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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
September 16, 2024**

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

- 7,937 items were checked out. This is a 11.6% decrease from August 2023. Fiscal year to date, circulation is down 0.3%
- 29 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 69 new library cards have been issued.
- 67 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 1,660 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 194 hours and 461 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 531 hours and 1061 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 98 sessions, 81 visits, and 27 unique users. Year to date WiFi use: 254 sessions, 222 visits, and 77 unique users.
- There were 5,336 library visits.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the September events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for October. Some of the events scheduled include activities for Banned Books Week, a sunset hike guided by Dubuque County Conservation, coding programs for children and teens using Turing Tumble Coding puzzles, as well as several Halloween themed programs including a costume swap, the annual Halloween party, and Books for Treats. The Chair-ity Fundraiser has started and tickets will be on sale soon for the Halloween Trivia Night Fundraiser.

Prepared by: Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director

Note: I am attending a conference and will be out of town on September 16 so will not be attending the City Council meeting. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

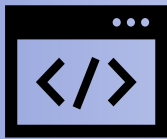
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

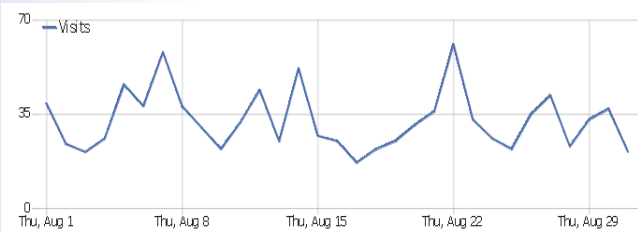
Month: August-24
YTD: July-24 to August-24
Previous YTD: July-23 to August-23

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	5336	(↓ 6.8%)	7937	(↓ 11.6%)	16	29	(↓ 17.1%)
YTD	10995	(↓ 4.5%)	17203	(↓ 0.3%)	39	69	(↓ 8%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1011	1:33



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
194	531	390	461	1061	943

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
98	254	81	222	27	77

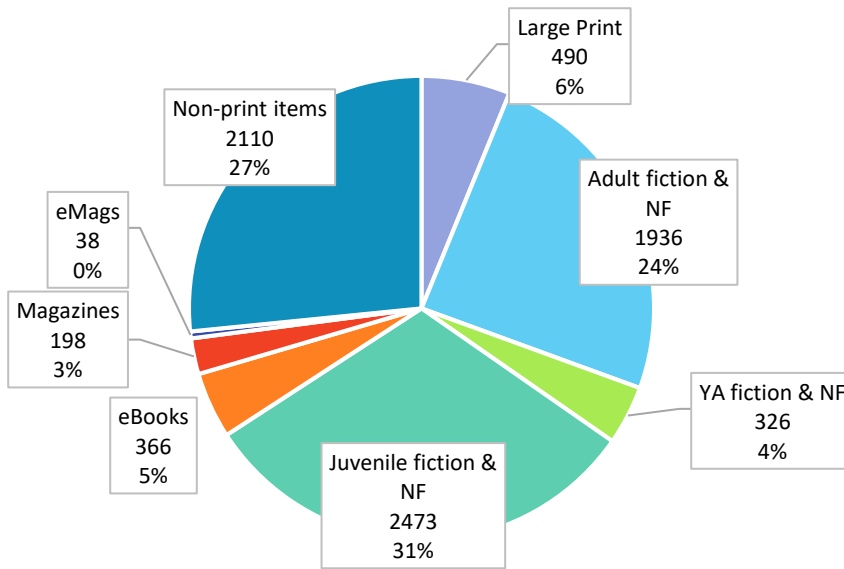
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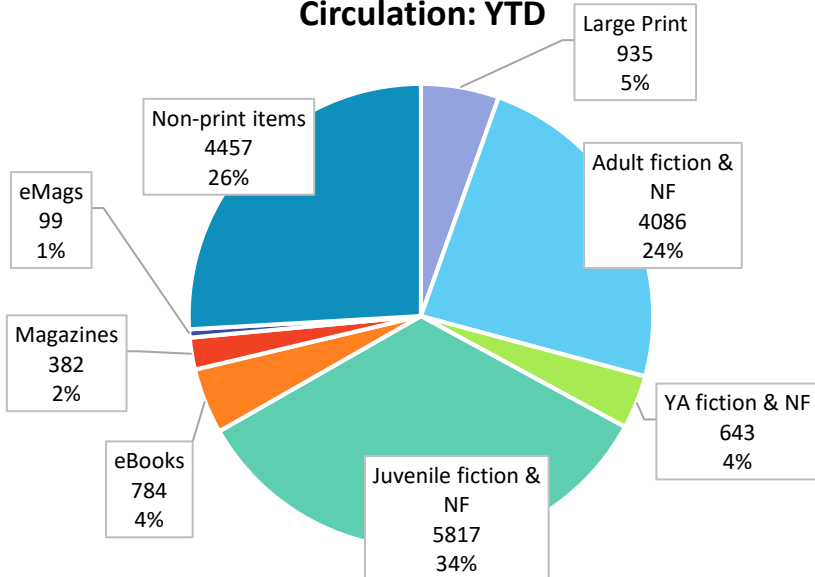
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
47	101	133

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	571	1152
Adult & YA audio	93	191
Juvenile audio & kits	16	32
Adult & YA video	634	1354
Juvenile video & DVD	360	780
Games, LoT, etc.	436	948
	2110	4457

Music

Downloads: 17
Total YTD: 29



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 13
YTD: 24



Visits: 292
YTD: 480



Online Learning

Sessions: 34
YTD: 52



Languages

Sessions: 17
YTD: 20



Genealogy

Visits: 246
YTD: 1250



Collection

Items withdrawn

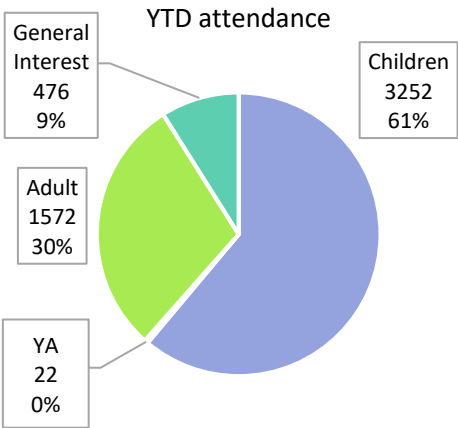
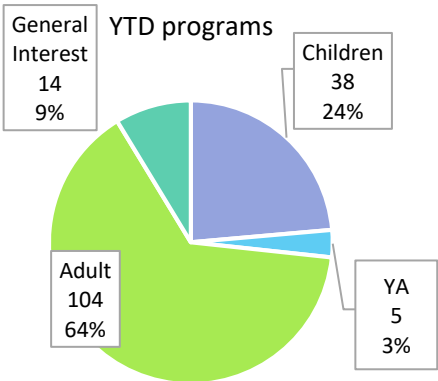
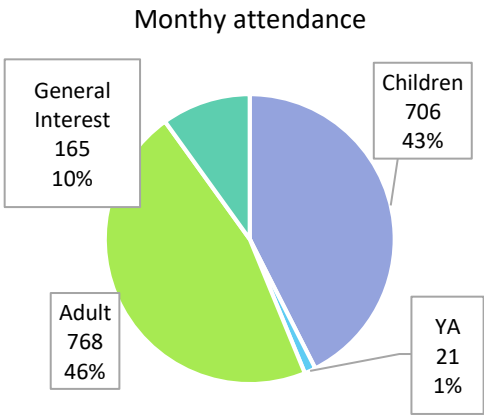
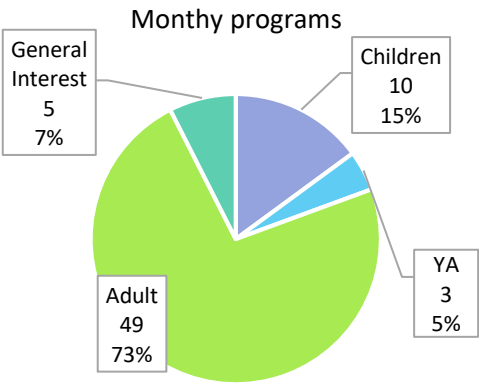
Items purchased	
Month:	251
YTD:	517

Items donated	
Month:	88
YTD:	173
Prev. YTD:	75

	Month	YTD
Books	467	605
Audio	0	1
Video	4	6
Other	7	50
Total	478	662

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	44	87	49	13	66	12	15	8	0	31	5	9	339
Previous month	14	83	34	16	117	19	14	8	0	41	26	16	388
Current YTD	61	219	95	33	131	29	25	16	1	55	12	13	690
Previous YTD	24	150	47	43	165	32	27	8	0	58	34	19	607

Programs



Upcoming Events in September:

Sunday, September 1 & Monday, September 2: Library closed for Labor Day holiday



Chair-ity Fundraiser Begins: September 3

Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event!

- Pick up a chair from the library, decorate it any way you like, and return it to the library. Or decorate a chair of your own and donate it to the library.
- Chairs can be seasonal, thematic, or just anything that appeals to you! And although we focus on chairs, other wooden décor items are welcome.
- Items will be accepted anytime in October, but prior to October 20 is preferred.
- A silent auction of the donated items will be held in the library from October 13 to November 24.
- Photos of all donations will be posted on the library website and social media, and remote bidding in the silent auction may be offered.
- The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 24.
- *Mark your calendars, the Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 20!*



Library Card Sign-Up Month @ Your Library: September 3—30

Autobots, roll out...to the library! The Transformers, featuring Optimus Prime, are the honorary spokesbots for Library Card Sign-Up Month. Whether you're upgrading your skills, scouting for knowledge and information, or connecting with other heroic readers, a library card is your key to an arsenal of resources. Spark your creativity as a builder or programmer by tinkering in your library's makerspace; mine the library's stacks and databases for new stories and adventures; and kickstart your critical thinking skills to defeat the Decepticons of misinformation lurking online.

Sign up for a library card in September and receive a special Transformers bookmark and a "I Got A Library Card" button. And celebrate the month with us with these other fun events:

- Come take your picture with our 6 foot cutout of Optimus Prime! Share your picture with the library and get a free Transformers temporary tattoo.
- Work on the Transformers-themed puzzle under the skylight and get your name entered to win the puzzle
- Participate in the color your own paper Transformer coloring challenge or create your own Bumblebee from the Transformers craft.
- Come to the Transformers themed LEGO® program on September 7.



Kids Can Craft: Paper Transformer Coloring Challenge: September 3—30. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library and color a paper Transformer. Creations can be turned in at the front desk of the library, and the winner will be chosen via a random drawing in early October. The winner will be awarded a backpack loaded with art supplies and snacks.

Creation Station Craft1: September Tree: September 3—30. Create a picture with a tree, sun, and butterflies using paper cutouts and tissue paper for this craft! Kits can be found in the creation station and include all needed materials except for glue and crayons. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel



Creation Station Craft2: Bumblebee the Transformer: September 3—30. To celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month, come craft a 3-D Bumblebee from the Transformers using printouts found in the creation station. Needed for this craft are glue, scissors, and the printout. If you are working on it at the library you may borrow glue and scissors from the circulation desk.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: September 3—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: September 3—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: September 3—30. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle, in celebration of Library Card Sign Up Month, is *Transformers—Autobots*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.

Children's Pretend Play-Station: Library: September 3—30. Area families are invited to come to the children's area to be a librarian for pretend play! Hold a storytime, "check out books" to friends and family, and create your own library cards for Library Card Sign Up month.

Book Characters Scavenger Hunt: September 3—30. Area families are invited to participate in our "Book Characters" scavenger hunt to earn a small prize.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Over, Under, In and Ouch" by Trudy Harris: September 3—30. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



Preschool Prep Program: Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25 from 10:00—11:00 am

Join area children of all ages/abilities and their caregivers to learn and/or practice basic preschool skills in this new community-participation program. Every program will include letter recognition, sensory centers, pretend play, listening to stories, participating in movement songs, and practicing patience with others.

- Adult participation and assistance is required
- Children ages five-plus who have previously learned these skills will act as kid-role-models
- No registration is required!
- Each program will also focus on developing/practicing one specific skill, which will be continuously encouraged in all subsequent programs.
- Skills scheduled to be learned on each date are: September 4—Learn to line up; September 11—Share; September 18—Follow directions; September 25—Politely ask for help.



Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, September 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 are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

Family Storytime: Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25 @ 6:30 pm. Join us for Family Storytime, where children are introduced to books, words, letters, reading, and writing through fun, educational picture books, movement songs, visual prompts, crafts, motor activities, and pretend play opportunities. Family storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared to those 1-6 years old. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary.



Strength Training for Older Adults: Thursdays and Mondays, September 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, & 30 @ 9:30 am & 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.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, September 5 & 19 from 3:00—5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market. Visitors will discover more about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Fun, free Take-and-Make Activity Kits may also be available, while supplies last. *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.*

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 4:00—5:30 pm

Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices with hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron.

The menu for September is September 12—Katsu Chicken (Japanese Fried Chicken); September 19—Llapingachos (Ecuadorian Potato Cakes); and September 26—Chocolate Muffins

Classes will also be held the first three Thursdays in October and November 2024. Registration for each session is required. There is a limit of 12 children per session. A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend. *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.*



Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27 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.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, September 7 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is "Transformers". 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.



Library Card Month Movies @ Your Library presents "Bumblebee": Saturday, September 7 @ 1:00 pm. Charlie finds a beat-up Volkswagen in a friend's junkyard which she then receives as a birthday present. As she tries to repair the car, she accidentally re-activates the Autobot known as Bumblebee. They soon discover however that the Decepticons are in close pursuit and Bumblebee is tasked with protecting Charlie and planet Earth. Rated PG-13 (113 min.)

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament: Sunday, September 8 @ 1:30 pm

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



Read, Renew, Repeat—Adult Summer Library Program Finale: Sunday, September 8 from 1:30—3:30 pm. Participants in the *Read, Renew, Repeat* Adult Summer Reading program are invited to this special open house to celebrate the end of the program. Participants have until 5 pm on Friday, September 6 to submit their forms documenting items read or activities completed prior to September 1. Prizes will be drawn and available to pick up during this open house or at the library during the rest of September. Refreshments and simple activities will be available.

READ,
RENEW,
REPEAT



Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, September 9 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Days Without End* by Sebastian Barry. 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. *Note: date was changed due to the Labor Day holiday.*

Adult Crafternoon—Upcycled Glassware: Monday, September 9 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make your own unique glass! Participants will use mandala designs to decorate a glass provided by the JKPL. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting September 10th and kits will be available while supplies last.



Unlocking Brain Fitness—KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, September 10 thru November 12 from 6:00—8:00 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 is now managed by Held and Hope for a Healthy Brain. These sessions will be presented by Mary Lou Kurt, RN, and other local experts. Participants should be 55 or older in good cognitive health. Participants should be able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions that are two hours each. Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required, 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. Sponsored by Nightingale Drug and the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, September 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 Love Script* by Toni Shiloh. 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.

Donate to the Costume Swap: September 14—27. The swaps we offered as part of the adult summer library program were so popular the JKPL decided to continue with a few more opportunities to donate things you no longer need and perhaps discover something you do! Halloween is only a month away so our September swap will focus on costumes for all ages. If you have new or gently used costumes, masks, or related items you no longer need, please consider donating them to the JKPL. Donations will be accepted between September 14—27. Information about donation guidelines will be posted on the JKPL website and available to pick up at the library. Come back to the Swap on Saturday, September 28 and select what you can use. Swaps are a great way to declutter your home, keep things out of the land fill, and save a little money. Items not taken by swappers will be saved for another swap, donated, recycled or used for JKPL activities.



National Coloring Day Coloring Party: Saturday, September 14 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. An annual event every September 14, National Coloring Day is all about setting aside some time for ourselves to relax and color. Get creative with paper and crayons, colored pencils or markers. To help you relax during this special day, the library will have coloring pages for all ages available to pick up and take home. For those wanting to color in the library—markers, coloring pencils, crayons and more will be available to check out at the front desk or in the Creation Station. We will also have snacks! Everyone who participates by coloring in the library, or taking coloring pages home, is encouraged to sign up at the front desk to get their name entered into a drawing for a tote bag with coloring supplies.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents "IF": Saturday, September 14 @ 1:00 pm. A girl who discovers that she can see everyone's imaginary friends embarks on a magical adventure to reconnect forgotten IFs with their kids. Rated PG (104 min.).



Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, September 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.

What Style Is It? Commercial and Residential Architecture in Dubuque County: Sunday, September 15 @ 2:00 pm

Ever look at a building and wonder what kind of architecture it is? Come to this program where you will learn how to identify the various styles of commercial and residential architecture found in Dubuque County. Presented by Jason Neises from the Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission. Refreshments will be provided.



Bingo Party: Monday, September 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. Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher presents Fabric Roses: Monday, September 16 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create a set of 3 roses out of fused fabric. Participants should be 14 or older. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10. Registration began August 16. Participants will need to bring fabric scissors and wire cutters. This is a repeat of the May class and priority will be given to those who did not attend the May class.

Banned Books Week: September 21—29

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read that spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. This year's theme is *Freed Between The Lines*, because we can find freedom in the pages of a book; but book bans and censorship threaten that freedom, along with many other rights and institutions. To celebrate this week the library will have a few events and activities:

- Participate in the *Name That Banned Book Guessing Jar*. All who submit a correct guess will have their name entered into a drawing for a book themed prize. The winner will be drawn on September 30.
- Pick up a Banned Books Word Search and a "I Read Banned Books" sticker from the circulation desk.
- Come watch the movie *A Wrinkle In Time* (PG) on September 21 at 1:00 pm. This movie is based on the beloved children's book by Madeleine L'Engle that has been banned and challenged multiple times.



Banned Book Movies @ Your Library presents "A Wrinkle In Time": Saturday, September 21 @ 1:00 pm. After her astrophysicist father goes missing, 13-year-old Meg meets three supernatural beings named Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which. They transport her, her friend Calvin, and her brother Charles Wallace through the universe to rescue her dad by traversing strange new planets and unlocking the power inside themselves. Based on the frequently challenged and banned book by Madeleine L'Engle. This is the 2018 version. Rated PG (109 minutes).



JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, September 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 register by 11:00 am on the day of the event at <https://bit.ly/JKPLwriting>.

Sunset Hike @ Ringneck Ridge: Wednesday, September 25 from 6:00—7:30 pm

Walk along the trail at Ringneck Ridge, learn about the prairie and enjoy the colors of the sunset along the landscape. Dubuque County Conservation staff will guide the hike and teach about the area. We will be walking 1.5 miles on uneven terrain so please be prepared for this by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. All ages are welcome but children under 16 need an adult companion. Participants should meet in the parking area at Ringneck Ridge, 5361 IA-136, Worthington, IA. (Turn onto a one-lane gravel road near a grain bin). Registration by September 24 is requested as a minimum of 10 people must participate for this event to be held.



Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, September 26 @ 11:15 am. Come learn about Prebiotics and Probiotics and how they can maintain a healthy GI system. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. All are welcome.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, September 27 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.

Pop-up at the Downtown Market: Saturday, September 28 from 8:00—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. Our participation at this event is weather permitting. *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.*

Costume Swap: Saturday, September 28 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Are you looking for new or gently used costumes, masks or related items for Halloween? Come to the library and see what you might discover. Members of the community have donated good, new and gently used items in all sizes for this special event. Swaps are a great way to declutter your home, keep things out of the land fill, and save a little money. Items not taken by swappers will be saved for another swap, donated, recycled or used for JKPL activities.



Halloween Trivia Night Fundraiser at O So Good Winery & Distillery: Friday, October 25 from 6:30—9:00 pm

Join us for a trivia fundraiser with Trivial Dudes, hosted by O So Good Winery & Distillery and cosponsored by Dollar Fresh Market.

- Purchase a table for up to six guests for \$120.00.
- Price includes two bottles of wine of your choice (or equal value in other drinks), a charcuterie board for six, and a dessert to share.
- Menu items and additional beverages will be available to purchase.
- Visit the library or O So Good Winery & Distillery to purchase a table.
- Space is limited and tables must be purchased before October 21. **TICKETS ON SALE SEPTEMBER 23!**
- There will be Halloween-themed questions as well as general trivia and the contest will include some special twists, prizes, and giveaways.
- Costumes are encouraged and there will be a prize for the best individual costume as well as the best group / table costume.





Turing Tumble Coding Puzzles Wednesday, October 2 from 4:00–5:00 pm

Do you love computers, coding, puzzles and games? Join us for a new program using Turing Tumble, a tactile programming board game that uses marbles, ramps, crossovers, bits, inceptors, gears and gear bits to understand how computers and simple switches work—all in a low-tech, high-fun experience. Takis snacks included in play! Program is designed for ages 8-12. Registration is required since a maximum of 16 kits are available for use. The STEM Scale-Up Turing Tumble program is funded by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council.

Raise The Song of Harvest Home: Creativity with Pen and Ink Monday, October 7 from 5:00–8:00 pm

Autumn is a magical time when we celebrate a bountiful harvest and enjoy the changing colors of the fall months. In this class we will creatively, with pen and ink, honor the beauties of this harvest season. Participants will learn to draw a variety of harvest images and will then design a harvest scene of flowers, berries, pumpkins, and vines. All drawings will be demonstrated step-by-step.

- This class is designed for adults and will be led by Dianne Kramer.
- This class is 3 hours and there will be a short break.
- Snacks will be provided but feel free to bring your own.
- Registration begins September 9 and is required as space is limited to 24.
- Due to the high demand for this class, four of the twenty-four slots are allotted for those who have not previously attended one of Dianne's classes.
- Materials needed: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped, black pen, and colored pencils.

Leaves of Fall @ New Wine Park Wednesday, October 23 from 6:00–7:00 pm

Bring the kids to this family-friendly event where we search for different leaves, learn about the science behind the different colors, and create leaf art that you can take home with you. All materials and instruction will be provided by Dubuque County Conservation staff. Registration by October 22 is requested as a minimum of 10 people must participate for this event to be held.

Strings Club Monday, October 28 @ 6:30 pm

The JKPL monthly Strings Club is returning after a break for the summer! 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 from October to April. Registration encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES:

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Family Halloween at the Library Saturday, October 26 @ 10:00 am

Come to the library to trick-or-treat at businesses on First Avenue then return to the library for a fun craft. All ages welcome, but children younger than 6 require an adult companion. Sponsored by Spoden Construction.

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Upcoming Movies @ Your Library:

The Fall Guy

Rated PG-13 (114 min.)

Saturday, October 5 @ 1:00 pm

The Garfield Movie

Rated PG (100 min.)

Saturday, October 19 @ 1:00 pm

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Library closed	2 Library closed	3 Chair-ity Fundraiser begins! <div>September is Library Card Sign Up Month!</div>	4 Preschool Prep from @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Family Storytime @ 6:30pm	5 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Pop-up at Farmer's Market from 3-5pm	6 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	7 Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am Bumblebee (PG-13) @ 1pm
8 Super Smash Bros Tournament @ 1:30pm Adult Summer Library Program Finale from 1:30-3:30pm	9 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm	10 Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 6pm A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	11 Preschool Prep from @ 10am Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Family Storytime @ 6:30pm	12 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Kids Can Cook @ 4pm	13 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	14 National Coloring Day Party from 10am-2pm IF (PG) @ 1pm Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm
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Banned Books Week: September 21–29						
29	30 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am		<div>September 1–30</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transformer Coloring Challenge September Tree craft kits Coloring, Creating, & Doing Upcycled Cards kits 		<div>September 1–30</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Puzzled StoryWalk® Children's Pretend Play Station & scavenger hunt 	

Upcoming Events for OCTOBER 2024 and Beyond

October is National Book Month! This month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing and literature. The purpose of National Book Month (or National Reading Month) is to encourage reading, an activity that has been proven to have many advantages. Reading can help anyone build excellent vocabulary, improve memory, increase knowledge, and decrease anxiety. To celebrate, the library staff are taking selfies of what they are reading and encourage you to do the same! All pictures will be posted to our social media accounts and earns a chance to win an Adopt-A-Book form. Additional activities to be decided.

Chair-ity Fundraiser Continues! Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Pick up a chair from the library, decorate it any way you like, and return it to the library. Or decorate a chair of your own and donate it to the library. Chairs can be seasonal, thematic, or just anything that appeals to you! And although we focus on chairs, other wooden décor items are welcome. Items will be accepted anytime in October, but prior to October 20 is preferred. A silent auction of the donated items will be held in the library from October 14 to November 24. Photos of all donations will be posted on the library website and social media, and remote bidding in the silent auction may be offered. The Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 20. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 24.

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

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

Kids Can Craft: Create a Scary "Donut-Person" Challenge: October 1-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to color a donut coloring page. Then add arms, legs, eyes, mouth, clothing, a costume, etc. to make a scary donut-person. All entries will be entered into a drawing for an art basket. Winner will be announced in early November.

Creation Station Craft: October 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 to be decided. 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.

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

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: October 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: October 1-31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. As part of celebrating National Book Month this month's puzzle is *Classic Literature Puzzle*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Life-Sized Candyland: Fun with Sight Words” with Art by Dyersville Library Kids: October 1-31. Hey kids! Come walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park to see all of the amazing candy art that Dyersville kids created at the library in March. Walk the trail to find your art, read the action sight words, and complete each action! Parents, encourage your children to read the action sight words and complete the actions because play and movement encourages literacy and memorization in a fun way. *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.*

Unlocking Brain Fitness - KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, October 1 - November 12 @ 6:00 pm. This program is a 10-week evidence-based course developed by doctors and made available through Help and Hope for a Healthy Brain. It intends to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. This fall series is sponsored by Nightingale Drug and the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library. This class started in September so registration has closed. If you are interested in joining a future session, or would like more information, please contact the library to put your name on a waiting list.

Preschool Prep Program: Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 10:00—11:00 am. Join area children of all ages/abilities and their caregivers to learn and/or practice basic preschool skills in this new community-participation program. Every program will include letter recognition, sensory centers, pretend play, listening to stories, participating in movement songs, and practicing patience with others. Parent participation and assistance is required, and children ages five-plus who have previously learned these skills will act as kid-role-models. Each program will also focus on developing/practicing one specific skill, which will be continuously encouraged in all subsequent programs. Skills scheduled to be learned on each date are: October 2 – Wait your turn; October 9 – Listen; October 16 – Share stories; October 23 – Politely ask for a turn; October 30 – Calm your mind through calming breaths. No registration is required. Preschool Prep will be offered weekly until November 20.

Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

Turing Tumble Coding Puzzles: Wednesday, October 2 from 4:00—5:00 pm. Do you love computers, coding, puzzles and games? Join us for a new program using Turing Tumble, a tactile programming board game that uses marbles, ramps, crossovers, bits, inceptors, gears and gear bits to understand how computers and simple switches work - all in a low-tech, high-fun experience. Takis snacks included in play! Program is designed for ages 8-12. Registration is required since a maximum of 16 kits are available for use. *The STEM Scale-Up Turing Tumble program is funded by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council.* This program will be offered monthly during the school year.

Family Storytime: Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 6:30—7:15 pm. Stop in to attend Family Storytime, where children are introduced to books, words, letters, reading, and writing through fun yet educational picture books, movement songs, visual prompts, crafts, motor activities, and pretend play opportunities. Family storytime is open to all ages and abilities but most beneficial to ages and age-ability of 1 - 6 years old. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary. Preschool Prep will be offered weekly until November 20.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Thursdays and Mondays, October 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31 @ 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.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, October 3, 10 & 17 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each class will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron. Classes will also be held November 7, 14, 21. Registration is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session. A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend. *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.*

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, October 4, 11, 18, 25 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.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, October 5 from 10:00-11:00 am. This month's theme is "Trick or Treat". This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

Movies @ Your Library presents "The Fall Guy": Saturday, October 5 @ 1:00 pm. Colt Seavers is a battle-scarred stuntman fresh off an almost career-ending accident. Colt is persuaded to return to his stunt career when he's told his ex, Jody is directing a film and asked for him specifically. With hopes of winning back the love of his life, Colt returns to set only to find the movie's leading man missing and production in peril. Ensnared in an increasingly wild conspiracy, he must solve the mystery to save Jody's film and get one last shot with her. What could possibly go right? Rated PG-13 (114 minutes).

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, October 5 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed. Guns with excessive hitting power will not be allowed.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, October 7 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Adult Crafternoon: Monday, October 7 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a cool fall craft – project to be decided. 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 October 8 and kits will be available while supplies last.

Raise The Song of Harvest Home: Creativity with Pen and Ink: Monday, October 7 @ 5:00 pm. Autumn is a magical time when we celebrate a bountiful harvest and enjoy the changing colors of the fall months. In this class we will creatively – with pen and ink – honor the beauties of this harvest season. Participants will learn to draw a variety of harvest images and will then design a harvest scene of flowers, berries, pumpkins, and vines. All drawings will be demonstrated step-by-step. This class is designed for adults and will be led by Dianne Kramer. This class is 3 hours and there will be a short break. Snacks will be provided but feel free to bring your own. Registration begins September 9 and is required as space is limited to 24. Due to the high demand for this class, four of the twenty-four slots are allotted for those who have not previously attended one of Dianne's classes. Materials needed: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped, black pen, and colored pencils. Examples of what we'll be doing in class are on display at the library!

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, October 8 @ 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 Happy Life of Isadora Bentley* by Courtney Walsh. 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.

Frankentoys: Friday, October 11 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Come join us to stitch, glue, and connect broken toys together to make new creations! The library will provide the toy parts, but feel free to bring any from home. This program is intended for ages 10 and up, but those under the age of 10 may attend if they have an adult companion. Not able to attend but want to make a Frankentoy? Contact the library and we can assemble a to-go kit while supplies last.

Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, October 12 @ 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.

Chair-ity Silent Auction Begins!: Monday, October 14: Creative and clever chairs and other wooden decorative items have been donated to this year's fundraiser! All items are on display in the library and photographs are posted on Facebook and the library's website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us. Bids can be placed in person at the library, by calling the library, or emailing librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us. The highest bid will be listed along with the photo of the item on the library's website. Bids will be updated daily on the website. The Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 20. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on November 24.

Teen Programming: Turing Tumble Coding Puzzles: Wednesday, October 16 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Want to learn more about how computers, coding, puzzles and games work? Join us for a new program using Turing Tumble, a tactile programming board game that uses marbles, ramps, crossovers, bits, inceptors, gears and gear bits to understand how computers and simple switches work. Snacks will be included! Program is designed for ages 13 to 18. Registration is required. Turing Tumble for Teens is offering every other month during the school year.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, October 18 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. Do note the change in date for this month.

Donate to the Toys and Games Swap: October 19 to November 8. The swaps we offered as part of the adult summer library program were popular so the JKPL decided to continue with a few more opportunities to donate things you no longer need and perhaps discover something you do! The winter holidays are just around the corner so this swap will focus on toys and games for all ages. If you have new or gently used toys, games, puzzles or related items you no longer need, please consider bringing them to the JKPL between October 19 and November 8. Information about donation guidelines will be posted on the JKPL website and available to pick up at the library. Come back to the Swap on Saturday, November 9 and select what you can use. Swaps are a great way to declutter your home, keep things out of the land fill, and save a little money. Items not taken by participants will be saved for another swap, donated, recycled or used for JKPL activities.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Garfield Movie": Saturday, October 19 @ 1:00 pm. Garfield, the world-famous, Monday-hating, lasagna-loving indoor cat, is about to have a wild outdoor adventure! After an unexpected reunion with his long-lost father, scruffy street cat Vic, Garfield and his canine friend Odie are forced from their perfectly pampered life into joining Vic in a hilarious, high-stakes heist. Rated PG (100 minutes).

Bingo Party: Monday, October 21 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!

Chair-ity Fundraiser Donor Reception Open House: Sunday, October 20 from 1:30-3:30 pm. Stop in the library to enjoy refreshments and check out all of the items donated for the silent auction. Donors are invited to come and be recognized! This event also marks the start of the Chair-ity Ribbon Voting where you can support your favorite item by voting for it. Categories to be announced.

Chair-ity Ribbon Voting: Sunday, October 20 to Sunday, November 10. Be sure to stop in the library, check out Facebook, or the JKPL website to see the items that have been donated for the Chair-ity fundraiser. Show your support for your favorite by voting for it! Categories to be decided. Voting is available by completing a paper form at the library. Ribbons will be awarded on Monday, November 11 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention.

Cricut with Christopher presents Wooden Welcome Signs: Monday, October 21 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create an engraved, wooden welcome sign. Participants should be 14 or older. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10. Registration begins September 21. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held on the third Monday of each month.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, October 22 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please register by 11:00 am on the day of the event at <https://bit.ly/JKPLwriting>.

Leaves of Fall @ New Wine Park: Wednesday, October 23 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Bring the kids to this family-friendly event where we search for different leaves, learn about the science behind the different colors, and create leaf art that you can take home with you. All materials and instruction will be provided by Dubuque County Conservation staff. Participants will meet at the pavilion at New Wine Park, 15971 New Wine Park Lane, New Vienna. Stay left once you enter the park. Registration by October 22 is requested as a minimum of 10 people must participate for this event to be held.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, October 24 @ 11:15 am. Topic to be announced. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. There will be food samples to try and giveaways. All are welcome.

Thursday, October 24: Ghouls Night Out from 5:00-8:00 pm. Join us for the annual Ghouls Night Out! Stroll the streets of downtown Dyersville, shop, browse, and enjoy a night out on the town with the participating businesses and organizations. Just like last year, check in at Brew & Brew to receive your passport. The JKPL Pop-Up Library will be set up inside the library and will be a stop for this event. Pick up a free book and get your name entered into a drawing for some library swag. The JKPL will also have hot cider available for all to enjoy. Return your filled passport to Brew & Brew to try your luck at winning the grand prize! Participating businesses and specials will be announced before the event so keep an eye out! Costumes are encouraged. Date and details to be confirmed.

Double Creature Feature: Saturday, October 26 @ 5:00 pm. Come join us for our yearly Double Creature Feature! The following movies will be shown: *Last Voyage of the Demeter* and *Abigail*. This program is for those age 13 and older, however, younger participants are welcome if they have an adult to accompany them. Snacks will be provided. *The Last Voyage of the Demeter* (Rated R) follows an ill-fated ship on its way to London that is unknowingly carrying an ancient vampire. *Abigail* (Rated R) is about a criminal group that kidnaps a little girl only to learn that she is the daughter of Dracula.

Halloween Trivia Night Fundraiser at O So Good Winery & Distillery: Friday, October 25 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Join us for a trivia fundraiser with Trivial Dudes, hosted by O So Good Winery & Distillery and cosponsored by Dollar Fresh Market. Purchase a table for up to six guests for \$120.00. Price includes two bottles of wine of your choice (or equal value in other drinks), a charcuterie board for six, and a dessert to share. Menu items and additional beverages will be available to purchase. Visit the library or O So Good Winery & Distillery to purchase a table. Space is limited and tables must be purchased before October 21. There will be Halloween themed questions as well as general trivia and the contest will include some special twists, prizes, and giveaways. Costumes are encouraged and there will be a prize for the best individual costume as well as the best group / table costume. Guests are welcome to arrive at any time but trivia will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

Halloween at the Library: Saturday, October 26 @ 10:00 am. Come to the library to trick-or-treat at businesses on First Avenue, read a spooky story in business windows on the way, then return to the library to decorate a pumpkin. All ages welcome, but children younger than 6 require an adult companion. Sponsored by Tim and Angela English.

Family Halloween Movies @ Your Library presents "Coco": Saturday, October 26 @ 1:00 pm. Despite his family's baffling generations-old ban on music, Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events. Along the way, he meets charming trickster Hector, and together, they set off on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history. Rated PG (105 min.)

Strings Club: Monday, October 28 @ 6:30 pm. The JKPL monthly Strings Club is returning after a break for the summer! 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 from October to April. Registration encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

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