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**James Kennedy Public Library  
Report to the Mayor and City Council  
February 20, 2023**

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

- 7,176 items were checked out. This is an 8.1% decrease from January 2022. We suspect the decrease is weather related. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 5.5%
- 34 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 209 new library cards have been issued.
- 60 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 1,270 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 175 hours and 379 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 1,046 hours and 2,822 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 354 sessions, 303 visits, and 58 unique users
- There were 4,039 library visits.

*Library Services:*

The JKPL continues to be in Stage 5 of the Pandemic Service Plan. Stage 5 is near normal services with minor restrictions. There are no restrictions on meeting space capacity beyond normal policies, and staff are required to wear masks only if the Community Levels for Dubuque and / or Delaware County (as provided by the CDC) are high. The library will continue to offer programs in different formats to meet the needs of the community.

*Grants:*

The JKPL was selected to participate in the Unlocking Brain Fitness: Keys to Dementia Prevention program started by the YMCA of Greater Des Moines. We will be offering this 10-week series starting in March. The JKPL will receive a \$2,000.00 stipend for expenses connected with this program.

*Upcoming Events:*

Enclosed please find a copy of the February events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for March. Some of the programs scheduled include an event for National Engineers Week in partnership with John Wandsnider, Public Works Director and City Engineer, a program on tax basics provided by Iowa Legal Aid, a partnership with Dubuque County Extension to provide free onion plants and information on how to grow them, an afterhours program celebrating Read Across America, and the dementia prevention program noted above. The Love My Library fundraiser continues during February and the Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre event returns on March 4 – with tickets available to purchase until February 24. The Build-a-basket fundraiser is also starting.

Prepared by: Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director

NOTE: Shirley will be on vacation from February 17 - 26 so will not attend the February 20 meeting 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](mailto:svonderhaar@dyersville.lib.ia.us)



# JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

## Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

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

### Library visits

Month	4039	(↑ 25%)
YTD	28436	(↑ 33.5%)

### Items loaned

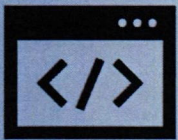
	7176	(↓ 8.1%)
	51670	(↑ 5.5%)

### Library cards issued

City resident	Total
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13	34	(↑ 112.5%)
110	209	(↑ 93.5%)

## Website traffic

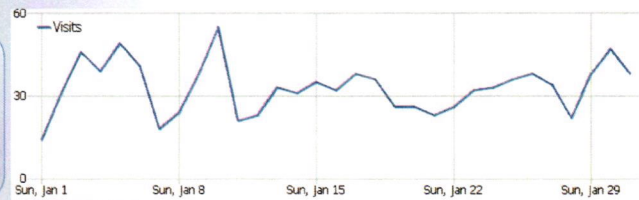


### Visits

1023

### Average visit duration

1:54



## Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
175	1046	788	379	2822	1788

## Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
354	2849	303	2283	58	198

## Meeting room use

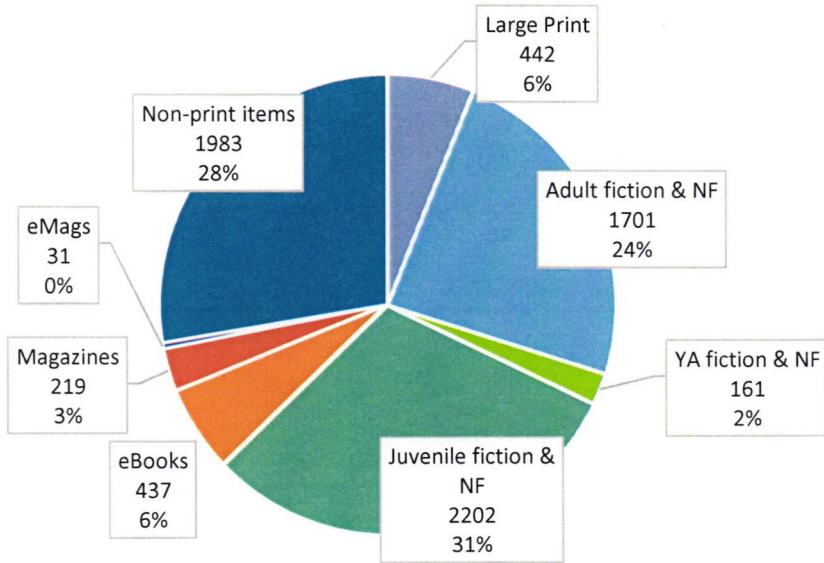


Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
80	407	211

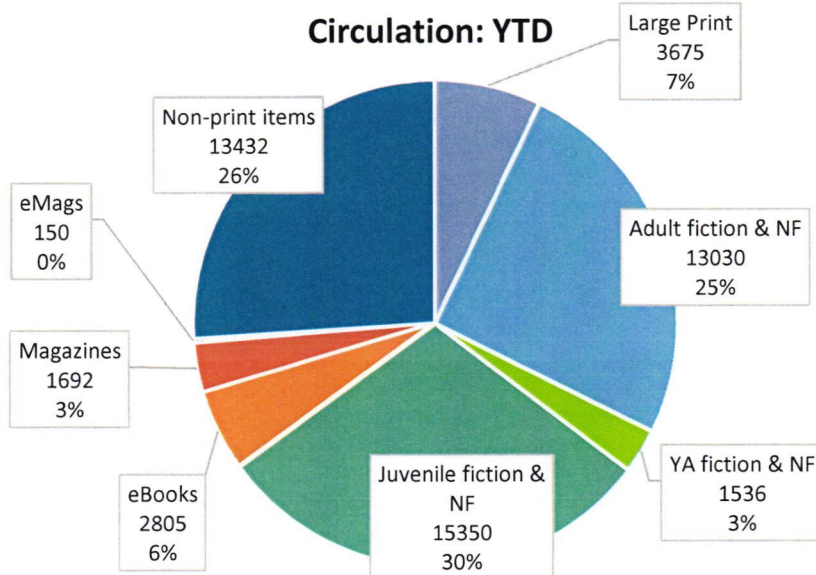


## Circulation

**Circulation: Month**



**Circulation: YTD**



### Non-print items

### Month

### YTD

eAudio	465	2836
Adult & YA audio	112	843
Juvenile audio & kits	12	95
Adult & YA video	665	4591
Juvenile video & DVD	246	2023
Games, LoT, etc.	483	3044
<b>Total</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>13432</b>

### Music

Downloads: 5  
Streams: 0  
Total YTD: 84

**hoopla**

### Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 5  
YTD: 40

**BRIDGES**  
**hoopla**

Visits: 247  
YTD: 1177

**kanopy**

### Online Learning

Sessions: 9  
YTD: 110

**brainfuse**  
**HelpNow**  
**NICHE**  
**ACADEMY**

### Languages

Sessions: 19  
YTD: 115

**mango**  
languages

### Genealogy

Visits: 431  
YTD: 2090

**ancestry**  
**Dyersville**  
**Commercial**



## Collection

### Items purchased

Month: 135  
YTD: 1678

### Items donated

Month: 35  
YTD: 429  
Prev. YTD: 310

### Items withdrawn

	Month	YTD
Books	25	2286
Audio	0	719
Video	5	374
Other	4	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3435</b>

### Summary of additions

	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	15	70	19	10	0	0	12	9	1	29	2	3	170
Previous month	24	134	34	11	37	9	15	9	1	27	5	8	314
Current YTD	142	710	212	114	402	75	84	61	6	168	55	78	2107
Previous YTD	169	618	241	135	529	146	100	90	15	273	55	141	2512

## Programming

### Take and Make & Recorded Programs



Program	Views	Engagements	Views	Prep time (hrs)	Kits
*Adult Crafternoon - recorded content & kit	54	3	1	4	15
CS: Handprint - recorded content & kit (C.)	71	2	8	0.5	16
KCC - Bookmark- recorded content & kit (C.)	81	9	9	3.5	14
Carryover December programs - 3 programs	29	1	5	NA	NA
*program included in-person component					

### Virtual/Sharing/Passive or Kit programs

Program	Kits or Participants	Prep time (hours)
Coloring, Creating, & Doing (A)	205	3.25
Get Puzzled (A)	28	0.25
*Upcycled Greeting Cards (GI)	10	1
National Hot Tea Celebration(A)	37	4
National Puzzle Day Activity Kits (C and A) - 2	48	4
StoryWalk® - <i>Bear Stays Up for Christmas</i> (C )	125	5 (+1)
Funded by DRA, Friends of the JKPL, and Osterhaus Memorial		



## In-Person and Hybrid Programs

Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Story Time - in person onsite (PreK) - Not held in January	NA	NA
Wee Read - in person onsite (PreK) - Not held in January	NA	NA
Outreads to Daycares - in person offsite (PreK) - 8 sessions	160	5.5
Building Creativity One Block at a Time - in person onsite (C.)	25	1.5
Hybrid Sit & Stitch - 4 sessions - in person and Zoom(A)	22	0.5
Books for Lunch: <i>A Secret Gift</i> - in person and Zoom (A)	8	1.5
Hybrid Dungeons & Dragons - in person and Discord (GI)	6	2.5
Inspirational Fiction book club- in person and Zoom (A)	5	1.75
Game Night - in person onsite (GI)	14	3.5
Strength Training for Older Adults - 8 sessions - in person (A)	84	8
Ellen Kennedy Living Center program - in person off site (A) - cancelled	NA	NA
Mercy One Senior Care - in person offsite (A) - Cancelled	NA	NA
Bingo Party - in person onsite (A)	13	3
Kids Can Cook - in person onsite (C.) - 4 sessions	54	24 (+29.5 vol)
*Adult Crafternoon - in person, kit, and recorded content (A)	1	1.5
STEAM Fun Fridays - in person onsite (C.) - 4 sessions	2	3.25
Euchre Card Party - in person on site (A) - 4 sessions	17	1
Cricut with Christopher- in person on site (GI) - Cancelled	NA	NA
Strings Club - in person on site (A)	7	.5 (+2 vol)
Final Friday Tech - in person or Zoom (A)	0	0
Lyle, Lyle Crocodile: Movie Showing (GI)	18	2
Ticket to Paradise - Maverick: Movie Showing (GI)	7	2
*Upcycled Greeting Cards - in person onsite (GI)	1	1
Iowa Legal Aid: Power of Attorney (A)	13	.5 (+2.25 vol)
Clue Mystery for Teens (YA)	7	6
Start your search for your family tree (A)	0	0.5
Bear Creek Carvers Open House and Demo (GI)	25	.5 (+10 vol)
National Puzzle Day Jigsaw Puzzle Competition (GI)	4	1
JKPL Writing Group - in person and Zoom (A)	5	2
Tween Nerf War (C.)	16	5 (+3 vol)

## Zoom programs

Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Third Thursday Virtual Presentation Partnership with the Hoover Presidential Library	0	NA

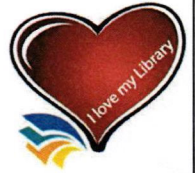


## Upcoming Events in February:

### **February 1—28: Love My Library Giving Tree Fundraiser Continues**

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

- Library staff have identified books and other materials, furnishings, equipment, programs, supplies, and more that the library needs.
- Select one or more items and donate the funds needed for purchase. Or purchase the items yourself and donate them to the library.
- Donations will be written on a heart and displayed on the library windows as well as acknowledged on the library website and social media.
- Where appropriate the library will attach a tag or book plate acknowledging the donation and the donor will be the first to check it out.
- Some items are listed on the bulletin board in the entry to the library as well as being featured on the library webpage and social media.
- The complete list can be viewed at the front desk or from the home page of the library’s website.



### **Wednesday, February 1: Build-A-Basket Fundraiser begins!**

Would you like to help raise money for the library? It is fun and easy! Just pick something you love and build a basket of items around that theme. Or pick a favorite book and build a basket around that book. Create your basket and donate it to the library by early March. The baskets will be auctioned off in a silent auction (in person and virtual) that runs March 1 to April 2. The library will provide you with an empty basket if you need one. Or you can just donate your items to the library and we can put them all in a basket for you. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.



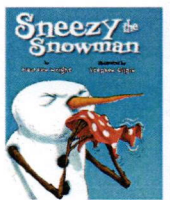
**February 1—28: Creation Station Craft: Heart Shaped Foxes.** Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home. This month’s take-and-make activity is a Heart Shaped Fox craft. Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

**February 1—28: Kids Can Craft: Beaded Snowflakes.** Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and make a beaded snowflake. There will be kits to take home if you prefer. A video demonstration of this craft will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

**February 1—28: 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. NOTE: If you need something to color with, miscellaneous colored pencils may be provided upon request (for you to keep). If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available to check out from the front desk.

**February 1—28: Get Puzzled @ Your Library.** Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month’s puzzle is *Festive Village*. 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.

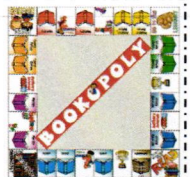
**February 1—28: Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Sneezy the Snowman” by Maureen Wright.** Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. (Winter start/end dates for the StoryWalk® are approximate due to weather.) *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



### **February 1—28: Winter Bookopoly Challenge Continues!**

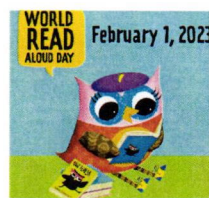
The JKPL is again offering a winter library program. This year, participants will be using a Bookopoly game board to track what they are reading or doing at the library and earn prizes.

- Just like in the game Monopoly, readers in Bookopoly will complete sets of challenges to earn prize entries.
- For each set completed, the participant will be able to select a free book from the prize cart to add to their home library or a prize from the prize basket, and earn an entry into the grand prize drawings.
- Several grand prize options, for various ages and interests, will be available to choose from.
- There are twelve opportunities to earn entries and prizes.
- All ages of readers are welcome and participants can sign up as individuals or as teams.
- All entries must be received by March 4 to be included in the drawings.





**Wednesday, February 1: World Read Aloud Day.** World Read Aloud Day is celebrated on the first Wednesday in February and is a day dedicated not just to reading, but to the art and practice of reading aloud. LitWorld founded World Read Aloud Day in 2010 in celebration of the power of reading aloud to create community, to amplify new stories, and to advocate for literacy as a foundational human right. To celebrate, the JKPL will post a smash cut video of library staff members reading aloud brief excerpts from favorite books. Patrons are also encouraged to celebrate and share a brief video or photograph of them reading aloud. Videos can be posted on the library's social media or emailed to [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) between February 2—6. Everyone who participates will get their name entered into a special prize drawing!



**Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, and 22: Story Time @ 9:30 am and 6:30 pm.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Spring 2023 sessions of Preschool Story Time. Story Time is open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds who have not been in Kindergarten and will be offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Story Time for all ages will be held at 6:30 pm. Programs will run February 1 through April 26. Registration is required as space is limited.



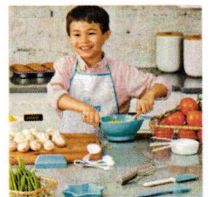
**Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, and 22: Wee Read @ 10:30 am.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Spring 2023 sessions of Wee Read. Wee Read is open to children under 3 and their adult caregiver. Programs will run February 1 through April 26. Registration is required as space is limited.

**Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22: Sit and Stitch from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week but is only set up when requested.

**Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 & Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16: Kids Can Cook @ 4:00 pm**

Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 9-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices.

- Classes will be held on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 4:00—5:30 pm (same class will be offered on both days)
- There will be 3 sessions that kids can choose from to be held February—April.
- Each session will last 2-4 weeks and focus on a different theme.
- The February theme is Breakfast.
- Other sessions may include lunches, desserts, pasta, or other topics chosen by the kids.



The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each session will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron and a locally created cookbook of the recipes they have learned. **Registration in person is required as a waiver needs to be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Limit of 12 children per class.**

*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. The ingredients for the February 1 and 2 session are being donated by Fareway.*

**Thursdays and Mondays, February 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, & 27: 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 Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

**Thursday, February 2: Explore Journaling: Journals, Planners, Scrapbooks and more! @ 6:30 pm**

Join us as Karen Schloss talks about scrapbooks, junk journals, smash books, glue books, bullet journals, creative planners, self-awareness journals, diaries or day books, gratitude journals, and art journals in this first in a series about planning and journaling. Karen will explain the difference between these items and talk about how each one works.

- Additional sessions will focus on each type of journal, include some supplies, and time to get started.
- While this is a series of programs, each session is independent, so guests are welcome to attend any session(s) they choose.
- This will be a hybrid program to which participants can come in person or participate virtually via Zoom. Please contact the library to sign up and save your seat, get the link to the Zoom room, and for more information.
- Worksheets will be available to pick up for anyone unable to attend in person.

Session information:

February 2: Journals, planners, scrapbooks and more!  
February 9: Planning & Organizing  
February 16: Writing Journals  
February 23: Creative Journals  
March 2: Hybrid Journals

**POSTPONED UNTIL  
MARCH!**

**Fridays, February 3, 10, 17, 24: Euchre Card Party from 1:00—3:30 pm.** Join us Thursday afternoons for cards in the Hoffman room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. If interested please contact the library to register to save your seat, as space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome, if space allows.

**Friday, February 3: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays from 4:00—5:00 pm.** Children and families are invited to come every Friday afternoon to discover and create in the Library with S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities. All ages welcome but those under 6 need a teen or adult companion. Join us this week and make Valentine's Day ornaments out of heart shaped cookie cutters!



**Saturday, February 4: Take Your Child to the Library Day from 10:00 am—12:00 pm**

Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer! Bringing your child to the library gives them access to a wide variety of books. Research shows that regular access to books makes for better readers, and that children who visit the library regularly read better than their peers who do not.

- There will be special activities available for kids to make including: Shrinky Dinks, a book cover memory game, and a Valentine or card for your favorite person,
- Take a guess at how many books are in the library and whoever guesses the closest will win a prize.
- Peruse the book display celebrating children's book authors and illustrators whose birthdays are in February. Feel free to check out one of the books!
- Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, too!
- Kids of all ages and families are welcome, but children under 6 need an adult or mature teen companion.



**Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25: LEGO® Mindstorm Robotics @ 10:00 am**

Kids can join us on Saturdays in February for this 4-session series on robotics.

- Each session will last 2 hours.
- Over the course of the series, participants will work in groups to build a robot and program it to perform different actions. Each week will build upon the previous week's work.
- LEGO® Mindstorm kits will be provided for the series by the library.
- This series is recommended for ages 10 and up.
- Basic computer skills are required.
- Registration is requested and is for all four weeks.
- This program is sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.



**Saturday, February 4: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Chicken Little" @ 1:00 pm.** Together with his hysterical band of misfit friends, Chicken Little must hatch a plan to save the planet from alien invasion and prove that the world's biggest hero is a little chicken. Rated G. (81 minutes).



**Saturday, February 4: 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, February 6: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon.** This month the group will discuss the 2023 All Iowa Reads selection *How High We Go in the Dark* by Sequoia Nagamatsu. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

**Tuesday, February 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](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

**Thursday, February 9: Explore Journaling: Planning and Organization @ 6:30 pm**

Join Karen Schloss as she presents this second session on planning and organizing. Karen will talk about planners, bullet journals, trackers, organizers, bullet journals, and goal planning, and share examples. Participants will make a bullet journal page, a tracker page, and a goal planning sheet for 2023.

- Additional sessions will focus on writing journals, creative journals, and hybrid journals.
- While this is a series of programs, each session is independent, so guests are welcome to attend any session(s) they choose.
- This will be a hybrid program to which participants can come in person or participate virtually via Zoom.
- Please contact the library to sign up and save your seat, get the link to the Zoom room, and for more information.
- Worksheets will be available to pick up for anyone unable to attend in person.



**Friday, February 10: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays from 4:00—5:00 pm.** Children and families are invited to come every Friday afternoon to discover and create in the Library with S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities. All ages welcome but those under 6 need a teen or adult companion. Join us this week for Growing Crystals. Where we will be using one of our STEM Kits to grow crystals!

**Saturday, February 11: Beginning Sewing for Teens-Corset Project @ 12:00 pm**

Have you ever wanted to sew your own clothes? Join staff member Sam as she instructs on making your own custom-fit, corset-style top. Sewing machines and materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. This class is for those ages 13-20 only. The program is limited to 7 participants so registration is requested. Walk-ins are welcome if space allows.





***Saturday, February 11: Teen Quiz Bowl @ 4:00 pm***

Want to test your knowledge and try to win some prizes? Join us for the first Library Teen Quiz Bowl! The game will consist of 3 rounds consisting of 2 questions on each of the core subjects which include Arts, Literature, Science, Pop Culture, and History.

- Participants can sign up for one of three teams (Max 6 players per team).
- Registration is requested, and walk-ins are welcome if there is space on a team.
- For ages 13-18 only.
- Spectators are welcome!
- This program is sponsored by TACKL.



***Tuesday, February 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 Lady and the Highwayman* by Sarah M. Eden. 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, February 16: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30—4:30 pm.*** This month's theme is "My Valentine". 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.



***Thursday, February 16: Lincoln and Hoover—Comparisons and Contrasts @ 6:00 pm.*** Join us via Zoom as the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum director Dr. Thomas Schwartz looks into the lives and similarities of these two great presidents. In celebration of both Abraham Lincoln's birthday and Presidents Day, this talk will examine the lives of Abraham Lincoln and Herbert Hoover highlighting the profound influence that the Sixteenth President had upon the thinking of the Thirty-First President. Registration is required. Please sign up to receive the Zoom invitation at <https://bit.ly/TTLincoln>. The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present their Third Thursday Virtual Programs.



***Thursday, February 16: Explore Journaling: Writing Journals @ 6:30 pm***

Join us for this third session as Karen Schloss discusses types of writing journals and shares examples. Participants will make a list journal page and a gratitude journal page.

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***Tuesday, February 21: National Engineers Week Rumble Table Construction Challenge from 4:00—6:00 pm***

National Engineers Week (February 19-25), is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of, and interest in, engineering and technology careers. To celebrate, the library is hosting a building challenge! Using the library's buildables (LEGOs, Lincoln Logs, Magnatiles, etc), participants will build structures capable of lasting one round on a rumble table (a device that simulates earthquakes). Farmtek Engineer Danielle Will and Dyersville City Engineer John Wandsnider will be on hand to answer questions—either about the challenge or general engineering questions.



***Thursday, February 23: Explore Journaling: Creative Journals @ 6:30 pm***

Join us for this fourth session where Karen Schloss will talk about creative journals. We will explore glue books, art journals, scrapbooks and more. Participants will make a glue book, scrapbook page, or collage page using cutouts from magazines, washi tapes, stamps and inks, and more. You may bring your own photos to use.

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**Friday, February 24: Final Friday Tech Help from 3:00—5:00 pm.** Looking for help with your computer or device? Schedule a time with Paul to come in and have your questions answered! The library has a few laptops and tablets available to use but guests are encouraged to bring their own device if they have one. Final Friday Tech is held on the last Friday of each month.

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**Friday, February 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.

**Sunday, February 26: Miniature Golf @ Your Library from 5:00—8:00 pm**

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



**Monday, February 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.



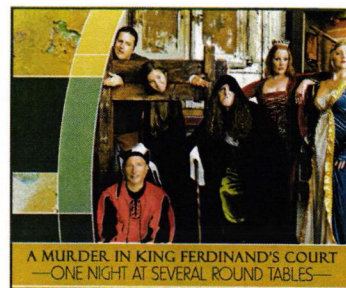
**Tuesday, February 28: JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30 pm.** Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please call by 3:30 am on the day of the event.

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**Free Trees for Earth Day!**

The JKPL is celebrating Earth Day this spring by participating in the 13th Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids every Earth Day. Since 2010, Neighborhood Forest has reached over 100,000 families and planted over 50,000 (mostly urban and residential) trees through the hands of children and parents across North America. The JKPL is excited to be participating in this wonderful program that teaches kids stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow.

- Parents can find more information and sign their children up to receive a tree at this link: <https://bit.ly/NFTrees>. Note: The online registration form will be open in February.
- Trees (6 to 12 inches in size) will be delivered to the JKPL and families will be able to pick them up around Earth Day (April 22nd).
- Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.





# Upcoming EVENTS

## Unlocking Brain Fitness: KEYS to Dementia Prevention Tuesdays, March 7 thru May 9 from 1:00—3:00 pm

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- Participants must be 55 or older in good cognitive health and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions.
- Registration is required as a maximum of 15 participants are allowed.
- A registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required by YMCA, but may be refunded to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions, upon request.
- Please contact the library at 563-875-8912 for more information or to register.



## Explore Journaling: Hybrid journals Thursday, March 2 @ 6:30 pm

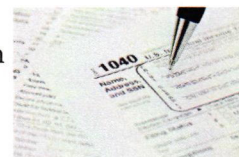
Join us at the JKPL for the fifth and final gathering in our series about journals. Karen Schloss will share ideas for hybrid journals like travel journals, self-awareness journals, and positive energy journals. Participants will make a travel journal page and complete a guided journal page.

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On the heels of the unexpected loss of King T'Challa, the nation of Wakanda finds itself at a crossroads in its fate. The surrounding powers of the world look on with greedy eyes, eager to encroach upon Wakanda in its most vulnerable state. All the while, its people remain steadfast, determined to protect their king's legacy and fight for their future. Rated PG-13 (134 minutes)



## DIGITAL SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

The JKPL is happy to provide online services for patrons to use from anywhere they have an internet connection. Here are just a few of what we have to offer. Some services are limited to full service patrons only. Visit the library website at [www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us) for more information.

### BRAINFUSE

Brainfuse has two databases, one for homework help and one for job seekers and veteran help. The databases can be accessed from anywhere you have an internet connection. Find the links on our website ([www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us)) under the Online Services tab.

#### HOMEWORK HELP / TEST PREP

*Brainfuse HelpNow* provides study and tutoring help for students of all ages. Services include:

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| A writing lab    | Live tutoring                    |
| Skill building   | Test prep                        |
| Diagnostic tests | Career/college major assessments |



#### JOB SEEKERS / VETERANS

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| Career/college major assessments | Job and interview resources |
| Resume templates & help          | Live resume coaching        |
| Interview tips                   | Live interview coaching     |



Are you a veteran? *Brainfuse VetNow* can help you navigate the VA system so you can get the answers you seek and the help you need. *Brainfuse VetNow* offers:

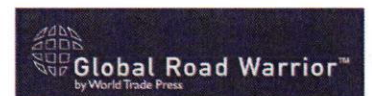
- Question and answers
- Community resources available
- Resources available based on your benefits

### WORLD CULTURES & FOOD

World Trade Press offers three databases to help you learn all about other countries and their cultures, history, and food. Find the links on our website ([www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us)) under the Online Services tab.

#### Global Road Warrior

GRW is the world's most extensive country-by-country resource for learning about culture, customs, and history.



#### A to Z Culture

Curious about the world? AtoZ World Culture has information about world history, cultures, languages, foods, religions, & more.



#### A to Z Food

AtoZ World Food is the only database that covers food, culture, and recipes for 174 countries of the world.





## Upcoming Events for MARCH 2023

***Dubuque County Extension Free Onion Plant Program!*** Learn tips and tricks to grow an onion crop in your garden with free onion plants! The James Kennedy Public Library has partnered with the Dubuque County Extension Office for their Free Onion Plant Program! Participants will receive a free 50 to 75 count bag of onion plants and instructions on how to grow them through updates sent via email or U.S. Mail (upon request) during the growing season. Registration is required by March 31, 2023. During registration you will need to choose the JKPL if you want to pick up your free onion plants here in Dyersville. You can also register by signing up at the JKPL. The onion plants will be available starting April 12, 2023. Please note - The onion plants for this program will grow a row approximately 8 to 14 ft. long. Looking for more program details? Visit this program's webpage via the following case sensitive link for more information or to register online: <https://bit.ly/onionplant>.

***March 1-31: Kids Can Craft: Zinnia Starter Kit.*** Kids age 8 and up are invited to stop in the library and decorate a peat pot. Each child will be given potting soil, zinnia seeds, and instructions on starting flowers to plant in the spring. Pots may be decorated at the library or taken home to decorate. A video demonstration of this craft will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

***March 1-31: March Book Mania!*** Join us this month to hear about books JKPL staff and volunteers read and loved. Then vote to decide which is the local favorite! How it works:

1. Library staff and volunteers selected a favorite book that they want to recommend to others. These titles were put into Round 1.
2. Watch the videos talking about these titles, then go to <http://bit.ly/JKPLBookMania> to vote for your favorite. There will also be paper voting slips available at the library. Some titles may have a bye.
3. The eight titles that win the first round will move on to Round 2. The four titles that win Round 2 will move on to Round 3 and the final two titles will move on to Round 4 where one book will be declared the winner.
4. Be sure to vote each week so your favorite makes it to the final!
5. The winning book will be announced on March 31.

Everyone who votes will have their name entered into a drawing to win their own copy of the top two books and an "Adopt a book form" where you choose a book to be added to the JKPL collection in your name.

***March 1-31: Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Sneezy the Snowman" by Maureen Wright.*** (Winter start/end dates for the StoryWalk® are approximate due to weather.) Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. There will be a new story on the first of the month through November. 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.



**March 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.

**March 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 *Curious Cupboards*. 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.

**Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29: Wee Read @ 10:30 am.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Spring 2023 sessions of Wee Read. Wee Read is open to children under 3 and their adult caregiver. Program will run through April 26. Registration is required.

**Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29: Story Time @ 6:30 pm.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Spring 2023 sessions of Story Time. Story Time is open for kids of any age, but is geared toward preschoolers. Program will run through April 26. Registration is required.

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**Wednesday, March 1: Build-A-Basket Silent Auction Begins!** Join us for the 10th Annual Build-A-Basket Fundraiser! Organizations, businesses, and individuals have donated some amazing baskets this year and now is your opportunity to bid on them. All items will be displayed in the library and a photograph with a description of contents will be posted on both the library's Facebook page and website at [www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us). Bids can be placed in person at the library, by calling the library, or emailing [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us). The highest bid will be listed along with the photo of the item on the library's website. This list will be updated daily. Bidding in the silent auction runs March 1 – April 2. Bidding ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 2. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.

**Wednesdays, March 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](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

***Thursdays and Mondays, March 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, & 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 Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

***Thursday, March 2: 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 make or to take and make, while supplies last.

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**Monday, March 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 Measure* by Nikki Erlick. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

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**Tuesday, March 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](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

**Thursday, March 9: Explore Journaling: Planning and Organization @ 6:30 pm.** Join Karen Schloss for this second session where she will talk about planners, bullet journals, trackers, organizers, bullet journals, and goal planning, and share examples. Participants will make a bullet journal page, a tracker page, and a goal planning sheet for 2023. Additional sessions will focus on writing journals, creative journals, and hybrid journals. While this is a series of programs, each session is independent, so guests are welcome to attend any session(s) they choose. This will be a hybrid program to which participants can come in person or participate virtually via Zoom. Please contact the library to sign up and save your seat, get the link to the Zoom room, and for more information. Worksheets will be available to pick up for anyone unable to attend in person.

**Saturday, March 11: St. Patrick's Day parade @ 1:30 pm.** Details to be decided.

**Monday, March 13: Read Across America Library After Hours @ 8:00 pm.** Does your child love to read by flashlight or in a tent? How about both at the same time? If so, come to the library on March 13 for an afterhours reading party to celebrate Read Across America! Families can bring their children to the library at 8:00 pm and then build a reading tent using blankets, chairs, and tables. At 8:15 it will be lights out for a half hour of reading by flashlight. We will have a few pillows and flashlights on hand, but feel free to bring your own. At 8:45 we will turn the lights back on to deconstruct our tents and have some cookies and milk. Pajama wearers are welcome! Children under 6 need an adult companion.



***Tuesday, March 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 *Sunrise* by Susan May Warren. 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.

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***Monday, March 20: Cricut with Christopher presents 3-D Puffed Vinyl Decals @ 6:00 pm.*** Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher. This month we will be transferring 3-D puffed vinyl decals onto a shirt or sweatshirt. Attendees will need to bring a new, unwashed t-shirt or sweatshirt to decorate. 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 allows. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

***Thursday, March 23: Iowa Legal Aid presents Tax Basics @ 6:30 pm.*** Attorney Ben Hamel from Iowa Legal Aid will be at the library to present this program on taxes. This presentation will include information on deductions, exemptions, credits, refunds and where people can look to get some help filing their taxes. He will also talk about the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which offers free tax help to people who qualify. All are welcome. Bring your questions!



**Thursday, March 23: Explore Journaling: Creative Journals @ 6:30 pm.** Join Karen Schloss for this fourth session as she talks about creative journals. We will explore glue books, art journals, scrapbooks and more. Participants will make a glue book, scrapbook page, or collage page using cutouts from magazines, washi tapes, stamps and inks, and more. You may bring your own photos to use. While this is a series of programs, each session is independent, so guests are welcome to attend any session(s) they choose. This will be a hybrid program to which participants can come in person or participate virtually via Zoom. Please contact the library to sign up and save your seat, get the link to the Zoom room, and for more information. Worksheets will be available to pick up for anyone unable to attend in person.

**Friday, March 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, March 25: Creation Station Crafts from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.** Join us at the JKPL as we celebrate March and National Craft Month! Visitors of all ages are invited to visit the Creation Station at the JKPL and use the provided craft supplies to create something new, fun or unusual. The only limit is the supplies and your imagination! Various craft supplies will be provided and visitors are invited to drop in to create and craft. All ages welcome but those under seven need a teen or adult companion. (Details to be confirmed.)

**Monday, March 27: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30 - 4:30 pm.** This month's theme is "Parade Float". 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.

**Monday, March 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, March 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 3:30 pm on the day of the event.

**Thursday, March 30: Explore Journaling: Hybrid journals @ 6:30 pm.** Join us at the JKPL for the fifth and final gathering in our series about journals. Karen Schloss will share ideas for hybrid journals like travel journals, self-awareness journals, and positive energy journals. Participants will make a travel journal page and complete a guided journal page. This will be a hybrid program to which participants can come in person or participate virtually via Zoom. Please contact the library to sign up and save your seat, get the link to the Zoom room, and for more information.