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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
May 19, 2025**

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

- 7,270 items were checked out. This is a 10.7% decrease from April 2024. Fiscal year to date, circulation is down 2%
- 25 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 261 new library cards have been issued.
- 93 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,650 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 198 hours and 438 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 2,098 hours and 4,335 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 1,036 sessions, 889 visits, and 316 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 4,426 sessions, 3,872 visits, and 895 unique users.
- There were 5,209 library visits.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the May events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for June. Some of the programs scheduled include an Armchair Travel program on Ireland, a Hands-only CPR Class presented by HeartCorps, the Dyersville Public Works Department equipment exhibit, a magician, a musician, a chalk art program, a program on making and using natural dyes, the annual summer tea, and a visit from the Blank Park Zoo. Summer Reading Programs for all ages begin in early June and will include reading incentives, special programs and activities. This year's theme is Color Our World so many activities focus on art and creativity. We have also partnered with the Better Future Foundation to offer a summer Conservation Camp focused on conservation and gardening. Fundraising events scheduled for this spring include the annual Garage Sale in partnership with the Friends of the JKPL, a puzzle competition in partnership with Fuse and the return of the Book Art Show event.

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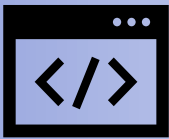
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

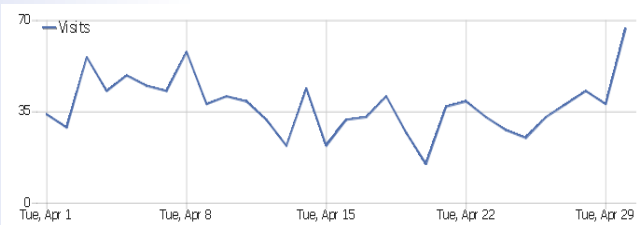
Month: April-25
YTD: July-24 to April-25
Previous YTD: July-23 to April-24

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	5209	(↑ 3.8%)	7270	(↓ 10.7%)	17	25	(↑ 92.3%)
YTD	48950	(↓ 1%)	76929	(↓ 2%)	135	261	(↓ 5.4%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1124	1:28



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
198	2098	1863	438	4335	4124

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
1036	4426	889	3872	316	895

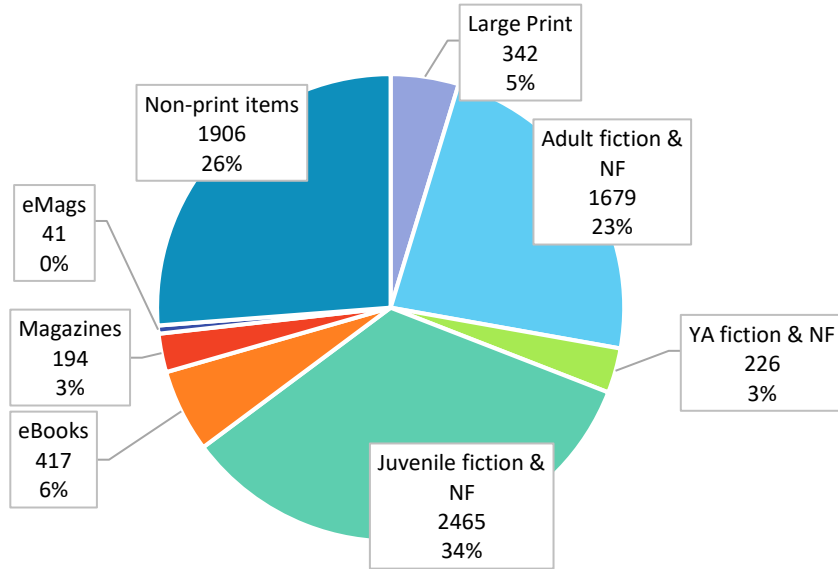
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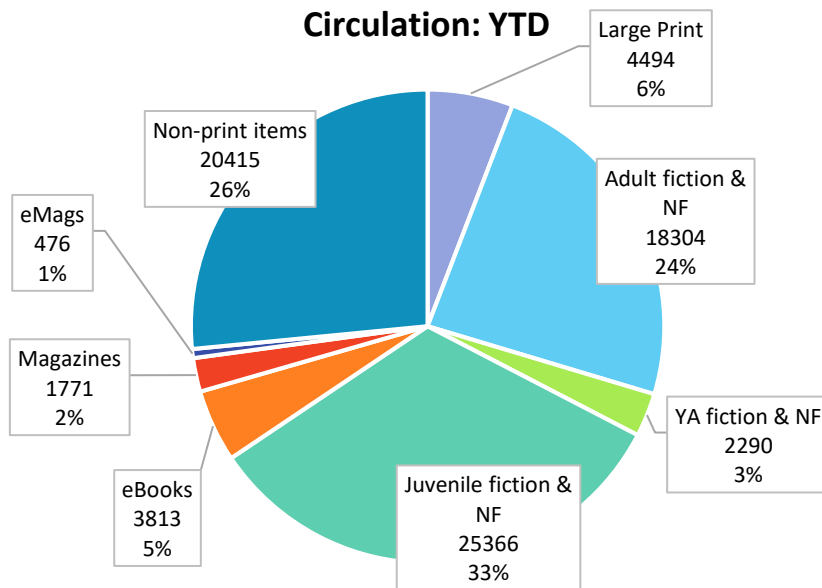
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
88	657	654

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

Month

YTD

eAudio	624	5914
Adult & YA audio	98	882
Juvenile audio & kits	21	149
Adult & YA video	482	6369
Juvenile video & DVD	284	3098
Games, LoT, etc.	397	4003
	1906	20415

Music

Downloads: 8
Total YTD: 123



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 9
YTD: 120



Visits: 189
YTD: 1844



Online Learning

Sessions: 69
YTD: 413



Languages

Sessions: 20
YTD: 146



Genealogy

Visits: 1250
YTD: 6286



Collection

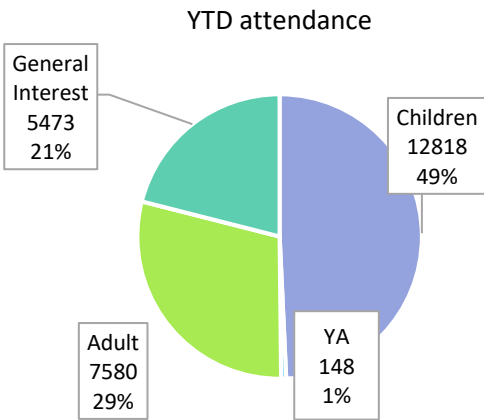
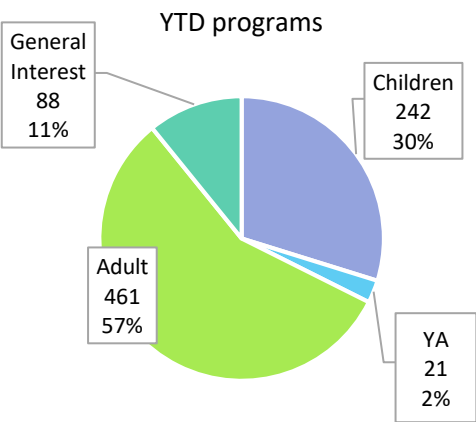
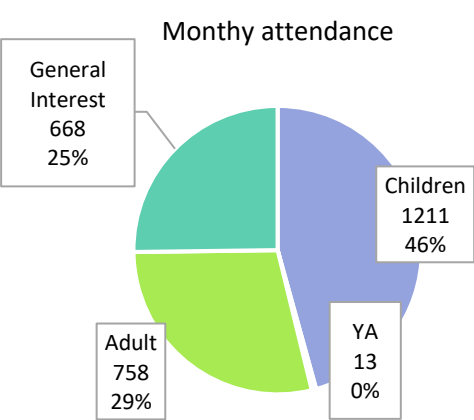
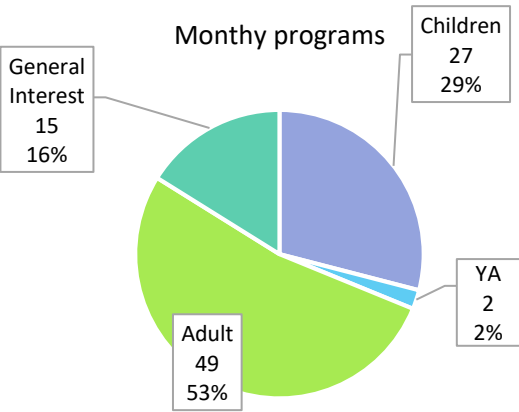
Items purchased	
Month:	140
YTD:	1834

Items donated	
Month:	178
YTD:	1274
Prev. YTD:	534

Items withdrawn		
	Month	YTD
Books	449	4915
Audio	0	356
Video	0	41
Other	51	125
Total	500	5437

Summary of additions													
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	15	56	32	15	121	7	16	5	2	17	8	24	318
Previous month	16	116	45	19	119	12	10	10	0	27	12	11	397
Current YTD	195	851	334	163	731	142	95	45	7	294	116	97	3070
Previous YTD	152	876	296	158	667	90	119	74	5	268	84	83	2872

Programs



MAY 2025

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

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

Kids Can Craft: Create a Flower Bouquet Challenge: May 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and color a flower bouquet. Every design turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a train set but is limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early June.



Creation Station Craft: Egg Carton Dinosaurs: May 1—31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is a dinosaur made out of egg cartons and pipe cleaners. Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: May 1—31. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. You will need to supply the glue. If crafting in the library, glue sticks may be borrowed for in-library use. Kits are available while supplies last.

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. This month's puzzle is *Things We Say*. 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®: "Rainbow Snail" by Karin Akesson: 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.*



Conservation Camp: Youth Summer Gardening Program—Register Now!

Elementary age youth and their parents and/or guardians are invited to join this summer program empowering kids to learn about gardening and conservation. The program will run May 17 to September 21. Participants will grow a garden and harvest food at the community garden throughout the summer and enjoy fun, interactive classes along the way. Participants will receive gardening tools and many other take-home goodies to help with their gardening journey. A fee of \$48.00 per family is required before the first class to help offset expenses. Scholarships are available. Registration is open now and is limited to 40 elementary age children. Registration is recommended due to space limitations and planning requirements. Registration will close when capacity is reached. Register online at: <https://form.jotform.com/250856691721160>



This program is brought to you by the Better Future Foundation, Better Future Friends, City of Dyersville, and the JKPL. Sponsors of this program include Susie Meyer of Exit Realty, BAC Certified Public Accountants, J & L Lumber, Krapfl Construction, Textile Brewery, Jeff's Auto, BARD Materials, Niemann Ace Hardware, Theisen's, The Sales Barn, and Fareway of Dyersville.

There will be 7 in-person gatherings for this camp. For more information on the program, or the in-person sessions, visit the Better Future Foundation Facebook page, the library website, or pick up a Conservation Camp flyer from the library.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, May 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, & 29 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required. Please contact the library to register.

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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.

Free Comic Book Day: Saturday, May 3. Love comic books? Stop by the library anytime between 9:00 am-3:00 pm on Free Comic Book Day to receive a free comic book courtesy of Dyersville Comics and Games.



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, May 3 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is *Mother's 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.



Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, May 3 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. Please contact the library to register. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or power will be allowed. Guns with excessive power will also not be allowed.

Lessons from the Holocaust: Sunday, May 4 @ 2:00 pm

Educator Brad Wilkening will use historical accounts and survivors' stories to show why the genocide of World War II is more relevant than ever, and how this terrible period in human history should be used to build a more compassionate and kind world today. This program is 1.5 hours long. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, May 5 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *God of the Woods* by Liz Moore. 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 plan to attend via Zoom, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Fun and Games with Paul presents Turing Tumble: Tuesday, May 6 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm. Drop in at this monthly gathering where library staff member Paul will share a fun and interesting activity or item. Each month will feature a specific game or activity that guests will be able to try out or play while at the library. This month we will be playing with Turing Tumble tables—a game involving a series of fun logic puzzles! Guests are welcome to come and go as they can. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28 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 wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

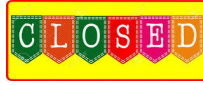
Tween Zone: Drop in to Hang Out: Wednesday, May 7 from 4:00—5:00 pm. Do you love snacks, books, puzzles, and games? Join us to hang out, eat snacks, talk about your favorite book, and discover our new Turing Tumble puzzle game, a low-tech yet high-fun gaming experience! Registration is not necessary. Program is designed for ages 8-12. *The STEM Scale-Up Turing Tumble game sets are funded by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council.*

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Sonic The Hedgehog 3": Saturday, May 10 @ 1:00 pm. Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow, a mysterious villain with powers unlike anything they have faced before. With their abilities outmatched in every way, Team Sonic must seek out an unlikely alliance in hopes of stopping Shadow and protecting the planet. Rated PG (109 minutes).



Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, May 10 @ 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.

Library closed for Mother's Day: Sunday, May 11



Adult Crafternoon: Suncatcher with Glass Gems: Monday, May 12 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a suncatcher with glass gems. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a kit and craft on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.

Heart Healthy Cooking Class: Monday, May 12 from 5:30—7:30 pm

Need ideas for some quick and easy heart healthy recipes? Come get hands on and learn how to make a breakfast casserole in muffin tins, ice cream from cottage cheese, and creamsicle flavored water. This class will be led by Lisa Heitz of the American Heart Association HeartCorps. This class is intended for adults, but children are welcome. However, those under the age of 15 require an adult companion. Registration is required as a minimum of 5 people are needed to hold the class and there is a maximum of 15 people allowed. Please contact the library to register. Registration ends May 11.



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, May 13 @ 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 *Bless Your Heart*, Rae Sutton by Susannah B. 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.

Bowling Break: Thursday, May 15 @ 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

The JKPL will host this fun bowling event at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dyersville (across the alley from the library).

- Bowling shoes provided. Candy, chips and pop will be available to purchase.
- This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome.
- Those under the age of 13 need an adult companion.
- The following sessions are available: 10:30am-12:30 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm.
- Registration for a session is requested as space is limited, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.
- Note: There are 2 steps up into the KC Hall and 4 steps down to get to the bowling lanes.



This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).

Drop in and Create—Diamond Art: Friday, May 16 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm. Join us at the JKPL as we use diamond art to create bookmarks, garden decorations, or stickers! Participants will select an item that they would like to make and each kit comes with everything needed to create a work of art. This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Drop in and Create programs will typically be offered the third Friday of each month. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*



Spring Plant Sale: Saturday, May 17 from 9:00—11:00 am

Join Karen Kramer and members of the JKPL Fundraising Committee in the parking lot adjacent to the JKPL to buy plants donated by committee and community members. The plant sale will run from 9:00 am to 11:00 am or until all items are taken. Plants not selected during the sale may be available to purchase for a donation. All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services.



NOTE: If you have plants you would like to donate, please contact the library to make arrangements to drop them off. Plants of all kinds are welcome!

Bingo Party: Monday, May 19 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. Please contact the library to register. Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher presents Summer T-Shirts: Monday, May 19 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and take a plain t-shirt and jazz it up with a summer-themed, color changing iron-on. Participants will need to bring a new, unwashed, light color t-shirt. Participants should be 14 or older. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10. Please contact the library to register. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held on the third Monday of each month.



Armchair Travel—Ireland: Tuesday, May 20 @ 1:00 pm. Grab a cup of tea, settle into a chair, and get ready to explore the Emerald Isle—no passport required! Join Chelsea Middendorf, from Trustwell Living at Eagle Pointe Place, for a virtual escape to Ireland as we journey through lush green landscapes, charming villages, ancient castles, and the vibrant streets of Dublin. From Celtic myths to traditional Irish music, this immersive armchair adventure will bring the sights, sounds, and spirit of Ireland right to you! This program is for older adults, but all ages are welcome. However, children must be accompanied by an adult. Armchair Travel programs will be held on the third Tuesday of most months.



Great Give Day is May 21, 2025!

Great Give Day is a day focused on donating to causes or establishments within your community. Looking to support the James Kennedy Public Library (JKPL)? Then consider donating to the James Kennedy Public Library Endowment! The mission of the JKPL Endowment is to provide supplemental financial support to the library. The JKPL enriches the Dyersville community by providing equal access to creative resources for entertainment and education. The JKPL 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>

Genealogy with Ann: Wednesday, May 21 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

Hands-Only CPR Class: Wednesday, May 21 @ 5:30 pm

Come learn about hands-only CPR and how to give it. This class will be led by Lisa Heitz of the American Heart Association HeartCorps. This class is for those age 13 and older. Registration is required as a minimum of 5 people are needed to hold the class and there is a maximum of 20 people allowed. Please contact the library to register. Registration ends May 20.



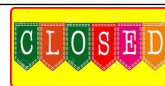
Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, May 22 @ 11:15 am. Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will be at the library to talk about Parkinson's Disease. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome.

"The Sandlot"—Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, May 22 @ 1:00 pm. The best baseball player in the neighborhood helps a new kid with his clumsy ball-handling. Rated PG (100 min.) Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Please note that this film will be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*



Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, May 24 from 4:00—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 Saturday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Library closed for Memorial Day: Sunday, May 25 & Monday, May 26



JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, May 27 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please contact the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Movies @ Your Library presents "Mufasa: The Lion King": Saturday, May 31 @ 1:00 pm. Follow the epic tale of the unlikely rise of the Pride Lands' beloved king. An orphaned Mufasa is lost and alone until he meets Taka, heir to a royal bloodline. This launches an epic journey that tests their bond as they evade a deadly foe. Rated PG (118 minutes).

Upcoming EVENTS

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



Summer Reading Programs For All Ages!

The summer reading program theme this year for all ages is *Color Our World*. The program theme this year invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity, celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives. All programs offer incentives to read and use the library. The JKPL is offering three programs:



- Children (0 through 5th grade): June 9—August 2
- Teens (6th to 12th grade): June 9—August 2
- Adults (18 and older): June 1—August 31

In-person registration begins on June 9 for the programs for children and teens. Registration for the adult program begins June 1. Please check with the library for the specific guidelines for each program. In addition to these summer reading programs, many special events and activities will be offered!

Dyersville Public Works Equipment Exhibition Tuesday, June 24 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

The JKPL and Dyersville Public Works are partnering to celebrate National Public Works Week. This year, Public Works will bring some of their vehicles and equipment to the library parking lot to show them off and talk about how each one is used to help Dyersville. Included will be:

- Street sweeper/vacuum
- End-loader
- Skid-loader
- Utility crane
- Sewer camera unit
- Dump-truck/snow-plow/sand-spreader!



All ages welcome. Guests will receive a fire hydrant stress reliever, while supplies last, and ice cream will be provided.

Library Garage Sale Fundraiser Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm

The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library have partnered to offer a fun way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community have donated good, new, and gently used items to the JKPL for this annual event. The sale will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the library (weather permitting) or in the Hoffman Room. All proceeds will be used to support library programs, collections and services.

NOTE: If you have items you'd like to donate to the library, please contact us to make arrangements.



Magician Mikayla Oz Monday, June 16 @ 10:00 am

Magician Mikayla Oz is back with her bird Bubbles...and a little dog too! Join us for a fun, engaging morning of magic tricks and hilarious animal fun. Parental/adult participation is required. No registration is required. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



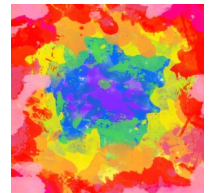
Music with Miss Carole Wednesday, June 25 @ 9:15—10:00 am

Beloved Midwestern storyteller and musician Miss Carole is visiting the JKPL to present a fun, engaging, song-based performance! Miss Carole encourages children ages infant to age 9 and their families to participate in silly songs, dances, and stories that get kids (and adults) laughing and excited about reading. Parental/adult participation is required. No registration is required. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Natural Dyes Workshop Thursday, June 26 @ 6:00 pm

Teens can join the Dubuque County Conservation for a fun and hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to make your own colorful dyes using plants and other natural materials found in nature! A bandana will be provided for you to dye, along with all other materials needed. This program is for ages 12-18 only. Registration is required as 10 participants are required to hold this program and the presenter needs to prepare supplies. Registration is required by June 24. This event is sponsored by TACKL.



Summer Tea Sunday, June 22 from 1:30—3:00 pm

Grab a friend and come to our Summer Tea! Enjoy delicious tea and delicate homemade cookies and bars served on real china. Lemonade will be provided for the non-tea drinkers. All ages are welcome but children under the age of 15 require an adult companion. We encourage you to wear a hat! Sponsored by the JKPL Senior Advisory Committee.



Free Sweet Potato Plant Program!

The Dubuque County Extension Office, in partnership with the James Kennedy Public Library, is offering a Free Sweet Potato Plant Program to help educate local residents on how to grow a food crop to increase local food security. Program participants will receive a free 8 plant bundle of sweet potato plants and season-long updates on good growing practices. Plants should deliver around May 21. Registration is required by May 14, 2025. More information and registration can be found at <https://bit.ly/dbqpotato>



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>May 1—31</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Flower Bouquet challenge • Egg Carton Dinosaurs craft kits • Coloring, Creating, & Doing • Upcycled Cards kits 	<p><u>May 1—31</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Puzzled • StoryWalk® • Children's Pretend Play Station & scavenger hunt 			<p>1</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am</p> <p>Nerf War @ 4pm</p> <div>Free Comic Book Day!</div>
<p>4</p> <p>Lessons from the Holocaust @ 2pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Books For Lunch @ 12pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Fun & Games from 9:30am-12:30pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</p> <p>Tween Zone @ 4pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Sonic the Hedgehog 3</i> (PG) @ 1pm</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Library closed</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm</p> <p>Heart Healthy Cooking from 5:30-7:30pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Bowling Break @ 10:30am & 6pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Diamond Art from 9:30am-12:30pm</p> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Spring Plant Sale from 9-11am</p> <p>Conservation Camp from 9:30-11:30am</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Bingo Party from 1-3pm</p> <p>Cricut with Christopher @ 6pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Armchair Travel @ 1pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</p> <p>Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm</p> <p>Hands Only CPR @ 5:30pm</p> <div>Great Give Day!</div>	<p>22</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p> <p>Health & Wellness 365 @ 11:15am</p> <p><i>The Sandlot</i> (PG) @ 1pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Game Night from 4-6pm</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Library closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Library closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Conservation Camp from 9:30-11:30am</p> <p><i>Mufasa</i> (PG) @ 1pm</p>

Upcoming events for JUNE 2025

Adult Summer Library Program Begins! Sunday, June 1: Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2025 program that runs June 1-August 31. This year's theme is *Color Our World*. The program theme this year invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity, while celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives. The program is designed to inspire and engage readers of all ages through a diverse array of artistic expressions. Registration begins on June 1 and adults are welcome to join throughout the summer. Participants will receive a bookbag, bookmark, and a free book just for registering. Participants will track books read or listened to, library services used, programs attended, and activities completed to earn prizes. Special programs will also be scheduled. The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Color Our World: What Are Your Artistic Pursuits? June 1-30. The summer library programs this year focus on art and creativity so each month this summer you are invited to respond to a question related to this topic. June's question is: What are your artistic pursuits? Visitors of all ages are welcome to share their response every time they visit the library by putting a pom-pom in the jar that matches their choice. Each response also earns an entry into a drawing to win a special prize.

Color Our World: Reading Recommendations: June-August. Do you like to recommend books to others? Or enjoy reading something recommended to you? When you finish a book you love, pick up a "Read This" bookmark and share why it should be read. Give the bookmark to a staff member to get your name entered into a drawing for a JKPL themed swag bag that will include a tote bag, book journal, and more! Staff will put the bookmark in the appropriate book and display them in the library for others to discover and enjoy!

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

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

Kids Can Craft: Design a New Pizza Flavor Challenge: June 1-30. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and color a new pizza flavor. Anchovies and cotton candy? Peanut butter and liver? Create the funniest or most disgusting flavor combination that you can think up! Every design turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket but is limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early July.

Creation Station Craft: Coffee Filter Carnations: June 1-30. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is a carnation flower made out of a coffee filter and pipe cleaner. Kit includes coffee filters, pipe cleaners, and instructions. You will need to provide scissors and the crayons, markers, or colored pencils to color the flower. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: June 1-30. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new

card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. You will need to supply the glue. If crafting in the library, glue sticks may be borrowed from the desk for in-library use. Kits are available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: June 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: June 1-30. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Retro Diner*. 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®: "Whose Egg is That?" by Darrin Lunde: June 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(R) is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, June 2, 9, 12, 19, 23, 26 & 30 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required. Please contact the library to register. ***Note: Not holding June 5 or 16 as conflicts with special programs.***

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, June 2 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the 2025 All Iowa Read adult book selection *Distant Sons* by Tim Johnston. 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 plan to attend via Zoom, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Fun and Games with Paul presents Exploding Kittens Card Game: Tuesday, June 3 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Drop in at this monthly gathering where library staff member Paul will share a fun and interesting activity or item. This month we will be playing the card game *Exploding Kittens*, where you try and blow up the other players with cats! Each month will feature a specific game or activity that guests will be able to try out or play while at the library. Guests are welcome to come and go as they can. Not interested in the featured activity? Drop in for other activities like working on a puzzle together

or just to socialize. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL). Refreshments provided.

Donate to the JKPL Garage Sale Fundraiser: Tuesday, June 3–Friday, June 6. The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library are again partnering to offer another 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 June 3 and June 6. Items should be in good, clean, working condition. A list of donation guidelines is posted on the JKPL website or available to pick up at the library.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18 & 25 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 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.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Friday, June 6 from 12:00-1:00 pm. This month's theme is "Adventure by the Lake". 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. Note the change in time and date.

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Library Garage Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm and Sunday, June 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library have partnered to offer a fun way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community have donated good, new, and gently used items to the JKPL for this annual event. The sale will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the library on Saturday (weather permitting) or in the Hoffman Room. All proceeds will be used to support library programs, collections and services. The sale will continue inside on Sunday, where all items not sold will be available for a donation.

Teen Summer Reading Program Begins: Monday, June 9-August 2. Everyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is encouraged to participate in the teen program that runs from June 9 to August 2. The theme this year is *Color Our World*, which invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity while celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives. Participants will receive a free book just for registering. This year, participants will fill out short reviews for each book they read for chances to win

prizes at the end of the summer (Max 12 reviews). Participants can also earn additional chances to win by attending programs or completing writing prompt challenges found in the YA corner.

Children's Summer Reading Program Begins: Monday, June 9-August 2. Children ages 3-12 are encouraged to participate in the Children's Summer Reading Program: *Color Our World*. Sign up begins on June 9. Upon sign up, children will receive a reading log and can pick out a free book! Children can then read (or be read to) as much as they wish to earn toys and books at the end of the program. Simply record every 20 minutes of reading as one point; then at the end of the summer reading program, children can use their points to "buy" toys and books at our drop-in Summer Reading Completion Party on August 2. The more they read, the more they earn! While here to sign up on June 9, join us for an official Summer Reading Dog Man Kick-off Party with a showing of the movie *Dog Man* and party activities from 12:00-3:00 pm. Not able to make it on June 9? Sign up anytime at the front desk until July 25. The Children's Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

Toddler Summer Literacy Program: June 9-August 2. Children ages 0-3 are invited to participate in the Toddler Summer Literacy Program. Participants will use a simple board game designed to engage children from infant to age three in activities that promote literacy and a lifelong love of reading. Upon completion of the board game, toddlers will receive a board book and a small toy of their choice. Families can choose to participate in the Children's Summer Reading Program if they prefer.

Children's SRP Kick-off Dog Man Party: Monday, June 9 from 12:00-3:00 pm. Join us to kick off the Children's Summer Reading Program with a showing of the movie, *Dog Man* (PG). Popcorn and drinks will be provided, and *Dog Man* coloring activities will be available. During the party, sign up for the Children's Summer Reading Program to get a free book! *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Adult Crafternoon: Monday, June 9 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Project to be decided.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, June 10 @ 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 Best Summer of Our Lives* by Rachel Hauck. 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.

Chalk Art Fun: Wednesday, June 11 @ 10:00 am. Join us in the parking lot adjacent to the library, which is closed-to-traffic, to create chalk art! Chalk will be provided for kids and adults of all ages to design amazing community creations. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, June 12 & 26 from 3:00-5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market on the second and fourth Thursdays in June, July, and August! Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! *The JKPL Pop-Up*

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Art in the Park: Thursday, June 12 from 3:30—4:30 pm. Join us at the Farmer's Market to make simple bird or squirrel feeders. We will use toilet paper rolls, yarn, bird seed, and peanut butter to make this easy, fun craft. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

TACKL Fun and Games @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, June 13 from 5:30-9:00 pm. Join the Teen Advisory Council to the Kennedy Library (TACKL) at Downtown Summer Nights in Legacy Square for fun, free games for kids. Everyone walks away with a prize for playing! This event is sponsored by the Dyersville Chamber of Commerce.

Pop-Up @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, June 13 from 5:30—8:30 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by "popping up" at Downtown Summer Nights at Legacy Square! Visitors will be able to select a free book to keep from the pop-up library as well as learn more about library services. 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.

Conservation Camp-Pollinator Party: Saturday, June 14 from 9:30-11:30 am. All those registered for this program will gather at the Dyersville City Gardens to learn about pollinators and their importance with gardening and conservation. The group will also plant a prairie strip. Pre-registration for this program was required and registration has now closed.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Paddington in Peru": Saturday, June 14 @ 1:00 pm. Join Paddington and the Brown family as they visit Aunt Lucy in Peru! A thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey through the Amazon rainforest and to the mountain peaks of Peru. Rated PG (106 minutes).

World Wide Knit in Public Day: Saturday, June 14 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Held on the second Saturday of June, WWKIP Day is a special annual event to celebrate knitting and all fiber crafts as a community activity. The theme is Better Living Through Stitching Together. Join the JKPL Sit 'n' Stitch group in the library to celebrate this special day. Bring your own project or just come see these talented crafters in action and learn about crafting!

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, June 14 @ 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.

Magician Mikayla Oz: Monday, June 16 @ 10:00 am. Magician Mikayla Oz is back with her bird Bubbles...and a little dog too! Join us for a fun, engaging morning of magic tricks and hilarious animal fun. Parental/adult participation is required. No registration is required. *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Bingo Party: Monday, June 16 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. Please contact the library to register. Bring your friends!

All Iowa Reads Virtual Author Visit Series: Tuesday, June 17, Wednesday, June 18 and Wednesday, June 25. The authors of the 2025 All Iowa Reads (AIR) book selections are visiting Iowa virtually! Authors Tim Johnston, Christina Wyman, and Byron Graves will each participate in a virtual author visit. The authors will be joined by a moderator to discuss their books and respond to questions from attendees. Guests are welcome to come to the JKPL and view the presentations together or participate from home. If you want to participate from home, please register at: <https://statelibraryofiowa.gov/programs/all-iowa-reads#events-amp-webinar-recordings>. Registration is not required if you plan to join us at the library. Refreshments will be provided. The scheduled visits are as follows:

Tuesday, June 17 @ 6:30 pm: Tim Johnston, the author of *Distant Sons*, which is the 2025 All Iowa Reads selection for adults

Wednesday, June 18 @ 1:00 pm: Christina Wyman, the author of *Jawbreaker*, which is the 2025 All Iowa Reads selection for kids

Wednesday, June 25 @ 3:00 pm: Byron Graves, the author of *Rez Ball*, which is the 2025 All Iowa Reads selection for teens

Cricut with Christopher: Monday, June 16 @ 6:00 pm. Project to be announced.

Book Art Show and Fundraiser Starts! Individuals and groups of all ages are invited to create a piece of art or sculpture from upcycled books and/or book pages. The JKPL will provide a grocery bag and participants can fill it with old books to use for their art. Participants may use anything from individual book pages to several books, but the maximum number of books to be used in a submission is how many will fit in a plastic grocery bag. Participants may also use their own books and other materials but number would still be limited to this quantity. The art or sculpture can be any design or format (folding, cutting, using individual pages, building, etc.) and can be created by individuals, families, couples, or groups of any age.

Sign up to participate and pick up supplies anytime at the library or at the Downtown Market on June 28. Finished projects should be brought to the library on or before Friday, July 25. Creators will decide if they want to donate their finished item to the JKPL to be part of a special Silent Auction or keep it. On Saturday, July 26, all submissions will be displayed at the Downtown Market with a mason jar adjacent to them. Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite by putting money in the jar. All donations will go to the JKPL. At the end of the Market, the creator of the item that brought in the most money will win a special prize (to be decided). Entries not included in the Silent Auction can be picked up at the end of the Downtown Market or at the library any time after July 26. Art donated to the JKPL for the Silent Auction will be on display at the library until Sunday, August 3, when the Silent Auction ends.

Armchair Travel: Tuesday, June 17 @ 1:00 pm. Grab your travel buddy and join us on this virtual visit. Location to be announced. Chelsea Middendorf, from Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque, will take you on this tour. Chelsea will be providing a small taste of the culture as well, so come try something new! This program is for older adults, but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Children's Guided Painting: Wednesday, June 18 from 10:00-11:00 am. Enjoy creating an umbrella design using techniques of salt painting, blocking, coloring, and stamping. Program is designed for children ages 4-12, but children under age 7 will need an adult or teen companion. Registration is required as space is limited.

Fit the Pieces Jigsaw Puzzle Fundraiser: Back by popular demand! Join us at this puzzling fundraising event to support the JKPL! This event will be held at Fuse. Teams of up to 4 individuals are invited to buy a table, which includes a 500-piece puzzle. Complete the 500-piece puzzle first to win! Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place. Teams can buy twists like freezing the competition, making them wear gloves, wearing beer goggles, and more! Date and details to be finalized.

Drop in and Create - Sensory Glitter Glue Bookmarks: Friday, June 20 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Join Audrey at this program where she will use the library's Colibri machine to make bright and colorful bookmarks that the participants can customize and then keep! This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

Teen and Adult SRP: Game Changer: Friday, June 20 @ 6:00 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. The library is bringing a version of this to the library for teens! For ages 12 and up. Registration is required by June 18 to ensure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience!

Summer Tea: Sunday, June 22 from 1:30-3:00 pm. Grab a friend and come to our Summer Tea! Enjoy delicious tea and delicate homemade cookies and bars served on real china. Lemonade will be provided for the non-tea drinkers. All ages are welcome but children under the age of 15 require an adult companion. We encourage you to wear a hat! Sponsored by the JKPL Senior Advisory Committee.

Strings Club: Monday, June 23 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

Dyersville Public Works Equipment Exhibition: Tuesday, June 24 from 10:00-12:00 pm. The JKPL and Dyersville Public Works are partnering to celebrate National Public Works Week (May 19-25). This year, Public Works will bring some of their vehicles and equipment to the parking lot next to the library to show them 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 camera unit, and a brand-new dump-truck/snow-plow/sand-spreader! All ages welcome. Guests will receive a fire hydrant stress reliever

(while supplies last) and ice cream will be provided.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, June 24 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please contact the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Music with Miss Carole: Wednesday, June 25 @ 9:15 am. Beloved Midwestern storyteller and musician Miss Carole is visiting JKPL to present a fun, engaging, song-based performance! Miss Carole encourages children ages infant to age 9 and their families to participate in silly songs, dances, and stories that get kids (and adults!) laughing and excited about reading. Parental/adult participation is required. No registration is required for this 45-minute program. *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, June 26 @ 11:15 am. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. Topic to be announced.

“Freaky Friday” - Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, June 26 @ 1:00 pm. Dr. Tess Coleman and her teenage daughter Anna have one thing in common -- they don't relate to each other on anything. Then one night a little mystic mayhem changes their lives and they wake up to the biggest freak-out ever. Tess and Anna are trapped inside each other's body! But Tess's wedding is Saturday and the two must find a way to switch back -- fast! Rated PG (97 min.) Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Please note that this film will be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

Teen SRP: Natural Dyes: Thursday, June 26 @ 6:00 pm. Teens can join the Dubuque County Conservation for a fun and hands-on workshop where they will learn how to make colorful dyes using plants and other natural materials found in nature. A bandana will be provided for participants to dye, along with all other materials needed. Unlike synthetic dyes that can contain harmful chemicals that are unsafe for people and the environment, natural dyes are eco-friendly and safe to use. By using dyes derived from plants, flowers, and other natural materials, you'll create unique, vibrant colors while helping protect the planet. Get creative, connect with nature, and make your very own one-of-a-kind, earth-friendly design! This program is for ages 12-18 only. Registration is required as 10 participants are required to hold this program and the presenter needs to prepare supplies. Registration deadline is June 24. Sponsored by TACKL.

Stream Study at the Downtown Market: Saturday, June 28 @ 8:00 am-12:00 pm. In a partnership with James Kennedy Public Library, Dubuque County Conservation presents “Stream Study,” a scientific study of the organisms that reside in the North Fork Maquoketa River. Buckets of fresh river water will be available for children to study on microscopes at the JKPL stall at the Downtown Market, and conservationists will be available to guide children and adults through exciting principles of biology.

Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, June 28 from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. The James Kennedy Public Library will be reaching out to the community by bringing a pop-up library to the market. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. The JKPL will also have a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. *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.*

Conservation Camp-Crazy Composting: Sunday, June 29 from 1:30-3:30 pm. All those registered for this program will gather at the JKPL to learn about composting. We're going to pull out the microscopes so you can see the critters that help us compost up close! Pre-registration for this program was required and registration has now closed.

Summer Musical Movies @ Your Library presents "Moulin Rouge": Saturday, June 28 @ 1:00 pm. A poor Bohemian poet in 1890s Paris falls for a beautiful courtesan and nightclub star coveted by a jealous duke. Rated PG-13 (127 minutes).

Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, June 28 from 4:00-6:00 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 Saturday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Blank Park Zoo: Monday, June 30 @ 12:30 pm. Attend this first of three Blank Park Zoo programs (or attend all three!). Each program will feature education about select surprise animals along animal coloring pages to color in the library or to take home. Animal visitors will be selected by Blank Park Zoo on each program's day, depending on factors that can influence the animals' health like weather, temperature, and stress. Registration is not required. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.