

UPCOMING EVENTS for OCTOBER 2026 and Beyond

Craft-It-Up Fundraiser Continues: October 1 - November 22. Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Crafters are invited to make and donate completed crafts of all kinds to this silent auction event. If you paint, crochet, make diamond art, wood carve, upcycle, or do any other crafty activities, the JKPL needs your talent! This new event replaces the biennial Chair-ity ... but if you want to decorate and donate a chair, that is still welcome! Items will be accepted anytime in October. A silent auction of the donated items will be held in the library from October 12 to November 22. Ribbons will be awarded - with library visitors voting for their favorites. The Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 25. The Silent Auction will end at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 22.

October is National Book Month! This month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing and literature. The purpose of National Book Month (or National Reading Month) is to encourage reading, an activity that has been proven to have many advantages. Reading can help anyone build excellent vocabulary, improve memory, increase knowledge, and decrease anxiety. To celebrate, a book themed activity kit with coloring pages, trivia and more will be available and the Book Bike will be out and about in the community. Readers of all ages are also encouraged to recommend favorite books by filling out a short recommendation. Every recommendation earns an entry into a prize drawing to win book or JKPL themed items.

Children's Pretend Play Station: Coffee Shop: October 1-31.

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Coffee Treats: October 1-31. Kids can earn one prize, per child, per library visit for completing the hunt!

Kids Can Craft: Dress a Skeleton: October 1-31. Come dress a skeleton in doll clothing (while supplies last) or in paper clothing that you create, then show it at the front desk to claim an entry form into our prize basket monthly drawing. Crafters can take their skeleton home. When skeleton dolls are depleted, paper skeletons will be provided. The limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early November.

Creation Station Craft: October 1-31. Craft to be announced. 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: October 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: October 1-31. Each pack will include at least 10 different items. Options available include coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages. Kits available while supplies last.

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

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

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Very Good Hats" by Emma Straub: October 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.

National Coffee Day Celebrations: Thursday, October 1. National Coffee Day is celebrated on September 29 and International Coffee Day is observed globally on October 1. Join us as we partner with Brew & Brew to celebrate coffee and the joy it brings to people all over the world! Show your JKPL library card at Brew & Brew on September 29 and October 1 to receive \$1.00 off the purchase of any coffee beverage.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, October 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 & 29@ 9:30 and 10:30 am. This class is for older adults of any age and fitness level. Participants exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD 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.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, October 1, 8, & 15 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The menu for October is: Bake Oatmeal Cups (1st); Philly Cheesesteak Sandwiches (8th) and Brownies (15th). Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session. A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend. This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre and come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, October 3 from 10:00-11:00 am. Join us for this monthly LEGO® program that is for children of all ages. Those under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. Sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.

Right To Read Banned Book Trivia: Saturday, October 3 from 1:00-2:30 pm. Join us for some fun book trivia as we celebrate the start of Banned Books Week. There will be 5 rounds of 5 questions and attendees will play as single players (no teams). There will be a prize for 1st place! Refreshments will be provided. While here, preview our *You Have The Right to Read* exhibit, which celebrates our constitutional right to read.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, October 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.

You Have The Right to Read Exhibit: October 3-11. Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. The theme this year is *Let Books Be. Protect the Freedom to Read*. This week is a celebration of the freedom to read and the joy that comes from discovering stories that expand our understanding of ourselves and one another. To celebrate, the library will have a *You Have The Right to Read* exhibit set up in the center of the library. Peruse the four stations and learn about your constitutional right to read, censorship terms and cases, why books matter, how libraries are funded, and how a book ends up on your library's shelves.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, October 5 @ 12:00 noon. This month the group will discuss *Tough Luck* by Sandra Dallas. 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, October 5 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.

KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, thru November 17 from 9:30—11:30 am. Join us for this 10-week evidence-based course that was developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. This course is made possible by the nonprofit Brain Help and Hope and will be led by local health experts. Registration is required but now closed. Anyone interested in participating in a future class is invited to share their contact info with the library.

Design a Floral Art Journal, Part 2: Tuesday, October 6 @ 6:00 pm. This class, led by Dianne Kramer, is designed for anyone who loves flowers and wants to experiment with a fun and playful drawing technique. This class is a continuation of the September 22 class and participants must have attended the first class to attend this one. Registration is required and registration began August 22 Materials needed for class: Fine-tip pen, small, fine-tipped scissors, colored pencils, graphite pencil and eraser. All other materials will be provided.

Storytime: Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm. Join Ms. Andrea for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required. No registration required.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters. All skill levels welcome.

Early Out Afternoons: Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1:00—5:00 pm. Drop in at the Creation Station every Wednesday for a self-guided paper craft or special coloring sheets with a monthly theme. This month's theme is Harvest.

Dyersville GLR Family Literacy Event - Kindergartners: Thursday, October 8 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Children in Kindergarten, and their families, are invited to this special event to learn about family literacy opportunities in the library. Join us for a free meal, free books, and other fun giveaways and discover all the library and the Dyersville Campaign for Grade-Level Reading have to offer. Events for children in other age groups and their families will be offered monthly during the school year. Registration encouraged at: <https://bit.ly/4pt8Gzr>

Movies @ Your Library presents "Solo Mio": Saturday, October 10 @ 1:00 pm. When Matt's fiancé stands him up at the altar, he is forced to go on his honeymoon alone, thrusting him into the beautiful culture of Italy and renewing his passion for life and food. Rated PG (100 minutes).

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, October 10 @ 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.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, October 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 *The British Booksellers* by Kristy Cambron. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

Double Creature Feature: Friday, October 16 @ 6:00 pm. Come join us for our yearly Double Creature Feature! The following movies will be shown: *Obsession* and *Evil Dead Burn*. This program is for those age 13 and older, however, younger participants are welcome if they have an adult to accompany them. Snacks will be provided.

Frankentoys: Saturday, October 17 from 10:00-11:00 am. Come join us to stitch, glue, and connect broken toys together to make new creations! The library will provide the toy parts, but feel free to bring any from home. This program is intended for ages 10 and up, but those under the age of 10 may attend if they have an adult companion. (creation station) Poster

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Toy Story 5": Saturday, October 17 @ 1:00 pm. Woody, Buzz, Jessie and the rest of the gang's jobs are challenged when they're introduced to electronics, a new threat to playtime. Rated PG (102 minutes). **ARC house said they could come this day

Bingo Party: Monday, October 19 from 1:00-3:00 pm. There is a two-card limit, no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited.

Health & Wellness 365: Thursday, October 22 @ 11:30 am. Join us for lunch and a wellness themed presentation. 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 May 26 if you want lunch. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Houseplants 101: Thursday, October 22 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Plant propagation is the process of creating new plants from existing ones. In this class, participants are invited to bring a houseplant from home that they might be having issues with. We will identify, diagnose (if sick), and then give pointers on propagating. Jade, Christmas Cactus and Spider plants will be available for participants to take home – while supplies last. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Halloween Trivia Night Fundraiser at O So Good Winery & Distillery: Friday, October 23 from 6:30—9:00 pm. Join us for a trivia fundraiser with Trivial Dudes, hosted by O So Good Winery & Distillery. Purchase a table for up to six guests for \$120.00, a table for four for \$100.00, or a table for two for \$60.00. Tables include a charcuterie board, dessert, and bottles of wine, or equal value in other drinks. The food and drink will be sized for the number of people at your table. There will be Halloween themed questions as well as general trivia and the contest will include some special twists, prizes, and giveaways. Costumes are encouraged and there will be prizes! Space is limited and tables must be purchased before October 21.

Children's Halloween Party: Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Come to the library to trick-or-treat at downtown area businesses! Then stay to listen to Creepy Crayon storytime while coloring in the Creation Station. Every child in storytime will receive a character coloring book, a new set of crayons, and a stuffed animal. A special Halloween scavenger hunt and prize sticker set will also be available. *Sponsored by Tim and Angela English.*

Strings Club: Monday, October 26 @ 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, October 27 @ 6:30 pm. Join us for this monthly sharing session with writers of all

types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. Attendees are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time.

\ *Ghouls Night Out: Thursday, October 29 from 5:00-8:00 pm.* Join us for the eighth annual Ghouls Night Out! Stroll the streets of downtown Dyersville and shop, browse, and enjoy a night out on the town. Check in at Brew & Brew to receive your passport listing all participating businesses. Return your filled passport to Brew & Brew to be entered into a drawing for a grand prize! The JKPL Pop-Up Library will be set up inside the library and will be a stop for this event. Pick up a free book and get your name entered into a drawing for some library swag. There will be hot cider available, while supplies last. Participating businesses and specials will be announced before the event so keep an eye out! Costumes are encouraged.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, October 30 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Halloween Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Minions & Monsters": Saturday, October 31 @ 1:00 pm. The Minions are in Hollywood making a monster movie! As they search for frightening creatures for their movie, they unknowingly unleash monsters upon an unsuspecting world. Rated PG (90 minutes).

Books for Treats Halloween Pop-Up Library: Saturday, October 31 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Join us for the annual Books-for-Treats Event where families are invited to Trick-or-Treat for a book instead of candy! The JKPL will have a pop-up library on the lawn of The Allen House at 515 1st Ave. W. in Dyersville. Books for all ages, including adults, will be available. This event 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.
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