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

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

- 8,283 items were checked out. This is a 15.4% increase from January 2023. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 8.5%
- 18 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 200 new library cards have been issued.
- 57 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 890 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 148 hours and 414 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 1,265 hours and 2,784 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 95 sessions, 88 visits, and 48 unique users
- There were 4,171 library visits.

*Upcoming Events:*

Enclosed please find a copy of the February events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for March. Some of the programs scheduled include story time and music and movement programs for preschool children, a special STEAMfest to celebrate Engineer's Week, maple syruping and native landscaping programs in partnership with Dubuque County Conservation, Bear Creek Carver's Open House, and the spring Kids Can Cook series. There is also time to sign up for the Free Trees program. The Love My Library Fundraiser continues until the end of February. The Build-a-Basket fundraiser has begun with the silent auction scheduled to run March 1 – 24.

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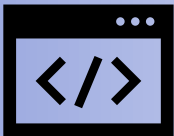
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

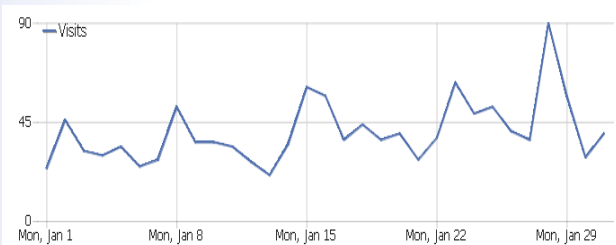
Month: January-24  
YTD: July-22 to January-24  
Previous YTD: July-21 to January-23

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	4171	(↑ 3.3%)	8283	(↑ 15.4%)	7	18	(↓ 47.1%)
YTD	34590	(↑ 21.6%)	56044	(↑ 8.5%)	102	200	(↓ 4.3%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1260	1:22



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
148	1265	1046	414	2784	2822

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
95	1701	88	1445	48	239

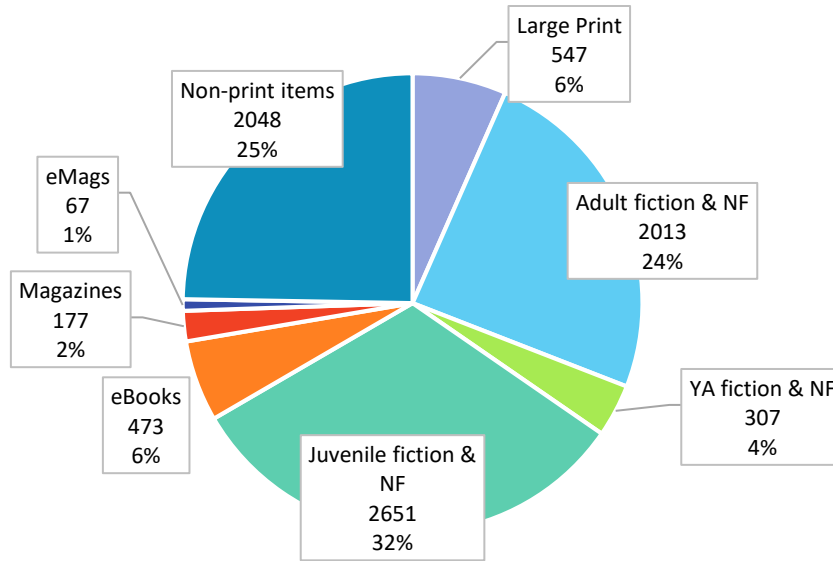
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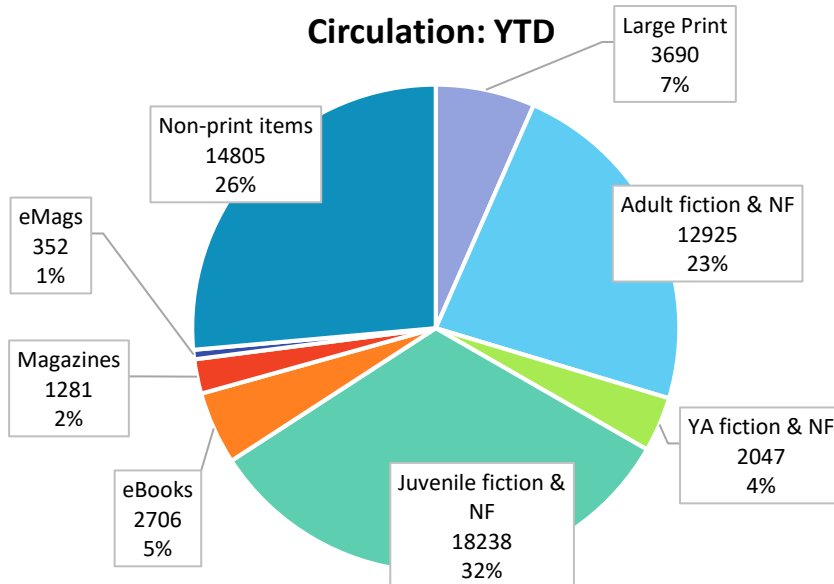
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
60	494	407

## Circulation

**Circulation: Month**



**Circulation: YTD**



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	515	3252
Adult & YA audio	78	537
Juvenile audio & kits	20	146
Adult & YA video	711	5434
Juvenile video & DVD	296	2154
Games, LoT, etc.	428	3282
	<b>2048</b>	<b>14805</b>

### Music

Downloads: 16  
Streams: 0  
Total YTD: 41



### Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 4  
YTD: 13



Visits: 158  
YTD: 1806



### Online Learning

Sessions: 17  
YTD: 642



### Languages

Sessions: 22  
YTD: 361



### Genealogy

Visits: 824  
YTD: 3821



Collection

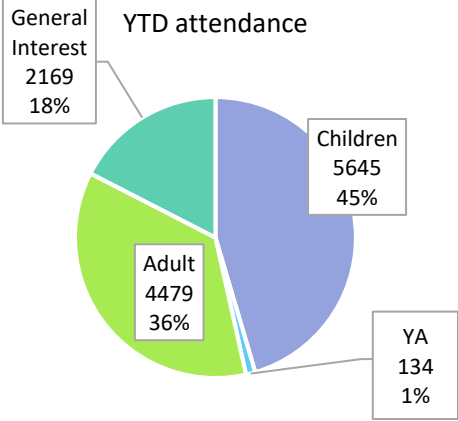
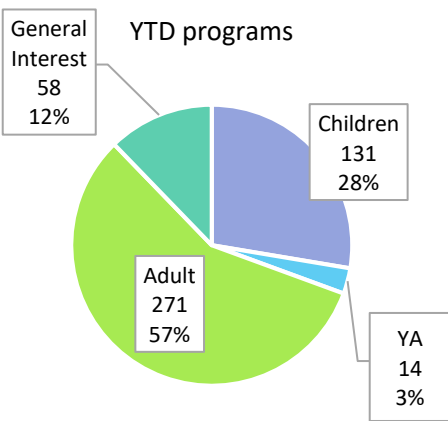
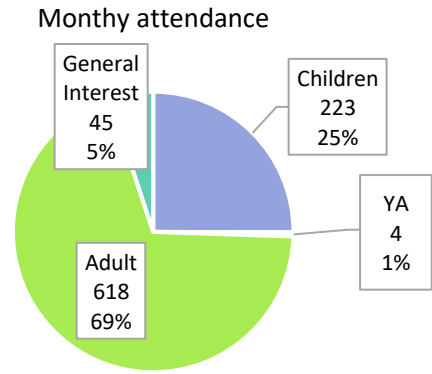
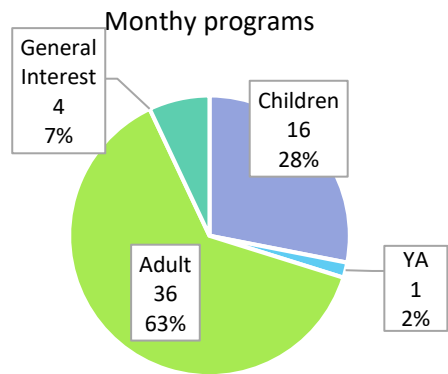
Items purchased	
Month:	209
YTD:	1616

Items donated	
Month:	35
YTD:	329
Prev. YTD:	310

Items withdrawn		
	Month	YTD
Books	476	2218
Audio	6	48
Video	9	274
Other	1	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>2617</b>

Summary of additions													
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	17	66	36	19	50	0	0	8	0	34	6	8	244
Previous month	11	77	25	6	30	4	16	3	0	21	5	3	201
Current YTD	100	573	190	109	483	71	68	44	5	189	62	51	1945
Previous YTD	142	710	212	114	402	75	84	61	6	168	55	78	2107

Programs



## Upcoming Events in February:

### ***Winter Bookopoly Challenge Continues thru February 29***

The JKPL is once again offering a winter library program. This year, participants will be using a Bookopoly game board to track what they are reading or doing at the library and earn prizes. Just like in the classic board game Monopoly, readers in Bookopoly will complete sets of challenges to earn prize entries.

- For each set completed, the participant will be able to select a free book from the prize cart to add to their home library and earn an entry into the grand prize drawings.
- Several grand prize options, for various ages and interests, will be available to choose from.
- There are twelve opportunities to earn entries.
- All ages of readers are welcome and participants can sign up as individuals or as teams.
- Stop in the library to register and pick up your game board or print the board from the library website.
- The winter Bookopoly Challenge will run through February 29.
- All entries must be received by March 3 to be included in the drawings.



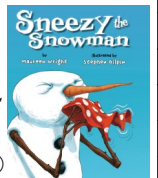
***Kids Can Craft: Valentines Pizza Guy Card: February 1—29.*** Stop in and craft at the Creation Station in the library! This month's craft is a step-by-step Valentine's Pizza Guy drawing that is perfect for a card to give to your favorite valentine. Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions.

***Creation Station Craft: Dragon Puppet: February 1—29.*** Happy Year of the Dragon! The Chinese new year starts on February 10th, but you can celebrate all month with this craft in the Creation Station. Make it in the library or grab a kit and create at home! The puppet consists of coloring paper, crepe paper, and optional sequins! The kit includes all supplies and instructions except for glue / tape. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

***Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: February 1—29.*** The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

***Get Puzzled @ Your Library: February 1—29.*** Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Stitch in Time*. 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®: "Sneezy the Snowman" by Maureen Wright: February 1—29.*** 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. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. Winter start/end dates for the StoryWalk® are approximate due to weather. *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.*



### ***Love My Library Giving Tree Fundraiser Continues thru February 29***

Do you "Love Your Library"? Then consider participating in this annual fundraising activity that will improve the collection and services the library is able to offer.

Library staff have identified books and other materials, furnishings, equipment, programs, supplies, and more that the library needs. Select one or more items and donate the funds needed for purchase. Or purchase the items yourself and donate them to the library. Donations will be written on a heart and displayed on the library windows as well as acknowledged on the library website and social media. Where appropriate the library will attach a tag or book plate acknowledging the donation and the donor will be the first to check it out.



Some items are listed on the bulletin board in the entry to the library as well as being featured on the library webpage and social media. The complete list can be viewed at the front desk or from the home page of the library's website ([www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us)). Not finding something you want to "love"? Bring your ideas to a librarian!

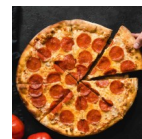


### ***Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Begins: Thursday, February 1***

Would you like to help raise money for the library? It is fun and easy! Just pick something you love and build a basket of items around that theme. Or pick a favorite book and build a basket around that book. Create your basket and donate it to the library by early March. The baskets will be auctioned off in a silent auction (in person and virtual) that runs March 1 to March 24. The library will provide you with an empty basket if you need one. Or you can just donate your items to the library and we can put them all in a basket for you. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.



***Take Your Child to the Library Day...All Month Long: February 1—29.*** Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer...in pizza play! First, check out our new revolving pretend-play station with this month's theme, Pizza Restaurant. Next, participate in our "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Eat Pizza" scavenger hunt to earn a pizza-related prize. Finally, check out our display of pizza books and take one home to read!



***Free Shredding @ Your Library: February 1—16.*** The James Kennedy Public Library has partnered with Advantage Archives of Cedar Rapids to offer FREE SHREDDING! Individuals may bring documents to the JKPL to be shredded free of charge. Clean out and prevent identity theft by bringing items like old Tax Records, Medical Records, Banking Information, and more that aren't safe to toss out in traditional trash or recycling. The bin provided will be locked from the time it leaves the library until it is received back at the Advantage Archives facility that is NAID AAA certified for secure destruction. Mark your calendars for this free event open to all!



***Strength Training for Older Adults: Thursdays and Mondays, February 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 @ 10:00 am.*** Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

***Upcycled Greeting Cards: Thursday, February 1 from 1:00—2:00 pm.*** Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to show you how to use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last.

***Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 from 1:00—3:30 pm.*** Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own. You can also challenge Ann to a game of Chess, Checkers, Connect 4, or Scrabble. If you want to learn a new game, contact Ann and she can schedule a time to teach you.

***Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, February 3 from 10:00—11:00 am.*** This month's theme is "Friends and Family". This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.



***Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Trolls: Band Together": Saturday, February 3 @ 1:00 pm.*** Poppy finds out that Branch used to be a member of the old popular boy band BroZone when he was younger and the group members are his real-life brothers! However, when they disbanded, Branch never saw his boy band brothers again. Then his brother Floyd is kidnapped and Branch mobilizes his family for the rescue. Rated PG (92 minutes).



***Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, February 3 from 4:00—6:00 pm.*** Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed. Guns with excessive hitting power will not be allowed.

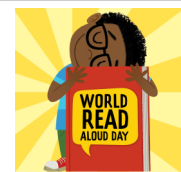


***Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, February 5 @ 12:00 noon.*** This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Go as a River* by Shelley Read. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

**Adult Crafternoon: Kindness Rocks: Monday, February 5 from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Join us this month to paint rocks and join the Kindness Rocks Project! Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting February 6th and kits will be available while supplies last.

**World Read Aloud Day: Wednesday, February 7.**

World Read Aloud Day is a day dedicated not just to reading, but to the art and practice of reading aloud. To celebrate, the JKPL will post a smash cut video of library staff members reading aloud brief excerpts from favorite books. Patrons are also encouraged to celebrate and share a brief video or photograph of them reading aloud. Videos can be posted on the library's social media or emailed to [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) between February 5—11. Everyone who participates will get their name entered into a special prize drawing!



**Music and Movement: Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm**

Has the winter weather set you all on edge? Bring your children to the library to wiggle, dance, play, and shake their energy out! An indoor snowball fight will conclude the dancing. This program is designed for children ages 6 months to 6 years, but all children are welcome to participate. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary for either session.



**Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

**Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, February 10 @ 3:30 pm.** Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at [Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

**Folk Art: Creativity with Pen and Ink: Tuesday, February 13 @ 6:00 pm**

Join Dianne Kramer as we take a step back in time to the era of our colonial ancestors and create and design replicas of primitive folk art. Folk art is characterized by simplicity, bold colors, and a depiction of everyday life in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Come to the library to see a display of the types of drawings we'll do in class!

- No art experience is necessary! Each image will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps.
- This class is designed for adults and registration is required as space is limited to 20.
- Please register by Monday, February 12.
- Participants will need to bring the following supplies: pencil, eraser, fine black felt-tipped pen, and colored pencils.
- All other supplies will be provided.



**Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, February 13 @ 7:00 pm.** Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *Cold Light of Day* by Elizabeth Goddard. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

**Genealogy with Ann: Wednesday, February 14 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.



**Miniature Golf @ Your Library: Saturday, February 17**

**Miniature Golf Course Building from 12:00—4:00 pm**

Got a cool idea for a course hole in the library? Join us from 12-3pm to construct and test your idea. Then stay from 3-4pm and help us set it up for people to play through! The hole that is voted as the favorite will get \$20 Dyersville Dollars as a prize. All ages welcome but those under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Mini Golf from 4:00—7:00 pm**

Come to the library for this special after-hours event for all ages. For one night only, we'll turn the library into a mini-golf course! Come in to tee off between the stacks and navigate our book obstacles which will be designed by library staff and/or volunteers. All ages welcome but those under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult.



**Bingo Party: Monday, February 19 from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

**Cricut with Christopher presents St. Patrick's Day T-Shirts: Monday, February 19 @ 6:00 pm.** Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and design your own 3-color St. Patrick's Day design for a t-shirt. Participants need to bring a plain, unwashed t-shirt for this project. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended as attendance is limited to 10. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

**Maple Syruping: Tuesday, February 20 @ 6:30 pm.**

Join Dubuque County Conservation and come learn the history of creating maple syrup and how indigenous people collected sap and boiled it down to syrup each year. See first-hand all the tools required for tapping a maple tree, collecting sap, and the equipment used to boil it down to a finished product of maple syrup. Syrup samples will be provided. Registration is required as a minimum of 10 is needed to hold this program. Walk-ins are welcome as space and supplies allow. Please register by Monday, February 19.



**Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, February 23 from 6:00—9:00 pm.** Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

**STEAMFEST: Saturday, February 24 from 9:30 am—3:00 pm.** Visit the JKPL for this special event celebrating Engineer's Week (February 18-24) and discover some of the exciting S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and music) activities available at the library! There will be different activities available throughout the day in different spaces of the library. Come for one or come for all! All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 require a teen or adult companion.



**STEAMFEST Schedule:**

Games for All Ages: 9:30 am-2:30 pm. Join us in the children's area for games for all ages, building blocks of all kinds, and even a life-sized Connect Four game!

Button making: 9:30 am-2:30 pm: Buttons are a great way to show the world what you like. Visit this station to make a 2.25" pinback button reflecting your interest. Visitors will be able to design and color their button image, pick from some images already selected, or go online and find something specific to use.

Design Your Own Game: 9:30 am-11:30 am. Join Loras Professor Jacob Heidenreich and create your very own board game!

Corner Bookmarks: 9:30-11:30 am: Come make your own corner bookmark out of origami paper. Make a cookie eating monster or choose from printed or plain paper to make the bookmark of your choice.

Makey-Makey: 9:30-11:30 am: Makey-Makey kits allow users to turn everyday objects into keyboards or controllers for computers or video games. Join us as we play a guitar computer game using a cardboard controller. Plus we'll use apples and bananas to work a computer!

Fun with Robots: 9:30-11:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm. Come to the Hoffman Room to play with selected robots in our Library of Things. Each session will feature different robots, so come to both to have some robotics fun!

Butterfly Craft: 11:30 am-1:00pm: Come make a paper butterfly which is realistic in size and color to a real species.

Make your own Seismograph Chartings: 11:30-1:00 pm: Build and use a re-creation of the original seismograph, an instrument used to record earthquake tremors.

Snap Circuits: 12:30-2:30 pm: Love to put electronics together? Snap circuits give participants various electronic parts that snap to a board to create projects such as an RC car, a radio, a light sensing alarm, and much more. Stop by and see what you can create!

Paint-By-Sticker: 1:30-3:00 pm: Come create a vibrant, full color "painting" with stickers! As in paint-by-number, each scene is divided into dozens of spaces, each with a number that corresponds to a particular sticker. Find the sticker, peel it, place it. And then the next, and the next, and the next, until your "painting" comes to life.



## Mystery Dinner Theatre Fundraiser: *Gritty Gritty Bang Bang*: Saturday, February 24 @ 6:30 pm

The JKPL is excited to announce the 2024 Mystery Dinner Fundraiser which will feature a western-themed mystery performed by the Brew Ha Ha Players along with a meal catered by J & D Catering. This event will be held at the Dyersville Social Center.



Themed dress is welcome! Tickets are \$75.00 each or a table for six (6) for \$400.00. Details about the meal can be found on the library website: [www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us). **Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in by February 16.**

### Show Description:

With audacious characters like the poker playing One-Eyed Jack; Scarlett, the overly friendly call girl; and Kitty Pinkerton, the new sheriff in town who's dedicated to law and order—this evening is filled with action and laughs as the small town of Fort Wiota tries to figure out who shot the contemptible Callous Crud. Join us as we put the "wild" in the Wild West!

**Strings Club: Monday, February 26 @ 6:00 pm.** Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

**JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, February 27 @ 6:30 pm.** Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please call by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

**Health & Wellness 365: Heart Health: Thursday, February 29 @ 11:00 am.** Join the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging for this session on heart health. Topics will include heart disease and heart attack prevention, the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) eating plan, and how to correctly take your blood pressure. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. There will be food samples to try! All are welcome.



### Celebrate Leap Day @ Your Library: Thursday, February 29

Tired of the cold and snow? Join us at the James Kennedy Public Library in Dyersville on Thursday, February 29 and celebrate Leap Day by leaping to a warmer season.

- Library staff will be dreaming about warmer weather and will be dressing for summer! Wear your summer and vacation clothes (over a sweater, if you must) and stop in the library for snacks and punch.
- Leap Day activity kits (including trivia, puzzles and Leap Day activities) will be available to pick up at the library starting on February 19.
- At 3:00 pm we will show the musical film *Mamma Mia* (PG-13). Everyone is welcome. Soda and popcorn for all who attend.



### Free Trees for Earth Day!

The JKPL is celebrating Earth Day this spring by participating in the Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids every Earth Day. Since 2010, Neighborhood Forest has reached over 100,000 families and planted over 50,000 (mostly urban and residential) trees through the hands of children and parents across North America. The JKPL is excited to be participating in this wonderful program that teaches kids stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow.



- Parents can find more information and sign their children up to receive a tree at: <https://bit.ly/FreeTrees24>
- Deadline to apply is March 15
- Trees (6 to 12 inches in size) will be delivered to the JKPL and families will be able to pick them up around Earth Day (April 22nd).
- Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.

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





## Children's Book Author Visit and Mini-Writer's Workshop Sunday, March 3 @ 1:00—2:00 pm

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- Participants should be 55 or older in good cognitive health.
- Participants should be able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions that are two hours each.
- Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required by YMCA, but may be refunded to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions (upon request).
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- At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron.
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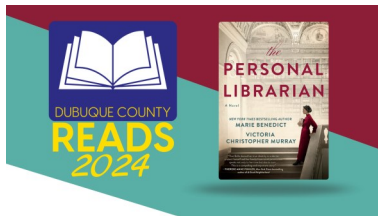
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The book will be available to borrow at each participating library, with the appropriate library card required. Digital copies are available to borrow electronically through the Carnegie-Stout Public Library or James Kennedy Public Library, with the respective city resident library card required. Some libraries may even have audiobook copies to borrow. Alternatively, you can purchase a copy of the book from River Lights Bookstore in Dubuque with a 30% discount.

## Friends Bus Trip to Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse Wednesday, May 8

The annual Friends of the JKPL bus trip will be going to Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island, IL to see *Jersey Boys*. Seats are \$115 each and include one ticket to the show, lunch, gratuities, and transportation. The bus will stop at TYCOGO Winery on the way home for a break. Tickets must be bought in advance and are on sale now.



## FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Love My Library Fundraiser &amp; Winter Bookopoly Reading Program continues thru February 29</div>	<div>February 1—29</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get Puzzled</li> <li>Coloring, Creating, Doing</li> <li>StoryWalk®</li> </ul>	<div>February 1—29</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valentine Pizza Guy craft kits</li> <li>Dragon Puppet craft kits</li> <li>Leap Day Activity Kits (starting February 19)</li> </ul>	<div>Take Your Child to the Library Day....All Month Long! February 1-29</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Strength Training @ 10am</div> <div>Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1-2pm</div> <div>Build-A-Basket Fundraiser begins!</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am</div> <div>Trolls Band Together (PG) @ 1pm</div> <div>Nerf War @ 4pm</div>
Free Shredding: February 1—16						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<div>Strength Training @ 10am</div> <div>Books For Lunch @ 12pm</div> <div>Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm</div>		<div>Music &amp; Movement @ 10am &amp; 6:30pm</div> <div>Sit &amp; Stitch from 1-3pm</div> <div>Today is World Read Aloud Day!</div>	<div>Strength Training @ 10am</div>	<div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div>	<div>Dungeons &amp; Dragons @ 3:30pm</div>
Free Shredding: February 1—16						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<div>Strength Training @ 10am</div>	<div>Folk Art @ 6pm</div> <div>A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm</div>	<div>Music &amp; Movement @ 10am &amp; 6:30pm</div> <div>Sit &amp; Stitch from 1-3pm</div> <div>Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm</div>	<div>Strength Training @ 10am</div>	<div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div>	<div>Mini Golf Course Building from 12-4pm</div> <div>Mini Golf @ Library from 4-7pm</div>
Free Shredding: February 1—16						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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	<div>Strength Training @ 10am</div> <div>Strings Club @ 6pm</div>	<div>JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm</div>	<div>Music &amp; Movement @ 10am &amp; 6:30pm</div> <div>Sit &amp; Stitch from 1-3pm</div>	<div>Leap Day @ Library from 9:30am-7:30pm</div> <div>Strength Training @ 10am</div> <div>Health &amp; Wellness 365 @ 11am</div>		



## **Tentative Schedule of JKPL Events - MARCH 2024**

***Free Trees for Earth Day!*** The JKPL is celebrating Earth Day this spring by participating in the Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids every Earth Day. Since 2010, Neighborhood Forest has reached over 100,000 families and planted over 50,000 (mostly urban and residential) trees through the hands of children and parents across North America. The JKPL is excited to be participating in this wonderful program that teaches kids stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow. Parents can find more information and sign their children up to receive a tree at this link: <https://bit.ly/FreeTrees24>. Trees (6 to 12 inches in size) will be delivered to the JKPL and families will be able to pick them up around Earth Day (April 22nd). Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving. Deadline to apply is March 15.

***Kids Can Craft: Candy Designs Coloring Contest: March 1-31.*** Kids of all ages are invited to stop in to the library to design and/or color a huge candy for a coloring contest. Winner will receive a basket of sweet goodies! All designs will be considered for use in an upcoming summer Storywalk. All kids are welcome to take their coloring page home and return to the library at a later date, if they prefer to craft at home. Paints are available for take-home at the front desk, but paints are not allowed in the library. Creativity is king, so get crafty!

***Creation Station Craft: March 1-31.*** Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

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

***Get Puzzled @ Your Library: March 1-31.*** Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Iconic America*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle.

***Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Bluey: 5-Minute Stories" by Penguin Random House: March 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. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. Winter start/end dates for the StoryWalk® are approximate due to weather. *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 Read Across America Day...All Month Long!: March 1-31.*** Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in veterinary hospital play! First, check out our new revolving pretend-play station with this month's theme, Veterinary Hospital. Next, participate in our "Bluey" scavenger hunt to earn a small prize. Finally, check out our display of animal books and take one home to read!

***March 1-31: March Book Mania!*** Join us this month to hear about books JKPL staff and volunteers read and loved. Then vote to decide which is the local favorite! Everyone who votes will have their name entered into a drawing to win their own copy of the top two books and an "Adopt a Book" form, where you choose a book to be added to the JKPL collection in your name. How it works:

1. Library staff and volunteers selected a favorite book that they want to recommend to others. These titles

- were put into Round 1.
2. Watch the videos talking about these titles, then vote for your favorite out of each pairing. There will also be paper voting slips available at the library. Note: Some titles may have a bye – depending on how many total recommendations we have by March 1.
  3. The titles that win the first round will move on to Round 2. The four titles that win Round 2 will move on to Round 3 and the final two titles will move on to Round 4 where one book will be declared the winner.
  4. Voting starts March 4th with the new roster being posted each Monday. Voting will run Monday through Sunday each week.
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Book discussions will be held at following locations:

- March 27 at 4:30 pm at Cascade Public Library
- April 1 at 5:00 pm at James Kennedy Public Library
- April 8 at 11:00 am at University of Dubuque Library
- April 8 at 6:00 pm at Carnegie-Stout Public Library
- April 9 at 12:00 pm at Divine Word College Library
- April 9 at 4:00 pm at Loras College Library
- April 10 at 6:00 pm at Dubuque County Library District-Farley
- April 11 at 12:00 pm at Wartburg Theological Seminary Library
- April 11 at 12:45 pm at Clarke University Library
- April 12 at 5:30 pm - Virtual Discussion led by JKPL staff
- April 15 at 11:00 am at Dubuque County Library District - Asbury

***Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Silent Auction Begins: Friday, March 1.*** Join us for the Annual Build-A-Basket Fundraiser! Organizations, businesses, and individuals have donated some amazing baskets this year and now is your opportunity to bid on them. All items are on display in the library and a photograph with a description of contents is posted on both the library's Facebook page and website at [www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us). Bids can be placed in person at the library, by calling the library, or emailing [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us). The highest bid will be listed along with the photo of the item on the library's website. This list will be updated daily. Bidding in the silent auction runs March 1 –24. Bidding ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 24. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.

***Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 1:00-3:30 pm.*** Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

***Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, March 2 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.***

This month's theme is "Spring is Here!". This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

***Scrapped Crafting: Saturday, March 2 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.*** March is National Craft Month so we are celebrating with a crafting and upcycling event! Guests of all ages are invited to challenge their imagination by creating a piece of art using various craft supplies and upcycled items. Participants may use any media or supplies they like. Participants can make their projects during this in-person program at the library or create their own Make-and-take kits by selecting from the variety of items the library has available and create at home. Everyone is encouraged to bring their finished projects back to the library by March 24. Projects will be displayed in the library during March and visitors will be able to vote for their favorite from March 25-31. The creator of the project with the most votes will receive an arts and crafts supplies basket.

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***Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, March 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 @ 10:00 am.***

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

***Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, March 4 @ 12:00 noon.*** This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the 2024 All Iowa Read selection for adults, *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

***Adult Crafternoon: Paint a 4x4 canvas: Monday, March 4 from 1:00-3:00 pm.*** Join us this month to paint a 4 x 4 canvas. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting March 6th and kits will be available while supplies last.

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***Family Storytime: Wednesday, March 6 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm.*** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their children to this once-monthly Family Storytime. Family Storytime is for children ages infant to five years old and their caregiver. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

***Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27. from 1:00—3:00 pm.*** Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

***Upcycled Greeting Cards: Thursday, March 7 from 1:00-2:00 pm.*** Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to show you how to use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last.

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***Movies @ Your Library presents "The Marvels": Saturday, March 2 @ 1:00 pm.*** The extremely powerful Carol Danvers finds her fate inexplicably intertwined with two younger women, Kamala Khan and Monica Rambeau. The three headstrong and independent women must then learn to work together and overcome their personal shortcomings to protect the universe from harm. Rated PG-13 (105 minutes).

***Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, March 9 @ 4:00 pm.*** Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the 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](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

***Serenity Cards: Creativity with Pen and Ink: Monday, March 11 @ 6:00 pm.*** Join us for this art class with Dianne Kramer as we blend special words of comfort and relaxation with easy-to-draw images. With inspiration from artist Diane Harpster, participants will design their own serenity cards. The resulting class projects will be a blend of beautiful pen-and-ink images and favorite words of serenity (i.e., peace, joy), a Bible verse, or lines from



a favorite song or poem. No art experience is necessary! Each image will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is designed for adults and registration is required as space is limited to 20. Due to the high demand for this class, 5 of the 20 slots will be reserved for those who have not previously attended one of Dianne's classes, or who have not attended since before October 2023. If not filled, these spots will be opened up to all. Registration begins February 15. Participants will need to bring the following supplies: pencil, eraser, fine black felt-tipped pen, and colored pencils. All other supplies will be provided. Come to the library to see a display of the types of drawings to be done in class!

***Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, March 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 *After the Shadows* by Amanda Cabot. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

***Genealogy with Ann: Wednesday, March 13 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. If this time does not work for you, you are welcome to call and schedule an appointment.

***Native Landscaping: Thursday, March 14 @ 6:30 pm.*** Looking for a way to give back to the environment but don't have the means or time to volunteer at conservation areas and want to bring nature home to you? Join Dubuque County Conservation staff as we share little ways of how to take your own property, no matter how small or large, and turn it into a rest area for native species. Walk away with resources from the Mowing to Monarchs program, best places to buy native plants, and other information to take with you as you start transforming the land around you one plant at a time. The JKPL has partnered with Dubuque County Conservation to present this program. Registration is requested to ensure adequate supplies, walk-ins welcome as space and supplies allow. This program may be canceled if a minimum of 10 individuals is not registered by Wednesday, March 13.

***Bingo Party: Monday, March 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!

***Cricut with Christopher presents Glass Easter Bunnies: Monday, March 18 @ 6:00 pm.*** Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create a glass Easter Bunny. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please bring a pair of scissors! Registration is recommended as attendance is limited to 10. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

***Music and Movement: Wednesdays, March 20 and 27 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm.*** On select Wednesdays in March, bring your children to the library to wiggle, dance, play and shake their energy out! This program is designed for children ages 6 months to 6 years, but all children are welcome to participate. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary for either session.

***Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, March 22 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.*** Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

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***Teen Trivia Showdown: Saturday, March 23 @ 4:00 pm.*** Want to test your knowledge and have some fun with your friends? Join us for our Teen Trivia Showdown! The theme of the night will be “Fandoms”, focusing on topics such as Harry Potter, anime, music and more! Participants can sign up to be on one of five teams (Max 4 players per team). Registration is requested and walk-ins are welcome if there is space on a team. For ages 13-18 only. Spectators are welcome! This program is sponsored by TACKL.

***Sunday, March 24: Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Closing Reception from 2:00-4:00 pm.*** Join us for refreshments and one last chance to bid on the baskets donated to the library for the Build-a-Basket Fundraiser! The silent auction will end at 3:00 pm sharp. These baskets make great gifts - for yourself or someone you love! All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services. Community poster.

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

***JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, March 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 call by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

***Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, March 28 @ 11:00 am.*** Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. Topic TBA. There will be food samples to try! All are welcome.

***Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Wish”: Saturday, March 30 @ 1:00 pm.*** After making a wish on a starry night, Asha is surprised when Star, a ball of cosmic energy, comes down to accompany her. Asha and Star must work together to defeat the ruthless ruler, King Magnifico, who threatens the safety of her local community. Rated PG (92 minutes).

***Sunday, March 31: Library closed for Easter***