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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
July 21, 2025**

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

- 10,626 items were checked out. This is an 23.2% increase from June 2025. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 1.3%
- 52 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 347 new library cards have been issued.
- 83 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 4,717 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 217 hours and 541 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 2,484 hours and 5,293 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 1,067 sessions, 903 visits, and 328 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 6,571 sessions, 5,692 visits, and 1,241 unique users.
- There were 6,120 library visits.

Officers:

Officers elected for FY26 are: Alex Wiezorek, President; Catherine O'Hea, Vice President; and Beth Gudenkauf, Secretary.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the July events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for August. Some of the programs include acyclic painting classes, a bubbles program at the Downtown Market, a children's book and art club, a read to animal events presented by Dubuque County Conservation, a diamond art program, and a bilingual story time. Summer Reading Programs for children and teens conclude in early August with the adult program continuing throughout the month. These programs include reading incentives, special programs and activities focused on the theme *Color Our World*. Conservation Camp continues until mid-September. The Book Art Show and Fundraiser has begun and includes a voting component at the July Downtown Market and a Silent Auction.

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JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: June-25
YTD: July-24 to June-25
Previous YTD: July-23 to June-24

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	6120	(↑ 3.6%)	10626	(↑ 23.2%)	21	52	(↑ 18.2%)
YTD	60620	(↓ 0.7%)	95407	(↑ 1.3%)	176	347	(↓ 3.1%)

Website traffic

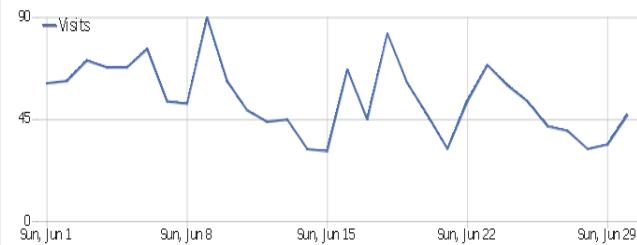


Visits


Average visit duration

1629

1:48




Computer use




Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
217	2484	2361	541	5293	5130

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
1067	6571	903	5692	328	1241

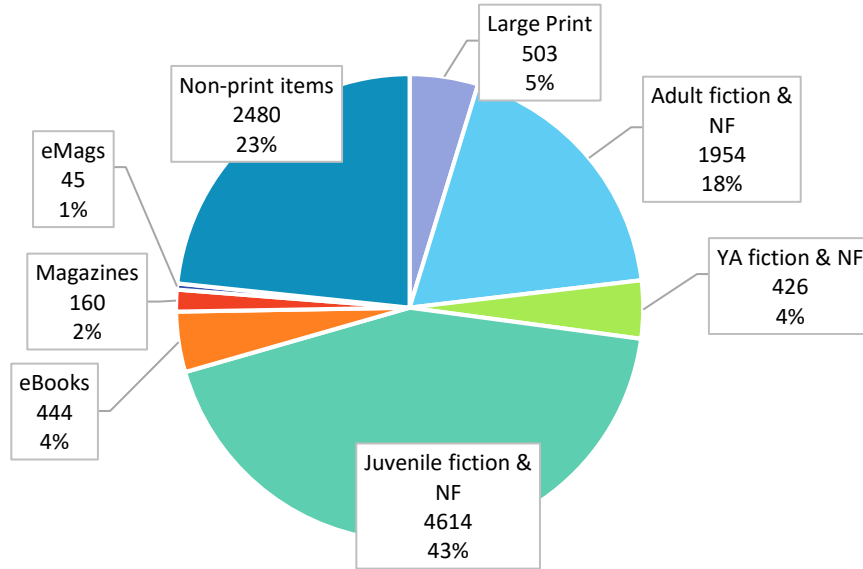
Meeting room use



Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
56	776	761

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Music

Downloads: 4
Total YTD: 133



Video (film and TV)

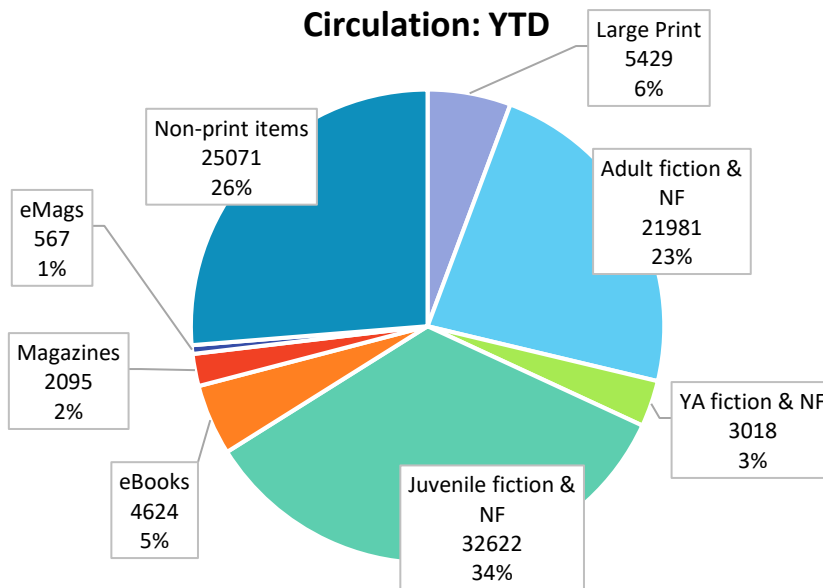
Downloads: 13
YTD: 146



Visits: 93
YTD: 2066



Circulation: YTD



Online Learning

Sessions: 74
YTD: 565



Languages

Sessions: 3
YTD: 174



Genealogy

Visits: 181
YTD: 7185



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	708	7308
Adult & YA audio	80	1063
Juvenile audio & kits	26	182
Adult & YA video	756	7740
Juvenile video & DVD	454	3946
Games, LoT, etc.	456	4832
	2480	25071

Collection

Items purchased

Month: 120

YTD: 2075

Items donated

Month: 139

YTD: 1567

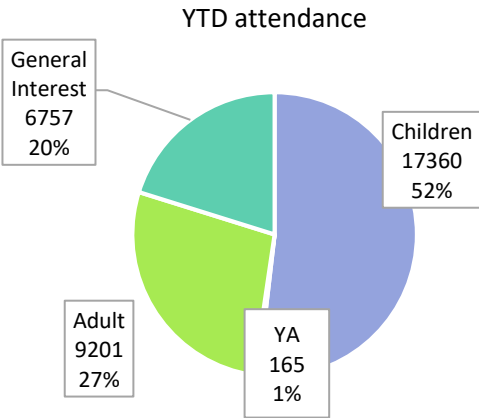
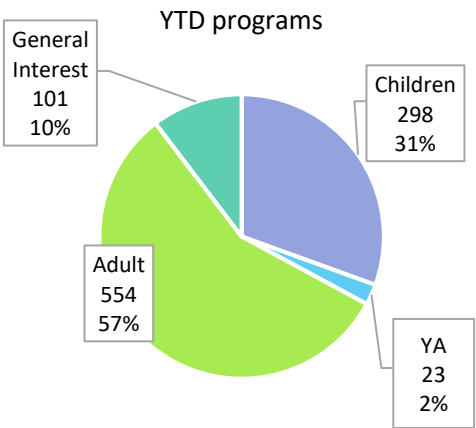
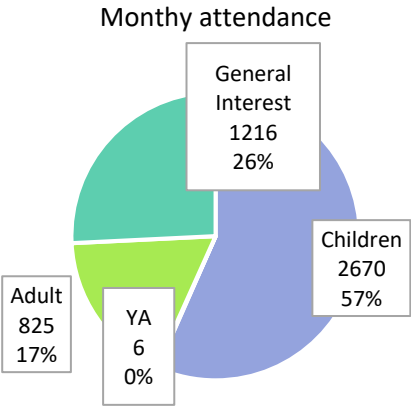
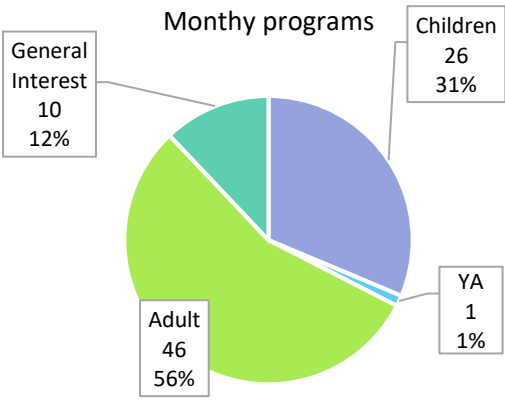
Prev. YTD: 614

Items withdrawn

	Month	YTD
Books	246	5484
Audio	1	357
Video	7	50
Other	3	149
Total	257	6040

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	2	130	22	3	61	5	22	0	0	3	0	11	259
Previous month	10	61	30	1	70	10	37	0	0	22	2	8	251
Current YTD	200	1048	384	190	876	170	130	51	8	318	117	112	3604
Previous YTD	180	1012	366	193	844	116	167	85	7	318	98	108	3494

Programs



JULY 2025

Adult Summer Library Program Continues: July—August 31

Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2025 program that runs through August 31. This year's theme is *Color Our World*. The program theme this year invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity, while celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives.



- 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 four items completed, participants will be able to select an item from the prize box or another book.
- Prizes will be library swag, items donated to the library, and things fitting the art theme.
- Participants completing at least sixteen activities, which must include reading at least four books, will have completed the program and will be eligible for the grand prize drawings. Grand prizes include 2 ski / lift passes to Sundown, a Book Lover's Basket, an Arts and Crafts basket, a Library Swag Basket, and more.
- Special programs will also be scheduled.
- The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Color Our World: Book Genre Bingo Continues: July 1—August 31

Adults and teens are invited to participate in our new summer Book Genre Bingo!

- Pick up a bingo form at the library and read different genres.
- Each bingo completed earns a book from the summer library program book cart to add to your personal library and a scratch-off ticket for a surprise prize. You will also earn an entry into a drawing to win an Adopt-A-Book form (where you can choose one item you'd like added to the library collection).
- A black-out bingo automatically earns an Adopt-a-book form.
- Participating in the Adult Summer Library Program? Up to eight of the books you read for bingos may be included for that program as well.

Color Our World: Art Activities: July 1—31

The summer library programs this year focus on art and creativity so each month this summer you are invited to respond to a question related to this topic. July's question is: What art activities do you enjoy? Visitors of all ages are welcome to share their response every time they visit the library by putting a pom-pom in the jar that matches their choice. Each response also earns an entry into a drawing to win a special prize.

Color Our World: Reading Recommendations Continue: July 1—August 31

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

Children's Summer Reading Program Continues: July 1—August 2

Children ages 3-12 are encouraged to participate in the Children's Summer Reading Program: *Color Our World*.

- Sign up continues through July 25.
- Upon sign up, children will receive a reading log and can pick out a free book!
- Children can then read (or be read to) as much as they wish to earn toys and books at the end of the program.
- Record every 20 minutes of reading as one point; then at the end of the summer reading program, children can use their points to "buy" toys and books at our drop-in Summer Reading Completion Party on August 2.
- The Children's Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.



Toddler Summer Literacy Program Continues: July 1—August 2

Children ages 0-3 are invited to participate in the Toddler Summer Literacy Program.

- Participants will use a simple board game designed to engage children from infant to age three in activities that promote literacy and a lifelong love of reading.
- Upon completion of the board game, toddlers will receive a board book and a small toy of their choice.
- Families can choose to participate in the Children's Summer Reading Program if they prefer.
- Families can sign up through July 25.

Teen Summer Reading Program Continues: July 1—August 2

Everyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is encouraged to participate in the teen program that runs through August 2. The theme this year is *Color Our World*, which invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity while celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives.

- Teens are welcome to register up until July 21.
- Participants will receive a free book just for registering.
- Participants will fill out short reviews for each book they read for chances to win prizes at the end of the summer (Max 12 reviews).
- Participants can also earn additional chances to win by attending programs or completing writing prompt challenges found in the YA corner.



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

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

Kids Can Craft: Create a Designer Pet Challenge: July 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to create and color a new breed of designer pet. Dino-kitty? Squirrel-elephant? Hippo-mouse-lizard-dragon? Be creative and have fun! Every design turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket but is limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early August.

Creation Station Craft: Paper Plate Tambourine: July 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 tambourine made out of paper plates, bells, buttons, and ribbon. The kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: July 1—31. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. You will need to supply the glue. If crafting in the library, glue sticks may be borrowed from the desk for in-library use. Kits are available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: July 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: July 1—31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *I Love America*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "I Am Stuck" by Julia Mills: July 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 and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*

Book Art Show and Fundraiser Continues: July 1—August 3

Individuals and groups of all ages are invited to create a piece of art or sculpture from upcycled books and/or book pages.

- The Library will provide a grocery bag full of old books to use for the art.
- Participants may use anything from individual book pages to several books, but the maximum number of books to be used in a submission is how many will fit in a plastic grocery bag.
- Participants may also use their own books and other materials but the number would still be limited to this quantity.
- The art or sculpture can be any design or format (folding, cutting, using individual pages, building, etc.) and can be created by individuals, families, couples, or groups of any age.
- Sign up to participate and pick up supplies at the library anytime.



Finished projects should be brought to the library on or before Friday, July 25.

- On Saturday, July 26, all submissions will be displayed at the Downtown Market with a mason jar adjacent to them.
- Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite by putting money in the jar.
- At the end of the Market, the creator of the item that brought in the most money will win two medium pizzas and two pitchers of pop at Happy Joe's in Dyersville.
- Creators will decide if they want to keep their creation or donate it to the JKPL to be part of a special Silent Auction.
- Art donated to the JKPL for the Silent Auction will be on display at the library until Sunday, August 3, when the Silent Auction ends.
- Entries not included in the Silent Auction can be picked up at the end of the July 26 Downtown Market or at the library any time after July 26.

Fun and Games with Paul presents Virtual Reality: Tuesday, July 1 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm. Drop in at this monthly gathering where library staff member Paul will share a fun and interesting activity. This month we will be playing with our Virtual Reality Metaquest headsets. Guests are welcome to come and go as they can. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. For ages 13 and up only. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*



Color Our World: Summer Art Activities—Book Art: Tuesday, July 1 from 5:30—7:30 pm. Interested in book art—where you take old books or book pages and create something new? This program is for you! Stop in at this special drop-in session to see examples of things the library staff and volunteers have made from old books and get new ideas for your own project. Bring your own project to work on. Books and other basic craft supplies will be available. Participants are also invited to submit their creation for the Book Art Show and Fundraiser! Crafter Lisa Christopher will be on hand to answer questions about how you can use the Cricut Maker for your Book Art project. This is an adult program but all ages are welcome. Children under 10 must have an adult companion.



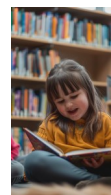
Low-Sensory Neurodivergent Storytime: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 9:30 am & 1:45 pm

Join Dyersville neurodivergent children and their caregivers for a low-sensory storytime in the Genealogy Room. Low lighting, quiet voices, and short stories are the highlights of this low-key, understanding, go-with-the-flow storytime session. These sessions will follow this schedule: simple hello song, short story, movement song, flannel board, and simple goodbye song. Play opportunities with our neurodivergent tools will follow for 5-10 minutes. All attendees must have an adult companion. No registration is necessary.



- The 9:30 am session will last 20 minutes and is designed to serve neurodivergent children aged 7 and below.
- The 1:45 pm session will last 30 minutes, have one additional song, and is designed to serve neurodivergent children ages 6-10.

Kid Librarian Storytime: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 10:00 am. Calling all book-loving kids: Come to Kid Librarian Storytime in the Children's Area to enjoy a program where YOU are the librarian! Listen to a short storytime, then pick your favorite picture book from our shelves or bring one from home to read aloud to other participants. Not yet reading? Simply tell the audience about your favorite book, read the pictures, or lead them in a movement song or nursery rhyme. Enjoy a moment to shine, then have fun playing in our Children's Area with other children. Kid Librarian Storytime is open to all ages and abilities. An adult companion is required. No registration is necessary.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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 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.

Art Hang Out for Kids: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 6:30—7:30 pm. Love art and music? Kids can drop in as they are able to create an art project that's fun yet simple, while low-volume music plays in the background. Projects are designed for solitary completion by children ages 8-12 yet simple enough for children ages 2-7 to complete with adult help. Adult participation is required for ages 2-7. No registration is necessary. Projects are scheduled as follows: July 2—Bubble Paint; July 9—Crayon Melts; July 16—Sun Prints; July 23—Beaded Pets; July 30—Fluffy Slime.



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, July 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 & 31 @ 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. Please contact the library to register.

Independence Day Hours:

Thursday, July 3: Library closes @ 5:00 pm
Friday, July 4: Library is closed



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, July 5 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is "Fireworks Display". 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.



Iowa Author Scott Reister at the Field of Dreams: Saturday, July 5 from 2:30—3:30 pm

Love baseball and spy novels? Join sportscaster and author Scott Reister at the Field of Dreams to learn about his debut middle-grade novel (grades 5-8), *Baseball Spy*. It is a fast-paced, thrilling novel about a small-town player turned big-time spy. Through a partnership with Baseballism, this event occurs after the Ghost Players game at the Field of Dreams, so come for the game, and stay for the spy action! Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.



Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, July 7 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *James* by Percival Everett. 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 plan to attend via Zoom, please notify the library by 10:00 am on the day of the program via email at: librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us, and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Children's Nature Art at the Park: Monday, July 7 @ 1:00 pm

Join the Dubuque County Conservation for a nature art program at the Westside Park pavilion. Children will learn how to use different natural resources to make paint in an environmentally friendly way. The program is designed for all children ages 2-12, but children under age 7 will need an adult or teen companion. No registration is necessary.



Genealogy with Ann: Monday, July 7 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, July 8 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *Unforgiven* by Shelley Shepard Gray. 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, July 10 & 17 from 3:00—5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market twice a month in July and August! Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! *The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.*

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, July 11, 18 & 25 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Mock-A-Movie Night for Teens: Friday, July 11 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! This evening we will be watching *Kraven the Hunter* (PG-13)—a terrible movie involving Spider-Man characters. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Minecraft Movie": Saturday, July 12 @ 1:00 pm. Four misfits are suddenly pulled through a mysterious portal into the Overworld: a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they embark on a magical quest with an unexpected, expert crafter named Steve. Together, their adventure will challenge all five to be bold and to reconnect with the qualities that make each of them uniquely creative. Rated PG (100 minutes).

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, July 12 @ 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.

Blank Park Zoo: Monday, July 14 @ 12:30 pm

Join the Blank Park Zoo for the second of three outstanding educational programs with surprise animals! Animal visitors will be selected by Blank Park Zoo on each presentation's day, depending on factors that can influence the animals' health like weather, temperature, and stress. Coloring pages featuring animals will also be available to color in the library or to take home. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 require an older teen or adult companion. Registration is not required. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Adult Crafternoon: Sticker Art: Monday, July 14 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a picture using stickers. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.

Dyersville Public Works Equipment Exhibition: Tuesday, July 15 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

The JKPL and Dyersville Public Works are partnering to celebrate National Public Works Week. This year, Public Works will bring some of their vehicles and equipment to the parking lot next to the library to show them off and talk about how each one is used to help Dyersville. This event was rescheduled from June. All ages welcome. Guests will receive a fire hydrant stress reliever and ice cream and freezer pops will be provided, all while supplies last. Included in the exhibition will be the street sweeper/vacuum, end-loader, skid-loader, utility crane, sewer camera unit, and a brand-new dump-truck/snow-plow/sand-



Armchair Travel—Indonesia: Tuesday, July 15 @ 1:00 pm

Grab your travel buddy and join us on this virtual visit through the breathtaking islands of Indonesia—all from the comfort of your seat. With over 17,000 islands rich in history, culture, and natural wonders, Indonesia offers an incredible blend of beauty, tradition, and everyday life that's sure to inspire. Our "tour guide" for the day, Chelsea Middendorf from Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque, is thrilled to lead this immersive experience. Drawing from stories and cultural insights, Chelsea will guide us through the serene beaches of Bali and the awe-inspiring temples of Java. Along the way, we'll discover the rhythms and colors of traditional festivals, dances, and customs. This program is for older adults, but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

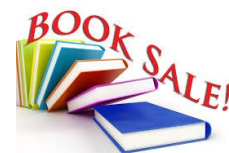


Art in the Park: Thursday, July 17 from 3:30—4:30 pm. Join us at the Farmer's Market to create carnations from coffee filters and pipe cleaners. Use markers, crayons, or pencils to color the flower. Or see how you can use glitter and paint to make the flowers pop with some pizzazz! All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

Used Book Sale: Friday, July 18 thru Monday, July 21

Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Bags of books are \$2 on Monday, the last day of the sale. Hours are:

Friday, July 18: 9:00 am—5:00 pm	Saturday, July 19: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Sunday, July 20: 1:00-4:00 pm	Monday, July 21: 9:00 am—6:00 pm



Drop in and Create—Foam Art: Friday, July 18 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm. Join us at the JKPL as we use foam pieces to create cool bookmarks and colorful art. This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Snacks provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*



Conservation Camp-Build Your Bird Box: Saturday, July 19 from 9:30—11:30 am. All those registered for this program will gather at the JKPL to learn about native birds and build a bird box. Pre-registration for this program was required and registration has now closed.

National Ice Cream Day Sundae Bar: Sunday, July 20 from 1:30—3:30 pm

Celebrate National Ice Cream Day with us at the JKPL with ice cream sundaes! Thanks to President Reagan, we celebrate National Ice Cream Day every third Sunday in July—which is July 20 this year. Come to the JKPL to make your own sundae. There will be ice cream made using the ice cream maker from the Library of Things as well as purchased ice cream and other toppings. There will also be some related activities to enjoy while eating your treat, or to take with you to enjoy at home. Come early—last year we ran out! This event is sponsored by TACKL.



Bingo Party: Monday, July 21 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Please contact the library to register. Bring your friends!

Dragonfly Sunset Art Class: Tuesday, July 22 at 10:30 am & 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Come to the library and paint an 8x10 inch Dragonfly Sunset using basic shapes and simple painting techniques! This guided acrylic painting class is for everyone from beginners to advanced painters of all ages and abilities. All ages are welcome but those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. All supplies provided. Each class should last about 2 hours. Registration by 12 noon on July 21 is required as space is limited. Adults will be given priority to register for the evening class. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, July 22 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please contact the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, July 24 @ 11:15 am. Tina from The Cheesen Whey in Manchester is partnering with Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler & Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging to discuss delicious Artisan Cheeses and demonstrate how to make a fun charcuterie board. Participants will get to sample the various cheeses and meats. She will also discuss her “Adult Lunchables” that she creates and distributes. All are welcome.



“The Bad News Bears”—Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, July 24 @ 2:00 pm and Friday, July 25 @ 10:30 am. A grumbling, beer guzzling, former minor leaguer takes on an undisciplined, inept sandlot team, and has to bring in a couple of ringers to get them out of a slump. Rated PG (102 min.) Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 7 need an adult companion. Please note that this film may be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

JKPL @ Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, July 26 from 8:00am—12:00 pm

The James Kennedy Public Library will be reaching out to the community with a stall at the Downtown Market in Legacy Square. We have several events going on. See you at the Market!



Pop-Up Library

The JKPL will have a pop-up library where visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. There will also be a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. Our participation at this event is weather permitting. *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.*

Bubbles at the Downtown Market

Come on down to create giant bubbles at Absolute Science's bubbles stations! Adult participation is required. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Book Art For Your Library Fundraiser Finale

Visit the JKPL Booth to see what items were made for the Book Art fundraiser and vote for your favorite! Next to each submission will be a mason jar and visitors will vote for their favorite by putting money in the jar (all donations will go to the JKPL). At the end of the Market, the creator of the item that brought in the most money will win two medium pizzas and two pitchers of pop from Happy Joe's in Dyersville. Creators also have the opportunity to donate their entry into a Silent Auction. Entries not included in the Silent Auction can be picked up at the end of the Downtown Market or at the library any time after July 26. Art donated to the JKPL for the Silent Auction will be on display at the library until Sunday, August 3, when the Silent Auction ends.

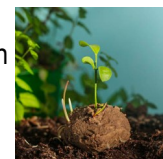
Summer Musical Movies @ Your Library presents “La La Land”: Saturday, July 26 @ 1:00 pm. When Sebastian, a pianist, and Mia, an actress, follow their passion and achieve success in their respective fields, they find themselves torn between their love for each other and their careers. Rated PG-13 (128 minutes).

Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, July 26 from 4:00—6:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Strings Club: Monday, July 28 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

Let's Make Seed Balls: Tuesday, July 29 at 10:00 am

Seed balls are typically made from soil, clay, and wildflower or native seeds. They are typically planted simply by throwing them in an area that would benefit from some natural, native plants. Join us at the JKPL and make your own seed balls at this hands-on program. Supplies will be provided. This program is for all ages but children under age 7 will need an adult or teen companion. Registration is requested to ensure adequate supplies. Walk-ins are welcome if space and supplies are available.





Children's Summer Reading Completion Party Saturday, August 2 from 12:00–3:00 pm

Drop in at the library to celebrate all of your amazing summer reading! Delaney's Ice Cream Truck will offer free ice cream to any child who participated in summer reading and children can choose a free book for completing the summer reading challenge. The Summer Reading Store will also be open for today only, so kids can turn in their points and shop the store from 10:00 am–12:00 pm or during the party from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm! Can't make it Saturday? Children can continue to claim their free book(s) through the end of August at the front desk. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Read to Animals Event Monday, August 11 @ 12:00 pm

Do you love animals, reading, and coloring? Join us for an event that features all your favorites! In partnership with Dubuque County Conservation, the library will offer a read-to-animals event for kids. Children and their families are welcome to stop in at any time from 12:00-1:00 pm to read a story to a tamed Eastern Iowa forest animal. Animals will be caged and/or handled by conservationists. Animal coloring books will also be available for children to color in the library or to take home to color. An adult companion is required. No registration is necessary.

Blank Park Zoo Monday, August 4 @ 2:00 pm

Join the Blank Park Zoo for the final outstanding educational program with some surprise animals. Animal visitors will be selected by Blank Park Zoo on each presentation's day, depending on factors that can influence the animals' health like weather, temperature, and stress. Coloring pages featuring animals will also be available to color in the library or to take home. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 require an older teen or adult companion. Registration is not required. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Bowling Break Thursday, August 14 @ 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

The JKPL will host this fun bowling event at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dyersville. Candy, chips and pop will be available to purchase. Bowling shoes provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 13 need an adult companion. The following sessions are available:

- 10:30 am–12:30 pm
- 6:00–8:00 pm
- Registration for a session is requested as space is limited.
- Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Children's Book Club and Art Wednesday, August 6 & 13 @ 10:00 am

Join area kids for an all-ages book club show-and-tell! Bring your favorite book to the library to tell us all about it, eat snacks, and complete a simple art project. Open to all ages infant to age 12, but a teen or adult companion is required to accompany children under 7 years old. No registration is necessary.

Bilingual Storytime Wednesday, August 20 from 6:30–7:15 pm

Hola, amigos! Bienvenido a la biblioteca! {Hello, friends! Welcome to the library!} Join librarian Ms. Christa for a bilingual storytime, where children will learn Spanish phrases, listen to Spanish-language books, and sing songs in Spanish. All children ages infant to age 12 are welcome to join to build their Spanish language skills and/or English language skills. A craft will be provided. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is not required.

Kids Can Cook Registration Begins Monday, August 11

Kids Can Cook is back this fall! 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 from 4:00-5:30 pm on September 4, 11 & 18; October 2, 9 & 16; and November 6, 13 & 20. Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session. Registration for all sessions begins August 11.

Model T Show at the Downtown Market Saturday, August 30 from 8:00 am–12:00 pm

Stop by the library's booth at the Dyersville Downtown Market at Legacy Square to check out Farley resident Dave Corbin's Model T, learn the car's family history, and talk about the creation of the Model T. While at the booth, go "fish" for toys and books at our fish pond!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JULY 2025	<div>Summer Reading Programs for Adults, Teens, and Children continue!</div> <div>Book Art Show continues through July 26!</div>	1 Fun & Games from 9:30am-12:30pm Summer Art Activities from 5:30-7:30pm	2 Neurodivergent storytime @ 9:30am & 1:45pm Kid Librarian @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Art Hang Out from 6:30-7:30pm	3 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Library closes @ 5pm	4 Library closed	5 Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am Author Scott Reister @ 2:30pm
6	7 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Children's Nature Art @ 1pm Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm	8 A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	9 Neurodivergent storytime @ 9:30am & 1:45pm Kid Librarian @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Art Hang Out from 6:30-7:30pm	10 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm	11 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Mock-A-Movie Night @ 6pm	12 <i>The Minecraft Movie</i> (PG) @ 1pm Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm
13	14 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Blank Park Zoo @ 12:30pm Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm	15 Dyersville Public Works Exhibition from 10am-12pm Armchair Travel @ 1pm	16 Neurodivergent storytime @ 9:30am & 1:45pm Kid Librarian @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Art Hang Out from 6:30-7:30pm	17 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm Art in the Park from 3:30-4:30pm	18 Used Book Sale from 9am-5pm Foam Art from 9:30am-12:30pm Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	19 Used Book Sale from 9am-3pm Conservation Camp from 9:30-11:30am
20 Used Book Sale from 1-4pm National Ice Cream Day Sundae Bar from 1:30-3:30pm	21 Used Book Sale from 9am-6pm Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Bingo Party from 1-3pm	22 Dragonfly Sunset Art Class @ 10:30am, 2pm, & 6pm JKPL Writing Group @ 630pm	23 Neurodivergent storytime @ 9:30am & 1:45pm Kid Librarian @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Art Hang Out from 6:30-7:30pm	24 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Health & Wellness 365 @ 11:15am <i>Bad News Bears</i> (PG) @ 2pm	25 <i>Bad News Bears</i> (PG) @ 10:30am Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	26 Pop-up Library from 8am-12pm Bubbles @ Market from 8am-12pm Book Art Finale from 8am-12pm <i>La La Land</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm Game Night from 4-6pm
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Upcoming Events for August

Adult Summer Library Program Continues: August 1-31. Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2025 program that runs thru August 31. This year's theme is Color Our World. The program theme this year invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity, while celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives. The program is designed to inspire and engage readers of all ages through a diverse array of artistic expressions. 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 four items completed, participants will be able to select an item from the prize box or another book for the cart. Prizes will be library swag, items donated to the library and things fitting the art theme. Participants completing the program (at least sixteen activities, which must include reading at least four books) will have completed the program and be eligible for the grand prize drawings which will include 2 ski / lift passes to Sundown, a Book Lover's Basket, an Arts and Crafts basket and more. Special programs will also be scheduled. The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Color Our World: Book Genre Bingo Continues: August 1-31. Adults and teens are invited to participate in our summer Book Genre Bingo. Pick up a bingo form at the library and read different genres. Each bingo completed earns a book from the summer library program book cart to add to your personal library and a scratch off ticket for a prize. You will also earn an entry into a drawing to win an Adopt-A-Book form - where you can choose what item you'd like to have added to the library collection - and other book related prizes. A black out bingo automatically earns an Adopt-a-book form. Participants may select a locally made tote bag (while supplies last) when signing up. Participating in the Adult Summer Library Program? Up to eight of the books you read for bingos may also be included for that program as well.

Color Our World: Reading Recommendations Continue: 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!

Color Our World: Art Activities: August 1-31. The summer library programs this year focus on art and creativity so each month this summer you are invited to respond to a question related to this topic. August's question is to be decided. Visitors of all ages are welcome to share their response every time they visit the library by putting a pom-pom in the jar that matches their choice. Each response also earns an entry into a drawing to win a special prize.

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

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

Kids Can Craft: Create a Car Challenge: August 1-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and/or color a really cool car! Every design turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into a drawing for a train set. Entries are limited to one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early September.

Creation Station Craft - Paper Plate Milkshakes: August 1-31. This month's craft is creating a milkshake out of paper plates, tissue paper, and glue. Kits include instructions plus all needed supplies, except for glue. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: August 1-31. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. You will need to supply the glue. If crafting in the library, glue sticks may be borrowed from the desk for in-library use. Kits are available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: 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 *Pickleball Paradise*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Bing Bang Chugga Beep" by Bill Martin, Jr. and Michael Sampson: 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(R) is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Teen SRP Finale: Splatter Art Painting: Friday, August 1 from 1:00-3:00 pm. As a finale for the Teen Summer Reading program, we are blocking off the parking lot and having fun with splatter art! Participants will make their own masterpieces by flinging paint, popping balloons filled with paint, and much more! This is for those that participated in the Teen Summer Reading Program.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, August 2 from 10:00-11:00 am. This month's theme is "State Fair". 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.

Children's Summer Reading Completion Party: Saturday, August 2 from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Drop in at the library to celebrate all of your amazing summer reading! Delaney's Ice Cream Truck will offer free ice cream to any child who participated in summer reading, and children can choose a free book for completing the summer reading challenge. The Summer Reading Store will also be open for one day only, so kids can turn in their points and shop the store before the party from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, or during the party from 12:00 - 3:00 pm! Can't make it Saturday? Children can continue to claim their free book(s) through the end of August at the front desk. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, August 2 @ 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.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament: Sunday, August 3 @ 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. No registration needed.

Book Art For Your Library Silent Auction Ends: Sunday, August 3 at 3:00 pm. Join us for the closing of the silent auction of the Book Art donated to the JKPL. Refreshments provided.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, August 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, August 4 @ 12:00 noon. This group

gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the 2025 All Iowa Reads teen selection *Rez Ball* by Bryon Graves. 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 plan to attend via Zoom, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, August 4 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

Blank Park Zoo: Monday, August 4 @ 2:00 pm. Join the Blank Park Zoo for their final visit to the JKPL this summer. Animal visitors will be selected by Blank Park Zoo on each presentation's day, depending on factors that can influence the animals' health like weather, temperature, and stress. Coloring pages featuring animals will also be available to color in the library or to take home. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 require an older teen or adult companion. Registration is not required. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Fun and Games with Paul presents Dungeons & Dragons: Tuesday, August 5 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Drop in at this monthly gathering where library staff member Paul will share a fun and interesting activity or item. This month we will be playing Dungeons and Dragons- the popular roleplaying game where you go on quests as a group! Guests are welcome to come and go as they can. Registration is requested to make sure we have enough Dungeon Masters available to run games. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL). Refreshments provided.

Children's Book Club and Art: Wednesday, August 6 & 13 @ 10:00 am. Join area kids for an all-ages book club show-and-tell! Bring your favorite book to the library to tell us all about it, eat snacks, and complete a simple art project. Open to all ages from infant to age 12, but a teen or adult companion is required to accompany children under 7 years old. No registration is necessary.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 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 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.

TACKL Fun and Games @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, August 8 from 5:30-9:00 pm. Join the Teen Advisory Council to the Kennedy Library (TACKL) at Downtown Summer Nights in Legacy Square for fun, free games for kids. Everyone walks away with a prize for playing! This event is sponsored by the Dyersville Chamber of Commerce.

Pop-Up @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, August 8 from 5:30—8:30 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by “popping up” at Downtown Summer Nights at Legacy Square! Visitors will be able to select a free book to keep from the pop-up library as well as learn more about library services. The JKPL 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.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Harold and the Purple Crayon”:
Saturday, August 9 @ 1:00 pm. When Harold is living within the confines of his book, anything he touches with his purple crayon can come to life. Now Harold wants to take it a step further, and draw himself into the physical world. Based on the 1955 children's book of the same name. Rated G (92 minutes).

Kids Can Cook Registration Begins: Monday, August 11. Kids Can Cook is back this fall! 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 from 4:00-5:30 pm on September 4, 11 & 18; October 2, 9 & 16; and November 6, 13 & 20. Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session. Registration for all three sessions begins August 11. A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must also 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.

Children's Read to Animals Event: Monday, August 11 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Do you love animals, reading, and coloring? Join us for an event that features all your favorites! In partnership with Dubuque County Conservation, the library will offer a read-to-animals event. Children and their families are welcome to stop in at any time from 12:00-1:00 pm to read a story to a tamed Eastern Iowa forest animal. Animals will be caged and/or handled by conservationists. Animal coloring books will also be available for children to color in the library or to take home to color. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary.

Adult Crafternoon: Monday, August 11 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a special project (tbd). Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, August 12 @ 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 *Set The Stars Alight* by Amanda Dykes. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at

<https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so

a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

Bowling Break: Thursday, August 14 @ 10:30 am and 6:00 pm. The JKPL will host this fun bowling event at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dyersville (across the alley from the library). Candy, chips and pop will be available to purchase. Bowling shoes provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 13 need an adult companion. There are 2 steps up into the building and 4 steps down to get to the bowling lanes in the KC Hall. Registration for a session is requested as space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. The following sessions are available: 10:30 am-12:30 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, August 14 & 28 from 3:00-5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market! 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 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 14 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Join us at the Farmer's Market to make slime! There will be fun mix-ins to put into your slime. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

Conservation Camp-Soil Saturday: Saturday, August 16 from 9:30-11:30 am. All those registered for this program will gather at the Dyersville Community Garden to learn about soil and do some digging. Pre-registration for this program was required and registration has now closed.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, August 16 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.

Bingo Party: Monday, August 18 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two-card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Armchair Travel - Cambodia : Tuesday, August 19 @ 1:00 pm. Grab your travel buddy

and join us on this virtual visit. Chelsea Middendorf, from Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque, will take you on this tour. Description. Chelsea will be providing a small taste of the culture as well, so come try something new! This program is for older adults, but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Armchair Travel programs will typically be held on the third Tuesday of most months from 1 to 2 pm.

Color Our World: Summer Art Activities - Diamond Art: Tuesday, August 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Would you like to try your hand at diamond art? This program is for you! Stop in at this special drop-in session and use diamond art to create bookmarks, garden decorations, and more! Participants will select an item that they would like to make and each kit comes with everything needed to create a work of art. This is an adult program but ages 8 and up are welcome. Children under 10 must have an adult companion.

Bilingual Storytime: Wednesday, August 20 from 6:30-7:15 pm. Hola, amigos! Bienvenido a la biblioteca! {Hello, friends! Welcome to the library!} Join librarian Ms. Christa for a bilingual storytime, where children will learn Spanish phrases, listen to Spanish-language books, and sing songs in Spanish. All children ages infant to age 12 are welcome to join to build their Spanish language skills and/or English language skills. A craft will be provided. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is not required.

Drop in and Create - Create Your Own Paper Plate Ice Cream Sundaes: Friday, August 22 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Join us as we use paper plates, tissue paper, cotton, glitter, and glue to create paper ice cream sundaes with all the fixings! This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, August 23 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Saturday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Summer Musical Movies @ Your Library presents “Burlesque”: Saturday, August 23 @ 1:00 pm. A small-town girl ventures to Los Angeles and finds her place in a neo-burlesque club run by a former dancer. Rated PG-13 (119 minutes).

Strings Club: Monday, August 25 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, August 26 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at

the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please contact the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, August 28 @ 11:15 am. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome.

“Hachi: A Dog’s Tale” - Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, August 28 @ 2:00 pm & Friday, August 29 @ 10:30 am. Professor Parker Wilson discovers a lost Akita puppy on his way home from work. Despite initial objections from Wilson’s wife, Hachi endears himself into the Wilson family and grows to be Parker’s loyal companion. As their bond grows deeper, a beautiful relationship unfolds embodying the true spirit of family and loyalty, while inspiring the hearts of an entire town. Rated G (93 min.) Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Please note that this film may be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

Pop-Up Library at the Downtown Market: Saturday, August 30 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The JKPL will have a pop-up library where visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. There will also be a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. Our participation at this event is weather permitting. 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.

Model T Show at the Downtown Market: Saturday, August 30 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Stop by the library’s booth at the Downtown Market to check out Farley resident Dave Corbin’s Model T, learn the car’s family history, and talk about the creation of the Model T. While at the booth, go “fish” for toys and books at our fish pond!

Library closed for Labor Day: Sunday, August 31

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Register now for Unlocking Brain Fitness - KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, September 9 to November 11 @ 5:00 pm. Join us for this 10-week evidence-based course that was developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. This course is made possible by the nonprofit Brain Help and Hope and will be led by local health experts. Participants should be 55 or older, in good cognitive health, and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions. Sessions are 2 hours each. Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required by Brain Help and Hope but may be refunded to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions, upon request. Registration is required as a maximum of 15 participants are allowed. Please contact the library at (563)875-8912 for more information or to register.

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