

Upcoming Events for AUGUST 2026 and Beyond

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

Children's Scavenger Hunt: School Supplies: August 1-31. Kids can earn one prize, per child, per library visit for completing the hunt.

Kids Can Craft: Color an Octopus: August 1-31. 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.

Creation Station Craft: Paper Bag Sea Otter: August 1-31. 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.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: August 1-31. 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: August 1-31. 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: August 1-31. 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.

Adult Craft Kit: Paint-By-Sticker: August 1-31. 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.

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

Adult Summer Library Program Continues: August 1 - 31: Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2026 program that runs through August 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. Last day to register is August 24.

Plant a Seed - Read: Voting Jar: August 1-31. The summer library programs this year focus on the concept of farm-to-table. A farm grows food and a library grows ideas so both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology so each month this summer you are invited to respond to a related question. 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. Jar options:

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. Plus you’ll get a free ice cream! Prizes include all new toys, stuffed animals, and books. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Any family/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.

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.

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.

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.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "GOAT": Saturday, August 8 @ 1:00 pm. A small goat with big dreams gets a once-in-a-lifetime shot to join the pros and play roarball, a high-intensity, co-ed, full-contact sport dominated by the fastest, fiercest animals in the world. Rated PG (93 minutes).

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. At the end of the three sessions, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron. 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.*

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 may attend in person or via Zoom.

Dr. Bec's Amazon Animal Study: Wednesday, August 12 @ 9:30 am and 11:00 am. Wartburg College professor Dr. Bec will share some animal and science knowledge with kids in an exotic animal petting event that features 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 due to individual animal needs and tolerance to heat that day. Open to all ages, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen companion. Due to space constraints and animal temperament needs, 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 for each show 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 Hoffman Room window or on a closed-circuit television in the Children's Area. *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

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 JKPL.

Dyersville GLR Kick Off to School: Thursday, August 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Elementary 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. Sponsored by Dyersville Grade Level Reading. *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!

Butterflies and Bookmarks Diamond Art: Thursday, August 20 @ 6:00 pm. Join us at the JKPL as we 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 to create a work of art. This program is for adults; however anyone age 8 or older is welcome. Please note, those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.

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).

Teen Jeopardy! Saturday, August 22 @ 4:00 pm. More details tba.

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.

Kids Can Help: Volunteer to Create a Lemonade Stand: Wednesday, August 26 @ 4:00 pm. Calling all kids who love to help: come to the library to plan and advertise a lemonade stand that will benefit the library's Children's Area. Children will be able to create posters, decorate a lemonade stand, and sign up to volunteer at the Saturday, August 29 Lemonade Stand at the Dyersville Downtown Market from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 will need an adult or responsible teen companion. No registration necessary.

Health & Wellness 365: Thursday, August 27 @ 11:30 am. Join us for lunch, and learn 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.

Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, August 29 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.

Fishing for Toys at the Dyersville Downtown Market: August 29 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Want to catch a toy at the Downtown Market? 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. No registration required. Limit is one toy per child. Available while toy supplies last. *Sponsored by Toys for Tots.*

Children's Lemonade Stand: 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 Downtown Market booth at Legacy Square. All funds raised will help fund a children's wooden play structure in the library.

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. Find your focus in a study room or vibe out in a cozy nook. Compose your future with new skills in your library's makerspace or check out instruments and tools in the Library of Things. No matter what rhythm you find yourself in, there's a seat in the front row at the library for you. This September, B sharp, and sign up for a library card!

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.*

September 6-7 (Sunday-Monday): Library closed for Labor Day

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. 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 try something different, there will be Ink Tracing and Color by Number Mystery pages to challenge you color in the library - markers, colored pencils, crayons and more will be available in the Creation Station and to check out at the front desk. We will also have snacks!

Movies @ Your Library presents "The Devil Wears Prada 2": Saturday, September 12 @ 1:00 pm.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Sheep Detectives": Saturday, September 19 @ 1:00 pm.

Coffee Day Celebrations! Coffee holidays in 2026 occur on two main dates: National Coffee Day is celebrated on Tuesday, September 29, and International Coffee Day is observed globally on Thursday, October 1. Activities to be decided.

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. Every person has the right to seek information and choose books without censorship. When we say ‘Let Books Be,’ we are reaffirming that libraries are for everyone.

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

Children’s Halloween Party: Saturday, October 31. Details to be decided.

Halloween Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Minions & Monsters”: Saturday, October 31 @ 1:00 pm.

Fit the Pieces Jigsaw Puzzle Fundraiser: Thursday, November 12 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Join us at Textile Brewing Company at 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 and tickets are on sale now. Textile Brewing Company will donate 10% of food sales during the event to the JKPL. All proceeds will benefit the James Kennedy Public Library. Date set in March so will verify details closer to date.

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

Thursday, November 26: Library closed for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 23: Library closes @ 5:00 pm

Thursday, December 24: Library closed for Christmas

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Thursday, December 31: Library closes @ 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1: Library closed for New Years

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