

Events for SEPTEMBER 2026 and Beyond

Chair-ity Fundraiser Begins: September 1. Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Items for auction and other details to be decided by Committee.

Children's Pretend Play Station: Veterinarian: September 1-30.

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Small Animals: September 1-30. Kids can earn one prize, per child, per library visit for completing the hunt!

Kids Can Craft: Favorite Animal Collage: September 1-30. Kids of all ages are invited to color their favorite animals, cut them out, and paste them to a display at the front desk for everyone to admire. 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 October.

Creation Station Craft: September 1-30. Kits include 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. Activity to be decided.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: September 1-30. Use the front of an old greeting card, glue, and cardstock to make a new card from an old one. All supplies provided except glue.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: September 1-30. Each pack will include at least 10 different items including coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages. Kits available while supplies last.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: September 1-30. Stop in and help put together a new jigsaw puzzle—*Rock Pop Legends Collage*. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle.

Adult Craft Kit: September 1-30. Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies. 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. Activity to be decided.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "I Want 100 Dogs" by Stacy McAnulty: September 1-30. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. *The StoryWalk® 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.*

Library Card Sign-Up Month: September 1-30. This year, libraries all across the United States remind you that a library card Hits all the Right Notes! Check out a classic story or hit shuffle and try something new. Find harmony at your library's book clubs, movie nights, crafting classes, and author talks. Compose your future with new skills in your library's makerspace or check out instruments and tools in the Library of Things. This September, B sharp, and sign up for a library card! To celebrate, when you sign up for a library card at the JKPL in September you will receive a special sticker and bracelet. Weather permitting, the book bike will also be out and about - to give away books, sign up people for cards etc.

Storytime: Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 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: September 30 storytimes feature a stuffed animal sleepover event.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request.

Early Out Afternoons: Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 1:00—5:00 pm. Drop in at the Creation Station for a self-guided paper craft or special coloring sheets every Wednesday following a monthly theme. This month's theme is Dolls and Toys.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, September 3, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24 & 28 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. This class is for older adults of any age and fitness level. Participants exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD twice a week and most of the exercises are performed seated in a chair. Each participant will need weights and a stretch band for the class. Space is limited so registration is required. This program is made possible by a partnership with the Geri-Fit® Company.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, September 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 menu for September is: Orange Julius drinks - the original plus variants (3rd); Chicken Gyros (10th) and Pound Cake Cupcakes (17th). Registration for each session 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: Fridays, September 4, 11, 18 & 25 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, September 5 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. Sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, September ?? 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. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient. Date to be determined.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, September 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 Song of Sourwood Mountain* by Ann Gabhart. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

Dyersville GLR Family Literacy Event - PreK and Under: Thursday, September 10 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Children in PreKindergarten and under, and their families, are invited to this special event to learn about family literacy opportunities in the library. Join us for a free meal, free books, and other fun giveaways and discover all the library and the Dyersville Campaign for Grade-Level Reading have to offer. Events for children in other age groups and their families will be offered

monthly during the school year. Registration encouraged at: <https://bit.ly/4pt8Gzr>

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, September 14 @ 12:00 noon. This month the group will discuss *Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club* by Martha Kelly. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. Note: the date of book club was moved due to the Labor Day holiday.

National Coloring Day - Coloring Party: Monday, September 14 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. An annual event every September 14, National Coloring Day is all about setting aside some time to relax and color and get creative with paper and crayons, colored pencils or markers. Come pick up some traditional coloring pages and color in the Hoffman Room. For those wanting to try something different, there will be Ink Tracing and Color by Number Mystery pages to challenge you! All ages welcome. Refreshments provided.

Movies @ Your Library presents "The Devil Wears Prada 2": Saturday, September 12 @ 1:00 pm. Andy Sachs returns to Runway magazine as the new features editor where she finds her formidable former boss Miranda facing threats to her glossy print empire. Rated PG-13 (120 minutes).

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, September 12 @ 3:30 pm. Join us in person, or remotely via Discord, to play D & D. New players of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Sheep Detectives": Saturday, September 19 @ 1:00 pm. George Hardy is a shepherd who loves his sheep. Every night he reads aloud a murder mystery, pretending his sheep can understand, never suspecting that not only can they understand, but they argue for hours afterwards about whodunnit. When George is found dead under mysterious circumstances, the sheep realize at once that it was a murder and think they know everything about how to go about solving it. Rated PG (109 minutes).

Bingo Party: Monday, September 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.

Prairie Sunset Hike @ Ringneck Ridge: Monday, September 21 from 6:00 pm to 7:30pm. Walk along the trail at Ringneck Ridge, 5361 Highway 136, Worthington, IA, as we 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, please be prepared for this by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. All ages welcome but those under 16 need an adult companion. Registration requested as a minimum of 10 are needed to hold this event. Register online or by contacting the library.

Design a Floral Art Journal, Part 1: Tuesday, September 22 @ 6:00 pm. This class, led by Dianne Kramer, is designed for anyone who loves flowers and wants to experiment with a fun and playful drawing technique. Participants will be shown how to capture the beauty of wildflowers in pen and ink and colored pencil and how to creatively display their floral images in a mini art journal. Participants must be 18 or older. Registration is required as there is a maximum of 16 participants allowed. Part 2 of this class will be held on October 6 @ 6:00 pm. Registration for both classes begins August 22. Participants must attend Part 1 in order to attend Part 2. Materials needed for class: Fine-tip pen, small, fine-tipped scissors, colored pencils, graphite pencil and eraser. All other materials will be provided.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, September 22 @ 6:30 pm. Join us for this monthly sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. Attendees are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time.

Health & Wellness 365: Thursday, September 24 @ 11:30 am. Join us for lunch, and learn about a health topic. Presented by the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging with Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. 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 September 22 if you want lunch. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, September 25 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! All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Pop-Up @ Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, September 26 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer at our pop-up library and select a free book to keep. We will also have WiFi access, if you need it. 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.

Strings Club: Monday, September 28 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a string instrument and want to jam with others? Then come join the monthly JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. Facilitated by Gary Bramel.

Sleepover in a Box: Wednesday, September 30 @ 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Join Ms. Andrea to celebrate a special book “Zach and Ollie’s Adventures: A Walk Through the Seasons” by Iowa author and librarian, Zach Stier. This special storytime program includes a stuffed animal sleepover in a box!

KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Dates and details to be decided. Join us for this 10-week evidence-based course that 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. This course is made possible by the nonprofit Brain Help and Hope 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 Brain Help and Hope 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

Celebrate National Coffee Day and International Coffee Day: September 29 and October 1. Join us in celebrating coffee and the joy it brings to people all over the world. Activities to be decided.

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, a book themed activity kit with coloring pages, trivia and more will be available and, weather permitting, the Book Bike will be out and about in the community. Readers of all ages are also encouraged to recommend favorite books by filling out a short recommendation. Every recommendation earns an entry into a prize drawing to win book or JKPL themed items.

Children’s Pretend Play Station: Coffee Shop: October 1-31.

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Coffee Treats: October 1-31.

Kids Can Craft: Dress a Skeleton: October 1-31.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Very Good Hats" by Emma Straub: October 1-31.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, October 1, 8, & 15 from 4:00-5:30 pm.

Right To Read Book Trivia: Saturday, October 3 from 1:00-2:30 pm. Join us for some fun book trivia as we celebrate the start of Banned Books Week. There will be 5 rounds of 5 questions and attendees will play as single players (no teams). There will be a prize for 1st place! Refreshments provided.

Right to Read for Banned Books Week: October 4-10. Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. The theme this year is *Let Books Be. Protect the Freedom to Read.* This week is a celebration of the freedom to read and the joy that comes from discovering stories that expand our understanding of ourselves and one another. To celebrate, the library will have a *Right to Read* exhibit set up in the center of the library.

Design a Floral Art Journal, Part 2: Tuesday, October 6 @ 6:00 pm. This class, led by Dianne Kramer, is designed for anyone who loves flowers and wants to experiment with a fun and playful drawing technique. This class is a continuation of the September 22 class and participants must have attended the first class to attend this one. Registration is required and registration began August 22. Materials needed for class: Fine-tip pen, small, fine-tipped scissors, colored pencils, graphite pencil and eraser. All other materials will be provided.

Early Out Afternoons: Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1:00—5:00 pm. Drop in at the Creation Station for a self-guided special paper craft every Wednesday following a monthly theme. This month's theme is Harvest. Early Out Afternoons will be offered most of the school year with a different theme each month.

Dyersville GLR Family Literacy Event - Kindergartners: Thursday, October 8 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Children in Kindergarten, and their families, are invited to this special event to learn about family literacy opportunities in the library. Join us for a free meal, free books, and other fun giveaways and discover all the library and the Dyersville Campaign for Grade-Level Reading have to offer. Events for children in other age groups and their families will be offered monthly during the school year. Registration encouraged at: <https://bit.ly/4pt8Gzr>

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Toy Story 5": Saturday, October 17 @ 1:00 pm.

Ghouls Night Out: Thursday, October 29 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Details to be announced.

Children's Halloween Party: Saturday, October 31. Details and activities to be decided.

Books for Treats Halloween Pop-Up Library: Saturday, October 31 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Join us for the annual Books-for-Treats Event where families are invited to Trick-or-Treat for a book instead of candy! The JKPL will have a pop-up library on the lawn of The Allen House at 515 1st Ave. W. in Dyersville. Books for all ages, including adults, will be available. This event 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. Location to be confirmed.

Halloween Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Minions & Monsters”: Saturday, October 31 @ 1:00 pm. The Minions are in Hollywood making a monster movie! As they search for frightening creatures for their movie, they unknowingly unleash monsters upon an unsuspecting world. Rated PG (90 minutes).

International Games Month @ Your Library: November 1-30. International Games Month (IGM) is an initiative coordinated by the American Library Association's Games and Gaming Round Table and run by volunteers from around the world to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games. Libraries, schools, community centers and other sites host special events during this month to encourage people to try different styles of gaming. Activities to be decided.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Buffalo Fluffalo” by Bess Kalb: November 1-30..

Celebrate Children's Book Week: November 9-15. The official theme is "Books: Get Curious," featuring poster artwork created by bestselling author and illustrator Grace Lin. Activities to be announced.

Children's Book Week Craft: Wednesday, November 4 from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm. Come to the front desk to choose a craft from our *super special* treasure box. Crafts available all day to celebrate Children's Book Week!

National STEAM Day Mini-fest!: Date to be decided. Every November 8, the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics take the spotlight for National STEM/STEAM Day. By celebrating the ways in which STEM/STEAM affects our lives and our world, we're able to show children how important it is to study these fields and to be aware of their impact. To celebrate National STEAM Day, the JKPL will be hosting a mini STEAMfest! There will be several stations set up so you can try each of the activities.

Dyersville GLR Family Literacy Event - 1st Graders: Thursday, November 12 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Fit the Pieces Jigsaw Puzzle Fundraiser: Thursday, November 12 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Join us at Textile Brewing Company for this fundraising event to support the JKPL! Teams of up to 4 individuals can buy a table for \$60.00 which includes a 500-piece puzzle. Complete the puzzle first to win! Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place. Be sure to bring some cash to buy some fun twists like freezing the competition, making them wear gloves, putting them in jail and more - with all proceeds going to the library! Participation is limited to 15 teams. Textile Brewing Company will donate 10% of food sales during the event to the JKPL. All proceeds will benefit the James Kennedy Public Library. Details to be confirmed.

Celebrate World Kindness Day: Friday, November 13: The purpose of World Kindness Day, as outlined by the World Kindness Movement, is “to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us.” Since its creation more than two decades ago, the day has achieved truly global notice; events associated with the day have attracted participants from every inhabited continent. Activities TBD.

Layette Quilt Display and Sale: Dates tba. The James Kennedy Public Library is partnering with the Dyersville Layette Ladies to share with you the work and talent of the Layette Ladies as well as raise some funds for both organizations. Several layette or lap size quilts, as well as some larger sizes, made by the group will be on display at the library from November 24 thru December 23. These quilts will be available to purchase starting at \$25.00 (larger sizes are more) and proceeds will be split between the

Layette Ladies group and the JKPL.

Wednesday, November 25: Library closes @ 5:00 pm

Thursday, November 26: Library closed for Thanksgiving

Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser: Saturday, November 28 from 9:00-11:00 am. Take a quick break from your local shopping to support your library by enjoying a breakfast burrito! \$8.00 gets you a delicious egg, sausage, hash brown and cheese burrito. Don't want a tortilla? New this year you can choose a Burrito Bowl for the same price. Step into the Hoffman Community Room to get your breakfast and support your library! All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections. A special Thank You goes to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser! Burritos available while supplies last. **To be confirmed.**

Small Business Saturday Refueling Station: Saturday, November 28 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Need a break from shopping? Stop in the library and relax with a warm beverage or snack. Grab a few moments of down time by working on the puzzle, coloring, reading or just relaxing.

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

Cookie Walk Fundraiser: Friday, December 4 from 1:00-5:00 pm & Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Craving some special treats but don't have time to bake for yourself? Come to the library for the annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser! Guests will be able to purchase a dozen items for \$8.00 (or 24 for \$15.00). Choose from a delicious assortment of treats to be placed on a plate, covered, and decorated with a bow. Items will be homemade by friends, volunteers, board members, and staff of the library. Cookies will be stored away from the public and handled only by staff and volunteers working the event. Prepackaged plates will be available starting December 5 and while supplies last. Funds raised from this event will be used to support library collections, programs and services. Details to be confirmed.

Children's Holiday Party: Saturday, December 5 from 10:30 - 12:30. Storytime, milk and cookies with the Grinch?

Cookies and Cocoa at the Merry Mingle Market: Saturday, December 5 from 12:00-4:00 pm. The JKPL will be at the Merry Mingle Market and we're bringing part of the annual cookie walk fundraiser with us! Stop by the JKPL booth and support the library while satisfying your sweet tooth. A variety of homemade cookies and sweet treats will be on a decorative plate, covered and decorated with a colorful bow. Each plate will be \$8.00 and include 12 items. Want something to grab and go? Individual cookies will be for sale for \$1.00 each and hot cocoa for \$2.00 a cup. Details to be confirmed.

Pop-Up Library at Merry Mingle Market: Saturday, December 5 from 12:00-4:00 pm. When visiting the Merry Mingle Market, be sure to check out the JKPL pop-up library. Learn more about the library and select a free book to keep. There will be books for all ages available. 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.

National Cocoa Day Celebration: Sunday, December 13. This time of year, many people crave the sweet, dark, creamy beverage known as hot cocoa and this is a perfect occasion to indulge yourself! Stop by the library and enjoy a hot cup of cocoa from our cocoa bar while enjoying your local library. Activities to be confirmed.

Old Fashioned Christmas: Sunday, December 13 or 20 from 1:30- 3:30 pm. The entire family is invited for an afternoon of live music, traditional Christmas carols, cookies, and spiced cider at the Dyer-Botsford House in Dyersville. Prizes will be given out in a drawing. All ages welcome, but children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is sponsored by the Senior Advisory Committee of the JKPL and the Dyersville Area Historical Society. Date and details to be confirmed.

Live Holiday Music: Date and time to be decided. Join us at the JKPL for this special holiday event featuring local musicians!

Wednesday, December 23: Library closes @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, December 24: Library closed for Christmas
Friday, December 25: Library closed for Christmas
Saturday, December 26: Library closed for Christmas

Family New Year Celebration Activity Kit. Looking for ways to celebrate New Year's Noon, or New Year's Eve, with the family? Stop by the library and grab one of our New Year's Activity Kits! Each kit will come with multiple activities for the whole family. These kits will be available to pick up starting December 27th and will be available while supplies last. Details to be confirmed.

Thursday, December 31: Library closes @ 5:00 pm
Friday, January 1: Library closed for New Years

Soup Lunch and Dinner Fundraiser: Monday, January ?? from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm & 4:30 to 6:00 pm! Warm up this winter with the JKPL annual Soup Fundraiser! Enjoy a bowl of homemade chili or chicken noodle soup. Details to be determined.

Fit the Pieces Puzzle Fundraiser. Partnership with Textile Brewing. Date and details to be decided. Typically January event.

Love My Library Fundraiser. Dates and details to be decided. Typically January and February event.

Build-A-Basket Fundraiser. Dates and details to be decided. Typically starts in February with Silent Auction ending Sunday before Easter.

Dyersville GLR Family Literacy Event – 3rd Graders: Thursday, February 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Dyersville GLR Family Literacy Event - 4th and 5th Graders: Thursday, March 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.