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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
October 20, 2025**

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

- 7,461 items were checked out. This is a 9.3% increase from September 2024. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 10.7%.
- 32 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 93 new library cards have been issued.
- 82 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,537 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 199 hours and 370 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 624 hours and 1,336 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 1,101 sessions, 901 visits, and 329 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 3,396 sessions, 2,831 visits, and 754 unique users.
- There were 4,817 library visits. Year to date visits are up 8.6%.

Grants:

Shirley's attendance at the ARSL Conference and Health Reference Preconference was funded by a \$1,500.00 NNLM Professional Development Award. The Dyersville Area Community Foundation awarded a \$1,500.00 grant to fund new hardcover books as incentives for the 2026 Children's Summer Library Program.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the October events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for November. Some of the events scheduled include a sunset hike at Ringneck Ridge and a Nature at Night program at New Wine Park guided by Dubuque County Conservation, several Halloween themed programs including a daytime trick or treat / story walk event at participating downtown businesses and the annual Books for Treats event, activities to celebrate International Games Month, an author visit from Sister Karen Lueck and a program on legal issues for older Iowans. The Wreath-it-up Fundraiser has started and continues until mid-November. Tickets are still available for the Halloween trivia night fundraiser at O So Good.

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JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

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

| | Library visits | | Items loaned | | Library cards issued | | |
|-------|----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-----------|
| | | | | | City resident | Total | |
| Month | 4817 | (↑ 12.5%) | 7461 | (↑ 9.3%) | 21 | 32 | (↑ 52.4%) |
| YTD | 16584 | (↑ 8.6%) | 26586 | (↑ 10.7%) | 60 | 93 | (↑ 3.3%) |


Website traffic



| Visits | Average visit duration |
|--------|------------------------|
| 904 | 1:34 |




Computer use




| Month | Hours | | Month | Sessions | |
|-------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|-----------|
| | YTD | Prev. YTD | | YTD | Prev. YTD |
| 199 | 624 | 665 | 370 | 1336 | 1404 |

Wifi use



| Sessions | | Visits | | Unique visitors | |
|----------|------|--------|------|-----------------|-----|
| Month | YTD | Month | YTD | Month | YTD |
| 1101 | 3396 | 901 | 2831 | 329 | 754 |

Meeting room use



| Month | YTD | Prev. YTD |
|-------|-----|-----------|
| 93 | 291 | 160 |

Online Learning

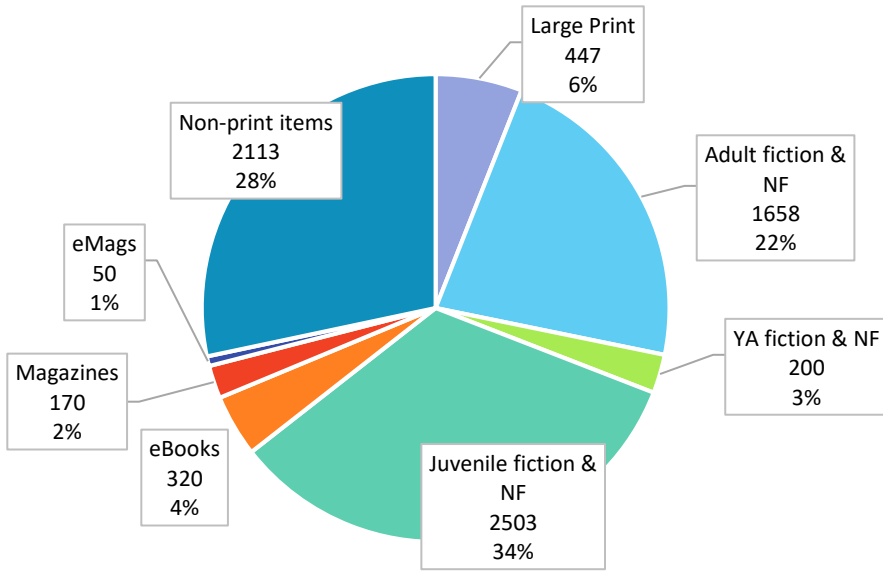
Sessions: 276
 YTD: 384

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eLibrary

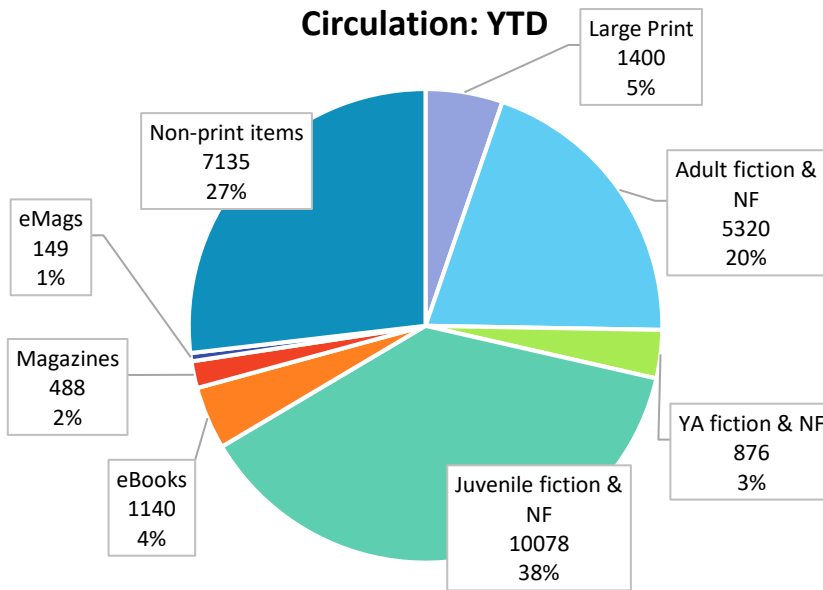


Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



| Non-print items | Month | YTD |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| eAudio | 639 | 2065 |
| Adult & YA audio | 95 | 300 |
| Juvenile audio & kits | 9 | 84 |
| Adult & YA video | 794 | 2419 |
| Juvenile video & DVD | 291 | 1078 |
| Games, LoT, etc. | 285 | 1189 |
| | 2113 | 7135 |

Music

Downloads: 4
Total YTD: 9



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 15
YTD: 47



Visits: 172
YTD: 533



Languages

Sessions: 80
YTD: 104



Genealogy

Visits: 193
YTD: 782



World Culture

Visits: 0
YTD: 0



The Global Knowledge Company



Hobbies

Sessions: 6
YTD: 21



Sessions: 0
YTD: 0



Collection

Items purchased

| | |
|--------|-----|
| Month: | 195 |
| YTD: | 630 |

Items donated

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|------------|-----|
| Month: | 58 |
| YTD: | 150 |
| Prev. YTD: | 217 |

Items withdrawn

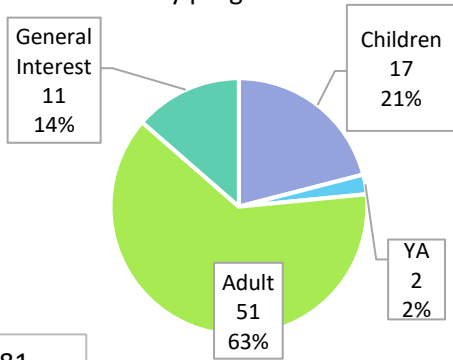
| | Month | YTD |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Books | 94 | 695 |
| Audio | 0 | 2 |
| Video | 80 | 437 |
| Other | 48 | 58 |
| Total | 222 | 1192 |

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 | 16 | 74 | 30 | 17 | 68 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 9 | 5 | 253 |
| Previous month | 15 | 54 | 27 | 7 | 71 | 19 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 219 |
| Current YTD | 43 | 224 | 85 | 56 | 214 | 4 | 32 | 8 | 0 | 71 | 21 | 22 | 780 |
| Previous YTD | 76 | 273 | 122 | 40 | 202 | 48 | 25 | 21 | 1 | 68 | 18 | 15 | 909 |

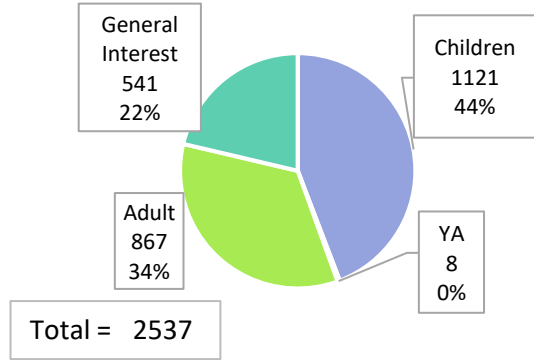
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Monthly programs



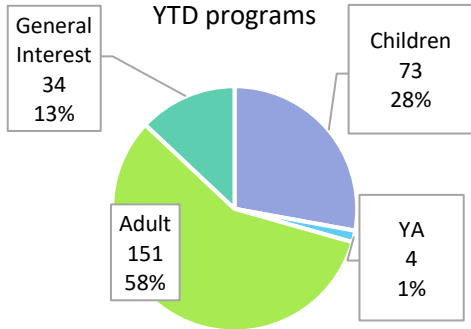
Total = 81

Monthly attendance



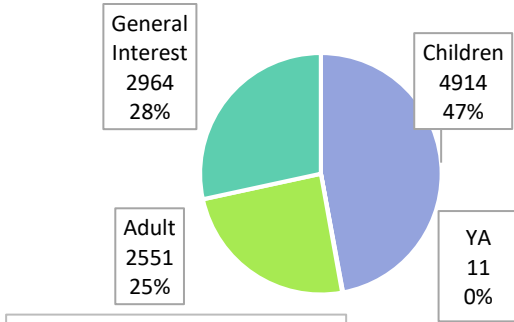
Total = 2537

YTD programs



YTD Total = 262
 Previous YTD = 235
 Change = (↑ 11.5%)

YTD attendance



YTD Total = 10440
 Previous YTD = 6867
 Change = (↑ 52%)

OCTOBER 2025

Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Continues!

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



New this year, we are offering a "Buy It NOW" option. Some Halloween and fall themed wreaths will be available to purchase immediately for the marked price. The Buy It NOW option will end if the silent auction bidding price meets or exceeds the Buy It NOW price. Ask for more details at your next library visit or look for the items on display in the library with a "Buy It NOW" label!

Children's Pretend Play Station: Farm: October 1—31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Farm play!

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



Kids Can Craft: Create a Farm Animal Challenge: October 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and color a new species of farm animal. Horse-chicken? Cow-goat-duck? Be creative, and have fun! Every design turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into a prize drawing. Limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early November.

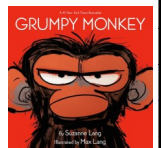
Creation Station Craft: 3D Fall Tree: October 1—31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is creating a 3D fall tree using construction paper. Kits include instructions plus all needed supplies except for glue and scissors. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: October 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: October 1—31. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages 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: October 1—31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Vintage Classroom*. 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®: "Grumpy Monkey" by Suzanne Lang: October 1—31. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



October is National Book Month! This month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing and literature and encourages reading, an activity that has been proven to have many advantages. To celebrate, a book themed activity kit with coloring pages, trivia and more will be available and the Book Bike will be out and about in the community. Readers of all ages are also encouraged to recommend favorite books by filling out a short recommendation. Every recommendation earns an entry into a prize drawing to win book or JKPL themed items.



Storytime: Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Join new JKPL Children's Programmer Andrea Lepley 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. Storytime will be held weekly through December 17.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyserville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you.

Tween Craft Afternoons: Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 4:00—5:00 pm. Children ages 8-12 are invited to the JKPL Creation Station for a weekly craft that introduces popular art trends, art concepts, artists, and/or techniques. The dates and themes are: October 1—Scary Birdhouse; October 8—Andy Warhol; October 15—Lion Bead Art; October 22—Clothespin Fish; and October 29—Full Moon Yarn Art.



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, October 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 & 30 @ 9:30 & 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, October 2, 9 & 16 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 October is Frittata (October 2); Fajita Bowl (October 9); and Chocolate Pudding (October 16).
- Classes will also be held in November.
- Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session.
- A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend.
- *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.*



Euchre Card Party: Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 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, October 4 from 10:00—11:00 am. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. 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.



Amazing Iowa with Michelle Sprout Murray: Saturday, October 4 @ 1:30 pm

Whether you're a native Iowan, a recent resident, or just passing through—these stories of the weird, wild, and wonderful people and places of the great state of Iowa are waiting for you. Join author Michelle Sprout Murray and hear stories from her book, *Amazing Iowa: Great Tales and Curiosities from the "Hawkeye State"*. These are stories about people you've heard about in the news as well as those you should have heard about! Copies of the book will be available for purchase from the author. Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.



Banned Books Week: October 5—11

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. The theme this year is *Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights*. Current efforts to ban books and information held in schools, libraries, archives, and bookstores are a truth close to fiction—namely, the depiction of extreme censorship by an oppressive regime in George Orwell's cautionary and prescient tale *1984*. The Banned Books Week 2025 theme reminds us that the right to read belongs to all of us, that censorship has no place in contemporary society, and that we must defend our rights.



To celebrate, the library will have these activities:

- *Name That Banned Book Guessing Jar.* All who submit a correct guess will have their name entered into a drawing for a book themed prize. The winner will be drawn on October 13.
- An interactive banned books display. While there, pick up a "I Read Banned Books" sticker and bookmark.
- Banned Books Movies @ Your Library presents: *Are You There God? It's Me Margaret* (PG-13) on October 11 at 1:00 pm. This movie is based on the beloved children's book by Judy Blume that has been challenged and banned multiple times.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, October 6 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, October 6 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.

KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 5:00 pm. Join us for this 10-week evidence-based course that was developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. This course is made possible by the nonprofit Brain Help and Hope and will be led by local health experts. Registration was required before the course started in September but if you are interested in participating in a future class, please contact the library to provide your contact information. This series is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.



Banned Book Movies @ Your Library presents "Are You There God? It's Me Margaret": Saturday, October 11 @ 1:00 pm.

A plucky eleven-year-old named Margaret finds her life on the cusp of change as her family uproots from the heart of the city to a quiet suburban neighborhood. Margaret must then navigate the ups and downs of adolescence, including new friends, new feelings, and, ultimately, a new sense of self. Based on the novel of the same name by Judy Blume. Rated PG-13 (111 minutes).



Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, October 11 @ 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 by 2:00 pm the day of the program at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us.

Adult Crafternoon: Beaded Ladybug Keychain: Monday, October 13 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a Beaded Ladybug Keychain. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, October 14 @ 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 *All That Is Secret* by Patricia Raybon. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

Bowling Break: Thursday, October 16 @ 10:30 am & 4:00 pm

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

- Bowling shoes provided.
- Candy, chips, and pop will be available to purchase.
- This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome.
- Those under the age of 13 need an adult companion.
- There are two opportunities for participants to bowl and registration for a session is requested as space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.
- The following sessions are available: 10:30 am—12:30 pm and 4:00—6:00 pm.
- *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*



Double Creature Feature: Friday, October 17 @ 6:00 pm

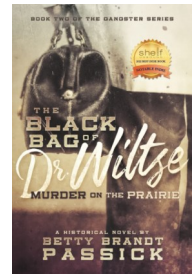
Come join us for our yearly Double Creature Feature! This program is for those age 13 and older, however, younger participants are welcome if they have an adult to accompany them. Snacks will be provided. This year we will show the following movies:

- *Immaculate*: A young nun finds herself at the center of a dark conspiracy (Rated R).
- *In A Violent Nature*: A group of teens are being stalked by a Jason Vorhees-style killer, but the events are shown from his perspective (Rated R).



The Legacy of an Iowa Pioneer Physician with Betty Brandt Passick: Saturday, October 18 @ 1:30 pm

Come learn about the forgotten legacy of Dr. Alexander Wiltse. In the mid-1850s, he left behind his home in Canada to establish new roots in Delaware County, Iowa. Establishing his medical practice in Strawberry Point, his first clients were newly arriving immigrants, Indians, prairie banditti, and chicken thieves. Dr. Wiltse eventually would team up with Dr. Ward from Oxbow, and together they aided authorities with murder investigations across Bremer, Clayton, Delaware, and Fayette Counties. But the eruption of the Civil War in 1860 threatened to destroy Dr. Wiltse's dream of making a better life for himself and his family in their new homeland.



Dr. Wiltse's life is the basis for Betty Brandt Passick's historical fiction novel, *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse*. Come meet the author and hear about this forgotten piece of local history and the book it inspired! Copies of the book will be available for purchase from the author. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, October 18 from 4:00—6:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo. Modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power are not allowed. Guns with excessive hitting power are not allowed.

Wreath-It-Up Silent Auction Begins: Monday, October 20. Wreaths, wall hangings and other decorative items have been donated to this year's fundraiser! All items are on display in the library and photographs are posted on Facebook and the library website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us). Bids can be placed in person at the library, by calling the library, or emailing the library at librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us. The highest bid will be listed along with the photo of the item on the library's website. Bids will be updated daily on the website. The Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 26. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23.



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Bingo Party: Monday, October 20 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!

Armchair Travel—Cambodia: Tuesday, October 21 @ 1:00 pm. Grab your travel buddy and meet us at the library for a trip to Cambodia right from your armchair! Participants will explore the rich history of this Southeast Asian country by wandering through ancient temples, diving into the art and music scene and tasting some Cambodian food! Presented by Chelsea Middendorf from Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque. This program is intended 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.



Sunset Hike @ Ringneck Ridge: Tuesday, October 21 from 6:00—7:30pm

Walk along the trail at Ringneck Ridge 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 the age of 16 need an adult companion.
- Registration is requested by noon on October 20 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.
- On the day of the program, participants should meet in the parking area at Ringneck Ridge (5361 IA-136, Worthington, IA). Turn onto a one-lane gravel road near a grain bin.



Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, October 23 @ 11:15 am. Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will talk about how to find legitimate nutrition information and the power of social connection. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome.

Fit the Pieces Jigsaw Puzzle Fundraiser: October 23 at Textile Brewing 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 Textile Brewing Company (146 2nd St NE, Dyersville).

- Teams of up to 4 individuals are invited to buy a table for \$60 and compete to be the first to complete the same 500 piece puzzle.
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place and competitors will keep the puzzle at the end.
- Teams and observers are invited to bring cash to the event and buy twists like freezing the competition, making them wear gloves or use tweezers, and more!
- Doors will open for check in at 5:00 pm and the puzzle competition starts at 6:00 pm. Textile will donate 10% of food and beer sales during the event to the JKPL.
- All proceeds will benefit the James Kennedy Public Library.
- **There are only 15 tables available and tickets are almost sold out!**



Drop in and Create—Halloween Shrinky Dinks: Friday, October 24 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm. Come get in the Halloween spirit with some fun and spooky Halloween-themed shrinky dinks. 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 in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.*



Halloween Trivia Night Fundraiser at O So Good Winery & Distillery: Friday, October 24 from 6:30—9:00 pm

Join us for a trivia fundraiser with Trivial Dudes, hosted by O So Good Winery & Distillery and cosponsored by Dollar Fresh Market.

- Purchase a table for up to six guests for \$120.00.
- Price includes two bottles of wine of your choice (or equal value in other drinks), a charcuterie board for six, and a dessert to share.
- Menu items and additional beverages will be available to purchase.
- There will be Halloween themed questions, as well as general trivia, and the contest will include some special twists, prizes, and giveaways.
- Costumes are encouraged and there will be a prize for the best individual costume as well as the best group / table costume.
- Guests are welcome to arrive at any time but trivia will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.
- Space is limited and tables must be purchased before October 21. **Tickets are on sale now at the library and O So Good Winery!**



Read-and-Treat for Kids: Saturday, October 25 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Bring the kids to enjoy daytime trick-or-treating at First Avenue businesses while reading the story *How to Catch a Witch* by Alice Walstead in storefront windows.

- Self-guided trick-or-treating begins and ends at the James Kennedy Public Library, where maps and a take-and-make craft are available.
- No registration is required.
- All ages are welcome, but those under age 10 need a teen or adult companion to guide excited, costumed children safely across First Avenue. All rules of the road must be followed!
- Can't make it on October 25? Stop in at the library for a map, get a treat at the front desk, and enjoy the story until October 31.



Family Halloween Movies @ Your Library presents "Coco": Saturday, October 25 @ 1:00 pm. Despite his family's baffling generations-old ban on music, Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events. Along the way, he meets charming trickster Hector, and together, they set off on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history. Rated PG (105 minutes).

Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, October 25 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.

Wreath-It-Up Donor Reception Open House: Sunday, October 26 from 1:30—3:30 pm. Stop in the library to enjoy refreshments and check out all of the items donated for the silent auction. Donors are invited to come and be recognized! This event also marks the start of the Wreath-It-Up Ribbon Voting where you can support your favorite item by voting for it. Categories to be announced.

Trunk-or-Treat at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School: Sunday, October 26 from 3:00—4:30 pm

The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by participating in Trunk-or-Treat at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School. Visitors will be able to get library card applications, find out more about what the library has to offer, 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 JKPL.*



Author Visit with Sister Karen Lueck: Monday, October 27 @ 1:30 pm

Sister Karen Lueck will be at the library to talk about her two books: *Cheering for the Good: Leading When It Matters* and also *The Green Thread: Reclaiming Our Spiritual Authority*. Lueck will talk about what she has learned on her journey to find goodness in herself, in others, and in all God's creation. She will use examples of her early years growing up on a farm near New Vienna, cheerleading for her St. Boniface team, and historical details and stories about the lives of German immigrants to the U.S. in the past and in the present. Copies of her books will be available to purchase from the author.



Strings Club: Monday, October 27 @ 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.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, October 28 @ 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.

“Hocus Pocus”—Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, October 30 @ 2:00 pm & Friday, October 31 @ 10:30 am. Three 17th-century witches, hanged for their murderous crimes, are resurrected on Halloween in modern-day Salem by an unsuspecting boy, who must now figure out how to get them back in the ground. Rated PG (95 min.) Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Please note that this film may be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

Ghouls Night Out: Thursday, October 30 from 5:00—8:00 pm

Join us for the eighth annual Ghouls Night Out! Stroll the streets of downtown Dyersville and shop, browse, and enjoy a night out on the town.

- Check in at Brew & Brew to receive your passport listing all participating businesses.
- Return your filled passport to Brew & Brew to be entered into a drawing for a grand prize!
- The JKPL Pop-Up Library will be set up inside the library and will be a stop for this event.
- Pick up a free book and get your name entered into a drawing for some library swag. There will also be hot cider available, while supplies last.
- Participating businesses and specials will be announced before the event so keep an eye out!
- Costumes are encouraged.



Books for Treats Halloween Pop-Up Library: Friday, October 31 from 5:30—7:30 pm

Join us for the annual Books-for-Treats Event where families are invited to Trick-or-Treat for a book instead of candy!

- The pop-up library will be on the lawn of the Allen House at 515 1st Ave. W. in Dyersville.
- Books for all ages, including adults, will be available.
- *This event 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.*



Want to stay current on all that is going on at the library? Here's how:

- *Sign up for our weekly email newsletter
- *Visit our website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us
- *Follow us on Goodreads: James Kennedy Public Library
- *Follow us on YouTube: James Kennedy Public Library

- *Like us on Facebook
- *Follow us on Instagram: jameskennedylibrary

ONLINE DATABASES

Did you know that the JKPL offers more than 2 dozen online databases covering a myriad of topics?

Visit the library website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us) and check them out. Some age, location, and residence restrictions apply. Here is a partial list of what we offer:

- Dyersville Commercial archives (newspaper)
- Mometrix (test prep)
- People's Law Library of Iowa (legal)
- A to Z World Food & World Culture (food/culture)
- Magill's Medical Guide (health)
- Dementia Handbook & Resource Guide (health)
- Nutrition, Obesity & Eating Disorders Resource Guide (health)
- Mango Language (language learning)
- Library Chef (cooking)
- Crafts & Hobbies (crafting)
- Ancestry Library Edition (genealogy)



**International Games Month @ Your Library
November 1–30**

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The JKPL is celebrating by hosting various gaming events featuring video, board and card games. Plus, anyone who checks out a game during November, or attends one of these events, will be entered into a prize drawing! These events are open to all ages so bring the whole family! Here is what we have scheduled so far (but check back in case we schedule more!).

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament

Sunday, November 9 @ 1:30 pm

Game Changer

Friday, November 14 @ 6:00 pm

Trading Card Game Hangout

Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 am–12:00 pm

**Building Creativity One Block at a Time:
a LEGO® program
Saturday, November 1 from 10:00–11:00 am**

This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner.

**Rural Justice Project for Older Iowans
Tuesday, November 4 @ 1:00 pm**

Are you facing legal issues? Wondering what resources are available in rural Iowa? Do you have a plan for the future? Or for when disaster strikes? These are big questions and Iowa Legal Aid is here to help. They offer free services including legal assessments for civil matters, disaster preparedness counseling, holistic needs assessments & case management. A representative from Iowa Legal Aid will be at the library to share details, answer questions, and help with applications.

**Storytime
Wednesdays, November 5, 12 & 19
@ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm**

Join JKPL Children’s Programmer Andrea Lepley 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 is necessary. We are not meeting on November 26.

**Kids Can Cook
Thursdays, November 6, 13 & 20
from 4:00–5:30 pm**

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

The menu for November is Homemade Granola (November 6); Enchilada Casserole (November 13); and Blueberry Muffins (November 20).

- 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.

**Nature at Night @ New Wine Park
November 13 from 6:00–7:30pm**

Learn to appreciate nature during the darkness out at New Wine Park. Dubuque County Conservation staff will guide a nighttime activity dependent on the weather. This could range from astronomy, to using other senses besides sight, or calling owls. Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight or headlamp and be dressed for the weather by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. Participants will meet at New Wine Park the night of the program.

- All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion.
- Registration is requested by noon on November 12 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held.
- Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

**Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser
Saturday, November 29 from 9:00–11:00 am**

Take a quick break from your local shopping to support your library by enjoying a breakfast burrito!

- \$7.00 gets you a delicious egg, sausage and cheese burrito.
- Don’t want a tortilla? New this year you can choose a Burrito Bowl for the same price.
- Weather permitting, a tent will be set up outside the library for this event. If not, step into the Hoffman Community Room to get your breakfast and support your library!
- All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections.
- A special Thank You goes to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser!
- Burritos available while supplies last.

October 2025

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| <p>October 1—31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coloring, Creating, & Doing Upcycled Cards kits Get Puzzled StoryWalk® | <p>October 1—31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a farm animal challenge Children's Pretend Play Station & scavenger hunt 3D Fall Tree craft kits | <p>Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Continues!</p> <p>October is National Book Month!</p> | <p>1</p> <p>Storytime @ 10:30am & 6:30pm</p> <p>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</p> <p>Tween Craft Afternoon from 4-5pm</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am</p> <p><i>Amazing Iowa</i> @ 1:30pm</p> |
| 5 | <p>6</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Books For Lunch @ 12pm</p> <p>Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm</p> | <p>7</p> <p>KEYS To Dementia Prevention from 5-7pm</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Storytime @ 10:30am & 6:30pm</p> <p>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</p> <p>Tween Craft Afternoon from 4-5pm</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p> | <p>11</p> <p><i>Are You There God? It's Me Margaret</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm</p> |
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| 19 | <p>20</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Bingo Party from 1-3pm</p> <p>Wreath-It-Up Silent Auction Begins!</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Armchair Travel @ 1pm</p> <p>KEYS To Dementia Prevention from 5-7pm</p> <p>Sunset Hike from 6-7:30pm</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Storytime @ 10:30am & 6:30pm</p> <p>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</p> <p>Tween Craft Afternoon from 4-5pm</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Health & Wellness 365 @ 11:15am</p> <p>Fit The Pieces Puzzle Fundraiser from 5-8pm</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Halloween Shrinky Dinks from 9:30am-12:30pm</p> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p> <p>Halloween Trivia Fundraiser from 6:30-9pm</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Read-and-Treat for Kids from 10am-12pm</p> <p><i>Coco</i> (PG) @ 1pm</p> <p>Game Night from 4-6pm</p> |
| <p>26</p> <p>Wreath-It-Up Donor Reception Open House from 1:30-3:30pm</p> <p>Trunk-Or-Treat from 3-4:30pm</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Author Karen Lueck @ 1:30pm</p> <p>Strings Club @ 6pm</p> | <p>28</p> <p>KEYS To Dementia Prevention from 5-7pm</p> <p>JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Storytime @ 10:30am & 6:30pm</p> <p>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</p> <p>Tween Craft Afternoon from 4-5pm</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p><i>Hocus Pocus</i> (PG) @ 2pm</p> <p>Ghouls Night Out from 5-8pm</p> | <p>31</p> <p><i>Hocus Pocus</i> (PG) @ 10:30am</p> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p> <p>Books For Treats from 5:30-7:30pm</p> | |

Upcoming Events for NOVEMBER 2025

Wreath-It-Up Silent Auction Continues until November 23! Wreaths, wall hangings and other decorative items have been donated to this year's fundraiser! All items are on display in the library and photographs are posted on Facebook and the library's website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us. Bids can be placed in person at the library, by calling the library, or emailing librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us. The highest bid will be listed along with the photo of the item on the library's website. Bids will be updated daily on the website. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23.

Children's Pretend Play Station: Restaurant: November 1-30. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Restaurant play!

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Healthy Foods: November 1-30. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Healthy Foods" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.

Kids Can Craft: Create a Meal Challenge: November 1-30. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and color a delicious (or disgusting!) meal idea. Every design turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket but is limited to one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early December.

Creation Station Craft: November 1-30. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! 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: November 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: November 1-30. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages 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: November 1-30. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Autumn House*. 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.

November 1-30: International Games Month @ Your Library. International Games Month (IGM) is an initiative run by volunteers from around the world to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games. Libraries, schools, community centers and other sites host special events during this month to encourage people to try different styles of gaming. The JKPL is celebrating by hosting various gaming events featuring video,

board and card games. Plus, anyone who checks out a board game or video game during November, or attends one of these events, will be entered into a prize drawing! These events are open to all ages so bring the whole family!

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Kimchi Kimchi” by Erica Kim: November 1-30. 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.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, November 1 from 10:00-11:00 am. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. 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.

Movies @ Your Library presents “Karate Kid: Legends”: Saturday, November 1 @ 1:00 pm. After a family tragedy, kung fu prodigy Li Fong is uprooted from his home in Beijing and forced to move to New York City with his mother. Li struggles to let go of his past and although he doesn't want to fight, trouble seems to find him everywhere. When a new friend needs his help, Li enters a karate competition but his skills alone aren't enough. Li's kung fu teacher enlists original Karate Kid Daniel LaRusso for help, and Li learns a new way to fight. Rated PG-13 (118 min.)

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, November 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 & 27 @ 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.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, November 3 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Practical Magic* by Alice Hoffman. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, November 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. 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.

Practical Magic – Movie Event: Monday, November 3 @ 6:30 pm. Enchanting international superstars Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman sparkle in this wry, romantic tale of two sisters who discover the gift of Practical Magic. In a small, contemporary New England town, for two sisters from a family of witches, falling in love is the trickiest spell of all. They struggle to use their gift for magically

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KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, November 4 & 11 @ 5:00 pm. This is a 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. Registration was required before the course started in September but if you are interested in participating in a future class please contact the library at (563)875-8912 to provide your contact information. This series is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL and Nightingale Drug.

Storytime: Wednesdays, November 5, 12 & 19 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm. Join JKPL Children's Programmer Andrea Lepley 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 is necessary. Storytime sessions will run weekly through December 17, but we are not meeting on November 26.

Tween Craft Afternoons: Wednesdays, November 5, 12 & 19 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Children ages 8-12 are invited to the JKPL Creation Station for a weekly craft that introduces popular art trends, art concepts, artists, and/or techniques. The dates and themes are: November 5-Cathedral Art; November 12-Bird Arm Pet; and November 19- Henri Matisse.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19 & 26 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. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

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Euchre Card Party: Fridays, November 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, November 8 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

IGM presents: Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament: Sunday, November 9 @ 1:30 pm. Join us for a chance to see who among your friends is the Smash Bros Champion! Rules for the tournament will be three stock lives, no items, and random stage per fight. We will be using the Ultimate (Switch) version and players may only use standard switch grip controllers. For ages 10 and up. No registration needed.

National STEAM Day Mini-fest!: Saturday November 8 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. To celebrate National STEAM Day, the library will be hosting some educational but fun activities! Several stations will be available with activities of interest to varied ages. All ages welcome but participants under the age of 7 will need an accompanying adult.

Adult Crafternoon: Monday, November 10 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, November 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 *The Letter Tree* by Rachel Fordham. 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.

Celebrate World Kindness Day! Thursday, November 13: The purpose of World Kindness Day as outlined by the World Kindness Movement is "to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us." Since its creation more than two decades ago, the day has achieved truly global notice; events associated with the day have attracted participants from every inhabited continent. Activities TBD.

Nature at Night @ New Wine Park: Thursday, November 13 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Learn to appreciate nature during the darkness out at New Wine Park (15971 New Wine Park Lane, New Vienna, IA 52065). Dubuque County Conservation staff will guide a night time activity dependent on the weather, this could range from astronomy, to using other senses besides sight, or calling owls. Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight or headlamp and be dressed for the weather by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion. Registration is requested by noon on November 12 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Register by contacting the library or online in the library's calendar of events at: www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/events. On the day of the hike, participants should meet at New Wine Park (15971 New Wine Park Lane, New Vienna, IA). When entering the park, stay to the left. We will meet at the Pavilion.

IGM: Game Changer: Friday, November 14 @ 6:00 pm. Game Changer is a comedy game show 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! This program is for ages 12 and up. Registration is required by November 12 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.

IGM: Trading Card Game Hangout: Saturday, November 15 from 10:00-12:00 pm. As part of International Games Month, come hang out with Librarian Paul and learn how to play various trading card games. Games include: Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, Keyforge, Digimon, Dragon Ball Super, and Yu-Gi-Oh. Demo decks for some of the games will be available for attendees to take home courtesy of Dyersville Comics and Games. All ages welcome!

Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Smurfs (2025)”: **Saturday, November 15 @ 1:00 pm.** When Papa Smurf is taken by evil wizards Razamel and Gargamel, Smurfette leads the Smurfs on a mission to the real world to save him. Rated PG (92 minutes).

Bingo Party: Monday, November 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!

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, November 20 @ 11:15 am. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler.

Drop in and Create: Friday, November 21 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. 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 7 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 Night @ Your Library: Friday, November 21 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! 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.

Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Closing Reception: Sunday, November 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Stop in for refreshments and your last chance to bid on the wreaths, wall hangings, and tabletop home decor items that were donated for this year’s Wreath-It-Up fundraiser. All items are on display in the library and photographs are posted on Facebook and the library’s website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us. Bids can be placed in person at the library, by calling the library, or emailing librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us. Bidding by phone or email ends at 3 pm on Saturday, November 22, bidding in person and by phone ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections.

Strings Club: Monday, November 24 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, November 25 @ 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.

Live Animals Visit from Dubuque County Conservation: Wednesday, November 26 @ 10:00 am. Join Dubuque County Conservation naturalists to learn about animals native to Iowa in a 30-minute discussion about salamanders, frogs, turtles, and snakes. Then stay to pet them!

Library closes @ 5:00 pm: Wednesday, November 26

Library closed: Thursday, November 27

Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser: Saturday, November 29 from 9:00-11:00 am. Take a quick break from your local shopping to support your library by enjoying a breakfast burrito! \$7.00 gets you a delicious egg, sausage and cheese burrito. Don't want a tortilla? New this year you can choose a Burrito Bowl for the same price. Weather permitting, a tent will be set up outside the library for this event. If not, step into the Hoffman Community Room to get your breakfast and support your library! All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections. A special Thank You goes to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser! Burritos available while supplies last. Final details to be confirmed.

Saturday, November 29: Small Business Saturday: Refueling Station from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Need a break from shopping? Stop in the library and relax with a warm beverage or snack. Grab a few moments of down time by working on the puzzle, coloring, reading or just relaxing.