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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
April 15, 2024**

Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for March 2024 are:

- 6,655 items were checked out. This is a 18.1% discount from March 2023. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 5.6%
- 25 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 263 new library cards have been issued.
- 80 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,878 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 190 hours and 490 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 1,642 hours and 3,723 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 147 sessions, 129 visits, and 71 unique users
- There were 5,376 library visits.

Grants: The James Kennedy Public Library has been selected by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council to receive a FY25 Scale-Up grant for Turing Tumble. Turing Tumble is a STEM game that teaches how computers work at a fundamental level. Students build marble-powered, mechanical computers to solve a series of structured logic puzzles.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the April events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for May. Some of the events scheduled include an author presentation about the 1920s Egyptomania craze in the US, a blended course on Youth Mental Health First Aid, offered as a partnership with the Meraki Institute of Learning, a program on recycled paper making and a spring wildflower hike presented by Dubuque County Conservation, partnering with the Dyersville Public Works Department for an equipment exhibit for Public Works Week, and a presentation on the history of some of the buildings in downtown Dyersville, presented by Judy Weber and the Dyersville Area Historical Society. The spring Plant Sale fundraiser is scheduled for May 4 and the Fundraising Committee is planning a new event for June 1 – a Garage Sale!

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JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: March-24
YTD: July-22 to March-24
Previous YTD: July-21 to March-23

Library visits

Month	5376	(↑ 4.9%)
YTD	44440	(↑ 18.1%)

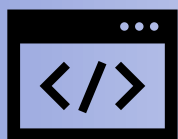
Items loaned

Month	6655	(↓ 18.1%)
YTD	70393	(↑ 5.6%)

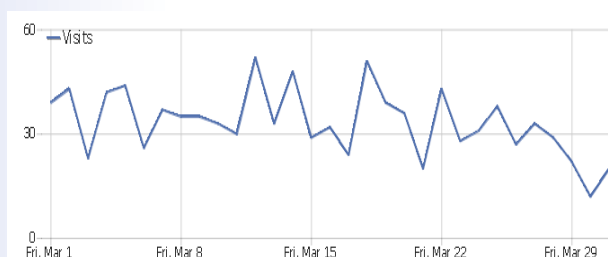
Library cards issued

City resident	Total		
Month	16	25	(↑ 13.6%)
YTD	142	263	(↑ 6%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1034	1:19



Computer use



Month	Hours YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	Sessions YTD	Prev. YTD
190	1642	1362	490	3723	3586

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
147	1916	129	1638	71	301

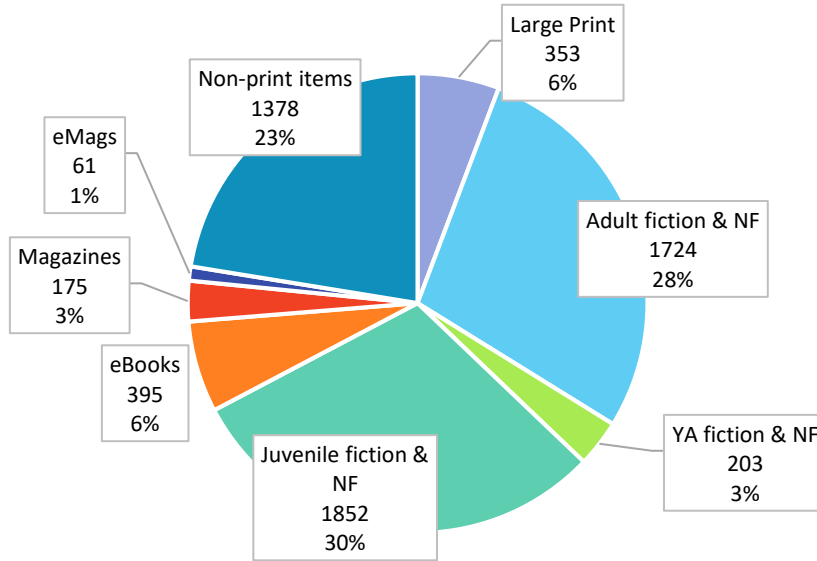
Meeting room use



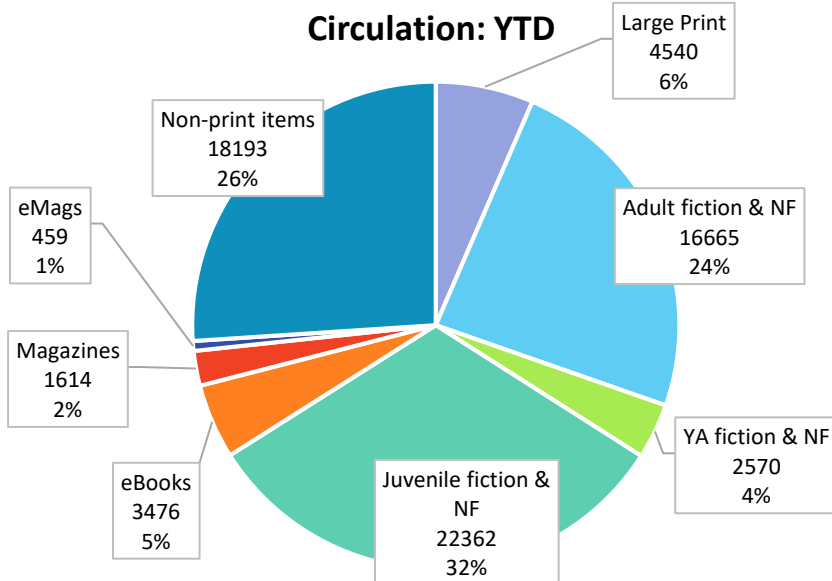
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
46	594	515

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

Month

YTD

eAudio	514	4225
Adult & YA audio	108	723
Juvenile audio & kits	8	172
Adult & YA video	576	6707
Juvenile video & DVD	281	2742
Games, LoT, etc.	405	4138
	1892	18193

Music

Downloads: 9
Streams: 0
Total YTD: 62



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 7
YTD: 22



Visits: 119
YTD: 2307



Online Learning

Sessions: 26
YTD: 697



Languages

Sessions: 29
YTD: 422



Genealogy

Visits: 1879
YTD: 6238



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 215
YTD: 2014

Items donated

Month: 67
YTD: 461
Prev. YTD: 625

Items withdrawn

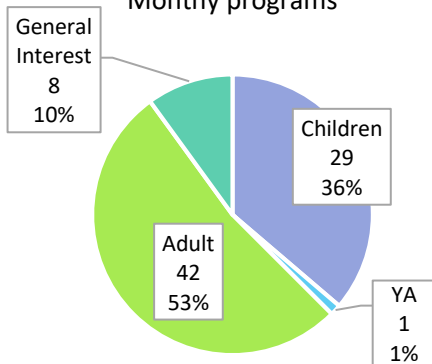
	Month	YTD
Books	311	2823
Audio	0	48
Video	4	289
Other	1	78
Total	316	3238

Summary of additions

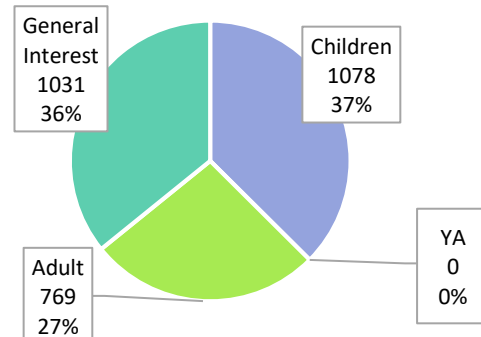
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	17	110	30	20	57	6	0	9	0	15	8	10	282
Previous month	19	77	31	10	8	1	41	11	0	37	2	11	248
Current YTD	136	760	251	139	548	78	109	64	5	241	72	72	2475
Previous YTD	164	843	281	155	548	104	113	90	8	232	69	111	2718

Programs

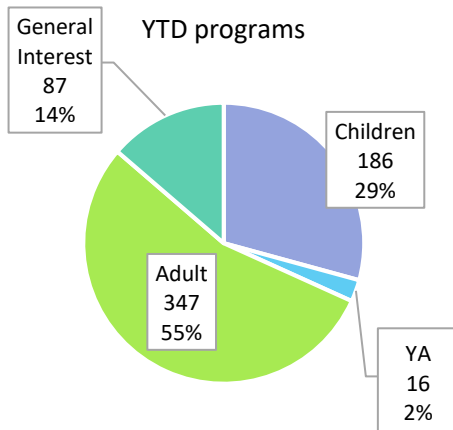
Monthly programs



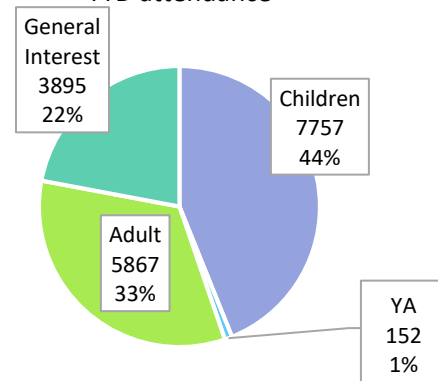
Monthly attendance



YTD programs



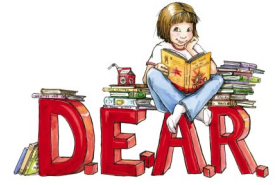
YTD attendance



Upcoming Events in April:

D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Month: April 1—30

April is Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) month, a national month-long celebration of reading designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives. To celebrate, the JKPL is hosting two activities and we want you to get involved!



Dyersville Book Scavenger Hunt

The JKPL has again partnered with local businesses for a fun scavenger hunt! Can you match the book with the business?

- Pick up a scavenger hunt form at the library or print one off from the library's website.
- The scavenger hunt form features pictures of book covers and each participating business in Dyersville has one of the book covers posted in their business window.
- Match the book with the business then turn your completed forms into the library before May 1 to get entered into the prize drawing for one of several gift baskets. You get to choose which basket!
- Entries with at least ½ of the books / businesses identified correctly will receive one entry into the drawing. Get them all right to earn two entries!

Reading Recommendations

JKPL staff, board members, and volunteers are celebrating this month with videos and social media posts highlighting what they are dropping everything to read. Titles will be posted throughout the month on the library's social media. Want to join in the fun? Feel free to share in the comments what book you dropped everything to read!

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "A Few Beautiful Minutes: Experiencing a Solar Eclipse" by Kate Allen Fox:

April 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.*



Yard Sign Fundraiser: April 1—30. To celebrate National Library Week, April 7-13, 2024, the JKPL has yard signs that say "I Love My Library" available. Signs are 18" x 24", vinyl, reusable, and come with a ground stake. Yard signs can be purchased by making a donation of any size to the library and are available while supplies last. Already have one of these signs? Now's the time to put it up. Put a sign in your yard and let everyone know you love the library!

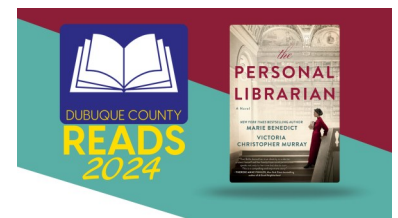


Dubuque County Reads Continues: April 1—15

The James Kennedy Public Library is participating in the second annual *Dubuque County Reads* book discussion! The purpose of the *Dubuque County Reads* program is to facilitate events that encourage productive conversation around a common book, with the selected title aiming to invigorate community members and inspire dialog about important issues and topics. The selected title for 2024 is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict.

Dubuque County Reads book discussions will happen at various locations around the county between through April 15. Feel free to attend as many as you are able to, wherever you are able! The book is available to borrow at each participating library, with the appropriate library card required. For more information about the book and a full list of participating libraries, go to: <https://libguides.dbq.edu/dubuquecountyreads>. Book discussions are scheduled at the following locations:

- **April 1 at 5:00 pm at James Kennedy Public Library**
- April 8 at 11:00 am at University of Dubuque Library
- April 8 at 6:00 pm at Carnegie-Stout Public Library
- April 9 at 12:00 pm at Divine Word College Library
- April 9 at 4:00 pm at Loras College Library
- April 10 at 6:00 pm at Dubuque County Library District—Farley
- April 11 at 12:00 pm at Wartburg Theological Seminary Library
- April 11 at 12:45 pm at Clarke University Library
- **April 12 at 5:30 pm—Virtual Discussion led by James Kennedy Public Library. Email Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us to receive a link to the virtual session on Zoom.**
- April 15 at 11:00 am at Dubuque County Library District—Asbury



Kids Can Craft: Puzzle Frame: April 1—30. Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and make an Earth-themed or Autism Awareness themed puzzle frame. All materials necessary for this craft are available at the Creation Station. Children can choose to craft at the Creation Station, or they may gather materials for the craft in a take-home bag and craft at home.



Creation Station Craft: CD Fish: April 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 CD Fish! Kit includes CDs, paper, string, and googly eyes. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: April 1—30. 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.

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

Children's Pretend Play-Station—Spaceship: April 1—30. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in spaceship play! First, check out our new installation at our pretend play station with this month's theme, Spaceship and Ground Control. Then, participate in our "Planets" scavenger hunt to earn a small prize!

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, April 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 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. Due to high demand, two sessions will now be offered, with a maximum of 20 participants allowed per session. Space is limited so registration is required.



Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, April 1 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Adult Crafternoon—Blackout poetry: Monday, April 1 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us to celebrate National Poetry month! Library staff member Ann will be on hand to teach you how to create blackout poetry with pictures and coloring pens. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a kit and create on your own at home. The instructional video for how to do the poetry will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting April 2nd and kits will be available while supplies last.



Unlocking Brain Fitness—KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 6:00 pm. This 10-week evidence-based course 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. The KEYS dementia prevention course was started at the YMCA of Greater Des Moines and will be led by local health experts. This series is co-sponsored in part by the Hy-Vee store in Asbury and Nightingale Drug. Registration for this program is now closed but if you are interested in participating in this class in the future, please provide your contact information to the library.



Family Storytime: Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their children to a session of Family Storytime. Family Storytime is geared toward children ages infant to five years old and their caregiver, but children of all ages and abilities are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.



Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

Upcycled Greeting Cards: Thursday, April 4 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. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, April 4, 11 & 18 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. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the spring classes will receive an apron. Food to be made for the April classes are: mini pizzas with homemade dough (April 4), fried rice (April 11), and corn soup (April 18). There is a limit of 12 children per class and both the April and May sessions are full. However, people are welcome to register to be on the Wait List. *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 & Games: Fridays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser: Saturday, April 6 from 9:00—11:00 am

Kick off National Library Week by stopping by the JKPL and enjoying a delicious breakfast burrito! For just \$5.00, you can support the JKPL and enjoy a delicious egg, sausage and cheese burrito. Available while supplies last! Weather permitting, a tent will be set up outside the library for this event. If not, step into the Hoffman Community Room to get your breakfast and support your library! A special Thank you goes to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections.



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, April 6 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is "Rainy Day". 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.

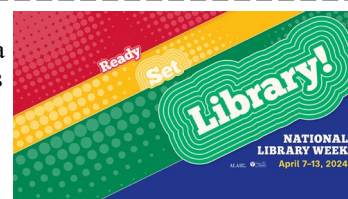
Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Inkheart": Saturday, April 6 @ 1:00 pm. A father and daughter who have the ability to bring fictional book characters to life battle a fairy-tale villain who wants to use their powers for his own evil doings. Based on the book by Cornelia Funke. Rated PG (105 minutes).

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, April 6 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.



National Library Week—Ready, Set, Library! April 7—13

The 2024 theme for National Library Week promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—your library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs. Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library! Join us at the JKPL this National Library Week as we celebrate. Did you know the JKPL motto is *Discover - Connect - Inspire*?



How can you participate? Stop in each day to pick up a different library themed giveaway. Dress up to celebrate the daily theme. Pick up a pompom at the desk and vote for your favorite library activity (one vote per person, per library visit). Participate in any of these activities to get your name entered to win library themed prizes like having an item purchased in your honor, a library yard sign, coloring book, book journal, or a fun library swag basket. Join us for one or all of the special events scheduled for this week! The week's activities are as follows:

Sunday, April 7: Open House! Kick off the week and drop by the library between 1:30—3:30 pm for refreshments and meet some of the JKPL Board members! Giveaway: Library tote bag.

Monday, April 8: Right to Read Day! April 8th is a national day of action in support of the right to read. Today's theme encourages you to read what you like, especially titles that might be banned or challenged. The State of America's Libraries Report will be released today, including the Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2023. Stop in the library today to see this document and pick up a Challenged & Banned Book Word Search. Join the library staff in wearing book themed apparel. Giveaway: Right to Read/Banned Book bookmarks.

Tuesday, April 9: Library Workers Day! Join the library staff and volunteers today as we celebrate Library Workers Day and Drop Everything and Read Month! Library staff members wear many different hats at their job, so today we will be wearing a favorite or fun hat! Join us by wearing a hat or cap during your visit. Stop in anytime during the day to enjoy refreshments. Check out the bulletin board or the JKPL Facebook page and see if you can match the picture of the person reading to the library worker. Giveaway: Post-it notes.

Wednesday, April 10: National Library Outreach Day. Outreach, which is about meeting library patrons where they are, is important to the JKPL. Visit the library today and select a book from the JKPL Pop-up Library, one of our most popular outreach activities. Visitors are also invited to learn more about what the library has to offer by completing a library scavenger hunt. Pick up a form at the front desk and turn it in for your chance to win a special prize. Giveaway: Book from the pop-up library and a pen or pencil

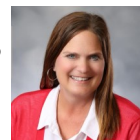
Thursday, April 11: Relaxation Day! Libraries are a place for relaxing as well as learning and entertainment. Join the library staff today as they relax at work in their PJs or lounge clothes. Pick up a library themed set of activity and coloring pages. Giveaway: Coasters.

Friday, April 12: Spirit Day! Today library staff will celebrate by wearing JKPL colors (green, gold, yellow) or library/book themed apparel. Join us in showing pride in your library! Giveaway: Choice of library themed items: pens, magnet bookmarks, luggage tags, and more.

Saturday, April 13: DIY Day! Join the library staff today as they celebrate creativity with some fun Do It Yourself activities for all ages. Visit the library from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and try your hand at one or more crafty/Do It Yourself activities. Make a flower crown, create a FrankenToy, make a May Day basket you can fill with treats, or just challenge your imagination and use the supplies from the Creation Station to make something unique. Guests will also be able to use the button maker to make a button celebrating National Library Week or an image of your choice. Giveaway: Buttons.

Meet Iowa Author Sara Broers: Monday, April 8 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Iowa Author Sara Broers, will be signing her latest book *Perfect Day Iowa* at Savvy Salvage in downtown Dyersville. Sara is also the author of *100 Things to Do in Iowa Before You Die*. Stop in to meet Sara and bring your travel questions. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. This author visit is a partnership between JKPL and Savvy Salvage.



Eclipse Viewing Party: Monday, April 8 from 12:00—3:30 pm. The library will be hosting a watch party for the total solar eclipse on April 8th. Iowa will only have a partial view of the eclipse so we will have the viewing stream from NASA on the big screen in the Hoffmann Room. The eclipse will begin at 12:39 pm and end at 3:18 pm. Want to try and view it outside? Stop by and pick up a free pair of eclipse glasses! These will be available starting April 1st while supplies last. Limited to one per person.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, April 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 *Provenance* by Carla Laureano. 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.

Genealogy with Ann: Wednesday, April 10 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. If this time does not work with you please call and schedule an appointment.

JKPL Board Meeting and Social: Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 pm. Join us for the regular April Board Meeting and stay after to talk with the Board about what Board members do and how you can be more involved. Refreshments provided.

Meet Iowa Author Bill Mueller: Thursday, April 11 @ 6:30 pm

DeWitt author Bill Mueller will be at the library to talk about his book, *Time to Ship Another Steer*. As Bill says, when you have eleven kids, and there is a bill to pay, it is *Time to Ship Another Steer*! This book is a fun look at growing up on the family farm in Kenosha, WI with ten brothers and sisters. Bill originally wrote this book for his grandchildren and great-nephews and nieces as a way to share and save his family's history. Bill is also the author of the book, *Come Drive With Me!: The Adventures, Perils, and Insights of a Driver's Ed Instructor*. Copies of his books will be available to purchase from the author.



Music Bingo Night Fundraiser at O So Good Winery: Friday, April 12 from 6:30—9:00 pm

Join us for a Music Bingo fundraiser hosted by O So Good Winery & Distillery to celebrate National Library Week! Purchase a table for up to six guests for \$120.00. Price includes two bottles of wine of your choice (or equal value in other beverages), a charcuterie board for six, and a dessert to share. Menu items and additional beverages will be available to purchase. Visit the library or O So Good Winery & Distillery to purchase a table. **Tables must be purchased before April 8 and a limited number of tables are available so don't wait!** Guests will also be able to purchase additional bingo cards, free spaces, raffle tickets, and vote for song themes—with funds going to support the JKPL. Guests are welcome to arrive at any time but Bingo will begin promptly at 7 pm. Library tables will be grouped together and decorated. Decorations may be taken home by those seated at each table. O So Good Winery & Distillery will donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to the James Kennedy Public Library.



Curious how Music Bingo works? Participants are given bingo cards, but instead of standard bingo letters and numbers, the squares contain a song title. The host plays a song and each player has to identify the song and mark it off their card if it is listed. The game continues until a participant completes a row, column, or another predetermined pattern on their bingo card. They then call out "Bingo!" and are declared one of the winners of that round. There are multiple winners per round. Singing along is also encouraged!

Computer Safety and You: Saturday, April 13 @ 1:00 pm. Join Paul in a discussion about how to be safe on the internet, especially when using social media. This session will be an open discussion so bring your questions! Intended for those that have a basic understanding of how to use computers and the internet. Open to all ages but geared for teens and adults.



Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, April 13 @ 3:30 pm. Join us at 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.

Bingo Party: Monday, April 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! Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher presents Etched Nightlights: Monday, April 15 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create an etched nightlight. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended as attendance is limited to 10. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.



Cricut with Christopher presents Glass Easter Bunnies: Thursday, April 18 @ 6:30 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create a glass Easter Bunny. Due to popular demand, we are offering this class for a second time! Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please bring a pair of scissors! Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10.



"Among Us" Game Night: Friday, April 19 @ 6:00 pm Join us for an evening of repairing electrical work while avoiding the imposter players! This program can be attended in person or online. To attend in person, just show up! To participate virtually, you need a Discord account, need to download the game on your computer or Smart device, and you will need to register for a server invite. Note: The device app version of the game is free but there is a fee for the computer or game system version. To register, please email Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Egyptomania! Unraveling America's Jazz Age Craze for Ancient Egypt with Author Jocelyn Green: Saturday, April 20 @ 11:00 am

After King Tut's tomb was discovered and opened in the early 1920s, America's craze for all things Egypt reached a fever pitch. This program will take you inside the famous pharaoh's tomb with photos of some of the highlights, and then sweep you into Jazz Age America to see the broad-reaching influence Egyptomania had on art, fashion, jewelry, architecture, music, and product advertising. Enjoy a romp through the art deco era and explore why ancient Egypt was such a hit with Americans careening into modernity. This program is the basis for the background of her book, *The Metropolitan Affair*. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Strings Club: Monday, April 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 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.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, April 23 @ 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 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, April 25 @ 11:30 am. Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will be at the library to talk about Osteoporosis (what it is and how to prevent it from happening to you); Brain Health (how to keep your brain healthy); and Herb Gardening (the benefits and how to). She will also bring food samples to try. All are welcome.

Petal Boxes: Creativity with Pen and Ink: Thursday, April 25 @ 6:00 pm

Join Dianne Kramer to construct a petal box out of cardstock, then decorate it with beautiful, organic floral art. No art experience is necessary! Each image will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is designed for adults and registration is required as space is limited to 24. Due to the high demand of this class, six of the twenty-four slots are allotted for those who have not attended one of Dianne's classes before, or have not attended since October 2023. Registration ends April 23. Participants will need to bring the following supplies: pencil, eraser, fine black felt-tipped pen, and colored pencils. All other supplies will be provided. Come to the library to see a display of the types of drawings we'll do in class!



Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, April 26 from 6:00—9:00 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.

Youth Mental Health First Aid: Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 am—4:00 pm

The JKPL has partnered with the Meraki Institute of Learning to offer this mental health first aid training course. Youth Mental Health First Aid is an early intervention public education program that teaches adults how to recognize the signs and symptoms that suggest a potential mental health challenge, how to listen non judgmentally, how to give reassurance to a youth who may be experiencing a mental health challenge, and how to refer a person to appropriate professional support and services. This course teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people both in crisis and non-crisis situations.

- This will be a blended course with participants completing a 2 hour self-paced online course before attending the in-person instructor-led training on April 27.
- Register by contacting the library or registering online at <https://DyersvilleYMHFA1.eventbrite.com>.
- Registration by April 15 is required as space is limited.
- This training is valued at \$75 per person. Funding for the course has been generously covered by the Mental Health and Disability Services of the East Central Region (MH/DS of ECR) for anyone working or living in Delaware or Dubuque counties.



Craft a Miniature Book for El día de los niños/El día de los libros: Tuesday, April 30. El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día, is a yearly celebration of children, families, and reading during the month of April that culminates on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. This year we will celebrate Día with a special Take-and-Make craft activity: Craft Your Own Miniature Cultural Children's Book.

To find the latest information on library events and programs, visit www.dyersville.lib.ia.us, scan the QR code, contact the library directly at (563)875-8912 or email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us



PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

The James Kennedy Public Library Board of Trustees is seeking two candidates to serve on the Library Board!

- Information about the responsibilities of the Library Board of Trustees are available at the library or on the library website: <https://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/about/library-board>
- Applications are available at both the library and city hall
- Completed applications should be returned to City Hall



And You're Invited.....JKPL Board Meeting and Social: Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 pm

Join us for the regular April Board Meeting and stay after to talk with the Board about what Board members do and how you can be more involved. Refreshments provided.

Free Trees for Earth Day

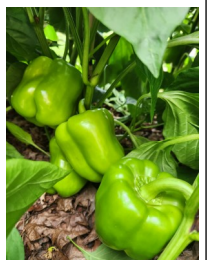
The JKPL is celebrating Earth Day by participating in the annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids every Earth Day. If you signed up, on or before March 15, your tree (6 to 12 inches in size) will be delivered to the JKPL and families will be able to pick them up around Earth Day (April 22). Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.



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- Program participants will receive a 4-pack of free pepper transplants along with season-long updates on good growing practices for raising peppers throughout the 2024 gardening season. A 4-pack of 'Lady Bell' sweet bell peppers will plant a row approximately six feet long.
- Participants may register by contacting the JKPL, the Dubuque County Extension Office or registering online at <https://bit.ly/dbqpepper>.
- Registration is required by May 6 with peppers available to pick up at the library between May 15—18.
- Those who register by April 15 will get a bonus growing update provided by Horticulture Educator, Ray Kruse.
- The Peppers are limited to one pack of 4 per person, but multiple family members at the same address can participate.
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Note: If you have plants you would like to donate, please contact the library at (563)875-8912 to make arrangements to drop them off. Plants of all kinds are welcome.

Spring Wildflower Hike @ New Wine Park Tuesday, May 14 from 6:00—7:30pm

The library is partnering with Dubuque County Conservation for this spring hike! Walk along the trails at New Wine Park with a guide from DCC. Be ready to learn about the flowers that are currently blooming and interesting ways you can use these plants as well as their wildlife value. The 2 mile trail has uneven terrain and steep inclines. Please be prepared for this by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. Participants should meet at New Wine Park, 15971 New Wine Park Lane, New Vienna, IA. Registration is requested by May 13 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held. Register by contacting the library or online in the library's calendar of events at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/events



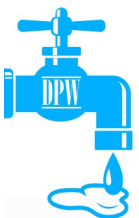
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Dyersville Public Works Equipment Exhibition Tuesday, May 21 from 4:00—6:00 pm

The JKPL and Dyersville Public Works are partnering to celebrate Public Works Week, May 19—24. This year, Public Works will be bringing some of their vehicles and equipment to the library parking lot to show off and talk about how each one is used to help Dyersville. Included will be the street sweeper/vacuum, end-loader, skid-loader, utility crane, sewer jetter, sewer camera unit, and a brand-new dump-truck/snow-plow/sand-spreader! In the Hoffmann Room, the library will be showing videos about the many different services Public Works provides, as well as how Dyersville's water and wastewater systems operate. There will also be an end-loader simulator, where participants can try their hand at loading gravel into a dump truck. All ages welcome.



Library Garage Sale Fundraiser Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 am—1:00 pm

The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library are partnering to offer a new way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community are encouraged to donate their good, used items to the JKPL and they will be sold at a garage sale with the proceeds going to support the JKPL. Items should be brought to the library during library business hours between May 28 and May 31. Items should be in clean, salable condition. A list of things that will not be accepted will be posted on the JKPL webpage and available to pick up at the library. The sale will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the library, weather permitting. Otherwise, the sale will be in the Hoffman Room.



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<div>APRIL 2024</div>	1 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm Dubuque County Reads Discussion @ 5pm	2 Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 6pm	3 Family Storytime @ 10am & 6:30pm Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	4 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1-3pm Kids Can Cook @ 4pm	5 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	<div>Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser from 9-11am</div> Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am <i>Inkheart</i> (PG) @ 1pm Nerf War from 4-6pm
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Upcoming Events for MAY 2024 and Beyond

Kids Can Craft: Community Coloring Quilt: May 1-31. Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and make a Community Coloring Quilt. Come to the library to color a 4-inch cardstock square in a design of your choice, and we will display the designs together on our crafts bulletin board.

Creation Station Craft: Raffia Ribbon Butterfly: May 1-31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month we are making colorful butterflies using raffia ribbon. Kit includes raffia ribbon, sparkly stickers, and pipe cleaners. Markers and scissors are also needed for this craft. A video tutorial will be viewable on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: May 1-31. 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.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: May 1-31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. 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®: “Meet the Super Duper Seven” by Tim Hamilton: May 1-31. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*

Children’s Pretend Play-Station: Floral Shop: May 1 - 31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in floral shop play! First, check out our newest installation in the revolving pretend-play station with this month’s theme, Floral Shop. Then, participate in our “Flower” scavenger hunt to earn a small prize.

Recycled Paper Making: Wednesday, May 1 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Staff from Dubuque County Conservation will be visiting the JKPL to present this fascinating program on recycled paper. Learn how paper is recycled in the industrial world as well as how to create your own recycled paper. While here, try your hand at creating recycled paper and being creative with it. This is a great family-friendly event! Registration is requested by April 30 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.

Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Thursdays and Mondays, May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, & 20 @ 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. Due to high demand, two sessions will now be offered, with a maximum of 20 participants allowed per session. Space is limited so registration is required. No sessions will be held on May 23, 27 or 30.

Upcycled Greeting Cards: Thursday, May 2 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. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk.

Kids Can Cook: May 2, 9, & 16 @ 4:00 pm. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. Miss Kim is returning to teach these classes which will be held on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 pm. 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. Each session will last 3 weeks and focus on a different theme. Registration in person is required as a waiver needs to be signed by a parent or legal guardian (unless one has already been signed). There is a limit of 12 children per session. 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 JKPL Fundraisers.

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

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Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, May 4 from 10:00-11:00 am. This month's theme is "Superhero Adventure". 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.

Movies @ Your Library presents "Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom": Saturday, May 4 @ 1:00 pm. Having failed to defeat Aquaman the first time, Black Manta, is still driven by the need to avenge his father's death and to take Aquaman down once and for all. To defeat him, Aquaman will turn to his imprisoned brother Orm, the former King of Atlantis, to forge an unlikely alliance. Together, they must set aside their differences in order to protect their kingdom and save the world, from irreversible destruction. Rated PG-13

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Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, May 6 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the 2024 All Iowa Reads book for Teens - *Hollow Fires* by Samira Ahmed. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Adult Crafternoon: Twirling Butterfly: Monday, May 6 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a twirling butterfly. 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. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting May 7th and kits will be available while supplies last.

Unlocking Brain Fitness - KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesday, May 7 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for the final session of this course developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Presented by Mary Lou Kurt, RN, and other local experts. You must already be registered to attend. This series is sponsored in part by Nightingale Drug and Asbury HyVee.

Break-in Box Challenge: Saturday, May 11 from 10:00-12:00 pm. Love escape rooms (or have you ever wanted to try one)? Then join us for one of our Break-In Box sessions! Participants will need to work together to solve various puzzles and gather clues around the Hoffman room to get the combination needed to open the box! We will be holding sessions every half hour with a limit of 5 participants so registration is requested. Walk-ins will be allowed if there is space for a session.

Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, May 11 @ 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.

May 12: Library closed for Mother's Day

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, May 14 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *The Proving* by Beverly Lewis. 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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Genealogy with Ann: Wednesday, May 15 from 1-3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work 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.

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Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game: Saturday, May 18 @ 4:00 pm. Join us after-hours for *Kobolds Ate My Baby*, a role-playing game with simple rules and lots of shenanigans. This will be played using the new "Orange Edition"! The library will have completed character sheets available. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Bingo Party: Monday, May 20 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.

Great Give Day is May 15, 2024! Great Give Day is a day focused on donating to causes or establishments within your community. Looking to support the James Kennedy Public Library? Then consider donating to the James Kennedy Public Library Endowment! The mission of the James Kennedy Public Library (JKPL) Endowment is to provide supplemental financial support to the library. The James Kennedy Public Library enriches the Dyersville community by providing equal access to creative resources for entertainment and education. The James Kennedy Public Library helps create a thriving community to inspire curiosity, creativity, innovation, and connection. The JKPL Endowment fund, through your charitable contributions, ensures the library will continue to provide these services for years to come. The JKPL Endowment was established in 2019 by Alan Bird. His donation was made in memory of his mother, Irma Bird, a founding member of the original Library Board. Started 60 years after the founding of the library, the Endowment will insure the library's ability to remain dedicated to its original mission and continue to serve the community needs. Want more information? Check out the Endowment Fund's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/James-Kennedy-Public-Library-Endowment-107205744107637/> Want to donate? Visit the following link: <https://www.greatgiveday.org/jkplendowment>

Cricut with Christopher: Monday, May 20 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended as attendance is limited to 10. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

May 26 & May 27: Library closed for Memorial Day

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, May 28 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please register by 11:00 am on the day of the event at <https://bit.ly/JKPLwriting>.

Donate to the JKPL Garage Sale Fundraiser: Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31. The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library are partnering to offer a new way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community are encouraged to donate their good, used items to the JKPL and they will be sold at a yard sale with the proceeds going to support the JKPL. Items should be brought to the library during library business hours between May 28 and May 31. Items should be in clean, salable condition. A list of things that will not be accepted will be posted on the JKPL webpage and available to pick up at the library.