the June events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for July. Some of the programs scheduled include the Dyersville Public Works Department equipment exhibit, a musician, a program on making and using natural dyes presented by Dubuque County Conservation, a Stream Study at the Downtown Market, the annual summer tea, author visits, and visits from the Blank Park Zoo. Summer Reading Programs for all ages continue throughout June and July. They include reading incentives, special programs and activities focused on the theme *Color Our World*. Fundraising events scheduled for this summer include a jigsaw puzzle competition in partnership with Fuse and the return of the Book Art event.

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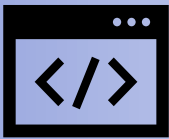
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

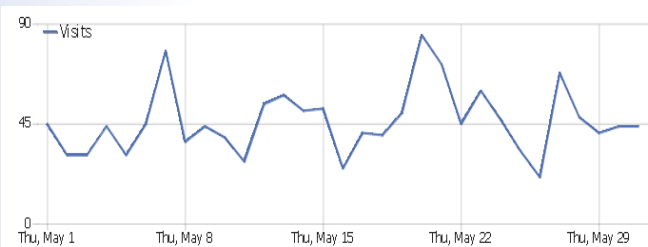
Month: May-25  
YTD: July-24 to May-25  
Previous YTD: July-23 to May-24

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	5550	(↓ 2.1%)	7852	(↑ 11.5%)	20	34	(↓ 10.5%)
YTD	54500	(↓ 1.1%)	84781	(↓ 0.9%)	155	295	(↓ 6.1%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1432	1:39



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
169	2267	2119	417	4752	4607

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
1078	5504	917	4789	337	1071

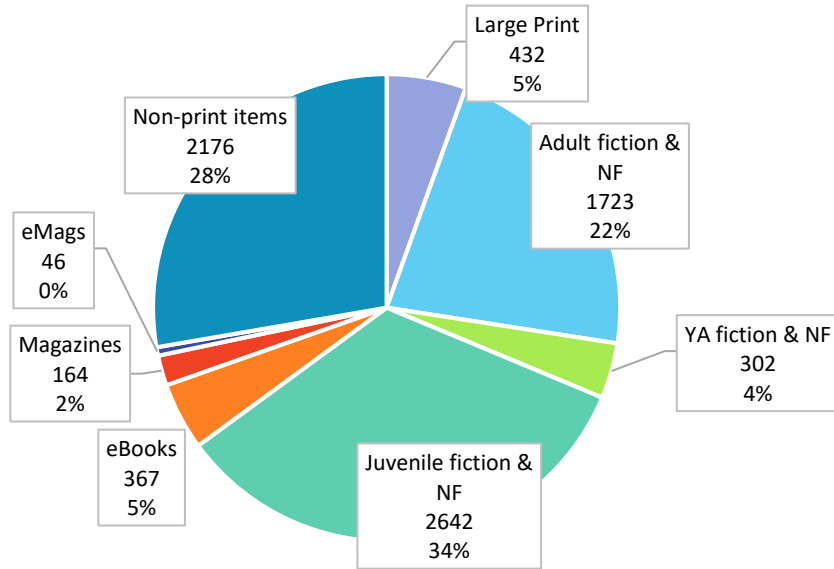
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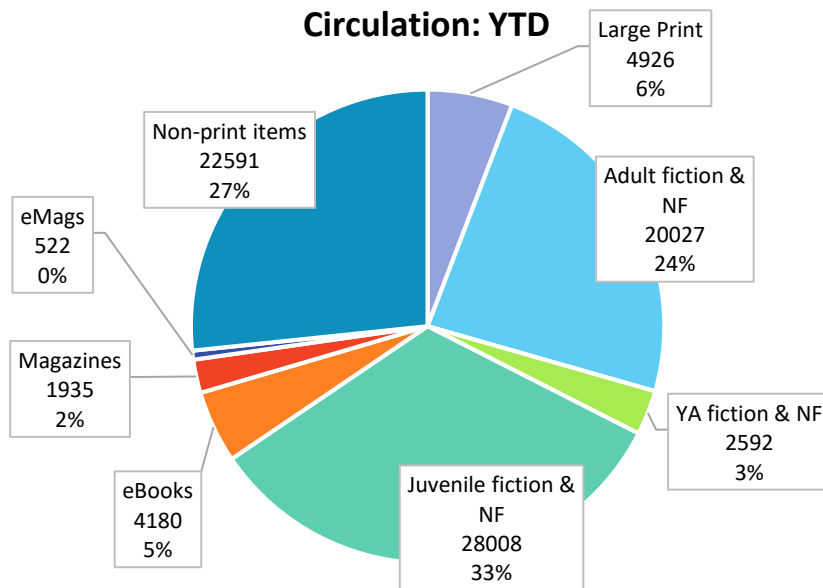
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
63	720	698

## Circulation

**Circulation: Month**



**Circulation: YTD**



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	686	6600
Adult & YA audio	101	983
Juvenile audio & kits	7	156
Adult & YA video	615	6984
Juvenile video & DVD	394	3492
Games, LoT, etc.	373	4376
	<b>2176</b>	<b>22591</b>

### Music

Downloads: 6  
Total YTD: 129



### Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 13  
YTD: 133



Visits: 129  
YTD: 1973



### Online Learning

Sessions: 78  
YTD: 491



### Languages

Sessions: 25  
YTD: 171



### Genealogy

Visits: 718  
YTD: 7004



Collection

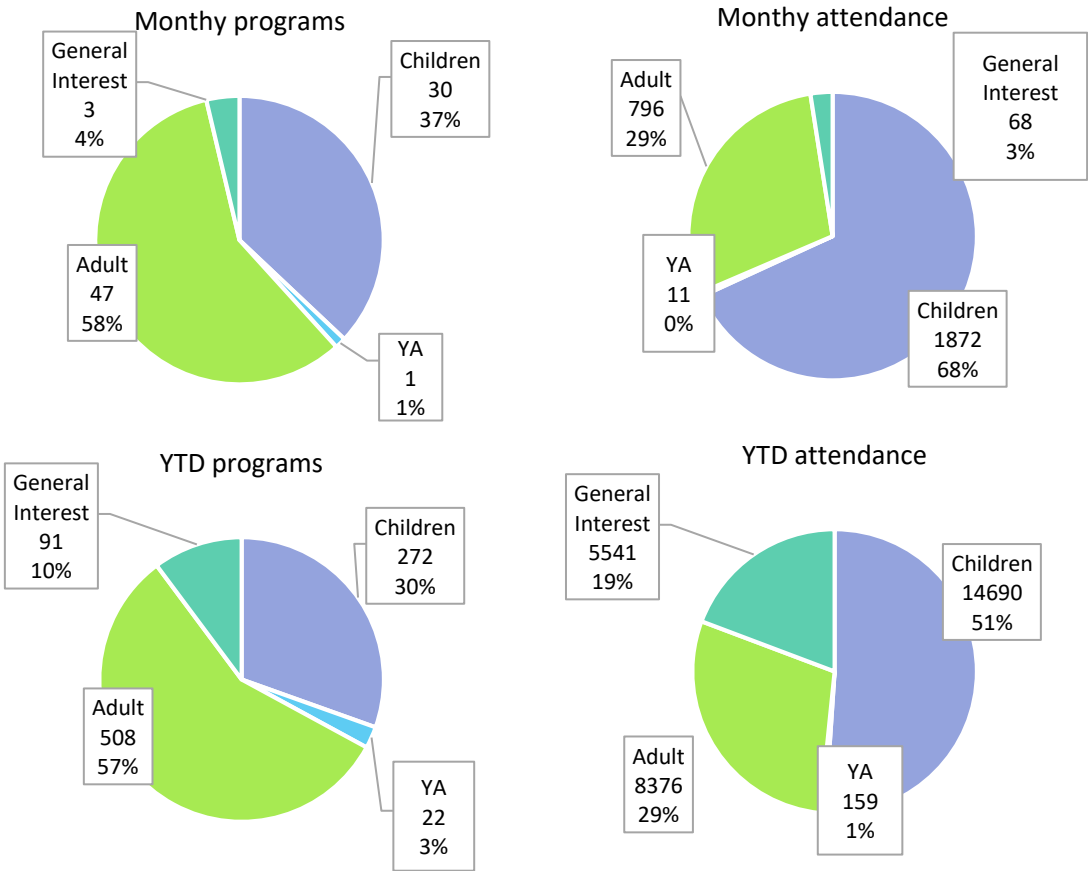
Items purchased	
Month:	121
YTD:	1955

Items donated	
Month:	154
YTD:	1428
Prev. YTD:	569

Items withdrawn		
	Month	YTD
Books	323	5238
Audio	0	356
Video	2	43
Other	21	146
<b>Total</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>5783</b>

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	3	67	28	24	84	23	13	6	1	21	1	4	275
Previous month	18	75	40	34	107	16	11	11	2	28	12	17	371
Current YTD	198	918	362	187	815	165	108	51	8	315	117	101	3345
Previous YTD	170	951	336	192	774	106	130	85	7	296	96	100	3243

Programs



## **Adult Summer Library Program: June 1—August 31**

Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2025 program that runs June 1—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. The program is designed to inspire and engage readers of all ages through a diverse array of artistic expressions.

- Registration begins on June 1 and 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.
- Special programs will also be scheduled.
- The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



## **Color Our World: Book Genre Bingo: June 1—August 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.
- Participants may select a locally made tote bag (while supplies last) when signing up.
- Participating in the Adult Summer Library Program? Up to eight of the books you read for bingos may also be included for that program as well.

## **Color Our World: Favorite Color: June 1—30**

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. June's question is: What is your favorite rainbow color? 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 coloring themed basket.

## **Color Our World: Reading Recommendations: June 1—August 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 Pretend Play Station: Pizza Restaurant: June 1—30.** Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Pizza Restaurant play!

**Children's Scavenger Hunt: Pizza: June 1—30.** Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Pizza" scavenger hunt to earn a prize! One prize per child per library visit.



**Kids Can Craft: Design a New Pizza Flavor Challenge: June 1—30.** Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and color a new pizza flavor. Anchovies and cotton candy? Peanut butter and liver? Create the funniest or most disgusting flavor combination that you can think up! Every design turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket. Entries are limited to one per day. The winner will be announced in early July.

**Creation Station Craft: Coffee Filter Carnations: June 1—30.** Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is a carnation flower made out of a coffee filter and pipe cleaner. Kit includes coffee filters, pipe cleaners, and instructions. You will need to provide scissors and the crayons, markers, or colored pencils to color the flower. 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: June 1—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: June 1—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: June 1—30.** Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Retro Diner*. 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.

**Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, June 2, 9, 12, 19, 23, 26 & 30 @ 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. Please contact the library to register. **Note: Not holding June 5 or 16 as conflicts with special programs.**

**Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, June 2 @ 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 Read adult book selection *Distant Sons* by Tim Johnston. 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 email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto: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.

**Genealogy with Ann: Monday, June 2 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.



**Fun and Games with Paul presents Exploding Kittens Card Game: Tuesday, June 3 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm.** Drop in at this monthly gathering where library staff member Paul will share a fun and interesting activity or item guests can try. This month we will be playing the card game *Exploding Kittens*, where you try and blow up the other players with cats! Guests are welcome to come and go as they can. 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. Refreshments provided. *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).*

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**Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18 & 25 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](mailto: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.

**Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Friday, June 6 from 12:00—1:00 pm.** This month's theme is "Adventure by the Lake". 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. Note the change in time and date.



**Euchre Card Party: Fridays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 1:00—3:30 pm.** Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

**Library Garage Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm & Sunday, June 8 from 1:00—4:00 pm**

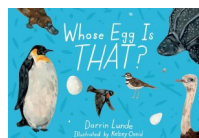
Members of the community have donated good, new, and gently used items to the JKPL for this annual event. The sale will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the library (weather permitting) or in the Hoffman Room. All proceeds will be used to support library programs, collections and services. The sale will continue inside on Sunday, where all items not sold will be available for a donation.



**Want to donate to the JKPL Garage Sale Fundraiser?**

Members of the community are encouraged to donate their good, used items to the JKPL for this garage sale. Items should be brought to the library during library business hours between June 3—6. Items should be in good, clean, working condition. A list of donation guidelines is posted on the JKPL website or available to pick up at the library.

**Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Whose Egg is That?" by Darrin Lunde: June 8—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® 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.*



### **Teen Summer Reading Program: June 9—August 2**

Everyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is encouraged to participate in the teen program that runs from June 9 to August 2. The theme this year is *Color Our World*, which invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity while celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives.

- Registration begins June 9
- Participants will receive a free book just for registering.
- Participants will fill out short reviews for each book they read for chances to win prizes at the end of the summer (Max 12 reviews).
- Participants can also earn additional chances to win by attending programs or completing writing prompt challenges found in the YA corner.
- Sponsored by TACKL



### **Children's Summer Reading Program: June 9—August 2**

Children ages 3-12 are encouraged to participate in the Children's Summer Reading Program: *Color Our World*. This theme invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity while celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives.

- Sign up begins on June 9.
- Upon sign up, children will receive a reading log and can pick out a free book!
- Children can then read (or be read to) as much as they wish to earn toys and books at the end of the program.
- Use the reading log to record every 20 minutes of reading as one point
- At the end of the summer reading program, children can use their points to "buy" toys and books at our drop-in Summer Reading Completion Party on August 2. The more they read, the more they earn!
- Not able to make it on June 9? Sign up anytime at the front desk until July 25.
- The Children's Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.



### **Toddler Summer Literacy Program: June 9—August 2**

Children ages 0-3 are invited to participate in the Toddler Summer Literacy Program. Participants will use a simple board game designed to engage children from infant to age three in activities that promote literacy and a lifelong love of reading. Upon completion of the board game, toddlers will receive a board book and a small toy of their choice. Families can choose to participate in the Children's Summer Reading Program if they prefer.



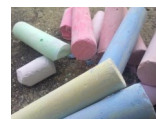
### **Children's SRP Kick-off—Dog Man Party: Monday, June 9 from 12:00—3:00 pm**

Join us to kick off the Children's Summer Reading Program with a showing of the movie, *Dog Man* (PG). Movie will start at 12:15pm. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, and *Dog Man* coloring activities will be available. During the party, sign up for the Children's Summer Reading Program and get a free book! Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

**Adult Crafternoon: Stained Glass Coloring Page: Monday, June 9 from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Join us this month to color a stained glass coloring page. 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 color on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.



**Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, June 10 @ 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 Best Summer of Our Lives* by Rachel Hauck. 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.



**Chalk Art Fun: Wednesday, June 11 @ 10:00 am.** Join us in the parking lot adjacent to the library, which is closed-to-traffic, to create chalk art! Chalk will be provided for kids and adults of all ages to design amazing community creations. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion.

**Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, June 12 & 26 from 3:00—5:00 pm.** The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market on the second and fourth Thursdays in June, July, and August! 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 library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! *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, June 12 from 3:30—4:30 pm.** Join us at the Farmer's Market to make simple bird/squirrel feeders. We will use toilet paper rolls, yarn, bird seed, and peanut butter to make this easy, fun craft. 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, June 13 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. Everyone walks away with a prize for playing! This event is sponsored by the Dyersville Chamber of Commerce.

**Pop-Up @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, June 13 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.*

**Conservation Camp—Pollinator Party: Saturday, June 14 from 9:30—11:30 am.** All those registered for this program will gather at the Dyersville City Gardens. Pre-registration for this program was required and registration has now closed.

**Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Paddington in Peru”: Saturday, June 14 @ 1:00 pm.** Join Paddington and the Brown family as they visit Aunt Lucy in Peru! A thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey through the Amazon rainforest and to the mountain peaks of Peru. Rated PG (106 minutes).

**World Wide Knit in Public Day: Saturday, June 14 from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Held on the second Saturday of June, WWKIP Day is a special annual event to celebrate knitting and all fiber crafts as a community activity. The theme is *Better Living Through Stitching Together*. Join the JKPL Sit ‘n’ Stitch group in the library to celebrate this special day. Bring your own project or just come see these talented crafters in action and learn about crafting!

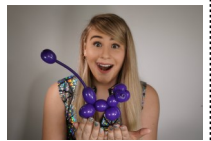
**Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, June 14 @ 3:30 pm.** Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at [Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

**Library closed for Father’s Day: Sunday, June 15**



**Magician Mikayla Oz: Monday, June 16 @ 10:00 am**

Magician Mikayla Oz is back with her bird Bubbles! Join us for a fun, engaging morning of magic tricks and hilarious animal fun. An older teen/adult companion is required for children under the age of 7. No registration is required. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



**Bingo Party: Monday, June 16 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. Please contact the library to register. Bring your friends!

**Cricut with Christopher presents Customized Drink Tumblers: Monday, June 16 @ 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. Registration begins May 21. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held on the third Monday of each month.

**Book Art Show and Fundraiser Begins: Monday, June 16**

Individuals and groups of all ages are invited to create a piece of art or sculpture from upcycled books and/or book pages.

- The Library will provide a grocery bag full of old books to use for the art.
- Participants may use anything from individual book pages to several books, but the maximum number of books to be used in a submission is how many will fit in a plastic grocery bag.
- Participants may also use their own books and other materials but the number would still be limited to this quantity.
- The art or sculpture can be any design or format (folding, cutting, using individual pages, building, etc.) and can be created by individuals, families, couples, or groups of any age.
- Sign up to participate and pick up supplies at the library starting June 16 or you can pick up supplies and sign up at the library booth at the Downtown Market on June 28.



Once done, finished projects should be brought to the library on or before Friday, July 25.

- On Saturday, July 26, all submissions will be displayed at the Downtown Market with a mason jar adjacent to them.
- Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite by putting money in the jar.
- All donations will go to the JKPL.
- At the end of the Market, the creator of the item that brought in the most money will win a special prize.
- Creators will decide if they want to keep their creation or donate it to the JKPL to be part of a special Silent Auction.
- Art donated to the JKPL for the Silent Auction will be on display at the library until Sunday, August 3, when the Silent Auction ends.
- Entries not included in the Silent Auction can be picked up at the end of the July 26 Downtown Market or at the library any time after July 26.
- All money raised will be used to support library collections and services.

**Armchair Travel—Philippines: Tuesday, June 17 @ 1:00 pm.** In this Armchair Travel event, we'll explore the vibrant culture, stunning landscapes, and rich history of the Philippines, an archipelago of more than 7,000 islands nestled in Southeast Asia. "Tour Guide" Chelsea Middendorf from Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque is excited to share this interactive cultural program and firsthand experiences with you. We'll take a virtual stroll through the white sands of Boracay and the majestic cliffs of Palawan, taste a little Filipino cuisine, investigate traditional Filipino festivals, dances, and customs and look at everyday life in Manila, Cebu, and beyond! This program is for older adults, but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



**Color Our World: Summer Art Activities featuring Coloring, Painting, and Sticker Art: Tuesday, June 17 from 5:30—7:30 pm.** Guests are invited to drop in anytime during the program to express their creativity. The JKPL will have coloring pages and supplies, watercolor pages and brushes, and sticker art stations available. Come create as your time and interest permits! This is an adult program but all ages are welcome. Children under 10 must have an adult companion.





**All Iowa Reads Virtual Author Visit Series: Tuesday, June 17, Wednesday, June 18 and Wednesday, June 25**

The authors of the 2025 All Iowa Reads (AIR) book selections are visiting Iowa virtually! Authors Tim Johnston, Christina Wyman, and Byron Graves will each participate in a virtual author visit. The authors will be joined by a moderator to discuss their books and respond to questions from attendees. Guests are welcome to come to the JKPL and view the presentations together or participate from home. If you want to participate from home, please register at: <https://statelibraryofiowa.gov/programs/all-iowa-reads#events-amp-webinar-recordings>. Registration is not required if you plan to join us at the library. Refreshments will be provided. The scheduled visits are as follows:

- Tuesday, June 17 @ 6:30 pm: Tim Johnston, the author of *Distant Sons*, which is the 2025 All Iowa Reads selection for adults
- Wednesday, June 18 @ 1:00 pm: Christina Wyman, the author of *Jawbreaker*, which is the 2025 All Iowa Reads selection for kids
- Wednesday, June 25 @ 3:00 pm: Byron Graves, the author of *Rez Ball*, which is the 2025 All Iowa Reads selection for teens



**Children's Guided Painting: Wednesday, June 18 from 10:00—11:00 am.** Enjoy creating an umbrella design using techniques of salt painting, blocking, coloring, and stamping. Program is designed for children ages 4-12, but children under age 7 will need an adult or teen companion. Registration is required as space is limited.



**Drop in and Create—Sensory Glitter Glue Bookmarks: Friday, June 20 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm.** Join Audrey at this program where she will use the library's Colibri machine to make bright and colorful bookmarks that the participants can customize and then keep! 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).*



**Game Changer: Friday, June 20 @ 6:00 pm**

Game Changer is a YouTube channel where participants engage in games involving improv comedy and random challenges. The twist is that the players don't know what game they are playing until it starts. The library is bringing a version of this to the library for teens! For ages 12 and up. Registration is required by June 18 to ensure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience!



**Summer Tea: Sunday, June 22 from 1:30—3:00 pm**

Grab a friend and come to our Summer Tea! Enjoy delicious tea and delicate homemade cookies and bars served on real china. Lemonade will be provided for the non-tea drinkers. All ages are welcome but children under the age of 15 require an adult companion. We encourage you to wear a hat! Sponsored by the JKPL Senior Advisory Committee.



**Strings Club: Monday, June 23 @ 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.

**Dyersville Public Works Equipment Exhibition: Tuesday, June 24 from 10:00 am —12:00 pm**

The JKPL and Dyersville Public Works are partnering to celebrate National Public Works Week. This year, Public Works will bring some of their vehicles and equipment to the parking lot next to the library to show them off and talk about how each one is used to help Dyersville. All ages welcome. Guests will receive a fire hydrant stress reliever (while supplies last) and ice cream will be provided. Equipment included in the display will be:

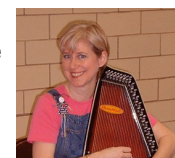
- street sweeper/vacuum
- utility crane
- sewer camera unit
- end-loader
- skid-loader
- dump-truck/snow-plow/sand-spreader



**JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, June 24 @ 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.

**Music with Miss Carole: Wednesday, June 25 @ 9:15 am**

Beloved Midwestern storyteller and musician Miss Carole is visiting JKPL to present a fun, engaging, song-based performance! Miss Carole encourages children ages infant to age 9 and their families to participate in silly songs, dances, and stories that get kids (and adults!) laughing and excited about reading. An older teen/adult companion is required for children under the age of 7. No registration is required. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



**Fit the Pieces Jigsaw Puzzle Fundraiser: Wednesday, June 25 from 5:00—8:00 pm**

Back by popular demand! Join us at this puzzling fundraising event to support the JKPL! This event will be held at Fuse, 224 2nd Ave NE, Dyersville. Teams of up to 4 individuals are invited to buy a table for \$80.00. This fee includes a 500-piece puzzle, four drink tickets, and an appetizer of your choice to share. Doors will open for check in and to get your drinks and appetizer at 5:00 pm. The puzzle competition starts at 6:00 pm. Fuse will donate a percentage of sales during the event to the JKPL. All proceeds will benefit the James Kennedy Public Library.

- Complete the 500 piece puzzle first to win!
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place.
- Teams and observers can buy twists like freezing the competition, making them wear gloves or use tweezers, and more!
- There is room for only 20 tables so buy your tables soon!



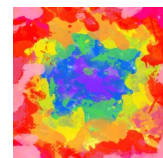
**Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, June 26 @ 11:15 am.** Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will be at the library to talk about incorporating more protein into your daily meals. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome.

**“Freaky Friday”—Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, June 26 @ 1:00 pm.** Dr. Tess Coleman and her teenage daughter Anna have one thing in common -- they don't relate to each other on anything. Then one night a little mystic mayhem changes their lives and they wake up to the biggest freak-out ever. Tess and Anna are trapped inside each other's body! But Tess's wedding is Saturday and the two must find a way to switch back fast! Rated PG (97 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 will 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).*



**Natural Dyes: Thursday, June 26 @ 6:00 pm**

Come join the Dubuque County Conservation for a fun and hands-on workshop where you will learn how to make colorful dyes using plants and other natural materials found in nature. A bandana will be provided for participants to dye, along with all other materials needed. Unlike synthetic dyes that can contain harmful chemicals that are unsafe for people and the environment, natural dyes are eco-friendly and safe to use. By using dyes derived from plants, flowers, and other natural materials, you'll create unique, vibrant colors while helping protect the planet. This program is for anyone age 12 and older. Registration is required as 10 participants are required to hold this program and the presenter needs to prepare supplies. Registration deadline is June 24. Sponsored by TACKL.



**Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, June 28 from 8:00 am—12:00 noon.** The James Kennedy Public Library will be reaching out to the community by bringing a pop-up library to the market. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. The JKPL will also have a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. Want to participate in the Book Art For Your Library project? Stop by the booth to sign up and pick up your bag of books. *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.*

**Stream Study at the Downtown Market: Saturday, June 28 @ 8:00 am—12:00 pm.**

In a partnership with James Kennedy Public Library, Dubuque County Conservation presents this stream study - a scientific study of the organisms that reside in the North Fork Maquoketa River. Buckets of fresh river water will be available to study on microscopes at the JKPL stall at the Downtown Market, and conservationists will be available to guide participants through exciting principles of biology. All ages welcome.



**Summer Musical Movies @ Your Library presents “Moulin Rouge”: Saturday, June 28 @ 1:00 pm.** A poor Bohemian poet in 1890s Paris falls for a beautiful courtesan and nightclub star coveted by a jealous duke. Rated PG-13 (127 minutes).



**Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, June 28 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 Saturday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

**Conservation Camp-Crazy Composting: Sunday, June 29 from 1:30—3:30 pm.** All those registered for this program will gather at the JKPL. Pre-registration for this program was required and registration has now closed.

**Blank Park Zoo: Monday, June 30 @ 12:30 pm**

Join us for the first of three Blank Park Zoo programs! Each program will feature education about select surprise animals along with animal coloring pages to color in the library or to take home. Animal visitors will be selected by Blank Park Zoo on each program's day, depending on factors that can influence the animals' health like weather, temperature, and stress. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion. Registration is not required. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

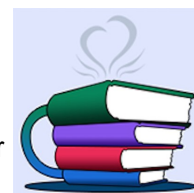


**CONNECT TO THE JKPL CATALOG ONLINE WITH LIBRISTA!**

Download the *Librista* app to your mobile device and connect directly to a mobile friendly version of our catalog and access it from anywhere! It connects to the same catalog you can access via the library's website, only *Librista* skips the step of having to go through our website to get to the catalog.

*Librista* is easy to use and free. Download it from your app store (both Apple and Android) and set the JKPL as your library. It will then connect to our catalog.

The coolest feature of the *Librista* app is that to search for something in the catalog you can either type it in or use your camera to scan an ISBN to search the catalog to find out if the library owns a copy. Please note, that by using the ISBN search, only items with that exact ISBN will show. If the library owns copies of the item in other formats (i.e. audiobooks or large print), those copies will not show.



# Upcoming EVENTS

Find the latest information on library events  
and programs at [www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us)  
or scan the QR code



## **Fun and Games with Paul presents Virtual Reality Tuesday, July 1 from 9:30 am–12:30 pm**

This month come play with Virtual Reality on our Metaquest headsets! Guests are welcome to come and go as they can. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. For ages 13 and up only.

## **Art Hang Out for Kids Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 6:30–7:30 pm**

Kids can drop in as they are able to create an art project that's fun yet simple, while low-volume music plays in the background. Projects are designed for solitary completion by children ages 8-12 yet simple enough for children ages 2-7 to complete with adult help. An adult companion is required for those ages 2-7. No registration is necessary.

## **Color Our World: Summer Art Activities—Book Art Tuesday, July 1 from 5:30–7:30 pm**

Stop in at this special drop-in session to see examples of things the library staff and volunteers have made from old books and get new ideas. Bring your project to work on and get inspired! Books and other basic craft supplies will be available. Participants are also invited to submit their creation for the Book Art Show and Fundraiser! This is an adult program but all ages are welcome. Children under 10 must have an adult companion.

## **Iowa Author Scott Reister at the Field of Dreams Saturday, July 5 from 2:30–3:30 pm**

Love baseball and spy novels? Join KCCI sportscaster and author Scott Reister at the Field of Dreams to learn about his debut middle-grade novel (grades 5-8), *Baseball Spy*. It is a fast-paced, thrilling novel about a small-town player turned big-time spy. Through a partnership with Baseballism, this event occurs after the Ghost Players game at the Field of Dreams, so come for the game, and stay for the spy action! Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

## **Low-Sensory Neurodivergent Storytime Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 9:30 am & 1:45 pm**

Join Dyersville neurodivergent children and their caregivers for a low-sensory storytime in the Genealogy Room. Low lighting, quiet voices, and a short story are the highlights of this low-key, understanding, go-with-the-flow storytime session. This storytime features the following schedule: simple hello song, short story, movement song, flannel board, and simple goodbye song. Play opportunities with our neurodivergent tools will follow for five to ten minutes. No registration is necessary. Adult participation is required. Two sessions are being offered:

- 9:30 am: For neurodivergent children aged 7 and below with their adult caregiver. Session is 20 minutes long.
- 1:45 pm: For neurodivergent children ages 6-10 with an adult caregiver. Session is 30 minutes long.

## **Mock-A-Movie Night for Teens Friday, July 11 @ 6:00 pm**

Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! This evening we will be watching *Kraven the Hunter* (PG-13)—a terrible movie involving Spider-man characters. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.

## **Blank Park Zoo Monday, July 14 @ 12:30 pm**

Join the Blank Park Zoo for the second of three outstanding educational programs with surprise animals! Animal visitors will be selected by Blank Park Zoo on each presentation's day. 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. Registration is not required. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

## **Kid Librarian Storytime Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:00–11:00 am**

Kids can come to Kid Librarian Storytime in the Children's Area to enjoy a program where YOU are the librarian! Listen to a short storytime, then pick your favorite picture book from our shelves or bring one from home to read aloud to other participants. Not yet reading? Simply tell the audience about your favorite book, read the pictures, or lead them in a movement song or nursery rhyme. Enjoy a moment to shine, then have fun playing in our Children's Area with other children. Kid Librarian Storytime is open to all ages and abilities. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary.

## **Used Book Sale Friday, July 18 thru Monday, July 21**

Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the JKPL. Bags of books are \$2 on Monday, the last day of the sale. Hours are:  
Friday, July 18: 9:00 am–5:00 pm  
Saturday, July 19: 9:00 am–3:00 pm  
Sunday, July 20: 1:00-4:00 pm  
Monday, July 21: 9:00 am–6:00 pm

## **Dragonfly Sunset Art Class Tuesday, July 22 at 10:30 am, 2:00 pm, and 6:00 pm**

Join us to paint a "Dragonfly Sunset" using basic shapes & simple painting techniques! This guided painting class is for everyone from beginners to advanced painters of all ages and abilities. Registration for one of the three sessions is required. More details to come!



# JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <div>Adult Summer Library Program &amp; Book Genre Bingo Begin!</div>	2 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm	3 Fun & Games from 9:30am-12:30pm	4 Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	5	6 Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 12-1pm  Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	7 Library Garage Sale from 9am-3pm
8 Library Garage Sale from 1-4pm	9 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Children's SRP Kick-Off Party from 12-3pm Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm <div>Teen, Children, &amp; Toddler Summer Reading Programs Begin!</div>	10 A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	11 Chalk Art Fun @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	12 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm Art in the Park from 3:30-4:30pm	13 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Pop-Up @ Downtown Friday Night from 5:30-8:30pm TACKL Fun & Games from 5:30-9pm	14 Conservation Camp from 9:30-11:30am  <i>Paddington in Peru</i> (PG) @ 1pm World Wide Knit In Public Day from 1-3pm Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm
15 Library closed	16 Mikayla Oz @ 10am Bingo Party from 1-3pm Cricut with Christopher @ 6pm <div>Book Art Show &amp; Fundraiser Begins!</div>	17 Armchair Travel @ 1pm Summer Art Activities from 5:30-7:30pm Virtual Author Visit @ 6:30pm	18 Children's Guided Painting @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Virtual Author Visit @ 1pm	19 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	20 Sensory Glitter Glue Bookmarks from 9:30am-12:30pm Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Game Changer @ 6pm	21
22 Summer Tea from 1:30-3pm	23 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Strings Club @ 6pm	24 Dyersville Public Works Exhibition from 10am-12pm JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm	25 Music with Miss Carole @ 9:15 pm Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Virtual Author Visit @ 3pm Fit The Pieces Fundraiser from 5-8pm	26 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Health & Wellness 365 @ 11:15am <i>Freaky Friday</i> (PG) @ 1pm Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm Natural Dyes @ 6pm	27 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	28 Pop-up @ Downtown Market from 8am-12pm Stream Study from 8am-12pm <i>Moulin Rouge</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm Game Night from 4-6pm
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## Upcoming Events for JULY 2025

**Adult Summer Library Program Continues: July 1-August 31.** Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2025 program that runs June 1-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. The program is designed to inspire and engage readers of all ages through a diverse array of artistic expressions. Registration begins on June 1 and 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 who complete 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 Prize drawings will include 2 ski / lift passes to Sundown, a Book Lover's Basket, an Arts and Crafts basket, a Library Swag Basket, and more. Special programs will also be scheduled. The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

**Color Our World: Book Genre Bingo: July 1 - August 31.** Adults and teens are invited to participate in our 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. Participants may select a locally made tote bag (while supplies last) when signing up. Participating in the Adult Summer Library Program? Up to eight of the books you read for bingos may also be included for that program as well.

**Color Our World: Reading Recommendations Continue!** 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!

**Color Our World: Art Activities: July 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. June's question is: What art activities do you enjoy? 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.

**Teen Summer Reading Program Continues: July 1-August 2.** Everyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is encouraged to participate in the teen program that runs from June 9 to August 2. The theme this year is *Color Our World*, which invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity while celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives. Participants will receive a free book just for registering. This year, participants will fill out short reviews for each book they read for chances to win prizes at the end of the summer (Max 12 reviews). Participants can also earn additional chances to win by attending programs or completing writing prompt challenges found in the YA corner.

**Children's Summer Reading Program Continues: July 1-August 2.** Children ages 3-12 are encouraged to participate in the Children's Summer Reading Program: *Color Our World*. Sign up

continues through July 25. Upon sign up, children will receive a reading log and can pick out a free book! Children can then read (or be read to) as much as they wish to earn toys and books at the end of the program. Simply record every 20 minutes of reading as one point; then at the end of the summer reading program, children can use their points to “buy” toys and books at our drop-in Summer Reading Completion Party on August 2. The more they read, the more they earn! The Children’s Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

***Toddler Summer Literacy Program Continues: July 1-August 2.*** Children ages 0-3 are invited to participate in the Toddler Summer Literacy Program. Participants will use a simple board game designed to engage children from infant to age three in activities that promote literacy and a lifelong love of reading. Upon completion of the board game, toddlers will receive a board book and a small toy of their choice. Families can choose to participate in the Children’s Summer Reading Program if they prefer. Families can sign up through July 25.

***Children’s Pretend Play Station: Veterinary Clinic: July 1-31.*** Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Veterinary Clinic play!

***Children’s Scavenger Hunt: Stuffed Animals: July 1-31.*** Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our “Stuffed Animals” scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.

***Kids Can Craft: Create a Designer Pet Challenge: July 1-31.*** Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to create and color a new breed of designer pet. Dino-kitty? Squirrel-elephant? Hippo-mouse-lizard-dragon? Be creative and have fun! Every design 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 August.

***Creation Station Craft: Egg Carton Glow Worm: July 1-31.*** Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month’s craft is a glow worm made out of egg cartons. 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: July 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. 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: July 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: July 1-31.*** Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month’s puzzle is *I Love America*. 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 Am Stuck” by Julia Mills: July 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(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.

***Book Art Show and Fundraiser Continues!*** Individuals and groups of all ages are invited to create a piece of art or sculpture from upcycled books and/or book pages. The JKPL will provide a grocery bag and participants can fill it with old books to use for their art. Participants may use anything from individual book pages to several books, but the maximum number of books to be used in a submission is how many will fit in a plastic grocery bag. Participants may also use their own books and other materials but number would still be limited to this quantity. The art or sculpture can be any design or format (folding, cutting, using individual pages, building, etc.) and can be created by individuals, families, couples, or groups of any age.

Sign up to participate and pick up supplies anytime at the library. Finished projects should be brought to the library on or before Friday, July 25. Creators will decide if they want to donate their finished item to the JKPL to be part of a special Silent Auction or keep it. On Saturday, July 26, all submissions will be displayed at the Downtown Market with a mason jar adjacent to them. Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite by putting money in the jar. All donations will go to the JKPL. At the end of the Market, the creator of the item that brought in the most money will win a special prize. Entries not included in the Silent Auction can be picked up at the end of the Downtown Market or at the library any time after July 26. Art donated to the JKPL for the Silent Auction will be on display at the library until Sunday, August 3, when the Silent Auction ends.

***Fun and Games with Paul presents Fun with VR!: Tuesday, July 1 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.*** Drop in at this monthly gathering where library staff member Paul will share a fun and interesting activity or item for guests to try out. This month we will be playing with Virtual Reality on our Metaquest headsets! Guests are welcome to come and go as they can. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. For ages 13 and up only. *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).*

***Color Our World: Summer Art Activities - Book Art: Tuesday, July 1 from 5:30-7:30 pm.*** Interested in book art - where you take old books or book pages and create something new? This program is for you! Stop in at this special drop-in session to see examples of things the library staff and volunteers have made from old books and get new ideas for your own project. Bring your own project to work on. Books and other basic craft supplies will be available. Participants are also invited to submit their creation for the Book Art Show and Fundraiser! Crafter Lisa Christopher, will be on hand to answer questions about how you can use the Cricut Maker for your Book Art project. This is an adult program but all ages are welcome. Children under 10 must have an adult companion.

***Low-Sensory Neurodivergent Storytime: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 9:30—9:50 am.*** Join Dyersville neurodivergent children and their caregivers for a low-sensory story time in the Genealogy Room. Low lighting, quiet voices, and a short story are the highlights of this low-key, understanding, go-with-the-flow story time session. This morning version of the low-sensory story time features the following 15-minute schedule: simple hello song, short story, movement song, flannel board, and simple goodbye song. Play opportunities with our neurodivergent tools will follow for five minutes. Morning low-sensory story time is designed to serve neurodivergent children aged 7 and younger with their adult caregiver. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary.

***Kid Librarian Storytime: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:00—11:00 am.***

Calling all book-loving kids: Come to Kid Librarian Storytime in the Children's Area to enjoy a program where YOU are the librarian! Listen to a short story time, then pick your favorite picture book from our shelves or bring one from home to read aloud to other participants. Not yet reading? Simply tell the audience about your favorite book, read the pictures, or lead them in a movement song or nursery rhyme. Enjoy a moment to shine, then have fun playing in our Children's Area with other children. Kid Librarian Storytime is open to all ages and abilities. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary.

***Low-Sensory Neurodivergent Storytime: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 1:45—2:15 pm.*** Join Dyersville neurodivergent children and their caregivers for a low-sensory story time in the Genealogy Room. Low lighting, quiet voices, and two short stories are the highlights of this low-key, understanding, go-with-the-flow story time session. This afternoon version of the low-sensory story time features the following schedule: simple hello song, short story, movement song, short story, flannel board, and simple goodbye song. Play opportunities with our neurodivergent tools will follow for ten minutes. Afternoon low-sensory story time is designed for neurodivergent children ages 6-10 with an adult caregiver. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary.

***Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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](mailto: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.

***Art Hang Out for Kids: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 6:30—7:30 pm.*** Love art and music? Kids can drop in as they are able to create an art project that's fun yet simple, while low-volume music plays in the background. Projects are designed for solitary completion by children ages 8-12 yet simple enough for children ages 2-7 to complete with adult help. Adult participation is required for ages 2-7. No registration is necessary. Projects are scheduled as follows: July 2-Bubble Paint; July 9-Crayon Melts; July 16-Sun Prints; July 23-Beaded Pets; July 30-Fluffy Slime.

***Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, July 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 & 31 @ 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. Please contact the library to register.

**Thursday, July 3: Library closes @ 5:00 pm ;**

**Friday, July 4: Library closed for Independence Day**

***Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, July 5 from 10:00-11:00 am.*** This month's theme is "Fireworks Display". 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® prize provided by DuTrac.



***Iowa Author Scott Reister at the Field of Dreams: Saturday, July 5 from 2:30-3:30 pm.***

Love baseball and spy novels? Join KCCI sportscaster and author Scott Reister at the Field of Dreams to learn about his debut middle-grade novel (grades 5-8), *Baseball Spy*. It is a fast-paced, thrilling novel about a small-town player turned big-time spy. Through a partnership with Baseballism, this event occurs after the Ghost Players game at the Field of Dreams, so come for the game, and stay for the spy action! Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

***Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, July 7 @ 12:00 noon.*** This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *James* by Percival Everett. 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 email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto: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.

***Genealogy with Ann: Monday, July 7 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.

***Children's Nature Art at the Park: Monday, July 7 @ 1:00 pm.*** Join the Dubuque County Conservation for a nature art program at the Westside Park pavilion. Children will learn how to use different natural resources to make paint in an environmentally friendly way. The program is designed for all children ages 2-12, but children under age 7 will need an adult or teen companion. No registration is necessary.

***Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, July 8 @ 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 *Unforgiven* by Shelley Shepard Gray. Wingate. 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.

***Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, July 10 & 17 from 3:00-5:00 pm.*** The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market twice a month in July and August! 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 library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! *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. Note the change in Dates for this month.*

***Art in the Park: Thursday, July 10 from 3:30–4:30 pm.*** Join us at the Farmer's Market to create carnations from coffee filters and pipe cleaners. Use markers, crayons, or pencils to color the flower. Or see how you can use glitter and paint to make the flowers pop with some pizzazz! All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

***Euchre Card Party: Fridays, July 11, 18 & 25 from 1:00-3:30 pm.*** Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

***Mock-A-Movie Night for Teens: Friday, July 11 @ 6:00 pm.*** Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! This evening we will be watching *Kraven the*

*Hunter* (PG-13) – a terrible movie involving Spider-man characters. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.

***Family Movies @ Your Library presents “The Minecraft Movie”: Saturday, July 12 @ 1:00 pm.*** Four misfits are suddenly pulled through a mysterious portal into the Overworld: a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they embark on a magical quest with an unexpected, expert crafter named Steve. Together, their adventure will challenge all five to be bold and to reconnect with the qualities that make each of them uniquely creative. Rated PG

***Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, July 12 @ 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](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

***Blank Park Zoo: Monday, July 14 @ 12:30 pm.*** Join the Blank Park Zoo for the second of three outstanding educational programs with surprise animals! Animal visitors will be selected by Blank Park Zoo on each presentation’s day, 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. Registration is not required. Sponsored by Friends of the JKPL.

***Adult Crafters: Monday, July 14 from 1:00-3:00 pm.*** Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. Project to be announced. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Kits available while supplies last.

***Armchair Travel: Tuesday, July 15 @ 1:00 pm.*** Grab your travel buddy and join us on this virtual visit – destination to be announced. Chelsea Middendorf, from Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque, will take you on this tour. Description. 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.

***Used Book Sale: Friday, July 18 thru Monday, July 21.*** Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Bags of books are \$2 on Monday, the last day of the sale. Hours are: Friday, July 18: 9:00 am–5:00 pm; Saturday, July 19: 9:00 am–3:00 pm; Sunday, July 20: 1:00-4:00 pm; and Monday, July 21: 9:00 am–6:00 pm.

***Drop in and Create - Foam Art: Friday, July 18 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm.*** Join us at the JKPL as we use foam pieces to create cool bookmarks and colorful 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-Build Your Bird Box: Saturday, July 19 from 9:30-11:30 am.*** All those registered for this program will gather at the JKPL to learn about native birds and build a bird box. Pre-registration for this program was required and registration has now closed.

***Celebrate National Ice Cream Day: Sunday, July 20.*** Details to be decided.

***Bingo Party: Monday, July 21 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. Please contact the library to register. Bring your friends!

***Dragonfly Sunset Art Class - Tuesday, July 22 at 10:30 am, 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm.*** Come and paint a "Dragonfly Sunset" using basic shapes & simple painting techniques! This guided acrylic painting class is for everyone - beginners to advanced painters of all ages and abilities. All ages are welcome but those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. The instructor estimates it will take about two hours to complete your 8 x 10 inch canvas work of art. All supplies provided. Registration by July 21 is required as space is limited. Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

***JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, July 22 @ 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, July 24 @ 11:15 am.*** Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler.

***"The Bad News Bears" - Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, July 24 @ 1:00 pm.*** A grumbling, beer guzzling, former minor leaguer takes on an undisciplined, inept sandlot team, and has to bring in a couple of ringers to get them out of a slump. Rated PG (102 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 7 need an adult companion. Please note that this film will 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 @ the Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, July 26 from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon.*** The James Kennedy Public Library will be reaching out to the community by bringing a pop-up library to the Market. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. The JKPL will also have 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.*

***Bubbles at the Downtown Market: Saturday, July 26 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm.*** Come on down to the Downtown Market to create giant bubbles at Absolute Science's bubbles stations! Adult participation is required. *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

***Book Art For Your Library Fundraiser Finale: Saturday, July 26 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.*** Visit the library booth at the Dyersville Downtown Market to see what items were made for the Book Art fundraiser and vote for your favorite! Next to each submission will be a mason jar and visitors will vote for their favorite by putting money in the jar (all donations will go to the JKPL). At the end of the Market, the creator of the item that brought in the most money will win a special prize. Creators also have the opportunity to donate their entry into a Silent Auction. Entries not included in the Silent Auction can be picked up at the end of the Downtown Market or at the library any time after July 26. Art donated to the JKPL for the Silent Auction will be on display at the library until Sunday, August 3, when the Silent Auction ends.

**Summer Musical Movies @ Your Library presents “La La Land”: Saturday, July 26 @ 1:00 pm.** When Sebastian, a pianist, and Mia, an actress, follow their passion and achieve success in their respective fields, they find themselves torn between their love for each other and their careers. Rated PG-13 (128 minutes).

**Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, July 26 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.

**Strings Club: Monday, July 28 @ 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.