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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
June 15, 2026**

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

- 6,967 items were checked out. This is an 11% decrease from May 2025. Fiscal year to date, circulation is down 2.5%.
- 32 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 276 new library cards have been issued.
- 94 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 3,604 people engaged with these activities. Year to date, program attendance is up 22.6%.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 165 hours and 362 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 2,279 hours and 4,752 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 889 sessions, 799 visits, and 338 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 11,474 sessions, 9,792 visits, and 2,102 unique users.
- There were 5,018 library visits. Year to date visits are up 0.4%.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the June events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of activities planned for July. Some of the programs scheduled include a musician, a laser show, a program on pollinators, programs presented by Dubuque County Conservation, bubbles and butterflies at the Downtown Markets, a program on Hospice, and the annual Summer Tea. The JKPL Book Bike will be visiting various locations and the Pop-up Library will be at the Farmer's Market and Downtown Market. Summer Reading Programs for all ages continue through July with the theme: Plant a Seed - Read. The Friends of the JKPL Used Book Sale is July 17 – 20.

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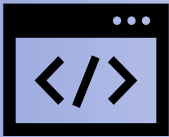
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

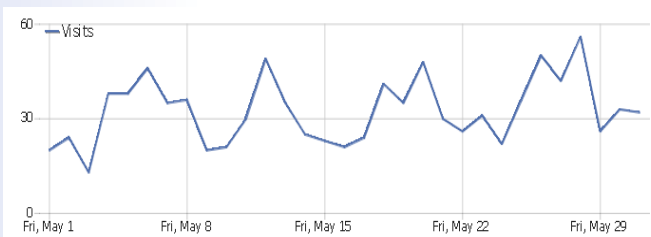
Month: May-26
YTD: July-25 to May-26
Previous YTD: July-24 to May-25

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	5018	(↓ 9.6%)	6967	(↓ 11.3%)	15	32	(↓ 5.9%)
YTD	54725	(↑ 0.4%)	82622	(↓ 2.5%)	173	276	(↓ 6.4%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1006	2:09



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
165	2279	2267	362	4606	4752

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
889	11474	799	9792	338	2102

Meeting room use



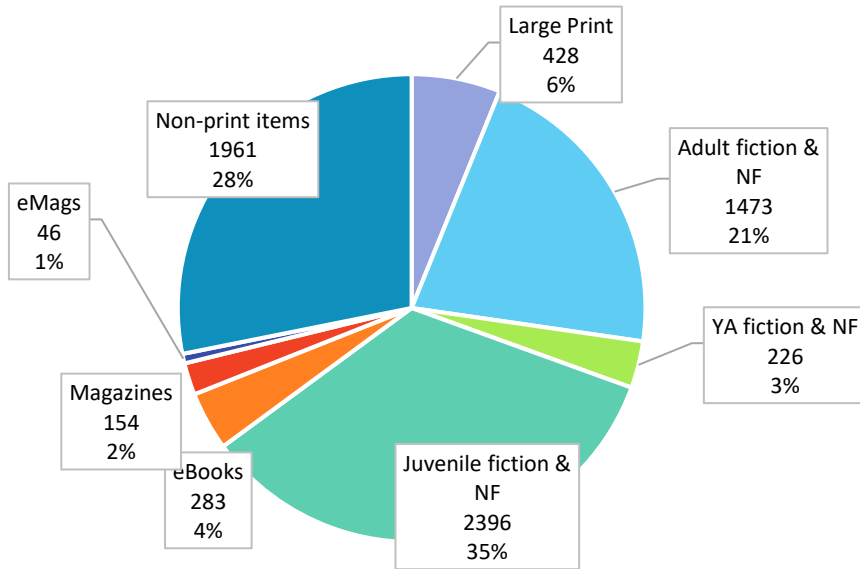
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
73	826	720

Online Learning
Sessions: 37
YTD: 869

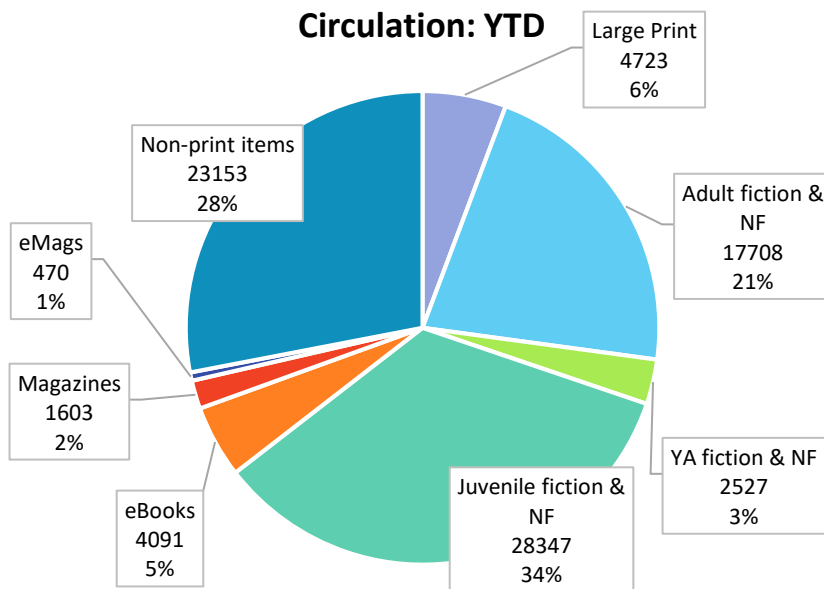


Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

Month

YTD

eAudio	611	7401
Adult & YA audio	87	944
Juvenile audio & kits	18	201
Adult & YA video	636	7333
Juvenile video & DVD	303	3406
Games, LoT, etc.	306	3868
	1961	23153

Music

Downloads: 3
Total YTD: 39



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 19
YTD: 152



Visits: 105
YTD: 1906



Languages

Sessions: 31
YTD: 602



Genealogy

Visits: 265
YTD: 4582



World Culture

Visits: 0
YTD: 30



Hobbies

Sessions: 62
YTD: 361



Sessions: 0
YTD: 0



Collection

Items purchased	
Month:	168
YTD:	2315

Items donated	
Month:	108
YTD:	724
Prev. YTD:	1428

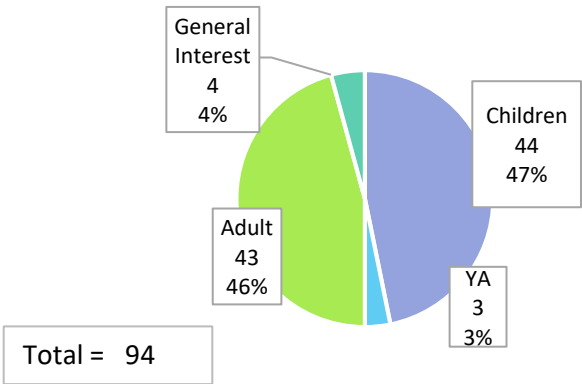
	Month	YTD
Books	145	1878
Audio	0	3
Video	0	513
Other	2	113
Total	147	2507

Summary of additions

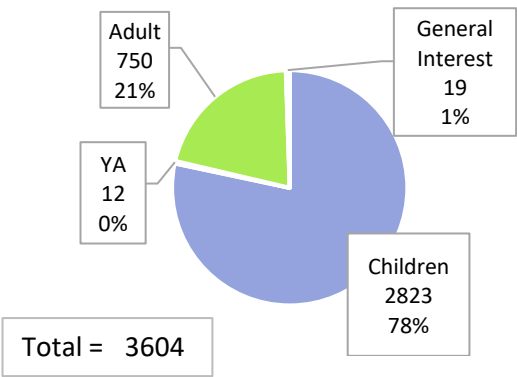
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	16	120	20	10	65	22	6	2	0	13	2	0	276
Previous month	3	67	28	24	84	23	13	6	1	21	1	4	275
Current YTD	159	855	301	194	729	152	129	36	4	303	75	102	3039
Previous YTD	198	918	362	187	815	165	108	51	8	315	117	101	3345

Programs

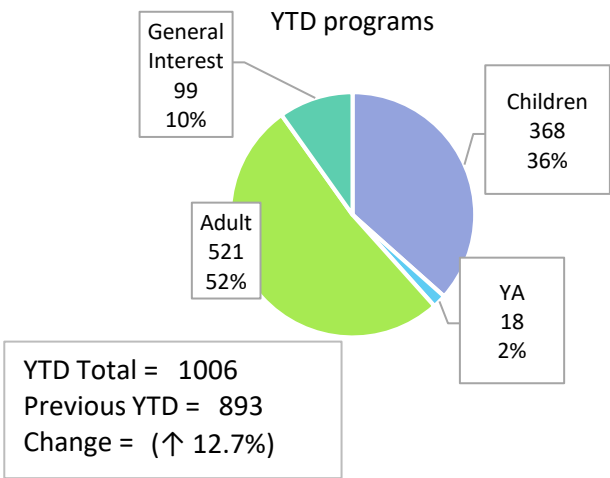
Monthly programs



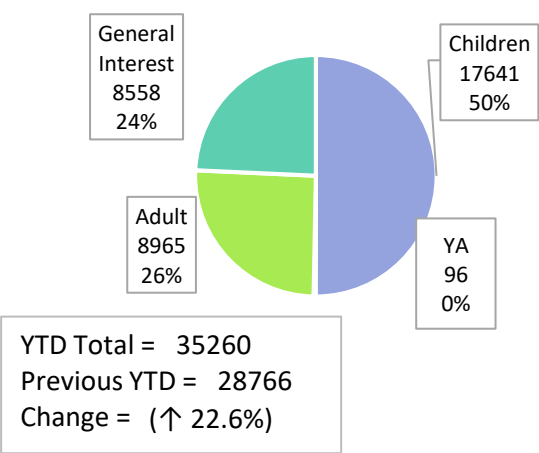
Monthly attendance



YTD programs



YTD attendance





UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JUNE

Adult Summer Library Program: June 1—August 31

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

- For everyone 18 and older
- Program runs June 1—August 31
- 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.
- For those that want a challenge, there is also Book Genre Bingo.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



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

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

Plant a Seed—Read: Voting Jar: June 1—30

Each month this summer you are invited to respond to a question related to the summer theme. June's question is: *What gardening or planting activities do you enjoy?* Visitors of all ages are welcome to share their response every time they visit the library by putting a pom-pom in the jar that matches their choice. Each response also earns an entry into a drawing to win a prize.

Plant a Seed—Read: Reading Recommendations: June 1—August 31

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

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, June 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 & 29 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. This class is for older adults of any age and fitness level where participants exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD twice a week and most of the exercises are performed seated in a chair. Each participant will need weights and a stretch band for the class. Space is limited so registration is required. This program is made possible by a partnership with the Geri-Fit® Company.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, June 1 @ 12:00 noon. This month the group will discuss *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston. 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.



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

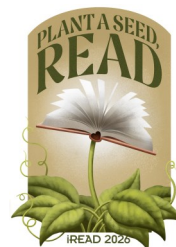
LIBRARY HOURS:

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

Teen Summer Reading Program: June 2—August 1

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

- For those that have completed 5th—12th grade (Children who have completed 5th grade may choose to complete this program or the Children's Program).
- Program runs June 2—August 1 and registration begins June 2.
- Participants will receive a free book just for registering.
- Participants will fill out a review for every book read during the program.
- Each review turned in will earn one entry into a drawing to win prizes at the end of the program.
- Attending library programs will also earn one entry into the drawing.
- The grand prize this year is a Samsung Galaxy Tablet!



Children's Summer Reading Program: June 2—August 1

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

- For Children ages 4-11 years old, who have completed 5th grade (Children who have completed 5th grade may choose to complete the Teen Program or this program).
- The program runs June 2—August 1 and registration begins June 2.
- Receive a free book just for registering.
- This summer, earn points for reading. At the end of the summer reading program, tally up your points, and use your total summer reading points to “buy” some great prizes or books at our summer reading store. Plus, claim a free ice cream!
- Can't make it on August 1? Buy books with your points between August 2—31.
- 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: June 2—August 1

- For Children ages 0-3
- The program runs June 2—August 1 and registration begins June 2.
- 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.

Paint a Flower Guided Art Class: Tuesday, June 2 at 10:30 am, 2:00 pm, and 6:00 pm

Kick off our summer library activities by painting a beautiful flower! At each 2 hour class, participants will use basic shapes and simple painting techniques to create a different design on an 8x10 inch canvas.

- All supplies provided.
- For all ages and abilities but those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.
- Class times and themes are: 10:30 am—Blue Gerbera Daisy; 2:00 pm—close-up of a Sunflower; 6:00 pm— Zinnias or Wildflowers
- Registration is required by June 1 at 12:00 pm. Walk-ins are welcome as space and supplies allow.
- Guests may sign up for only one class.
- 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

The popular magician will perform a hilarious, high-energy magic show with her live bird Bubbles. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 will need to be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen.

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.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request.

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, June 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre where you can come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Library Garage Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm & Sunday, June 7 from 1:00—4:00 pm
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 inside the library. 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.



Have items to donate to the JKPL Garage Sale Fundraiser?

Members of the community are encouraged to donate their good, used items for this sale. 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.

Pokémon Club: Monday, June 8 from 4:00—6:00 pm. Come every month to play the trading card game, or video games, with seasoned players and meet some friends and do some card trading. All ages welcome; however, those under age 10 need an adult companion.

Dyersville Public Works Presents Big Trucks at the Library: Wednesday, June 10 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Come learn about the Dyersville Public Works' vehicles and see big truck demonstrations in the library's parking lot! While here, attend the Big Truck Storytime at 10:30 am and/or participate in chalk art on the sidewalk. All participants will receive a free stress ball, while supplies last. All ages welcome, but due to vehicle safety needs, an adult or responsible teen 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 or responsible teen companion is required.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, June 11 & 25 from 3:00—5:00 pm. Join the JKPL at 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. 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 the Farmer's Market at 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 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion. Fifteen sets are available, so it is first-come, first-served.

Dragon Academy: Friday, June 12 @ 10:00 am

Learn how to train a dragon at Dragon Academy at Legacy Square, where animatronic dragons will swoop in for a visit! All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be moved to the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



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 Area Chamber of Commerce.

Pop-Up @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, June 12 from 5:30—8:30 pm. The JKPL will be "popping up" at Downtown Summer Nights at Legacy Square! Visitors will be able to select a free book to keep from the pop-up library, as well as learn more about library services. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

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. 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—3:00 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. 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!



Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Zootopia 2": Saturday, June 13 @ 1:00 pm. Brave rabbit cop Judy Hopps and her friend, the fox Nick Wilde, team up again to crack a new case, the most perilous and intricate of their careers. Rated PG (110 minutes).

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, June 13 @ 3:30 pm. Join us in person, or remotely via Discord, to play D & D. New players of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Bingo Party: Monday, June 15 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy free monthly bingo at the JKPL! There is a two-card limit and prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited.

Dubuque County Conservation Stream & Study & Foraging Hike: Monday, June 15

Join Dubuque County Conservation for two outdoor activities this summer for all ages.

Stream Study @ 2:00 pm

Join the DCC at the Westside Park Pavilion 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 the event of inclement weather, this program will be cancelled.



Foraging Hike @ 6:00 pm

Hike along the trails at New Wine Park as we 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! All ages welcome but guests under 16 years of age need an adult companion. Registration required by June 14.

On the day of the hike, participants should meet at New Wine Park, 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.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, June 16 @ 7:00 pm. This book club features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *The Letter From Briarton Park* by Sarah H. Ladd. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. Note: the date for book club this month was pushed back one week.

Kids Can Garden: Plant a Hanging Salsa Planter: Wednesday, June 17 @ 4:00 pm. Come plant a hanging pot with herbs and vegetables perfect for making salsa. Then watch your plants grow all summer, harvest, and make salsa at home! All materials provided. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 will need an adult or responsible teen companion. Twelve sets are available, and they are first-come, first-served.



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 June 18 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.



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



Strings Club: Monday, June 22 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a string instrument and want to jam with others? Then come join the monthly JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. Facilitated by Gary Bramel.

Hospice Care 101: Tuesday, June 23 @ 11:00 am

Julie Schlabaugh RN, BSN from Above & Beyond Home Health & Hospice Care will be at the library to talk about Hospice Care so you understand the benefits and rules should you ever need this type of care. Things she will cover in this presentation include: What are the differences between Home Care and Hospice; Benefits of Hospice care; Hospice Myths; Rules for participation in Hospice; Trends in healthcare; and Benefits of referrals from a health care professional early in the process.



JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, June 23 @ 6:30 pm. Join us for this monthly sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. Attendees are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. New members are welcome any time.

Health & Wellness 365: Thursday, June 25 @ 11:30 am. Join us for lunch and learn how preventative health care can find health problems early before they become serious. We will also discuss Air Fryers. Presented by the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging with Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. Individuals over age 60, or those with age related concerns, will most benefit from this program, but all are welcome. Attendees can choose to have a lunch, which is provided for free for those over age 60 and must be eaten on site. Registration is required by 3:00 pm on June 23rd if you want lunch. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Art in the Park—Slime: Thursday, June 25 from 3:30—4:30 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 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion. Available while supplies last.



Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, June 26 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 at this monthly event. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

JKPL @ the Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, June 27 from 8:00 am—12:00 noon

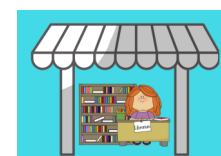
Absolute Science Bubbles Stations

Visit the Dyersville Downtown Market and celebrate summer reading with multiple bubble stations. Children under the age of 7 require an adult or responsible teen companion. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library and the Dyersville Downtown Market.



Pop-up Library

Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer at our pop-up library and select a free book to keep. We will also have WiFi Access, if you need it. And don't miss out on face painting from 9:00—10:00 am & 11:00 am—12:00 pm! The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Summer Tea: Sunday, June 28 from 1:30—3:00 pm

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!



Puzzles, Take-Home Kits, Activity Packets, Scavenger Hunt: June 1—30
Kits are available while supplies last.

Children's Pretend Play Station—Veterinarian: Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Veterinarian play!

Children's Scavenger Hunt—Ducks & Dogs. Kids can earn one prize, per child, per library visit for completing the hunt!

Kids Can Craft—New Animal Species. Kids of all ages can design and color a new species of animal. Horse-chicken-elephant? Cow-giraffe-duck? Turn in your design for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket. The limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early July.

Creation Station Craft for Kids—Paper Chain Snake. 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.

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

Coloring, Creating and Doing Kits for Teens & Adults. Each pack will include at least 10 different items including coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages.

Adult Craft Kits—Mini Watercolor Painting. Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in and help put together a new jigsaw puzzle—*Cozy Flower Shop*. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Go and Get with Rex" by David LaRochelle. 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.*

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

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



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

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

Patron Requirements to Borrow:

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



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



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



**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 an adult or responsible teen companion. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

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

Join JKPL's Miss Andrea and Dubuque County Conservation for a turtle storytime along with some turtle education. There will be live turtles that kids can pet! Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion.

**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 an adult or responsible teen companion. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

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

**Foraging Hike for Teens
Friday, July 10 @ 4:00 pm**

Hike along the trails at New Wine Park as we 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! Led by the Dubuque County Conservation. For ages 12-18 only.

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

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Scams to rob you of your money have become common, so come learn how to protect yourself! Receive tips to proactively stay safe and avoid financial loss. This presentation will cover common scams, how to detect and prevent falling victim to scams, best practices for safety, and what to do if you have been scammed. Questions welcome. Presented by Mollie Clapham from Mound City Bank.

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

Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Come check out the variety of items including books, movies, audios and more! Bags of books are \$2.00 on Monday, the last day of the sale. Hours are:
Friday, July 17: 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday, July 18: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Sunday, July 19: 1:00—4:00 pm
Monday, July 20: 9:00 am—6:00 pm

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

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

Want to stay current on all that is going on at the library? Here's how:

- *Sign up for our weekly email newsletter
- *Visit our website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us
- *Follow us on Goodreads: James Kennedy Public Library
- *Follow us on YouTube: James Kennedy Public Library

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JUNE 2026	1 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm Adult Summer Library Program begins!	2 Paint A Flower classes @ 10:30am, 2pm & 6pm Toddler, Children's, and Teen Summer Reading Programs begin!	3 Mikayla Oz @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	4 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	5 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	6 Garage Sale Fundraiser from 9am-3pm
	7 Garage Sale Fundraiser from 1-4pm	8 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Pokemon Club from 4-6pm	9 Big Trucks from 10am-12pm Big Truck Storytime @ 10:30am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	10 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Pop-up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm Art in the Park from 3:30-4:30pm	11 Dragon Academy @ 10am Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Pop-up @ Downtown Summer Nights from 5:30-8:30pm Fun & Games @ Downtown Summer Nights from 5:30-9pm	12 Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am World Wide Knit in Public Day from 1-3pm Zootopia 2 (PG) @ 1pm Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm
14	15 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Bingo Party from 1-3pm DCC Stream Study @ 2pm Foraging Hike @ 6:30pm	16 A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	17 Storytime @ 10:30am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Kids Can Garden @ 4pm	18 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	19 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	20 Game Changer @ 4pm
21 Library closed	22 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Strings Club from 6-8pm	23 Hospice Care 101 @ 11am JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm	24 Storytime @ 10:30am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	25 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Health & Wellness 365 @ 11:30am Pop-up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm Art in the Park from 3:30-4:30pm	26 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Game Night from 6-8pm	27 Pop-up @ Downtown Market from 8am-12pm Bubbles @ Downtown Market from 8am-12pm
28 Summer Tea from 1:30-3pm	29 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	30	June 1—30 - Coloring, Creating, & Doing - Upcycled Cards kits - Get Puzzled - Mini watercolor painting craft kits for adults		June 1—30 - Kids Can Craft: New Animal Species - Children's Pretend Play Station & Scavenger Hunt - StoryWalk® - Paper Chain Snake craft kits for kids	

Upcoming Events for July 2026

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

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

Kids Can Craft: Write an Ice Cream Song: July 1-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to write a song about ice cream and/or color an ice cream. Every song/picture turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket. The limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early August.

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

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

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

Adult Craft Kits: Marble Suncatchers: July 1-31. Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies except clear glue. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

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

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

Adult Summer Library Program Continues through August 31: 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*. 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.

Plant a Seed - Read: Voting Jar: July 1-30. The summer library programs this year focus on the concept of farm-to-table. A farm grows food and a library grows ideas. Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology so each month this summer you are invited to respond to a related question. July's question is: *What is your favorite vegetable?* Visitors of all ages are welcome to share their response every time they visit the library by putting a pom-pom in the jar that matches their choice.

Plant a Seed - Read: Reading Recommendations: July 1 -August 31. Do you like to recommend books to others? Or enjoy reading something recommended to you? When you finish a book you love, pick up a “Read This” bookmark and share why it should be read. Give the bookmark to a staff member to get your name entered into a drawing for a JKPL themed swag bag that will include a tote bag, book journal, and more! Staff will put the bookmark in the appropriate book and display them in the library for others to discover and enjoy!

Teen Summer Reading Program continues through August 1. Everyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is encouraged to participate in the teen program that runs through August 1. Registration ends on July 20th. The theme this year is *Plant A Seed-Read*. 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! Review sheets and program info. can be picked up at the library or downloaded from the library website. Children who have completed 5th grade may choose to complete the Teen Summer Reading Program instead of the Children’s program.

Children’s Summer Reading Program continues through August 1. 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*. The program runs through August 1 and registration ends on July 25. 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. Tracking sheets and bookmarks can be picked up at the library or downloaded from the library website. All programs will be held at the James Kennedy Public Library unless otherwise noted. *Children who have completed 5th grade may choose to complete the Teen Summer Reading Program instead of the Children’s program. *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 Continues through August 1. Children ages 0-3 are invited to participate in the Toddler Summer Literacy Program which runs through 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. The board game can be picked up at the library or downloaded from the library website. Families can choose to participate in the Children’s Summer Reading Program if they prefer. Registration accepted through July 25.

Library Bike Free Book Giveaways! July 1 - August 31. The library Book Bike will be out at different locations giving away free books during the summer! Check the library Facebook page and website for scheduled locations. Holding a community event and want the Library Bike to come? Contact Paul to see if it can make an appearance. All appearances are weather permitting.

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 an adult or responsible teen companion. No registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

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

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

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, July 3, 10, 17 & 31 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre. Come meet, teach, and play with other players

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

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

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

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

Storytime: Wednesdays, July 8*, 15, 22 & 29 @ 10:30 am. Join Ms. Andrea for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult or responsible teen companion is required. Storytimes will be held through July 29. Note: July 8 storytime will be a special turtle storytime with the Dubuque County Conservation.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, July 9 & 23 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market. Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. The library will also bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

Art in the Park: Plant a Pizza Garden: Thursday, July 9 @ 3:30 pm. 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 an adult or responsible teen companion. Fifteen sets are available, and they are first-come, first-served.

Libby Reads: July 9-23. The featured title for OverDrive's next global read is *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney. From July 9-23 readers worldwide can check out this title with no waitlists or holds in the Libby app. New York Times bestselling author John Kenney tells a funny, touching story

about life and death, about the search for meaning, about finding and never letting go of the preciousness of life. Read the book then come to the JKPL at 6:30 pm on TBD for refreshments and to discuss and share your thoughts on this book.

Absolute Science Laser Show: Friday, July 10 @ 10:00 am. Explore the science surrounding chemical reactions, soda explosions and lasers with Absolute Science. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. 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.*

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

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

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

Pokémon Club: Monday, July 13 from 4:00—6:00 pm. Come every month to play the trading card game or video games with seasoned players and meet some friends and do some card trading. All ages welcome; however, those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.

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

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

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Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, July 18 from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer at our pop-up library and select a free book to keep. We will also have WiFi Access, if you need it. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

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, at the Dyersville Downtown Market at Legacy Square. Open to all ages, but due to the delicate nature of butterflies, children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. No registration is necessary. *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library and the Dyersville Downtown Market.*

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Bingo Party: Monday, July 20 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come enjoy monthly bingo at the JKPL! There is a two-card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited.

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

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

Health & Wellness 365: Thursday, July 23 @ 11:30 am. Join us for lunch, and learn. Presented by the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging with Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. Individuals over age 60, or those with age related concerns, will most benefit from this program, but all are welcome. Attendees can choose to have a lunch, which is provided for free for those over age 60 and must be eaten on site. Registration is required by 3:00 pm on 7/21 if you want lunch. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Art in the Park: Messy Art: Thursday, July 23 @ 3:30 pm. Join us at Commercial Club Park

to create messy art using 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 an adult or responsible teen companion. Available while supplies last.

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.

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

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, July 28 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month, in person or via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time.

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