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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
August 17, 2026**

Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for July 2026 are:

- 9,913 items were checked out. This is a 4.6% decrease from July 2025. Fiscal year to date, circulation is down 4.6%.
- 31 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 31 new library cards have been issued.
- 83 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 3,577 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 260 hours and 488 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 260 hours and 488 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 1,329 sessions, 1,141 visits, and 602 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 1,329 sessions, 1,141 visits, and 602 unique users.
- There were 6,725 library visits.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the August events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of activities planned for September. Some of the events scheduled include a lemonade stand and fishing for toys at the Downtown Market, the Kids Can Cook fall sessions, a 10-week series on dementia prevention, activities for National Coloring Day, a diamond art class, a sunset hike at Ringneck Ridge, and a 2-part class on creating a floral art journal. Special activities are also being planned for Library Card Sign-up Month and Banned Books Week. The JKPL Book Bike will be visiting various locations and the Pop-up Library will be at the Farmer's Market and Downtown Market.

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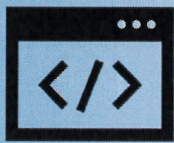
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: July-26
 YTD: July-25 to July-26
 Previous YTD: July-24 to July-25

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	6725	(↓ 0.3%)	9913	(↓ 4.6%)	19	31	(↓ 8.8%)
YTD	6725	(↓ 0.3%)	9913	(↓ 4.6%)	19	31	(↓ 8.8%)

Website traffic

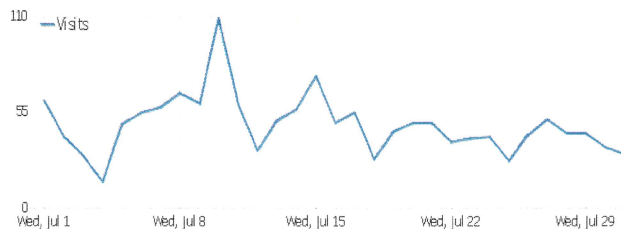


Visits

1485

Average visit
duration

1:18



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
260	260	203	488	488	491

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
1329	1329	1141	1141	602	602

Meeting room use



Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
71	71	87

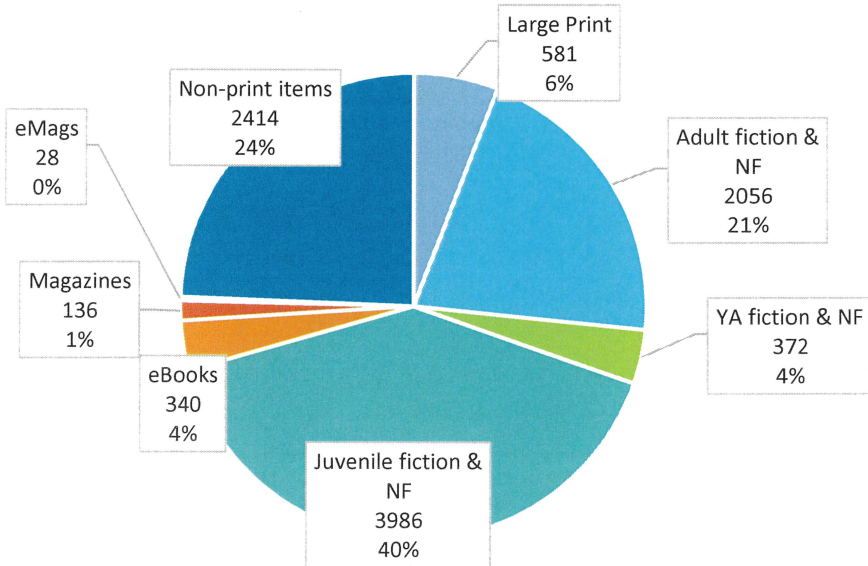
Online Learning

Sessions: 25
 YTD: 25

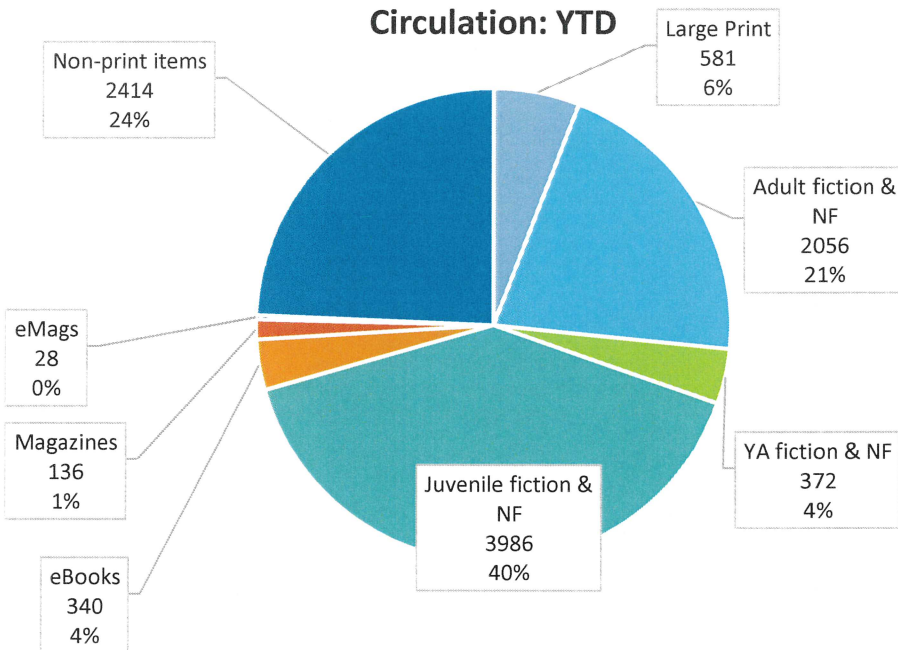


Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	627	627
Adult & YA audio	65	65
Juvenile audio & kits	23	23
Adult & YA video	740	740
Juvenile video & DVD	478	478
Games, LoT, etc.	481	481
	2414	2414

Music

Downloads: 5
Total YTD: 5



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 9
YTD: 9



Visits: 112
YTD: 112



Languages

Sessions: 8
YTD: 8



Genealogy

Visits: 1305
YTD: 1305



World Culture

Visits: 0
YTD: 0



Hobbies

Sessions: 42
YTD: 42



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 154
YTD: 154

Items donated

Month: 26
YTD: 26
Prev. YTD: 57

Items withdrawn

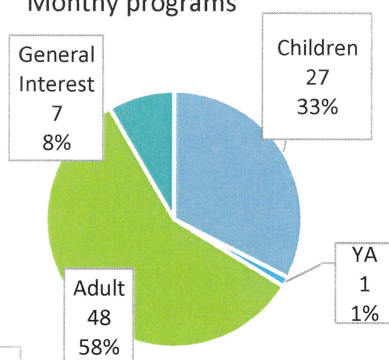
	Month	YTD
Books	92	92
Audio	0	0
Video	2	2
Other	0	0
Total	94	94

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	47	21	22	37	7	14	4	0	11	4	3	180
Previous month	10	89	9	2	87	14	16	0	0	36	0	1	264
Current YTD	10	47	21	22	37	7	14	4	0	11	4	3	180
Previous YTD	10	79	26	15	88	3	9	0	0	23	9	9	271

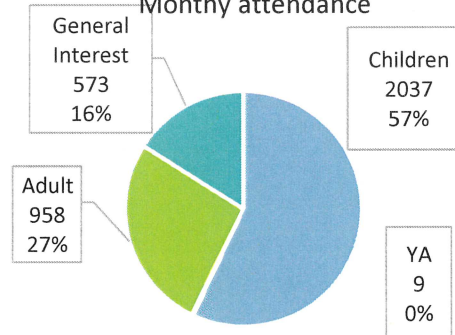
Programs

Monthly programs



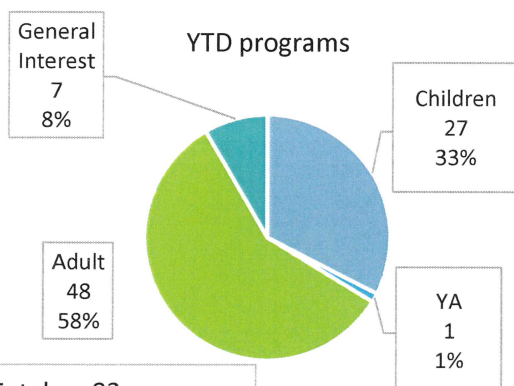
Total = 83

Monthly attendance



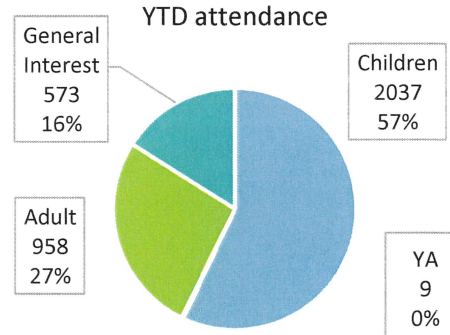
Total = 3577

YTD programs



YTD Total = 83
Previous YTD = 99
Change = (↓ 16.2%)

YTD attendance



YTD Total = 3577
Previous YTD = 3839
Change = (↓ 6.8%)



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Adult Summer Library Program Continues: August 1—31

This year's theme is *Plant A Seed—Read*. The theme is rooted in the concept of farm-to-table: a farm grows food that nourishes our bodies while a library grows ideas that nourish our minds. Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology.

- For everyone 18 and older.
- Program runs thru August 31 and the last day to register is August 24.
- 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.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Plant a Seed—Read: Book Genre Bingo: August 1—31

Looking to challenge yourself this summer? Add Book Genre Bingo to your summer reading plans! Pick up a bingo card and read different genres. Complete two bingos to earn an entry into the adult Summer Library Program grand prize drawings. Complete a black out bingo and earn an Adopt-A-Book form. Books read for bingos may also be counted for the traditional Summer Library Program.

Plant a Seed—Read: Voting Jar: August 1—31

Each month this summer you are invited to respond to a question related to the summer theme. August's question is: *What is your favorite farm animal?* 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 prize.

Plant a Seed—Read: Reading Recommendations: 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 Summer Reading Program Store: Saturday, August 1 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

All children who participated in the Summer Reading Program are invited to come spend their points in the Summer Reading Store. Prizes include all new toys, stuffed animals, and books. Plus you'll get a free ice cream! Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Any family and/or children unable to attend on August 1 can turn in their points at the front desk for books anytime through August 31. *Sponsored by the Dyersville Area Community Foundation, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, Toys for Tots, and Delaney's Ice Cream.*



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, August 1 from 10:00—11:00 am. Join us for this monthly LEGO® program that is for children of all ages. Those under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. Sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.



Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, August 1 from 4:00—6:00 pm. 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.



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, August 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 & 31 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. This class is for older adults of any age and fitness level. Participants exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD twice a week and most of the exercises are performed seated in a chair. Each participant will need weights and a stretch band for the class. Space is limited so registration is required. This program is made possible by a partnership with the Geri-Fit® Company.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, August 3 @ 12:00 noon. This month the group will discuss *Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.



Genealogy with Ann: Monday, August 3 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. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

Dubuque County Conservation Composting Study: Monday, August 3 @ 2:00 pm

From decomposition to helpful critters, to the changes we see under a microscope, the Dubuque County Conservation will guide children through composting principles. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request.

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, August 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre where you can come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, August 8 @ 3:30 pm. Join us in person, or remotely via Discord, to play D & D. New players of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Registration begins for Kids Can Cook: Monday, August 10

Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices.

- Classes will be held September 3, 10 & 17; October 1, 8 & 15; and November 5, 12 & 19.
- Registration for each monthly 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.*



Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game: Monday, August 10 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this role playing game with simple rules and lots of shenanigans. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.



Dementia Caregiving Tips: Tuesday, August 11 @ 10:30 am

Caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other dementias can be challenging, but this program will provide tips for caregivers and communication strategies that can be used throughout multiple stages of the disease. Participants will learn about the progression of Alzheimer's and how it affects behaviors and will hear examples of how to respond to difficult situations. Refreshments will be provided. Presented by Greg Woods, MPH with the Iowa Department of Health & Human Services.



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, August 11 @ 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 *Shattered Sanctuary* by Nancy Mehl. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

Dr. Bec's Amazon Animal Study: Wednesday, August 12 @ 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Wartburg College professor Dr. Bec will share some animal and science knowledge with kids in an event that features exotic animals such as corn snakes, sulcata tortoises, miniature chickens, giant cave cockroaches and tarantulas. Dr. Bec will choose the animals to bring on the day of travel. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



NOTE: Due to space constraints, seating is limited, so tickets to attend will be issued.

- Tickets are free and tickets for either show will be available to pick up at the front desk starting at 9:00 am on the day of the program.
- Tickets are first-come, first-served.
- If we reach capacity, patrons are then welcome to watch the performance through the window or on a closed-circuit television.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, August 13 & 27 from 3:00—5:00 pm. 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. 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 James Kennedy Public Library.

Dyersville Grade Level Reading Kick Off to School: Thursday, August 13 from 6:00—7:30 pm

Elementary school students and their families are invited to this special event to learn about family literacy opportunities in the library and the monthly programs being offered for area youth. Join us for a free meal, free books, and other fun giveaways. Registration encouraged at: <https://forms.gle/XgU9gEJAT5ctHTGy5>.



Bingo Party: Monday, August 17 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!

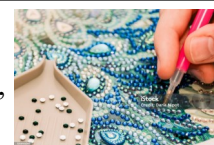
Faux Stained Glass Craft Class: Monday, August 17 @ 6:00 pm

Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and make a faux stained glass picture. All needed supplies will be provided. Participants must be 14 or older. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10. Note: this is the same class from July that was cancelled.



Butterflies and Bookmarks Diamond Art: Thursday, August 20 @ 6:00 pm

Come use diamond art to create bookmarks, garden decorations, and more! Participants will select an item that they would like to make and each kit comes with everything needed. This program is geared for adults; however, anyone age 14 or older is welcome. Registration is encouraged but walk-ins are welcome as space and supplies permit.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Super Mario Galaxy Movie”: Saturday, August 22 @ 1:00 pm. Mario and Luigi solve everyday problems in the Mushroom Kingdom with their "let's-a-go" attitude. But a call for help sends the crew across the galaxy to face new worlds and unexpected threats. Rated PG (98 minutes).

Strings Club: Monday, August 24 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a string instrument and want to jam with others? Then come join the monthly JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. Facilitated by Gary Bramel.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, August 25 @ 6:30 pm. Join us for this monthly sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. Attendees are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time.

Children’s Lemonade Stand Fundraiser: Wednesday, August 26 & Saturday, August 29

The library is working with area children to build a lemonade stand that will be at the JKPL booth at the Dyersville Downtown Market where kids will be selling lemonade to help raise funds for a children’s wooden play structure in the library.

Kids Can Help: Create a Lemonade Stand: Wednesday, August 26 @ 4:00 pm

Children can come to the library to help create posters and decorate a lemonade stand for the fundraiser. They can also sign up to work the booth at the Market. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 will need an adult or responsible teen companion.



Children’s Lemonade Stand Fundraiser: Saturday, August 29 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Support Dyersville kids’ volunteer efforts, and the library, by visiting the Children’s Lemonade Stand at the JKPL booth at the Dyersville Downtown Market at Legacy Square.

Health & Wellness 365: Thursday, August 27 @ 11:30 am. Join us for lunch, and learn about the nutritional benefits of nuts as well as smart snacking on a budget. Presented by the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging with Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. Individuals over age 60, or those with age related concerns, will most benefit from this program, but all are welcome. Attendees can choose to have a lunch, which is provided for free for those over age 60 and must be eaten on site. Registration is required by 3:00 pm on August 25 if you want lunch. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, August 28 from 6:00—8:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

JKPL @ Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, August 29

Pop-Up Library from 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer at our pop-up library and select a free book to keep. We will also have WiFi access, if you need it. And don’t miss out on face painting from 9:00—10:00 am & 11:00 am—12:00 pm!

Fishing for Toys from 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Want to catch a toy? Come try your luck at our Fishing for Toys event! Open to all children under age 12, but children under age 7 will need an adult or responsible teen companion. The limit is one toy per child. Available while toy supplies last.

Children’s Lemonade Stand Fundraiser from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Support Dyersville kids’ volunteer efforts by visiting the Children’s Lemonade Stand. All funds raised will help fund a children’s wooden play structure for the children’s area in the James Kennedy Public Library.

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Puzzles, Take-Home Kits, Activity Packets, Scavenger Hunt: August 1—31
Kits are available while supplies last.

Children's Scavenger Hunt: School Supplies. Kids can earn one prize, per child, per library visit for completing the hunt.

Children's Pretend Play Station: School Play. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in School play!

Creation Station Craft: Paper Bag Sea Otter. Kits include instructions plus all needed supplies except for glue and scissors. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

Kids Can Craft: Color an Octopus. Kids of all ages can color an octopus and turn in an entry form for a drawing at the front desk! The limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early September.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits. Use the front of an old greeting card, glue, and cardstock to make a new card from an old one. All supplies provided except glue.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library. Each pack will include at least 10 different items including coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages.

Adult Craft Kits: Paint-By-Sticker. Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in and help put together a new jigsaw puzzle—*Harvest Paradise*. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Is This Bus for Us" by Harriet Ziefert. 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.*

Upcoming EVENTS

Design a Floral Art Journal, Part 1 **Tuesday, September 22 @ 6:00 pm**

This class, led by Dianne Kramer, is designed for anyone who loves flowers and wants to experiment with a fun and playful drawing technique. Participants will be shown how to capture the beauty of wildflowers in pen and ink and colored pencil and how to creatively display their floral images in a mini art journal.

- Participants must be 18 or older.
- Registration is required as there is a maximum of 16 participants allowed.
- Part 2 of this class will be held on October 6 @ 6:00 pm.
- Registration for both classes begins August 22.
- Participants must attend Part 1 in order to attend Part 2.
- Materials needed for class: Fine-tip pen, small, fine-tipped scissors, colored pencils, graphite pencil and eraser. All other materials will be provided.



The James Kennedy Public Library Board of Trustees is seeking candidates to serve on the Library Board.

- Information about the responsibilities of the Library Board Trustees are available at the library or on the library website: www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/about/library-board
- Applications are available at both the library and city hall: www.cityofdyersville.com/227/Boards-Commissions
- Completed applications should be returned to City Hall
- Feel free to come talk to us if you have questions!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AUGUST 2026	August 1—31 - Kids Can Craft - Children's Pretend Play Station & Scavenger Hunt - StoryWalk® - Paper Bag Sea Otter craft kits for kids	August 1—31 - Coloring, Creating, & Doing - Upcycled Cards kits - Get Puzzled - Paint-By-Sticker craft kits for adults		Adult Summer Reading Program continues through August 31!	1 Children's Summer Program Reading Store from 10am-2pm Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am Nerf War @ 4pm	
2	3 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm Composting Study @ 2pm	4	5 Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	6 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	7 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	8 Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm
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30	31 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am					

Events for SEPTEMBER 2026

Chair-ity Fundraiser Begins: September 1. Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Items for auction and other details to be decided by Committee.

Children's Pretend Play Station: Veterinarian: September 1-30.

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Small Animals: September 1-30. Kids can earn one prize, per child, per library visit for completing the hunt!

Kids Can Craft: Favorite Animal Collage: September 1-30. Kids of all ages are invited to color their favorite animals, cut them out, and paste them to a display at the front desk for everyone to admire. Every design turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket. The limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early October.

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Library Card Sign-Up Month: September 1-30. This year, libraries all across the United States remind you that a library card Hits all the Right Notes! Check out a classic story or hit shuffle and try something new. Find harmony at your library's book clubs, movie nights, crafting classes, and author talks. Compose your future with new skills in your library's makerspace or check out instruments and tools in the Library of Things. This September, B sharp, and sign up for a library card! To celebrate, when you sign up for a library card at the JKPL in September you will receive a special sticker and bracelet. Weather permitting, the book bike will also be out and about - to give away books, sign up people for cards etc.

Storytime: Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm. Join Ms. Andrea for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required. No registration required. Please note: September 30 storytimes feature a stuffed animal sleepover event.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request.

Early Out Afternoons: Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 1:00—5:00 pm. Drop in at the Creation Station for a self-guided paper craft or special coloring sheets every Wednesday following a monthly theme. This month's theme is Dolls and Toys.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, September 3, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24 & 28 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. This class is for older adults of any age and fitness level. Participants exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD twice a week and most of the exercises are performed seated in a chair. Each participant will need weights and a stretch band for the class. Space is limited so registration is required. This program is made possible by a partnership with the Geri-Fit® Company.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, September 3, 10 & 17 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 menu for September is: Orange Julius drinks - the original plus variants (3rd); Chicken Gyros (10th) and Pound Cake Cupcakes (17th). 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 4, 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.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, September 5 from 10:00-11:00 am. Join us for this monthly LEGO® program that is for children of all ages. Those under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. Sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, September 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 *The Song of Sourwood Mountain* by Ann Gabhart. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

Dyersville GLR Family Literacy Event - PreK and Under: Thursday, September 10 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Children in PreKindergarten and under, and their families, are invited to this special event to learn about family literacy opportunities in the library. Join us for a free meal, free books, and other fun giveaways and discover all the library and the Dyersville Campaign for Grade-Level Reading have to offer. Events for children in other age groups and their families will be offered monthly during the school year. Registration encouraged at: <https://bit.ly/4pt8Gzr>

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, September 14 @ 12:00 noon. This month the group will discuss *Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club* by Martha Kelly. Copies of the book are

available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. Note: the date of book club was moved due to the Labor Day holiday.

National Coloring Day - Coloring Party: Monday, September 14 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

An annual event every September 14, National Coloring Day is all about setting aside some time to relax and color and get creative with paper and crayons, colored pencils or markers. Come pick up some traditional coloring pages and color in the Hoffman Room. For those wanting to try something different, there will be Ink Tracing and Color by Number Mystery pages to challenge you! All ages welcome. Refreshments provided.

Movies @ Your Library presents "The Devil Wears Prada 2": Saturday, September 12 @ 1:00 pm. Andy Sachs returns to Runway magazine as the new features editor where she finds her formidable former boss Miranda facing threats to her glossy print empire. Rated PG-13 (120 minutes).

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, September 12 @ 3:30 pm. Join us in person, or remotely via Discord, to play D & D. New players of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, September 15 to November 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. 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. Please contact the library at (563)875-8912 for more information or to register.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Sheep Detectives": Saturday, September 19 @ 1:00 pm. George Hardy is a shepherd who loves his sheep. Every night he reads aloud a murder mystery, pretending his sheep can understand, never suspecting that not only can they understand, but they argue for hours afterwards about whodunnit. When George is found dead under mysterious circumstances, the sheep realize at once that it was a murder and think they know everything about how to go about solving it. Rated PG (109 minutes).

Bingo Party: Monday, September 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.

Prairie Sunset Hike @ Ringneck Ridge: Monday, September 21 from 6:00 pm to 7:30pm.

Walk along the trail at Ringneck Ridge, 5361 Highway 136, Worthington, IA, as we learn about the prairie and enjoy the colors of the sunset along the landscape. Dubuque County Conservation staff will guide the hike and teach about the area. We will be walking 1.5 miles on uneven terrain, please be prepared for this by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. All ages welcome but those under 16 need an adult companion. Registration requested as a minimum of 10 are needed to hold this event. Register online or by contacting the library.

Design a Floral Art Journal, Part 1: Tuesday, September 22 @ 6:00 pm. This class, led by Dianne Kramer, is designed for anyone who loves flowers and wants to experiment with a fun and playful drawing technique. Participants will be shown how to capture the beauty of wildflowers in pen and ink and colored pencil and how to creatively display their floral images in a mini art journal. Participants must be 18 or older. Registration is required as there is a maximum of 16 participants

allowed. Part 2 of this class will be held on October 6 @ 6:00 pm. Registration for both classes begins August 22. Participants must attend Part 1 in order to attend Part 2. Materials needed for class: Fine-tip pen, small, fine-tipped scissors, colored pencils, graphite pencil and eraser. All other materials will be provided.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, September 22 @ 6:30 pm. Join us for this monthly sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. Attendees are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time.

Health & Wellness 365: Thursday, September 24 @ 11:30 am. Join us for lunch, and learn about a health topic. Presented by the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging with Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. Individuals over age 60, or those with age related concerns, will most benefit from this program, but all are welcome. Attendees can choose to have a lunch, which is provided for free for those over age 60 and must be eaten on site. Registration is required by 3:00 pm on September 22 if you want lunch. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, September 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Pop-Up @ Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, September 26 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer at our pop-up library and select a free book to keep. We will also have WiFi access, if you need it. 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.

Strings Club: Monday, September 28 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a string instrument and want to jam with others? Then come join the monthly JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. Facilitated by Gary Bramel.

Sleepover in a Box: Wednesday, September 30 @ 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Join Ms. Andrea to celebrate a special book “Zach and Ollie’s Adventures: A Walk Through the Seasons” by Iowa author and librarian, Zach Stier. This special storytime program includes a stuffed animal sleepover in a box!