



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Adult Summer Library Program Continues: August 1—31

This year's theme is *Plant A Seed—Read*. The theme is rooted in the concept of farm-to-table: a farm grows food that nourishes our bodies while a library grows ideas that nourish our minds. Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology.

- For everyone 18 and older.
- Program runs thru August 31 and the last day to register is August 24.
- Participants will receive a bookbag, bookmark, and a free book just for registering.
- Participants will track books read or listened to, library services used, programs attended, and activities completed to earn prizes.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Plant a Seed—Read: Book Genre Bingo: August 1—31

Looking to challenge yourself this summer? Add Book Genre Bingo to your summer reading plans! Pick up a bingo card and read different genres. Complete two bingos to earn an entry into the adult Summer Library Program grand prize drawings. Complete a black out bingo and earn an Adopt-A-Book form. Books read for bingos may also be counted for the traditional Summer Library Program.

Plant a Seed—Read: Voting Jar: August 1—31

Each month this summer you are invited to respond to a question related to the summer theme. August's question is: *What is your favorite farm animal?* Visitors of all ages are welcome to share their response every time they visit the library by putting a pom-pom in the jar that matches their choice. Each response also earns an entry into a drawing to win a prize.

Plant a Seed—Read: Reading Recommendations: August 1—31

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

Children's Summer Reading Program Store: Saturday, August 1 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

All children who participated in the Summer Reading Program are invited to come spend their points in the Summer Reading Store. Prizes include all new toys, stuffed animals, and books. Plus you'll get a free ice cream! Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Any family and/or children unable to attend on August 1 can turn in their points at the front desk for books anytime through August 31. *Sponsored by the Dyersville Area Community Foundation, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, Toys for Tots, and Delaney's Ice Cream.*



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, August 1 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.



Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, August 1 from 4:00—6:00 pm. 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.



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, August 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 & 31 @ 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.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, August 3 @ 12:00 noon. This month the group will discuss *Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.



Genealogy with Ann: Monday, August 3 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.

Dubuque County Conservation Composting Study: Monday, August 3 @ 2:00 pm

From decomposition to helpful critters, to the changes we see under a microscope, the Dubuque County Conservation will guide children through composting principles. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19 & 26 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.

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, August 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre where you can come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, August 8 @ 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.

Registration begins for Kids Can Cook: Monday, August 10

Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices.

- Classes will be held September 3, 10 & 17; October 1, 8 & 15; and November 5, 12 & 19.
- Registration for each monthly 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.*



Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game: Monday, August 10 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this role playing game with simple rules and lots of shenanigans. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.



Dementia Caregiving Tips: Tuesday, August 11 @ 10:30 am

Caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other dementias can be challenging, but this program will provide tips for caregivers and communication strategies that can be used throughout multiple stages of the disease. Participants will learn about the progression of Alzheimer's and how it affects behaviors and will hear examples of how to respond to difficult situations. Refreshments will be provided. Presented by Greg Woods, MPH with the Iowa Department of Health & Human Services.



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, August 11 @ 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 *Shattered Sanctuary* by Nancy Mehl. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

Dr. Bec's Amazon Animal Study: Wednesday, August 12 @ 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Wartburg College professor Dr. Bec will share some animal and science knowledge with kids in an event that features exotic animals such as corn snakes, sulcata tortoises, miniature chickens, giant cave cockroaches and tarantulas. Dr. Bec will choose the animals to bring on the day of travel. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



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

- Tickets are free and tickets for either show will be available to pick up at the front desk starting at 9:00 am on 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 window or on a closed-circuit television.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, August 13 & 27 from 3:00—5:00 pm. Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. 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 James Kennedy Public Library.

Dyersville Grade Level Reading Kick Off to School: Thursday, August 13 from 6:00—7:30 pm

Elementary school students and their families are invited to this special event to learn about family literacy opportunities in the library and the monthly programs being offered for area youth. Join us for a free meal, free books, and other fun giveaways. Registration encouraged at: <https://forms.gle/XgU9gEJAT5ctHTGy5>.



Bingo Party: Monday, August 17 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!

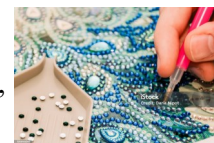
Faux Stained Glass Craft Class: Monday, August 17 @ 6:00 pm

Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and make a faux stained glass picture. All needed supplies will be provided. Participants must be 14 or older. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10. Note: this is the same class from July that was cancelled.



Butterflies and Bookmarks Diamond Art: Thursday, August 20 @ 6:00 pm

Come use diamond art to create bookmarks, garden decorations, and more! Participants will select an item that they would like to make and each kit comes with everything needed. This program is geared for adults; however, anyone age 14 or older is welcome. Registration is encouraged but walk-ins are welcome as space and supplies permit.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Super Mario Galaxy Movie”: Saturday, August 22 @ 1:00 pm. Mario and Luigi solve everyday problems in the Mushroom Kingdom with their "let's-a-go" attitude. But a call for help sends the crew across the galaxy to face new worlds and unexpected threats. Rated PG (98 minutes).

Strings Club: Monday, August 24 @ 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.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, August 25 @ 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.

Children’s Lemonade Stand Fundraiser: Wednesday, August 26 & Saturday, August 29

The library is working with area children to build a lemonade stand that will be at the JKPL booth at the Dyersville Downtown Market where kids will be selling lemonade to help raise funds for a children’s wooden play structure in the library.

Kids Can Help: Create a Lemonade Stand: Wednesday, August 26 @ 4:00 pm

Children can come to the library to help create posters and decorate a lemonade stand for the fundraiser. They can also sign up to work the booth at the Market. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 will need an adult or responsible teen companion.



Children’s Lemonade Stand Fundraiser: Saturday, August 29 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Support Dyersville kids’ volunteer efforts, and the library, by visiting the Children’s Lemonade Stand at the JKPL booth at the Dyersville Downtown Market at Legacy Square.

Health & Wellness 365: Thursday, August 27 @ 11:30 am. Join us for lunch, and learn about the nutritional benefits of nuts as well as smart snacking on a budget. 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 August 25 if you want lunch. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, August 28 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.

JKPL @ Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, August 29

Pop-Up Library 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. And don’t miss out on face painting from 9:00—10:00 am & 11:00 am—12:00 pm!

Fishing for Toys from 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Want to catch a toy? Come try your luck at our Fishing for Toys event! Open to all children under age 12, but children under age 7 will need an adult or responsible teen companion. The limit is one toy per child. Available while toy supplies last.

Children’s Lemonade Stand Fundraiser from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Support Dyersville kids’ volunteer efforts by visiting the Children’s Lemonade Stand. All funds raised will help fund a children’s wooden play structure for the children’s area in the James Kennedy Public Library.

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Puzzles, Take-Home Kits, Activity Packets, Scavenger Hunt: August 1—31
Kits are available while supplies last.

Children's Scavenger Hunt: School Supplies. Kids can earn one prize, per child, per library visit for completing the hunt.

Children's Pretend Play Station: School Play. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in School play!

Creation Station Craft: Paper Bag Sea Otter. 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.

Kids Can Craft: Color an Octopus. Kids of all ages can color an octopus and turn in an entry form for a drawing at the front desk! The limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early September.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits. 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. Each pack will include at least 10 different items including coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages.

Adult Craft Kits: Paint-By-Sticker. 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.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in and help put together a new jigsaw puzzle—*Harvest Paradise*. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Is This Bus for Us" by Harriet Ziefert. 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.*

Upcoming EVENTS

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.



The James Kennedy Public Library Board of Trustees is seeking candidates to serve on the Library Board.

- Information about the responsibilities of the Library Board Trustees are available at the library or on the library website: www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/about/library-board
- Applications are available at both the library and city hall: www.cityofdyersville.com/227/Boards-Commissions
- Completed applications should be returned to City Hall
- Feel free to come talk to us if you have questions!

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