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

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

- > 8,759 items were checked out. This is a 19.8% increase from October 2022. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 7.2%
- ➤ 33 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 137 new library cards have been issued.
- > 79 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 3,106 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 201 hours and 411 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 753 hours and 1,690 sessions.
- ➤ WiFi Use: 365 sessions, 322 visits, and 109 unique users
- ➤ There were 4,895 library visits.

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

James Kennedy Public Library FY2023 Annual Report:

Included with this monthly report, please find the FY23 Annual Report for the James Kennedy Public Library. The Annual Report includes information about programs, services, funding, and more for FY23 – from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Danielle Will, chairperson of the JKPL Marketing Committee will be on hand to present and answer questions on the Annual Report.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the November events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for December. Some of the programs scheduled include activities supporting a visit from Iowa author and historian Linda McCann, a Winter Holiday Fun Day for families, participation in the Dyersville Downtown Winter Market events and parade, an Old-Fashioned Christmas which will be at the Dyer-Botsford House, a winter themed pen and ink art class, and more. Upcoming fundraisers include the Layette Quilt Display and Sale, in partnership with the Dyersville Layette Group, a Grab and Go Breakfast Burrito Event for Small Business Saturday, and the Annual Cookie Walk.

Prepared by: Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director

NOTE: Shirley will be on vacation on Monday, November 20 so will not be in attendance to present this report. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to Shirley at 563-875-8912 or svonderhaar@dyersville.lib.ia.us.

JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: October-23

YTD: July-22 to October-23 Previous YTD: July-21 to October-22

Library	y visits		Items loa	ned	Library cards is	sued	
					<u>City residen</u>	t <u>Tot</u>	<u>tal</u>
Month	4895	(个 6.7%)	8759	(↑ 19.8%)	19	33	(个 13.8%)
YTD	21772	(个 23.6%)	33159	(个 7.2%)	69	137	(↓ 4.2%)



Computer use



	Hours			Sess	ions	
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. \	/TD
201	753	597	411	16	90	1725

Wifi use



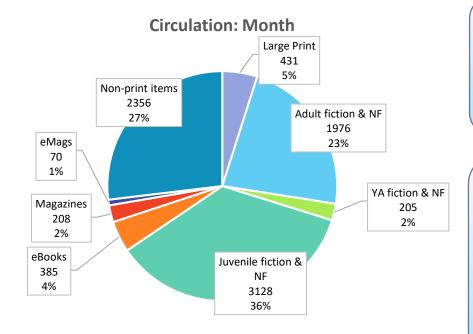
Sess	ions	Visit	ts	Unique	visitors
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
365	1299	322	1087	109	168

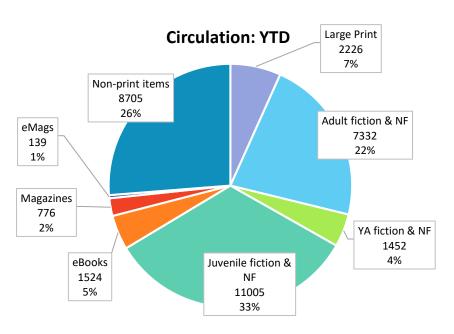
Meeting room use



Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
87	295	213

Circulation





Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	474	1896
Adult & YA audio	90	322
Juvenile audio & kits	7	97
Adult & YA video	931	3160
Juvenile video & DVD	302	1256
Games, LoT, etc.	552	1974
Carries, Lor, Ctc.	2356	8705

Music

Downloads: 5 Streams: 0 Total YTD: 18



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 2 YTD: 6



Visits: 469 YTD: 1016

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Online Learning

Sessions: 13 YTD: 70





Languages

Sessions: 44 YTD: 96



Genealogy

Visits: 486 YTD: 2211



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 301 YTD: 1061

Items donated

Month: 40 YTD: 190 Prev. YTD: 176

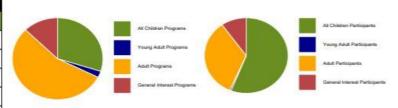
Items withdrawn

Month <u>YTD</u> 203 Books 1527 0 16 Audio 1 109 Video 0 74 Other 204 1726 Total

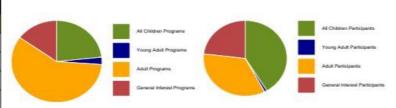
Summary of add	litions												
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	14	99	28	23	92	12	25	9	2	25	6	6	341
Previous month	15	95	21	14	99	17	0	6	3	19	5	9	303
Current YTD	53	344	96	80	356	61	52	23	5	102	45	34	1251
Previous YTD	78	420	115	86	272	49	48	33	1	92	38	53	1285

Programs

October Overview							
Young Adult Programs	2	2.5%	Young Adult Participants	15	0.53%		
Adult Programs	44	55%	Adult Participants	953	33.73%		
General Interest Programs	10	12.5%	General Interest Participants	277	9.81%		
Total Programs	80		Total Participants	2825			



Year in Review								
	Overview							
All Children Programs	65	23.3%	All Children Participants	3418	41.35%			
Young Adult Programs	8	2.87%	Young Adult Participants	82	0.99%			
Adult Programs	164	58.78%	Adult Participants	2854	34.53%			
General Interest Programs	42	15.05%	General Interest Participants	1912	23.13%			
Total Programs	279		Total Participants	8266				



Upcoming Events in November:

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)

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

Want to participate in NaNoWriMo but need help registering online? Call the library and set up a time for library staff member Ann B. to help you. Registration is not required for participation but those who register will receive a special writing exercise that might get you unstuck in your writing. Need a place to write? Reserve one of our meeting rooms to work on your writing. We encourage you to get a buddy you can meet with weekly to share your writing and to encourage each other throughout the month with your goals. November 28th is the regular night for the library's local writing group, so the meeting will start by sharing NaNoWriMo progress. All are welcome to stay for the entire meeting.

NaNoWriMo

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

November 1—30: Creation Station Craft: Corn Husk Dolls. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is an imitation corn husk doll using raffia ribbon, string, beads, and feathers. Everything you need is included in the kit. A video demonstration will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

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

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

November 1—30: International Games Month @ Your Library. International Games Month (IGM) is an initiative run by volunteers from around the world to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games. Libraries, schools, community centers and other sites host special events during this month to encourage people to try different styles of gaming. The JKPL is celebrating by hosting various gaming events featuring video, board and card games. Plus, anyone who checks out a 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!

November 1 thru December 31: Westside Park StoryWalk®: "I Got the Christmas Spirit" by Connie Schofield-Morrison.

Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

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



Wednesdays and Mondays, November 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, & 29: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 10:00 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays and last approximately 45 minutes. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

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

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

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

Thursdays, November 2 & 9: Unlocking Brain Fitness—KEYS to Dementia Prevention Continues from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us for this 10-week evidence based course developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. The KEYS dementia prevention course was started at the YMCA of Greater Des Moines and will be presented by Vickie Tracey, RN, BS along with other local experts, including a dietician, fitness professional, health and wellness coach, and pharmacist. Attendees must already be registered in order to attend.

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

Saturday, November 4: Pop-up at the Dyersville Elementary School Craft and Vendor Fair from 9:00 am—2:00 pm. Want to know more about what the James Kennedy Public Library has to offer? Interested in chatting with a librarian about services and programs? Would you like to buy some library themed tote bags, book journals, coasters, or bookmarks to support JKPL activities? Here is your opportunity! Stop by the JKPL booth at the DES Craft and Vendor Fair, located at 813 12th Ave SW, Dyersville, to get your questions answered, pick up a brochure about library services and / or a library card application, and check out the library themed items that are available to purchase.



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



November 6—12: Children's Book Week—Read Books. Spark Change

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



Monday, November 6: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss The Librarian of Burned Books by Brianna Labuskes. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Monday, November 6: Adult Crafternoon: Shell Angel from 1:00—3:00 pm. Stop in the library to create an angel made from a shell. 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 November 7th and kits will be available while supplies last.



Tuesday, November 7: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the first Tuesday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Wednesday, November 8: Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1:00—2:00 pm. Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to show you how to use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last. Looking for something special? Ask and a kit can be put together for you.

Saturday, November 11: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 11:00 am—12:00 pm. This month's theme is Turkeys. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.



Sunday, November 12: Trading Card Game Hangout from 1:30—3:00 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 listed will be available for attendees to take home. Decks are donated by Dyersville Comics and Games.



Sunday, November 12: Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Closing Reception 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. Bidding in person and by phone ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 12. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections.



Monday, November 13: Celebrate World Kindness Day! The purpose of World Kindness Day as outlined by the World Kindness Movement is "to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us." Since its creation more than two decades ago, the day has achieved truly global notice; events associated with the day have attracted participants from every inhabited continent. Stop in at the JKPL starting 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. Check out the display of kindness books. Kits will be available while supplies last.



Monday, November 13 thru Friday, December 22: Layette Quilt Display and Sale

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 13 thru December 22. 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.



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

In this art class, led by Dianne Kramer, participants will learn how to draw festive foliage then use it to design a pretty seasonal garland. Gnomes will also make an appearance! No art experience is necessary! Each pattern in the class project will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is for adults and there is a maximum of 20 participants in the class. Registration is required to attend, please register by 4:00 pm on November 12. Attendees will need to bring the following materials: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped black pen, colored pencils. All other materials will be supplied.



Tuesday, November 14: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading The View from Coral Cove by Amy Clipston. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

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

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

Saturday, November 18: Game Changer for Teens @ 4:00 pm

Game Changer is a YouTube channel where participants engage in games involving improv comedy and random challenges. The twist is that the players don't know what game they are playing until it starts. Paul and Sam are bringing a version of this to the library for teens! For ages 12-18 only. Registration is required by November 17th to make sure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience.



Sunday, November 19: Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament @ 1:30 pm

As part of International Games Month, join us at the library 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, 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. Program is limited to 16 participants so registration is requested. Walk-ins are welcome if space allows.



Monday, November 20: Bingo Party from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Monday, November 20: Cricut with Christopher presents Glass Snowmen @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and how to use the Cricut to make items (i.e. eyes, nose, arms, etc.) to decorate a glass snowman. 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 are welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

Tuesday, November 21: Star Viewing at New Wine Park @ 6:00pm

Join the JKPL and Dubuque County Conservation as we learn about objects within the night sky. Participants will then identify planets, stars, and constellations using both their eyes as well as telescopes provided by DCC.

- We will be outside for the entire 1.5 hour program so be sure to bundle up!
- If the sky is overcast on this night, the program will be canceled and then we will do our best to reschedule, if
 possible.
- Space is limited and a minimum of 8 people is required to hold this program so please register by noon on Monday, November 20.
- Participants will meet at the pavilion at New Wine Park, 16335 New Wine Park Lane, New Vienna. Once entering into the park, stay left.



Thanksgiving Hours:

Wednesday, November 22: Library closes @ 5:00 pm

Thursday, November 23: Library is closed



Friday, November 24: Game Night @ Your Library 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.

Saturday, November 25: Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser from 9:00—11:00 am

Take a quick break from your local shopping to support your library by enjoying a breakfast burrito! \$5.00 gets you a delicious egg, sausage and cheese burrito. Weather permitting, a tent will be set up outside the library for this event. If not, step into the Hoffman Community Room to get your breakfast and support your library! All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections. A special Thank You goes to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser! Burritos available while supplies last.



Saturday, November 25: Small Business Saturday: Refueling Station from 9:30 am—2:30 pm

Need a break from shopping? Stop in the library and relax with a warm beverage or snack. Grab a few moments of down time by working on the puzzle, coloring, reading or just relaxing.



Monday, November 27: Monday Movies presents "The Book Thief" @ 1:00 pm. Join us on the fourth Monday of each month for a special movie presentation. A young girl moves in with foster parents in Nazi Germany and shares her love of books that she has stolen with the Jewish man who has sought refuge in her new home. Based on the book by Markus Zusak. Rated PG-13. (131 min.)



Monday, November 27: Strings Club @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Tuesday, November 28: JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please call the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Wednesday, November 29: Health & Wellness 365: Holiday Tips & Tricks @ 11:00 am

Colleen Lawler with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging will be at the library with tips and tricks for the upcoming holiday season. She will also give cooking tips for when you are short on time. Samples and recipes will be provided. All are welcome.



Wednesday, November 29: Author Visit with Linda McCann @ 6:30 pm

Iowa author & historian Linda McCann will be at the library speaking about her latest book *Rosie the Riveters of Iowa*. "Rosie the Riveter" was a nickname given to women who worked in factories during World War II. Nationwide, hundreds of factories were converted from their normal production into making something for the war effort. The men had gone to fight the war, so the women stepped up and worked in the factories. Over one hundred factories in Iowa hired women to turn out items for the war. This book includes more than twenty personal remembrances from these Iowa Rosies. Come learn what McCann found out about this interesting period of time as she shares their memories!







Cookie Walk Fundraiser Friday, December 1 thru Sunday, December 3

Craving some special treats but don't have time to bake for yourself? Come to the library for the 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 from this event will be used to support library collections, programs and services.



Hours are:
Friday from 1:00—5:00 pm
Saturday from 10:00 am—6:00 pm
Sunday from 1:00—4:00 pm

Individual cookies along with prepackaged plates of cookies will be for sale at the Dyersville Downtown Winter Market as well!

Winter Holiday Fun Day Saturday, December 2 from 12:00—4:00 pm

Families and children of all ages are invited to the library for a fun afternoon of winter and holiday themed activities. Come and go as you are able! All ages welcome but children under 7 need an adult or mature teen companion.

- Supplies will be provided to decorate ornaments to give as gifts, color a beautiful picture and frame, and decorate gingerbread houses.
- The library will provide stationery, stickers, stampers, and envelopes for kids to write a letter to Santa, a relative, or a friend.
- The library's green screen will be set up for pictures with a choice of winter or Christmas backgrounds.
- The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who will join us for photos!
- The day will conclude with an indoor snowball fight at 3:45 pm.

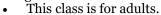
Old Fashioned Christmas Sunday, December 10 from 1:30-3:30 pm

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.



A Whimsical Winter Wonderland: Creativity with Pen and Ink Tuesday, December 12 @ 6:00 pm

Join us for this special winter-themed art class led by Dianne Kramer. Participants will learn how to draw all things that say snowy winter days like gingerbread characters, glowing candles, mittens, snowmen, and more—images perfect for greeting cards, decorations, and personal journals. No art experience is necessary! Each image will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps.



- There is a maximum of 18 participants in the class. Registration is required to attend, please register by 7:00 pm on December 11.
- Attendees will need to bring the following materials: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped black pen, colored pencils. All other materials will be supplied.



Join us at the JKPL for this special event featuring local musicians who will perform some seasonal favorites to get you in the holiday spirit. Refreshments provided.





November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November is National Novel Writing Month & International Games Month!	November 1—December 31 Westside Park StoryWalk®	Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Silent Auction continues thru November 12	1 Strength Training @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Family Storytime @ 6:30pm	2 Wee Read Family Storytime @ 10:30am Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm	3 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	4 Pop-up Library at DES Craft Fair from 9am-2pm Barbie (PG-13) @ 1pm
5	6 Strength Training @ 10am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm	7 Dungeons & Dragons @ 6pm	8 Strength Training @ 10am Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1-2pm Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Family Storytime @ 6:30pm	9 Wee Read Family Storytime @ 10:30am Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm	10 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	11 Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 11am-12pm
			Children's Book Week	: November 6—12		
12 Trading Card Game Hangout from 1:30-3pm Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Closing Reception from 2-4pm	World Kindness Day Activity Kits available! Strength Training @ 10am Festive Garlands & Gnomes @ 6pm Layette Quilt Display & Sale begins!	14 A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	15 Strength Training @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Family Storytime @ 6:30pm 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Awards Ceremony @ 7pm	16 Wee Read Family Storytime @ 10:30am	17 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	18 Elemental (PG) @ 1pm Game Changer for Teens @ 4pm
19 Super Smash Bros Tournament @ 1:30pm	20 Strength Training @ 10am Bingo Party from 1-3pm Cricut with Christopher @ 6pm	21 Star Viewing @ 6pm	22 Strength Training @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Library closes @ 5pm	Library is closed	24 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Game Night from 6-9pm	Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser from 9-11am Small Business Saturday Refueling Station from 9:30am-2:30pm
26	27 Strength Training @ 10am The Book Thief (PG-13) @ 1pm Strings Club @ 6pm	28 JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm	29 Strength Training @ 10am Health & Wellness 365 @ 11am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Author Linda McCann @ 6:30pm	30	November Get Puzzled Coloring, Creating, I Paper chain bracele Corn Husk Dolls cra	Doing craft kits

Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Events for DECEMBER 2023

December 1-31: Kids Can Craft: Kinetic-Art Mobile. Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and make a paper plate kinetic-art mobile with a Christmas twist. There will be kits to take home if you don't wish to make the craft in the library. A video demonstration of this craft will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

December 1-31: Creation Station Craft. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. This month's project has not yet been confirmed. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

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

December 1-31: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is Santa's Express. 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.

December 1-31: Westside Park StoryWalk®: "I Got the Christmas Spirit" by Connie Schofield-Morrison. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Fridays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Euchre Card Party & Games from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

Friday, December 1 - Sunday, December 3: Cookie Walk Fundraiser! Craving some special treats but don't have time to bake for yourself? Come to the library for the 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 from this event will be used to support library collections, programs and services. Hours are: Friday from 1—5 pm, Saturday from 10 am—6 pm, and Sunday from 1—4 pm.

Saturday, December 2: Library will be open until 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 2: Winter Holiday Fun Day from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Families and children of all ages are invited to the library for a fun afternoon of winter and holiday themed activities. Come and go as you are able! All ages welcome but children under 7 need an adult or mature teen companion. Supplies will be provided to decorate ornaments to give as gifts, color a beautiful picture and frame, and decorate gingerbread houses. The library will provide stationery, stickers, stampers, and envelopes for kids to write a letter to Santa, a relative, or a friend. The library's green screen will be set up for pictures with a choice of winter or Christmas backgrounds. We will email the picture to you, or if time permits print one off for a memento. Special guests The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who will join us for photos! The day will conclude with an indoor snowball fight at 3:45 pm.

Saturday, December 2: Cookies at the Dyersville Downtown Winter Market and Town Festival from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. The JKPL will be participating in this first Downtown Market Winter event by bringing the annual cookie walk fundraiser to the market! 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. Individual cookies will also be available for \$1.00 each - to grab and enjoy while wandering the market.

Saturday, December 2: Dyersville Downtown Winter Market and Town Festival Pop-Up Library from 12 to 5 pm. While enjoying the winter market activities, be sure to stop in the JKPL too! The Pop-Up Library with free books for all ages, will be set up inside the library, so be sure to stop in to select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL. The JKPL will also be escorting the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who in the parade at 5:00 pm.

Mondays and Wednesdays, December 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 10:00 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Monday, December 4: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss Eliza Starts a Rumor by Jane Rosen. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Monday, December 4: Adult Crafternoon from 1:00-3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a fun project. 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 September 12th and kits will be available while supplies last.

Tuesday, December 5: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the first Tuesday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are

welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20, 27: Sit and Stitch from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

Wednesday, December 6: Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1:00-2:00 pm. Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to show you how to use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last.

Wednesday, December 6: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. This month's theme is "It's Cold!". 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.

Friday, December 8: National Brownie Day! Every year brownie lovers celebrate National Brownie Day and this year the JKPL is joining the celebration. Activities to be announced.

December 1—22: Layette Quilt Display and Sale Continues. 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, lap size, and larger quilts that were made by the Layette group continue to be on display at the library thru December 22. These quilts are available to purchase starting at \$25.00 (larger sizes are more) and proceeds will be split between the Layette Ladies group and the JKPL. Photographs of the quilts are posted on the library's website and Facebook page.

Saturday, December 9: Family Christmas Movies @ Your Library presents "Jingle All the Way" @ 1:00 pm. An absentminded father frantically tries to find a popular toy on Christmas Eve. Rated PG (94 minutes).

Saturday, December 9: Nerf War @ Your Library from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed.

Sunday, December 10: Old Fashioned Christmas 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.

Tuesday, December 12: A Whimsical Winter Wonderland: Creativity with Pen and Ink @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this special winter-themed art class led by Dianne Kramer. Participants will learn how to draw all things that say snowy winter days like gingerbread characters, glowing candles, mittens, snowmen, and more – images perfect for greeting cards, decorations, and personal journals. No art experience is necessary! Each image will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is for adults and there is a maximum of 18 participants in the class. Registration is required to attend, please register by 7:00 pm on December 11. Attendees will need to bring the following materials: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped black pen, colored pencils. All other materials will be supplied. Come to the library to see a display of the types of drawings we'll do in class.

Tuesday, December 12: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club @ **7:00 pm.** Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading The Metropolitan Affair by Jocelyn Green. 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

Wednesday, December 13: National Cocoa Day Celebration. 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 at our cocoa bar! Other activities and details to be decided.

Saturday, December 16: Christmas Movies @ **Your Library presents** "The Preacher's **Wife**" @ **1:00 pm.** Dudley is an angel who is sent to earth to help a young minister and his beautiful wife revive their marriage. But things take a twist when Dudley accidentally falls in love with the Preacher's wife. Rated PG (124 minutes).

Monday, December 18: Bingo Party from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Monday, December 18: Live Holiday Music @ 6:30 pm. Join us at the JKPL for this special event featuring local musicians. Refreshments provided.

Friday, December 22: Game Night @ Your Library @ 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

December 23, 24, 25: Library is closed for Christmas

Tuesday, December 26: JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please register by 11:00 am on the day of the event at https://bit.ly/JKPLwriting.

Tuesday, December 26: Family New Year Celebration Activity Kit. Looking for ways to celebrate New Year's Day, or New Year's Eve, with the family? Stop by the library and grab one of our New Year's Activity Kits! Each kit will come with multiple activities for the whole family. These kits will be available to pick up starting December 26th and will be available while supplies last.

Sunday, December 31 & Monday, January 1: Library is closed for New Year's Holiday

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ANNUAL REPORT

JAMES KENNEDY JULY 1, 2022—JUNE 30, 2023 Public Library



Message from the Library Board President, Catherine O'Hea

At the end of this summer, we said a profound goodbye to our cherished Youth Services Librarian, Kim Benton-Hermsen, when she retired after 34 years with the James Kennedy Public Library. Miss Kim had a guaranteed impact on our youth community and beyond. We are thankful for her time at JKPL and are excited for her to enjoy her well deserved retirement and the opportunity to spend more time with her family.

Saying goodbye also means we get to say hello to Christa Palm, our new Children's Services Librarian. Christa has an impressive background that includes book editing, novel writing, and entrepreneurship. She became interested in becoming a librarian after regularly attending storytime with her two young children at Carnegie-Stout Public Library in Dubuque. Most recently she worked at Carnegie-Stout PL through a partnership with AmeriCorps. We look forward to Christa sharing her knowledge and experience to enhance our children's services and programming. Stop by to meet Christa and hear more about her story!

Last I wanted to mention our Fundraising Committee has been hard at work presenting new events the public can enjoy and help support the library and the Dyersville community. We've had wonderful partners in O So Good Winery & Distillery for hosting Trivia Nights and Fareway for donating ingredients for the yummy breakfast burritos! A lot is happening that you don't want to miss out on. Be sure to follow us on social media, check our website, or pick up a calendar of events for ongoing programs and events.



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: 47,486

MAGAZINES/NEWSPAPERS: 111

AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION

- Books on CD
- Books on Playaway

COLLECTION: 1,539

DVD & BLURAY COLLECTION

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

COLLECTION: 4,385

GAMING & LIBRARY OF THINGS COLLECTION

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

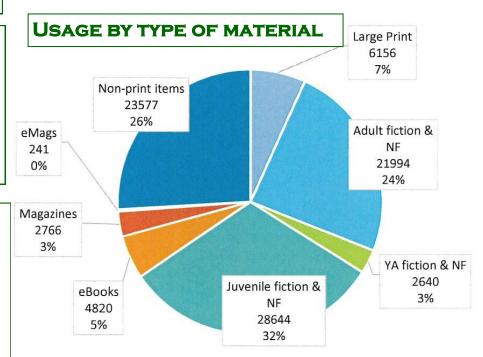
COLLECTION: 1,309

DOWNLOADABLE MATERIALS

- 102,488 eBooks
- 45,808 eAudiobooks



Physical Items (print, audio, video, games, etc.) added to the Library Collection (both purchased & donated): **3,562**



Number of Items of all types checked out from the JKPL 99,281

Total VALUE of items checked out: \$3.47 Million!



The average library card holder checked out 24 items. At a value of \$35.00 per item, each library user saved \$840!

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: Global Road Warrior, A to Z World Culture, & A to Z World Food, Brainfuse, Niche Academy, G.O.L.D.
 Databases & more





















Used 15,654 times!







SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- 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: 693 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

4,041

Individual Internet Sessions

1,860

Total Hours Used

4,520

WiFi Use

Number of People with Library Cards 4,097 Number of people entering the library

52,553

Number of Items Available (including electronic): 203,015

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INSPIRE: WITH PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS INSIDE & OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

- **Book Clubs and Author Visits**
- **Movie Showings**
- Story Times, Wee Read, and OutReads
- **Gaming Activities**
- Computer & Technology Programs
- Speakers & Presentations for Life-long learning
- Crafting
- Senior Programs at MercyOne Dyersville & Ellen Kennedy **Living Center**

- Writing Events
- Seasonal Programs
- Storywalk®
- Pop-up Libraries
- **STEAM Programs**
- Take-and Make kits

Endowment

Revenues:	
Dyersville	\$484,268
Library Agency	\$9,155
State Funding	\$10,792
Fees (copier, printer, etc.)	\$3,481
TOTAL	\$507,696
Expenditures:	
Wages & benefits	\$390,657
Building (utilities & contracts)	\$37,441
Supplies & marketing	\$9,940
Equipment & repairs	\$8,684
Programs	\$2,038
Books & materials	\$58,936
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$507,696

Income \$46,282 \$15.607 **Expenditures** \$35,758 Remaining \$89,268

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PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Programs offered to children, teens, adults & seniors.

Live programs (in-person & virtual): 807 offered 12,642 participated

Passive (Storywalk®, Scavenger Hunts, Trivia Contests, Reading logs, etc.): 5,523 participants

Take-and-Make kits & Coloring Sheets: 4,359 taken by patrons

At a value of \$15 per live program, JKPL users saved \$189,630 while learning & playing at the library!

> **Price** is what you pay. Value is what you get.

GRANTS:

The JKPL was awarded 4 grants this year for a total of \$6,945.

FUNDRAISING:

The IKPL Fundraising Committee raised \$14,232 this year to enhance the library's collections & services!



59 Volunteers shared their time & talent at the library for 2,498 hours.





