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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
July 15, 2024**

Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for June 2024 are:

- 8,626 items were checked out. This is a 8.1% decrease from June 2023. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 3.7%.
- 44 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 358 new library cards have been issued.
- 98 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 3,776 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 242 hours and 523 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 2,361 hours and 5,130 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 81 sessions, 73 visits, and 27 unique users.
- There were 5,906 library visits.

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 events scheduled include a theatre production at Legacy Square (weather permitting), a program on bats and their habitats, a fraud prevention program, a virtual visit with author Heather Gudenkauf, a conservation hike at Ringneck Ridge lead by Dubuque County Conservation, and a program on cryptocurrency. Fundraising events scheduled for this summer include the return of the Book Art Craft event.

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JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: June-24
YTD: July-22 to June-24
Previous YTD: July-21 to June-23

Library visits

| | | |
|-------|-------|-----------|
| Month | 5906 | (↑ 7.2%) |
| YTD | 61030 | (↑ 16.1%) |

Items loaned

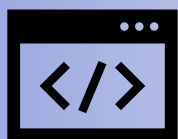
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| Month | 8626 | (↓ 8.1%) |
| YTD | 94202 | (↑ 3.7%) |

Library cards issued

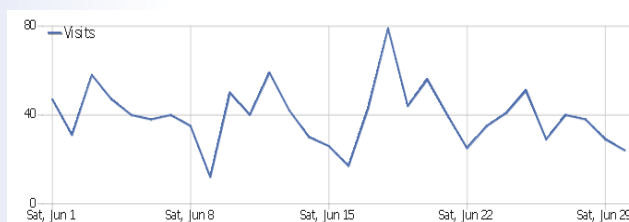
| City resident | Total |
|---------------|-------|
| Month | 23 |
| YTD | 191 |

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| Month | 44 | (↓ 26.7%) |
| YTD | 358 | (↓ 2.2%) |

Website traffic



| Visits | Average visit duration |
|--------|------------------------|
| 1186 | 1:29 |



Computer use



| Hours | | | Sessions | | |
|-------|------|-----------|----------|------|-----------|
| Month | YTD | Prev. YTD | Month | YTD | Prev. YTD |
| 242 | 2361 | 1860 | 523 | 5130 | 4818 |

Wifi use



| Sessions | | Visits | | Unique visitors | |
|----------|------|--------|------|-----------------|-----|
| Month | YTD | Month | YTD | Month | YTD |
| 81 | 2208 | 73 | 1897 | 27 | 341 |

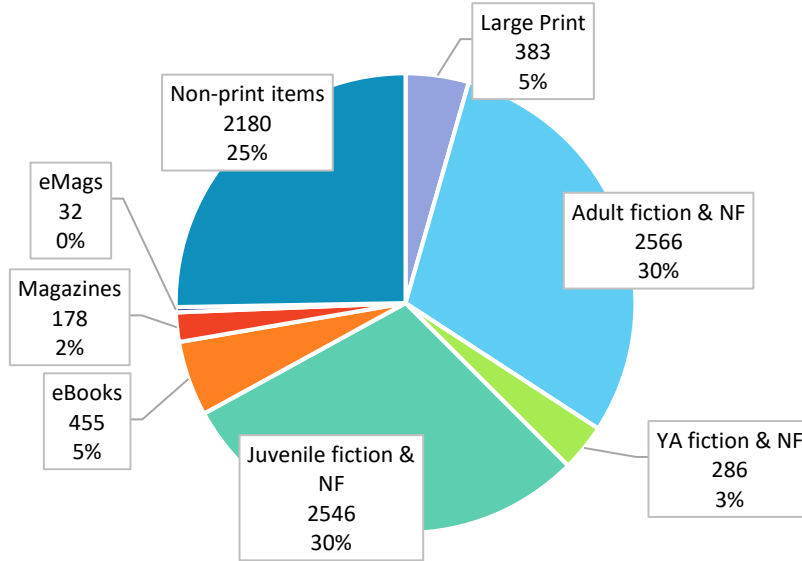
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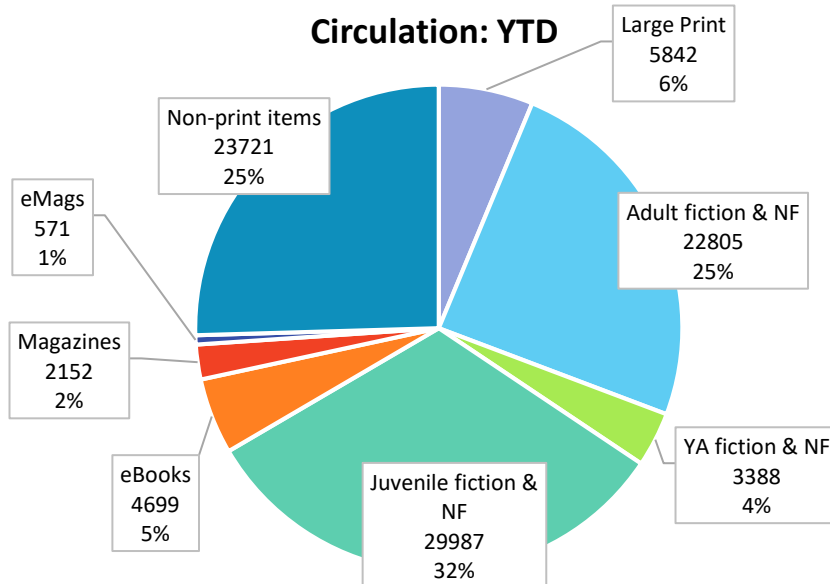
| Month | YTD | Prev. YTD |
|-------|-----|-----------|
| 63 | 761 | 693 |

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

Month

YTD

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| eAudio | 565 | 5778 |
| Adult & YA audio | 84 | 1011 |
| Juvenile audio & kits | 24 | 209 |
| Adult & YA video | 620 | 8392 |
| Juvenile video & DVD | 384 | 3860 |
| Games, LoT, etc. | 503 | 5508 |
| | 2180 | 23721 |

Music

Downloads: 15
Streams: 0
Total YTD: 99



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 30
YTD: 63



Visits: 209
YTD: 2904



Online Learning

Sessions: 24
YTD: 742



Languages

Sessions: 0
YTD: 444



Genealogy

Visits: 234
YTD: 8191



Collection

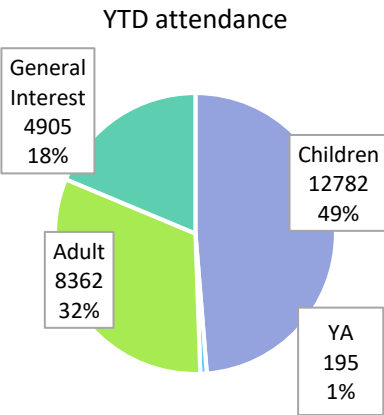
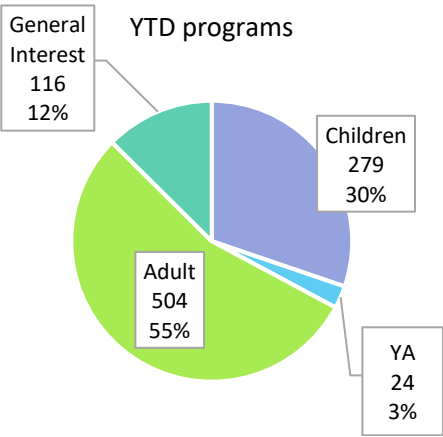
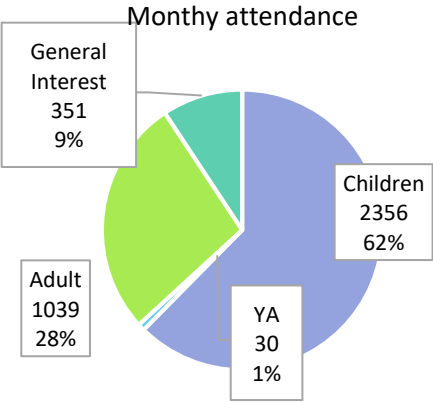
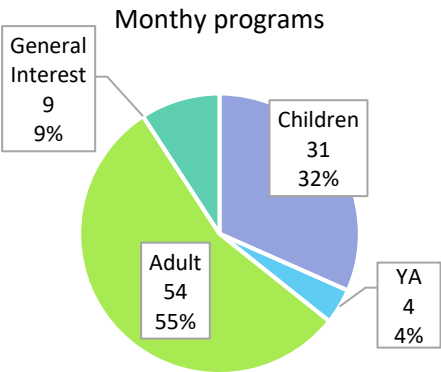
| Items purchased | |
|-----------------|------|
| Month: | 206 |
| YTD: | 2880 |

| Items donated | |
|---------------|-----|
| Month: | 45 |
| YTD: | 614 |
| Prev. YTD: | 754 |

| Items withdrawn | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| | Month | YTD |
| Books | 176 | 3839 |
| Audio | 0 | 49 |
| Video | 4 | 316 |
| Other | 0 | 84 |
| Total | 180 | 4288 |

| 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 | 10 | 61 | 30 | 1 | 70 | 10 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 2 | 8 | 251 |
| Previous month | 18 | 75 | 40 | 34 | 107 | 16 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 28 | 12 | 17 | 371 |
| Current YTD | 180 | 1012 | 366 | 193 | 844 | 116 | 167 | 85 | 7 | 318 | 98 | 108 | 3494 |
| Previous YTD | 204 | 1175 | 361 | 191 | 789 | 213 | 135 | 113 | 12 | 291 | 78 | 135 | 3697 |

Programs



Upcoming Events in July:

Adult Summer Library Program Continues: July 1—August 31

Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2024 program that runs through August 31. This year's theme is *Read, Renew Repeat* (*Leer, Renova, Repetir*). This summer reading program will feature the idea and practice of conservation: reduce, reuse and recycle. It also encourages reading as a restorative method of self-improvement and self-preservation.

- Adults are welcome to join throughout the summer.
- 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.
- For each item completed, the participant's name will be entered into the general prize drawings that are held after the program ends.
- For each four items completed, participants will be able to select an item from the prize box or another book from the cart.
- Participants completing at least sixteen activities, which must include reading at least four books, will have completed the program and will 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.

READ,
RENEW,
REPEAT



Read, Renew, Repeat: Self-improvement: July 1—31. The summer library programs this year focus on conservation, self-improvement, and self-preservation so each month this summer you are invited to respond to a question related to this topic. July's question is: What do you do to improve yourself? 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 the opportunity to select an item of your choice to be added to the library collection.

Read, Renew, Repeat—Reading Recommendations: July—August

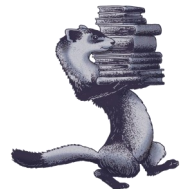
Do you like to recommend books to others? Or enjoy reading something recommended to you? When you finish a book you love, pick up a "Read This" bookmark and share why it should be read. Give the bookmark to a staff member to get your name entered into a drawing for a JKPL themed swag bag that will include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

Teen Summer Reading Program Continues: July 1—27

Everyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is encouraged to participate in the teen program that runs through July 27. Last day to register is July 25. The theme this year is *Read, Renew, Repeat*.

- Participants will receive a free book just for registering.
- Participants will be given a game board of challenges that include reading different types of books or using 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.
- Complete extra challenges and earn more entries!

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Children's Summer Reading Program Continues: July 1—16

Children ages 4—11 (who have completed 5th grade) are encouraged to participate in the children's summer reading program! Last day to register is July 9. The theme this year is *Read, Renew, Repeat*, a theme which encourages libraries to be green through reducing, reusing, and recycling materials in a sustainable manner. The program runs through July 16.

- Receive a free book just for registering!
- Earn points and beads for reading and brag tags for every program that you attend.
- At the end of the summer reading program, tally up your points, and use your total summer reading points to buy some great prizes at our summer reading store! The more you read, the more you earn!

Check out all of the fun programs, with an emphasis on supporting artists and performers—there's a performer nearly every week! All performers are paid for by a generous gift from the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library. All programs will be held at the James Kennedy Public Library unless otherwise noted.

Toddler Summer Reading Program Continues: July 1—16

Children ages infant to 3-years old and their parents or caregivers are encouraged to participate in the toddler summer reading program that runs through July 16. Last day to register is July 9. Complete the Read-With-Me Family Literacy Activities sheet to earn a free ice cream cone coupon and a toy. Those who wish to complete a second Family Literacy Activities sheet will earn a book.

Creation Station Craft: Glowing Fireflies: July 1—31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home!

This month, we are making a firefly out of paper and an old film canister. Glow Sticks will be in each kit to make your firefly glow! Scissors, markers, and hot glue are also required for this craft. A video demonstration will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Kids Can Craft: Create a Monster: July 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to draw a monster, color your monster drawing, and submit it at the front desk for a chance to win a stuffed animal prize. Create at the library or create at home! One submission per child.

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

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

Children's Pretend Play Station: Pizza Restaurant: July 1—31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in our new, improved Pizza Restaurant play!

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Pizza: July 1—31. Once per week, participate in our "Pizza" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! The "Pizza" scavenger hunt will be changed to different pictures and locations once per week during the entire month of July, giving kids the chance to earn a sticker every week! One sticker per child per week.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "It's a Tiger" by David LaRochelle: July 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.*

Book Art For Your Library Fundraiser: July 1—27

The JKPL Fundraising Committee is excited to announce the return of this fun 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 of old books participants can 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 before 4:00 pm on Friday, July 26.
- All money raised will be used to support library collections and services.



On Saturday, July 27, 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 great prize, yet to be determined. As space allows, entries may be displayed at the library during the month of August. Entries can be picked up at the library any time after July 28 but should be picked up at the library by September 1.

Camp NaNoWriMo @ Your Library: July 1—31

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 11, 18 & 25 at 7:00 pm.



Camp NaNoWriMo Registration & Come Write-In: Monday, July 1 from 1:00—3:30 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 basket. After registering, feel free to stay as long as you want to start your writing. Snacks provided.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, July 1, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 & 29 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, July 1 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *The Wager* by David Grann. 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.

Play-Doh Challenge: Monday, July 1 from 2:00—3:00 pm. Children of all ages are welcome to come and play with Play-Doh. Creative inspiration challenge cards will be available for all ages.



Historic US Route 20 Movie Road Trip Continues: Mondays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 6:30 pm

Historic US Route 20 runs from the East Coast to the West, with Dyersville located along the route. Many movies have been made over the years at locations along Route 20. We are continuing our movie "road trip," where we will watch a movie that was filmed along Route 20. Heidi Huisman, a member of the Historic US Route 20 Association, will give a brief presentation about Route 20, and the film, prior to each showing. In June we visited Dyersville and Nebraska. For July, we will return to Dyersville for *Field of Dreams* and then travel east and watch *True Adventures of Wolfboy*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *Taking Woodstock*. Our final showing will be a return to Dyersville to watch *Frozen Stiff*, an episode from *Murder She Wrote*. Popcorn and soda will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own snacks. You can find out more about US Route 20 at <https://historicroute20.org/>



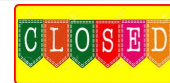
Historic US Route 20 Movie Road Trip presents "Field of Dreams": Monday, July 1 @ 6:30 pm. The Historic US Route 20 Summer Movie Road Trip hosted by Heidi Huisman returns to Dyersville! Based on the book *Shoeless Joe* by W.P. Kinsella, an Iowa farmer lays out a baseball diamond in his cornfield, and who should show up but long-dead ballplayer Shoeless Joe Jackson and a squadful of departed Major Leaguers. Rated PG. (107 min). Popcorn and soda provided.

Sharpie Canvas Creation Challenge: Tuesday, July 2 from 10:00—11:00 am. Children ages 8-12 are invited to participate in a creativity challenge using canvas and Sharpies to design art or artistic handbags. Sewing machines, glue guns, and permanent markers will be available for use. Children must practice safety and responsibility around all machines/crafting materials.

Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 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.

Wednesday, July 3: Library closes at 5:00 pm for Independence Day holiday. No storytimes will be held.

Thursday, July 4: Library closed for Independence Day holiday



Upcycled Greeting Cards: Friday, July 5 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. This month we will be doing special cards for Christmas in July! Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last.

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 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. Registration is recommended as space is limited. All ages welcome but those under age 7 must have an adult or teen companion. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, July 6 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is "Rainy Day". 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.



Movies @ Your Library presents "A League of Their Own": Saturday, July 6 @ 1:00 pm. Jimmy Dugan is a washed-up ballplayer whose big league days are over. Hired to coach in the All-American Girls Baseball League of 1943, while the male pros are at war, Dugan finds himself drawn back into the game by the heart and heroics of his all-girl team. Rated PG (128 min.).

Adult Crafternoon—Community Coloring Quilt: Monday, July 8 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month at the Creation Station to help make a paper Community Coloring Quilt. Come to the library to color a 4-inch cardstock quilt square. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Return the square to the library and we will display the quilt in the newspaper room. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting July 9th and kits will be available while supplies last.



Write A Children's Picture Book: Monday, July 8 from 1:00—2:00 pm. Join librarian and author Christa Palm to learn how to write a children's picture book. Illustrate your story at home and return it to the library for display during the month of August. Program is designed for ages 8 to 12.

Historic US Route 20 Movie Road Trip presents "The True Adventures of Wolfboy": Monday, July 8 @ 6:30 pm

The Historic US Route 20 Summer Movie Road Trip hosted by Heidi Huisman now heads east to Buffalo, NY. This film is a coming of age journey about a boy with an illness that causes hair growth over the entirety of his face and body. After a disastrous carnival experience, he goes in search of his mother who abandoned him at birth. In the wilds of New Jersey he finds fast friends, but is pursued by an enigmatic carnival owner, and a police officer enlisted by his father. Rated PG-13 (88 min). Popcorn and soda provided.



Eco-Arts Animals: Tuesday, July 9 from 10:00—11:00 am. Create some amazing art from recycled materials! Choose from our supply of recycled materials to create your own animal, (either a real animal or a franken-animal!). Program is open to all children, but those under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen.

Sustainable Living: Tuesday, July 9 @ 6:00 pm

Learn how to live more sustainably in your every-day life with different tips, tools, and techniques that are easy to implement into your life. See first-hand, sustainable products and practices that Dubuque County Conservation staff use. Be ready to make a goal and take steps to live more sustainably for the rest of the year! Registration is requested by July 8 as a minimum of 10 participants are required for this program to be held. This program is intended for older teens or adults but younger guests are welcome with an adult companion. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Register by contacting the library or online in the library's calendar of events.



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, July 9 @ 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 Proving* by Beverly Lewis. 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.

Stuffy Storytime: Wednesday, July 10 @ 9:15 am & 6:30 pm: Bring your favorite stuffy for a special animal-themed storytime geared toward 3-6 year olds, but open to children of all ages and abilities. An adult companion is required. **Note:** The morning storytime on July 10 is being held at 9:15 am to allow time for Blank Park Zoo to set up for their program.



Blank Park Zoo Animal Presentation: Wednesday, July 10 @ 11:00 am. Learn all about animals from Blank Park Zoo staff in a fun and engaging biology program for all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursday, July 11 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.*

Art in the Park: Thursday, July 11 from 3:30—4:30 pm. Join us at the Farmer's Market to make nature paints from flowers, grasses, mud and other natural materials. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

Iowa Legal Aid presents Wills & Advanced Directives: Thursday, July 11 @ 6:30 pm. An attorney from Iowa Legal Aid will be at the library to discuss Advanced Directives and some of the free legal services offered by Iowa Legal Aid. This presentation will encompass various aspects of advanced directives, including living wills, durable powers of attorney for both healthcare and financial decisions, as well as other legal documents crucial for expressing healthcare wishes in times of incapacity. All are welcome. Please bring your questions!



Camp NaNoWriMo Check-In: Thursdays, July 11, 18 & 25 @ 7:00 pm. All those participating in Camp NaNoWriMo are welcome to join other participants at these meetings to share what you're writing, get helpful advice, and encourage each other as you write this month.

Friday, July 12 thru Monday, July 15: Used Book Sale

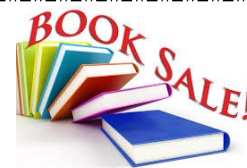
Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Bags of books are \$2 on Monday, the last day of the sale. Hours are:

Friday, July 12: 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Saturday, July 13: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Sunday, July 14: 1:00-4:00 pm

Monday, July 15: 9:00 am—6:00 pm



TACKL Fun and Games @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, July 12 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.



Pop-Up @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, July 12 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.

Donate to the Kitchen and Housewares Swap: July 13—26. Do you have kitchen utensils, tools, or small appliances you no longer need? Dishes, napkins, or other kitchen and cooking related items cluttering up your space? Please consider donating it to the JKPL Kitchen and Housewares Swap! Drop off your new or gently used items during library hours between July 13 and 26. Information about donation guidelines will be posted on the JKPL website and available to pick up at the library. Come back to the Swap on July 27 and select what you can use. Swaps are a great way to declutter your home, keep things out of the land fill, and save a little money! Items not taken by swappers will be saved for another swap, donated, recycled, or used for JKPL activities.



Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, July 13 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Bingo Party: Monday, July 15 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! All ages welcome, but those under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult or teen.

Historic US Route 20 Movie Road Trip presents "It's a Wonderful Life": Monday, July 15 @ 6:30 pm. The Historic US Route 20 Summer Movie Road Trip hosted by Heidi Huisman continues in New York state for a holiday classic. George Bailey is a decent small-town banker who learns what life would have been like if he'd never been born after he unwittingly becomes involved in a mistaken case of bank fraud. The ordeal threatens his spirit and tests his will to live until a wise angel compels him to see how his presence has made an incredible impact on the people of Bedford Falls. Rated PG. (130 min). Popcorn and soda provided.



Climb Theater presents "Country Mouse & City Mouse: Adventure to the Suburbs": Tuesday, July 16 @ 10:00 am

Follow along with this theater production as Country Mouse and City Mouse practice empathy and advocacy in an entertaining summer adventure great for all ages. The play will be held at the amphitheater in Legacy Square, but if inclement weather occurs, the theater production will be moved to the Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Summer Reading Store : July 16—21

Children ages 4 to 11 who participated in the summer reading program are welcome to drop in to spend their points and pick out toys at our summer reading store. The store is open the following hours:

Tuesday, July 16: Open 11:00 am—2:00 pm

Wednesday, July 17: Open 12:00—3:00 pm

Thursday, July 18: Open 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Friday, July 19: Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Saturday, July 20: Open 9:00 am—2:00 pm

Sunday, July 21: Open 1:00—4:00 pm

Note: if you cannot make it to any of the open hours, please contact Christa Palm to schedule an appointment.

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Teen Writer's Group: Tuesday, July 16 from 5:00—6:00 pm. Participants between the ages of 12-18 are invited to join the library's teen summer writer's group which will meet the third Thursday of July and August. Bring whatever short story, poem or nonfiction project to share with the group and get feedback. Not sure what to write? Check out the bulletin board in the YA corner for writer challenges. Refreshments will be provided.

Bats and Habitats: Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:00 pm

The JKPL is excited to partner with Dubuque County Conservation for this program where you will learn about bats and their habitats. Learn about Iowa's nine native bat species as we discuss their habitats and conservation needs. The first 8 people/families to sign up will be provided with the necessary tools, materials, and instructions to build a bat house to take home. **There is a limit of one (1) bat house per household** so we are able to provide opportunities for multiple people/families to participate. All ages welcome but anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is free, but a cash donation to support this program in the future is welcome.



Family Storytime: Wednesdays, July 17 and 24 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm. Join us for storytimes that are geared toward 3-6 year olds but are open to children of all ages and abilities. An adult companion is required.



TOMY Toys and Activities: Thursday, July 18 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Join TOMY at the library to discover some amazing toys! Stories will also be read aloud at 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm. All ages welcome!



Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, July 18 @ 11:15 am. Come get tips and tricks for how to pick out the best produce at the Farmer's Market plus tips on how to reduce food waste. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. There will be food samples to try and giveaways. All are welcome.

Fraud Prevention Awareness with MidWestOne Bank: Thursday, July 18 @ 6:30 pm

Fraud happens every day and that is why we're excited to offer this opportunity for you to learn how to protect yourself. Receive tips to proactively stay safe and avoid the frustration and possible financial loss from fraudulent activity. Presented by Justine Bemis from MidWestOne Bank. Refreshments will be provided.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Parent Trap": Saturday, July 20 @ 1:00 pm. Hallie Parker, a hip Californian, and Annie James, a proper London miss are identical twins who don't even know each other exists until they accidentally meet at summer camp. Now they're up to their freckles in schemes and dreams to switch places, get their parents back together, and have the family they've always wished for! Rated PG (128 minutes).

Teen Murder Mystery Challenge: Saturday, July 20 @ 4:30 pm

A murder most foul has happened at the library and participants are invited to try and solve it! Clues have been spread out around the library, witnesses are available for questioning, and everyone has only so much time to solve the mystery. Registration is required by July 19th to make sure there is enough interest to hold the program. For ages 12-18 only.



Ice Cream Sundae Bar: Sunday, July 21 from 1:30—3:30 pm

Celebrate National Ice Cream Day with us at the JKPL. Thanks to President Reagan, we celebrate National Ice Cream Day every third Sunday in July, which is July 21 this year. Join us as we use the ice cream maker from the Library of Things to make ice cream and offer a sundae bar. There will also be some related activities to enjoy while eating your treat, or to take with you to enjoy at home. This event is sponsored by TACKL.



Historic US Route 20 Movie Road Trip presents "Taking Woodstock": Monday, July 22 @ 6:30 pm. The last stop in New York for this Historic US Route 20 Summer Movie Road Trip hosted by Heidi Huisman is a historical comedy-drama about the celebrated 1969 festival of peace and love. Elliot Teichberg is an interior designer who offers to help out the promoters of Woodstock when they lose their permit to have the concert. He provides a space for the show, but must think on his feet when the entire event becomes much larger than he imagined. Rated R. (121 min.) Popcorn and soda provided.



JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, July 23 @ 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 call by 5:00 pm on the day of the event.

Art in the Park: Thursday, July 25 from 3:30—4:30 pm. Join us at the Farmer's Market to make colored macaroni collages. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

Hanging Planters or Candles: Thursday, July 25 from 5:30—7:30 pm. Drop in at the JKPL for this special upcycling event! Participants will transform glass jars and cord into hanging planters or candle holders. All supplies provided. Make your creation at the library or take the supplies and directions home and create at your convenience. Take-and-make kits will also be available while supplies last. This program is for adults and older teens but children are welcome with an adult companion.



Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, July 26 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.

James Kennedy Public Library @ Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, July 27 from 8:00 am—12:00 noon

The James Kennedy Public Library will be at the Downtown Market to bring you a pop-up library, wrap up our Book Art fundraiser, and bring you HUGE bubbles. Check out all that we have planned!

Pop-Up Library

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.*



Absolute Science Bubbles Stations

Do you love making HUGE bubbles? Help us celebrate summer reading with multiple bubble stations. Join in on the bubble fun for all ages! *Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library and the Dyersville Downtown Market.*



Book Art For Your Library Finales

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 special prize, yet to be determined. As space allows, entries with the highest donations may be displayed at the library during the month of August. Entries can be picked up at the library anytime after July 27 but should be picked up by September 1. All money raised will be used to support library collections and services.



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Mid-Century Architecture In Dubuque County: Sunday, July 28 @ 2:00 pm

The mid-20th century was a time of technological innovation and unprecedented growth in the American economy and population. The distinctive architecture of the 1940s-60s reflects these changes and the era's emerging values, including new ideas of what it meant to live the American Dream. Today, these buildings serve as a physical connection to an important period in our history. This presentation gives an overview of the types of mid-century buildings that can be found in Dubuque County, and the characteristics to look for in identifying them. Presented by Tricia Baum, Architectural Historian, with the Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission.

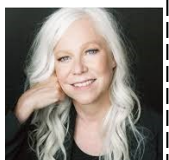


Historic US Route 20 Movie Road Trip presents "Murder She Wrote - Frozen Stiff" (Season 12, Episode 10): Monday, July 29 @ 6:30 pm. The final stop on the Historic US Route 20 Summer Movie Road Trip hosted by Heidi Huisman returns us to Dyersville. A successful frozen food company pledges \$750,000 to Jessica's favorite charity, the Literacy Foundation. Unfortunately, when she arrives to accept the donation, the money has vanished and the company accountant has committed suicide. Soon after, the corpse of one of the firm's co-founders is found in the company freezer. Rated TV-14 (60 min) Popcorn and soda provided.



Virtual Conversation with author Heather Gudenkauf and the Story Society of Iowa: Wednesday, July 31 @ 6:30 pm

Join us for this live Zoom conversation with author Heather Gudenkauf and fellow Iowa authors/members of a group called The Story Society of Iowa. Authors Kimberly Stuart, Julie Stone, and Nicole Baart will join Heather for a fun conversation about books, writing, and their love for Iowa. All are welcome to come to the library to view the conversation (refreshments will be provided) or you can Zoom in from home. If you want to Zoom from home, please email the library at svonderhaar@dyersville.lib.ia.us before noon on Wednesday, July 31, so a link can be emailed to you. Barring technical difficulties, this program will be recorded and available to view on the JKPL YouTube channel during the month of August.



Upcoming EVENTS

Find the latest information on library events
and programs at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us
or scan the QR code



Nerf War @ Your Library **Saturday, August 3 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.



Guided Conservation Hike @ Ringneck Ridge **Thursday, August 8 from 6:00—7:30 pm**

Join us for a guided hike around Ringneck Ridge as we look at the blooming prairie and learn about conservation practices in place. We will be walking 1.5 miles on uneven terrain that is in long grass, please be prepared for this by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. This hike will be led by Dubuque County Conservation. All ages are welcome but children under 16 need an adult companion. Registration by August 7 is requested as a minimum of 10 people must participate for this event to be held. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.



A Woodland Sketchbook—Creativity with Pen & Ink **Tuesday, August 13 @ 5:00 pm**

Participants will first construct an eight-page, handmade sketchbook. Then they will learn to draw various items found in Iowa woodlands and then transfer those images into the sketchbook. All drawings will be demonstrated step-by-step by Dianne Kramer. This class is designed for adults, and registration is required as space is limited to 24. Registration begins July 11. Materials needed: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped, black pen, and colored pencils. Snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. There will be a break mid-way through this 3 hour class.



Make your own Pet Bed **Thursday, August 15 from 5:30—7:30 pm**

Participants will learn how to take an old sweater and turn it into a cozy pet bed. This project will require some hand sewing. All supplies provided. Make your bed at the library or take the supplies and directions home and create at your convenience. Take-and-make kits will also be available while supplies last. Those taking home kits will need to provide their own scissors and needles. This program is for adults and older teens, but children are welcome with an adult companion.



Cryptocurrency Basics **Thursday, August 22 @ 6:30 pm**

We've been hearing the terms Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency more frequently in the past few years, but few of us understand anything about it. Join us for this informal presentation and learn the answers to these questions: What is cryptocurrency? How did it get started? How does it work? What can you use it for? Is it regulated? Feel free to bring your own questions as there will be a Q&A time after the presentation. Presented by Evan Hudson from the Center for Collaborative Economics in Dubuque.



Stuffy Sleepover **Wednesday, August 28 from 6:30—7:30 pm**

Wear your favorite pajamas and bring your stuffy for fun stories, games, and snacks with your stuffy! When the program ends, the fun is just beginning for the stuffed animals. Give them a big hug and leave them at the library for an overnight adventure with their new stuffy friends, where the stuffed animals will do everything sleepover related...and maybe cause a little trouble! Return to pick up your stuffy the next day, and in a few weeks, collect your copy of a special children's book written all about the JKPL stuffy sleepover!



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

Home Decor Swap **Saturday, August 31 from 1:00—3:00 pm**

Are you looking for new or gently used items to decorate your home with? Come to the library and see what you might discover! Members of the community have donated good, new, and gently used items for this special summer event. Swaps are a great way to declutter your home, keep things out of the landfill, and save a little money!



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| <div>Summer Reading Programs Continue Adult—thru August 31 Teen—thru July 27 Children/Toddlers—thru July 16</div> <div>Book Art Fundraiser: July 1—27</div> | 1 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Camp NaNoWriMo Begins. Registration from 1-3:30pm Play-Doh Challenge from 2-3pm <i>Field of Dreams</i> (PG) @ 6:30pm | 2 Sharpie Canvas Challenge from 10-11am | 3 Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm <div>Library closes @ 5pm</div> | 4 Library closed | 5 Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1-2pm Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm | 6 Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am <i>A League of Their Own</i> (PG) @ 1pm |
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Upcoming events for AUGUST 2024

Kids Can Craft: Paper Pegasus: August 1-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to craft and color a 3-D paper Pegasus. There will be kits to take home if you wish.

Creation Station Craft: August 1-31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! 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.

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

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

Reduce, Renew, Repeat: How do you practice self-preservation?: August 1-31. The summer library programs this summer focus on conservation, self-improvement, and self-preservation so each month this summer you are invited to respond to a question related to this topic. August's question is: What do you do for self-care? 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 the opportunity to select an item of your choice to be added to the library collection.

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

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

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Story County: Here We Come" by Derek Anderson: 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(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.*

Strength Training for Older Adults: Thursdays and Mondays, August 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 @ 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.

Upcycled Greeting Cards: Thursday, August 1 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 greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last. Move date to when? Ann - you need to reserve space if using a room.

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 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.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, August 3 from 10:00-11:00 am. This month's theme is "Rainy Day". 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.

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Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, August 5 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Circle of Women* by Lisa See. 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.

Adult Crafternoon: Monday, August 5 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a cool craft. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make 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 August 6 and kits will be available while supplies last.

Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21, 28 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.

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Movies @ Your Library presents "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire": Saturday, August 10 @ 1:00 pm. The Spengler family returns to where it all started – the iconic New York City firehouse – to team up with the original Ghostbusters, who've developed a top-secret research lab to take busting ghosts to the next level. But when the discovery of an ancient artifact unleashes an army of ghosts that casts a death chill upon the city, Ghostbusters new and old must join forces to protect their home and save the world from a second Ice Age. Rated PG-13 (125 minutes).

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Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, August 10 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

A Woodland Sketchbook - Creativity with Pen & Ink: Tuesday, August 13 @ 5:00 pm. Creating a woodland sketchbook is a wonderful way of capturing the beauty of a nature walk. In this three-hour class, participants will first construct an eight-page, handmade sketchbook. They will then learn to draw various plants, flowers, birds, and insects that inhabit Iowa woodlands and transfer those images into their sketchbook. Book construction and all drawings will be demonstrated step-by-step by Dianne Kramer. This class is designed for adults, and registration is required as space is limited to 24. Due to the high demand for this class, four of the twenty-four slots are allotted for those who have not previously attended one of Dianne's classes. Registration begins July 11. Materials needed: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped, black pen, and colored pencils. There will be a break mid-way through the class. Snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Examples of what we'll be doing in class are on display at the library.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, August 13 @ 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 Inn at Ocean's Edge* by Colleen Coble. 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.

Make your own Pet Bed: Thursday, August 15 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Drop in at the JKPL for this special upcycling event! Participants will learn how to take an old sweater and turn it into a cozy pet bed. This project will require some hand sewing. All supplies provided. Make your bed at the library or take the supplies and directions home and create at your convenience. Take and make kits will also be available while supplies last. Those taking home will need to provide their own scissors and needles. This program is for adults and older teens but children are welcome with an adult companion.

Bingo Party: Monday, August 19 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!

Teen Writer's Group: August 20 from 5:00-6:00 pm. Participants between the ages 12 to 18 are invited to join the library's teen summer writers' group. This is the last session. Bring whatever short story, poem or nonfiction project to share with the group and get feedback. Not sure what to write? Check out the bulletin board in the YA corner for writer challenges. Refreshments will be provided.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursday, August 22 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market on the second and fourth 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.

Cryptocurrency Basics: Thursday, August 22 @ 6:30 pm. We've been hearing the terms Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency more frequently in the past few years, but few of us understand anything about it. Join us for this informal presentation and learn the answers to these questions: What is cryptocurrency? How did it get started? How does it work? What can you use it for? Is it regulated? Feel free to bring your own questions as there will be a Q&A time after the presentation. Presented by Evan Hudson from the Center for Collaborative Economics in Dubuque.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, August 23 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.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Kung Fu Panda 4": Saturday, August 24 @ 1:00 pm. After learning he must find a new hero to take over as Dragon Warrior so that he may fulfill his destiny as the next spiritual leader of the Valley of Peace, Po decides to take one last adventurous mission. He teams up with a quick-witted thief named Zhen to discover the truth about recent sightings of villains he's defeated in the past. In a journey that puts both to the test, it will take a wicked, powerful sorceress, Chameleon, to bring them together and perhaps remind Po that heroes can be found in the most unexpected places. Rated PG (94 minutes).

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, August 27 @ 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>.

Stuffy Sleepover: Wednesday, August 28 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Wear your favorite pajamas and bring your stuffy for fun stories, games, and snacks with your stuffy! When the program ends, the fun is just beginning for the stuffed

animals. Give them a big hug and leave them at the library for an overnight adventure with their new stuffy friends, where the stuffed animals will do everything sleepover related...and maybe cause a little trouble. Return to pick up your stuffy the next day, and in a few weeks, collect your copy of a special children's book written all about the JKPL stuffy sleepover! Registration Required. Program designed for children ages 4 - 6. Please bring your second-best stuffy; the library will not be able to return a favorite sleeping stuffy after hours.

Pop-up at the Downtown Market: Saturday, August 31 from 8:00 am to 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.

Summer Swap - Home Décor: Saturday, August 31 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Are you looking for new or gently used home décor like artwork, vases, wall hangings, or decorative pillows? Come to the library and see what you might discover. Members of the community have donated good, new, and gently used items for this special summer event. Swaps are a great way to declutter your home, keep things out of the landfill, and save a little money! Items not taken by swappers may be saved for the next swap, donated, recycled, or used for JKPL activities.