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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
March 18, 2024**

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

- 7,694 items were checked out. This is a 12.3% increase from February 2023. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 8.9%
- 38 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 238 new library cards have been issued.
- 82 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,366 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 187 hours and 449 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 1,452 hours and 3,233 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 68 sessions, 64 visits, and 14 unique users
- There were 4,474 library visits.

Grants: The James Kennedy Public Library has been selected as one of 310 libraries to participate in round two of Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities. The competitive award comes with a \$10,000 grant that will help the library engage with and serve adults with special needs in the Dyersville area community.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the March events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for April. Some of the programs scheduled include the Bear Creek Carver's Open House, a teen trivia contest, special events for National Library Week (April 7-13) and Drop Everything and Read month (April). There is also an author presentation about the 1920s Egyptomania craze in the US and a blended course on Youth Mental Health First Aid, offered as a partnership with the Meraki Institute of Learning. It is also time to sign up for the Free Pepper Plant program, which is a partnership with the Dubuque County Extension Office. Spring fundraising events include the Build-a-Basket Silent Auction which ends on Sunday March 24 as well as two events connected with National Library Week – the Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go and a Music Bingo event in partnership with O So Good Winery and Distillery.

Prepared by: Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director

JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

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

Library visits

Month	4474	(↑ 10%)
YTD	39064	(↑ 20.2%)

Items loaned

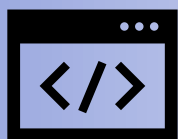
	7694	(↑ 12.3%)
	63738	(↑ 8.9%)

Library cards issued

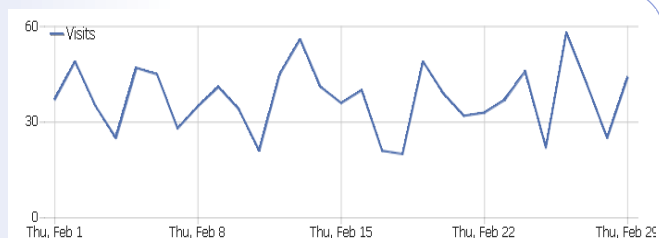
City resident	Total
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24	38	(↑ 123.5%)
126	238	(↑ 5.3%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1083	1:28



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
187	1452	1196	449	3233	3182

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
68	1769	64	1509	14	240

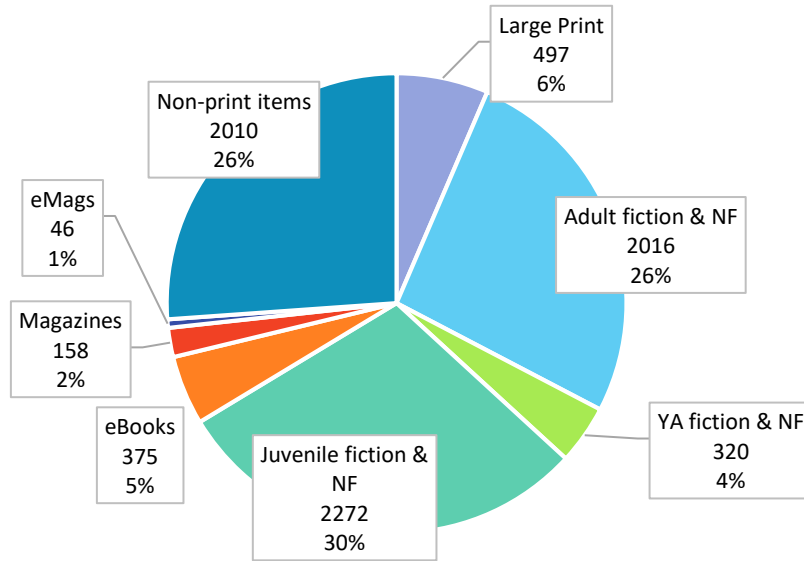
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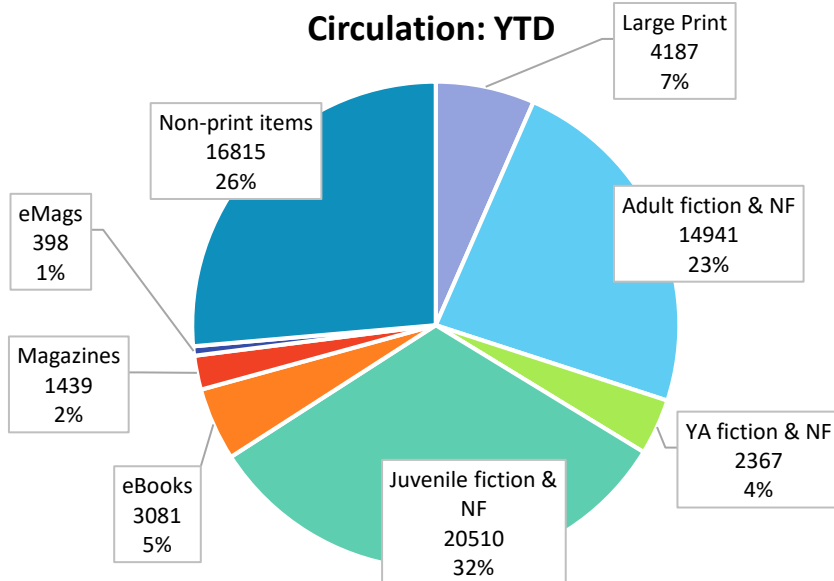
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
54	548	470

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	459	3711
Adult & YA audio	78	615
Juvenile audio & kits	18	164
Adult & YA video	697	6131
Juvenile video & DVD	307	2461
Games, LoT, etc.	451	3733
	2010	16815

Music

Downloads: 12
Streams: 0
Total YTD: 53



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 2
YTD: 15



Visits: 382
YTD: 2188



Online Learning

Sessions: 29
YTD: 671



Languages

Sessions: 32
YTD: 393



Genealogy

Visits: 538
YTD: 4359



Collection

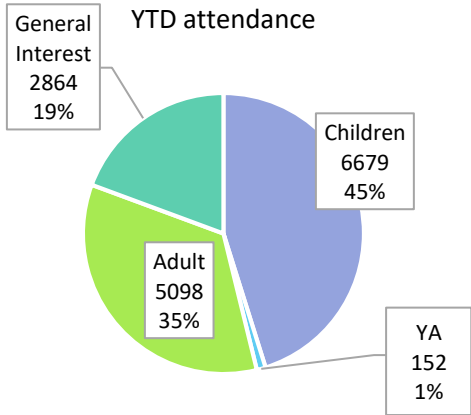
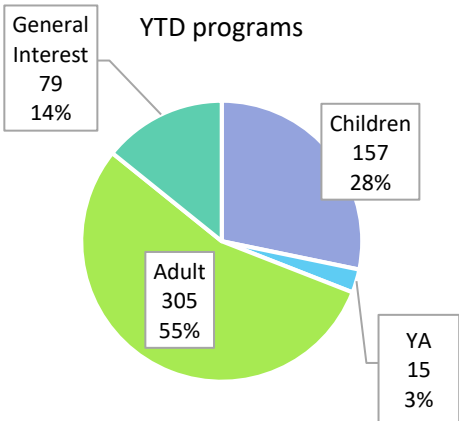
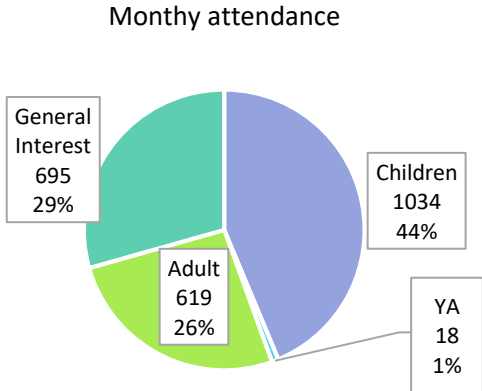
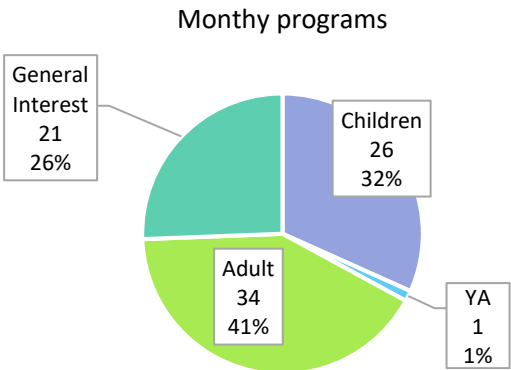
Items purchased	
Month:	153
YTD:	1769

Items donated	
Month:	65
YTD:	394
Prev. YTD:	472

Items withdrawn		
	Month	YTD
Books	294	2512
Audio	0	48
Video	11	285
Other	0	77
Total	305	2922

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	19	77	31	10	8	1	41	11	0	37	2	11	248
Previous month	17	66	36	19	50	0	0	8	0	34	6	8	244
Current YTD	119	650	221	119	491	72	109	55	5	226	64	62	2193
Previous YTD	151	769	247	132	468	79	95	74	7	187	62	86	2357

Programs



Upcoming Events in March:

Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Silent Auction: March 1—24

Join us for the Annual Build-A-Basket Fundraiser! Organizations, businesses, and individuals have donated some amazing baskets this year and now is your opportunity to bid on them. All items are on display in the library and a photograph with a description of contents is posted on both the library's Facebook page and 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. This list will be updated daily.
- Bidding in the silent auction runs March 1–24.
- Bidding ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 24.
- All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.

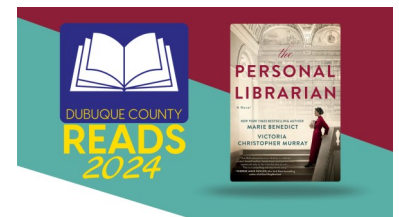


Dubuque County Reads: March 1—April 15: The James Kennedy Public Library is participating in the second annual *Dubuque County Reads* book discussion! The purpose of the *Dubuque County Reads* program is to facilitate events that encourage productive conversation around a common book, with the selected title aiming to invigorate community members and inspire dialog about important issues and topics. The selected title for 2024 is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict.

Dubuque County Reads book discussions will happen at various locations around the county between March 27 and April 15. Feel free to attend as many as you are able to, wherever you are able! The book is available to borrow at each participating library, with the appropriate library card required. Digital copies are available to borrow electronically through the Carnegie-Stout Public Library or James Kennedy Public Library, with the respective city resident library card required. Some libraries may even have audiobook copies to borrow. Books will be ready to be picked up at the JKPL starting March 4.

For more information about the book and a full list of participating libraries, go to: <https://libguides.dbq.edu/dubuquecountyreads>. Book discussions are scheduled at the following locations:

- March 27 at 4:30 pm at Cascade Public Library
- April 1 at 5:00 pm at James Kennedy Public Library
- April 8 at 11:00 am at University of Dubuque Library
- April 8 at 6:00 pm at Carnegie-Stout Public Library
- April 9 at 12:00 pm at Divine Word College Library
- April 9 at 4:00 pm at Loras College Library
- April 10 at 6:00 pm at Dubuque County Library District—Farley
- April 11 at 12:00 pm at Wartburg Theological Seminary Library
- April 11 at 12:45 pm at Clarke University Library
- April 12 at 5:30 pm—Virtual Discussion. Email Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us to receive a link to the virtual session on Zoom.
- April 15 at 11:00 am at Dubuque County Library District—Asbury



March Book Mania: March 1—31

Join us this month to hear about books JKPL staff and volunteers read and loved, then vote to decide which is the local favorite! Everyone who votes will have their name entered into a drawing to win their own copy of the top two books along with an "Adopt a Book" form, where you choose a book to be added to the JKPL collection in your name. How it works:

1. Library staff and volunteers selected a favorite book that they want to recommend to others. These titles were put into Round 1.
2. Watch the videos about these books on our Facebook page and YouTube channel then go to <https://bit.ly/Marchbookvote> to vote for your favorite out of each pairing. There will also be paper voting slips available at the library. Note: Some titles may have a bye.
3. The titles that win the first round will move on to Round 2. The four titles that win Round 2 will move on to Round 3 and the final two titles will move on to Round 4, where one book will be declared the winner.
4. Voting starts March 4th with the new roster being posted each Monday. Voting will run Monday through Sunday each week.
5. Be sure to vote each week so your favorite makes it to the final!
6. The winning book will be announced on March 31.



Kids Can Craft: Candy Designs Coloring Contest: March 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in to the library to color a huge candy coloring sheet. Or you can design your own piece of candy! All submissions will be considered for use in an upcoming summer Storywalk. All participants will have their name entered into a drawing to win a basket of sweet goodies! Kids are welcome to color at the library or take their coloring page home and return to the library at a later date.



Creation Station Craft: Mushroom Houses: March 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 mushroom houses! Kit includes felt, a paper printout, buttons, and bits of paper. Glue or tape is also needed to create this craft. A video demonstration will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: March 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: March 1—31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Iconic America*. 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.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Bluey: 5-Minute Stories" by Penguin Random House: March 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. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. Winter start/end dates for the StoryWalk® are approximate due to weather. *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



Children's Read Across America Day...All Month Long: March 1—31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in veterinary hospital play! First, check out our new revolving pretend-play station with this month's theme, Veterinary Hospital. Next, participate in our "Pets" scavenger hunt to earn a small prize. Finally, check out our display of animal books and take one home to read!

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, March 2 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is "Spring is Here!". 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.



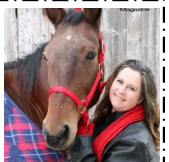
Scrapped Crafting: Saturday, March 2 from 1:00—3:00 pm

March is National Craft Month, and to celebrate guests of all ages are invited to challenge their imagination by creating a piece of art using various craft supplies and upcycled items. Participants may use any media or supplies they like. Participants can make their projects during this in-person program at the library or pick up supplies from the library to create at home. Everyone is encouraged to bring their finished projects back to the library by March 24. Projects will be displayed in the library during March and visitors will be able to vote for their favorite from March 25-31. The creator of the project with the most votes will receive an arts and crafts supplies basket.



Children's Author Visit and Mini-Writer's Workshop: Sunday, March 3 @ 1:00 pm

Join author Amber Sawyer as she discusses her book *Love to Race*, a children's picture book inspired by the true-life story of harness racehorse Derek Bromac N., "the horse who gave his all." After Ms. Sawyer's presentation, join Children's Librarian and author Christa Palm for a mini-writer's workshop, where children of all ages can write a story to illustrate at home.



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, March 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 @ 10:00 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, March 4 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the 2024 All Iowa Read selection for adults, *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. 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.

Unlocking Brain Fitness—KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, March 5 thru May 7 @ 6:00 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 led by local health experts. Participants should be 55 or older, in good cognitive health, and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions. Sessions are 2 hours each. Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required by YMCA but may be refunded to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions, upon request. Registration is required as a maximum of 15 participants are allowed. This series is co-sponsored in part by the Hy-Vee store in Asbury and Nightingale Drug.



Family Storytime: Wednesdays, March 6, 20, 27 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their children to a session of Family Storytime. Family Storytime is geared toward children ages infant to five years old and their caregiver, but children of all ages are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary. *Note: There are no storytimes on March 13.*



Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 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.

Upcycled Greeting Cards: Thursday, March 7 from 1:00—2:00 pm. Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to show you how to use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last.

Kids Can Cook: March 7, 14, & 21 @ 4:00 pm

Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. Miss Kim is returning to teach these classes which will be held on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 pm. The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each session will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron.



- There will be 3 sessions that kids can choose from to be held in March, April, and May.
- Each session will last 3 weeks and focus on a different theme.
- The theme for March is Snacks. Items to be made are: Purple passion power shake (3/7); Homemade veggie chips with ranch dip (3/14); Apple pockets with homemade dough (3/21).
- April's theme is Main Dishes. May's theme will be chosen by the attendees.
- Registration in person is required as a waiver needs to be signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Participants may register for any session but there is a limit of 12 children per session.
- *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various JKPL Fundraisers.*

Fun With Strawbees: Saturday, March 9 @ 10:00 am. Join us for this Strawbees Coding and Robotics program! Strawbees are a STEM kit that allows users to build functioning robots from connectors, electronics and plastic straws! We will be building a cranky bat, a musical instrument, and a pig that is afraid of the dark. Ages 10 and up.



Movies @ Your Library presents "The Marvels": Saturday, March 9 @ 1:00 pm. The extremely powerful Carol Danvers finds her fate inexplicably intertwined with two younger women, Kamala Khan and Monica Rambeau. The three headstrong and independent women must then learn to work together to protect the universe from harm. Rated PG-13 (105 minutes).

Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, March 9 @ 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.

Adult Crafternoon: Paint a Mini 4x4" canvas: Monday, March 11 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to paint a mini 4" x 4" canvas. The easel is included! 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 March 6th and kits will be available while supplies last.



Serenity Cards: Creativity with Pen and Ink: Monday, March 11 @ 6:00 pm

Join us for this art class with Dianne Kramer as we blend special words of comfort and relaxation with easy-to-draw images. With inspiration from artist Diane Harpster, participants will design their own serenity cards. The resulting class projects will be a blend of beautiful pen-and-ink images and favorite words of serenity (i.e., peace, joy), a Bible verse, or lines from a favorite song or poem. No art experience is necessary! Each image will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps.

- This class is designed for adults and registration is required as space is limited to 20.
- Due to the high demand for this class, 5 of the 20 slots will be reserved for those who have not previously attended one of Dianne's classes, or who have not attended since before October 2023.
- If not filled, these spots will be opened up to all. Registration began February 15.
- Participants will need to bring the following supplies: pencil, eraser, fine black felt-tipped pen, and colored pencils. All other supplies will be provided.



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, March 12 @ 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 *After the Shadows* by Amanda Cabot. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

Genealogy with Ann: Wednesday, March 13 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. If this time does not work for you, you are welcome to call and schedule an appointment.

Native Landscaping: Thursday, March 14 @ 6:30 pm

Join Dubuque County Conservation staff as they share little ways of how to take your own property, no matter how small or large, and turn it into a rest area for native species. Walk away with resources from the *Mowing to Monarchs* program, best places to buy native plants, and other information to take with you as you start transforming the land around you one plant at a time. Registration is requested to ensure adequate supplies and that we have a minimum of 10 attendees. Walk-ins welcome as space and supplies allow. Please register by March 13.



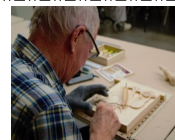
Bingo Party: Monday, March 18 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher presents Glass Easter Bunnies: Monday, March 18 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create a glass Easter Bunny. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please bring a pair of scissors! Registration is recommended as attendance is limited to 10. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, March 22 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.

Bear Creek Carvers Open House and Demo: Saturday, March 23 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Members of the Bear Creek Woodcarving Club will be at the library to demonstrate carving techniques and display their carvings. Questions are welcome! Everyone is invited to stop in during this open house and view the carvers and their work.



Teen Trivia Showdown: Saturday, March 23 @ 4:00 pm

Want to test your knowledge and have some fun with your friends? Join us for our Teen Trivia Showdown! The theme of the night will be "Fandoms", focusing on topics such as Harry Potter, anime, music and more! Participants can sign up to be on one of five teams (Max 4 players per team). Registration is requested and walk-ins are welcome if there is space on a team. For ages 13-18 only. Spectators are welcome! This program is sponsored by TACKL.



Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Closing Reception: Sunday, March 24 from 2:00—4:00 pm

Join us for refreshments and one last chance to bid on the baskets donated to the library for the Build-a-Basket Fundraiser! Themed baskets, including puzzles, games, arts and crafts, family and kids activities, groceries, and more have been donated by area businesses, organizations and individuals. There is something for nearly every interest so be sure to come and take a peek and bid on your favorite. The silent auction will end at 3:00 pm sharp. All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services.



Strings Club: Monday, March 25 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, March 26 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please call by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, March 28 @ 11:00 am. March is National Nutrition Month so join Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler as she talks about cooking for 1 or 2 people, tips to avoid food poisoning when eating out, and Smartphone Apps and Fitness Trackers to help you in your fitness and nutrition journey. She will also bring food samples to try. All are welcome.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Wish": Saturday, March 30 @ 1:00 pm. After making a wish on a starry night, Asha is surprised when Star, a ball of cosmic energy, comes down to accompany her. Asha and Star must work together to defeat the ruthless ruler, King Magnifico, who threatens the safety of her local community. Rated PG (92 minutes).



Library closed for Easter: Sunday, March 31



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



Free Trees for Earth Day!

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

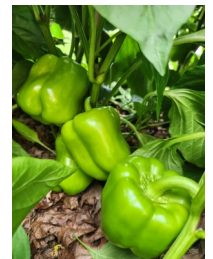


- Parents can find more information and sign their children up to receive a tree at: <https://bit.ly/FreeTrees24>
- Deadline to apply is March 15
- Trees (6 to 12 inches in size) will be delivered to the JKPL and families will be able to pick them up around Earth Day (April 22nd).
- Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.

Free Pepper Plant Program!

The Dubuque County Extension Office in partnership with the James Kennedy Public Library is offering a Free Pepper Plant Program to help educate local residents on how to grow a food crop to increase local food security.

- Program participants will receive a 4-pack of free pepper transplants along with season-long updates on good growing practices for raising peppers throughout the 2024 gardening season. A 4-pack of 'Lady Bell' sweet bell peppers will plant a row approximately six feet long.
- Participants may register by contacting the JKPL, the Dubuque County Extension Office or registering online at <https://bit.ly/dbqpepper>.
- Registration is required by May 6 with peppers available to pick up at the library between May 15—18.
- Those who register by April 15 will get a bonus growing update provided by Horticulture Educator, Ray Kruse.
- The Peppers are limited to one pack of 4 per person, but multiple family members at the same address can participate.
- More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/pepperinfo>





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

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



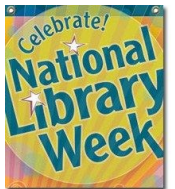
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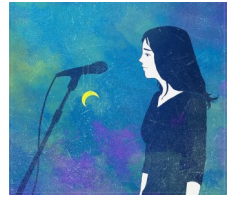
Egyptomania! Unraveling America's Jazz Age Craze for Ancient Egypt with Author Jocelyn Green Saturday, April 20 @ 11:00 am

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



Poetry Open Mic Night Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:30 pm

Join us at Textile Brewing Company in Dyersville to celebrate National Poetry Month. Several members from the JKPL writing group will read some of their poetry and we welcome anyone to get up and read something they've written! Textile Brewing Company is located at 146 2nd St NE in Dyersville.



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

Join Dianne Kramer as we make petal boxes. No art experience is necessary! This class is designed for adults and registration is required as space is limited to 20. Due to the high demand of this class, five of the twenty slots are allotted for those who have not attended one of Dianne's classes before, or has not attended since October 2023. Registration begins March 25. Participants will need to bring the following supplies: pencil, eraser, fine black felt-tipped pen, and colored pencils. All other supplies will be provided. Come to the library to see a display of the types of drawings we'll do in class!



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

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

This will be a blended course with participants completing a 2 hour self-paced online course before attending the in-person instructor-led training on April 27. Registration is required and can be done by contacting the library starting March 1. This training is valued at \$75 per person and funding for the course has been generously covered by the Mental Health and Disability Services of the East Central Region (MH/DS of ECR) for anyone working or living in Delaware or Dubuque counties.



March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	March 1—31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candy Designs Coloring Contest Mushroom House craft kits Children's Read Across America Day...all month long! 	March 1—31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Puzzled Coloring, Creating, Doing StoryWalk® 	Dubuque County Reads begins March 1 March Book Mania runs March 1—31	Build-A-Basket Silent Auction runs March 1—24	1 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	2 Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am Scrapped from 1-3pm
3 Children's Author Visit & Writer's Workshop @ 1pm	4 Strength Training @ 10am Books For Lunch @ 12pm	5 Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 6pm	6 Family Storytime @ 10am & 6:30pm Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	7 Strength Training @ 10am Upcycled cards from 1-2pm Kids Can Cook @ 4pm	8 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	9 Fun with Strawbees @ 10am <i>The Marvels</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm
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24 Build-A-Basket Closing Reception from 2-4pm	25 Strength Training @ 10am Strings Club @ 6pm	26 Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 6pm JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm	27 Family Storytime @ 10am & 6:30pm Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	28 Strength Training @ 10am Health & Wellness 365 @ 11am	29 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	30 <i>Wish</i> (PG) @ 1pm
31 Library closed						

Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Events for APRIL 2024

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

D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Month - Dyersville Book Scavenger Hunt! April 1-30. April is Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) month, a national month-long celebration of reading designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives. To celebrate this year, the JKPL has again partnered with local businesses for a fun DEAR month scavenger hunt! Can you match the book with the business? Pick up a scavenger hunt form at the library or print one off from the library's website. The scavenger hunt form features pictures of book covers and each participating business in Dyersville has one of the book covers posted in their business window. Match the book with the business then turn your completed forms into the library by April 30 to get entered into the prize drawing for one of four gift baskets. You get to choose which basket! Entries with at least ½ of the books / businesses identified will receive one entry into the drawing. Get them all right to earn two entries!

D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Month: Reading Recommendations! JKPL staff, board members, and volunteers are celebrating D.E.A.R. month with videos and social media posts highlighting what they are dropping everything to read. Titles will be posted throughout the month on the library's social media. Want to join in the fun? Feel free to share in the comments what book you dropped everything to read!

Children's D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Month: April 1 - 30. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer...in spaceship play! First, check out our new installation at our pretend-play station with this month's theme, Spaceship and Ground Control. Next, participate in our "Planets" scavenger hunt to earn a small prize. Finally, check out our display of space-themed books and take one home to read!

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

Creation Station Craft: April 1-30. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is to be announced. Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

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

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

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "A Few Beautiful Minutes: Experiencing a Solar Eclipse" by Kate Allen Fox: April 1-30. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. 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.

Dubuque County Reads Continues!: April 1-15: The James Kennedy Public Library is participating in the second annual *Dubuque County Reads* book discussion! The purpose of the *Dubuque County Reads* program is to facilitate events that encourage productive conversation around a common book, with the selected title aiming to invigorate community members and inspire dialog about important issues and topics. The selected title for 2024 is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. Different libraries are holding discussions on different days and times in the hopes that one of them will work with your schedule so you can attend. Feel free to attend as many as you are able to, wherever you are able! The book is available to borrow at each participating library, with the appropriate library card required. Digital copies are available to borrow electronically through the Carnegie-Stout Public Library or James Kennedy Public Library, with the respective city resident library card required. Some libraries may even have audiobook copies to borrow. Books are available to be picked up at the JKPL. You can also purchase a copy of the book from River Lights Bookstore in Dubuque with a 25% discount. For more information about the book and a full list of participating libraries, go to: <https://libguides.dbq.edu/dubuquecountyreads>.

Book discussions will be held at following locations:

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

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, April 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 @ 10:00 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited.

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

Adult Afternoon: Blackout poetry: Monday, April 1 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Join us this month to celebrate National Poetry month, library staff member Ann will be on hand to teach you how to create blackout poetry with pictures and coloring pens. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a 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 April 2nd and kits will be available while supplies last.

Unlocking Brain Fitness - KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, April 2 thru May 7 @ 6:00 pm. This 10-week evidence-based course was developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. The KEYS dementia prevention course was started at the YMCA of Greater Des Moines and will be led by local health experts. This series is co-sponsored in part by the Hy-Vee store in Asbury and Nightingale Drug. Registration

for this program is now closed but if you are interested in participating this class in the future, please provide your contact information to the library.

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

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

Upcycled Greeting Cards: Thursday, April 4 from 1:00-2:00 pm. Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to show you how to use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk.

Kids Can Cook: April 4, 11, & 18 @ 4:00 pm. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. Miss Kim is returning to teach these classes which will be held on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 pm. Sessions will also be offered in May. The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each session will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron. Each session will last 3 weeks and focus on a different theme. For April 4, kids will make corn soup. For April 11, kids will make mini pizzas with homemade dough. For April 18, kids will make fried rice. The May theme will be chosen by the attendees. There is a limit of 12 children per session and registration is now full. This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various JKPL Fundraisers.

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, April 5, 12, 19, 26 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

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Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, April 6 from 10:00-11:00 am. This month's theme is "Rainy Day". This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's

social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

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

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- **Sunday, April 7: Open House!** Kick off the week and drop by the library between 1:30-3:30 pm for refreshments. Giveaway: Library tote bag.
- **Monday, April 8: Right to Read Day!** April 8th is a national day of action in support of the right to read. Today’s theme encourages you to read what you like, especially titles that might be banned or challenged. The State of America’s Libraries Report will be released today, including the Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2023. Stop in the library today to see this document and test your knowledge with a Challenged Book Crossword puzzle. Join the library staff in wearing book themed apparel. Giveaway: Right to Read or Banned books themed bookmarks or buttons.
- **Tuesday, April 9: Library Workers Day!** Join the library staff and volunteers today as we celebrate Library Workers Day and Drop Everything and Read Month! Library staff members wear many different hats at their job - so today we will be wearing a favorite or fun hat! Join us by wearing a hat or cap during your visit. Stop in anytime during the day to enjoy refreshments. Check out the bulletin board or the JKPL Facebook page and see if you can match the picture of the person reading to the library worker. Giveaway: Notepads.
- **Wednesday, April 10: National Library Outreach Day.** Outreach, which is about meeting library patrons where they are, is important to the JKPL. Visit the library today and select a book from the JKPL Pop-up Library - one of our most popular outreach activities. Visitors are also invited to learn more about what the library has to offer by completing a library scavenger hunt. Pick up a form at the front desk and turn it in for your chance to win a special prize. Giveaway: Pen
- **Thursday, April 11: Relaxation Day!** Libraries are a place for relaxing as well as learning and entertainment. Join the library staff today as they relax at work in their PJs or lounge clothes. Pick up a library themed set of activity and coloring pages. Giveaway: TBA.
- **Friday, April 12: Spirit Day!** Today library staff will celebrate by wearing JKPL colors (green / gold / yellow) or library / book themed apparel. Join us in showing pride in your library! Giveaway: TBA
- **Saturday, April 13: STEAM Day!** Join the library staff today as they celebrate Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) with a morning of STEAM Fun for all ages. Visit the library from 10 am to 12 noon create with items in the Creation Station and Library of Things. Giveaway: Buttons.

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Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, April 9 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *Provenance* by Carla Laureano. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed.

Genealogy with Ann: Wednesday, April 10 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. If this time does not work with you please call and schedule an appointment.

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

Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, April 13 @ 4:00 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 second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Bingo Party: Monday, April 15 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

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

Egyptomania! Unraveling America's Jazz Age Craze for Ancient Egypt with Author Jocelyn Green: Saturday, April 20 @ 11:00 am. After King Tut's tomb was discovered and opened in the early 1920s, America's craze for all things Egypt reached a fever pitch. This program will take you inside the famous pharaoh's tomb with photos of some of the highlights, and then sweep you into Jazz Age America to see the broad-reaching influence Egyptomania had on art, fashion, jewelry, architecture, music, and product advertising. Enjoy a romp through the art deco era and explore why ancient Egypt was such a hit with Americans careening into modernity. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Strings Club: Monday, April 22 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Free Trees for Earth Day: Monday, April 22! The JKPL is celebrating Earth Day by participating in the 15th Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids every Earth Day. Since 2010, Neighborhood Forest has reached over 100,000 families and planted over 50,000 (mostly urban and residential) trees through the hands of children and parents across North America. The JKPL is excited to be participating in this program that teaches kids stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow. If you signed up on or before March 15, your tree should be arriving soon. Trees (6 to 12 inches in size) will be delivered to the JKPL and families will be able to pick them up around Earth Day (April 22). Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please call by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Spring into Spring with Petal Boxes: Creativity with Pen and Ink: Thursday, April 25 @ 6:00 pm. Serenity Cards: Creativity with Pen and Ink. Join Dianne Kramer to construct a petal box out of cardstock, then decorate it with beautiful, organic floral art. No art experience is necessary! Each image will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is designed for adults and registration is required as space is limited to 20. Due to the high demand of this class, five of the twenty slots are allotted for those who have not attended one of Dianne's classes before, or has not attended since October 2023. Registration begins March 25. Participants will need to bring the following supplies: pencil, eraser, fine black felt-tipped pen, and colored pencils. All other supplies will be provided. Come to the library to see a display of the types of drawings we'll do in class!

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, April 26 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Youth Mental Health First Aid: Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The JKPL has partnered with the Meraki Institute of Learning to offer this mental health first aid training course. This will be a blended course with participants completing a 2-hour self-paced online course before attending the in-person instructor-led training on April 27. Youth Mental Health First Aid is an early intervention public education program that teaches adults how to recognize the signs and symptoms that suggest a potential mental health challenge, how to listen non-judgmentally and give reassurance to a youth who may be experiencing a mental health challenge, and how to refer a person to appropriate professional support and services. This course teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people both in crisis and non-crisis situations. Register by contacting the library or online at <https://DyersvilleYMHFA1.eventbrite.com>. Registration by April 15 is required as space is limited. This training is valued at \$75 per person. Funding for the course has been generously covered by the Mental Health and Disability Services of the East Central Region (MH/DS of ECR) for anyone working or living in Delaware or Dubuque counties.