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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
July 17, 2023**

Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for June 2023 are:

- 9,390 items were checked out. This is an 0.6% decrease from June 2022. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 4.8%
- 60 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 366 new library cards have been issued.
- 90 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 3,625 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 186 hours and 476 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 1,860 hours and 4,818 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 288 sessions, 233 visits, and 66 unique users
- There were 5,511 library visits.

JKPL Officers for FY24 are:

President:	Catherine O'Hea
Vice-President:	Alex Wiezorek
Secretary:	Danielle Will

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the July events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for August. Some of the programs scheduled include dementia prevention, movie events, a birding hike at New Wine Park lead by the Dubuque County Conservation, a stuffed animal sleep over and story time, and presentations by Judy Weber on the history of buildings in downtown Dyersville. Summer Reading Programs for all ages continue throughout July with the adult program continuing until the end of August. The new Book Art fundraising event will conclude at the July Downtown Market.

Prepared by: Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director

JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: June-23
YTD: July-22 to June-23
Previous YTD: July-21 to June-22

Library visits

Month	5511	(↑ 21.2%)
YTD	52553	(↑ 24.2%)

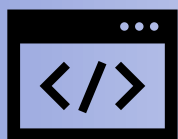
Items loaned

9390	(↓ 0.6%)
90838	(↑ 4.8%)

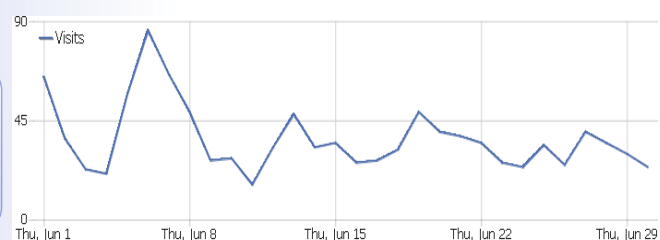
Library cards issued

City resident	Total
39	60 (↑ 20%)
205	366 (↑ 46.4%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1109	1:18



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
186	1860	1604	476	4818	3699

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
288	4520	233	3702	66	280

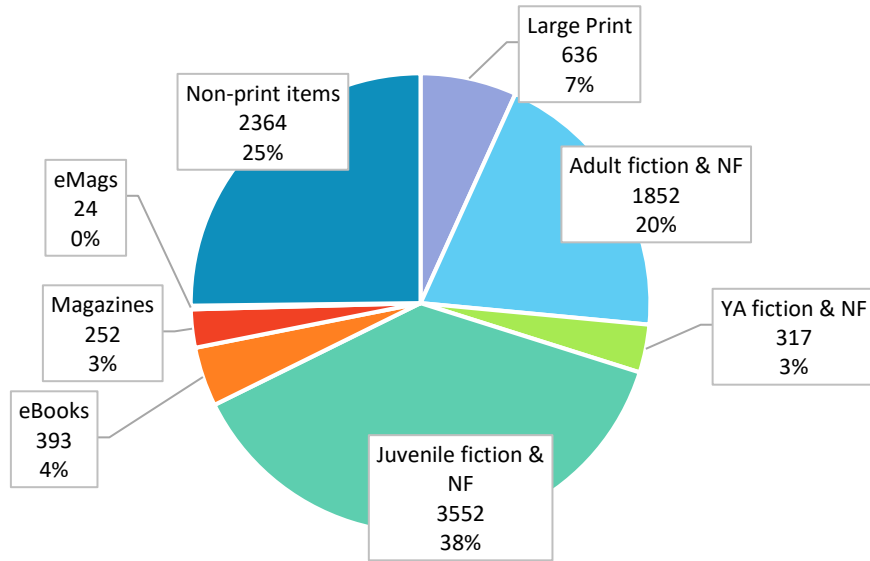
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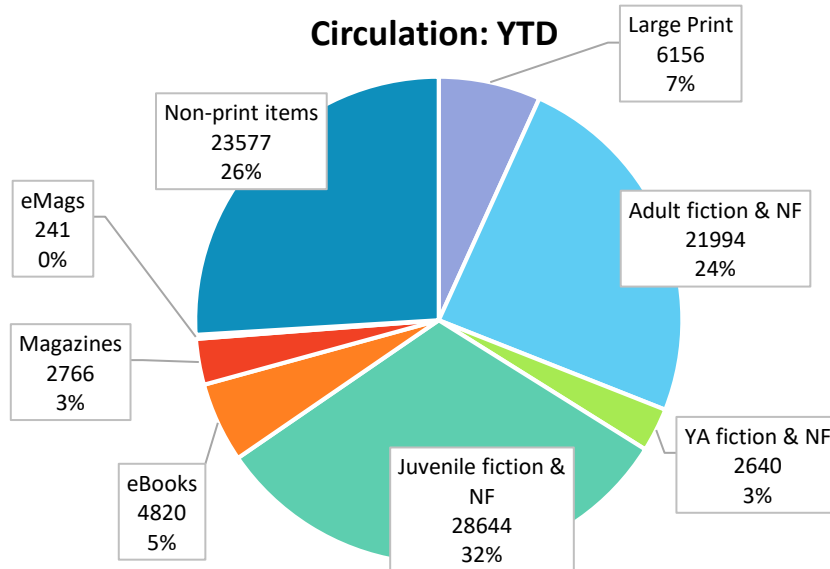
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
59	693	370

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	528	4977
Adult & YA audio	76	1295
Juvenile audio & kits	71	225
Adult & YA video	701	8021
Juvenile video & DVD	384	3529
Games, LoT, etc.	604	5530
Total	2364	23577

Music

Downloads: 3
Streams: 0
Total YTD: 99



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 3
YTD: 55



Visits: 195
YTD: 1906



Online Learning

Sessions: 7
YTD: 152



Languages

Sessions: 6
YTD: 171



Genealogy

Visits: 816
YTD: 5909



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 196
YTD: 3023

Items donated

Month: 45
YTD: 674
Prev. YTD: 754

Items withdrawn

	Month	YTD
Books	35	2405
Audio	1	721
Video	3	383
Other	0	90
Total	39	3599

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	13	61	26	2	85	19	11	6	0	10	1	7	241
Previous month	13	136	24	3	56	47	0	5	2	21	1	6	314
Current YTD	204	1175	361	191	789	213	135	113	12	291	78	135	3697
Previous YTD	205	1068	424	211	895	193	151	137	20	528	122	309	4263

Programming

Take and Make & Recorded Programs



Program	Views	Engagements	Views	Prep time (hrs)	Kits
*Adult Crafternoon - Seashell Frame (A)	72	3	6	1	11
CS: Egg carton dinosaurs(C.)	125	4	3	2	60
KCC - MiniBooks (C.)	96	6	3	3	40
*Upcycled Greeting Cards (GI)	NA	NA	NA	NA	25

*program included in-person component

Virtual/Sharing/Passive or Kit programs

Program	Kits or Participants	Prep time (hours)
Coloring, Creating, & Doing (A)	244	3.25
Get Puzzled (A)	57	0.25
FYV**: Reading Recommendations (A)	10	0.25
FYV: Favorite Format (A)	121	1
StoryWalk® - Bikes for Sale(C)	806	6

Funded by DRA, Friends of the JKPL, and Osterhaus Memorial

Zoom programs

Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Third Thursday Lou Henry Hoover's Whitehouse (A)	0	NA
Virtual Visits with All Iowa Reads Authors - 3 sessions	1	0.75

** FYV is Find Your Voice - Summer Library Program events

In-Person and Hybrid Programs		
Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Story Time - in person onsite (PreK) - 8 sessions	48	15.25(+1.25 vol)
Wee Read- in person onsite (PreK) - 4 sessions	83	3 (+.5 vol)
Building Creativity One Block at a Time - in person onsite (C.)	11	1.5
Hybrid Sit & Stitch - 4 sessions - in person and Zoom(A)	22	1
Books for Lunch: <i>Firekeeper's Daughter</i> - in person and Zoom (A)	9	1.5
Hybrid Dungeons & Dragons - in person and Discord (GI)	2	0.5
Inspirational Fiction book club- in person and Zoom (A)	6	1.75
Game Night - in person onsite (GI)	14	3.5
Strength Training for Older Adults - 9 sessions - in person (A)	109	9
Ellen Kennedy Living Center program - in person off site (A)	3	1.5
Bingo Party - in person onsite (A)	19	3
JKPL Writing Group - in person and Zoom (A)	8	2
*Adult Crafternoon - in person, kit, and recorded content (A)	3	2
*Upcycled Greeting Cards - in person and kit (GI)	13	2
Euchre / Dominos Party - in person onsite (A) - 5 sessions	23	0.75
Summer Tea - in person onsite (A)	45	5 (+15 vol)
Strings Club - in person onsite (A)	5	.25 (+2 vol)
MercyOne Senior Care program - in person, off site (A)	9	1.75
80 for Brady: Movie Showing - in person onsite (GI)	3	0.5
Pop-Up Library at Farmer's Market - 2 sessions - in person offsite(GI)	72	5
Art in the Park: Crayon Rubbings - in person offsite (C.)	14	3
Historic Tales of Old Dubuque - in person onsite (A)	6	1.5
Nerf War - in person onsite (YA)	20	4.5
FYV with Rock Painting - in person onsite (C.) - 2 sessions	82	3 (+1.5 vol)
FYV with Rock Painting: Kid Project - in person onsite (C.)	26	0.75
Drawing Happiness - in person onsite (A) - 2 sessions	15	2.75 (+27 vol)
Pop-Up at Downtown Summer Nights - in person offsite (GI)	154	4 (+4 vol)
TACKL Fun & Games at DTSN - in person offsite (C.)	200	5 (+18 vol)
Unlocking Brain Fitness: Dementia Prevention - in person onsite(A)	9	1.5 (+2 vol)
FYV with Tiny Art for Kids- in person onsite (C.)	10	3.5
World Wide Knit in Public Day - in person onsite (A)	7	.25 (+2 vol)
World of Bubbles - in person offsite (C.)	400	2.5 (+8.75 vol)
Teen Quiz Bowl - in person onsite (YA)	13	8
DACF Presentation - in person onsite (A)	12	0.75
FYV with Creek Stomping - in person offsite (C.)	70	1.75 (+4 vol)
Exotic Animals with Dr. Bechtel - in person onsite (C.)	135	4 (+.75 vol)
Visits to DES Summer School - in person offsite (C.) - 6 sessions	78	9.5 (+1 vol)
Pop-Up at Downtown Market - in person offsite (GI)	182	7 (+12 vol)
FYV with Book Spine Poetry - in person onsite (C.)	5	3 (+.25 vol)

Upcoming Events in July:

July 1—28: Children and Teen Summer Reading Programs Continue

Our theme for this summer is *Find Your Voice*. We've lined up fun activities, programs, crafts, and story times that reflect the theme. The programs for everyone from age 0 to 18 runs through July 28. July 22 is the last day to register for both programs! Details for each program are below:

Children under age 3

- Receive a page of fun brain-building activities and a book at registration.
- Once they and their adult complete all the activities they will receive a free ice cream cone and prize from our prize box.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Kids age 3+ (including those who have completed 5th grade)

- Receive a book bag, free book, and other goodies, including a ball chain necklace or cable ring at registration.
- Kids will keep track of how many minutes they read or are read to, and earn beads and brag tags to add to their chains.
- Kids also earn beads for attending library events.
- After reading 6 hours, participants will earn a prize from the prize box. After reading 12 hours, kids will earn an entry into the grand prize drawing, a brag tag, a guess at the guessing jar, and a free cone from Dairy Queen.
- Kids can keep reading and attending programs for more beads, grand prize entries and brag tags, but will receive only one cone, one guess, and one prize from the prize box.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Teens who have completed 6th-12th grade

- Receive a free book when registering!
- Participants will be given a game board of challenges to read different types of books or to use some of the services available at the library. For each color coded set that is completed, the participant will earn an entry into the prize drawings.
- Participants that fill out reviews on the books they read will earn extra entries for prizes.
- Sponsored by TACKL (Teen Advisory Council for the Kennedy Library)



July 1—August 31: Adult Summer Library Program Continues!

The theme for this year's summer program is *Find Your Voice!* Our voices have power. We use our voices to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. Our voices include not only the sounds we make, but the words we write, the art we create, the movements we perform, and the actions we take each day to impact our world. The goal of all the JKPL summer library programs is to encourage patrons to read for pleasure, help them maintain and improve their reading skills, encourage them to become lifelong library users, and establish reading as a foundation for lifelong success. Join us this summer at the JKPL for fun and learning and find your voice! Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the program.

- The program runs through August 31.
- Adults are welcome to register throughout the summer.
- Participants will receive a bookbag, bookmark, and a free book just for registering.
- Use the paper log to track books read and activities completed to earn prizes:
 - *For each item completed, the participant's name will be entered into the prize drawing.
 - *For each four items completed, participants will be able to select an item from the prize box or another book.
 - *Participants completing at least sixteen activities, which must include reading at least four books, will have completed the program. They will earn a special prize and have their name entered into the grand prize drawing for the Book Lover's Basket and other prizes.
- The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



July 1—August 31: Find Your Voice: Reading Recommendations! For this year's adult summer library program, we are adding a special Reading Recommendations activity! 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, adopt-a-book form, and more! Staff will put the bookmark in the appropriate book and display them in the library for others to discover and enjoy!



July 1—31: Find Your Voice: Support Your Favorite Genre! During the month of July, library visitors are encouraged to share their voice by voting on their favorite genre. Do you enjoy reading or listening to mysteries? Romance? Historical fiction? Nonfiction? Biographies? Let us know by voting for your favorite genre. Visitors of all ages are welcome to vote each time they visit the library by putting a pompom in the jar that represents their favorite. Each vote also earns an entry into a drawing to win the opportunity to select an item of your choice to be added to the library collection.



July 1—28: Book Art For Your Library Fundraiser Continues

The JKPL Fundraising Committee is excited to announce a new fundraising event for all! Individuals and groups of all ages are invited to create a piece of art or sculpture by upcycling books and/or book pages.

- The JKPL will provide a grocery bag and participants can fill it with old books to use for their art. Only what will fit in the grocery bag can be used. Participants may also use their own books and other materials but the number is still limited to what can fit in one plastic grocery bag.
- The art or sculpture can be any design or format—folding, cutting, using individual pages, building, etc. and can be created by individuals, families, couples, or groups of any age.
- Registration is required.
- Finished projects should be brought to the library on or before 4:00 pm on Friday, July 28.
- On Saturday, July 29, all submissions will be displayed at the Dyersville Downtown Market.
- Next to each submission will be a mason jar and visitors will vote for their favorite by putting money in the jar (all donations will go to the JKPL).
- At the end of the Market, the creator of the item that brought in the most money will win a voucher for a bowling party for 12 donated by 7 Hills West.
- This voucher includes room rental for 2 hours, 2 bowling lanes for 2 hours (max of 6 people per lane), shoe rental for up to 12 people, 3 large single topping pizzas, and 3 pitchers of pop. Voucher is valued at \$230.00!
- As space allows, entries with the highest donations may be displayed at the library during the month of August.
- All money raised will be used to support library collections and services.



July 1—31: Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library. 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 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.

July 1—31: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Beach Path*. 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.

July 1—31: Creation Station Craft: Handprint Ice Cream Cone. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's activity is a Handprint Ice Cream Cone. 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.

July 1—31: Kids Can Craft: Theater Masks. Kids age 7 and up are invited to stop in the library to craft their own mask, or pick up materials and instructions to make at home. All materials are provided except for scissors, glue, and tape. A video demonstration will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

July 1—31: Camp NaNoWriMo @ Your Library

Camp NaNoWriMo is your next great writing adventure! It's a month-long writing event held in July to challenge yourself to tackle a writing project you have been wanting to work on. It is a cousin to NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month), which is held yearly in November, which challenges participants to write a 50,000 word novel in one month. This year, the JKPL is hosting Camp NaNoWriMo from July 1-31. For Camp you can set your own word-count goal and you can tackle any type of writing project you want!

- ◆ Writers are encouraged to register on the official NaNoWriMo website (adults at nanowrimo.org and young adults at ywp.nanowrimo.org) and take advantage of all their helpful tools which include Pep Talks from published authors as well as real time advice given over social media (to just name a few).
- ◆ Here at the library we are going to meet weekly to share our writing and to encourage each other throughout the month with our goals. Meetings will be held on Thursdays, July 6, 13, and 20 at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ We will also hold two special events this month—the Come Write In Kick-off on July 1 and Singer-Songwriter Steve Davis on Tuesday July 25.



Camp NaNoWriMo Registration & Come Write In: Saturday, July 1 from 1:00—2:00 pm

Want to participate in Camp NaNoWriMo? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to help participants register online. Registration is not required for participation but those who register will receive a special NaNoWriMo supplies pack. After registering, feel free to stay as long as you want to start your writing. Snacks provided.

Mondays and Thursdays, July 3, 6, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 10:00 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: there will not be a class on July 10.**

Hours for Independence Day:

Monday, July 3: Library closes at 5:00 pm
Tuesday, July 4: Library is closed



Monday July 3: Upcycled Greeting Cards for Christmas in July from 1:00—2:00 pm. Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to show you how to use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a Christmas themed greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. We will have kits in the creation station to make here or to take home. Kits available while supplies last. We will also have other card fronts available such as birthday or thinking of you cards, etc.

Wednesdays, July 5 & 12: Story Time @ 9:30 am & 6:30 pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Summer 2023 sessions of Preschool Story Time. Story Time is open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds who have not been in Kindergarten and will be offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Story Time for all ages will be held at 6:30 pm. Programs will run through July 12. Registration is required as space is limited.



Wednesdays, July 5 & 12: Wee Read @ 10:30 am. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Summer 2023 sessions of Wee Read. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver. Programs will run through July 12. Registration is required as space is limited.

Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, 26: Sit and Stitch 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 Zoom room is opened upon request and the same link is used each week.

Thursday, July 6: Mad MiXtUrE with the Grout Museum @ 1:00 pm

See, feel, and smell the amazing world of science with this program that combines the most exciting parts of several programs offered by the Grout Museum. There will be “shattering” experiments with liquid nitrogen, explosive demonstrations with flash powder, flash paper and exploding hydrogen balloons, experiments with things you can find in your kitchen, and there might even be a special legless reptile guest! All ages welcome. Funded by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Thursdays, July 6 & 20: Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market from 3:00—5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market. 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. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access. 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.

Thursday, July 6: Art in the Park: Seed Bombs from 3:00—4:00 pm. Join us at the Dyersville Farmer's Market where kids will get to make a seed bomb and color a picture of the flowers that their bombs will grow. All ages welcome.



Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20: Camp NaNoWriMo Support Group from 7:00—8:00 pm. Are you participating in Camp NaNoWriMo? Join with others participating in the program to share your writing and to encourage each other regarding your writing goals.



Friday, July 7: World Chocolate Day Chocolate Tasting from 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Celebrate World Chocolate Day and drop in the library to taste chocolate from around the world and then vote for your favorite. Everyone who participates will get their name entered for a chocolate-themed prize basket. Tasting samples available while supplies last.



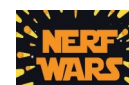
Fridays, July 7, 14, 21, 28: Euchre Card Party & Games from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

Friday, July 7: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 5:00 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 typically meets the first Tuesday 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. **Note: the date and time were changed due to the Independence Day holiday**

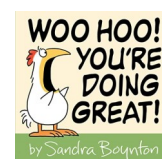
Saturday, July 8: Movies @ Your Library presents “The Bucket List” @ 1:00 pm. Two terminally ill men escape from a cancer ward and head off on a road trip with a wish list of to-dos before they die. Rated PG-13 (97 minutes).



Saturday, July 8: Tween Nerf War @ 4:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for a tween Nerf War! Participants must be ages 9-12 and must have a signed parental waiver. Registration is requested as 8 people are required to hold the program, and a max of 20 is allowed. Minimum sign up of 8 must be reached by 5 pm on Friday, July 7. Walk-ins are 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.



July 10—August 9: Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Woo Hoo! You’re Doing Great!” By Sandra Boynton. 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. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. *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.*



Monday, July 10: Find Your Voice with Duke Otherwise @ 10:00 am

From Madison, Wisconsin, Duke Otherwise is a playful wordsmith, a spirited performer, a skilled guitarist and captivating tap-dancer. Playing almost 150 shows per year at libraries, schools, festivals, fairs and theaters, he will use his distinct baritone and his hilarious and imaginative songs to delight listeners of all ages. His show is filled with improvisation, audience participation, dancing and outrageous fun! All ages welcome. Funded by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Monday, July 10: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. 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 changed due to holiday and vacation.*

Monday, July 10: Adult Crafternoon from 1:00—3:00 pm. Stop in the library to make a suncatcher with glass gems and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a 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 July 11. Kits will be available while supplies last starting July 11.

Wednesday, July 12: Dutch Oven Cooking at New Wine Park @ 5:30 pm

Let's get back to the basics and cook with a Dutch oven over fire and coals! Join us at New Wine Park, near New Vienna, for this 2-hour hands-on program to learn how to cook outside with a Dutch Oven. This program is presented by Dubuque County Conservation.

- Participants should meet at New Wine Park, shortly before 5:30 pm, in the campground area around sites 4 and 5.
- Please wear closed-toed shoes.
- Registration is required as a maximum of 15 people may participate.
- All ages welcome but children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.



Thursday, July 13: Find Your Voice with Diamond Painting @ 10:00 am. Diamond painting has been described as a combination of paint by number and cross stitch except instead of paints or thread, artists use faceted beads to make beautiful and glittery art. Kids ages 9-12 can come to the library to diamond paint a llama keychain or cartoon animal. Registration is requested as supplies are limited. Walk-ins will be welcome if space allows.



Friday, July 14—Monday, July 17: Used Book Sale

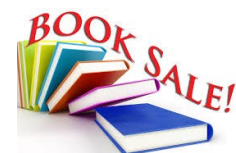
Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Bags of books are \$2 on Monday, the last day of the sale (excluding Blu-ray & console games). Hours are:

Friday, July 14: 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Saturday, July 15: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Sunday, July 16: 1:00—4:00 pm

Monday, July 17: 9:00 am—7:00 pm



Friday, July 14: Pop-Up @ Downtown Summer Nights from 6:00—8:30 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by “popping up” at Downtown Summer Nights at Legacy Square! Visitors will be able to select a free book to keep from the pop-up library as well as learn more about library services. The JKPL Fundraising Committee will be on hand selling frozen treats to support the special collections and services of the 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.

Friday, July 14: TACKL Fun and Games @ Downtown Summer Nights from 6:00—9:00 pm. Join the Teen Advisory Council to the Kennedy Library (TACKL) at Downtown Summer Nights for fun, free games for kids. Everyone walks away with a prize for playing! This event is sponsored by the Dyersville Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, July 15: Magician Rick Eugene @ 10:00 am

The last event of the Children's Summer Reading Program is Magician Rick Eugene! Rick Eugene has been entertaining families in the Midwest for over 20 years with his high energy, magic, and humor. There will be lots of audience participation and even more laughs. Don't miss this event! This program is for all ages.



Saturday, July 15: “Sing” Interactive Movie Event @ 1:00 pm

Join us for this special summer library event as we watch and interact with the fun family film *Sing*. Quote along with your favorite lines, enjoy snacks, and more! All ages welcome but those not yet reading independently may need an older companion to assist with the interactive components.

Movie description: A koala impresario stages a gala singing competition in order to save his theater, and the contest attracts the attention of such musically inclined animals as a harried pig mom, a teenage gorilla, a shy elephant and a punk porcupine. Rated PG. (108 min.)



Sunday, July 16: Find Your Voice with a Vision Board @ 1:30 pm

Who are you? What does your heart crave for your future self? Create a visual representation of your hopes, dreams and goals with a mind-map and Vision Board workshop facilitated by Mary Potter Kenyon—author, certified grief educator and Therapeutic Art Coach. All materials will be provided, including bulletin boards, push pins, and magazines. Attendees will leave with an attractive Vision Board that can be hung on the wall. Registration is required as space is limited.



Monday, July 17: Bingo Party 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!

Tuesday, July 18: Dementia Prevention with Dr. Quinlisk @ 1:00 pm

Did you know that over 40% of all dementia can be prevented and an individual's risk of dementia can be reduced up to 70%! Want to learn more? Join us for this special visit with Dr. Patricia Quinlisk, who will present live via Zoom. She is one of the creators of the Unlocking Brain Fitness class, a dementia prevention instructor, and State Epidemiologist Emeritus-Iowa. Questions are encouraged. Adults of all ages are welcome but the presentation will be of particular interest to those 55 and older. Registration is encouraged but not required.



Tuesdays, July 18 & August 15: Find Your Voice/Find Yourself Summer Book Club @ 6:30 pm

Teens and adults are invited to participate in a special summer book club on the 3rd Tuesdays in July and August where we will discuss books about people finding themselves. Copies of each book will be available to check out from the library 3 or 4 weeks before the discussion date. The selections and dates are:

- July 18: *Superman: American Alien* by Max Landis
- August 15: *Furiously Happy* by Jenny Lawson



Refreshments provided. If there is interest in participating virtually, a Zoom room will be opened. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Tuesday, July 18: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club @ 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 Words Between Us* by Erin Bartels. 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. *Note: the date of book club was moved due to a conflict.*

Wednesday, July 19: Create Your Own Book Art from 5:00—8:00 pm

Are you considering creating Book Art for the new JKPL fundraiser? Or are you just curious about what you can create by cutting, folding, gluing, or crafting with book pages and books? Stop in at this special drop-in session to see examples of things the library staff and volunteers have made from old books and get new ideas. Bring your project to work on and get inspired! Books and other basic craft supplies may be available. Crafter Lisa Christopher, will be on hand to answer questions about some of her projects and show you how you can use the Cricut Maker for your Book Art project.



Thursday, July 20: The Lafayette Escadrille @ 6:00 pm. Join us this month for The Lafayette Escadrille presented by Darroch Greer and Paul Glenshaw. A century ago, 38 Americans from every walk of life volunteered to fly in the First World War, before the United States entered the war, in order to aid our oldest ally, France. They helped move our reluctant nation to ultimately join the Allies and enter the fight. They were the Lafayette Escadrille. Our presenters also invite you to join them in a toast to the escadrille pilots as they prepare a 'Lafayette Cocktail' (half champagne/half cognac) at the beginning of their program. The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present their 3rd Thursday Virtual Programs. This is the second of a 3-month 'Best Of' series of 3rd Thursday programs. This program originally aired in August of 2021. Registration is required so please register at: <https://bit.ly/TTLafEsc>

Saturday, July 22: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Ratatouille" @ 1:00 pm. A determined young rat named Remi dreams of becoming a chef. Torn between his family's wishes and his true calling, Remy and his pal Linguini set in motion a chain of events that turns Paris upside down. Rated G (111 minutes).



Saturday, July 22: Mock-a-Movie Night for Teens @ 4:00 pm

Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! This evening we will be watching *Morbius* (PG-13)—a terrible movie involving vampires. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.



Monday, July 24: "My Octopus Teacher" Documentary Viewing @ 1:00 pm

Join us on the 4th Monday of each month at 1:00 pm as we share a film or documentary that connects with a recently read book by the Books For Lunch Group. All ages welcome but children must have an adult companion. This month's documentary is *My Octopus Teacher*. Shot over eight years, with 3,000 hours of footage, a filmmaker forges an unusual friendship with an octopus living in a South African kelp forest, learning as the animal shares the mysteries of her world.



Monday, July 24: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30—4:30 pm. This month's theme is *Summer Vacation*. 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.



Monday, July 24: Strings Club @ 6:00 pm. 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 Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Tuesday, July 25: Find Your Voice with Songwriter Steve Davis @ 6:30 pm

Steve Davis is a singer-songwriter from Iowa that has written songs for TV, commercials, as well as releasing four full length CDs, 2 EPS and numerous singles. Join us as he plays some of his songs and shares the process of how he writes lyrics.



If Buildings Could Talk: A History of Downtown Dyersville

Thursday, July 27 @ 6:30 pm & Friday, July 28 @ 10:00 am

Local historian Judy Weber will show photos and talk about the downtown Dyersville businesses and the history of the buildings that housed them on the north side of the 300 block of 1st Ave. Information will be given about the downtown buildings, such as when they were built, what businesses were located in them through the years and names of the people that ran those businesses. The presentation will include a Powerpoint display showing newspaper articles, maps and photos. This program is co-sponsored by the Dyersville Area Historical Society. Refreshments provided.



Friday, July 28: Game Night @ Your Library 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.

Saturday, July 29: Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market from 8:00 am—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. The JKPL will also have a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. 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. Our participation at this event is weather permitting.

Saturday, July 29: Book Art For Your Library Fundraiser Finale from 8:00 am—12 noon

Join the library at the Dyersville Downtown Market to see what items were made for the Book Art fundraiser and vote for your favorite!

- Next to each submission will be a mason jar and visitors will vote for their favorite by putting money in the jar (all donations will go to the JKPL).
- At the end of the Market, the creator of the item that brought in the most money will win a voucher for a bowling party for 12 donated by 7 Hills West.
- This voucher includes room rental for 2 hours, 2 bowling lanes for 2 hours (max of 6 people per lane), shoe rental for up to 12 people, 3 large single topping pizzas, and 3 pitchers of pop. Voucher is valued at \$230.00!
- As space allows, entries with the highest donations may be displayed at the library during the month of August.
- All money raised will be used to support library collections and services.



Saturday, July 29: Teen Summer Reading Program Finale Movie Night @ 5:00 pm. Any participant in the Teen Summer Reading Program that turned in at least 3 board challenges is invited to join us for a movie night to celebrate the end of the program. Attendees will pick the movie we watch from a list of titles that tie in to the summer reading program theme. Plus there will be food! Registration is requested.



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 (Use the QR code to see our events)
- *Like us on Facebook
- *Follow us on Twitter: @dyersvillelib
- *Follow us on Instagram: jameskennedylibrary
- *Follow us on Goodreads: James Kennedy Public Library
- *Follow us on YouTube: James Kennedy Public Library



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 am—8:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Sundays: 1:00—4:00 pm

Upcoming EVENTS

Unlocking Brain Fitness: KEYS to Dementia Prevention **Thursdays, September 7—November 9 from 1:00—3:00 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 will be presented by Vickie Tracey, RN, BS and other local experts, including a dietician, fitness professional, health and wellness coach, and pharmacist. Participants must be 55 or older in good cognitive health and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions. Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required by YMCA 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 in part by Nightingale Drug and the Asbury Hy-Vee Store.



Birding Hike at New Wine Park **Tuesday, August 8 @ 5:30 pm**

Always seeing and hearing birds but not sure what they are? Let us take you on a casual guided hike as we find birds and help you identify what they are. Dubuque County Conservation will provide binoculars and bird identification books for the hike. All ages are welcome but children under 16 years need an adult companion. Space is available for up to 20 people so registration is required. Please register by 4:00 pm on August 8.



Landscape Painting for Teens **Thursday, August 10 @ 5:00 pm**

Join library staff member Sam for this live painting class. Enjoy some music and refreshments as you follow along! Participants of all painting levels will be making and taking home a forest scene. All materials will be provided. For ages 12-18 only. Registration is required as this program is limited to 10 participants.



Stuffed Animal Sleepover & Pajama Story Time **Friday, August 11 through Saturday, August 12**

Kids of all ages are invited to bring their teddy bear or other stuffed animal to the library and leave them to party all night at the library! Stuffed animals may be dropped off any time on Friday, August 11 between 9:00 am—5:00 pm. Animals may be picked up any time on Saturday between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Each stuffie will return home with a photograph of their library hijinks. All ages welcome.

At 10:00 am on Saturday, August 12, there will be a pajama story time for all ages, with donuts and juice to follow!



Musical Instrument Petting Zoo **Wednesday, August 16 from 4:00—6:00 pm**

Did you know that the library has multiple musical instruments in the Library of Things collection? Join us for the program where you can try out all the instruments the library owns! Try out a ukulele, acoustic guitar, mandolin, hand drums and more to see if you are interested in checking them out. For ages 10 and up.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 2023	<u>July 1—31</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Puzzled Coloring, Creating, Doing Westside Park StoryWalk® 	<u>July 1—31</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handprint ice cream cone craft kit Theater masks craft kit 	Book Art for Your Library Fundraiser continues through July 28.	Summer Reading Programs for all ages continue!	Camp NaNoWriMo runs July 1—31	1 Camp NaNoWriMo Registration from 1-2pm
2	3 Strength Training @ 10am Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1-2pm Library closes @ 5pm	4 Library closed	5 Story Time @ 9:30 am & 6:30pm Wee Read @ 10:30am Sit & Stitch @ 1pm	6 Strength Training @ 10am Mad MiXtUrE @ 1pm Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm Art in the Park from 3-4pm Camp NaNoWriMo Support Group from 7-8pm	7 World Chocolate Day Tasting from 10am-4pm Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Dungeons & Dragons @ 5pm	8 <i>The Bucket List</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm Tween Nerf War @ 4pm
9	10 Find Your Voice with Duke Otherwise @ 10am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm	11	12 Story Time @ 9:30am & 6:30pm Wee Read @ 10:30am Sit & Stitch @ 1pm Dutch Oven Cooking @ 5:30pm	13 Strength Training @ 10am Find Your Voice with Diamond Painting @ 10am Camp NaNoWriMo Support Group from 7-8pm	14 Used Book Sale from 9am-5pm Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Pop-up at Downtown Summer Nights from 6-8:30pm TACKL Fun & Games at Downtown Summer Nights from 6-9pm	15 Used Book Sale from 9am-3pm Magician Rick Eugene @ 10am <i>Sing</i> —Interactive Movie Event @ 1pm
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Upcoming Events for AUGUST 2023

Adult Summer Library Program “Find Your Voice” Continues! Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2023 program that runs through August 31. The theme for this year’s summer program is *Find Your Voice*! Our voices have power. We use our voices to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. Our voices include not only the sounds we make, but the words we write, the art we create, the movements we perform, and the actions we take each day to impact our world. The goal of all the JKPL summer library programs is to encourage patrons to read for pleasure, help them maintain and improve their reading skills, encourage them to become lifelong library users, and establish reading as a foundation for lifelong success. Join us this summer at the JKPL for fun and learning and find your voice! Registration for the adult program began on June 1 and adults are welcome to join throughout the summer. Participants will receive a bookbag, bookmark, and a free book just for registering; along with a paper log to track books read and activities completed to earn prizes. For each item completed, the participant’s name will be entered into the prize drawing. For each four items completed, participants will be able to select an item from the prize box or another book. Participants completing at least sixteen activities, which must include reading at least four books, will have completed the program. They will earn a special prize and have their name entered into the grand prize drawing for the Book Lover’s Basket and other prizes. The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

August 1-31: Find Your Voice - Reading Recommendations! Do you like to recommend books to others? Or enjoy reading something recommended to you? For this year’s adult summer library program, we are adding a special Reading Recommendations activity! 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, adopt-a-book form, and more! Staff will put the bookmark in the appropriate book and display them in the library for others to discover and enjoy!

August 1-31: Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library. 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.

August 1-31: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month’s puzzle is *Peace & Tranquility*.. 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.

August 1-31: Find Your Voice - Support Your Favorite Library Program! During the month of August, library visitors are encouraged to share their voice by voting on their favorite program that is offered at least monthly. Do you enjoy participating in a book club or story time? Coming to a movie showing? Participating in an exercise class? Playing Cards or other games? Let us know by voting for your favorite program. Visitors of all ages are welcome to vote each time they visit the library by putting a pom pom in the jar that represents their favorite. Each vote also earns an entry into a drawing to win a library swag bag that will include JKPL themed items such as a tote bag, book journal, book mark, and more.

August 1-31: Creation Station Craft & Kids Can Craft. Stop in and craft at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month’s crafts TBA. Kits 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.

Tuesday, August 1: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 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 first Tuesday 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.

Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Sit and Stitch 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 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

Thursdays, August 3 & 17: Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market on the first and third Thursdays in June, July and August! 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. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! 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.

Thursday, August 3: Art in the Park @ 3 pm. Activity to be decided.

Thursdays and Mondays, August 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 10:00 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.

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

Saturday, August 5: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Herbie Fully Loaded" @ 1:00 pm. Though a third-generation member of a NASCAR family, Maggie Peyton has always been forbidden from following her racing dreams by her overprotective father. After discovering the irresistible Herbie in a junkyard, they form a magical team that will save her family and rewrite the racing record books! Rated G (101 minutes).

Saturday, August 5: Nerf War @ Your Library 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.

Monday, August 7: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by

Bonnie Garmus. 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.

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Tuesday, August 8: Art with Dianne for 6 to 8 pm. Details TBA.

Thursday, August 10: Landscape Painting for Teens @ 5:00 pm Enjoy some music and refreshments as you follow along with staff member, Sam, in this live painting tutorial. Participants of all painting levels will be making and taking home a forest scene (pictured). All materials will be provided, except for painting aprons, so please remember to dress appropriately. Ages 12-18 only. Registration is required as this program is limited to 10 participants.

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Saturday, August 12: Pajama Story Time @ 10:00 am. Stay in your jammies and bring your stuffie (or pick up the stuffie who stayed overnight at the library) for a fun stuffed animal storytime. Donuts and juice will be provided. All ages welcome.

Tuesday, August 15: Unlocking Brain Fitness from 1 to 3 pm. Participants in the spring 2023 Unlocking Brain Fitness class are invited to attend these follow up session to learn and share more. Sessions will be held on the third Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 pm. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Tuesday, August 15: Find Your Voice / Find Yourself Summer Book Club - Superman @ 6:30 pm. Teens and adults are invited to participate in a special summer book club facilitated by Paul Z, where we will discuss books about people finding themselves. Join us on this final session where we will be talking about the memoir *Furiously Happy* by Jenny Lawson. Copies of the books will be available to check out from the library 3 or 4 weeks before the discussion date. Refreshments provided. If there is interest in participating virtually, a zoom room will be opened. Registration is encouraged but not required.

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Thursday, August 17: Spotlight on the Famous Flour Sacks @ 6:00 pm. The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum's entire collection of decorated Belgian Relief flour sacks from World War I was subjected to a close examination in June 2022. Annelien van Kempen, visiting researcher from The Netherlands, and Marcus Eckhardt, Hoover Presidential Museum curator, studied every detail and counted 360 items in this unique survey of war-time American and Canadian flour sacks, decorated by Belgian schoolgirls, women and artists, mainly in 1915. At this presentation, they will present what they discovered, share their insights about the great variety and similarity in sacks, and reveal the identity of Belgian schoolgirls who painted and embroidered the sacks. This is the third of three 3rd Thursday summertime 'Best Of' programs. This program originally aired in December of 2022. The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present their 3rd Thursday Virtual Programs. Registration is required so please register at <https://bit.ly/TTFLOUR>.

Saturday, August 19: Kim's Farewell Reception from 12:00-3:00 pm

Monday, August 21: Bingo Party 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!

Tuesday, August 22: JKPL Writing Group @ 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>.

Friday, August 25: Game Night @ Your Library @ 6:00 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.

Saturday, August 26: Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market from 8:00 am - 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. The JKPL will also have a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. 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. Our participation at this event is weather permitting.

Monday, August 28: Strings Club @ 6:00 pm. 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 Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.