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**James Kennedy Public Library  
Report to the Mayor and City Council  
September 18, 2023**

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

- 8,983 items were checked out. This is a 12.3% increase from August 2022. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 2.6%
- 35 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 75 new library cards have been issued.
- 55 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,189 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 197 hours and 479 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 390 hours and 943 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 333 sessions, 271 visits, and 52 unique users
- There were 5,728 library visits.

*Library Staff:*

The JKPL is pleased to welcome Christa Palm as the new children's librarian.

*Upcoming Events:*

Enclosed please find a copy of the September events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for October. Some of the programs scheduled include a solar eclipse viewing and STEAM party, an Owl Prowl in partnership with Dubuque County Conservation at New Wine Park, several events celebrating Halloween – including a children's Halloween party and the Books for Treats pop-up library, and the start of the fall preschool and family story time programs. Upcoming fundraisers include a canvas painting event in partnership with the Field of Dreams, a Halloween trivia night at O So Good Winery & Distillery, and the biennial Wreath-it-up silent auction.

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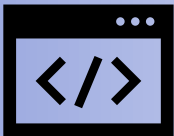
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

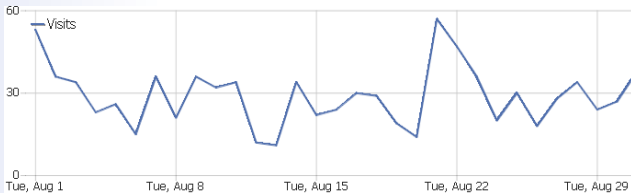
Month: August-23  
YTD: July-22 to August-23  
Previous YTD: July-21 to August-22

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	5728	(↑ 43.5%)	8983	(↑ 12.3%)	17	35	(↑ 2.9%)
YTD	11508	(↑ 26.5%)	17251	(↑ 2.6%)	35	75	(↓ 1.3%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
900	1:24



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
197	390	302	479	943	845

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
333	604	271	507	52	81

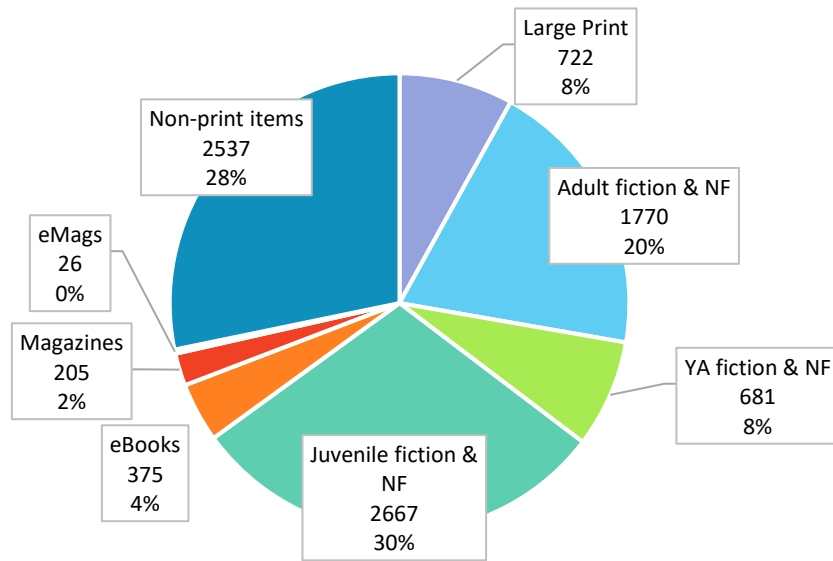
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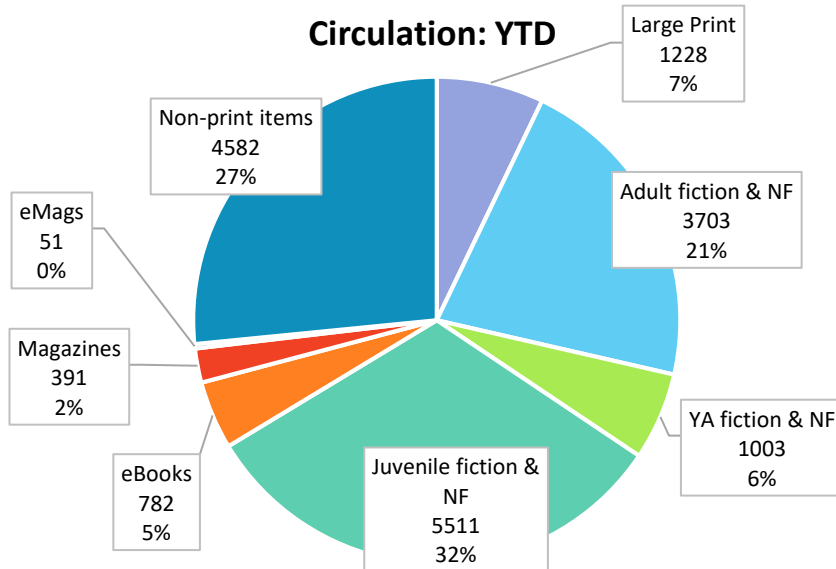
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
68	133	65

## Circulation

**Circulation: Month**



**Circulation: YTD**



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	460	965
Adult & YA audio	98	161
Juvenile audio & kits	43	79
Adult & YA video	913	1606
Juvenile video & DVD	444	764
Games, LoT, etc.	579	1007
<b>Total</b>	<b>2537</b>	<b>4582</b>

### Music

Downloads: 3  
Streams: 0  
Total YTD: 9



### Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 0  
YTD: 2



Visits: 239  
YTD: 361



### Online Learning

Sessions: 36  
YTD: 54



### Languages

Sessions: 12  
YTD: 23



### Genealogy

Visits: 1050  
YTD: 1496



## Collection

### Items purchased

Month: 329  
YTD: 532

### Items donated

Month: 59  
YTD: 75  
Prev. YTD: 102

### Items withdrawn

	Month	YTD
Books	650	658
Audio	0	0
Video	8	10
Other	20	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>688</b>

### Summary of additions

	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	14	83	34	16	117	19	14	8	0	41	26	16	388
Previous month	10	67	13	27	48	13	13	0	0	17	8	3	219
Current YTD	24	150	47	43	165	32	27	8	0	58	34	19	607
Previous YTD	43	260	53	18	64	23	23	22	1	65	19	16	607

## Programming

### Take and Make & Recorded Programs



Program	Views	Engagements	Views	Prep time (hrs)	Kits
*Adult Crafternoon - Sticker by Numbers (A)	183	5	5	3	48
CS: Prize Winning Pigs (C.)	203	8	10	1.25	84
KCC - Daisy Chains(C.)	194	6	7	0.75	15
*Upcycled Greeting Cards (GI)	NA	NA	NA	1.75	35

\*program included in-person component

### Virtual/Sharing/Passive or Kit programs

Program	Kits or Participants	Prep time (hours)
Coloring, Creating, & Doing (A)	242	3.25
Get Puzzled (A)	68	0.25
FYV**: Reading Recommendations (A)	8	0.25
FYV: Favorite Program (GI)	98	1
StoryWalk® -Can I be your Dog?(C )	122	6

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### Zoom programs

Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Third Thursday Famous Flour Sacks (A)	0	NA

\*\* FYV is Find Your Voice - Summer Library Program events

## In-Person and Hybrid Programs

Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Story Time - in person onsite (PreK) - not held in August	NA	NA
Wee Read- in person onsite (PreK) - not held in August	NA	NA
Building Creativity One Block at a Time - in person onsite (C.)	16	1.5
Hybrid Sit & Stitch - 5 sessions - in person and Zoom(A)	37	1
Books for Lunch: Lessons in Chemistry - in person and Zoom (A)	10	1.5
Hybrid Dungeons & Dragons - in person and Discord (GI)	4	2
Inspirational Fiction book club- in person and Zoom (A)	7	2
Game Night - in person onsite (GI)	16	3.5
Strength Training for Older Adults - 9 sessions - in person (A)	112	9
Bingo Party - in person onsite (A)	16	3
Speaker Matt Booth - in person onsite (A)	17	2.5 (+2 vol)
*Adult Crafternoon - in person, kit, and recorded content (A)	0	0.5
*Upcycled Greeting Cards - in person and kit (GI)	4	0.25
Euchre / Dominos Party - in person onsite (A) - 4 sessions	24	1
Ellen Kennedy Living Center Visit - in person off site (A)	9	1.5
Strings Club - in person onsite (A)	8	.25 (+ 2 vol)
Mercy One Senior Care Visit - in person off site (A)	8	1.5
Herbie Fully Loaded: Movie Showing - in person onsite (GI)	1	0.25
Pop-Up Library at Farmer's Market - 2 sessions - in person offsite(GI)	110	5.5
Art in the Park: Pinecones & Wikki Stix Art - in person offsite (C.)	24	1.75 (+.5 vol)
Kid Project Visit - in person onsite (C.)	21	0.5
Nerf War - in person onsite (YA)	17	5
A Circle Bouquet: Creativity with Pen and Ink - in person onsite (A)	10	1 (+20 vol)
Stuffed Animal Sleepover - in person onsite (C.)	11	5
Pajama Story Time - in person onsite (C.)	22	2.5
Diamond Painting for Kids - in person onsite (C.)	15	2
Kim's Farewell Reception - in person onsite (GI)	150	8
Diamond Painting for Adults & Teens - in person onsite (A)	9	2.5
FYV with Musical Instruments- in person onsite (A)	8	2.25
Birding Hike at New Wine Park - in person offsite (A)	12	1 (+2 vol)
Landscape Painting for teens - in person on site (YA)	0	1
Monday Movies: Hidden Figures - in person onsite (A)	4	0.5
Pop-Up at Downtown Market - in person offsite (GI)	165	5

## Upcoming Events in September:

### **September 1—30: Library Card Sign-up Month @ Your Library!**

Get in Your Element this September—sign up for a library card! From borrowing books and ebooks, to getting homework help, learning new skills, or attending story time, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. Get a library card and dive into a new hobby. Use your library card to tinker in a maker space and spark your creativity. A library card is your most important school supply—it's elemental, really—and everyone should have one!

- Sign up for a library card in September and receive a special bookmark and a JKPL coaster.
- This month we will be hosting an *Elemental* coloring contest. Pick up a coloring sheet from the library, color it, and return it to the library by September 29. Sheets will be put on display in the library as they are turned in. All participants will receive an *Elemental* sticker and have their name entered into a drawing to win the *Elemental* junior novel book.



**September 1—30: Creation Station Craft: 3-D Frog.** Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month, you can craft a frog using paper, glue and markers. A video demonstration will be available on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

**September 1—30: Kids Can Craft: Fantasy Miniatures.** Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and make a mini tea set, table set, or bookshelf using items found in nature! Or take home a kit and craft at home. A video demonstration of each craft will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

**September 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 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.

**September 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 *Ladies of Lancaster*. 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.

### **September 1: Wreath-it-Up Fundraiser Begins!**

Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event!

- Pick up a wreath from the library, decorate it any way you like, and return it to the library. Or decorate a wreath of your own and donate it to the library.
- Wreaths can be seasonal, thematic, or just anything that appeals to you! And although we focus on wreaths, other decorative wall hangings are welcome.
- Items will be accepted anytime in October.
- A silent auction of the donated items will be held in the library from October 9 to November 19.
- 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 auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 19.



**Fridays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 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. New this month: challenge Ann to a game of Chess or Scrabble. If you want to learn a new game, contact Ann and she can schedule a time to teach you.

### **Hours for Labor Day:**

Sunday, September 3 & Monday, September 4:  
Library is closed



**Tuesday, September 5: 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](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

**Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27: 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](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.





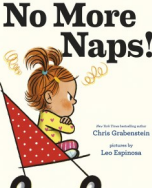
**Wednesday, September 6: Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1:00—2:00 pm.** Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann will be on hand to show you how to use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. We will have kits in the Creation Station to pick up, while supplies last.

**Wednesday, September 6: An Autumn Sampler: Creativity with Pen and Ink @ 6:00 pm**

Join us as we celebrate the coming of autumn in a creative way! In this art class, led by Dianne Kramer, we will learn to draw fall flowers, grasses, and pumpkins and then incorporate them into a beautiful seasonal illustration using pen and ink. No art experience is necessary! Each pattern in the class project will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is for adults and there is a maximum of 16 participants. Registration is required to attend, please register by 7:00 pm on September 5. Attendees will need to bring the following materials: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped black pen, colored pencils. All other materials will be supplied.



**Thursday, September 6 thru Saturday, October 7: Westside Park StoryWalk®: “No More Naps!” by Chris Grabenstein.** Families are invited to walk the new 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 then scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered for 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.*



**Thursdays and Mondays, September 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28: 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. *Note: not meeting on September 4 due to the Labor Day holiday.*

**Thursdays, September 7 thru November 9: Unlocking Brain Fitness—KEYS to Dementia Prevention from 1:00—3:00 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 Vickie Tracey, RN, BS along with other local experts, including a dietician, fitness professional, health and wellness coach, and pharmacist. Sponsored in part by Nightingale Drug and the Asbury Hy-Vee Store.

- Participants must be 55 or older in good cognitive health and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions.
- Sessions are 2 hours each.
- Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required by the YMCA, but may be refunded upon request to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions.
- Registration is required as a maximum of 15 participants are allowed.



**Thursdays, September 7 & 14: 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. 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.*

**Saturdays, September 9 & 16: "Put A Sock In It!" Puppet Creation and Performance from 10:00 am—12:00 pm**

Stories are best with puppets! And socks are the quickest way to make puppets. Join John Emery, a local puppet creator and performer for two sessions on puppetry, puppet making, and storytelling using tube socks and simple crafting materials. Join a French fox, a Yorkshire wolf, a belfry bat, and a Roman eagle as they teach you, play with you, and give you ideas on how to tell a story with puppets! This program is open to all ages but those under the age of 7 will need an adult present. All supplies will be provided.

- For the first session on September 9, come and make your own puppet character, learn some basic puppet wrangling techniques, and have fun with character creation.
- For the second session on September 16, bring back the puppet you made and use it to tell stories found around the library. Or tell your own story!
- Guests are welcome to come either session. And spectators for the storytelling session on September 16 are welcome.



**Saturday, September 9: Movies @ Your Library presents “Love Again” @ 1:00 pm.** Dealing with the loss of her fiancé, Mira sends a series of romantic texts to his old cell phone number, not realizing the number was reassigned to Rob's new work phone. A journalist, Rob is captivated by the honesty in the beautifully confessional texts. So when he's assigned to write a profile of megastar Celine Dion, he enlists her help in figuring out how to meet Mira in person and win her heart. Rated PG-13 (102 minutes).

**Sunday, September 10: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 1:30—2:30 pm.** This month's theme is "Favorite Class". 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, September 11: 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 *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid. 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](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

**Monday, September 11: Adult Crafternoon from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Join us this month to make a pumpkin votive candle jar. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a 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 and kits will be available while supplies last.

**Tuesday, September 12: 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 Sweet Life* by Suzanne Woods Fisher. 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.

**Thursday, September 14: National Coloring Day Coloring Party from 10:00 am—7:00 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. 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 to win a JKPL coloring book and a set of twistable crayons or colored pencils.



**Sunday, September 17: Conservation Field Day with Dubuque County Conservation from 10:30 am—5:00 pm.** Join us for a day filled with conservation and fun at the beautiful Dyersville Green Space in Westside Park with the Dubuque County Soil and Water Conservation District. Take a leisurely walk along the North Fork Maquoketa River while learning about nature from a diverse group of conservation professionals. Explore the interactive and informative booths that cover a wide range of conservation topics. Meet friendly wildlife creatures and gain valuable insights into the conservation efforts happening in your county. The James Kennedy Public Library will be there with a pop-up library with books relating to conservation and a fun craft activity! All are welcome at this free event.



**Sunday, September 17: Adult Summer Library Program Finale from 1:30—3:30.** Participants in the *Find Your Voice* 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 15 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 and at the library during the rest of September. Refreshments and simple activities will be available.

**Monday, September 18: 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!

**Monday, September 18: Cricut with Christopher presents Keychains @ 6:00 pm.** Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create your own square keychain. All supplies will be provided. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended as attendance is limited to 10. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

**Wednesday, September 20: Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging @ 11:00 am**

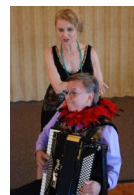
Colleen Lawler with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging will be at the library to discuss two health-related topics. First, she will discuss Radon and the hazards of this gas in your home. Second, she will talk about the health benefits of peaches. Samples and recipes will be provided. All are welcome.



**Thursday, September 21: Hoover Food Relief @ 6:00 pm.** Join us via Zoom as the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Professor Tammy Proctor of Utah State University present this virtual program on Herbert Hoover and his food relief program. Registration is required. Please contact the library for more details or to get the link to register. The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present their Third Thursday Virtual Programs.

**Thursday, September 21: "You Do Speak English, Don't You?" Cabaret Show @ 6:00 pm**

Mark and Helena Greathouse, an international musical performing duo present their one-hour performance, *You Do Speak English, Don't You?* This family-friendly, lively cabaret style variety show is the story of how the two met in Europe, married, and moved to Mark's native Oregon, where they live today. A Question-and-Answer session will follow the performance, with Helena sharing what her life was like growing up behind the Iron Curtain and making it to the West. The show features Mark's own songs, Czech folk songs, as well as several familiar songs and parts of instrumental numbers. The songs are all interspersed with short, humorous dialogues highlighting challenges Helena and Mark have experienced in their lives as a Czech-American couple.



**Saturday, September 23: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Little Mermaid" @ 1:00 pm.** Ariel is a mermaid princess who is curious about all things human. So Ariel asks the sea witch Ursula to take her voice in exchange for legs, as this is the only way she can explore the human world of Eric, her love interest. This is the 2023 live-action version. Rated PG (120 minutes).



**Monday, September 25: Monday Movies presents "Loving" @ 1:00 pm.** In 1958 in the state of Virginia, interracial marriage is illegal. When Richard and Mildred fall in love, they are aware of the eyes staring at them and the words said behind their backs. But when they get married, the two are arrested. So the couple decide to take their case all of the way to the Supreme Court in order to fight for their love. Rated PG-13 (123 minutes).

**Monday, September 25: 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, September 26: 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 program to receive the link.

**Thursday, September 28: Pop-up Library at The Fall Fling and Wellness Expo from 1:00—4:00 pm.** Join us for a pop-up library at the Fall Fling and Wellness Expo, located at the Dyersville Total Fitness Rec Center. The Library will be giving away free books and have various STEAM items, such as robotics and buildables available to try out.

**Friday, September 29: National Coffee Day Celebration!**

The JKPL is excited to partner with Brew & Brew to celebrate National Coffee Day. 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. Celebrate by enjoying a coffee-based beverage at Brew & Brew for a discount! Show your JKPL library card at Brew & Brew on September 29 (ONLY) to receive \$1.00 off the purchase of any coffee beverage. The JKPL will also put together a coffee themed activity packet for you to enjoy. Packets will be available starting September 25 and will be available while supplies last.



**Friday, September 29: Game Night @ Your Library 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. *Note: Game Night is one week later this month due to a scheduling conflict.*

**Saturday, September 30: Pop-Up at the Dyersville Downtown Market from 8:00 am—12:00 pm.** 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. Our participation at this event is weather permitting.*

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## Upcoming EVENTS

### Solar Eclipse Viewing and STEAM Party Saturday, October 14 from 12:30—2:30 pm

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Join the JKPL and a Dubuque County Conservation naturalist as they discuss the characteristics of owls and also what owls can be found specifically in Northeast Iowa. At the end of the presentation, we will try to call some owls and see if they call back to us! Please check back as more details will be coming.



### Preschool Story Time & Wee Read Is Returning!

These programs will be returning in October. More details to come, including dates! Story Time is open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds who have not been in Kindergarten. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver.



Find the latest information on library events and programs, go to [www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us), scan the QR code, contact the library directly at (563)875-8912 or email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us)  
Register for events online too!





# Upcoming Halloween Events

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Come join us for our yearly double creature feature! This program is for those age 13 and older, however, younger participants are welcome if they have an adult to accompany them. Snacks will be provided. The following movies will be shown: *Paranormal Activity* (Rated R) and *Insidious* (Rated PG-13).



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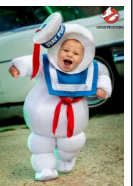
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Join us for a trivia fundraiser with Trivial Dudes, hosted by O So Good Winery & Distillery. Purchase a table for up to six guests for \$120.00. Price includes two bottles of wine of your choice (or equal value in beer and/or mixed drinks), a charcuterie board for six, and desserts to share. Menu items and additional beverages will be available to purchase. There will be Halloween themed questions as well as general trivia and the contest will include some special twists. Costumes are encouraged and there will be a prize for the best individual costume as well as the best group/table costume. Prizes will be awarded to the top two scoring teams. There will also be a special library themed prize for the highest scoring purchased table. O So Good Winery & Distillery will donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to the James Kennedy Public Library. Tickets must be pre-purchased, please check back later for the on sale date.



## Halloween at the Library Saturday, October 28 @ 10:00 am

Kids can celebrate Halloween at the library with a costume party for all ages. We will read a few short stories then children will trick-or-treat at some of the businesses on First Avenue. After trick-or-treating, children may return to the library for a simple craft. All ages welcome, but children younger than 6 require an adult companion.



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

Join us for the 6th Annual Books for Treats Event where families are invited to Trick-or-Treat for a book instead of candy! The JKPL will have a pop-up library on the lawn of The Allen House at 515 1st Ave. W. in Dyersville. Books for all ages, including adults, will be available. *This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.*



## September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div>September 1—30</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3-D Frog kits</li> <li>Fantasy Miniatures kits</li> </ul>	<div>September 1—30</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get Puzzled</li> <li>Coloring, Creating, Doing</li> </ul>	<div>September 6—October 7</div> <div>Westside Park StoryWalk®</div>	<div>September is Library Card Sign-up Month!</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div> <div>Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser begins!</div>	<div>2</div>
<div>3</div> <div>Library closed</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Library closed</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Dungeons &amp; Dragons @ 6pm</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Sit &amp; Stitch @ 1pm</div> <div>Upcycled Cards from 1-2pm</div> <div>Autumn Sampler @ 6pm</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Strength Training @ 10am</div> <div>Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm</div> <div>Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Put A Sock In It Puppets from 10am-12pm</div> <div><i>Love Again</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm</div>
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<div>17</div> <div>Conservation Field Day from 10:30am-5pm</div> <div>Adult Summer Library Program Finale from 1:30-3:30pm</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Strength Training @ 10am</div> <div>Bingo Party from 1-3pm</div> <div>Cricut with Christopher @ 6pm</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Health &amp; Wellness 365 @ 11am</div> <div>Sit &amp; Stitch @ 1pm</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Strength Training @ 10am</div> <div>Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm</div> <div>Hoover Food Relief @ 6pm</div> <div><i>You Do Speak English, Don't You?</i> Cabaret Show @ 6pm</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div>	<div>23</div> <div><i>The Little Mermaid</i> (PG) @ 1pm</div>
<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Strength Training @ 10am</div> <div><i>Loving</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm</div> <div>Strings Club @ 6pm</div>	<div>26</div> <div>JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Sit &amp; Stitch @ 1pm</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Strength Training @ 10am</div> <div>Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm</div> <div>Pop-up Library at The Fall Fling from 1-4pm</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div> <div>Game Night from 6-9pm</div> <div>National Coffee Day Celebration</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Pop-Up @ Downtown Market from 8am-12pm</div>

## **Tentative Schedule of upcoming events - OCTOBER 2023**

**October is National Book Month!** This month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing and literature. The purpose of National Book Month (or National Reading Month) is to encourage reading, an activity that has been proven to have many advantages. Reading can help anyone build excellent vocabulary, improve memory, increase knowledge, and decrease anxiety. Activities to be decided.

**October 1: Wreath-it-Up Fundraiser Continues!** Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Pick up a wreath from the library, decorate it any way you like, and return it to the library. Or decorate a wreath of your own and donate it to the library. Wreaths can be seasonal, thematic, or just anything that appeals to you! And although we focus on wreaths, other decorative wall hangings are welcome. Items will be accepted anytime in October. A silent auction of the donated items will be held in the library from October 9 to November 19. 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 15. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 12.

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**October 1-31: Kids Can Craft.** Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and craft. There will be kits to take home if you don't wish to make the craft in the library. A video demonstration of this craft will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Project to be decided.

**October 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 craft is spork ghosts. 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.

**October 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 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.

**October 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 *Banned Books*. 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.

**October 1-7: Banned Books Week.** 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 *Let Freedom Read*. To celebrate, the library will have a Name That Banned Book Guessing Jar and other activities. The winners will be drawn on October 9. The library will also show the movie *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* (PG-13) on October 7th at 1:00 pm. This movie is based on the book by Judy Blume that has been banned and challenged multiple times.

**Mondays and Thursdays, October 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30: 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.

**Monday, October 2: 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 *Marmee* by Sarah Miller. 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](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

**Monday, October 2: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.** This month's theme is "Haunted House". 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.

**Tuesday, October 3: 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](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

**Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25: Family Story Time @ 6:30 pm.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their children to the Fall 2023 sessions of Family Story Time. Details to be confirmed with new librarian.

**Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25: 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](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

**Wednesday, October 4: Iowa Annual Walk.** The Annual Walk is an opportunity to join thousands of other Iowans statewide in walking for 30 minutes. Workplaces, schools, organizations and cities are all encouraged to register a walk! Being physically active is one of the most important steps that people of all ages and abilities can take to improve their health. Walking is an easy, accessible and affordable way to improve your physical, mental and social health. JKPL activities to be announced.

**Wednesday October 4: Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Shark in the Park” by Nick Sharratt.** Families are invited to walk the new 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.

**Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26: Preschool Story Time @ 9:30 am.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Fall 2023 sessions of Preschool Story Time. Story Time is open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds who have not been in Kindergarten. Programs will run October 5 through November 16. Registration is required as space is limited. You may visit the library to register, or call the library at (563)875-8912.

**Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, & 26: Wee Read @ 10:30 am.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their babies and toddlers to the Fall 2023 sessions of Wee Read. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver. Programs will run October 5 through November 16. Registration is required as space is limited. You may visit the library to register, or call the library at (563)875-8912.

**Thursdays, October 5 - November 9: Unlocking Brain Fitness - KEYS to Dementia Prevention Continues from 1:00 - 3:00 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 Vickie Tracey, RN, BS along with other local experts, including a dietician, fitness professional, health and wellness coach, and pharmacist. Participants must be 55 or older in good cognitive health and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions. Sponsored in part by Nightingale Drug and the Asbury Hy-Vee Store. Attendees must already be registered in order to attend.

***Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, 27: 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, October 7: Banned Book Movies @ Your Library presents “Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret” @ 1:00 pm.***

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

***Saturday, October 7: Nerf War @ Your Library from 6:00-8:00 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.

***Saturday, October 7: Frankentoys from 10:00-11:00 am.*** Come join us to stitch, glue, and connect broken toys together to make new creations! The library will provide the toy parts, but feel free to bring any from home. This program is intended for ages 10 and up, but those under the age of 10 may attend if they have an adult companion. Not able to attend but want to make a Frankentoy? Contact the library and we can assemble a to-go kit while supplies last.

***Tuesday, October 10: 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 *A Dance in Donegal* by Jennifer Deibel. 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.

***Thursday, October 12: If You Paint it, They Will Come - Canvas Painting***

***Fundraiser @ 6:00 pm.*** The JKPL Fundraising Committee has partnered with the Field of Dreams and Captured on Canvas for a new, creative fundraiser! Register online at <https://bit.ly/JKPLpainting> on or before October 9 to participate in this fun paint and sip style event where you will paint your own fall corn / Field of Dreams scene. Tickets are \$65 each and include all the supplies needed to create your painting as well as one entry into a door prize for a Field of Dreams gift basket. No experience is necessary to create this 16x20 inch canvas painting. This event will be held at the DugOut OR Event Center at the Field of Dreams, 28995 Lansing Rd, Dyersville, IA 52040 - venue determined by ticket sales. Food and drink will be available to purchase and there will be drink specials. A portion of the ticket price will go to support the James Kennedy Public Library. Don’t wait - sign up today!

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***Sunday, October 15: Wreath-it-Up Donor Reception Open House from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.*** Stop in the library anytime from 1:30 to 3:30 pm to enjoy refreshments and check out all of the items donated for the silent auction. Donors are especially invited to come and be recognized. This event also marks the start of the Wreath-it-up Ribbon Voting where you can support your favorite item by voting for it. Categories to be announced.

***Sunday, October 15 to November 4: Wreath-it-up Ribbon Voting.*** Be sure to stop in the library, check out Facebook, or the JKPL website to see the items that have been donated for the Wreath-it-up fundraiser. Show your support for your favorite by voting for it! Voting is available by completing a paper form at the library. Ribbons will be awarded on Monday, November 6 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention.

***Monday, October 16: 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!

***Monday, October 16: Cricut with Christopher presents Decorating a Mug @ 6:00 pm.*** Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and decorate your own mug. All supplies provided. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended as attendance is limited to 10. Priority for attending will be given to those who were not able to attend this class in February. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

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**Thursday, October 19: Nine U.S. Capitals @ 6:00 pm.** It is difficult to imagine a place other than Washington, DC as our national capital. As the site of the country's government, it is a symbol of American democracy. With its world-class museums, array of impressively designed federal buildings, rich cultural events, active first amendment spaces, historic neighborhoods, and memorials to the significant people and events that have shaped us, Washington, DC is a place of pride, and a "bucket list" trip for most Americans. But did you know that before the government of this fledgling nation moved to its permanent location on the banks of the Potomac River in 1800, it conducted business in eight other locations? Join National Park Service Ranger Jenny Cripe Davis for a walk through the early years of the country's history, the chronology of these different sites, and the reasons why there have been so many Capitals. This virtual program is presented by the Hoover Presidential Library as part of their 3rd Thursday Virtual Programs. The registration link is: <https://bit.ly/TTCapitals>

**Friday, October 20: 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, October 21: Halloween Movies @ Your Library presents "Beetlejuice" @ 1:00 pm.** A happy couple with a lovely country house die in a car accident and must haunt their old home while waiting to be processed into heaven. Too nice to be scary, they befriend the new tenant's daughter. When they fail to prevent the girl's parents from ruining the house, they ask a devilish spirit for help. Rated PG (93 minutes).

**Monday, October 23: 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, October 24: 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>.

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entered into a drawing for some library swag. The JKPL will also have hot cider available for all to enjoy. Return your filled passport to Brew and Brew to try your luck at winning the grand prize! Participating businesses and specials will be announced before the event so keep an eye out! Costumes are encouraged.

***Friday, October 27: Halloween Trivia Night Fundraiser at O So Good Winery & Distillery from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.*** Join us for a trivia fundraiser with Trivial Dudes, hosted by O So Good Winery & Distillery. Purchase a table for up to six guests for \$120.00. Price includes two bottles of wine of your choice (or equal value in beer and / or mixed drinks), a charcuterie board for six, and a dessert to share. Menu items and additional beverages will be available to purchase. Visit the library or O So Good Winery & Distillery to purchase a table. Space is limited and tables must be purchased before October 23. There will be Halloween themed questions as well as general trivia and the contest will include some special twists like Phone a Friend, Mulligans and other ways to win - with funds going to support the JKPL. Costumes are encouraged and there will be a prize for the best individual costume as well as the best group / table costume. Prizes will be awarded to the top two scoring teams. There will also be a special library themed prize for the highest scoring purchased table. Guests are welcome to arrive at any time but trivia will begin promptly at 7 pm. Library tables will be grouped together and decorated. Decorations may be taken home by those seated at each table. O So Good Winery & Distillery will donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to the James Kennedy Public Library.

***Saturday, October 28: Halloween at the Library @ 10:00 am.*** Celebrate Halloween at the library with a costume party for children of all ages. We will read a few short stories then children will trick-or-treat at some of the businesses on First Avenue. After trick-or-treating, children may return to the library for a simple craft. All ages welcome, but children younger than 6 require an adult companion. Sponsored by Spoden Construction.

***Saturday, October 28: Family Halloween Movies @ Your Library presents "Happy Halloween Scooby-Doo" @ 1:00 pm.*** Scooby-Doo and Shaggy's favorite holiday is upon us! But, this year, their sweet holiday turns sour when the neighborhood pumpkin patch is infected by toxic ooze, creating high-flying jack-o-lanterns, and a king-sized pumpkin leader squashing everything in its path. It's up to Scooby-Doo and the gang as they team up with their pals, Bill Nye The Science Guy and Elvira Mistress of the Dark, to solve this mystery of gigantic proportions and save Crystal Cove! (Not Rated, 80 minutes).

***Tuesday, October 31: Books for Treats Halloween Pop-Up Library from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.*** Join us for the 6th Annual Books for Treats Event where families are invited to Trick-or-Treat for a book instead of candy! The JKPL will have a pop-up library on the lawn of The Allen House at 515 1st Ave. W. in Dyersville. Books for all ages, including adults, will be available. This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.