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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
July 20, 2026**

Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for June 2026 are:

- 9,945 items were checked out. This is a 6.4% decrease from June 2025. Fiscal year to date, circulation is down 3%.
- 40 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 316 new library cards have been issued.
- 87 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 4,369 people engaged with these activities. Year to date, program attendance is up 18.4%.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 203 hours and 381 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 2,482 hours and 4,987 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 993 sessions, 860 visits, and 364 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 12,467 sessions, 10,652 visits, and 2,299 unique users.
- There were 6,835 library visits. Year to date visits are up 1.6%.

Board Members and Officers: Two new Board Members were welcomed: Jenni Oberbroeckling and Shannon Hermesen. There are currently two vacancies. Officers elected for FY27 are Beth Gudenkauf, President; Beth Derr, Vice-President; and Jenni Oberbroeckling, Secretary.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the July events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of activities planned for August. Some of the programs scheduled include an animal petting event, a composting study presented by Dubuque County Conservation, a Nerf program, a kick off to school event in partnership with Dyersville GLR and a diamond art program. The JKPL Book Bike will be visiting various locations and the Pop-up Library will be at the Farmer's Market and Downtown Market. Summer Reading Programs for all ages continue through July with the theme: Plant a Seed – Read. The adult program continues until the end of August.

Prepared by: Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director

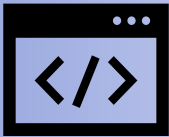
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

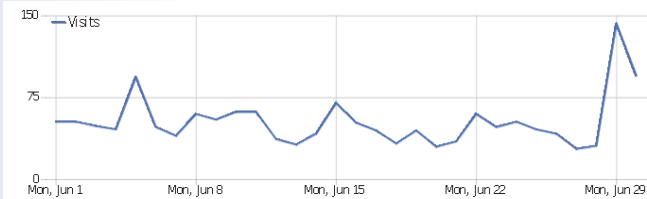
Month: June-26
YTD: July-25 to June-26
Previous YTD: July-24 to June-25

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	6835	(↑ 11.7%)	9945	(↓ 6.4%)	18	40	(↓ 23.1%)
YTD	61560	(↑ 1.6%)	92567	(↓ 3%)	191	316	(↓ 8.9%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1589	1:47



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
203	2482	2484	381	4987	5293

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
993	12467	860	10652	364	2299

Meeting room use



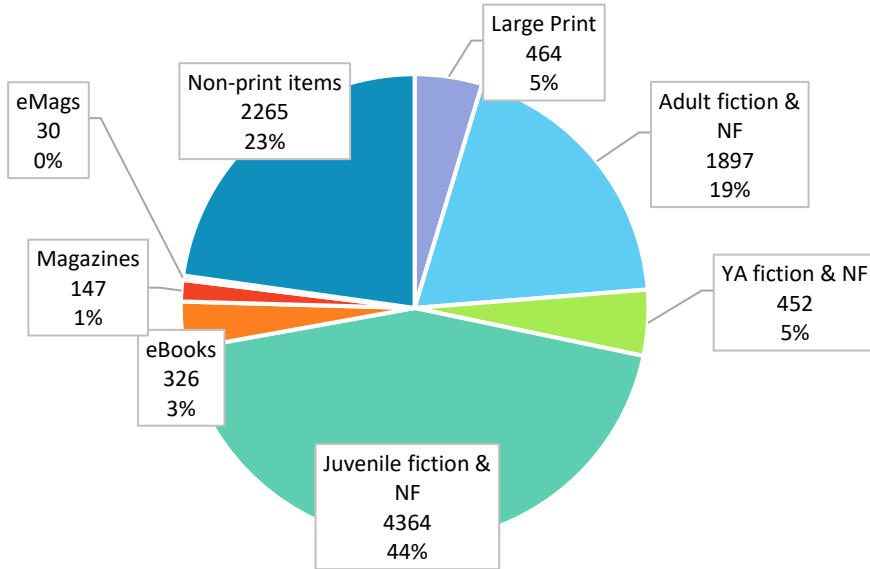
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
55	881	776

Online Learning
Sessions: 63
YTD: 932

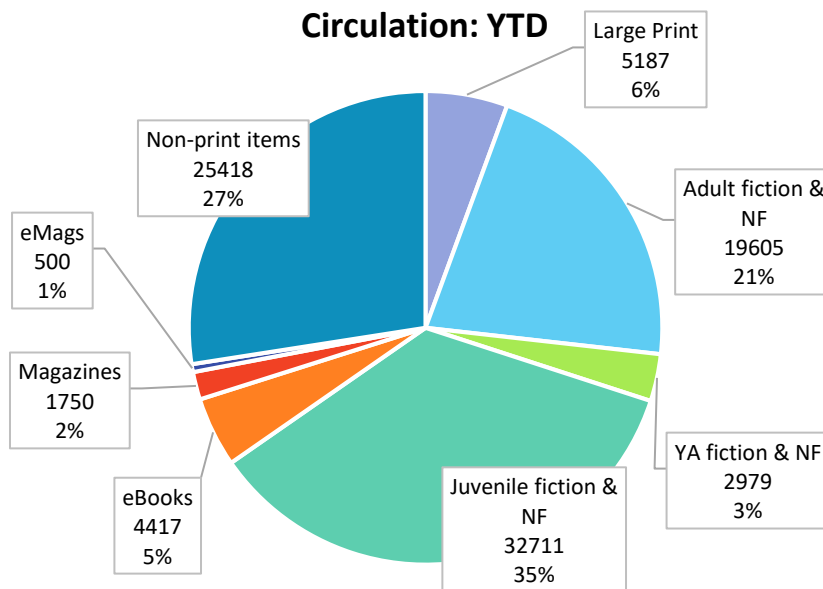


Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

Month

YTD

eAudio	633	8034
Adult & YA audio	74	1018
Juvenile audio & kits	36	237
Adult & YA video	573	7906
Juvenile video & DVD	392	3798
Games, LoT, etc.	557	4425
	2265	25418

Music

Downloads: 4
Total YTD: 43



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 14
YTD: 166



Visits: 68
YTD: 1974



Languages

Sessions: 6
YTD: 608



Genealogy

Visits: 332
YTD: 4914



World Culture

Visits: 0
YTD: 30



Hobbies

Sessions: 53
YTD: 414



Sessions: 0
YTD: 0



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 159
YTD: 2474

Items donated

Month: 105
YTD: 829
Prev. YTD: 1567

Items withdrawn

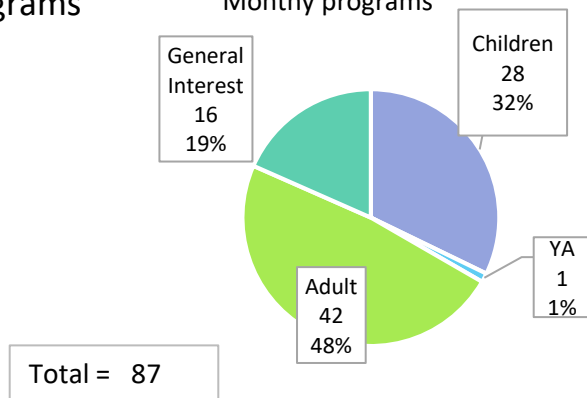
	Month	YTD
Books	140	2018
Audio	0	3
Video	10	523
Other	1	114
Total	151	2658

Summary of additions

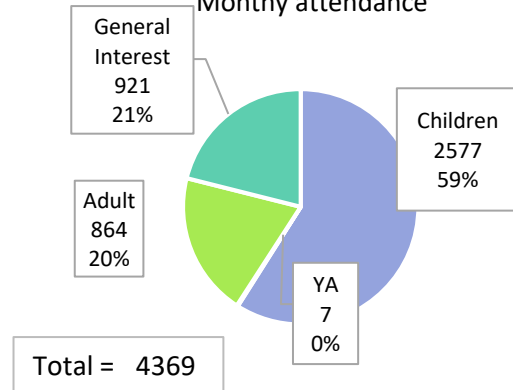
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	10	89	9	2	87	14	16	0	0	36	0	1	264
Previous month	2	130	22	3	61	5	22	0	0	3	0	11	259
Current YTD	169	944	310	196	816	166	145	36	4	339	75	103	3303
Previous YTD	200	1048	384	190	876	170	130	51	8	318	117	112	3604

Programs

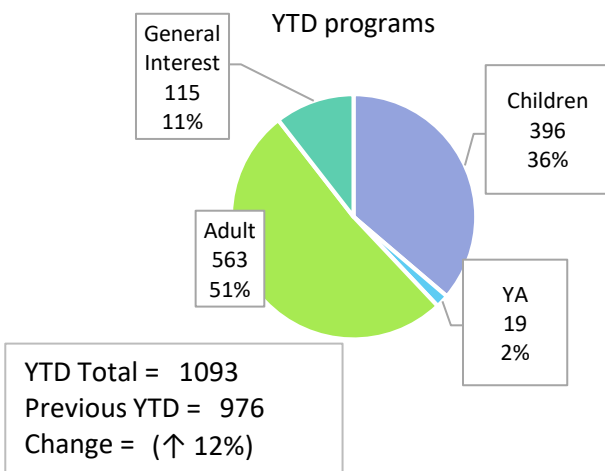
Monthly programs



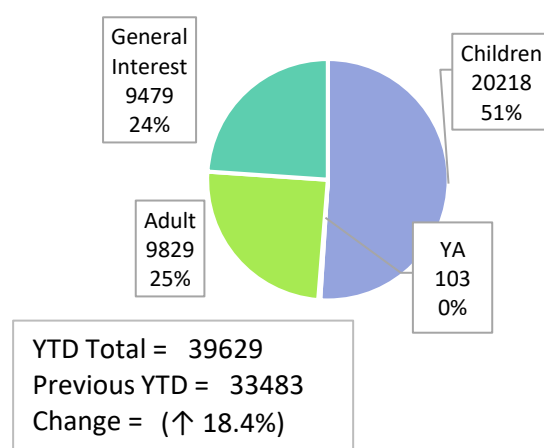
Monthly attendance



YTD programs



YTD attendance





UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY

Adult Summer Library Program Continues: July 1—August 31

This year's theme is *Plant A Seed—Read*. The theme is rooted in the concept of farm-to-table: a farm grows food that nourishes our bodies while a library grows ideas that nourish our minds. Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology.

- For everyone 18 and older
- Program runs thru August 31
- Adults are welcome to register 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.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Plant a Seed—Read: Book Genre Bingo: July 1—August 31

Looking to challenge yourself this summer? Add Book Genre Bingo to your summer reading plans! Pick up a bingo card and read different genres. Complete two bingos to earn an entry into the adult Summer Library Program grand prize drawings. Complete a black out bingo and earn an Adopt-A-Book form. Books read for bingos may also be counted for the traditional Summer Library Program.

Plant a Seed—Read: Voting Jar: July 1—31

Each month this summer you are invited to respond to a question related to the summer theme. July's question is: *What is your favorite vegetable?* 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 prize.

Plant a Seed—Read: Reading Recommendations: 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 1

The theme this year is *Plant A Seed—Read*. The theme is rooted in the concept of farm-to-table: a farm grows food that nourishes our bodies, while a library grows ideas that nourish our minds.

- For Children ages 4-11 years old, who have completed 5th grade (Children who have completed 5th grade may choose to complete the Teen Program or this program).
- The program runs thru August 1 and children can register thru July 25.
- Receive a free book just for registering.
- Earn points for reading and at the end of the program, tally up your points, and use your total summer reading points to "buy" some great prizes or books at our summer reading store on August 1. Plus, claim a free ice cream!
- Prize books are sponsored by the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library. Ice cream is sponsored by Delaney's Ice Cream.



Toddler Summer Literacy Program Continues: July 1—August 1

- For Children ages 0-3
- The program runs thru August 1 and children can register thru July 25.
- 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.

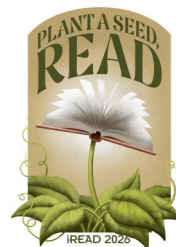
LIBRARY HOURS:

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

Teen Summer Reading Program Continues: July 1—August 1

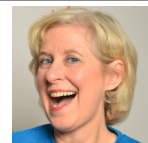
The theme this year is *Plant A Seed—Read*. The theme is rooted in the concept of farm-to-table: a farm grows food that nourishes our bodies, while a library grows ideas that nourish our minds.

- For those that have completed 5th—12th grade (Children who have completed 5th grade may choose to complete this program or the Children's Program).
- Program runs thru August 1 and teens can register thru July 20.
- Participants will receive a free book just for registering.
- Participants will fill out a review for every book read during the program and each review turned in will earn one entry into a drawing to win prizes at the end of the program.
- Attending teen library programs will also earn one entry into the drawing.
- The grand prize this year is a Samsung Galaxy Tablet!



Music with Miss Carole of Macaroni Soup: Wednesday, July 1 @ 10:30 am

Come clap, sing, dance and laugh at this fun and lively musical program! Geared for children under 9 years old, but all are welcome. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, July 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 & 30 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. This class is for older adults of any age and fitness level. Participants exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD twice a week and most of the exercises are performed seated in a chair. Each participant will need weights and a stretch band for the class. Space is limited so registration is required. This program is made possible by a partnership with the Geri-Fit® Company.

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, July 3, 10, 17 & 31 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. *Note: we are not having Euchre on July 24 due to RAGBRAI.*

Library closed for Independence Day: Saturday, July 4 & Sunday, July 5



Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, July 6 @ 12:00 noon. This month the group will discuss the 2026 All Iowa Reads adult selection, *The Quiet Librarian* by Allen Eskins. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, July 6 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

Turtle Storytime with Dubuque County Conservation: Wednesday, July 8 @ 10:30 am

Join us for a turtle storytime along with some turtle education. There will be live turtles that kids can pet! Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion.



Cool Down Mocktail Trivia Night: Wednesday, July 8 @ 6:30 pm

Sip along as you watch a simple mocktail demo, and then test your knowledge with trivia from around the world. This program is presented virtually by Library Chef so you can join at the JKPL or from home. Mocktails provided at JKPL.



Libby Reads Digital Book Club & Discussion: July 9—23

The Libby Reads Digital Book Club selection for July 9-23 is *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney. During this time, readers across the United States can check this book out, in eAudio or eBook, from Overdrive on the Libby app with no waitlists or holds. Read the book then come to the JKPL at 6:00 pm on July 23 for refreshments and to discuss and share your thoughts on this book.



Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, July 9 & 23 from 3:00—5:00 pm. 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. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.



Art in the Park: Create a Fairy Garden or Plant a Pizza Garden: Thursday, July 9 from 3:30—4:30 pm. Come to the Commercial Club Park and create a fairy garden or plant a pizza garden! All supplies provided for each garden. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Fifteen sets of each are available, and they are first-come, first-served.

Laser Show with Absolute Science: Friday, July 10 @ 10:00 am

Explore the science surrounding chemical reactions, soda explosions and lasers with Absolute Science. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion.

Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Due to space constraints, seating is limited, so tickets to attend will be issued.

- Tickets are free and will be available to pick up at the front desk starting at 9:00 am the day of the program.
- Tickets are first-come, first-served.
- If we reach capacity, patrons are then welcome to watch the performance through the window or on a closed-circuit television.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, July 11 from 10:00—11:00 am. Children of all ages are welcome to come play with LEGOs®. Those under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. Sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Hoppers": Saturday, July 11 @ 1:00 pm. Animal lover Mabel seizes an opportunity to use a new technology to "hop" her consciousness into a lifelike robotic beaver and communicate directly with animals. As she makes amazing discoveries, Mabel befriends a beaver and must rally the entire animal kingdom to face a major, imminent, human threat. Rated PG (105 minutes).



Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, July 11 @ 3:30 pm. Join us in-person, or via Discord, to play D&D. New players of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Dementia & Cognitive Decline Community Conversations: Tuesday, July 14 @ 10:00 am & Wednesday, July 15 @ 6:00 pm

The JKPL received a *Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities* grant to offer services to meet the needs of adults with dementia or cognitive decline. Come to one of these gatherings and discuss what the library can or should be doing to serve those with dementia. In addition to these two meetings, one-on-one and small group sessions may also be scheduled. If these dates don't work, please contact the library to express your interest. Refreshments will be provided.



Blank Park Zoo Presents "Animal Snacks": Tuesday, July 14 @ 1:00 pm

Join Blank Park Zoo and learn what animals snack on in the wild and receive a surprise "animal" snack and sticker. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



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- If we reach capacity, patrons are then welcome to watch the performance through the window or on a closed-circuit television.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, July 14 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *The English Masterpiece* by Katherine Reay. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

Storytime: Wednesdays, July 15, 22 & 29 @ 10:30 am. Join Ms. Andrea for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult or responsible teen companion is required.

Kids Can Create: Frog Terrarium: Wednesday, July 15 @ 4:00 pm. Come create an artificial frog terrarium using artificial flowers and a frog figurine. All materials provided and hot glue will be in use. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 will need an adult or responsible teen companion to assist with the hot glue. Eighteen terrarium sets are available, and they are first-come, first-served.

Scam Protection: Thursday, July 16 @ 6:30 pm

Scams to rob you of your money have become common, so come learn how to protect yourself with tips to proactively stay safe and avoid financial loss. This presentation will cover common scams, how to detect and prevent falling victim to scams, best practices for safety, and what to do if you have been scammed.

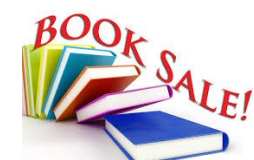
Questions welcome. Presented by Mollie Clapham from Mound City Bank.



Used Book Sale: Friday, July 17 thru Monday, July 20

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 \$2.00 on Monday, the last day of the sale. Hours are:

Friday, July 17: 9:00 am—5:00 pm Saturday, July 18: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Sunday, July 19: 1:00—4:00 pm Monday, July 20: 9:00 am—6:00 pm



JKPL @ the Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, July 18 from 8:00 am—12:00 noon

Live Butterflies

Come enjoy the magic of live butterflies at the Butterfly Tent Encounter presented by Absolute Science. Open to all ages, but due to the delicate nature of butterflies, children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library and the Dyersville Downtown Market.



Pop-up Library

Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer at our pop-up library and select a free book to keep. We will also have WiFi Access, if you need it. 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 James Kennedy Public Library.

Promoting Pollinators & Birds in your Backyard: Sunday, July 19 @ 1:30 pm

Bill Meyer will share concepts and practices homeowners can implement to help pollinators and birds thrive in their yards. Bill is a guest speaker for Wild Ones, an organization with the mission to connect people and native plants for a healthy planet.



Bingo Party: Monday, July 20 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy monthly 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.

Faux Stained Glass Craft Class: Monday, July 20 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and make a faux stained glass picture. All needed supplies will be provided. Participants must be 14 or older. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10.



Kids Can Create: Bling Out a Water Cup: Wednesday, July 22 @ 4:00 pm. Come bling out a water cup with gems or stickers. All materials provided including the cup. All ages welcome, but children under the age of 10 will need an adult or responsible teen companion to assist with the epoxy glue. Twenty-two cups are available, and they are first-come, first-served.

Health & Wellness 365: Thursday, July 23 @ 11:30 am. Come learn how to grill fresh vegetables and learn about the safety of food dyes. Presented by the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging with Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. Individuals over age 60 will most benefit from this program, but all are welcome. Attendees can choose to have a lunch which is provided for free for those over age 60 and must be eaten on site. Registration is required by 3:00 pm on July 21 if you want lunch. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Art in the Park: Messy Art: Thursday, July 23 from 3:30—4:30 pm. Join us at Commercial Club Park to create messy art using unusual paint applications like splattering or using water guns. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Available while supplies last.

Libby Reads Digital Book Club Discussion: Thursday, July 23 @ 6:00 pm. Join us at the JKPL as we discuss the Libby Reads Digital Book Club selection *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney. Between July 9-23 readers worldwide could check this book out, in eAudio or eBook, from Overdrive on the Libby app with no waitlists or holds. This is your opportunity to enjoy refreshments and share your thoughts on this book with other local readers.



Library open late: Friday, July 24: With RAGBRAI in Dyersville, the library will stay open until 7:00 pm!

Mock-A-Movie for Teens: Saturday, July 25 @ 4:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! We will be watching *Troll 2* (PG-13) – a terrible horror movie involving trolls trying to turn people into food. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.



Strings Club: Monday, July 27 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a string instrument and want to jam with others? Then come join the monthly JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. Facilitated by Gary Bramel.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, July 28 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month, in person or 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.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, July 31 from 6:00—8:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (any type) and meet, teach, and play with others! All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion. *NOTE: date moved due to RAGBRAI.*

Find the latest information on library events and programs at
www.dyersville.lib.ia.us or scan the QR code.



Puzzles, Take-Home Kits, Activity Packets, Scavenger Hunt: July 2026
Kits are available while supplies last.

Creation Station Craft: Butterfly Spinner: starts July 1. Kits include instructions plus all needed supplies except for glue and scissors. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: starts July 1. Use the front of an old greeting card, glue, and cardstock to make a new card from an old one. All supplies provided except glue.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: starts July 1. Each pack will include at least 10 different items including coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages.

Adult Craft Kits: Marble Suncatchers: starts July 1. Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies except clear glue. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: starts July 1. Stop in and help put together a new jigsaw puzzle—*Vintage Summer Books*. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs” by Eric Litwin: starts July 3. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Children’s Pretend Play Station: Pizza and Ice Cream: starts July 7. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Pizza and Ice Cream Shop play!

Children’s Scavenger Hunt: Ice Cream: starts July 7. Kids can earn one prize, per child, per library visit for completing the hunt.

Kids Can Craft: Write an Ice Cream Song: starts July 7. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to write a song about ice cream and/or color an ice cream. Every song/picture turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket. The limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early August.

Library Book Bike—Free Book Giveaways! July 1—August 31

The library Book Bike will be out at different locations giving away free books during the summer! Check the library Facebook page and website for scheduled locations. Holding a community event and want the Library Bike to come? Contact Paul at the library to see if it can make an appearance. All appearances are weather permitting.



The JKPL has partnered with the Dyer-Botsford Historical House and Doll Museum in Dyersville to offer free passes to visit the Museum!

- Passes are checked out for one (1) week and should be turned in at the Museum for admittance or returned to the JKPL if not used before they expire.
- A maximum of two (2) passes will be available to check out each week
- A maximum of two (2) passes may be checked out to the same individual at one time.
- Card holders may check out passes only once per calendar year.
- Passes are for general admission for one adult. Children under 10 are free.
- Passes are only valid during regular museum hours and cannot be used for any special events at the museum.
- Passes shall be presented upon arrival at the Museum and Museum staff will keep the pass.
- If the pass is not used, please return it to the JKPL.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library

Patron Requirements to Borrow:

- For ages 18 and up
- For full-service patrons
- Library card in good standing



For more information on Dyer-Botsford Historical House and Doll Museum, visit their website at:
<https://dyersvillehistory.com/dyer-botsford-house/>



Children's Summer Reading Program Store Saturday, August 1 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

All children who participated in the Summer Reading Program are invited to come spend their points in the Summer Reading Store. Plus you'll get a free ice cream! Prizes include new toys, stuffed animals, and books. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Any family/children unable to attend on August 1 can turn in their points at the front desk for books anytime through August 31. Sponsored by the Dyersville Area Community Foundation, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, Toys for Tots, and Delaney's Ice Cream.

Nerf War @ Your Library Saturday, August 1 from 4:00—6:00 pm

- 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.

Dubuque County Conservation Composting Study Monday, August 3 @ 2:00 pm

From decomposition to helpful critters, to the changes we see under a microscope, the Dubuque County Conservation will guide children through composting principles. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion.

Registration begins for Kids Can Cook Monday, August 10

Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. At the end of the three sessions, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron.

- Classes will be held September 3, 10 & 17; October 1, 8 & 15; and November 5, 12 & 19
- Registration for each monthly session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session.
- A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend.
- This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.

Dr. Bec's Amazon Animal Study Wednesday, August 12 @ 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Wartburg College professor Dr. Bec will share some animal and science knowledge with kids in an exotic animals petting event that features animals such as corn snakes, sulcata tortoises, miniature chickens, giant cave cockroaches, and tarantulas. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Due to space constraints, seating is limited, so tickets to attend will be issued.

- Tickets are free and will be available to pick up at the front desk starting at 9:00 am on the day of the program.
- Tickets are first-come, first-served.
- If we reach capacity, patrons are then welcome to watch the performance through the window or on a closed-circuit television.

Children's Lemonade Stand Fundraiser

The library is working with area children to build a lemonade stand that will be at the JKPL Downtown Market booth. Then, during the Downtown Market, kids will be selling lemonade to help raise funds for a children's wooden play structure in the library

Kids Can Help: Create a Lemonade Stand Wednesday, August 26 @ 4:00 pm

Children can come to the library to help create posters and decorate a lemonade stand for the Downtown Market. They can also sign up to work the booth at the Market! All ages welcome, but children under age 7 will need an adult or responsible teen companion.

**Children's Lemonade Stand Fundraiser
Saturday, August 29 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm**
Support Dyersville kids' volunteer efforts, and the library, by visiting the Children's Lemonade Stand at the JKPL Downtown Market booth at Legacy Square.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JULY 2026	July 1—31 • Kids Can Craft • Children's Pretend Play Station & Scavenger Hunt • StoryWalk® • Butterfly Spinner craft kits for kids	Adult, Toddler, Children's, and Teen Summer Reading Programs continue	1 Music with Miss Carole @ 10:30 am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	2 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	3 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	4 Library closed
	5 Library closed	6 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm	7 Turtle Storytime @ 10:30am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Mocktail Trivia Night @ 6:30pm	8 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Pop-up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm Art in the Park from 3:30-4:30pm Libby Reads Digital Book Club begins	9 Laser Show @ 10am Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	10 Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am Hoppers (PG) @ 1pm Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm
12	13 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	14 Dementia Community Conversations @ 10am Blank Park Zoo @ 1pm A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	15 Storytime @ 10:30 am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Kids Can Create @ 4pm Dementia Community Conversations @ 6pm	16 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Scam Protection @ 6:30pm	17 Used Book Sale from 9am-5pm Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	18 Pop-up @ Downtown Market from 8am-12pm Butterflies @ Downtown Market from 8am-12pm Used Book Sale from 9am-3pm
19 Used Book Sale from 1-4pm Promoting Pollinators @ 1:30pm	20 Used Book Sale from 9am-6pm Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Bingo Party from 1-3pm Faux Stained Glass Class @ 6pm	21	22 Storytime @ 10:30 am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Kids Can Create @ 4pm	23 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Health & Wellness 365 @ 11:30am Pop-up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm Art in the Park from 3:30-4:30pm Libby Reads Book Discussion @ 6pm	24 Library staying open until 7pm!	25 Mock-a-Movie for Teens @ 4pm
26	27 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Strings Club from 6-8pm	28 JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm	29 Storytime @ 10:30 am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	30 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	31 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Game Night from 6-8pm	July 1—31 • Coloring, Creating, & Doing Upcycled Cards kits • Get Puzzled • Marble suncatcher craft kits for adults

Upcoming Events for AUGUST 2026

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

Children's Scavenger Hunt: School Supplies: August 1-31. Kids can earn one prize, per child, per library visit for completing the hunt.

Kids Can Craft: Color an Octopus: August 1-31. Kids of all ages can color an octopus and turn in an entry form for a drawing at the front desk! The limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early September.

Creation Station Craft: Paper Bag Sea Otter: August 1-31. Kits include instructions plus all needed supplies except for glue and scissors. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: August 1-31. Use the front of an old greeting card, glue, and cardstock to make a new card from an old one. All supplies provided except glue.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: August 1-31. Each pack will include at least 10 different items including coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages. Kits available while supplies last.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: August 1-31. Stop in and help put together a new jigsaw puzzle—*Harvest Paradise*. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle.

Adult Craft Kit: Paint-By-Sticker: August 1-31. Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available at the front desk while supplies last. This kit is for adults only.

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

Adult Summer Library Program Continues: August 1 - 31: Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2026 program that runs through August 31. This year's theme is *Plant A Seed-Read*. The theme is rooted in the concept of farm-to-table - a farm grows food that nourishes our bodies while a library grows ideas that nourish our minds. Last day to register is August 24.

Plant a Seed - Read: Voting Jar: August 1-31. The summer library programs this year focus on the concept of farm-to-table. A farm grows food and a library grows ideas so both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology so each month this summer you are invited to respond to a related question. August's question is: What is your favorite farm animal? 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 prize. Jar options:

Plant a Seed - Read: Reading Recommendations: 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!

Children’s Summer Reading Program Store: Saturday, August 1 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. All children who participated in the Summer Reading Program are invited to come spend their points in the Summer Reading Store. Plus you’ll get a free ice cream! Prizes include all new toys, stuffed animals, and books. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Any family/children unable to attend on August 1 can turn in their points at the front desk for books anytime through August 31. *Sponsored by the Dyersville Area Community Foundation, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, Toys for Tots, and Delaney’s Ice Cream.*

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, August 1 from 10:00-11:00 am. Join us for this monthly LEGO® program that is for children of all ages. Those under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. Sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, August 1 from 4:00-6:00 pm. 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.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, August 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 & 31 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. This class is for older adults of any age and fitness level. Participants exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD twice a week and most of the exercises are performed seated in a chair. Each participant will need weights and a stretch band for the class. Space is limited so registration is required. This program is made possible by a partnership with the Geri-Fit® Company.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, August 3 @ 12:00 noon. This month the group will discuss *Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

Dubuque County Conservation Composting Study: Monday, August 3 @ 2:00 pm. From decomposition to helpful critters, to the changes we see under a microscope, the Dubuque County Conservation will guide children through composting principles. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, August 3 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request.

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, August 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre where you can come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents “GOAT”: Saturday, August 8 @ 1:00 pm. A small goat with big dreams gets a once-in-a-lifetime shot to join the pros and play roarball, a high-intensity, co-ed, full-contact sport dominated by the fastest, fiercest animals in the world. Rated PG (93 minutes).

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, August 8 @ 3:30 pm. Join us in person, or remotely via Discord, to play D & D. New players of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Registration begins for Kids Can Cook: Monday, August 10. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. At the end of the three sessions, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron. Classes will be held September 3, 10 & 17; October 1, 8 & 15; and November 5, 12 & 19. Registration for each monthly session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session. A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend. *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.*

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, August 11 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *Shattered Sanctuary* by Nancy Mehl. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants may attend in person or via Zoom.

Dr. Bec's Amazon Animal Study: Wednesday, August 12 @ 9:30 am and 11:00 am. Wartburg College professor Dr. Bec will share some animal and science knowledge with kids in an exotic animal petting event that features animals such as corn snakes, sulcata tortoises, miniature chickens, giant cave cockroaches and tarantulas. Dr. Bec will choose the animals to bring on the day of travel due to individual animal needs and tolerance to heat that day. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Due to space constraints and animal temperament needs, seating is limited, so tickets to attend will be issued. Tickets are free and will be available to pick up at the front desk starting at 9:00 am for each show on the day of the program. Tickets are first-come, first-served. If we reach capacity, patrons are then welcome to watch the performance through the Hoffman Room window or on a closed-circuit television in the Children's Area. *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, August 13 & 27 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. 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. 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.

Dyersville GLR Kick Off to School: Thursday, August 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Elementary students and their families are invited to this special event to learn about family literacy opportunities in the library and the monthly programs being offered for area youth. Join us for a free meal, free books, and other fun giveaways. Sponsored by Dyersville Grade Level Reading. *Registration encouraged at: <https://forms.gle/XqU9gEJAT5ctHTGy5>.*

Bingo Party: Monday, August 17 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Butterflies and Bookmarks Diamond Art: Thursday, August 20 @ 6:00 pm. Join us at the JKPL as we 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 program is for adults; however anyone age 8 or older is welcome. Please note, those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Super Mario Galaxy Movie": Saturday, August 22 @ 1:00 pm. Mario and Luigi solve everyday problems in the Mushroom Kingdom with their "let's-a-go" attitude. But a call for help sends the crew across the galaxy to face new worlds and

unexpected threats. Rated PG (98 minutes).

Teen Jeopardy! Saturday, August 22 @ 4:00 pm. More details tba.

Strings Club: Monday, August 24 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a string instrument and want to jam with others? Then come join the monthly JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. Facilitated by Gary Bramel.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, August 25 @ 6:30 pm. Join us for this monthly sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. Attendees are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time.

Kids Can Help: Volunteer to Create a Lemonade Stand: Wednesday, August 26 @ 4:00 pm. Calling all kids who love to help: come to the library to plan and advertise a lemonade stand that will benefit the library's Children's Area. Children will be able to create posters, decorate a lemonade stand, and sign up to volunteer at the Saturday, August 29 Lemonade Stand at the Dyersville Downtown Market from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 will need an adult or responsible teen companion. No registration necessary.

Health & Wellness 365: Thursday, August 27 @ 11:30 am. Join us for lunch, and learn presented by the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging with Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. Individuals over age 60, or those with age related concerns, will most benefit from this program, but all are welcome. Attendees can choose to have a lunch, which is provided for free for those over age 60 and must be eaten on site. Registration is required by 3:00 pm on August 25 if you want lunch. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, August 28 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, August 29 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer at our pop-up library and select a free book to keep. We will also have WiFi Access, if you need it. 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.

Fishing for Toys at the Dyersville Downtown Market: August 29 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Want to catch a toy at the Downtown Market? Come try your luck at our Fishing for Toys event! Open to all children under age 12, but children under age 7 will need an adult or responsible teen companion. No registration required. Limit is one toy per child. Available while toy supplies last. *Sponsored by Toys for Tots.*

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