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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
October 16, 2023**

Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for September 2023 are:

- 7,149 items were checked out. This is a 5.3% increase from September 2022. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 3.4%
- 29 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 104 new library cards have been issued.
- 62 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,157 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 162 hours and 336 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 552 hours and 1279 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 330 sessions, 258 visits, and 53 unique users
- There were 5,369 library visits.

Please note that the Board is in the process of revising the monthly Librarian's Report. We have removed the list of programs and details that were on the last 2 pages and will be replacing it. This version has a "snip" about programs and attendance cut from another report pasted onto the last page. This is a work in progress.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the October events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for November. Some of the programs scheduled include an Owl Prowl event and Star Viewing event, both in partnership with Dubuque County Conservation at New Wine Park, several events celebrating Halloween – including a children's Halloween party and the Books for Treats pop-up library, pen and ink art classes and more. Upcoming fundraisers include a Halloween trivia night at O So Good Winery & Distillery, and the biennial Wreath-it-up silent auction.

Prepared by: Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director

NOTE: Shirley will be on vacation on Monday, October 16 so will not be in attendance to present this report. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to Shirley at 563-875-8912 or svonderhaar@dyersville.lib.ia.us.

JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: September-23
YTD: July-22 to September-23
Previous YTD: July-21 to September-22

Library visits

Month	5369	(↑ 36.3%)
YTD	16877	(↑ 29.5%)

Items loaned

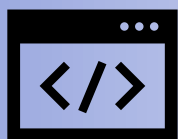
7149	(↑ 5.3%)
24400	(↑ 3.4%)

Library cards issued

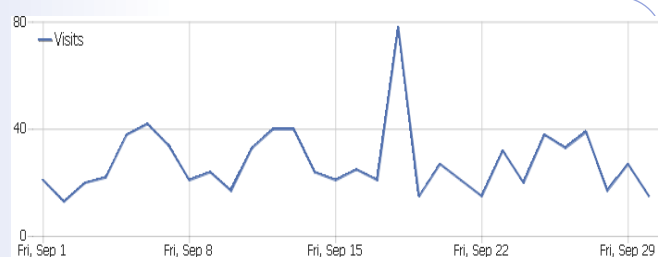
City resident	Total
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15	29 (↓ 23.7%)
50	104 (↓ 8.8%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
833	1:32



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
162	552	429	336	1279	1254

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
330	934	258	765	53	98

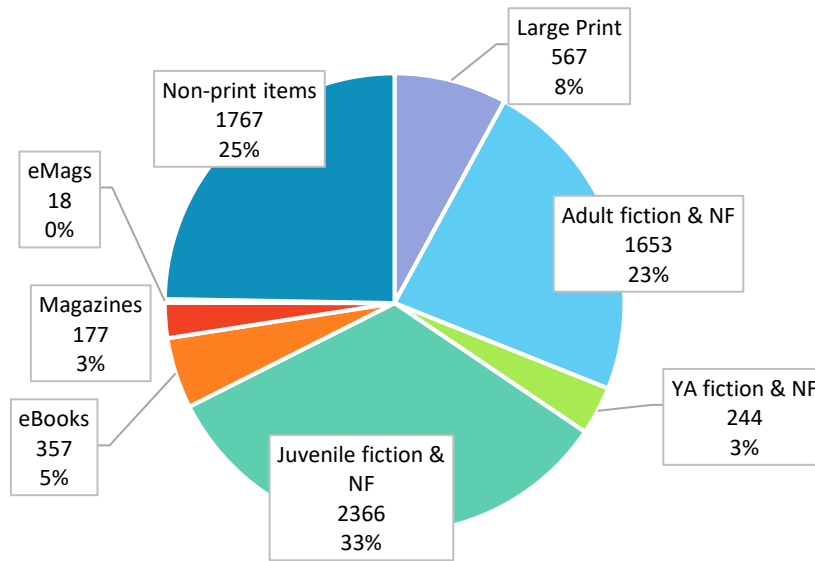
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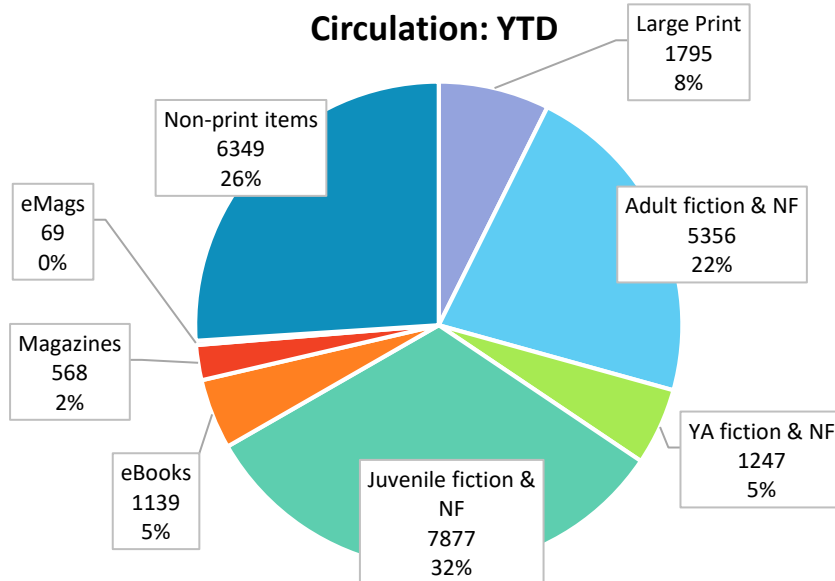
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
75	208	141

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	457	1422
Adult & YA audio	71	232
Juvenile audio & kits	11	90
Adult & YA video	623	2229
Juvenile video & DVD	190	954
Games, LoT, etc.	415	1422
	1767	6349

Music

Downloads: 4
Streams: 0
Total YTD: 13



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 2
YTD: 4



Visits: 186
YTD: 547



Online Learning

Sessions: 3
YTD: 57



Languages

Sessions: 29
YTD: 52



Genealogy

Visits: 229
YTD: 1725



Collection

Items purchased	
Month:	228
YTD:	760

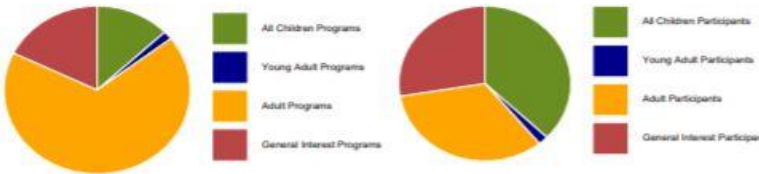
Items donated	
Month:	75
YTD:	150
Prev. YTD:	129

Items withdrawn		
	Month	YTD
Books	666	1324
Audio	16	16
Video	98	108
Other	54	74
Total	834	1522

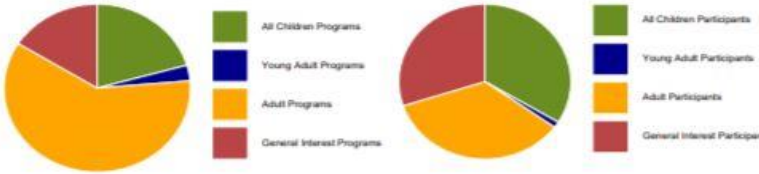
Summary of additions													
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	15	95	21	14	99	17	0	6	3	19	5	9	303
Previous month	14	83	34	16	117	19	14	8	0	41	26	16	388
Current YTD	39	245	68	57	264	49	27	14	3	77	39	28	910
Previous YTD	69	327	94	69	170	46	48	29	1	87	33	43	1016

Programs

September					
Overview					
All Children Programs	8	12.9%	All Children Participants	695	37.21%
Young Adult Programs	1	1.61%	Young Adult Participants	35	1.87%
Adult Programs	42	67.74%	Adult Participants	622	33.3%
General Interest Programs	11	17.74%	General Interest Participants	516	27.62%
Total Programs	62		Total Participants	1868	



Year in Review					
Overview					
All Children Programs	41	20.6%	All Children Participants	1838	33.78%
Young Adult Programs	6	3.02%	Young Adult Participants	67	1.23%
Adult Programs	120	60.3%	Adult Participants	1901	34.94%
General Interest Programs	32	16.08%	General Interest Participants	1635	30.05%
Total Programs	199		Total Participants	5441	



Upcoming Events in October:

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, the library is asking you to take a picture or selfie with the book you are currently reading! All pictures will be posted to our social media accounts and you will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win an Adopt-A-Book form.

October 1: Wreath-it-Up Fundraiser Continues! Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Pick up a wreath from the library, decorate it any way you like, and return it to the library. Or decorate a wreath of your own and donate it to the library. Wreaths can be seasonal, thematic, or just anything that appeals to you! And although we focus on wreaths, other decorative wall hangings are welcome. Items will be accepted anytime in October. A silent auction of the donated items will be held in the library from October 9 to November 12. Photos of all donations will be posted on the library website and social media and remote bidding in the silent auction may be offered. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 12.



October 1—31: Pets in Costume Photo Contest

During the month of October, dress your pet up in a costume and submit a photo to the library. Both the owner and the pet will be entered into a drawing for a prize! To submit, post a picture of your pet to the library's social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) or email us a photo at librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us. One entry per pet. All pets are welcome. The winner of the drawing will be announced on November 2. Check our social media on November 1 for the pets in costume parade!



October 1—31: Kids Can Craft: Spider Web Memo Board. Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and make a spider web memo board. There will be kits to take home if you don't wish to make the craft in the library. A video demonstration of this craft will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

October 1—31: Creation Station Craft: Spork Bats. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month we are making a bat, using paper, a spork, sticker eyes, and glue. All supplies, but glue, are included in the kit. A video demonstration will be on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

October 1—31: Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library. 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.

October 1—31: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Banned Books*. 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.

October 1—8: Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read that spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. This year's theme is *Let Freedom Read*. To celebrate, the library will have a Name That Banned Book Guessing Jar and a daily trivia contest. The trivia contest will be both inside the library and on social media. All who submit a correct guess, for both the Guessing Jar and the Trivia Contest, will have their name entered into a drawing for a book themed prize. The winners will be drawn on October 9. The library will also show the movie *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* (PG-13) on October 7th at 1:00 pm. This movie is based on the book by Judy Blume that has been banned and challenged multiple times.



Mondays and Wednesday, October 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 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 Wednesdays 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 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required. **NOTE: dates have changed!**

Monday, October 2: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Marmee* by Sarah Miller. 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 by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.



Monday, October 2: Adult Crafternoon: Halloween Candle Holder from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to take a baby jar and make a Ghost, Frankenstein, Black Cat, or Jack-O-Lantern candle holder. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a 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 October 3rd and kits will be available while supplies last.



Monday, October 2: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30—4:30 pm. This month's theme is "Haunted House". 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.



Tuesday, October 3: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 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 first Tuesday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Wednesday, October 4: Upcycled Greeting Cards 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. We will have kits in the Creation Station to pick up, while supplies last.

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25: Sit and Stitch 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 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.

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25: Family Storytime @ 6:30 pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their children to the Fall 2023 sessions of Family Storytime. Family Storytime is for children aged infant to five years old and their caregiver. Programs will run October 4 through November 15. Registration is required as space is limited.



Thursdays, October 5, 19, & 26: Preschool Story Time @ 9:30 am. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Fall 2023 sessions of Preschool Story Time. Story Time is open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds who have not been in Kindergarten. Programs will run October 5 through November 16. Registration is required as space is limited. *Note: there is no Story Time on October 12.*

Thursdays, October 5, 19, & 26: Wee Read @ 10:30 am. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their babies and toddlers to the Fall 2023 sessions of Wee Read. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver. Programs will run October 5 through November 16. Registration is required as space is limited. *Note: there is no Wee Read on October 12.*

Thursdays, October 5 - November 9: Unlocking Brain Fitness—KEYS to Dementia Prevention Continues from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us for this 10-week evidence based course 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. The KEYS dementia prevention course was started at the YMCA of Greater Des Moines and will be presented by Vickie Tracey, RN, BS along with other local experts, including a dietician, fitness professional, health and wellness coach, and pharmacist. Participants must be 55 or older in good cognitive health and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions. Sponsored in part by Nightingale Drug and the Asbury Hy-Vee Store. *Attendees must already be registered in order to attend.*



Thursday, October 5: Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Shark in the Park" by Nick Sharratt. Families are invited to walk the new 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. 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.



Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, 27: Euchre Card Party & Games 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.

Saturday, October 7: Frankentoy 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. Not able to attend but want to make a Frankentoy? Contact the library and we can assemble a to-go kit while supplies last.



Saturday, October 7: Banned Book Movies @ Your Library presents "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret" @ 1:00 pm. A plucky eleven-year-old named Margaret finds her life on the cusp of change as her family uproots from the heart of the city to a quiet suburban neighborhood. Margaret must then navigate the ups and downs of adolescence, including new friends, new feelings, and, ultimately, a new sense of self. Based on the novel of the same name by Judy Blume. Rated PG-13 (111 minutes).



Saturday, October 7: Nerf War @ Your Library 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.



Monday, October 9: Wreath-It-Up Silent Auction Begins!

Wreaths, wall hangings and other decorative items have been donated to this year's fundraiser! All items are on display in the library and photographs are posted on Facebook and the library's website at 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. The highest bid will be listed along with the photo of the item on the library's website. Bids will be updated daily on the website. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 12.



Tuesday, October 10: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club @ 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 *A Dance in Donegal* by Jennifer Deibel. 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.

Thursday, October 12: If You Paint It, They Will Come Canvas Painting Fundraiser @ 6:00 pm

Come to the Field of Dreams for this paint and sip fundraiser where you will paint your own fall corn / Field of Dreams scene.

- Tickets are \$65 each and include all the supplies needed to create a 16x20 inch canvas painting plus one entry into a door prize for a Field of Dreams gift basket.
- Registration is required on or before October 9 at <https://bit.ly/JKPLpainting>.
- Food and drink will be available to purchase and there will be drink specials.
- A portion of the ticket price will go to support the James Kennedy Public Library.
- This event is in partnership with the Field of Dreams and Captured on Canvas.



Saturday, October 14: Solar Eclipse Viewing & S.T.E.A.M. Party from 12:30—2:30 pm

Join us at the library to view the solar eclipse and participate in two S.T.E.A.M. activities! Come create chalk outlines to demonstrate shadow tracing. Then create chalk diagrams of the eclipse itself. Join us as we go outside and watch the eclipse as it's happening! The library is giving away free eclipse glasses with fun activity pages, starting on Monday, October 9. Limited to one per person while supplies last.



Saturday, October 14: Double Creature Feature @ 5:00 pm. Come join us for our yearly double creature feature! 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. The following movies will be shown: *Paranormal Activity* and *Insidious*. *Paranormal Activity* (Rated R) follows a couple that use cameras to capture spooky activity in their home that gets progressively more sinister. *Insidious* (PG-13) is about a family whose house becomes filled with spirits (some of them malicious!) after their oldest son falls into a coma.



Sunday, October 15: Wreath-it-Up Donor Reception Open House from 1:30—3:30 pm

Stop in the library to enjoy refreshments and check out all of the items donated for the silent auction. Donors are invited to come and be recognized! This event also marks the start of the Wreath-It-Up Ribbon Voting where you can support your favorite item by voting for it. Categories to be announced.



Sunday, October 15 to November 4: Wreath-it-up Ribbon Voting

Be sure to stop in the library, check out Facebook, or the JKPL website to see the items that have been donated for the Wreath-It-Up fundraiser. Show your support for your favorite by voting for it! Categories to be decided. Voting is available by completing a paper form at the library. Ribbons will be awarded on Monday, November 6 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention.

Monday, October 16: Bingo Party 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!

Monday, October 16: Cricut with Christopher presents Decorating a Mug @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and decorate your own mug. All supplies provided. 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. Priority for attending will be given to those who were not able to attend this class in February. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

Tuesday, October 17: Halloween Fun: Creativity with Pen and Ink @ 6:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate Halloween with this fun art class led by Dianne Kramer. Participants will learn how to draw a variety of Halloween-related things then incorporate them into a seasonal illustration. No art experience is necessary! Each pattern in the class project will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is for adults and there is a maximum of 16 participants in the class. Registration is required to attend, please register by 7:00 pm on October 16. Attendees will need to bring the following materials: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped black pen, colored pencils. All other materials will be supplied.



Friday, October 20: Game Night @ Your Library @ 6:00 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. *Note: the date of this event was changed due to the trivia fundraiser.*

Saturday, October 21: Halloween Movies @ Your Library presents "Beetlejuice" @ 1:00 pm. A happy couple with a lovely country house die in a car accident and must haunt their old home while waiting to be processed into heaven. Too nice to be scary, they befriend the new tenant's daughter. When they fail to prevent the girl's parents from ruining the house, they ask a devilish spirit for help. Rated PG (93 minutes).



Monday, October 23: Monday Movies presents "Little Women" @ 1:00 pm. Four sisters learn about love, life, and loss as they grow through their young womanhood against the backdrop of post-Civil War America. At the heart of the family is the headstrong Jo who aspires, above all else, to forge her own path. Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott. This is the 2019 movie version. Rated PG (135 min.)

Monday, October 23: Strings Club @ 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.

Tuesday, October 24: JKPL Writing Group @ 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 the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Wednesday, October 25: Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging @ 11:00 am. Master Gardener Cindy Recker will give a presentation on Aronia berries—how to grow them and the health benefits of this super berry. Samples will be served. All are welcome.



Wednesday, October 25: Owl Prowl @ New Wine Park from 6:00—7:30 pm

Join the James Kennedy Public Library and a Dubuque County Conservation naturalist for this owl hike at New Wine Park. We will discuss characteristics of owls & types of owls found specifically in Northeast Iowa. We will also try our hand at owl calling! Dress appropriately for an outdoor hike. Registration is required by 12pm on Tuesday, October 24. Participants will meet at the pavilion at New Wine Park (stay left once you enter the park).



Thursday, October 26: Ghouls Night Out from 5:00—8:00 pm. Join us for the sixth annual Ghouls Night Out! Stroll the streets of downtown Dyersville, shop, browse, and enjoy a night out on the town with the participating businesses and organizations. Just like last year, check in at Brew & Brew to receive your passport. 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. The JKPL will also have hot cider available for all to enjoy. Return your filled passport to Brew & Brew to try your luck at winning the grand prize! Participating businesses and specials will be announced before the event so keep an eye out! Costumes are encouraged.



Friday, October 27: Halloween Trivia Night Fundraiser at O So Good Winery & Distillery 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. Price includes two bottles of wine of your choice (or equal value in other drinks), a charcuterie board for six, and a dessert to share.
- Menu items and additional beverages will be available to purchase.
- 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 a prize for the best individual costume as well as the best group / table costume.
- Visit the library or O So Good Winery & Distillery to purchase a table. Space is limited and tables must be purchased before October 23.
- O So Good Winery & Distillery will donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to the James Kennedy Public Library.



Saturday, October 28: Kids Halloween at the Library @ 10:00 am

Celebrate Halloween at the library with a costume party for children of all ages. We will read a few short stories then children will trick-or-treat at some of the businesses on First Avenue. After trick-or-treating, children may return to the library for a simple craft. All ages welcome, but children younger than 6 require an adult companion. Sponsored by Spoden Construction.



Saturday, October 28: Family Halloween Movies @ Your Library presents "Hotel Transylvania: Transformania" @ 1:00 pm. When Van Helsing's mysterious invention goes haywire, Drac and his monster pals are all transformed into humans, and Johnny becomes a monster! In their new mismatched bodies, Drac and Johnny must team up and race across the globe to find a cure before it's too late, and before they drive each other crazy. With help from Mavis and the hilariously human Drac Pack, the heat is on to find a way to switch themselves back before their transformations become permanent. (Rated PG, 87 minutes).

Sunday, October 29: Trunk or Treat at Xavier School from 3:00—5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Xavier School Trunk or Treat! Visitors will be able to get library card applications, find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.



Tuesday, October 31: Books for Treats Halloween Pop-Up Library from 5:30—7:30 pm

Join us for the 6th 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.



Upcoming EVENTS

Festive Garlands & Gnomes: Creativity with Pen and Ink Monday, November 13 @ 6:00 pm

In this art class, led by Dianne Kramer, participants will learn how to draw festive foliage then use it to design a pretty seasonal garland. Gnomes will also make an appearance! No art experience is necessary! Each pattern in the class project will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is for adults and there is a maximum of 16 participants in the class. Registration is required to attend, please register by 4:00 pm on November 12. Attendees will need to bring the following materials: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped black pen, colored pencils. All other materials will be supplied.



Game Changer for Teens Saturday, November 18 @ 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! Paul and Sam are bringing a version of this to the library for teens (ages 12-18 only). Registration is required to make sure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience!



Star Viewing @ New Wine Park Tuesday, November 21 from 6:00—7:30pm

Join the JKPL and Dubuque County Conservation as we learn about objects within our night sky. Be ready to identify planets, stars, and constellations with your very own eyes as well as with telescopes, which will be provided. We will be outside the entire program, so be sure to dress appropriately. Space is limited so please call the library by 12pm on Monday, November 21 to register.



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

- *Sign up for our weekly email newsletter
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October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pets In Costume Photo Contest begins!	2 Strength Training @ 10am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30—4:30pm	3 Dungeons & Dragons @ 6pm	4 Strength Training @ 10am Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1-2pm Sit & Stitch @ 1pm Family Storytime @ 6:30pm	5 Preschool StoryTime @ 9:30am Wee Read @ 10:30am Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm	6 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	7 Frankentoys from 10-11am <i>Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm Nerf War from 4-6pm
Banned Books Week: October 1—8						
8	9 Strength Training @ 10am <div>Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Silent Auction begins</div>	10 A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	11 Strength Training @ 10am Sit & Stitch @ 1pm Family Storytime @ 6:30pm	12 Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm If You Paint It Fundraiser @ 6pm	13 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	14 Solar Eclipse Party from 12:30-2:30pm Double Creature Feature @ 5pm
15 Wreath Donor Reception from 1:30-3:30pm	16 Strength Training @ 10am Bingo Party from 1-3pm Cricut with Christopher @ 6pm	17 Halloween Fun @ 6pm	18 Strength Training @ 10am Sit & Stitch @ 1pm Family Storytime @ 6:30pm	19 Preschool StoryTime @ 9:30am Wee Read @ 10:30am Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm	20 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Game Night from 6-9pm	21 <i>Beetlejuice</i> (PG) @ 1pm
22	23 Strength Training @ 10am <i>Little Women</i> (PG) @ 1pm Strings Club @ 6pm	24 JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm	25 Strength Training @ 10am Health & Wellness 365 @ 11am Sit & Stitch @ 1pm Owl Prowl @ 6pm Family Storytime @ 6:30pm	26 Preschool StoryTime @ 9:30am Wee Read @ 10:30am Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm Ghouls Night Out from 5-8pm	27 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Halloween Trivia Night Fundraiser @ 6:30pm	28 Halloween at the Library @ 10am <i>Hotel Transylvania: Transformania</i> (PG) @ 1pm
29 Trunk or Treat from 3-5pm	30 Strength Training @ 10am	31 Books for Treats from 5:30-7:30pm	<div>October is National Book Month!</div>	<div>October 5—November 1 Westside Park StoryWalk®</div>	<div>October 1—31</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Puzzled • Coloring, Creating, Doing • Spider Web Memo Board craft kits • Spork Bats craft kits 	

Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Events: NOVEMBER 2023

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)! NaNoWriMo is a fun, informal approach to creative writing, with participants working towards the goal of writing 50,000 words by 11:59 pm on November 30. It does not matter if you are writing a novel, a memoir, poetry, or short stories! Writers are encouraged to register on the official NaNoWriMo website (adults at nanowrimo.org and young adults at ywp.nanowrimo.org) and take advantage of all their helpful tools which include: Pep Talks from published authors and real time advice given over social media (to just name a few). Activities to be decided.

November 1-12: Wreath-it-Up Silent Auction Continues! The silent auction continues for the wreaths, wall hangings and other decorative items that were donated to this year's fundraiser. All items are on display in the library and photographs are posted on Facebook and the library's website at 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. The highest bid will be listed along with the photo of the item on the library's website. Bids will be updated daily on the website. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 12.

November 1-30: Kids Can Craft - Upcycling Candy Wrappers! Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and make a paper chain bracelet or keychain from candy wrappers. There will be kits to take home if you don't wish to make the craft in the library. A video demonstration of this craft will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

November 1-30: Creation Station Craft: DINovember Tails. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft will celebrate DINovember. 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.

November 1-30: Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library. 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 at the front desk.

November 1-30: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Timber Pass*. 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.

November 1-30: StoryWalk: I Got the Christmas Spirit by Connie Schofield-Morrison 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 or use the url listed on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. New stories will be posted monthly, weather permitting. The StoryWalk(R) 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.

November 1-30: International Games Month @ Your Library. International Games Month (IGM) is an initiative run by volunteers from around the world to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games. Libraries, schools, community centers and other sites host special events during this month to encourage people to try different styles of gaming. Activities to be decided.

Wednesdays and Mondays, November 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 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 Wednesdays 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.

Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Sit and Stitch 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 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.

Wednesday, November 1: Upcycled Greeting Cards 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. Card kits, including a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope, are available to pick up at the desk.

Wednesdays, November 1, 8, & 15: Family Evening Storytime @ 6:30 pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their children to the Fall 2023 sessions of Family Evening Storytime. Family Evening Storytime is for children aged infant to five years old and their caregiver. Programs will run through November 15. Registration is requested but not required.

Thursdays, November 2, 9, & 16: Wee Read Family Storytime @ 10:30 am. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their children to the Fall 2023 sessions of Wee Read Family Storytime. Wee Read Family Storytime is for children aged infant to five years old and their caregiver. Programs will run through November 16. Registration is requested but not required.

Fridays, November 3, 10, 17, 24: Euchre Card Party & Games 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.

Saturday, November 4: Movies @ Your Library presents “Barbie” @ 1:00 pm. Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. Rated PG-13 (122 minutes).

Monday, November 6: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *The Librarian of Burned Books* by Brianna Labuskes. 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 by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you. .

Tuesday, November 7: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 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 first Tuesday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

November 6-12: Children’s Book Week - Read Books. Spark Change. Every Child a Reader and the Children’s Book Council have announced the 2023 Children’s Book Week slogan, “Read Books. Spark Change,” to showcase that books and stories have the power to inspire positive change. Families and children may visit the library to browse colorful displays of new books and play a fun library scavenger hunt game. Each child who finishes the scavenger hunt can turn it in at the checkout desk to collect a prize.

Saturday, November 11: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. This month’s theme is "Turkeys!". 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.

Sunday, November 12: Wreath-it-Up Ending Reception from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Stop in for refreshments and your last chance to bid on the wreaths, wall hangings, and tabletop home decor items that were donated for this year's Wreath-It-Up fundraiser. All items are on display in the library and photographs are posted on Facebook and the library's website at 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. Bidding by email ends at 3 pm on Saturday, November 11, bidding in person and by phone ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 12. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections.

November 13 is World Kindness Day. The purpose of World Kindness Day as outlined by the World Kindness Movement is "to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us." Since its creation more than two decades ago, the day has achieved truly global notice; events associated with the day have attracted participants from every inhabited continent. These have included activities such as concerts, dance mobs, and the distribution of "kindness cards." Activities to be decided

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Tuesday, November 14: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club @ 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 View from Coral Cove* by Amy Clipston. 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.

Wednesday, November 15: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Awards Ceremony @ 7:00 pm. Children who are participating in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten are being recognized at this family event after our regularly-scheduled family story time. Come for storytime at 6:30 and stay for a brief award ceremony, or simply come to the ceremony. Achievement certificates and trophies will be handed out, and all children who attend will receive a goody bag. All ages are welcome to attend. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is funded by a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association and the Friends of the JKPL.

Saturday, November 18: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Elemental" @ 1:00 pm. Welcome to Element City, where fire, water, land and air residents live together. Ember, a tough, quick-witted and fiery young woman, becomes friends with a fun, sappy, go-with-the-flow guy named Wade who challenges her beliefs about the world they live in. Rated PG (101 minutes).

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Monday, November 20: Bingo Party 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!

Monday, November 20: Cricut with Christopher @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create a special project (TBA) 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.

Tuesday, November 21: Star Viewing @ New Wine Park from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Join the JKPL and Dubuque County Conservation as we learn about objects within our night sky. Be ready to identify planets, stars, and constellations in our night sky with your very own eyes as well as using telescopes we will provide. We will be outside the entire program, so be sure to bundle up! Note: if the sky is overcast for this night, the program will be canceled, we will do our best to reschedule if possible. Space is limited so please call the library by noon on Monday, November 21 to register. Participants will meet at the pavilion at New Wine Park, 16335 New Wine Park Lane, New Vienna.

Wednesday, November 22: Library closes @ 5:00 pm; Thursday, November 23: Library is closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24: Game Night @ Your Library @ 6:00 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.

Saturday, November 25: Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Take a quick break from your local shopping to support your library by enjoying a breakfast burrito! \$5.00 gets you a delicious egg, sausage and cheese burrito. Weather permitting, a tent will be set up outside the library for this event. If not, step into the Hoffman Community Room to get your breakfast and support your library! All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections. Burritos available while supplies last.

Saturday, November 25: Small Business Saturday: Refueling Station from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Need a break from shopping? Stop in the library and relax with a warm beverage or snack. Grab a few moments of down time by working on the puzzle, coloring, reading or just relaxing.

Monday, November 27: Monday Movies presents "The Book Thief" @ 1:00 pm. Join us on the fourth Monday of each month for a special movie presentation. This month's film is based on a book with the same title. A young girl moves in with foster parents in Nazi Germany and shares her love of books she's stolen along the way with the Jewish man who has sought refuge in her new home. Rated PG-13. 131 min.

Monday, November 27: Strings Club @ 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.

Tuesday, November 28: JKPL Writing Group @ 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 register by 11:00 am on the day of the event at <https://bit.ly/JKPLwriting>.