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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
December 16, 2024**

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

- 7,389 items were checked out. This is a 1.9% decrease from November 2023. Fiscal year to date, circulation is down 4.1%
- 21 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 138 new library cards have been issued.
- 84 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,007 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 188 hours and 393 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 1,051 hours and 2,194 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 112 sessions, 105 visits, and 33 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 603 sessions, 547 visits, and 163 unique users.
- There were 4,785 library visits.

James Kennedy Public Library FY2024 Annual Report:

Included with this monthly report, please find the FY24 Annual Report for the James Kennedy Public Library. The Annual Report includes information about programs, services, funding, and more for FY24 – from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Monika Steffen, member of the JKPL Fundraising, Marketing & Public Relations Committee and JKPL Board Member will be at the Council Meeting to bring any questions you might have back to the Board.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the December events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for January. Some of the programs scheduled include a holiday music presentation featuring local musicians, a live animal program presented by Dubuque County Conservation, a New Year's celebration activity kit, the winter library program, an armchair travel program about South Africa, and a photography series for teens. The quilt display and fundraiser, in partnership with the Dyersville Layette group continues until December 23. The fundraising committee has scheduled the soup fundraiser for Monday, January 13 with carry out service for both lunch and dinner. A Jigsaw Puzzle Competition Fundraiser, partnering with Textile Brewery and the annual Mystery Dinner Fundraiser are scheduled for February.

Prepared by: Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director

NOTE: Shirley will be on vacation on Monday, December 16 so will not be in attendance to present this report. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to Shirley at 563-875-8912 or svonderhaar@dyersville.lib.ia.us

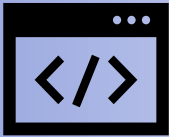
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

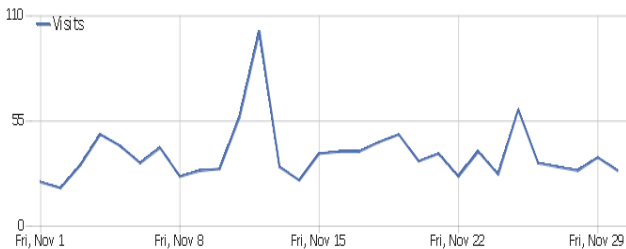
Month: November-24
YTD: July-24 to November-24
Previous YTD: July-23 to November-23

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	4785	(↑ 2.5%)	7389	(↓ 1.9%)	6	21	(↓ 22.2%)
YTD	25277	(↓ 4.4%)	39022	(↓ 4.1%)	69	138	(↓ 15.9%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1129	1:40



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
188	1051	947	393	2194	2060

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
112	603	105	547	33	163

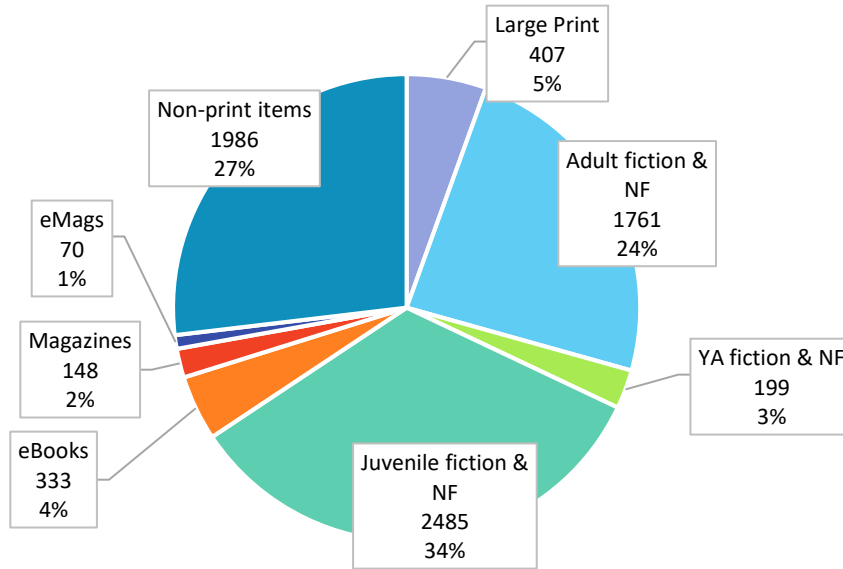
Meeting room use



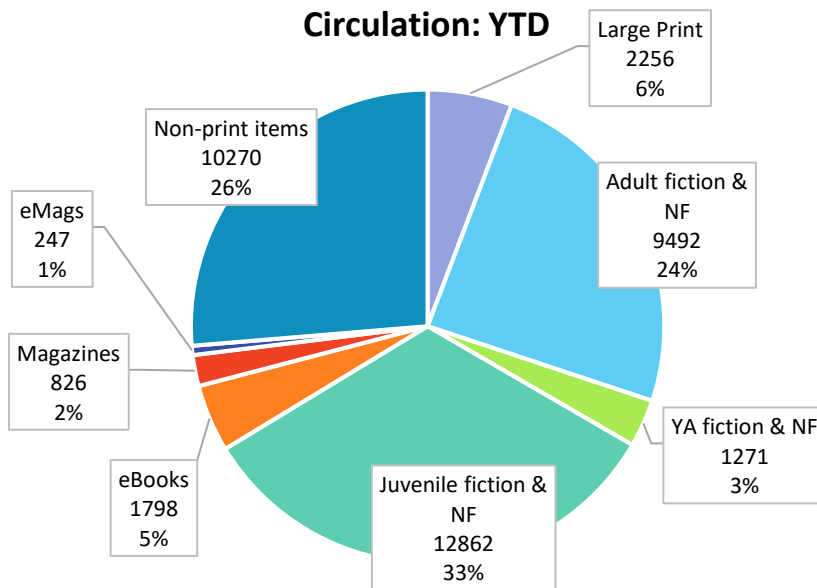
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
78	315	373

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	590	2874
Adult & YA audio	64	443
Juvenile audio & kits	28	86
Adult & YA video	612	3311
Juvenile video & DVD	332	1593
Games, LoT, etc.	360	1963
	1986	10270

Music

Downloads: 9
Total YTD: 60



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 10
YTD: 48



Visits: 79
YTD: 713



Online Learning

Sessions: 32
YTD: 94



Languages

Sessions: 14
YTD: 73



Genealogy

Visits: 52
YTD: 2998



Collection

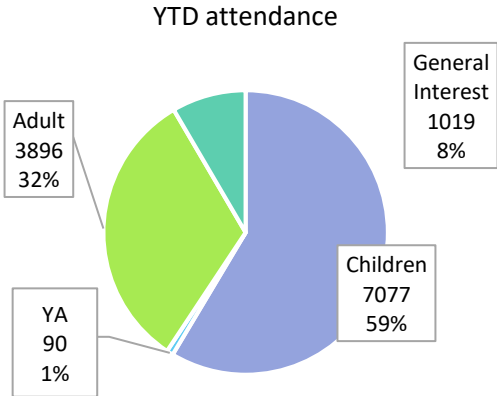
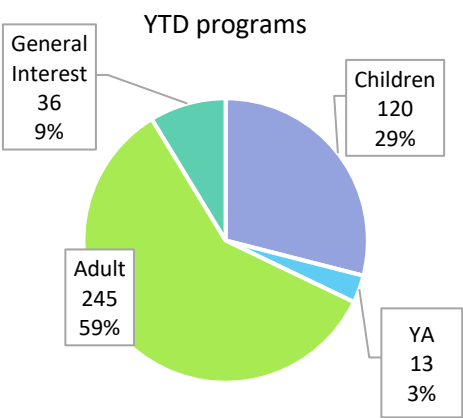
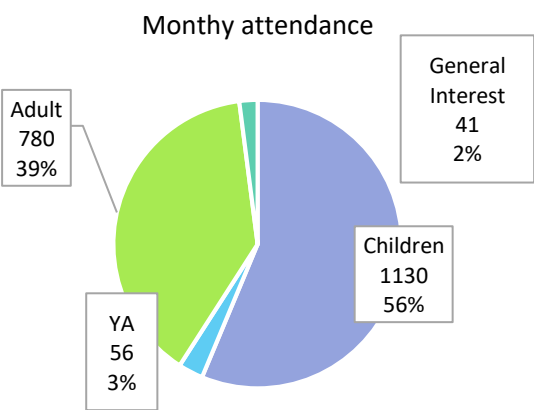
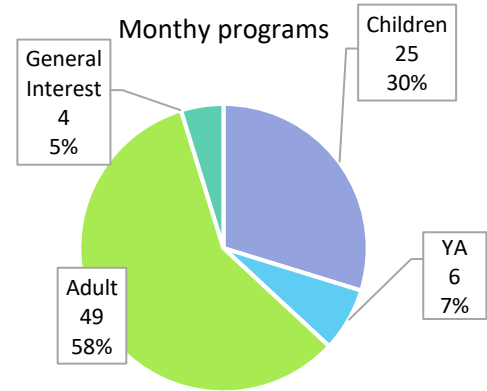
Items purchased	
Month:	238
YTD:	1203

Items donated	
Month:	50
YTD:	347
Prev. YTD:	226

Items withdrawn		
	Month	YTD
Books	257	2242
Audio	1	2
Video	2	23
Other	1	52
Total	261	2319

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	20	57	33	17	75	15	9	4	0	27	26	5	288
Previous month	19	86	33	4	47	6	0	10	0	32	6	6	249
Current YTD	121	423	196	78	336	91	46	29	1	155	49	25	1550
Previous YTD	72	430	129	84	403	67	52	33	5	134	51	40	1500

Programs



Upcoming Events in December:

Children's Pretend Play Station: Veterinary Clinic: December 1—31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Veterinary Clinic play!

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

Kids Can Craft: Color on a Community Poster: December 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to help color a huge tablecloth coloring page. Every visit to the coloring table qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a kid's Christmas basket but is limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early January.

Creation Station Craft: Winter Stocking: December 1—31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is a snowman-decorated sock that you can hang around your home. Kit includes a sock, felt pieces, buttons, twine, yarn, and a small bell. You will need to provide the glue. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

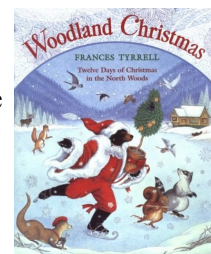


Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: December 1—31. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. You will need to supply the glue. If crafting in the library, glue sticks may be borrowed from the desk for in-library use. Kits are available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: December 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: December 1—31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Let It Snow*. 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.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Woodland Christmas" by Frances Tyrrell: December 1—31. (Winter start/end dates for the StoryWalk® are approximate due to weather.) 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.*



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, December 2, 5, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26, & 30 @ 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, December 2 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Family Lore* by Elizabeth Acevedo. 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—Paperclip Angel Ornament: Monday, December 2 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a paperclip angel ornament. 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. Kits will be available while supplies last.



New Science on What is Dementia—KEYS to Prevention: Tuesday, December 3 @ 4:00 pm

Join us for this virtual presentation by Dr. Patricia Quinlisk about what is new with dementia prevention, including the WHO, CDC and Lancet Updates. Dr. Quinlisk is the former IDPH Medical Director and State Epidemiologist, and current Medical Director of the newly formed non-profit, Help and Hope for Brain Health, which developed the Unlocking Brain Fitness program.

- This presentation will be presented via a Zoom so guests may join at the JKPL or participate from home using a personal computer or other device.
- Those interested in receiving the Zoom link should contact BrainHelpandHope@outlook.com and the Zoom link will be emailed to them.
- KEYS Chats will be presented via Zoom by Help and Hope for Brain Health, typically on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm.



My Winter Memory Box—Creativity with Pen & Ink: Tuesday, December 3 @ 5:00 pm

In our December art class, participants will be recalling memories of winters gone by, drawing those images, and then gathering them together into a memory box with an accordion book inside. 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 18. Due to the high demand for this class, two of the 18 slots will be allotted for those who have not previously attended one of Dianne's classes. This class is 3 hours and there will be a short break. Snacks will be provided but feel free to bring your own. Materials needed: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped felt black pen, colored pencils, scotch tape, and a glue stick. Examples of what we'll be doing in class are on display at the library!



Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, December 4 & 18 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.

Tween Zone—Drop in to Hang Out: Wednesday, December 4 from 4:00—5:00 pm. Do you love snacks, books, puzzles, and games? Join us to hang out, eat snacks, talk about your favorite book, and discover our new Turing Tumble puzzle game, a low-tech yet high-fun gaming experience! Registration is not necessary. Program is designed for Tweens ages 8 to 12. *The STEM Scale-Up Turing Tumble game sets are funded by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council.*



Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, December 6, 20 & 27 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.

Cookie Walk Fundraiser! Friday, December 6 thru Sunday, December 8

Craving some special treats but don't have time to bake for yourself? Come to the library for the annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser! Guests will be able to purchase a dozen items for \$8.00 (or 24 for \$15.00). Choose from a delicious assortment of homemade treats to be placed on a plate, covered, and decorated with a bow. Cookies will be stored away from the public and handled only by staff and volunteers working the event. Prepackaged plates will be available while supplies last. Funds raised from this event will be used to support library collections, programs and services. Hours are:



Friday from 1—5 pm Saturday from 10 am—4 pm Sunday from 1—4 pm

Winter Holiday Fun Day: Saturday, December 7 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Families and children of all ages are invited to the library for fun winter/ holiday themed activities featuring your favorite Australian Blue Heeler. Come and go as you are able! All ages welcome but children under 7 need an adult or mature teen companion.

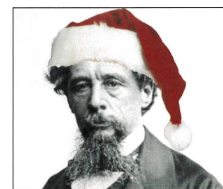
- *Get crafty!* Supplies will be provided to decorate blue heeler-themed ornaments and to decorate cookies.
- *Write a letter!* The library will provide stationery, stickers, stampers, and envelopes for kids to write a letter to Santa, a relative, or a friend.
- *Take a picture!* Snap a selfie in our cardboard blue heeler sleighs.
- *Uppy Uppy!* Enjoy your favorite Australian blue heeler Uppy Uppy balloon game.
- *Snowball Fight!* The day will conclude with an indoor snowball fight at 1:45 pm.



JKPL at the Merry Mingle Market: Saturday, December 7 from 12:00—4:00 pm. The JKPL will be at this special Winter Market and we're bringing part of the annual cookie walk fundraiser with us! Stop by the JKPL booth and support the library while satisfying your sweet tooth. A variety of homemade cookies and sweet treats will be on a decorative plate, covered and decorated with a colorful bow. Each plate will be \$8.00 and include 12 items. Individual cookies and cups of hot chocolate will also be available for \$1.00 each. Grab and enjoy while wandering the market! While at our booth, be sure to check out the JKPL pop-up library. Learn more about the library and select a free book to keep. There will be books for all ages available. *The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.*



The Man Who Reinvented Christmas: Sunday, December 8 @ 2:00 pm. Would you believe Christmas used to be a very low-key affair? It's true! Until the mid-19th Century, people did little to mark it and businesses didn't consider it a holiday. Yet by 1900 it was our largest & most popular annual celebration. What changed society's view of Christmas? The answer may be Charles Dickens and his book, *A Christmas Carol*. Historian Kathy Wilson investigates how a novel about social reform transformed Christmas from a date on the church calendar into the holiday we know today. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



The Library is closed December 10—13 for painting!

Our outside drop boxes will be open so items can be returned; however, we will not be checking anything in during this time. Also, there will not be staff available to answer the telephone but patrons are welcome to leave a message on our voicemail and staff will follow up once we re-open.



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, December 14 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is "Holiday Fun". 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.



Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, December 14 @ 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.

Old Fashioned Christmas: Sunday, December 15 from 1:30—3:30 pm

The entire family is invited for an afternoon of traditional Christmas carols, cookies, and spiced cider at the Dyer-Botsford House in Dyersville. Prizes will be given out in a drawing. All ages welcome, but children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is sponsored by the Senior Advisory Committee of the JKPL and the Dyersville Area Historical Society.



Bingo Party: Monday, December 16 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!

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, December 17 @ 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 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, December 17 @ 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 *Wish Book Christmas* by Lynn Austin. 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.

Genealogy with Ann: Thursday December 19 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

Family Christmas Movies @ Your Library presents "The Search for Santa Paws": Saturday, December 21 @ 1:00 pm. Santa's loyal, four-legged companion Paws enlists the aid of a fun-loving orphan and his faithful friends to help save Christmas after Santa is stricken with a bad case of amnesia. Rated G (119 minutes).



Live Holiday Music: Sunday, December 22 @ 1:30 pm

Join us at the JKPL for this special holiday event featuring local musicians! Dan & Sue Engelbrecht, Gary & Chris Bramel, Joe Schmitt, and Steve Dikkers will perform some seasonal favorites to get you in the holiday spirit. Refreshments provided



CHRISTMAS HOURS:

Monday, December 23: Library closes @ 5:00 pm
Tuesday, December 24: Library closed
Wednesday, December 25: Library closed



Live Animals @ the Library: Friday, December 27 @ 10:00 am

Bring the kids to this family-friendly event at the JKPL where we get a close-up encounter with some of Dubuque County Conservation's educational animals. Learn about their adaptations, hold them, and watch them interact with the environment around them. All ages welcome but those under 7 need a mature teen or adult companion. Registration is encouraged as there is a minimum of 10 required for this program to be held and space for a maximum of 45 individuals. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.



Christmas Movies @ Your Library presents "A Christmas Carol": Saturday, December 28 @ 1:00 pm. In one haunted evening, embittered old miser Ebenezer Scrooge, who has soured on the world and his fellow man, learns the true spirit of Christmas from three ghostly visitors. This is the version starring Patrick Stewart. Rated PG (95 minutes).



Family New Year Celebration Activity Kit: Thursday, December 26. Looking for ways to celebrate New Year's Noon, or New Year's Eve, with the family? Stop by the library and grab one of our New Year's Activity Kits! Each kit will come with multiple activities for the whole family. These kits will be available to pick up starting December 26th and will be available while supplies last.



HOLIDAY HOURS:

Tuesday, December 31: Library closes @ 5:00 pm Wednesday, January 1: Library is closed



To find the latest information on library events and programs, visit www.dyersville.lib.ia.us, scan the QR code, contact the library directly at (563)875-8912 or email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us



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



Kids Can Cook Registration Begins Thursday, January 2

Join us this Spring for three sessions of Kids Can Cook, which will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each class will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron.

- Sessions will be offered February 6, 13, 20; March 6, 13, 20; and April 3, 10 & 17.
- Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session.
- A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend.

Soup Lunch and Dinner Fundraiser Monday, January 13 from 11:30 am—1:00 pm & 4:30—6:30 pm

Enjoy a bowl of homemade chili or chicken noodle soup. Or make it a meal with crackers, roll, and a cookie. Again this year, we are offering carryout service for lunch as well as dinner.

- Lunch will be available from 11:30 am—1:00 pm and dinner will be offered from 4:30—6:30 pm (or until we run out).
- Price is \$7.00 per meal or \$5.00 for a bowl of soup only.
- Quarts of soup may also be available for \$10.00 each.
- Limited seating may be available for guests to eat on site. Otherwise, guests can call ahead to have their order ready, or step into the Hoffman Room to order and pick up their soup.
- Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to support library programs, services and collections.

Game Changer Saturday, January 4 @ 4:00 pm

Game Changer is a YouTube channel where participants engage in games involving improv comedy and random challenges. The twist is that the players don't know what game they are playing until it starts. The library is bringing a version of this to the library for teens! For ages 12 and up. Registration is required by December 28 to ensure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience.

Armchair Travel—South Africa Thursday, January 16 @ 1:00 pm

Grab your travel buddy and join us on this virtual visit to beautiful South Africa! Chelsea Middendorf from Eagle Pointe Senior Living in Dubuque will take you on this tour—complete with snacks! This program is for older adults but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Armchair Travel programs will be held on the third Thursday of most months from 1—2 pm.

Upcoming Movies @ Your Library:

Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice

Rated PG-13 (114 min.)
Saturday, January 11 @ 1 pm

The Wild Robot

Rated PG (120 min.)
Saturday, January 25 @ 1 pm



Save the Date

Puzzle Competition

The JKPL will be holding it's first-ever Puzzle Competition this winter! Stay tuned for more details.

Save the Date

Mystery Dinner Theatre Fundraiser: *Fast Times at Kennedy High* Saturday, February 22 @ 6:30 pm

The JKPL is excited to announce the 2025 Mystery Dinner Fundraiser. This event will feature a totally tubular 80s trivia night with murder, mayhem, and mixtapes performed by the Brew Ha Ha Players. The meal will be catered by J & D Catering and the event will be held at the Dyersville Social Center. Snow date is March 1.

- Tickets are \$75.00 each or a group of six (6) for \$400.00.
- Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance.
- Tickets will be available in January; however, if you are interested in purchasing tickets early for holiday gifts, please contact the library to make arrangements.

Save the Date

Friends Bus Trip to Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse Wednesday, April 30

The annual Friends of the JKPL bus trip will be going to Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island, IL to see *Heartbreak Hotel*. Seats are \$125 each and include one ticket to the show, lunch, and transportation. Tickets must be bought in advance and will be going on sale in mid-January. *Be sure to check back as tickets sell fast!*



December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm	3 New Science on Dementia @ 4pm My Winter Memory Box @ 5pm	4 Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Tween Zone @ 4pm	5 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	6 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Cookie Walk from 1-5pm	7 Cookie Walk from 10am-4pm Winter Holiday Fun from 10am-2pm JKPL @ Merry Mingle Market from 12-4pm
8 Cookie Walk from 1-4pm <i>The Man Who Reinvented Christmas</i> @ 2pm	9 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	10 Library closed	11 Library closed	12 Library closed	13 Library closed	14 Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm
15 Old Fashioned Christmas from 1:30-3:30pm	16 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Bingo Party from 1-3pm	17 JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	18 Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	19 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm	20 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	21 <i>The Search for Santa Paws (G)</i> @ 1pm
22 Live Holiday Music @ 1:30pm	23 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Library closes @ 5pm	24 Library closed	25 Library closed	26 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	27 Live Animals @ 10am Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	28 <i>A Christmas Carol (PG)</i> @ 1pm
29	30 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	31 Library closes @ 5pm	1 Library closed	<div>December 1-31</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Stocking craft kits Kids Can Craft Community Poster Family New Year Celebration Activity Kits (as of December 26) Coloring, Creating, & Doing Upcycled Cards kits 		<div>December 1-31</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Puzzled StoryWalk® Children's Pretend Play Station & scavenger hunt

Upcoming Events January 2025

Wednesday, January 1: Library closed for New Year's Holiday

Winter Library Challenge Begins! Thursday, January 2: The JKPL is once again offering a winter library program. Details to be decided. This Winter Library Challenge will run from January 2 thru February 28.

Children's Pretend Play Station: Pizza Restaurant: January 2-31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Pizza Restaurant play!

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Pizza: January 2-31. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Pizza" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.

Kids Can Craft: Pizza Flavor Challenge: January 2-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to draw and color a brand-new pizza flavor idea. Chocolate and sardines? Frogs and yule logs? Get creative with some gross concoction ideas! Every coloring page qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a surprise food basket but is limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early February.

Creation Station Craft: January 2-31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is to be announced. 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.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: January 2-31. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that 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. You will need to supply the glue. If crafting in the library, glue sticks may be borrowed from the desk for in-library use. Kits are available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: January 2-31. 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: January 2-31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *I Love Iowa*. 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.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "I'm Going to Build a Snowman" by Jashar Awan: January 2 - February 28. (Winter start/end dates for the StoryWalk® are approximate due to weather.) 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: Mondays and Thursdays, January 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 @ 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.

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 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, January 4 from 10:00-11:00 am. This month's theme is "Sci-fi Adventure". 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.

Game Changer: Saturday, January 4 @ 4:00 pm. Game Changer is a YouTube channel where participants engage in games involving improv comedy and random challenges. The twist is that the players don't know what game they are playing until it starts. The library is bringing a version of this to the library for teens! For ages 12 and up. Registration is required by December 28 to ensure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, January 6 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *The Matzah Ball* by Jean Meltzer. 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.

Food is Medicine - KEYS to Dementia Prevention Chat: Tuesday, January 7 @ 4:00 pm. Join us for this virtual presentation by Dr. Emily Beckett, Pharmacologist at Broadlawns Medical Center. More details coming. This presentation will be presented via a Zoom so guests may join at the JKPL or participate from home using a personal computer or other device. Those interested in receiving the Zoom link should contact BrainHelpandHope@outlook.com and the Zoom link will be emailed to this. KEYS Chats will be presented via Zoom by Help and Hope for Brain Health, typically on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm.

Teen workshop: Creative Smartphone Photography. Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 from 4:00—5:00

pm. Join local photography expert Erin Labelle as she explores downtown Dyersville and the library area with teens using smartphone cameras! Participants will spend eight weeks learning about digital photography, including timing, light and composition. They'll view images illustrating these photographic concepts and discuss with the group. Portraiture and self-portraiture techniques will be covered too, enabling teens to take their selfie game to a new level. A weekly photo walk will get the group outside and moving, and they'll return to edit and enhance their images with the Snapseed app. On the final day, students will print four of their favorite photos from the workshop to keep. By registering and committing to the eight sessions, teens will receive a photography book for at home learning. Registration required as space is limited.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 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.

Movies @ Your Library presents "Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice": Saturday, January 11 @ 1:00 pm. After an unexpected family tragedy, three generations of the Deetz family return home to Winter River. Still haunted by Beetlejuice, Lydia's life is turned upside down when her rebellious teenage daughter, Astrid, discovers the mysterious model of the town in the attic and the portal to the Afterlife is accidentally opened. With trouble brewing in both realms, it's only a matter of time until someone says Beetlejuice's name three times and the mischievous demon returns to unleash his very own brand of mayhem. Rated PG-13 (114 minutes).

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, January 11 @ 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.

Soup Lunch and Dinner Fundraiser: Monday, January 13 from 11:30 am —1:00 pm & 4:30—6:30 pm! Enjoy a bowl of homemade chili or chicken noodle soup. Or make it a meal with crackers, roll, and a cookie. Again this year, we are offering carryout service for lunch as well as dinner. Lunch will be available from 11:30 am—1:00 pm and dinner will be offered from 4:30—6:30 pm (or until we run out). Price is \$7.00 per meal or \$5.00 for a bowl of soup only. Quarts of soup may also be available for \$10.00 each. The soup is made and served by the JKPL Library Board and Fundraising Committee members. Limited seating may be available for guests to eat on site. Otherwise, guests can call ahead to have their order ready, or step into the Hoffman Room to order and pick up their soup. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to support library programs, services and collections. Call the library at 563-875-8912 for more information or advance ordering.

Adult Crafternoon: Sock Snowman: Monday, January 13 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a Sock Snowman. 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. Kits will be available while supplies last.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, January 14 @ 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 *No Other Will Do* by Karen Witemeyer. 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.

Tween Zone: Drop in to Hang Out: Wednesday, January 15 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Do you love snacks, books, puzzles, and games? Join us to hang out, eat snacks, talk about your favorite book, and discover our new Turing Tumble puzzle game, a low-tech yet high-fun gaming experience! Registration is not necessary. Program designed for ages 8 - 12. *The STEM Scale-Up Turing Tumble game sets are funded by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council.*

Genealogy with Ann: Thursday, January 16 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

Mock-a-Movie Night for Teens: Friday, January 17 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! This evening we will be watching *Madam Web* (PG-13) – a terrible movie involving spider man characters. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.

Bingo Party: Monday, January 20 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!

Armchair Travel - South Africa: Tuesday, January 21 @ 1:00 pm. Grab your travel buddy and join us on this virtual visit to beautiful South Africa! Chelsea Middendorf from Eagle Pointe Senior Living in Dubuque will take you on this tour - complete with snacks! This program is for older adults but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Armchair Travel programs will be held on the third Tuesday of most months from 1 to 2 pm.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, January 23 @ 11:15 am. Topics will include Fiber: Your Health's Best Friend and The Live Healthy Iowa 10-week Wellness Challenge. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. There will be food samples to try! All are welcome.

Used Book Sale: Friday, January 24 thru Monday, January 27. Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Hours are: Friday, January 24: 9:00 am—5:00 pm; Saturday, January 25: 9:00 am—3:00 pm; Sunday, January 26: 1:00-4:00 pm; and Monday, January 27: 9:00 am—6:00 pm. Bags of books are \$2.00 on Monday, the last day of the sale.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Wild Robot": Saturday, January 25 @ 1:00 pm. After a shipwreck, an intelligent robot called Roz is stranded on an uninhabited island. To survive the harsh environment, Roz bonds with the island's animals and cares for an orphaned baby goose. Based on the book Peter Brown. Rated PG (101 minutes).

Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, January 25 from 4:00 - 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 Saturday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Monday, January 27: Strings Club @ 6:30 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 Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month from October to April. Registration encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, January 28 @ 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 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

National Puzzle Day Celebration: Wednesday, January 29! January 29, National Puzzle Day, is the perfect day to set aside time for you and your family to solve puzzles. To celebrate, the JKPL is putting together Puzzle Take-and-Make kits for you to enjoy. The kit will include paper puzzles of different types and different skill levels; a blank jigsaw puzzle so you can create your own puzzle; and more. Kits will be available while supplies. If the kit is not enough, there are paper puzzles of various types (sudoku, crossword, etc.) available to pick up at the library as part of the Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library passive program. Still need more puzzles? There are also jigsaw puzzles for all ages to either put together at the library or check out and assemble at home.

Love My Library Giving Tree Fundraiser: January and February: Do you “Love Your Library”? Then consider participating in this annual fundraising activity that will improve the collections, programs, and services the library is able to offer. Library staff have identified books and other materials, furnishings, equipment, programs, supplies, and more that the library needs. Select one or more items and donate the funds needed for purchase. Or purchase the items yourself and donate them to the library. Donations will be written on a heart and displayed on the library windows as well as acknowledged on the library website and social media. Where appropriate the library will attach a tag or book plate acknowledging the donation and the donor will be the first to check it out. Some items are listed on the bulletin board in the entry to the library as well as being featured on the library webpage and social media. The complete list can be viewed at the front desk or from the home page of the library’s website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us). Not finding something you want to “love”? Bring your ideas to a librarian! (Final dates and details to be determined)

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MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD PRESIDENT, ALEX WIEZOREK

When someone thinks of a library, they often think of the entertainment they can acquire within: books, movies, magazines, audiobooks, games, and more. While the James Kennedy Public Library certainly offers those things, our library offers so much more! Between opportunities for self-improvement, activities inside and out, and a place to express your artistic side, our Library truly is the one-stop-shop for self-improvement!



Storytime helps children develop a love of reading and a desire to learn to read themselves. Kids Can Cook classes instruct children on the basics of food prep and kitchen safety. Brainfuse online database offers resources to students from elementary school to college and beyond with tutoring, study help, and test prep. Mango language learning is a free app allowing library patrons to learn languages at their own pace, on their own schedule. Programs such as Strength Training for Older Adults and Unlocking Brain Fitness, a program to help battle Alzheimer's, help to improve the golden years of area seniors. Our Genealogy Room and free Ancestry.com membership allows us to remember those who have come before us. As you can see, the JKPL has something to offer for all lifelong learners!

The library events page is the first place to stop the next time you are looking for something fun to do. Visit the mobile library or the Book Bike at Dyersville events such as Downtown Summer Nights or the Downtown Market at Legacy Square. Join Paul for a Nerf War or Mini Golf in the library or attend a Library fundraiser such as the Murder Mystery Dinner or trivia at O So Good Winery & Distillery. There is always something going on—the James Kennedy Public Library put on over 800 programs last year alone!

Lastly, find your creative side and express yourself through art. The Creation Station, located in the middle of the library, has art supplies for you to use during your visit; or take one of the craft-of-the-month kits with you to do at home; or join a class on the Cricut machine, guided drawing, and much more.

I hope by now you have realized the James Kennedy Public Library is much more than a building full of books. It is our community's hub for learning, entertainment, and expression. I hope upon your next visit to our library you find a new way for us to help you grow!

MISSION STATEMENT

The James Kennedy Public Library enriches the Dyersville community by providing equal access to creative resources for entertainment and education.

VISION STATEMENT

The James Kennedy Public Library helps create a thriving community to inspire curiosity, creativity, innovation, and connection.

DISCOVER: WITH MATERIALS

PRINT COLLECTION

- Books
- Large print books
- Magazines
- Newspapers

BOOKS: 46,358

MAGAZINES/NEWSPAPERS: 80

AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION

- Books on CD
- Books on Playaway

COLLECTION: 1,582

DVD & BLURAY COLLECTION

- Feature films for all ages
- Television series
- Documentaries, Exercise, & How-To

COLLECTION: 4,485

GAMING & LIBRARY OF THINGS COLLECTION

- Console Games: Xbox, XboxOne, Wii, WiiU, Nintendo Switch
- Board Games
- Puzzles
- Puppets
- S.T.E.A.M. Items
- Kitchen equipment, tools, arts & crafts, & more!

COLLECTION: 1,333

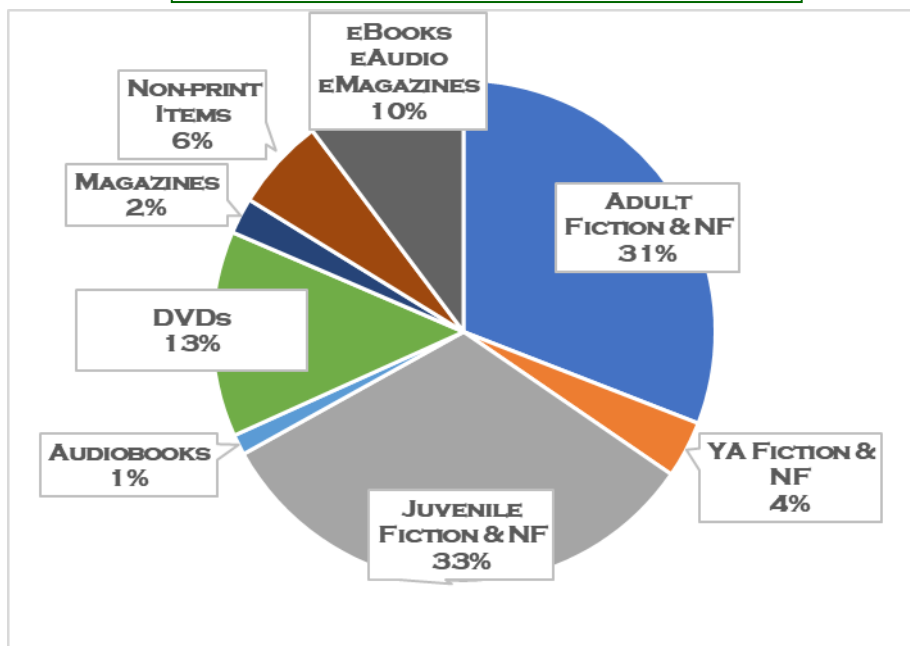
DOWNLOADABLE MATERIALS

- 103,155 eBooks
- 50,153 eAudiobooks



Physical Items (print, audio, video, games, etc.)
added to the Library Collection (both purchased
& donated): **3,327**

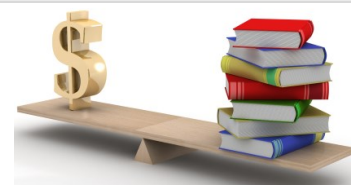
USAGE BY TYPE OF MATERIAL



Number of Items of all types
checked out from the JKPL

94,202

Total VALUE of items checked
out: **\$3.3 Million!**



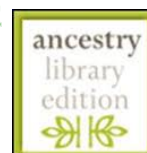
Library card holders
checked out an average of
22 items each. At a value of
\$35.00 per item, each
library user saved **\$770!**

CONNECT: WITH SERVICES

DIGITAL COLLECTION / ELECTRONIC SERVICES

- eBooks and eAudiobooks: BRIDGES, Freading, & Hoopla
- eMagazines: BRIDGES
- Music: Hoopla
- Streaming Videos: Kanopy & Hoopla
- Language Learning: Mango
- Newspaper Archives & Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition & Dyersville Commercial Archives
- Databases: People's Law Library, Foundation Directory by Candid, Global Road Warrior, A to Z World Culture, A to Z World Food, Brainfuse, Niche Academy, G.O.L.D. Databases & more

Used 16,307 times!



SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook
- Instagram
- X
- YouTube
- Goodreads



SPACE & EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

- Meeting & study spaces
- Community spaces
- Gaming Equipment (Xbox & WiiU)
- Soft seating & fireplace
- Projection system
- Large screen TV & Bluray player
- Device charging station
- Train table

MEETING SPACE USE: 761 GATHERINGS

COMPUTER SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Public Access Computers with Internet
- Children's Computers
- Laptops, Tablets, & Hotspots
- WiFi
- Library website with online catalog and account access

COMPUTER USE

5,130
Individual Internet Sessions

2,361
Total Hours Used

2,208
WiFi Use

**Number of People with
Library Cards**

4,267

**Number of people entering
the library**

61,030

**Number of Items
Available (including
electronic): 207,066**

INSPIRE: WITH PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS INSIDE & OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

- Book Clubs and Author Visits
- Movie Showings
- Story Times and OutReads
- Gaming Activities
- Computer & Technology Programs
- Speakers & Presentations for Life-long learning
- Health & Wellness
- Senior Programs at MercyOne Dyersville & Ellen Kennedy Living Center
- Crafting
- Writing Events
- Seasonal Programs
- Storywalk®
- Pop-up Libraries
- STEAM Programs
- Take-and Make kits

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Programs offered to children, teens, adults & seniors.

Live programs (in-person & virtual):
767 offered
13,841 participants

Passive (Storywalk®, Scavenger Hunts, Trivia Contests, Reading logs, etc.):
4,531 participants

Take-and-Make kits & Coloring Sheets:
7,603 taken by patrons

At a value of \$15 per live program, JKPL users saved \$207,615 while learning & playing at the library!

Price is what you pay. **Value** is what you get.

Warren Buffett // Quoteisan.com

Revenues:	
Dyersville	\$481,173
Library Agency	\$7,804
State Funding	\$11,531
Fees (copier, printer, etc.)	\$3,328
TOTAL	\$503,836
Expenditures:	
Wages & benefits	\$393,946
Building (utilities & contracts)	\$38,943
Supplies & marketing	\$9,745
Equipment & repairs	\$6,620
Programs	\$584
Books & materials	\$53,998
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$503,836

Operating Budget

GRANTS:

The JKPL was awarded **3** grants this year for a total of **\$13,977**.

FUNDRAISING & OTHER DONATIONS:

Numerous businesses/people donated **\$10,111**. The JKPL Fundraising Committee raised **\$12,188** this year. All money was used to enhance the library's collections & services.



Trust Account

Income	\$45,001
Expenditures	\$32,210
Remaining	\$102,060

\$18,115

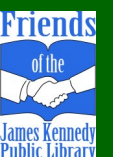


Endowment

97 Volunteers shared their time & talent at the library for **3,447 hours**.



Friends of the Library sponsored over **\$5,620** worth of special library services & programs. **THANK YOU!**



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