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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
June 19, 2023**

Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for May 2023 are:

- 7,419 items were checked out. This is an 4.5% increase from May 2022. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 5.4%
- 36 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 306 new library cards have been issued.
- 93 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 3,625 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 150 hours and 404 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 1,674 hours and 4,342 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 345 sessions, 290 visits, and 69 unique users
- There were 4,637 library visits.

Library Services:

At the June 13, 2023 the JKPL Board of Trustees voted to return to normal services.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the June events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for July. Some of the programs scheduled include bubbles at the June Downtown Market, as well as a summer tea and music, science, and magic programs. Summer Reading Programs for all ages continues throughout July and include special program and activities featuring the theme *Find your Voice*. Fundraising events for this summer include a new Book Art event where members of the community are invited to upcycle books and book pages to create works of art.

Prepared by: Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director

JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: May-23
YTD: July-22 to May-23
Previous YTD: July-21 to May-22

Library visits

Month	4637	(↑ 6.1%)
YTD	47042	(↑ 24.6%)

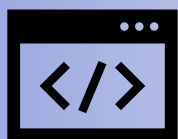
Items loaned

	7419	(↑ 4.5%)
	81448	(↑ 5.4%)

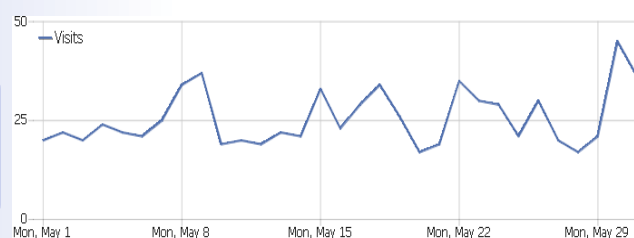
Library cards issued

City resident	Total
19	36 (↑ 20%)
166	306 (↑ 53%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
791	1:29



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
150	1674	1360	404	4342	3252

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
345	4232	290	3469	69	261

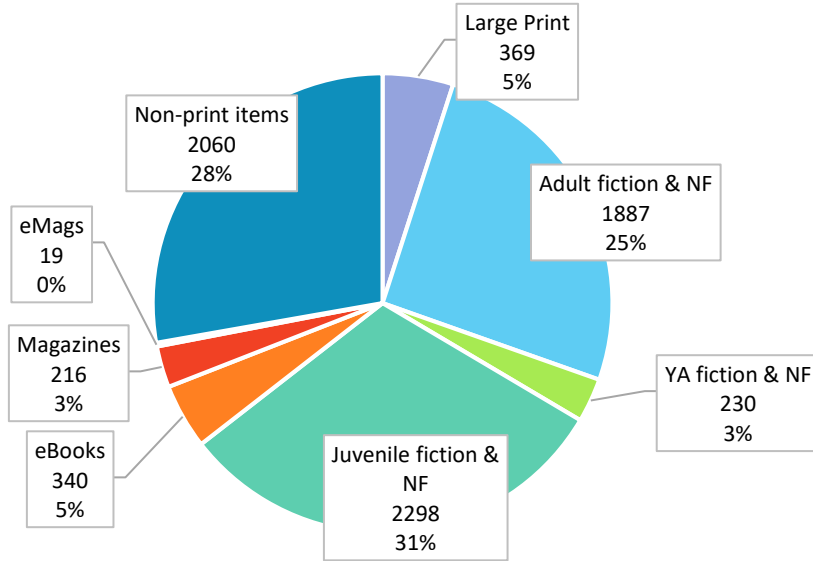
Meeting room use



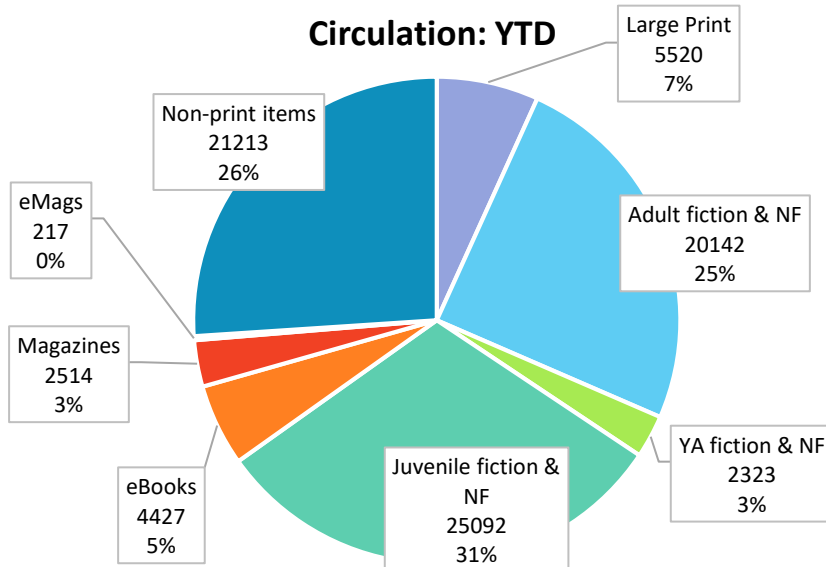
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
54	634	336

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	459	4449
Adult & YA audio	96	1219
Juvenile audio & kits	17	154
Adult & YA video	622	7320
Juvenile video & DVD	380	3145
Games, LoT, etc.	486	4926
Total	2060	21213

Music

Downloads: 5
Streams: 0
Total YTD: 96



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 0
YTD: 52



Visits: 79
YTD: 1711



Online Learning

Sessions: 7
YTD: 145



Languages

Sessions: 1
YTD: 165



Genealogy

Visits: 694
YTD: 5093



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 280
YTD: 2827

Items donated

Month: 34
YTD: 629
Prev. YTD: 711

Items withdrawn

	Month	YTD
Books	7	2370
Audio	0	720
Video	0	380
Other	1	90
Total	8	3560

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	13	136	24	3	56	47	0	5	2	21	1	6	314
Previous month	14	135	30	31	100	43	11	12	2	28	7	11	424
Current YTD	191	1114	335	189	704	194	124	107	12	281	77	128	3456
Previous YTD	201	987	383	209	788	170	142	137	20	494	122	290	3943

Programming

Take and Make & Recorded Programs



Program	Views	Engagements	Views	Prep time (hrs)	Kits
*Adult Crafternoon - kit only this month (A)		NA	NA	1	1
CS: Handprint Rabbit - kit only this month (C.)		NA	NA	0.5	20
KCC - Catch the Bead Game - kit only this month (C.)		NA	NA	2	28
*Upcycled Greeting Cards (GI) - cancelled		NA	NA	NA	NA
Carryover April programs - 2 programs	29	4	2	NA	NA
*program included in-person component					

Virtual/Sharing/Passive or Kit programs

Program	Kits or Participants	Prep time (hours)
Coloring, Creating, & Doing (A)	222	3.25
Get Puzzled (A)	70	0.25
Public Works Week Activity Kits	58	4
Children's Book Week Passive Event (C.)	50	3
Bridge to Reading (PreK)	260	4
StoryWalk® - <i>Sheep Take a Hike</i> (C)	1058	4.5

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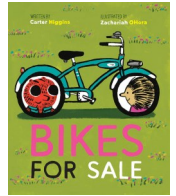
In-Person and Hybrid Programs		
Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Story Time & Wee Read- in person onsite (PreK) - Not held in May	NA	NA
Outreads to Daycares - in person offsite (PreK) - not held in Summer	NA	NA
Building Creativity One Block at a Time - in person onsite (C.)	11	1.5
Hybrid Sit & Stitch - 5 sessions - in person and Zoom(A)	30	1
Books for Lunch: <i>Sitting Pretty</i> - in person and Zoom (A)	9	1.5
Hybrid Dungeons & Dragons - in person and Discord (GI)	4	2.5
Inspirational Fiction book club- in person and Zoom (A)	7	2
Game Night - in person onsite (GI)	9	3.5
Strength Training for Older Adults - 8 sessions - in person (A)	107	8
Ellen Kennedy Living Center program - in person off site (A)	11	2.25
Bingo Party - in person onsite (A)	6	3
JKPL Writing Group - in person and Zoom (A)	4	2
*Adult Crafternoon - in person, kit, and recorded content (A)	3	2
STEAM Fun Fridays - in person onsite (C.) - 3 sessions	6	2.5
Euchre / Dominos Party - in person onsite (A) - 4 sessions	22	0.5
Cricut with Christopher- in person onsite (GI) - Watercolors	2	.5 (+2 vol)
Strings Club - in person onsite (A)	3	.25 (+2 vol)
Teen Sketching Session - in person onsite(YA)	3	2.5
5000 Blankets: Movie Showing - in person onsite (GI)	7	2
Pop-Up Library at Happy Heathy You Event - in person offsite(GI)	44	6
CBW - Fonziba at Xavier School - 7 sessions (C.)	165	6
CBW - Fonziba at Dyersville Elementary School - 7 sessions (C.)	182	6
Bar Crawl for International No Diet Day - I person onsite (GI)	4	2
PreSchool Library Tours (PreK) - 5 sessions - in person onsite	100	3
JKPL Writing Group - in person and Zoom (A)	4	2
SRP Promo at WD & Xavier (PreK & C.) - 13 sessions	636	4
SRP Promo at Kid Project (PreK)	17	0.5
Dyersville U Presentation - I person offsite(A)	12	1.25
Unlocking Brain Fitness - 2 sessions - in person onsite(A)	27	6 (+13 vol)
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Awards Ceremony - onsite (PreK)	32	3.5
Kids AIR: <i>Lonely Heart of Maybelle Lane</i> Book Discussion - offsite (C.)	147	8
Explore Journaling - 4 sessions - in person onsite (A)	5	.25 (+8 vol)
Public Works Week Visit at Dyersville Elementary (C.)	105	2
Public Works Week Visit at St. Francis Xavier School (C.)	62	2
Heartland's Future: BUS-eum Exhibit - I nperson onsite (GI)	28	1
Heartland's Future: Climate Change Presentation - in person onsite (GI)	10	0.25
Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game - in person onsite (GI)	4	2
Zoom programs		
Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Third Thursday Hoover and Criminal Justice Partnership with the Hoover Presidential Library	3	NA

Upcoming Events in June:

June 1—30: Creation Station Craft: Egg Carton Dinosaurs! Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's activity is an Egg Carton Dinosaur Craft. Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

June 1—30: Kids Can Craft: Mini Books. Kids age 7 and up can pick up this kit at the desk and craft in the Creation Station or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is a homemade mini book. Kit includes instructions plus all supplies needed, except glue. A video demonstration may be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

June 1—30: Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Bikes for Sale" by Carter Higgins. 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. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. 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.



June 1—30: Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library. 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 ten 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.

June 1—30: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Dairy Bar*. 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.

Thursday, June 1: Adult Summer Library Program "Find Your Voice" Begins!



The theme for this year's summer program is *Find Your Voice!* Our voices have power. We use our voices to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. Our voices include not only the sounds we make, but the words we write, the art we create, the movements we perform, and the actions we take each day to impact our world. The goal of all the JKPL summer library programs is to encourage patrons to read for pleasure, help them maintain and improve their reading skills, encourage them to become lifelong library users, and establish reading as a foundation for lifelong success. Join us this summer at the JKPL for fun and learning and find your voice! Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the program.

- The program runs June 1—August 31.
- Registration for the adult program begins on June 1 and adults are welcome to join throughout the summer.
- Participants will receive a bookbag, bookmark, and a free book just for registering.
- Use the paper log to track books read and activities completed to earn prizes:
 - *For each item completed, the participant's name will be entered into the prize drawing.
 - *For each four items completed, participants will be able to select an item from the prize box or another book.
 - *Participants completing at least sixteen activities, which must include reading at least four books, will have completed the program. They will earn a special prize and have their name entered into the grand prize drawing for the Book Lover's Basket and other prizes.
- The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

June 1—30: Find Your Voice—Support Your Favorite Format! During the month of June, library visitors are encouraged to share their voice by voting on their favorite format. Do you enjoy reading large print items? Or do you prefer listening to a book on a compact disc or Playaway? Or do you like to download and read books on your phone or other device? Let us know by voting for your favorite formats. Visitors of all ages are welcome to vote each time they visit the library by putting a pompom in the jar that represents their favorite. Each vote also earns an entry into a drawing to win the opportunity to select an item of your choice to be added to the library collection.



June—August: Find Your Voice Reading Recommendations! Do you like to recommend books to others? Or enjoy reading something recommended to you? For this year's adult summer library program, we are adding a special Reading Recommendations activity! When you finish a book you love, pick up a "Read This" bookmark and write on it 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, adopt-a-book form, and more! Staff will put the bookmark in the appropriate book and display them in the library for others to discover and enjoy!

Thursdays and Mondays, June 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 10:00 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.

Thursday, June 1 & 15: Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market from 3:00—5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market on the first and third Thursdays in June, July and August! Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

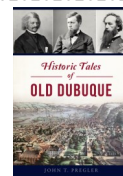
Thursday, June 1: Art in the Park from 3:00—4:00 pm. Join us at the Farmer's Market once a month during the summer to get creative! This month kids will make crayon rubbing art. Kids may choose to use textured surfaces provided by the library or explore the park to find their own (tree trunks, park equipment, etc.) All ages welcome, but children who are too young to understand they need to keep the crayons on the paper will need an adult companion.

Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 23 & 29: Explore Journaling @ 6:30 pm. Are you looking for a time and place to work on your journals? The JKPL is here for you! Local journalist Karen Schloss will be at the library on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm with advice, inspiration, and supplies. Some basic supplies will be available but participants are encouraged to bring their own. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Fridays, June 2, 9, 16, 23: Euchre Card Party & Games from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

Saturday, June 3: Historic Tales of Old Dubuque with John T. Pregler @ 11:00 am

Research-historian John T. Pregler is the author of the book, *Historic Tales of Old Dubuque*. Mr. Pregler is an independent researcher, historian and author born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa, where his family has resided since the 1840s. John has been studying local and regional history of national importance for 40 years. He will be at the library to discuss the six vignettes in his new book covering forgotten Dubuque history. Copies of the book will be available to purchase from the author. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Saturday, June 3: Movies @ Your Library presents "80 For Brady" @ 1:00 pm. After decades of dreaming, a quartet of older women, who are dedicated football fans, finally decides to make a pilgrimage to the Super Bowl for the once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet their favorite player, noteworthy NFL mainstay Tom Brady. Rated PG-13 (98 minutes).

Saturday, June 3: Nerf War @ Your Library 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 but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed.

Monday, June 5: Children and Teen Summer Reading Programs Begin!

School's out for summer, which means there is plenty of time for reading to prevent the dreaded summer slide (loss of reading skills over the summer) or just for fun! Our theme for this summer is *Find Your Voice*. We've lined up fun activities, programs, crafts, and story times that reflect the theme. Children and teens may register at the library beginning June 5. The programs for everyone from age 0 to 18 runs June 5—July 28. Details for each program are below:



Children under age 3

- Receive a page of fun brain-building activities and a book at registration.
- Once they and their adult complete all the activities they will receive a free ice cream cone and prize from our prize box.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Kids age 3+ (including those who have completed 5th grade)

- Receive a book bag, free book, and other goodies, including a ball chain necklace or cable ring at registration.
- Kids will keep track of how many minutes they read or are read to, and earn beads and brag tags to add to their chains.
- Kids also earn beads for attending library events.
- After reading 6 hours, participants will earn a prize from the prize box. After reading 12 hours, kids will earn an entry into the grand prize drawing, a brag tag, a guess at the guessing jar, and a free cone from Dairy Queen.
- Kids can keep reading and attending programs for more beads, grand prize entries and brag tags, but will receive only one cone, one guess, and one prize from the prize box.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Teens who have completed 6th-12th grade

- Receive a free book when registering!
- Participants will be given a game board of challenges to read different types of books or to use some of the services available at the library. For each color coded set that is completed, the participant will earn an entry into the prize drawings.
- Participants that fill out reviews on the books they read will earn extra entries for prizes.
- Sponsored by TACKL (Teen Advisory Council for the Kennedy Library)

Monday, June 5: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the 2023 All Iowa Reads book for teens, *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, 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.



Tuesday, June 6: Find Your Voice with Rock Painting @ 10:00 am. Rock painting has been popular for years but this year we are adding a twist. Kids ages 3-11 will paint 2 rocks to look alike. Kids will take one rock and hide it somewhere around town. The second rock will stay on display at the Library. As the matching rocks are found and brought back to the library, they will be put on display with their "twin." Rocks will be returned to their finders after the summer reading program is over. Be sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram as we will announce matches as they are made! Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Tuesday, June 6: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 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 first Tuesday 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.

Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28: Sit and Stitch from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and 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, and the room is opened upon request.

Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, & 28: Story Time @ 9:30 am & 6:30 pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Summer 2023 sessions of Preschool Story Time. Story Time is open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds who have not been in Kindergarten and will be offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Story Time for all ages will be held at 6:30 pm. Programs will run June 7—July 12. Registration is required as space is limited. You may register in person or by phone.



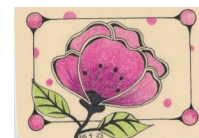
Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, & 28: Wee Read @ 10:30 am. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sign up and bring their preschoolers to the Summer 2023 sessions of Wee Read. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver. Programs will run June 7—July 12. Registration is required as space is limited. You may register in person or by phone.

Thursday June 8: Upcycling Greeting Cards for Father's Day from 1:00—2:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to show you how to use the fronts of donated greeting cards combined with glue and cardstock to make entirely new greeting cards. There will be kits in the creation station area to pick up through June 18th. Each kit includes a Father's Day themed greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. All you need is glue. Kits available while supplies last.

Thursday, June 8: Drawing Happiness: Creating with Pen and Ink 1 @ 6:00 pm

Using repetitive patterns as a "foundation" for our drawings, class participants will create simple yet beautiful floral, leafy, organic images. The drawings look complicated, but each one will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. No art experience is necessary! Be sure to check out the display in the library for samples of class drawings!

- This two-part class will be led by Dianne Kramer.
- This class is intended for adults.
- There is a maximum of 16 participants in the class, so registration is required by 7pm on June 6.
- Please bring the following materials to the class: pencil, eraser, fine-lined black ink pen, colored pencils, ruler.
- All other materials will be supplied. Class sets of materials will be available to borrow.
- The second class will be held on June 22.
- People are welcome to register for one or both classes.

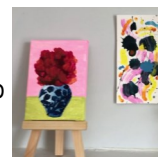


Friday, June 9: Pop-Up at Downtown Summer Nights from 6:00—8:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by "popping up" at Downtown Summer Nights at Legacy Square! Visitors will be able to select a free book to keep from the pop-up library as well as learn more about library services. The JKPL Fundraising Committee will be on hand selling frozen treats to support the special collections and services of the 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.



Friday, June 9: TACKL Fun and Games @ Downtown Summer Nights from 6:00—9:00 pm. Join the Teen Advisory Council to the Kennedy Library (TACKL) at Downtown Summer Nights for fun, free games for kids. Everyone walks away with a prize for playing! This event is sponsored by the Dyersville Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, June 10: Find Your Voice with Tiny Art for Kids @ 10:00 am. Young artists between the ages of 7—12 are invited to create a tiny masterpiece to be displayed at the library. Kids will receive a 4"x 4" canvas, easel, paints, and palette then listen to music while they are painting. All art will be on display until July 15, then artists will be able to take their creations home. No artistic ability is required, just the desire to create! Registration is requested so that enough supplies will be available. Funded by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.





Saturday, June 10: World Wide Knit in Public Day Open House and Yarn Swap from 1:00—3:00 pm

Held on the second Saturday of June, WWKIP Day is a special annual event to celebrate knitting and all fiber crafts as a community activity. The theme is *Better Living Through Stitching Together*. Join the JKPL Sit 'n' Stitch group in the library to celebrate this special day. Visitors are invited to bring a project to work on, or just come see these talented crafters in action and learn about crafting! Visitors are also encouraged to bring yarn that is no longer needed and perhaps swap it for something that grabs your attention.

Saturday, June 10: Teen Quiz Bowl @ 5:00 pm. Want to test your knowledge and try to win some prizes? The Quiz Bowl will consist of 3 rounds, each consisting of various questions on core subjects including Arts, Literature, Science, Pop Culture, and History. Participants can register to be on one of three teams (Maximum of 6 players per team). Registration is requested, and walk-ins are welcome if there is space on a team. For ages 13-18 only. Spectators are welcome! This program is sponsored by TACKL.



Monday, June 12: Adult Crafternoon: Seashell Frames from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make seashell frames. 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. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting June 13th and kits will be available while supplies last.



Tuesday, June 13: Virtual Visit with Author Sequoia Nagamatsu @ 7:00 pm. Join us at the JKPL, or participate from home, for this virtual visit with author Sequoia Nagamatsu. He is the author of *How High We Go In the Dark*, the 2023 All Iowa Reads selection for adults. The author will be joined by a moderator to discuss his books, creative process, and hear questions from attendees. Guests are welcome to come to the JKPL and view the presentation or participate from home. To participate at home please register at: www.statelibraryofiowa.gov/index.php/AIR. Attendees will have the option to submit a question ahead of time when registering, or may include a question in the chat during the event. Reading the author's book in advance is encouraged. The State Library is sponsoring these conversations to give all Iowans a chance to hear from the All Iowa Reads authors.

Wednesday, June 14: Virtual Visit with Author Niki Smith @ 2:00 pm. Join us at the JKPL, or participate from home, for this virtual visit with author Niki Smith. She is the author of *The Golden Hour*, the 2023 All Iowa Reads selection for kids. The author will be joined by a moderator to discuss her books, creative process, and hear questions from attendees. Guests are welcome to come to the JKPL and view the presentation or participate from home. To participate at home please register at: www.statelibraryofiowa.gov/index.php/AIR. Attendees will have the option to submit a question ahead of time when registering, or may include a question in the chat during the event. Reading the author's book in advance is encouraged. The State Library is sponsoring these conversations to give all Iowans a chance to hear from the All Iowa Reads authors.



Thursday, June 15: Find Your Voice with Creek Stomping @ 1:00 pm. Get your feet wet and learn about the amazing critters that live in our ponds and streams! Dubuque County Conservationist Jason Denlinger will lead us in exploring the creek at West Side Park. We will search for aquatic animals and plants, learn about the importance of water quality, and how we can monitor creeks and streams in our neighborhoods. This program is appropriate for ages 4 and up, but children under 7 should have an adult or mature teen companion. We will meet under the 3rd Street SW bridge (the one that crosses Bear Creek going toward the hospital. Park in the parking lot by the baseball diamonds at West Side Park and then walk south along the trail until you are under the bridge.) Please plan to wear shorts or pants that can be rolled up, and rain boots or other waterproof footwear.



Thursday, June 15: Virtual Visit with Author Angeline Boulley @ 4:00 pm. Join us at the JKPL, or participate from home, for this virtual visit with author Angeline Boulley. She is the author of *Firekeeper's Daughter*, the 2023 All Iowa Reads selection for teens. The author will be joined by a moderator to discuss her books, creative process, and hear questions from attendees. Guests are welcome to come to the JKPL and view the presentation or participate from home. To participate at home please register at: www.statelibraryofiowa.gov/index.php/AIR. Attendees will have the option to submit a question ahead of time when registering, or may include a question in the chat during the event. Reading the author's book in advance is encouraged. The State Library is sponsoring these conversations to give all Iowans a chance to hear from the All Iowa Reads authors.

Thursday, June 15: Lou Henry Hoover's White House Years @ 6:00 pm. When Lou Henry Hoover moved into the White House on March 4, 1929, she looked forward to using her influence to strengthen the areas that were near and dear to her heart: women's opportunities; the arts; and private philanthropy. The onset of the Great Depression challenged Lou's plans, but she saw new opportunities for serving the nation and remained undaunted. Lou continued to blaze a trail of achievements that have often been forgotten. The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present their 3rd Thursday Virtual Programs. This is the first of a 3-month 'Best Of' series of 3rd Thursday programs. This program originally aired in May of 2022. Registration is required so please register at <https://bit.ly/TTLou>.

Saturday, June 17: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is *Reading Time*. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.



Sunday, June 18: Library closed for Father's Day



Monday, June 19: Exotic Animals with Dr. Bechtel @ 1:00 pm. Dr. Michael Bechtel, Associate Professor of Science Education at Wartburg College, loves animals and will be bringing some of his animal friends for us to meet. Dr. Bechtel (Bec) was born and raised on a dairy farm in Waukon, Iowa and was a high school science teacher for 20 years in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa. He has always incorporated exotic animals in his classrooms-- everything from poison dart frogs to African spur thigh tortoises to Malaysian seramas (miniature chickens). He has even created his own breed of mice! Families and children of all ages will have a blast at this engaging hands-on program. The program will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Monday, June 19: Bingo Party 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!



Tuesday, June 20: Unlocking Brain Fitness: Dementia Prevention 2023 @ 1:00 pm

Join us at the JKPL to view this 60 minute video on dementia prevention by Doctors Shah and Quinisk. In the video they describe simple lifestyle changes that anyone can make to help develop a healthier brain and body. Participants in the spring 2023 Unlocking Brain Fitness class are invited to stay after the presentation to socialize and share. Registration is encouraged but not required. Brain healthy snacks provided.

Tuesdays, June 20, July 18, & August 15: Find Your Voice/Find Yourself Summer Book Club @ 6:30 pm

Teens and adults are invited to participate in a special summer book club on the 3rd Tuesdays of June, July and August where we will discuss books about people finding themselves. Copies of each book will be available to check out from the library 3 or 4 weeks before the discussion date. The selections and dates are:

- June 20: *Weird Al, Seriously* by Lily E. Hirsch
- July 18: *Superman: American Alien* by Max Landis
- August 15: *Furiously Happy* by Jenny Lawson



Refreshments provided. If there is interest in participating virtually, a Zoom room will be opened. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Tuesday, June 20: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club @ 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 Nature of a Lady* by Roseanna M. White. 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. *Note: the date of book club was moved due to vacation conflict.*

Thursday, June 22: Drawing Happiness: Creating with Pen and Ink 2 @ 6:00 pm

Using repetitive patterns as a "foundation" for our drawings, class participants will create simple yet beautiful floral, leafy, organic images. The drawings look complicated, but each one will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. No art experience is necessary! Be sure to check out the display in the library for samples of class drawings!

- This two-part class will be led by Dianne Kramer.
- This class is intended for adults.
- There is a maximum of 16 participants in the class, so registration is required by 7pm on June 20.
- Please bring the following materials to the class: pencil, eraser, fine-lined black ink pen, colored pencils, ruler.
- All other materials will be supplied. Class sets of materials will be available to borrow.



Friday, June 23: Game Night @ Your Library @ 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.

Saturday, June 24: Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market from 8:00 am—12:00 noon. The James Kennedy Public Library will be reaching out to the community by bringing a pop-up library to the Market. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. The JKPL will also have a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. Members of TACKL will also be selling library tote bags and other items to raise funds for library programs, collections and services. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

Saturday, June 24: World of Bubbles with Absolute Science from 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles! Visit the Dyersville Downtown Market and celebrate summer reading with over 10 bubble stations. Kids of all ages are invited to come and use professional wands and bubble juice for the biggest and best bubbles you've ever seen! Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library and the Dyersville Downtown Market. This program will be held weather permitting.



Saturday, June 24: Book Art For Your Library Kickoff @ the Downtown Market from 8:00 am—12 noon

The JKPL Fundraising Committee is excited to announce a new fundraising event for all! Individuals and groups of all ages are invited to create a piece of art or sculpture by upcycling books and/or book pages.

- The JKPL will provide a grocery bag and participants can fill it with old books to use for their art. Only what will fit in the grocery bag can be used.
- The art or sculpture can be any design or format and can be created by individuals, families, couples, or groups of any age.
- Come to the library to sign up to participate, or sign up at the library booth at the Dyersville Downtown Market on June 24.
- Finished projects should be brought to the library on or before Friday, July 28.
- On Saturday, July 29, all submissions will be displayed at the Dyersville Downtown Market.
- Next to each submission will be a mason jar and visitors will vote for their favorite by putting money in the jar.
- At the end of the Market, the creator of the item that brought in the most money will win a voucher for a bowling party donated by 7 Hills West.
- This voucher includes room rental for 2 hours, 2 bowling lanes for 2 hours (max of 6 people per lane), shoe rental for up to 12 people, 3 large single topping pizzas, and 3 pitchers of pop. Voucher is valued at \$230.00!
- As space allows, entries with the highest donations may be displayed at the library during the month of August.
- All money raised will be used to support library collections and services.



Sunday, June 25: Summer Tea from 2:00—3:30 pm

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



Monday, June 26: Strings Club @ 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 Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.



Tuesday, June 27: Find Your Voice with Book Spine Poetry for Kids @ 1:00 pm. Book spine poetry is poetry that is made up of words from book spines from the library shelves. Instead of writing the words, you hunt the shelves for titles of books to create your own unique poem. For those who would rather sit and create their poems, we will have old children's books and art materials on hand to create black out poetry. Examples of both forms of poetry will be available for inspiration, and library helpers will be there to help you find your poetic voice. This program is appropriate for kids 8 and up. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Tuesday, June 27: JKPL Writing Group @ 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 call by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Friday, June 30: Open Mic Night for Teens @ 6:00 pm. Teens are invited to join us for a night of music, poetry, reading, and much more! Participants can register for an opportunity to showcase their talents for a 10 minute time slot. Read something you wrote, sing a song you love, or any other type of performance! Or feel free to just watch all the talent. Registration is requested. This program is for those that have completed 6th-12th grade.



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 (Use the QR code to see our events)
- *Like us on Facebook
- *Follow us on Twitter: @dyersvillelib
- *Follow us on Instagram: jameskennedylibrary
- *Follow us on Goodreads: James Kennedy Public Library
- *Follow us on YouTube: James Kennedy Public Library



LIBRARY HOURS:

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



Are you looking for something to play outdoors this summer? Want to try a new sport or outdoor activity? Planning a gathering and looking for things to help? The JKPL might have what you need! The Library of Things includes items for you to borrow for outdoor or group fun!

- ⇒ Metal detector
- ⇒ Fishing rod and reel
- ⇒ Camping hammock
- ⇒ Pickleball set
- ⇒ Spikeball kit
- ⇒ Portable Tennis set
- ⇒ Binoculars
- ⇒ Digital camera, video camera, and go-pro
- ⇒ Karoke machine and speaker with microphone
- ⇒ Giant tic tac toe & Twister
- ⇒ Bag toss and Ring toss
- ⇒ Ladder golf and Corn hole
- ⇒ Horseshoes
- ⇒ Drones

Find a complete list and more details at <https://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/about/library-things> or ask a librarian.

Note: Some restrictions apply.

Upcoming EVENTS

Mad MiXtUrE With the Grout Museum: Thursday, July 6 @ 1:00 pm

See, feel, and smell the amazing world of science with this program that combines the most exciting parts of several programs offered by the Grout Museum. There will be “shattering” experiments with liquid nitrogen; explosive demonstrations with flash powder, flash paper and exploding hydrogen balloons; experiments with things you can find in your kitchen; and there might even be a special legless reptile guest! All ages welcome.



Find Your Voice with Duke Otherwise: Monday, July 10 @ 10:00 am

From Madison, Wisconsin, Duke Otherwise is a playful wordsmith, a spirited performer, a skilled guitarist and captivating tap-dancer. Playing almost 150 shows per year at libraries, schools, festivals, fairs and theaters, he will use his distinct baritone and his hilarious and imaginative songs to delight listeners of all ages. His show is filled with improvisation, audience participation, dancing and outrageous fun! All ages welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Find Your Voice with Diamond Painting: Thursday, July 14 @ 10:00 am

Diamond painting began in 2015, and has been described as a combination of paint by number and cross stitch. Except instead of paints or thread, artists use faceted beads to make beautiful and glittery art. Kids ages 9-12 can come to the library to diamond paint a llama keychain or cartoon animal. Be careful, this craft can be addictive! Registration is requested as supplies are limited. Walk-ins will be welcome if space allows.



Friends of the JKPL Used Book Sale: July 14—July 17

Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Bags of books are \$1 on Monday, the last day of the sale. Hours are:

Friday, July 14: 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Saturday, July 15: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Sunday, July 16: 1:00-4:00 pm

Monday, July 17: 9:00 am—7:00 pm



Magician Rick Eugene: Saturday, July 15 @ 10:00 am

Celebrate Summer Reading with Magician Rick Eugene! Rick Eugene has been entertaining families in the Midwest for over 20 years with his high energy, magic and humor. There will be lots of audience participation and even more laughs. Don't miss this event! This program is for all ages.



Find Your Voice / Express Yourself with a Vision Board with Mary Potter Kenyon Sunday, July 16 @ 1:30 pm

Who are you? What does your heart crave for your future self? Create a visual representation of your hopes, dreams and goals with a mind-map and Vision Board workshop facilitated by author, certified grief educator and Therapeutic Art Coach Mary Potter Kenyon. All materials, including bulletin boards, push pins, and magazines provided. Attendees leave with an attractive Vision Board that can be hung on the wall. Registration is required as space is limited.



Mock-a-Movie Night for Teens: Tuesday, July 22 @ 4:00 pm

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



If Buildings Could Talk: A History of Downtown Dyersville Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 pm & Friday, July 28 at 10:00 am

Local historian Judy Weber will show photos and talk about some of the downtown Dyersville businesses and the buildings that housed them on the 300 block of 1st Avenue East.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>June 2023</div>	<div>June 1—30</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Puzzled Coloring, Creating, Doing Westside Park StoryWalk® 	<div>June 1—30</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Egg carton dinosaurs craft kit Mini books craft kit 	<div>Adult Summer Reading Program begins June 1</div>	<div>1</div> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm</p> <p>Art in the Park from 3-4pm</p> <p>Explore Journaling @ 6:30pm</p>	<div>2</div> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p>	<div>3</div> <p><i>Historic Tales of Old Dubuque</i> with John T. Pregler @ 11am</p> <p><i>80 for Brady</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm</p> <p>Nerf War @ 4pm</p>
4	<div>5</div> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Books For Lunch @ 12pm</p> <div>Children & Teen Summer Reading Programs begin!</div>	<div>6</div> <p>Find Your Voice with Rock Painting @ 10am</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons @ 6pm</p>	<div>7</div> <p>Sit & Stitch @ 1pm</p> <p>Story Time @ 9:30 am & 6:30pm</p> <p>Wee Read @ 10:30am</p>	<div>8</div> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Upcycling Cards from 1-2pm</p> <p>Drawing Happiness @ 6pm</p> <p>Explore Journaling @ 6:30pm</p>	<div>9</div> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p> <p>Pop-up at Downtown Summer Nights from 6-8pm</p> <p>TACKL Fun & Games at Downtown Summer Nights from 6-9pm</p>	<div>10</div> <p>Find Your Voice with Tiny Art @ 10am</p> <p>World Wide Knit In Public Day Open House from 1-3pm</p> <p>Teen Quiz Bowl @ 5pm</p>
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25 Summer Tea from 2-3:30pm	<div>26</div> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Strings Club @ 6pm</p>	<div>27</div> <p>Find Your Voice with Book Spine Poetry for Kids @ 1pm</p> <p>JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm</p>	<div>28</div> <p>Sit & Stitch @ 1pm</p> <p>Story Time @ 9:30 am & 6:30pm</p> <p>Wee Read @ 10:30am</p>	<div>29</div> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Explore Journaling @ 6:30pm</p>	<div>30</div> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p> <p>Open Mic Night for Teens @ 6pm</p>	

Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Events - JULY 2023

July 1-31: Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include 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.

July 1-31: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Beach Path*. 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.

July 1-31: Creation Station Craft! Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's take-and-make (or make and take) activity has yet to be selected! Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions and is appropriate for PreK and up. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

July 1-31: Kids Can Craft! Children ages 7 and up are invited to pick up this kit at the front desk and craft in the Creation Station or take home. Craft to be decided. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

July: Adult Summer Library Program "Find Your Voice" Continues! Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2023 program that runs through August 31. The theme for this year's summer program is *Find Your Voice*! Our voices have power. We use our voices to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. Our voices include not only the sounds we make, but the words we write, the art we create, the movements we perform, and the actions we take each day to impact our world. The goal of all the JKPL summer library programs is to encourage patrons to read for pleasure, help them maintain and improve their reading skills, encourage them to become lifelong library users, and establish reading as a foundation for lifelong success. Join us this summer at the JKPL for fun and learning and find your voice! Registration for the adult program began on June 1 and adults are welcome to join throughout the summer. Participants will receive a bookbag, bookmark, and a free book just for registering; along with a paper log to track books read and activities completed to earn prizes. For each item completed, the participant's name will be entered into the prize drawing. For each four items completed, participants will be able to select an item from the prize box or another book. Participants completing at least sixteen activities, which must include reading at least four books, will have completed the program. They will earn a special prize and have their name entered into the grand prize drawing for the Book Lover's Basket and other prizes. The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

July 1-28: Children and Teen Summer Reading Programs Continue. Youth from infant to age 18 are invited to sign up for the summer reading program for their age group.

Programs include incentives for reading and participating in library activities and special themed programs. The theme is *Find Your Voice*.

July - August: Find Your Voice - Reading Recommendations! Do you like to recommend books to others? Or enjoy reading something recommended to you? For this year's adult summer library program, we are adding a special Reading Recommendations activity! 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, adopt-a-book form, and more! Staff will put the bookmark in the appropriate book and display them in the library for others to discover and enjoy!

July 1-31: Find Your Voice - Support Your Favorite Genre! During the month of July, library visitors are encouraged to share their voice by voting on their favorite genre. Do you enjoy reading or listening to mysteries? Romance? Historical fiction? Nonfiction? Biographies? Let us know by voting for your favorite genre. Visitors of all ages are welcome to vote each time they visit the library by putting a pom pom in the jar that represents their favorite. Each vote also earns an entry into a drawing to win the opportunity to select an item of your choice to be added to the library collection.

July 1-31: Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Woo Hoo! You're Doing Great!" By Sandra Boynton. 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. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. The StoryWalk(R) is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Thursdays and Mondays, July 3, 6, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 10:00 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. **Not holding July 10 as room needed for a children's program.**

Monday, July 3: Library closes at 5:00 pm for Independence Day holiday; **Tuesday, July 4:** Library closed for Independence Day holiday

Wednesdays, July 5 & 12: Story Time @ 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Summer 2023 sessions of

Preschool Story Time. Story Time is open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds who have not been in Kindergarten and will be offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Story Time for all ages will be held at 6:30 pm. Programs will run June 7 - July 12. Registration is required as space is limited.

Wednesdays, July 5 and 12: Wee Read @ 10:30 am. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sign up and bring their preschoolers to the Summer 2023 sessions of Wee Read. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver. Programs will run June 7-July 12. Registration is required as space is limited.

Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26: Sit and Stitch from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The Zoom room is opened upon request and the same link is used each week.

Thursday, July 6: Mad MiXtUrE With the Grout Museum @ 1:00 pm. See, feel, and smell the amazing world of science with this program that combines the most exciting parts of several programs offered by the Grout Museum. There will be “shattering” experiments with liquid nitrogen, explosive demonstrations with flash powder, flash paper and exploding hydrogen balloons, experiments with things you can find in your kitchen, and there might even be a special legless reptile guest! All ages welcome. Funded by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Thursdays, July 6 & 20: Pop-Up @ the Farmer’s Market from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer’s Market on the first and third Thursdays in June, July and August! Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

Thursday, July 6: Art in the Park: Seed Bombs from 3:00-4:00 pm. Kids will get to make a seed bomb and color a picture of the flowers that their bombs will grow. All ages welcome.

Friday, July 7: World Chocolate Day - Chocolate Tasting @ 10:00 am. Stop in today to sample chocolate from around the world. Tasting samples available while supplies last.

Fridays, July 7, 14, 21, 28: Euchre Card Party & Games from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

Friday, July 7: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 5:00 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 typically meets the first Tuesday 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. ***Note: the date and start time were changed due to the Independence Day holiday***

Saturday, July 8: Movies @ Your Library presents “The Bucket List” @ 1:00 pm. Two terminally ill men escape from a cancer ward and head off on a road trip with a wish list of to-dos before they die. Rated PG-13 (97 minutes).

Saturday, July 8: Tween Nerf War from 4:00-6:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for a tween Nerf War! Participants must be ages 9-12 and must have a signed parental waiver. Registration is requested as 8 people are required to hold the program, and a max of 20 is allowed. Minimum sign up of 8 must be reached by 5 pm on Friday, March 17. Walk-ins are welcome if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo, but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed. Guns with excessive hitting power will not be allowed.

Monday, July 10: Find Your Voice with Duke Otherwise @ 10:00 am. From Madison, Wisconsin, Duke Otherwise is a playful wordsmith, a spirited performer, a skilled guitarist and captivating tap-dancer. Playing almost 150 shows per year at libraries, schools, festivals, fairs and theaters, he will use his distinct baritone and his hilarious and imaginative songs to delight listeners of all ages. His show is filled with improvisation, audience participation, dancing and outrageous fun! All ages welcome. Funded by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Monday, July 10: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, 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. ***Note: Date changed due to holiday and vacation.***

Wednesday, July 12 - Dutch Oven Cooking at New Wine Park @ 5:30 pm. Let's get back to the basics and cook with a Dutch oven over fire and coals! Join us at New Wine Park in New Vienna and gain basic knowledge of how to start cooking outside with a Dutch Oven. This program is presented by Dubuque County Conservation. Participants should meet at New Wine Park, shortly before 5:30 pm, in the campground area around sites 4 and 5. Please wear closed-toed shoes. Registration is required as a maximum of 15 people may participate. Please call the library at 875-8912 to register. All ages welcome but children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Details to be confirmed.

Thursday, July 13: Find Your Voice with Diamond Painting @ 10:00 am. Diamond painting began in 2015, and has been described as a combination of paint by number and cross stitch. Except instead of paints or thread, artists use faceted beads to make beautiful and glittery art. Kids ages 9-12 can come to the library to diamond paint a llama keychain or cartoon animal. Be careful, this craft can be addictive! Registration is requested as supplies are limited. Walk-ins will be welcome if space allows.

Friday, July 14 thru Monday, July 17: Friends of the JKPL Used Book Sale. Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Bags of books are \$1.00 on Monday, the last day of the sale. Hours are: Friday, July 14: 9:00 am—5:00 pm; Saturday, July 15: 9:00 am—3:00 pm; Sunday, July 16: 1:00-4:00 pm; and Monday, July 17: 9:00 am—7:00 pm. For more information please contact the library at (563) 875-8912 or visit the website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us.

Friday, July 14: Pop-Up at Downtown Summer Nights from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by “popping up” at Downtown Summer Nights at Legacy Square! Visitors will be able to select a free book to keep from the pop-up library as well as learn more about library services. The JKPL Fundraising Committee will be on hand selling frozen treats to support the special collections and services of the 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.

Friday, July 14: TACKL Fun and Games @ Downtown Summer Nights from 6:00-9:00 pm. Join the Teen Advisory Council to the Kennedy Library (TACKL) at Downtown Summer Nights for fun, free games for kids. Everyone walks away with a prize for playing! This event is sponsored by the Dyersville Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, July 15: Magician Rick Eugene @ 10:00 am. Celebrate the Summer Reading Program with Magician Rick Eugene! Rick Eugene has been entertaining families in the midwest for over 20 years with his high energy, magic and humor. There will be lots of audience participation and even more laughs. Don't miss this event! This program is for all ages.

Saturday, July 15: Interactive Movie Event @ 1 pm. Title and details to be decided.

Sunday, July 16: Find Your Voice / Express Yourself with a Vision Board, with Mary Potter Kenyon @ 1:30 pm. Who are you? What does your heart crave for your future self? Create a visual representation of your hopes, dreams and goals with a mind-map and Vision Board workshop facilitated by author, certified grief educator and Therapeutic Art Coach Mary Potter Kenyon. All materials, including bulletin boards, push pins, and magazines provided. Attendees leave with an attractive Vision Board that can be hung on the wall. Registration is required as space is limited.

Monday, July 17: Bingo Party 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!

Tuesday, July 18: Unlocking Brain Fitness – Topic to be announced @ 1:00 pm. Join us for this special program focused on brain fitness. Participants in the spring 2023 Unlocking Brain Fitness class are especially invited to attend these session to learn and share more. Sessions will be held on the third Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 pm. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Tuesday, July 18: Find Your Voice / Find Yourself Summer Book Club - Superman @ 6:30 pm. Teens and adults are invited to participate in a special summer book club facilitated by Paul Z, where we will discuss books about people finding themselves. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of July and August where we will discuss the following titles: On July 18 we will discuss the young adult graphic novel *Superman: American Alien* by Max Landis, and on August 15, we will be talking about the memoir *Furiously Happy* by Jenny Lawson. Copies of the books will be available to check out from the library 3 or 4 weeks before the discussion date. Refreshments provided. If there is interest in participating virtually, a zoom room will be opened. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Tuesday, July 18: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club @ 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 Words Between Us* by Erin Bartels. 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. *Note: the date of book club was moved due to a conflict.*

Sometime week of July 17: Create Your Own Book Art @ ???. Are you considered creating Book Art for the new JKPL fundraiser? Or are you just curious about what you can create with book pages and books? Stop in at this special session to see examples of things the library staff and volunteers have made from old books and get new ideas. Bring your project to work on. Date, time and details to be decided.

Thursday, July 20: The Lafayette Escadrille @ 6:00 pm. This month, the 3rd Thursday summer 'Best Of ' series continues with a popular episode from August of 2021, 'The Lafayette Escadrille,' with Darroch Greer. A century ago 38 Americans from every walk of life volunteered to fly in the First World War. It was their own idea—to fight in the skies to aid our oldest ally, France, long before the United States entered the war. They were willing to pay the ultimate price. They helped move their reluctant nation to ultimately join the Allies and enter the fight. They were the Lafayette Escadrille. We'll hear from the film's director, Darroch Greer along with Paul Glenshaw. Our presenters also invite you to join them in a toast to the escadrille pilots as they prepare a 'Lafayette Cocktail' (half champagne/half cognac) at the open of their program. The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present their 3rd Thursday Virtual Programs. Registration is required so please register at: <https://bit.ly/TTLafEsc> **About the Speaker: Darroch Greer** is a documentary filmmaker and historical researcher. He's written and produced documentaries on the Civil War, Native America, and popular culture for Discovery, the History Channel, PBS and VH1.

Saturday, July 22: Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Ratatouille” @ 1:00 pm. A determined young rat named Remi dreams of becoming a chef. Torn between his family's wishes and his true calling, Remy and his pal Linguini set in motion a chain of events that turns Paris upside down. Rated G (111 minutes).

Saturday, July 22: Teen SRP: Mock-a-Movie Night @ 4:00 pm. Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! This evening we will be watching *Morbius* (PG-13) – a terrible movie involving vampires. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.

Monday, July 24: My Octopus Teacher @ 1:00 pm. After years spent filming some of the planet's most dangerous animals, Craig Foster was burned out and depressed, his family relationships in turmoil. He decided to put a halt to his career to reconnect with his own roots - the magical underwater world of the kelp forest off the coast of his hometown - Cape Town, South Africa. For nearly a decade, Craig went diving daily in the icy cold waters, ditching wetsuit and scuba rig in one of the most predator dense places on earth. The common octopus he met and tracked became first his subject, then his teacher, showing him things no human had ever witnessed. Shot over eight years, with 3000 hours of footage, *My Octopus Teacher* documents a unique friendship, interaction and animal intelligence never seen before. Join us on the 4th month of each month at 1 pm as we share a film connect with or selected by the Books For Lunch Group. All ages welcome but children must have an adult companion.

Monday, July 24: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. This month's theme is *Summer Vacation*. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

Monday, July 24: Strings Club @ 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 Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Tuesday, July 25: JKPL Writing Group@ 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 register by 11:00 am on the day of the event at <https://bit.ly/JKPLwriting>.

Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 pm and Friday, July 28 at 10:00 am: If Buildings Could Talk: A History of Downtown Dyersville. Local historian Judy Weber will show photos and talk about the downtown Dyersville businesses and the buildings that housed them

on the north side of the 300 block of 1st Ave. This program is co-sponsored by the Dyersville Area Historical Society. More details to come.

Friday, July 28: Game Night @ Your Library @ 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.

Saturday, July 29: Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. The James Kennedy Public Library will be reaching out to the community by bringing a pop-up library to the Market. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. The JKPL will also have a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. 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. Our participation at this event is weather permitting.

Saturday, July 29: Book Art for Your Library Fundraiser @ the Downtown Market from 8:00 am - 12 noon. The JKPL fundraising committee is excited to offer this new fundraising event for all! Individuals and groups of all ages are invited to create a piece of art or sculpture by upcycling books and / or book pages. The JKPL will provide a grocery bag and participants can fill it with old books to use for their art. Participants may use anything from individual book pages to several books, but the maximum number of books to be used in a submission is how many will fit in a plastic grocery bag. Participants may also use their own books and other materials but number would still be limited to this quantity. The art or sculpture can be any design or format - folding, cutting, using individual pages, building, etc. and can be created by individuals, families, couples, or groups of any age. Art should be brought to the library on or before Friday, July 28. On Saturday, July 29, all submissions will be displayed at the Downtown Market with a mason jar adjacent to them. Visitors will vote for their favorite by putting money in the jar – all donations will go to the JKPL. At the end of the market, the creator of the item that brings in the most money will win a voucher for a bowling party donated by 7 Hills West. This voucher includes room rental for 2 hours, 2 bowling lanes for 2 hours (max of 6 people per lane), shoe rental for up to 12 people, 3 large single topping pizzas, and 3 pitchers of pop. Voucher is valued at \$230.00! As space allows, entries with the highest donations will be displayed at the library during the month of August.

Saturday, July 29: Teen Summer Reading Program Finale Movie Night @ 5:00 pm. Any participant in the Teen Summer Reading Program that turned in at least 3 board challenges is invited to join us for a movie night to celebrate the end of the program. Attendees will pick the movie we watch from a list of titles that tie in to the summer reading program theme. Plus there will be food! Registration is requested.