

Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Events - MAY 2026 and beyond

Children's Pretend Play Station: Card Shop: May 1-31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Card Shop play! Free Mother's Day cards are also available for kids to color and give to Mom, while supplies last.

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

Kids Can Craft: My Favorites Bookcase: May 1-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to color a "My Favorites Bookcase" picture. Every design 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 June.

Creation Station Craft: Paper Roll Mushroom: May 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 uses a recycled paper roll to create a cute mushroom. Kits include how-to 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: May 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: May 1-31. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include 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.

Adult Craft Kit: Ink Tracing Pages: May 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 Ink Tracing pages - where you trace over white lines on a pre-colored watercolor background using a black pen to reveal detailed images. Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies except for a black fine-tipped pen. 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.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: May 1-31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Television History*. 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®: "How to Count to One" by Caspar Salmon: May 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.*

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, May 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.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, May 2 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. 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. Sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Spongebob Movie: Search for Squarepants": Saturday, May 2 @ 1:00 pm. Hoping to prove his bravery to Mr. Krabs, SpongeBob follows a mysterious, swashbuckling ghost pirate known as the Flying Dutchman on a seafaring adventure that takes him to the deepest depths of the ocean. Rated PG (88 min).

Um, Actually: Saturday, May 2 @ 4:00 pm. Want to show off your nerd knowledge? Come join us for a round of *Um, Actually*, a game show where teams of participants try to figure out what is wrong with a pop culture statement for points and your answer has the start with the phrase *Um, Actually!* The library is bringing a version of this to the library for teens and adults. This program is for ages 12 and up. Registration is required by May 1st to ensure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience!

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, May 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21 & 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. Note: we are not meeting on May 25 due to Memorial Day holiday.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, May 4 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the All Iowa Reads Teen selection *Strong Like You* by T.L. Simpson. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. 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, May 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.

The Art of Youthful Aging: Tuesday, May 5 @ 2 pm. Youthful aging is not an oxymoron. It is an attitude that defines a new belief system, supports positive emotions, and motivates healthy behaviors. Aging is often seen as a downward spiral into a life marked by limitation rather than as an opportunity for personal enrichment. Attitude determines outcome as we age! Replacing unhealthy thoughts and habits with healthy ones requires commitment, perseverance and dedication. This program, led by motivational speaker Constance Hallinan Lagan, offers specific tips on lifestyle changes to ensure we age gracefully and peacefully while enhancing our emotional, mental and physical wellbeing. Constance will join us via Zoom. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

Storytime: Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm. 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 companion is required. No registration required. Please note that the evening Storytime on May 6 will be a special Stuffed Animal Sleepover program; more details are listed below. Storytime runs through May 27 and morning storytime resumes June 10.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, May 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. The Zoom room is opened upon request. 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.

Early Out Afternoons: Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 3:30-4:30 pm. School's out early on Wednesdays, so head to the library every week for special activities geared toward kids of all ages! (Children under age 7 are welcome but must attend with a teen or adult companion). The dates and activities are: May 6- Color a Huge Mother's Day Card for Mom; May 13- LEGO Club; May 20- Writing, Drawing and Coloring; and May 27- Book Bingo.

"Baseball Spy" Author Scott Reister Meet-and-Greet: Wednesday, May 6 @ 3:00 pm. All members of the community are invited to attend an author's book talk with Iowa author Scott Reister, who will discuss his writing process and publication challenges. Fifth-graders who loved "Baseball Spy" events in your school, come learn more from Scott! This program is open to all ages, but children under 8-years-old will need to be accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is not required. *The Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library sponsored the following: the JKPL author visit, a free "Baseball Spy" book for every Dyersville Elementary and Xavier Elementary 5th-grader, and two writing workshop programs for 5th-grade students in their schools*

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Evening Storytime: Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:30 pm.

Calling all kids: bring your second-favorite stuffed animal to the library for a stuffed animal sleepover to celebrate Children's Book Week! Ms. Christa will present a storytime with her own book *The Stuffy Sleepover*, which features Dyersville kids' stuffed animals and the JKPL! Kids will then plant a donut seed, kiss their stuffed animals goodnight, and leave the stuffies in the library for a stuffed animal slumber party overnight. The next morning, return to the library to claim your stuffy, a donut flower, and a picture of your stuffy's shenanigans. This program is open to all children under 12-years old, but children under seven must be accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is not required but please be prepared for noisy fun!

Libby Reads Digital Book Club Discussion: Thursday, May 7 @ 6:30 pm. Join us at the JKPL as we discuss the Libby Reads Digital Book Club selection, *Familia* by Lauren E. Rico. Between April 23 and May 7, readers across the United States 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 readers.

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, May 9 @ 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.

Sunday, May 10: Library closed for Mother's Day

Pokémon Club: Monday, May 11 from 4:00–6:00 pm. Drop in at this new monthly gathering to play Pokémon and meet some fellow fans! Come play, or learn, the trading card game, or video games, with seasoned players. Meet some friends and do some card trading. All ages welcome; however, those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. This group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, May 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 *The Florence Legacy* by Lauraine Snelling. 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 email dschrandt@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 6pm on the day of the program so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

Great Give Day is May 20, 2026! Great Give Day is a day focused on donating to causes or establishments within your community. Looking to support the James Kennedy Public Library? Then consider donating to the James Kennedy Public Library Endowment! The mission of the James Kennedy Public Library (JKPL) Endowment is to provide supplemental financial support to the library. The James Kennedy Public Library enriches the Dyersville community by providing equal access to creative resources for entertainment and education. The James Kennedy Public Library helps create a thriving community to inspire curiosity, creativity, innovation, and connection.

The JKPL Endowment fund, through your charitable contributions, ensures the library will continue to provide these services for years to come. The JKPL Endowment was established in 2019 by Alan Bird. His donation was made in memory of his mother, Irma Bird, a founding

member of the original Library Board. Started 60 years after the founding of the library, the Endowment will insure the library's ability to remain dedicated to its original mission and continue to serve the community needs. Want more information? Check out the Endowment Fund's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/James-Kennedy-Public-Library-Endowment-107205744107637/> Want to donate? Visit the following link: <https://www.greatgiveday.org/jkplendowment>

Plant Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, May 16 from 9:00-11:00 am. Join Karen Kramer and members of the JKPL Fundraising Committee in the parking lot adjacent to the JKPL to buy plants donated by committee and community members. The plant sale will run from 9:00-11:00 am or until all items are taken. Plants not selected during the sale may be available to purchase for a donation. All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services. If you have plants you would like to donate, please contact the library at (563)875-8912 to make arrangements to drop them off. Plants of all kinds are welcome.

Movies @ Your Library presents "Anaconda": Saturday, May 16 @ 1:00 pm. Doug and Griff have been best friends since they were kids, and have always dreamed of remaking their all-time favorite movie *Anaconda*. When a midlife crisis pushes them to finally go for it, they head deep into the Amazon to start filming. But as they encounter unexpected events in the jungle, they realize this movie might just get them killed. Rated PG-13 (98 minutes).

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament: Sunday, May 17 @ 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.

Bingo Party: Monday, May 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!

Create with Audrey - Press Dried Flowers: Thursday, May 21 from 6:00-7:30 pm and Friday, May 22 from 10:00 am-12:30 pm. Join Audrey on the 3rd Thursday and Friday of each month to create a cool craft or art project. This month we will be gluing dried flowers to a mini easel to create a 3-D picture. This program is intended for adults of all-abilities. Children over the age of 10 may attend with an adult companion.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, May 22 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! 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.

Sunday, May 24 & Monday, May 25: Library closed for Memorial Day

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, May 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: Thursday, May 28 @ 11:15 am. Join us for lunch, and learn about current health and wellness topics at this monthly program 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 4:00 pm on April 21 if you want a lunch. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, May 30 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.

Donate to the JKPL Garage Sale Fundraiser: June 1 - 5. The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library are partnering to offer a new way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community are encouraged to donate their good, used items to the JKPL and they will be sold at a yard sale with the proceeds going to support the JKPL. Items should be brought to the library during library business hours between June 1 - 5. Items should be in good, clean, working condition. A list of donation guidelines is posted on the JKPL website or available to pick up at the library.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Go Get with Rex” by David LaRochelle: June 1-30.

Adult Summer Library Program Begins! Saturday, June 1: Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2026 program that runs June 1-August 31. This year's theme is *Plant A Seed-Read*, a theme which encourages creativity, conservation, and continued reading. Registration begins on June 1 and adults are welcome to join throughout the summer. Participants will receive a bookbag, bookmark, and a free book just for registering. Participants will track books read or listened to, library services used, programs attended, and activities completed to earn prizes. The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Teen Summer Reading Program Begins: Tuesday, June 2. Everyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is encouraged to participate in the teen program that runs from June 2-August 1. The theme this year is *Plant A Seed-Read*, a theme which encourages creativity, conservation, and continued reading. Participants will receive a free book just for registering! Once registered, participants will fill out a review for every book read during the program. Each review turned in will be an entry into a drawing to win prizes at the end of the program. Attending library programs will also earn an entry into the drawing. The grand prize this year is a Samsung Galaxy Tablet!

Children's Summer Reading Program Begins: Tuesday, June 2. Children ages 4-11 years old (who have completed 5th grade) are encouraged to participate in the children's summer reading program! The theme this year is *Plant A Seed-Read*, a theme which encourages creativity, conservation, and continued reading. The program runs June 2—August 1 and registration begins June 2 in-person at the library. Can't make it on June 2? Stop in any day after to register but know that points earned for summer reading begin on the day that you

sign up. Receive a free book just for registering! This summer, earn points for reading. At the end of the summer reading program on August 1, tally up your points, and use your total summer reading points to buy some great prizes or books at our summer reading store and claim a free ice cream! The more you read, the more you earn! Can't make it on August 1? Buy books with your points at the front desk from August 2 - August 31. All programs will be held at the James Kennedy Public Library unless otherwise noted. *All performers are paid for by a generous gift from the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library. 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 Begins: Tuesday, June 2. Children ages 0-3 are invited to participate in the Toddler Summer Literacy Program which runs June 2-August 1. 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.

Delaney's Scoop It Up Ice Cream Summer Reading Program, June 1 - August 31. Earn Delaney's ice cream by reading this summer! Simply check out books, present a Delaney's punch card at the front desk, and earn a punch for every book that you check out (up to five books per visit). Punch cards are available at all Delaney's Ice Cream stores and at all libraries that reside in Dubuque County. *Created by and sponsored by Delaney's Ice Cream.*

Acrylic Painting Class: Tuesday, June 2 at 10:30 am, 2:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. Come to the library and paint an 8x10 inch work of art using basic shapes & simple painting techniques! Project to be announced. 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 June 1 is required as space is limited. Walk-ins welcome if space allows. Adults will be given priority to register for the evening class. *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Magician Mikayla Oz: Wednesday, June 3 @ 10:00 am. Magician Mikayla Oz is back! The popular magician will perform a hilarious, high-energy magic show with her live bird Bubbles. All ages welcome, but children under age 8 will need to be accompanied by an adult. 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 Hoffman Room window or on a closed-circuit television in the Children's Area. *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Library Garage Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library have partnered to offer another way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community have donated good, new, and gently used items to the JKPL for this annual event. The sale will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the library (weather permitting) or in the Hoffman Room. Items will be priced to sell - or buy a box for \$20 and fill it with as many unpriced items as you can! Items not sold on Saturday will be available on Sunday for a donation. All proceeds will be used to support library programs, collections and services.

Dyersville Public Works Presents Big Trucks at the Library: Wednesday, June 10 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Come to the library's parking lot to learn about the Dyersville Public Works' vehicles and see big truck demonstrations! While here, attend the Big Truck Storytime at 10:30 am and/or participate in chalk art on the sidewalk anytime from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. All participants will receive a free stress ball (while supplies last). All ages welcome, and an adult companion is required for children under 10-years-old.

Storytime: Wednesdays, June 10, 17 & 24 @ 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 companion is required. No registration required. Summer storytimes will run through July 29.

Kids Can Garden: Plant a Hanging Salsa Planter: Wednesday, June 10 @ 3:30 pm. Come to the library to plant a hanging pot with herbs and vegetables perfect for making salsa. All materials provided to take home your mini salsa garden. Then watch your plants grow all summer, harvest, and make salsa at home! All ages welcome, but children under age 8 will need an adult or teen companion. No registration necessary.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, June 11 & 25 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market on the second and fourth Thursdays in June, July, and August! Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

Art in the Park: Fairy Garden: Thursday, June 11 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Come to Commercial Club Park to create a beautiful fairy garden complete with seeds to plant and decorations to choose from. All ages welcome, but children under age 8 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

Dragon Academy: Friday, June 12 @ 10:00 am at the Westside Park Amphitheater. Attention all dragon lovers: Learn how to train a dragon at Dragon Academy at the Westside Park Amphitheater, where animatronic dragons will swoop in for a visit. Come to learn, stay for a picture with the dragons. All ages welcome, but children under age 8 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion. For the safety of the dragons, any inclement weather will relocate Dragon Academy to the JKPL Hoffman Room. In the event of weather, call or check Facebook for any dragon updates and details about seating. *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

TACKL Fun and Games @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, June 12 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. This event is sponsored by the Dyersville Chamber of Commerce.

Pop-Up @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, June 12 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 Fundraising Committee will be on hand selling frozen treats to support the special collections and services of the library. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, June 13 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. 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. Sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.

World Wide Knit in Public Day: Saturday, June 13 from 1:00-4:00 pm. Held on the second Saturday of June, WWKIP Day is a special annual event to celebrate knitting and all fiber crafts as a community activity. The theme is Better Living Through Stitching Together. Join the JKPL Sit 'n' Stitch group in the library to celebrate this special day. Bring your own project or just come see these talented crafters in action and learn about crafting!

Dubuque County Conservation Stream Study: Monday, June 15 @ 2:00 pm @ Westside Park Pavilion. Join Dubuque County Conservation to study the water habitat of the Maquoketa River, including viewing the water under a microscope. A sunprint activity and free garden flags will also be offered while supplies last. All ages welcome, but due to water safety, children under age 10 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion. In inclement weather, this program will be cancelled on Facebook.

Foraging Hike at New Wine Park: Monday, June 15 @ 6:30 pm. Hike along the trails as we look for the edible parts of nature around us. We will look for berries, leaves, and nuts while we do some taste testing. Go home with new knowledge and a recipe to try on your own! This event is brought to you through the partnership with the Dubuque County Conservation. All ages welcome but guests under 16 years of age need an adult companion. On the day of the hike, participants should meet at New Wine Park located at 15971 New Wine Park Lane, New Vienna, IA 52065. When entering the park, stay to the right, cross the bridge, and meet at the trailhead, located on the left side of the road. Register through the library website or by calling the James Kennedy Public Library at 563-875-8912.

Kids Can Build: LEGO Club: Wednesday, June 17 @ 3:30 pm. Love to build with LEGOs? Come check out the library's LEGOs, and put your name in a drawing for a LEGO prize! All ages welcome, but children under age 8 will need an adult or teen companion. No registration necessary.

Game Changer: Saturday, June 20 @ 4:00 pm. Game Changer is a YouTube channel where participants engage in games involving improv comedy and random challenges. The twist is that the players don't know what game they are playing until it starts. The library is bringing a version of this game to the library! For ages 12 and up. Registration is required by December 28 to ensure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience.

Sunday, June 21: Library closed for Father's Day

Strings Club: Monday, June 22 @ 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.

Kids Can Create: Mini Diamond Art: Wednesday, June 24 @ 3:30 pm. Diamond art for kids is back by popular demand! Drop in to grab a miniature diamond art kit, and create with friends in the library or take your kit home. One diamond art miniature kit per child. All ages welcome, but children under age 8 will need an adult or teen companion. No registration necessary.

Art in the Park: Slime: Thursday, June 25 @ 3:30 pm at Commercial Club Park. Join Ms. Andrea to get messy making slime at the Commercial Club Park! All ages welcome, but children under age 8 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion. No registration required.

Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, June 27 from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. The James Kennedy Public Library will be reaching out to the community by bringing a pop-up library to the market. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. The JKPL will also have a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

Absolute Science Bubbles Stations @ Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, June 27 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Do you love making HUGE bubbles? Visit the Dyersville Downtown Market in Legacy Square and celebrate summer reading with multiple bubble stations. Join in on the bubble fun for all ages! *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library and the Dyersville Downtown Market.*

Summer Tea: Sunday, June 28 from 1:30-3:00 pm. Grab a friend and come to our Summer Tea! Enjoy delicious tea and delicate homemade cookies and bars served on real china. Lemonade will be provided for the non-tea drinkers. All ages are welcome but children under the age of 15 require an adult companion. We encourage you to wear a hat! Sponsored by the JKPL Senior Advisory Committee.

Miss Carole of Macaroni Soup: Wednesday, July 1 @ 10:30 am. Young children and their families will love Miss Carole's lively, funny, educational musical program that encourages kids to clap, sing, dance and laugh! Geared for children under 9 years old, but all are welcome. Children under 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver. No registration necessary. *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Kids Can Win: Book Bingo: Wednesday, July 1 @ 3:30 pm. Looking for a new book and a great game of Bingo? Come to Book Bingo, where we play traditional Bingo for

children's books as prizes. All Ages welcome, but children under age 8 will need an adult or teen companion. No registration necessary.

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

Turtle Storytime with Dubuque County Conservation: Wednesday, July 8 @ 10:30 am: Join JKPL's Miss Andrea and Dubuque County Conservation for turtle storytime and turtle education. Features live turtles that kids can pet! Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Kids Can Create: Frog Terrarium: Wednesday, July 8 @ 3:30 pm. Ribbit! 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 9 will need an adult or teen companion to assist with the hot glue. No registration necessary.

Art in the Park: Plant a Pizza Garden: Thursday, July 9 @ 3:30 pm at Commercial Club Park. Love pizza? Come to the Commercial Club Park to plant a pizza garden. All supplies provided for a take-home garden that you can grow to eat! Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver. No registration necessary.

Absolute Science Laser Show: Friday, July 10 @ 10:00 am. Explore the science surrounding chemical reactions, soda explosions and lasers in a fast-paced, educational program from Absolute Science. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver. 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 Hoffman Room window or on a closed-circuit television in the Children's Area. *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Teen SRP: Teen Outdoor cooking program: Friday, July 10 @ 4:00 pm. Details to be announced.

Blank Park Zoo Presents "Animal Snacks": Tuesday, July 14 @ 1:00 pm. Learn what animals snack on in the wild with Blank Park Zoo's "Animal Snacks" program. A surprise "animal" snack and sticker will be provided for children. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver. 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 Hoffman Room window or on a closed-circuit television in the Children's Area. *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Kids Can Create: Shrinky Dinks: Wednesday, July 15 @ 3:30 pm. Attend this drop-in program to color on Shrinky Dink plastic, then watch your creation shrink in the oven. All Ages welcome, but children under age 8 will need an adult or teen companion. No registration necessary.

Absolute Science Butterflies at the Downtown Market: July 18 @ 8:00 am –

12:00 pm at Legacy Square. Come enjoy the magic of live butterflies at the Butterfly Tent Encounter, and stay to study butterfly science at educational tables. Located at the Dyersville Downtown Market at Legacy Square. Open to all ages, but due to the delicate nature of butterflies, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary. *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library and the Dyersville Downtown Market.*

Kids Can Create: Bling Out a Water Cup: Wednesday, July 22 @ 3:30 pm. Express yourself while you hydrate all summer long! Come bling out a water cup using strong epoxy glue and gems. All materials provided...including a new drinking cup! All Ages welcome, but children under age 10 will need an adult or teen companion to assist with the glue and/or stickers will be provided as an alternate material. No registration necessary.

Art in the Park: Messy Art: Thursday, July 23 @ 3:30 pm at Commercial Club Park. Create messy art with physics principles and unusual paint applications, including painting with water guns and splatter techniques. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver. No registration necessary.

Teen SRP: Mock-A-Movie Night for Teens: Saturday, July 25 @ 4:00 pm. Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! This evening we will be watching *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.

SRP Finale Store: Saturday, August 1 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. All children who participated in the Summer Reading Program are invited to spend their points in the Summer Reading Store...and get a free ice cream! Prizes include all new toys, stuffed animals and books. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver. No registration necessary. Any family/children unable to attend on August 1 can turn in their points at the front desk for books through the end of August. *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. 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.

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 a caregiver. No registration necessary.

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 animals petting event that features corn snakes, sulcata tortoises, miniature chickens, giant cave cockroaches and tarantulas. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a caregiver. 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.*

Teen Jeopardy! Saturday, August 22 @ 4:00 pm

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, 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 8 will need an adult or teen companion. No registration necessary.

Fishing for Toys at the Downtown Market: August 29 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at Legacy Square. 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 companion. *Sponsored by Toys for Tots.*

Children's Lemonade Stand: Saturday, August 29 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Support kids' volunteer efforts and the library by visiting the Children's Lemonade Stand at the JKPL Downtown Market booth at Legacy Square. All funds raised will help fund a kids' wooden play structure in the library.

September 6-7 (Sunday-Monday): Library closed for Labor Day

Family Literacy Nights: September 2026 - May 2027. 2nd Thursday of each month from 6-8pm. Dyersville Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (GLR) activity. Details to be announced.

Fit the Pieces Jigsaw Puzzle Fundraiser: Thursday, November 12 from 6:00–8:00 pm Join us at Textile Brewing Company at this fundraising event to support the JKPL! Teams of up to 4 individuals can buy a table for \$60.00 which includes a 500-piece puzzle. Complete the puzzle first to win! Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place. Be sure to bring some cash to buy some fun twists like freezing the competition, making them wear gloves, putting them in jail, and more—with all proceeds going to the library! Participation is limited to 15 teams and tickets are on sale now. Textile Brewing Company will donate 10% of food sales during the event to the JKPL. All proceeds will benefit the James Kennedy Public Library

Wednesday, November 25: Library closes @ 5:00 pm

Thursday, November 26: Library closed for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 23: Library closes @ 5:00 pm

Thursday, December 24: Library closed for Christmas

Friday, December 25: Library closed for Christmas

Thursday, December 31: Library closes @ 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1: Library closed for New Years