

Upcoming Events for May

Children's Pretend Play Station: Card Shop: May 1—31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Card Shop play! Free Mother's Day cards are also available for kids to color and give to Mom, while supplies last.

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



Kids Can Craft: My Favorite Bookcase: May 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to color a "My Favorite Bookcase" picture. Every design turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket. The limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early June.

Creation Station Craft: Paper Roll Mushroom: May 1—31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft uses a recycled toilet paper roll to create a cute mushroom. Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies except for glue and scissors. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.



Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: May 1—31. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each 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.

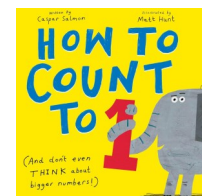
Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: May 1—31. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are 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.

Adult Craft Kit: Ink Tracing Pages: May 1—31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is Ink Tracing pages where you trace over white lines using a black pen on a pre-colored watercolor background to reveal detailed images. Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies except for a black fine-tipped pen. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available at the front desk while supplies last. This kit is for adults only.



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



Euchre Card Party: Fridays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, May 2 from 10:00—11:00 am. Join us for this monthly LEGO® program that is for children of all ages. Those under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. 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. Sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents “The Spongebob Movie: Search for Squarepants”: **Saturday, May 2 @ 1:00 pm.** Hoping to prove his bravery to Mr. Krabs, SpongeBob follows a mysterious, swashbuckling ghost pirate known as the Flying Dutchman on a seafaring adventure that takes him to the deepest depths of the ocean. Rated PG (88 minutes).



Um, Actually: Saturday, May 2 @ 4:00 pm

Want to show off your nerd knowledge? Come join us for *Um, Actually*, a game where teams of participants try to figure out what is wrong with a pop culture statement for points. This library version is based on the game show of the same name. This program is for ages 12 and up. Registration is required by May 1st to ensure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience!



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, May 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21 & 28 @ 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. *Note: we are not meeting on May 25 due to Memorial Day holiday.*

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, May 4 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the All Iowa Reads Teen selection *Strong Like You* by T.L. Simpson. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please send an email by 10:00 am, on the day of the program, to librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.



Genealogy with Ann: Monday, May 4 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

The Art of Youthful Aging: Tuesday, May 5 @ 2:00 pm

Youthful aging is not an oxymoron. It is an attitude that defines a new belief system, supports positive emotions, and motivates healthy behaviors. Aging is often seen as a downward spiral into a life marked by limitation rather than as an opportunity for personal enrichment. Attitude determines outcome as we age! Replacing unhealthy thoughts and habits with healthy ones requires commitment, perseverance and dedication. This program, led by motivational speaker Constance Hallinan Lagan, offers specific tips on lifestyle changes to ensure we age gracefully and peacefully while enhancing our emotional, mental and physical wellbeing. Constance will join us via Zoom. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Storytime: Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm. Join Ms. Andrea for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required. No registration required. Please note that the evening storytime on May 6 will be a special Stuffed Animal Sleepover program; more details are listed below. Storytime runs through May 27 and morning storytime resumes June 10 with Big Trucks Storytime.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, May 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. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

“Baseball Spy” Author Scott Reister Meet-and-Greet: Wednesday, May 6 @ 3:00 pm

All members of the community are invited to attend an author’s book talk with Iowa author Scott Reister, who will discuss his writing process and publication challenges. Fifth-graders who loved “Baseball Spy” events in your school, come learn more from Scott! This program is open to all ages, but children under 8-years-old will need to be accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is not required. *The Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library sponsored the following: the JKPL author visit, a free “Baseball Spy” book for every Dyersville Elementary and Xavier Elementary 5th-grader, and two writing workshop programs for 5th-grade students in their schools.*



Early Out Afternoons: Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 3:30—4:30 pm. School’s out early on Wednesdays, so head to the library every week for special activities geared toward kids of all ages! (Children under age 7 are welcome but must attend with a teen or adult companion). The dates and activities are: May 6—Color a Huge Mother’s Day Card for Mom; May 13—LEGO Club; May 20—Writing, Drawing and Coloring; and May 27—Book Bingo.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover & Storytime: Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:30 pm

Calling all kids: bring your second-favorite stuffed animal to the library for a stuffy sleepover to celebrate Children's Book Week! Ms. Christa will present a storytime with her own book *The Stuffy Sleepover*, which features Dyersville kids' stuffed animals and the JKPL! Kids will then plant a donut seed, kiss their stuffy goodnight, and leave them in the library overnight. The next day, return to the library to claim your stuffy, a donut flower, and a picture of your stuffy's shenanigans. This program is open to all children under 12-years old, but children under seven must be accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is not required but please be prepared for noisy fun!



Libby Reads Digital Book Club Discussion: Thursday, May 7 @ 6:30 pm. Join us at the JKPL as we discuss the Libby Reads Digital Book Club selection, *Familia* by Lauren E. Rico. Between April 23 and May 7, readers across the United States could check this book out, in eAudio or eBook, from Overdrive on the Libby app with no waitlists or holds. This is your opportunity to enjoy refreshments and share your thoughts on this book with other local readers.

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, May 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.

Library is closed for Mother's Day: Sunday, May 10



Pokémon Club: Monday, May 11 from 4:00—6:00 pm. Drop in at this new monthly gathering to play Pokémon and meet some fellow fans! Come play, or learn, the trading card game, or video games, with seasoned players. Meet some friends and do some card trading. All ages welcome; however, those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. This group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, May 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 *The Florence Legacy* by Lauraine Snelling. 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 email dschrandt@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 6pm on the day of the program so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

Plant Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, May 16 from 9:00—11:00 am

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



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

Movies @ Your Library presents "Anaconda": Saturday, May 16 @ 1:00 pm. Doug and Griff have been best friends since they were kids, and have always dreamed of remaking their all-time favorite movie *Anaconda*. When a midlife crisis pushes them to finally go for it, they head deep into the Amazon to start filming. But as they encounter unexpected events in the jungle, they realize this movie might just get them killed. Rated PG-13 (98 minutes).



Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament: Sunday, May 17 @ 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.



Bingo Party: Monday, May 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!

Create with Audrey—Press Dried Flowers: Thursday, May 21 from 6:00—7:30 pm and Friday, May 22 from 10:00 am—12:30 pm. Join Audrey this month and glue dried flowers to a mini easel to create a 3-D picture. This program is intended for adults of all-abilities. Children over the age of 10 may attend with an adult companion.



Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, May 22 from 6:00—8:00 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.

Library closed for Memorial Day: Sunday, May 24 & Monday, May 25



JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, May 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 contact the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Health & Wellness 365: Thursday, May 28 @ 11:30 am. Join us for lunch, and learn about current health and wellness topics at this monthly program presented by the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging with Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. This month, we will be discussing the MIND Diet for brain health. Individuals over age 60, or those with age related concerns, will most benefit from this program, but all are welcome. Attendees can choose to have a lunch, which is provided for free for those over age 60 and must be eaten on site. Registration is required by 3:00 pm on May 26 if you want lunch. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, May 30 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.

GREAT GIVE DAY **Great Give Day is May 20, 2026!**

Great Give Day is a day focused on donating to causes or establishments within your community. Looking to support the James Kennedy Public Library? Then consider donating to the James Kennedy Public Library Endowment! The mission of the James Kennedy Public Library (JKPL) Endowment is to provide supplemental financial support to the library.

The James Kennedy Public Library enriches the Dyersville community by providing equal access to creative resources for entertainment and education. The James Kennedy Public Library helps create a thriving community to inspire curiosity, creativity, innovation, and connection. The JKPL Endowment fund, through your charitable contributions, ensures the library will continue to provide these services for years to come. Started 60 years after the founding of the library, the Endowment will insure the library's ability to remain dedicated to its original mission and continue to serve the community needs.

Want more information? Check out the Endowment Fund's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/James-Kennedy-Public-Library-Endowment-107205744107637/>

Want to donate? Visit the following link: <https://www.greatgiveday.org/jkplendowment>

Library Garage Sale **Saturday, June 6**

We need your donations!

The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library are partnering to offer a new way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community are encouraged to donate their gently used items to the JKPL and they will be sold at a garage sale with the proceeds going to support the JKPL.

- Items should be brought to the library during library business hours between June 1—5.
- Items should be in good, clean, working condition.
- A list of donation guidelines will be posted on the JKPL website or available to pick up at the library starting May 2.
- Have questions? Contact us at (563)875-8912



Summer Reading Programs For All Ages are Coming in June!

The summer reading program theme this year for all ages is *Plant a Seed—Read*. The program theme this year encourages creativity, conservation, and continued reading. All programs offer incentives to read and use the library. The JKPL is offering four programs:

- PreK Children (0 through 3 years old): June 2—August 1
- Children (4-11 years old/5th grade): June 2—August 1
- Teens (6th to 12th grade): June 2—August 1
- Adults (18 and older): June 1—August 31



Registration for the adult program begins June 1 and registration begins on June 2 for the children and teen programs. Please check with the library for the specific guidelines for each program. In addition to these summer reading programs, many special events and activities will be offered!

Delaney's Scoop It Up Ice Cream Summer Reading Program is back!

Earn Delaney's ice cream by reading this summer! Between June 1—August 31 when you check out books at the library, present a Delaney's punch card and earn a punch for every book that you check out (up to five books per visit). Punch cards are available at all Delaney's Ice Cream stores and at all libraries in Dubuque County. Created by and sponsored by Delaney's Ice Cream.



Paint a Flower Guided Acrylic Art Class
Tuesday, June 2 at 10:30 am, 2:00 pm, & 6:00 pm

Kick off our *Plant a Seed—Read* summer library activities by painting a beautiful flower! At each class, participants will use basic shapes & simple painting techniques to create a different design on an 8x10 inch canvas.

- All ages and abilities welcome; but those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.
- All supplies provided.
- Each class should last about 2 hours.
- Registration is required as space is limited. Walk-ins welcome as space and supplies allow.
- Registration begins May 14 and ends at 12 noon on June 1.
- Guests may sign up for only one class. Adults will be given priority to register for the evening class.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Magician Mikayla Oz
Wednesday, June 3 @ 10:00 am

Magician Mikayla Oz is back! The popular magician will perform a hilarious, high-energy magic show with her live bird Bubbles. All ages welcome, but children under age 8 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Due to space constraints, seating is limited, so tickets to attend will be issued.

- Tickets are free and will be available to pick up at the front desk starting at 9:00 am the day of the program.
- Tickets are first-come, first-served.
- If we reach capacity, patrons are then welcome to watch the performance through the Hoffman Room window or on a closed-circuit television in the Children's Area.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Library Garage Sale Fundraiser
Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Members of the community have donated good, new, and gently used items to the JKPL for this annual event. The sale will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the library (weather permitting) or in the Hoffman Room. Items will be priced to sell—or buy a box for \$20 and fill it with as many unpriced items as you can! Items not sold on Saturday will be available on Sunday for a donation. All proceeds will be used to support library programs, collections and services.

Have items you want to donate to the sale?
Contact the library!

Want to stay current on all that is going on at the library? Here's how:

- *Sign up for our weekly email newsletter
- *Visit our website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us
- *Follow us on Goodreads: James Kennedy Public Library
- *Follow us on YouTube: James Kennedy Public Library

Dyersville Public Works Presents
Big Trucks at the Library
Wednesday, June 10 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Come to the library's parking lot to learn about the Dyersville Public Works' vehicles and see big truck demonstrations! While here, attend the Big Truck Storytime at 10:30 am and/or participate in chalk art on the sidewalk. All participants will receive a free stress ball, while supplies last. All ages welcome, and an adult companion is required for children under 10-years-old.

Dragon Academy
Friday, June 12 @ 10:00 am
@ Legacy Park

Learn how to train a dragon at Dragon Academy, where animatronic dragons will swoop in for a visit. Come to learn and stay for a picture with the dragons. All ages welcome, but children under age 8 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Foraging Hike at New Wine Park
Monday, June 15 @ 6:30 pm

Hike along the trails as we look for the edible parts of nature around us. We will look for berries, leaves, and nuts while we do some taste testing. Go home with new knowledge and a recipe to try on your own!

- This event is brought to you through the partnership with the Dubuque County Conservation.
- All ages welcome but guests under 16 years of age need an adult companion.
- Registration required by June 14.

Summer Tea
Sunday, June 28 from 1:30—3:00 pm

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

Free Cucumber Seed Program!

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

- Program participants will receive 25 cucumber seeds and season long updates on good growing practices for raising cucumbers throughout the 2026 gardening season.
- Seeds will be available to pick up between May 6—20.
- **Registration is required by May 20, 2026.**
- More information and registration can be found at <https://bit.ly/dbqcucumber>

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