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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
August 19, 2024**

Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for July 2024 are:

- 9,266 items were checked out. This is a 12.1% increase from July 2023. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 12.1%.
- 40 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 40 new library cards have been issued.
- 94 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 3,662 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 337 hours and 600 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 337 hours and 600 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 156 sessions, 141 visits, and 68 unique users.
- There were 5,659 library visits.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the August events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for September. Some of the events scheduled include a presentation on cryptocurrency, a home décor swap, the Kids Can Cook fall sessions, 10-week series on dementia prevention, preschool prep and traditional story times for preschool children and their families, and activities for National Coloring Day and National Coffee Day. Special activities are also being planned for Library Card Sign-up Month and Banned Books Week. The Chair-ity Fundraiser starts in September.

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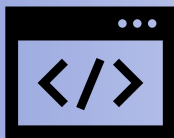
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

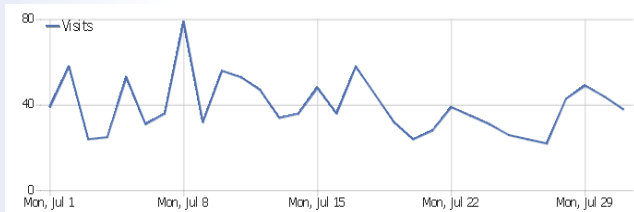
Month: July-24
YTD: July-24 to July-24
Previous YTD: July-23 to July-23

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	5659	(↓ 2.1%)	9266	(↑ 12.1%)	23	40	(↓ 0%)
YTD	5659	(↓ 2.1%)	9266	(↑ 12.1%)	23	40	(↓ 0%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1225	1:43



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
337	337	193	600	600	464

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
156	156	141	141	68	68

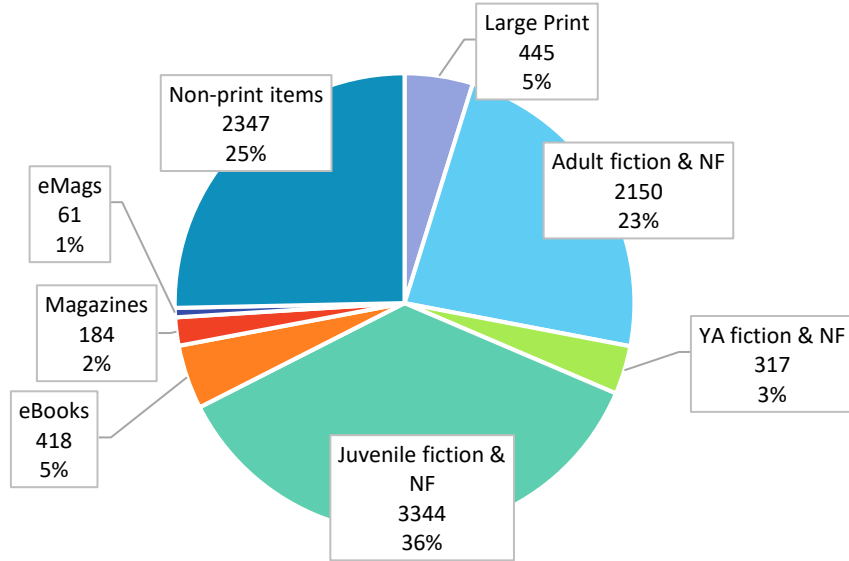
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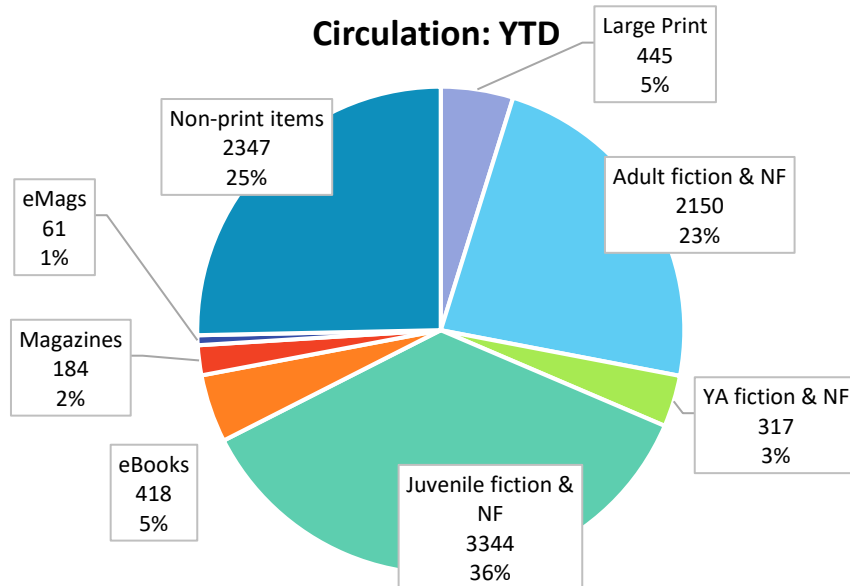
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
54	54	65

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

Month

YTD

eAudio	581	581
Adult & YA audio	98	98
Juvenile audio & kits	16	16
Adult & YA video	720	720
Juvenile video & DVD	420	420
Games, LoT, etc.	512	512
	2347	2347

Music

Downloads: 12
Total YTD: 12



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 11
YTD: 11



Visits: 188
YTD: 188



Online Learning

Sessions: 18
YTD: 18



Languages

Sessions: 3
YTD: 3



Genealogy

Visits: 1004
YTD: 1004



Collection

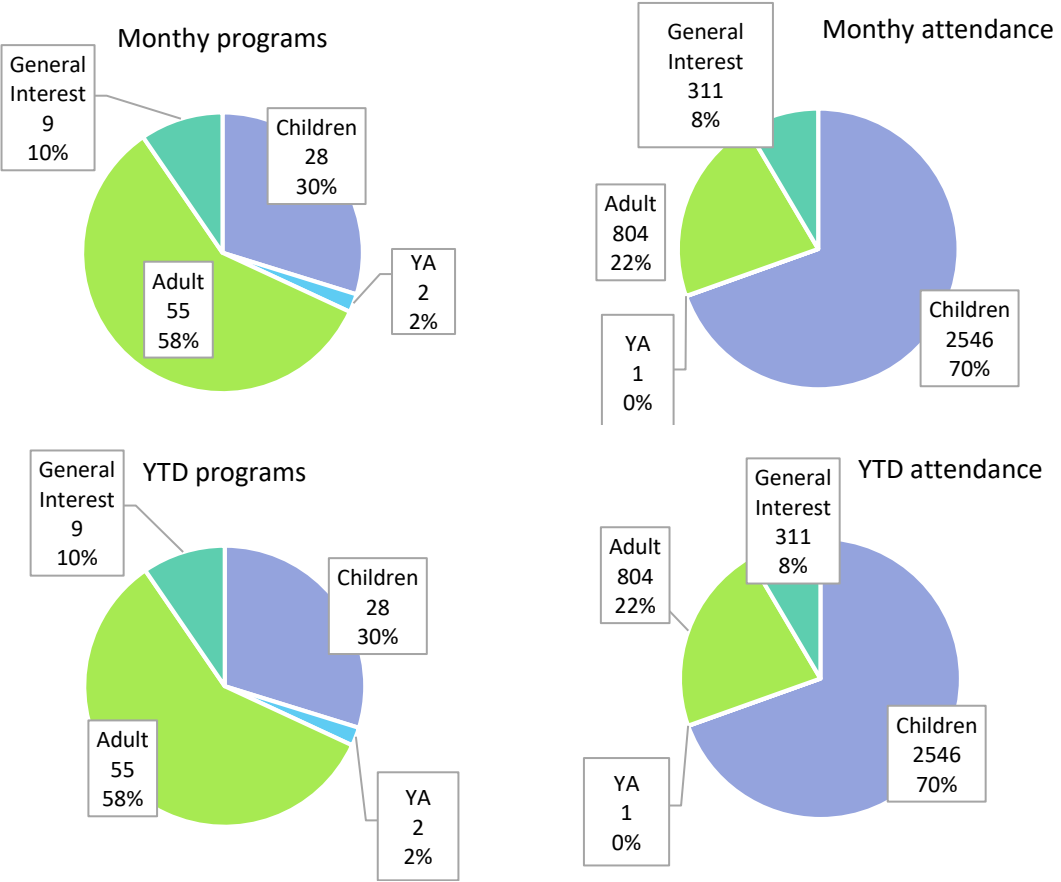
Items purchased	
Month:	266
YTD:	266

Items donated	
Month:	85
YTD:	85
Prev. YTD:	16

Items withdrawn		
	Month	YTD
Books	138	138
Audio	1	1
Video	2	2
Other	43	43
Total	184	184

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	17	132	46	20	65	17	10	8	1	24	7	4	351
Previous month	10	67	13	27	48	13	13	0	0	17	8	3	219
Current YTD	17	132	46	20	65	17	10	8	1	24	7	4	351
Previous YTD	10	67	13	27	48	13	13	0	0	17	8	3	219

Programs



Upcoming Events in August:

Adult Summer Library Program Continues: August 1—31

There is still time to sign up and participate in the 2024 program! Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2024 program that runs through August 31. This year's theme is *Read, Renew Repeat (Leer, Renova, Repetir)*. This summer reading program will feature the idea and practice of conservation: reduce, reuse and recycle. It also encourages reading as a restorative method of self-improvement and self-preservation.

- Adults are welcome to join throughout the summer.
- Participants will receive a bookbag, bookmark, and a free book just for registering.
- Participants will track books read or listened to, library services used, programs attended, and activities completed to earn prizes.
- For each item completed, the participant's name will be entered into the general prize drawings that are held after the program ends.
- For each four items completed, participants will be able to select an item from the prize box or another book from the cart.
- Participants completing at least sixteen activities, which must include reading at least four books, will have completed the program and will 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.

READ,
RENEW,
REPEAT



Read, Renew, Repeat: Reading Recommendation: August 1—31. Do you like to recommend books to others? Or enjoy reading something recommended to you? When you finish a book you love, pick up a "Read This" bookmark and share why it should be read. Give the bookmark to a staff member to get your name entered into a drawing for a JKPL themed swag bag that will include a tote bag, book journal, and more! Staff will put the bookmark in the appropriate book and display them in the library for others to discover and enjoy!

Reduce, Renew, Repeat: How do you practice self-preservation? August 1—31. The summer library programs this summer focus on conservation, self-improvement, and self-preservation so each month this summer you are invited to respond to a question related to this topic. August's question is: What do you do for self-care? Visitors of all ages are welcome to share their response every time they visit the library by putting a pom-pom in the jar that matches their choice. Each response also earns an entry into a drawing to win the opportunity to select an item of your choice to be added to the library collection. When we talk about self-improvement, mental health is often a key aspect that people look to develop. Self-care is the active engagement in activities that help to reduce personal stress and improve overall mental well-being.

Kids Can Craft: Paper Pegasus: August 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to craft and color a 3-D paper pegasus. There will be kits to take home if you wish.

Creation Station Craft: CD Wind Spinners: August 1—31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is a shiny CD spinner which you can hang anywhere the wind blows. Kit includes a CD, buttons, sequins, and ribbon. Glue will also be needed for this craft. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.



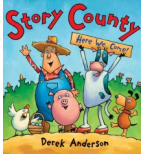
Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: August 1—31. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different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

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

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

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

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Story County: Here We Come" by Derek Anderson: August 1—31. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



Strength Training for Older Adults: Thursdays and Mondays, August 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 & 29 @ 9:30 am & 10:30 am.

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



Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, August 3 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is "Rainy Day". 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.



Movies @ Your Library presents "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire": Saturday, August 3 @ 1:00 pm. The Spengler family returns to where it all started – the iconic New York City firehouse – to team up with the original Ghostbusters, who've developed a top-secret research lab to take busting ghosts to the next level. But when the discovery of an ancient artifact unleashes an army of ghosts that casts a death chill upon the city, Ghostbusters new and old must join forces to protect their home and save the world from a second Ice Age. Rated PG-13 (125 minutes).



Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, August 3 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. Guns with excessive hitting power will not be allowed.



Kids Can Cook Registration Begins: Monday, August 5. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each class will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron. Classes will be held the first 3 Thursdays of September, October, and November from 4:00—5:30pm. Registration is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session. Participants may register for any 3-week session starting August 5. A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend.



Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, August 5 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See. 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.

Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21 & 28 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.

To find the latest information on library events and programs, visit www.dyersville.lib.ia.us, scan the QR code, contact the library directly at (563)875-8912 or email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us

Diamond Painting: Wednesday, August 7 @ 6:30 pm

Diamond painting has been described as a combination of paint by number and cross stitch except you use faceted beads to make beautiful and glittery art. Interested? Guests age 7 and older are invited to come to the library to diamond paint a bookmark, keychain or cartoon animal. Children under 9 need an adult helper. Registration is encouraged as supplies will be available for no more than 20 participants. Walk-ins welcome as supplies allow.



Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, August 8 & 22 from 3:00—5:00 pm. Come visit the JKPL at the Dyersville Farmer's Market on the second and fourth Thursdays in August! Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! *The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.*

Art in the Park: Thursday, August 8 from 3:30—4:30 pm. Join us at the Farmer's Market to create a miniature sculpture using Crayola Air Dry Clay. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

Guided Conservation Hike @ Ringneck Ridge: Thursday, August 8 from 6:00—7:30 pm

Join us, along with Dubuque County Conservation, for a guided hike around Ringneck Ridge to look at the blooming prairie and learn about conservation practices in place. We will be walking 1.5 miles on uneven terrain that is in long grass, please be prepared for this by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. All ages are welcome but children under 16 need an adult companion. Participants should meet in the parking lot at Ringneck Ridge, 5361 IA-136, Worthington, IA. Registration by August 7 is requested as a minimum of 10 people must participate for this event to be held. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.



Donate to the Home Décor Swap: August 10—30. Do you have home decor such as artwork, vases, wall hangings, decorative pillows, and even small pieces of furniture you no longer need? Please consider donating it to the JKPL Home Decor Swap! Drop off your new or gently used items during library hours between August 10-30. Information about donation guidelines are posted on the JKPL website and available to pick up at the library. Come back to the Swap on August 31 and select what you can use. Swaps are a great way to declutter your home, keep things out of the land fill, and save a little money! Items not taken by swappers will be saved for another swap, donated, recycled, or used for JKPL activities.



Diamond Painting: Saturday, August 10 @ 1:00 pm

Diamond painting has been described as a combination of paint by number and cross stitch except instead you use faceted beads to make beautiful and glittery art. Interested? Guests are invited to come to the library to diamond paint a bookmark, keychain, or cartoon animal. This session is intended for adults and teens but children age 7 and older are welcome with an adult companion. Registration is encouraged as supplies will be available for no more than 20 participants. Walk-ins welcome as supplies allow.



Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, August 10 @ 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.

A Woodland Sketchbook - Creativity with Pen & Ink: Tuesday, August 13 from 5:00—8:00 pm

Creating a woodland sketchbook is a wonderful way of capturing the beauty of a nature walk. In this three-hour class, participants will first construct an eight-page, handmade sketchbook. They will then learn to draw various plants, flowers, birds, and insects that inhabit Iowa woodlands and transfer those images into their sketchbook. Book construction and all drawings will be demonstrated step-by-step by Dianne Kramer. This class is designed for adults. Registration is required as space is limited to 24. Due to the high demand for this class, four of the twenty-four slots are allotted for those who have not previously attended one of Dianne's classes. Materials needed: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped, black pen, and colored pencils. There will be a break mid-way through the class. Snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Examples are on display at the library!



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, August 13 @ 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 Inn at Ocean's Edge* by Colleen Coble. 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.

Make Your Own Pet Bed: Thursday, August 15 from 5:30—7:30 pm

Drop in at the JKPL for this special upcycling event! Participants will learn how to take an old sweater and turn it into a cozy pet bed. This project will require some hand sewing. All supplies provided. Make your bed at the library or take the supplies and directions home and create at your convenience. Take-and-make kits will be available while supplies last. Those crafting at home will need to provide their own scissors and needles. This program is for adults and older teens but children are welcome with an adult companion.



Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game: Friday, August 16 @ 6:00 pm

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



Bingo Party: Monday, August 19 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!

Teen Writer's Group: August 20 from 5:00—6:00 pm. Participants between the ages 12 to 18 are invited to join the library's teen summer writer's group. For this last session, bring a short story, poem, or nonfiction project to share with the group and get feedback. Not sure what to write? Check out the bulletin board in the YA corner for writer challenges. Refreshments will be provided.



Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, August 22 @ 11:15 am. Come get tips and tricks for how to pick out the best produce at the Farmer's Market plus tips on how to reduce food waste. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. There will be food samples to try and giveaways. All are welcome.

Cryptocurrency Basics: Thursday, August 22 @ 6:30 pm

We've been hearing the terms Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency more frequently in the past few years, but few of us understand anything about it. Join us for this informal presentation and learn the answers to these questions: What is cryptocurrency? How did it get started? How does it work? What can you use it for? Is it regulated? Feel free to bring your own questions as there will be a Q&A time after the presentation. Presented by Evan Hudson from the Center for Collaborative Economics in Dubuque.



Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, August 23 from 6:00—9:00 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.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Kung Fu Panda 4": Saturday, August 24 @ 1:00 pm. After learning he must find a new hero to take over as Dragon Warrior so that he may fulfill his destiny as the next spiritual leader of the Valley of Peace, Po decides to take one last adventurous mission. He teams up with a quick-witted thief named Zhen to discover the truth about recent sightings of villains he's defeated in the past. In a journey that puts both to the test, it will take a wicked, powerful sorceress, Chameleon, to bring them together and perhaps remind Po that heroes can be found in the most unexpected places. Rated PG (94 minutes).



JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, August 27 @ 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>.

Stuffy Sleepover: Wednesday, August 28 from 6:30—7:30 pm

Wear your favorite pajamas and bring your *second* favorite stuffed animal for fun stories, games, and snacks with your stuffy! When the program ends, the fun is just beginning for the stuffed animals. Give them a big hug and leave them at the library for an overnight adventure with their new stuffy friends, where the stuffed animals will do everything sleepover related...and maybe cause a little trouble. Return to pick up your stuffy the next day, and in a few weeks, collect your copy of a special children's book written all about the JKPL stuffy sleepover! Registration Required. This program is designed for children ages 3-6 and their caregiver. Please bring your second-best stuffy as the library will not be able to return a favorite sleeping stuffy after hours!



Pop-up at the Downtown Market: Saturday, August 31 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.*

Home Decor Swap: Saturday, August 31 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Are you looking for new or gently used home décor like artwork, vases, wall hangings, or decorative pillows? Come to the library and see what you might discover. Members of the community have donated good, new, and gently used items for this special summer event. Swaps are a great way to declutter your home, keep things out of the landfill, and save a little money! Items not taken by swappers may be saved for the next swap, donated, recycled, or used for JKPL activities.



Library is closed for the Labor Day holiday: Sunday, September 1 & Monday, September 2



Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, September 5, 12, & 19 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 September is:

September 5 - Katsu Chicken (Japanese Fried Chicken)
September 12 - Llapingachos (Ecuadorian Potato Cakes)
September 19 - Chocolate Muffins

- Classes will also be held the first three Thursdays in October and November 2024.
- Registration for September, October and November sessions starts August 5 and is required.
- 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.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament Sunday, September 8 @ 1:30 pm

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



What Style Is It? Commercial and Residential Architecture in Dubuque County Sunday, September 15 @ 2:00 pm

Ever look at a building and wonder what kind of architecture it is? Come to this program where you will learn how to identify the various styles of commercial and residential architecture found in Dubuque County. Presented by Jason Neises from the Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission. Refreshments will be provided.



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

Upcoming Movies @ Your Library:

Free popcorn & soda for all who attend!

Bumblebee

Rated PG-13 (113 min.)

Saturday, September 7 @ 1:00 pm

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Rated PG (104 min.)

Saturday, September 21 @ 1:00 pm

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Upcoming Events for SEPTEMBER 2024

September 1-2: Library closed for Labor Day

Chair-ity Fundraiser Begins! September 3. Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Pick up a chair from the library, decorate it any way you like, and return it to the library. Or decorate a chair of your own and donate it to the library. Chairs can be seasonal, thematic, or just anything that appeals to you! And although we focus on chairs, other wooden décor items are welcome. Items will be accepted anytime in October, but prior to October 20 is preferred. A silent auction of the donated items will be held in the library from October 13 to November 24. Photos of all donations will be posted on the library website and social media, and remote bidding in the silent auction may be offered. The Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 20. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 24.

Library Card Sign-Up Month @ Your Library: September 3-30. Autobots, roll out...to the library! The Transformers, featuring Optimus Prime, are the honorary spokesbots for Library Card Sign-Up Month. Whether you're upgrading your skills, scouting for knowledge and information, or connecting with other heroic readers, a library card is your key to an arsenal of resources. Spark your creativity as a builder or programmer by tinkering in your library's makerspace; mine the library's stacks and databases for new stories and adventures; and kickstart your critical thinking skills to defeat the Decepticons of misinformation lurking online. Sign up for a library card in September and receive a special Transformers bookmark. Visit the library this month for these Transformers related programs: Come take your picture with our 6-foot cutout of Optimus Prime! Work on the Transformers-themed puzzle under the skylight and get your name entered to win the puzzle. Draw your own paper Transformer and enter our coloring challenge. Come to the Transformers themed LEGO® program and showing of the movie *Bumblebee* (PG-13) on September 7.

Kids Can Craft: Paper Transformer Coloring Challenge: September 3-30. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library and color a paper Transformer. Creations can be turned in at the front desk of the library, and the winner will be chosen via a random drawing in early October. The winner will be awarded a backpack loaded with art supplies and snacks.

Creation Station Craft: September 3-30. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is to be decided. 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.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: September 3-30. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: September 3-30. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle, in celebration of Library Card Sign Up Month, is *Transformers - Autobots*. 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.

Children's Pretend Play-Station: September 3-30. Area families are invited to come to the children's area to be a librarian for pretend play! Hold a storytime, "check out books" to friends and family, and create your own library cards for Library Card Sign Up month.

Book Characters Scavenger Hunt: September 3 - 30. Area families are invited to participate in our "Book Characters" scavenger hunt to earn a small prize.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Over, Under, In and Ouch” by Trudy Harris: September 3-30.

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.

Preschool Prep Program: Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25 from 10:00—11:00 am. Join area children of all ages/abilities and their caregivers to learn and/or practice basic preschool skills in this new community-participation program. Every program will include letter recognition, sensory centers, pretend play, listening to stories, participating in movement songs, and practicing patience with others. Parent participation and assistance is required, and children ages five-plus who have previously learned these skills will act as kid-role-models. Each program will also focus on developing/practicing one specific skill, which will be continuously encouraged in all subsequent programs. Skills scheduled to be learned on each date are: September 4 – Learn to line up; September 11 – Share; September 18 – Follow directions; September 25 – Politely ask for help. No registration is required. Fall Preschool Prep Programs will be offered September, October and November.

Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you 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.

Family Storytime: Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25 from 6:30—7:15 pm. Stop in to attend Family Storytime, where children are introduced to books, words, letters, reading, and writing through fun yet educational picture books, movement songs, visual prompts, crafts, motor activities, and pretend play opportunities. Family storytime is open to all ages and abilities but most beneficial to ages and age-ability of 1 - 6 years old. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary. Fall Family Storytime programs will be held September, October and November.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Thursdays and Mondays, September 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, & 30 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, September 5, 12, & 19 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 September is: September 5 - Katsu Chicken (Japanese Fried Chicken); September 12 - Llapingachos (Ecuadorian Potato Cakes); September 19 - Chocolate Muffins. Classes will also be held October 3, 10, 17 and November 7, 14, 21. Registration for all three sessions 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.*

Unlocking Brain Fitness - KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, September 10 to November 12 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this 10-week evidence-based course 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. The KEYS dementia prevention course was started at the YMCA of Greater Des Moines and will be presented by Mary Lou Kurt, RN, and other local experts. Participants should be 55 or older in good cognitive health. Participants should be able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions that are two hours each. Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required, but may be refunded to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions (upon request). Registration is required as a maximum of 15 participants are allowed. Sponsored by Nightingale Drug and the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, September 6, 13, 20, 27 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.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, September 7 from 10:00-11:00 am. This month's theme is "Transformers". 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.

Library Card Month Movies @ Your Library presents "Bumblebee": Saturday, September 7 @ 1:00 pm. Charlie finds a beat-up Volkswagen in a friend's junkyard which she then receives as a birthday present. As she tries to repair the car, she accidentally re-activates the Autobot known as Bumblebee. They soon discover however that the Decepticons are in close pursuit and Bumblebee is tasked with protecting Charlie and planet Earth. Rated PG-13 (113 min.)

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament: Sunday, September 8 @ 1:30 pm. Join us at the library for a chance to see who among your friends is the Smash Bros Champion! Rules for the tournament will be three stock lives, no items, random stage per fight. We will be using the Ultimate (Switch) version and players may only use standard switch grip controllers. For ages 10 and up.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, September 9 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Days Without End* by Sebastian Barry. 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 was changed due to Labor Day holiday.*

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, September 10 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *The Love Script* by Toni Shiloh. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, September 12 & 26 from 3:00—5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market. Visitors will discover more about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Fun, free Take-and-Make Activity Kits may also be available. Kits will be available while supplies last. The JKPL will also 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.

National Coloring Day Coloring Party: Saturday, September 14 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. An annual event every September 14, National Coloring Day is all about setting aside some time for ourselves to relax and color. Get creative with paper and crayons, colored pencils or markers. To help you relax during this special day, the library will have coloring pages for all ages available to pick up and take home. For those wanting to color in the library, markers, coloring pencils, crayons and more will be available to check out at the

front desk or in the Creation Station. We will also have snacks! Everyone who participates by coloring in the library, or taking coloring pages home, is encouraged to sign up at the front desk to get their name entered into a drawing for a tote bag with coloring supplies.

Donate to the Costume Swap: September 14- 27. The swaps we offered as part of the adult summer library program were popular so the JKPL decided to continue with a few more opportunities to donate things you no longer need and perhaps discover something you do! Halloween is only a month away so our September swap will focus on costumes for all ages. If you have a new or gently used costume or related apparel, jewelry, etc. you no longer need, please consider bringing them to the JKPL between September 14 and 27. Information about donation guidelines will be posted on the JKPL website and available to pick up at the library. Come back to the Swap on Saturday, September 28 and select what you can use. Swaps are a great way to declutter your home, keep things out of the land fill, and save a little money. Items not taken by swappers will be saved for another swap, donated, recycled or used for JKPL activities.

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

What Style Is It? Commercial and Residential Architecture in Dubuque County: Sunday, September 15 @ 2:00 pm. Ever look at a building and wonder what kind of architecture it is? Come to this program where you will learn how to identify the various styles of commercial and residential architecture found in Dubuque County. Presented by Jason Neises from the Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission. Refreshments will be provided.

Bingo Party: Monday, September 16 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two-card limit, no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher presents Fabric Roses: Monday, September 16 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create a set of 3 roses out of fused fabric. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10. Registration begins August 16. Participants will need to bring fabric scissors and wire cutters. This is a repeat of the May class.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "IF": Saturday, September 21 @ 1:00 pm. A girl who discovers that she can see everyone's imaginary friends embarks on a magical adventure to reconnect forgotten IFs with their kids. Rated PG (104 minutes).

Read, Renew, Repeat - Adult Summer Library Program Finale: Sunday, September 22 from 1:30 to 3:30. Participants in the Read, Renew, Repeat Adult Summer Reading program are invited to this special open house to celebrate the end of the program. Participants have until 5 pm on Friday, September 20 to submit their forms documenting items read or activities completed prior to September 1. Prizes will be drawn and available to pick up during this open house or at the library during the rest of September. Refreshments and simple activities will be available.

Banned Books Week: September 22-28. Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read that spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. This year's theme is *Freed Between The Lines*, because we can find freedom in the pages of a book — but book bans and censorship threaten that freedom, along with many other rights and institutions. Activities to be decided.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, September 24 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please register by 11:00 am on the day of the event at <https://bit.ly/JKPLwriting>.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, September 27 from 6:00 - 9:00 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.

Pop-up at the Downtown Market: Saturday, September 28 from 8:00 am to 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.*

Costume Swap: Saturday, September 28 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Are you looking for new or gently used costumes and related apparel, jewelry, etc. for Halloween? Come to the library and see what you might discover. Members of the community have donated good, new and gently used items for this special event. Swaps are a great way to declutter your home, keep things out of the land fill, and save a little money. Items not taken by swappers will be saved for another swap, donated, recycled or used for JKPL activities.

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