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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
November 17, 2025**

Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for October 2025 are:

- 7,571 items were checked out. This is a 0.5% decrease from October 2024. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 8%.
- 22 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 115 new library cards have been issued.
- 106 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 3,731 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 211 hours and 421 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 835 hours and 1,757 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 1,051 sessions, 885 visits, and 303 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 4,447 sessions, 3,716 visits, and 905 unique users.
- There were 5,166 library visits. Year to date visits are up 6.1%.

James Kennedy Public Library FY2025 Annual Report:

Included with this monthly report, please find the FY25 Annual Report for the James Kennedy Public Library. The Annual Report includes information about programs, services, funding, and more for FY25 – from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the November events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of activities planned for December. Some of the events scheduled include a visit from the Dubuque County Conservation's educational animals, a program on sustainability and conservation, a snowball story time, a fun children's booth and pop-up library at the Merry Mingle Market, the annual Old-Fashioned Christmas at the Dyer-Botsford House, and a holiday music program presented by local musicians. The Wreath-it-Up Fundraiser continues until November 23, the Layette Quilt Display and Sale, in partnership with the Dyersville Layette group runs November 24 to December 23, the Burrito Breakfast is November 29, and the Cookie Walk Fundraiser is December 5-6.

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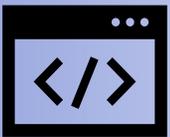
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: October-25
 YTD: July-25 to October-25
 Previous YTD: July-24 to October-24

	Library visits		Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	5166	(↓ 1%)	7571	(↓ 0.5%)	16	22	(↓ 18.5%)
YTD	21750	(↑ 6.1%)	34157	(↑ 8%)	76	115	(↓ 1.7%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1187	1:18



Computer use



Month	Hours		Month	Sessions	
	YTD	Prev. YTD		YTD	Prev. YTD
211	835	871	421	1757	1807

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
1051	4447	885	3716	303	905

Meeting room use



Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
77	368	237

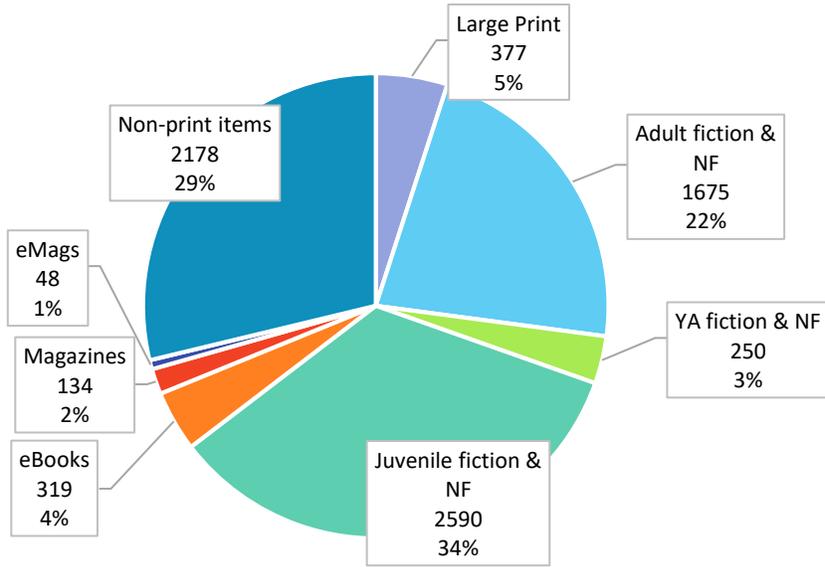
Online Learning

Sessions: 262
 YTD: 646

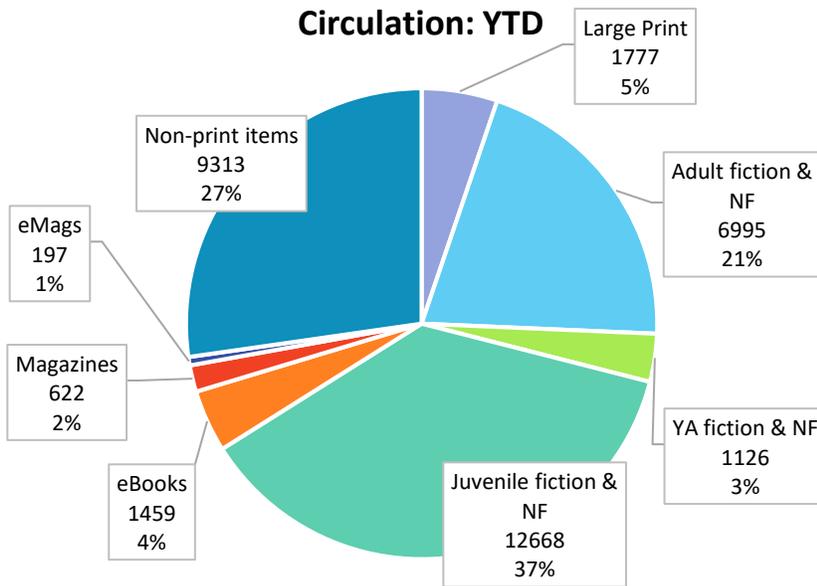


Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	663	2728
Adult & YA audio	107	407
Juvenile audio & kits	13	97
Adult & YA video	820	3239
Juvenile video & DVD	304	1382
Games, LoT, etc.	271	1460
	2178	9313

Music

Downloads: 2
Total YTD: 11



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 13
YTD: 60



Visits: 171
YTD: 704



Languages

Sessions: 69
YTD: 173



Genealogy

Visits: 327
YTD: 1109



World Culture

Visits: 30
YTD: 30



Hobbies

Sessions: 14
YTD: 35



Sessions: 0
YTD: 0



Collection

Items purchased

Month:	264
YTD:	894

Items donated

Month:	35
YTD:	185
Prev. YTD:	318

Items withdrawn

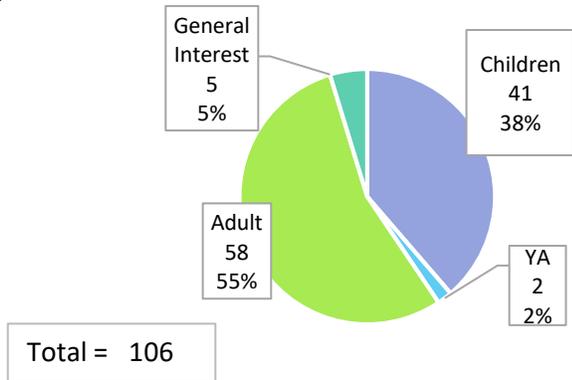
	Month	YTD
Books	218	913
Audio	0	2
Video	1	438
Other	1	59
Total	220	1412

Summary of additions

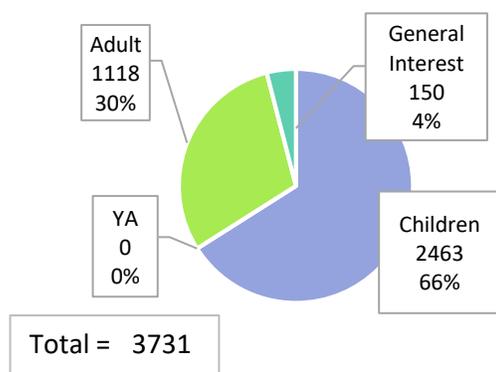
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	14	72	35	25	65	17	12	6	2	41	5	5	299
Previous month	25	93	41	21	59	28	12	4	0	60	5	5	353
Current YTD	57	296	120	81	279	21	44	14	2	112	26	27	1079
Previous YTD	101	366	163	61	261	76	37	25	1	128	23	20	1262

Programs

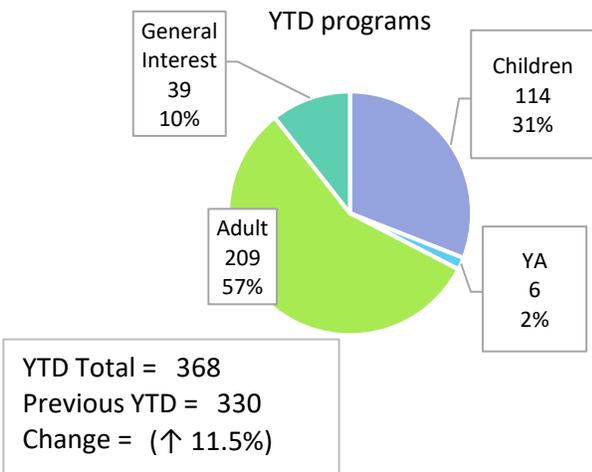
Monthy programs



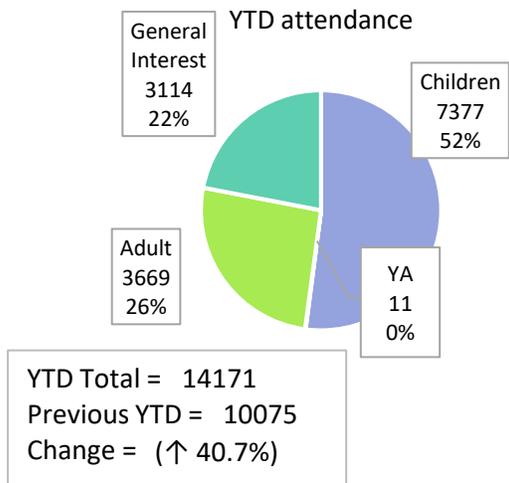
Monthy attendance



YTD programs



YTD attendance



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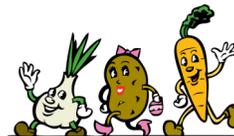
Wreath-It-Up Silent Auction Continues through November 23

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 website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us). Bids can be placed in person at the library, by emailing the library at librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us, or by calling the library. 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. New this year, we are offering a "Buy It NOW" option. Some Halloween and fall themed wreaths will be available to purchase immediately for the marked price. The Buy It NOW option will end if the silent auction bidding price meets or exceeds the Buy It NOW price. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23.



Children's Pretend Play Station: Restaurant: November 1—30. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Restaurant play!

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Healthy Foods: November 1—30. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Healthy Foods" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.



Kids Can Craft: Create a Meal Challenge: November 1—30. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and color a delicious (or disgusting!) meal idea. Every design turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket but is limited to one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early December.

Creation Station Craft: Paper Bag Scarecrow: November 1—30. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is a scarecrow made out of a brown paper bag. The kit includes most supplies needed plus instructions. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits are available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: November 1—30. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that 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. You will need to supply the glue. If crafting in the library, glue sticks may be borrowed from the desk for in-library use. Kits are available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: November 1—30. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.



Get Puzzled @ Your Library: November 1—30. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Autumn House*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Kimchi Kimchi Every Day" by Erica Kim: November 1—30. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



International Games Month @ Your Library: November 1—30

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. The JKPL is celebrating by hosting various gaming events this month that feature video, board and card games. Anyone who checks out a board game or video game during November, or attends one of these events, will be entered into a prize drawing! These events are open to all ages so bring the whole family! Events scheduled are:

- Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, November 8 @ 3:30 pm
- Super Smash Bros Tournament: Sunday, November 9 @ 1:30 pm
- Game Changer: Friday, November 14 @ 6:00 pm
- Trading Card Game Hangout: Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm
- Game Night: Friday, November 28 from 6:00—8:00 pm



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, November 1 from 10:00—11:00 am. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. 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.



Movies @ Your Library presents "Karate Kid: Legends": Saturday, November 1 @ 1:00 pm. After a family tragedy, kung fu prodigy Li Fong is uprooted from his home in Beijing and forced to move to New York City with his mother. Li struggles to let go of his past and although he doesn't want to fight, trouble seems to find him everywhere. When a new friend needs his help, Li enters a karate competition but his skills alone aren't enough. Li's kung fu teacher enlists original Karate Kid Daniel LaRusso for help, and Li learns a new way to fight. Rated PG-13 (118 min.)



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, November 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20 & 24 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, November 3 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Practical Magic* by Alice Hoffman. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to attend via Zoom, 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.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, November 3 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

"Practical Magic"—an All-Abilities Movie Event: Monday, November 3 @ 6:00 pm. Sally and Gillian Owens have always known they were different. Raised by their aunts after their parents' death, the sisters grew up in a household where they were taught the uses of practical magic. But the Owens' sorcery also carries a price—the men they fall in love with are doomed to an untimely death. Now adult women with very different personalities, Sally and Gillian must use all of their powers to fight the family curse and a swarm of supernatural forces that threatens the lives of all the Owens women. Based on the novel by Alice Hoffman. Rated PG-13 (108 min.) Refreshments provided. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Please note that this film may be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments.



Rural Justice Project for Older Iowans: Tuesday, November 4 @ 1:00 pm

Are you facing legal issues? Wondering what resources are available in rural Iowa? Do you have a plan for the future? Or for when disaster strikes? These are big questions but you don't have to face them alone because Iowa Legal Aid is available to help. Their Rural Justice Project (RJP) offers free services including: Legal assessments for civil matters, Disaster preparedness counseling, Holistic needs assessments and case management services. A representative from Iowa Legal Aid will be at the library to share details, answer questions, and help with applications. Feel free to bring your own questions to ask!



KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, November 4 & 11 @ 5:00 pm. This is a 10-week evidence-based course that was developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. This course is made possible by the nonprofit Brain Help and Hope and will be led by local health experts. Registration was required before the course started in September but if you are interested in participating in a future class please contact the library at (563)875-8912 to provide your contact information. This series is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.



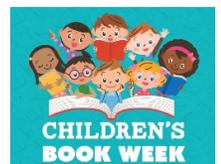
Storytime: Wednesdays, November 5, 12 & 19 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm. Join JKPL Children's Programmer Andrea Lepley for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required. No registration is necessary. Storytime sessions will run weekly through December 17, but we are not meeting on November 26.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19 & 26 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. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you 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.

Celebrate Children's Book Week: Wednesday, November 5 @ 4:00 pm

To celebrate Children's Book Week, the longest-running national literacy initiative in the United States, children ages 8-12 are invited to the library to write and illustrate their own children's picture book! Kids will learn basic principles of writing a picture book, begin the book, and take it home to finish writing and illustrating. When their book is finished, children may bring the book back to the library for publication in a JKPL Anthology of Children's Books. Original books will be returned after processing, and the anthology will be available in the library after it is printed. This program is part of the Tween Craft Afternoons.



Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, November 6, 13 & 20 from 4:00—5:30 pm. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The 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 class 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. The menu for November is Homemade Granola (November 6); Enchilada Casserole (November 13); and Blueberry Muffins (November 20). Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session. A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend. *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.*

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, November 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

National STEAM Day Mini-fest!: Saturday November 8 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Every November 8, the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics take the spotlight for National STEM / STEAM Day. By celebrating the ways in which STEM / STEAM affects our lives and our world, we're able to show children how important it is to study these fields and to be aware of their impact. To celebrate National STEAM Day, the JKPL will be hosting a mini STEAMfest! There will be several stations set up so you can try each of the activities. All ages are welcome, but participants under the age of 7 will need an accompanying adult. Activities include:

- Try some of the musical instruments available in the Library of Things collection
- Play with the Turing Tumble Tables (a board set that teaches users how computers work via a series of logic games)
- Color and bake your own Shrinky Dinks
- Try your hand at foil art.
- There will also be games for all ages, building blocks of all kinds, and even a life-sized Connect Four game!



Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, November 8 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament: Sunday, November 9 @ 1:30 pm

Join us for a chance to see who among your friends is the Smash Bros Champion! Rules for the tournament will be three stock lives, no items, and random stage per fight. We will be using the Ultimate (Switch) version and players may only use standard switch grip controllers. For ages 10 and up. No registration needed.



Adult Crafternoon: Beaded Bookmark: Monday, November 10 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a beaded bookmark. Stop in the library to create your project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, November 11 @ 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 Letter Tree* by Rachel Fordham. 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.

Tween Craft Afternoons: Wednesdays, November 12 & 19 from 4:00—5:00 pm. Children ages 8-12 are invited for a weekly craft that introduces popular art trends, art concepts, artists, and/or techniques. The dates and themes are: November 12—Bird Arm Pet and November 19—Cathedral Art.

Celebrate World Kindness Day: Thursday, November 13: 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. Stop in at the JKPL today and pick up a Kindness Kit, which will include information about why kindness matters, kindness cards you can cut out and give away, bookmarks, stickers, coloring pages, and other ideas for kind activities. Kits will be available while supplies last.



Nature at Night @ New Wine Park: Thursday, November 13 from 6:00—7:30 pm

Learn to appreciate nature during the darkness out at New Wine Park. Dubuque County Conservation staff will guide a night time activity that may include astronomy, how to use other senses besides sight, or learning about owls.

- Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight or headlamp and be dressed for the weather by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing.
- All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion.
- This program is dependent on the weather.
- Registration is requested by noon on November 12 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.
- On the day of the hike, participants should meet at the Pavilion in New Wine Park (15971 New Wine Park Lane, New Vienna, IA). When entering the park, stay to the left.



Game Changer: Friday, November 14 @ 6:00 pm

Game Changer is a comedy game show where participants engage in games involving improv comedy and random challenges. The twist is that the players don't know what game they are playing until it starts. The library is bringing a version of this to the library for teens and adults! This program is for ages 12 and up. Registration is required by November 12 to ensure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience.



Trading Card Game Hangout: Saturday, November 15 from 10:00—12:00 pm

As part of International Games Month, come hang out with Librarian Paul and learn how to play various trading card games. Games include: Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, Keyforge, Digimon, Dragon Ball Super, and Yu-Gi-Oh. Demo decks for some of the games will be available for attendees to take home courtesy of Dyersville Comics and Games. Ages 7 and up are welcome!



Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Smurfs (2025)”: Saturday, November 15 @ 1:00 pm. When Papa Smurf is taken by evil wizards Razamel and Gargamel, Smurfette leads the Smurfs on a mission to the real world to save him. Rated PG (92 minutes).



Bingo Party: Monday, November 17 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two-card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher presents Glass Grinches: Monday, November 17 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create a glass Grinch. Participants should be 14 or older. Please bring a glue gun if you have one. Otherwise, some will be provided. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, November 20 @ 11:15 am. Join Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler as she talks about the importance of taking Vitamin D in Winter and also food safety during the holidays. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome.

Create with Audrey—Watercolor Bookmarks: Thursday, November 20 from 5:30—7:30 pm & Friday, November 21 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Join Audrey on the 3rd Thursday and Friday of each month to create a cool craft or art project. This month we will be painting bookmarks with watercolors. There are several designs available and each one comes with its own watercolor set. This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.



Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Closing Reception: Sunday, November 23 from 2:00—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 phone or email ends at 3 pm on Saturday, November 22, bidding in person ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23.
- All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections.



Layette Quilt Display and Sale: November 24 thru December 23

The James Kennedy Public Library is partnering with the Dyersville Layette Ladies to share with you the work and talent of the Layette Ladies as well as raise some funds for both organizations. Several layette or lap size quilts, as well as some larger sizes, made by the group will be on display at the library from November 24 thru December 23. These quilts will be available to purchase starting at \$25.00 (larger sizes are more) and proceeds will be split between the Layette Ladies group and the JKPL.



Strings Club: Monday, November 24 @ 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 Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, November 25 @ 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 contact the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Visit with Live Animals with Dubuque County Conservation: Wednesday, November 26 @ 10:00 am

Join Dubuque County Conservation naturalists to learn about animals native to Iowa including snakes, turtles, and salamanders. After this 30 minute presentation, stay to pet the animals! All ages welcome. No registration required.



Library closes @ 5:00 pm: Wednesday, November 26

Library closed: Thursday, November 27



Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, November 28 from 6:00—8:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! 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: NEW DAY & TIME GOING FORWARD**

Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser: Saturday, November 29 from 9:00—11:00 am

Take a quick break from your local shopping to support your library by enjoying a breakfast burrito! \$8.00 gets you a delicious egg, sausage, hash brown and cheese burrito. Don't want a tortilla? New this year you can choose a Burrito Bowl for the same price. 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. A special Thank You goes to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser! Burritos available while supplies last.



Small Business Saturday Refueling Station: Saturday, November 29 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.



Upcoming EVENTS

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



Storytime Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Join JKPL Children's Programmer Andrea Lepley for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required. No registration is necessary.

Sustainability & Conservation at Home Thursday, December 4 @ 6:00 pm

Join a Dubuque County Conservation naturalist who will talk about steps to live a more sustainable life. Learn about and see sustainable products, simple DIY projects, best ways to repurpose, how to watch out for greenwashing, and how to implement these practices into your life. All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion. Registration is requested by 12:00 pm on December 3.

Cookie Walk Fundraiser Friday, December 5 from 1:00–5:00 pm Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 am–3:00 pm

Craving some special treats but don't have time to bake for yourself? Come to the library for the annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser!

- Guests will be able to purchase a dozen items for \$8.00 (or 24 for \$15.00).
- Choose from a delicious assortment of homemade treats to be placed on a plate, covered, and decorated with a bow.
- Prepackaged plates will be available while supplies last.
- Funds raised from this event will be used to support library collections, programs and services.

Snowball Fight Storytime Saturday, December 6 @ 10:30 am

Ready to enjoy some snowy stories and snowballs? Come to Miss Andrea's special snowy storytime! Listen to a couple of snow-themed stories then enjoy an indoor snowball fight at the end!

JKPL at the Merry Mingle Market Saturday, December 6!

Ice Fishing for Kids' Craft Kits from 12:00–4:00 pm
Come to the JKPL booth to fish for kids' craft kits at our ice fishing pond! Craft kits are sponsored by Tim & Angela English.

Pop-Up Library & Cookies from 12:00–4:00 pm
When visiting the market, be sure to check out the JKPL pop-up library. Learn more about the library and select a free book to keep. There will be books for all ages available. Also, a variety of plated homemade cookies and sweet treats will be available to buy for \$8.00 per dozen. Want something to grab and go? Individual cookies will be for sale for \$1.00 each and hot cocoa for \$2.00 a cup.

Old Fashioned Christmas Sunday, December 14 from 1:30–3:30 pm

The entire family is invited for an afternoon of live music, traditional Christmas carols, cookies, and spiced cider at the Dyer-Botsford House in Dyersville. Prizes will be given out in a drawing. All ages welcome, but children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is sponsored by the Senior Advisory Committee of the JKPL and the Dyersville Area Historical Society.

Dementia Basics Tuesday, December 16 @ 1:00 pm

Nancy Fett, from Dementia Friendly Iowa, will be at the library to lead this interactive session that helps people better understand the basics of what it is like to live with dementia, and what we can each do to support those affected. The goal of Dementia Friendly Iowa is to help everyone feel more confident and comfortable interacting with someone living with dementia. All are welcome.

Create with Audrey—Rubber Band Bracelets Thursday, December 18 from 5:30–7:30 pm Friday, December 19 from 10:00 am–12:30 pm

Join Audrey at the JKPL to make rubber band bracelets with charms. The rubber bands are neon colored and latex free. This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.

The Mitten Storytime with Dubuque County Conservation Tuesday, December 23 @ 10:00 am

Do you love mittens and furry animals? Join a Dubuque County Conservation naturalist to listen to Jan Brett's *The Mitten* storybook then climb into a HUGE mitten to touch the fur of different animals! All ages are welcome. No registration required.

Save the Date!

Mystery Dinner Theatre Fundraiser *Murder at the Fish Fly Club* Saturday, February 28 @ 6:30 pm

The JKPL is excited to announce the 2026 Mystery Dinner Fundraiser! Join us for a night of mystery and intrigue in the wild and romantic era of the roaring 20's! The show will be performed by the Brew Ha Ha Players, the meal will be catered by J & D Catering, and the event will be held at the Dyersville Social Center. Snow date is March 7. Themed dress is welcome! Pricing and final details to be announced.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> NOVEMBER 2025 </div>		November 1—30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring, Creating, & Doing • Upcycled Cards kits • Get Puzzled • StoryWalk® 	November 1—30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a meal challenge • Children's Pretend Play Station & scavenger hunt • Paper bag scarecrow craft kits 	November is International Games Month!	Wreath-It-Up Silent Auction Continues through November 23!	1 Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am <i>Karate Kid: Legends</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm
2	3 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm <i>Practical Magic</i> (PG-13) @ 6pm	4 Rural Justice Project @ 1pm KEYS To Dementia Prevention from 5-7pm	5 Storytime @ 10:30am & 6:30pm Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Children's Book Week (Tween Craft Afternoon) @ 4pm	6 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Kids Can Cook @ 4pm	7 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	8 STEAM Day mini-fest from 10am-12pm Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm
9 Super Smash Bros Tournament @ 1:30pm	10 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm	11 KEYS To Dementia Prevention from 5-7pm A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	12 Storytime @ 10:30am & 6:30pm Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Tween Craft Afternoon from 4-5pm	13 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Kids Can Cook @ 4pm Nature at Night Hike @ 6pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Celebrate World Kindness Day @ the library! </div>	14 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Game Changer @ 6pm	15 Trading Card Game Hangout from 10am-12pm Smurfs (2025— Rated PG) @ 1pm
16	17 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Bingo Party from 1-3pm Cricut with Christopher @ 6pm	18	19 Storytime @ 10:30am & 6:30pm Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Tween Craft Afternoon from 4-5pm	20 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Health & Wellness 365 @ 11:15am Kids Can Cook @ 4pm Watercolor Bookmarks from 5:30-7:30pm	21 Watercolor Bookmarks from 10am-12:30pm Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	22
23 Wreath-It-Up Closing Reception from 2-3pm	24 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Strings Club @ 6pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Layette Quilt Sale begins! </div>	25 JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm	26 Visit with Live Animals with DCC @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Library closes @ 5pm </div>	27 Library closed	28 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Game Night from 6-8pm	29 Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser from 9-11am SBS Refueling Station from 9:30am-2:30pm
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Upcoming Events for DECEMBER 2025

December 1—23: Layette Quilt Display and Sale Continues. The James Kennedy Public Library has partnered with the Dyersville Layette Ladies to share with you the work and talent of the Layette Ladies as well as raise some funds for both organizations. Several layette, lap size, and larger quilts that were made by the Layette Ladies continue to be on display at the library thru December 23. These quilts are available to purchase starting at \$25.00 (larger sizes are more) and proceeds will be split between the Layette Ladies and the JKPL. Photographs of the quilts are posted on the library's website and Facebook page.

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

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Ice Cream: December 1-31. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Ice Cream" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.

Kids Can Craft: Create a Snow Pet Challenge: December 1-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to create a snow pet. Every design turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket but is limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early January.

Creation Station Craft: Beaded Tree Ornament: December 1-31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is a tree ornament made out of pipe cleaners and beads. The kit includes most of the needed supplies and how-to instructions. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: December 1-31. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that 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. You will need to supply the glue. If crafting in the library, glue sticks may be borrowed from the desk for in-library use. Kits are available while supplies last.

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

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: December 1-31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *The Perfect Tree*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Snowflakes on Our Tongues" by Mike Ornstein: December 1-31. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. The StoryWalk(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.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, December 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22 & 29 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no

dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, December 1 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to attend via Zoom, 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.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, December 1 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

"Elf" – an All-Abilities Movie Event: Monday, December 1 @ 6:00 pm. After accidentally falling into Santa Claus' gift sack, a human baby is raised at the North Pole, growing up to believe he is an elf. Due to his large size, the "elf" causes chaos in Santa's workshop, forcing Kris Kringle to send him on a mission to find his human roots. Rated PG (97 min.) Refreshments provided. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Please note that this film may be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments.

Storytime: Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm. Join Ms. Andrea for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required and participation is encouraged. No registration needed.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17 & 31 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. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you 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.

Tween Craft Afternoons: Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Children ages 8-12 are invited to the JKPL Creation Station for a weekly craft that introduces popular art trends, art concepts, artists, and/or techniques. The dates and themes are: December 3- Button Wreath; December 10- Kandinsky Tree; and December 17- Ornament Kit.

Thursday, December 4: Celebrate National Cookie Day! National Cookie Day is a day set aside to celebrate the joy of cookies. All cookies! Stop by the JKPL anytime after 10 am today to enjoy a homemade cookie while visiting the library. Vote for your favorite cookie flavor between December 4 and 20 to enter your name in a drawing for a plate of homemade cookies. Pick up a special activity packet and join us in celebrating all things cookie! Packets will be available while supplies last.

Sustainability & Conservation at Home: Thursday, December 4 @ 6:00 pm. Join us at the JKPL and listen to one of Dubuque County Conservation naturalists talk about steps to live a more sustainable life. Learn about, and see, sustainable products and simple DIY projects. Learn about the best ways to repurpose items, how to watch out for greenwashing, and learn how to implement these practices into your life. All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion. Registration is requested by 12:00 pm on December 3 as a

minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Register by contacting the library or online in the library's calendar of events at: www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/events.

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, December 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Cookie Walk Fundraiser: Friday, December 5 from 1:00-5:00 pm & Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Craving some special treats but don't have time to bake for yourself? Come to the library for the annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser! Guests will be able to purchase a dozen items for \$8.00 (or 24 for \$15.00). Choose from a delicious assortment of treats to be placed on a plate, covered, and decorated with a bow. Items will be homemade by friends, volunteers, board members, and staff of the library. Cookies will be stored away from the public and handled only by staff and volunteers working the event. Prepackaged plates will be available while supplies last. Funds raised from this event will be used to support library collections, programs and services.

Snowball Fight Storytime: Saturday, December 6 @ 10:30 am. Ready to enjoy some snowy stories and snowballs? Come to Miss Andrea's special snowy storytime! Listen to a couple of snow-themed stories then enjoy an indoor snowball fight at the end! When all the snowy fun is done, visit the Cookie Walk inside the library or go to the Downtown Winter Market at Legacy Square to go Ice Fishing for Crafts.

Ice Fishing for Kids' Craft Kits at the Merry Mingle Market: Saturday, December 6 from 12:00-4:00 pm. Come visit the JKPL at our booth at the Merry Mingle Market and fish for kids' craft kits at our ice fishing pond! Bundle up, grab a hot chocolate and cookie at the JKPL market booth, and see what "big fish" you can catch at our frozen pond. *Craft kits at the Ice Fishing Pond are sponsored by Tim & Angela English.*

Cookies and Cocoa at the Merry Mingle Market: Saturday, December 6 from 12:00-4:00 pm. The JKPL will be at the Merry Mingle Market and we're bringing part of the annual cookie walk fundraiser with us! Stop by the JKPL booth and support the library while satisfying your sweet tooth. A variety of homemade cookies and sweet treats will be on a decorative plate, covered and decorated with a colorful bow. Each plate will be \$8.00 and include 12 items. Want something to grab and go? Individual cookies will be for sale for \$1.00 each and hot cocoa for \$2.00 a cup.

Pop-Up Library at Merry Mingle Market: Saturday, December 6 from 12:00-4:00 pm. When visiting the Merry Mingle Market, be sure to check out the JKPL pop-up library. Learn more about the library and select a free book to keep. There will be books for all ages available. 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.

Adult Crafternoon: Monday, December 8 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Project to be announced.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, December 9 @ 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 *Tea with Elephants* by Robin Jones Gunn. 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.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, December 13 from 10:00-11:00 am. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac

Community Credit Union. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Saturday, December 13 @ 1:00 pm. Rated G (101 minutes).

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, December 13 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Saturday, December 13: National Cocoa Day Celebration from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This time of year many people crave the sweet, dark, creamy beverage known as hot cocoa and this is a perfect occasion to indulge yourself! Stop by the library and enjoy a hot cup of cocoa from our cocoa bar while enjoying your local library.

Old Fashioned Christmas: Sunday, December 14 from 1:30- 3:30 pm. The entire family is invited for an afternoon of live music, traditional Christmas carols, cookies, and spiced cider at the Dyer-Botsford House in Dyersville. Prizes will be given out in a drawing. All ages welcome, but children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is sponsored by the Senior Advisory Committee of the JKPL and the Dyersville Area Historical Society.

Bingo Party: Monday, December 15 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!

Become A Dementia Friend: Tuesday, December 16 @ 1:00 pm. Join a growing movement of people like you who are helping fellow community members live with dementia! Become a Dementia Friend by attending this one-hour informational session to learn about living with dementia, and the simple things you can do to support someone living with the disease. Led by Nancy Fett from Dementia Friendly Iowa. All are welcome.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, December 18 @ 11:15 am. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. There will be food samples to try! All are welcome.

Create with Audrey - Rubber Band Bracelets : Thursday, December 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm and Friday, December 19 from 10:00 am-12:30 pm. Join Audrey at the JKPL on the 3rd Thursday and Friday of each month to create a cool craft or art project. This month we will be making rubber band bracelets with charms. The rubber bands are neon colored and latex free. This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.

Mock-A-Movie Night for Teens: Friday, December 19 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, December 20 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed. Guns with excessive

hitting power will not be allowed.

Sunday, December 21: Live Holiday Music @ 2:00 pm. Join us at the JKPL for this special holiday event featuring local musicians! Refreshments provided.

Strings Club: Monday, December 22 @ 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 Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

“The Mitten” Storytime with Dubuque County Conservation: Tuesday, December 23 @ 10:00 am. Do you love mittens and furry animals? Join a Dubuque County Conservation naturalist to listen to Jan Brett’s *The Mitten* storybook then climb into a HUGE mitten to touch the fur of different animals! All ages are welcome. No registration required.

Library closes @ 5:00 pm: Tuesday, December 23

Library closed: Wednesday, December 24 & Thursday, December 25

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, December 26 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month (Note: new day/time). All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

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

Library closes @ 5:00 pm: Wednesday, December 31

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2024–JUNE 30, 2025



MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD PRESIDENT, ALEX WIEZOREK

This year has been one of continued growth and innovation for the James Kennedy Public Library. Our dedicated staff and volunteers have worked to ensure that our library remains a welcoming, inclusive, and forward-thinking space for all members of our community. From expanding our collections to hosting engaging programs for all ages, we continue to uphold our mission of connecting people, ideas, and resources in ways that inspire learning and enrich lives.

A particular point of pride this year has been the implementation of new accommodations designed to better serve our neurodivergent patrons. Recognizing that every individual experiences the library environment differently, we have introduced a variety of thoughtful enhancements, including soft seating options, designated quiet spaces, and an assortment of fidget toys available for use. These additions create a more sensory-friendly environment that promotes comfort, focus, and belonging—ensuring that the James Kennedy Public Library is a place where everyone can thrive.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to meeting the evolving needs of our community. The Board of Trustees extends heartfelt thanks to our library staff, volunteers, and supporters whose dedication makes these achievements possible. Together, we continue to build not only a library, but a true community hub—one that celebrates inclusivity, curiosity, and the joy of lifelong learning.



MISSION STATEMENT

The James Kennedy Public Library enriches the Dyersville community by providing equal access to creative resources for entertainment and education.

VISION STATEMENT

The James Kennedy Public Library helps create a thriving community to inspire curiosity, creativity, innovation, and connection.

DISCOVER: WITH MATERIALS

PRINT COLLECTION

- Books
- Large print books
- Magazines
- Newspapers

BOOKS: 43,742

MAGAZINES/NEWSPAPERS: 94



Physical Items (print, audio, video, games, etc.) added to the Library Collection (both purchased & donated): **3,474**

AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION

- Books on CD
- Books on Playaway

COLLECTION: 1,284

DVD & BLURAY COLLECTION

- Feature films for all ages
- Television series
- Documentaries, Exercise, & How-To

COLLECTION: 4,870

GAMING & LIBRARY OF THINGS COLLECTION

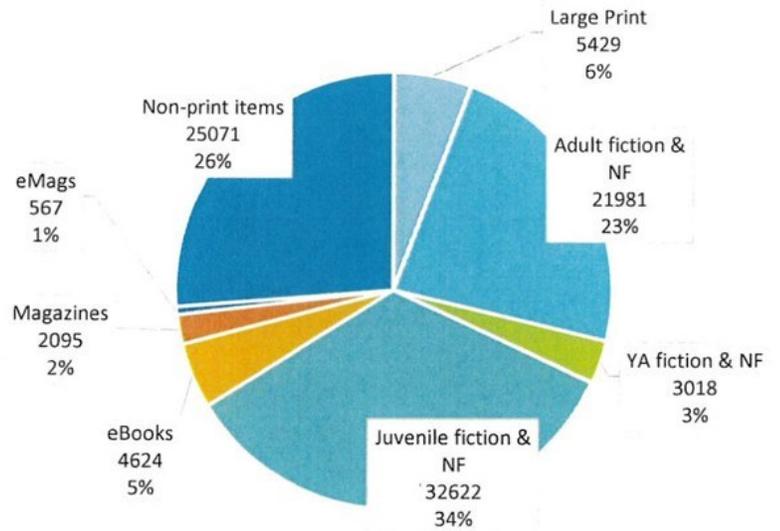
- Console Games: Xbox, XboxOne, Wii, WiiU, Nintendo Switch, Playstation
- Board Games
- Puzzles
- S.T.E.A.M. Items
- Kitchen equipment, tools, arts & crafts, & more!

COLLECTION: 1,296

DOWNLOADABLE MATERIALS

- 70,033 eBooks
- 54,244 eAudiobooks

USAGE BY TYPE OF MATERIAL



Number of Items of all types checked out from the JKPL

95,407

Total VALUE of items checked out: **\$3.3 Million!**



Library card holders checked out an average of **22** items each. At a value of **\$35.00** per item, each library user saved **\$770!**

CONNECT: WITH SERVICES

DIGITAL COLLECTION / ELECTRONIC SERVICES

- eBooks and eAudiobooks: BRIDGES, Freading, & Hoopla
- eMagazines: BRIDGES
- Music: Hoopla
- Streaming Videos: Kanopy & Hoopla
- Language Learning: Mango
- Newspaper Archives & Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition & Dyersville Commercial Archives
- Databases: People's Law Library, Craft & Hobby, Library Chef, Global Road Warrior, A to Z World Culture, A to Z World Food, BrainFuse, Niche Academy, G.O.L.D. Databases & more

Used 10,269 times!*

**This number does not include eBooks & eAudio numbers. They are included with usage chart.*



SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook
- Instagram
- X
- YouTube
- Goodreads



SPACE & EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

- Meeting & study spaces
- Community spaces
- Gaming Equipment (Xbox & WiiU)
- Soft seating & fireplace
- Projection system
- Large screen TV & Bluray player
- Device charging station
- Train table

MEETING SPACE USE: 776 GATHERINGS

COMPUTER SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Public Access Computers with Internet
- Children's Computers
- Laptops, Tablets, & Hotspots
- WiFi
- Library website with online catalog and account access

COMPUTER USE

5,293
Individual Internet Sessions

2,484
Total Hours Used

6,571
WiFi Use Sessions

Number of People with Library Cards

4,390

Number of people entering the library

60,620

Number of Items Available (including electronic): 175,563

INSPIRE: WITH PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS INSIDE & OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

- Book Clubs and Author Visits
- Movie Showings
- Story Times and OutReads
- Gaming Activities
- Computer & Technology Programs
- Speakers & Presentations for Life-long learning
- Health & Wellness
- Senior Programs at MercyOne Dyersville & Ellen Kennedy Living Center
- Crafting
- Writing Events
- Seasonal Programs
- Storywalk®
- Pop-up Libraries
- STEAM Programs
- Take-and Make kits

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Live programs (in-person & virtual):
821 offered
15,355 participants

At a value of \$15 per live program, JKPL users saved \$230,325 while learning & playing at the library!

Passive (Storywalk®, Scavenger Hunts, Trivia Contests, Reading logs, etc.):
5,219 participants

At a value of \$5 per activity, patrons enjoyed \$26,095 worth of fun, self-guided experiences that inspire curiosity & engagement!

Take-and-Make kits & Coloring Sheets:
8,541 taken by patrons

At a value of \$3 per kit, families saved \$25,623 while enjoying creative, hands-on learning from home!



JKPL programming & activities generated **\$281,743** in educational & recreational savings for community members!

GRANTS:

The JKPL was awarded **2** grants this year for a total of **\$10,474**.



FUNDRAISING & OTHER DONATIONS:

Numerous businesses/people donated **\$7,303**. The JKPL Fundraising Committee raised **\$23,041** this year. All money was used to enhance the library's collections & services.

Revenues:	
Dyersville	\$503,184
Library Agency	\$7,394
State Funding	\$11,578
Fees (copier, printer, etc.)	\$3,365
TOTAL	\$525,521
Expenditures:	
Wages & benefits	\$419,635
Building (utilities & contracts)	\$45,537
Supplies & marketing	\$9,242
Equipment & repairs	\$8,822
Programs	\$1,165
Books & materials	\$41,120
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$525,521
Capital Expenditures	\$31,793

Operating Budget

Income	\$54,834
Expenditures	\$54,904
Remaining	\$101,990

Trust Account

\$19,184



Endowment

101 Volunteers shared their time & talent at the library for **4,276** hours.



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