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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
February 17, 2025**

Highlights from the Librarian's Report to the Board of Trustees for January 2025 are:

- 8,357 items were checked out. This is a 0.9% increase from January 2024. Fiscal year to date, circulation is down 3.5%
- 29 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 188 new library cards have been issued.
- 67 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 1,765 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 232 hours and 479 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 1,459 hours and 3,027 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 609 sessions, 538 visits, and 213 unique users. Year to date WiFi use included 1,344 sessions, 1,201 visits, and 213 unique users.
- There were 4,888 library visits.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the February events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for March. Some of the programs scheduled include testing out a rumble table to celebrate National Engineers' Week, a workshop on fall prevention presented by NEI3A, an All-Abilities open house, a Portable Planetarium Experience led by a Dubuque County naturalist, and a Kid Librarian story time series. The spring session of Unlocking Brain Fitness will be starting in March. The Love My Library fundraiser runs during the month of February and the Build-a-basket event is off to a great start.

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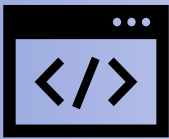
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

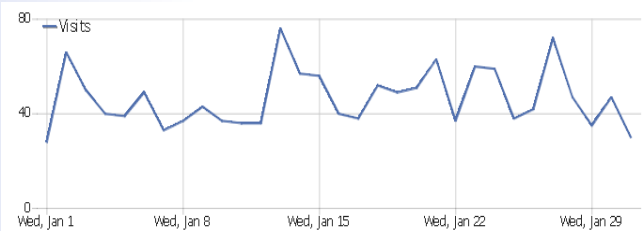
Month: January-25
YTD: July-24 to January-25
Previous YTD: July-23 to January-24

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	4888	(↑ 17.2%)	8357	(↑ 0.9%)	16	29	(↑ 61.1%)
YTD	33865	(↓ 2.1%)	54082	(↓ 3.5%)	95	188	(↓ 6%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1443	1:44



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
232	1459	1265	479	3027	2784

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
609	1344	538	1201	213	383

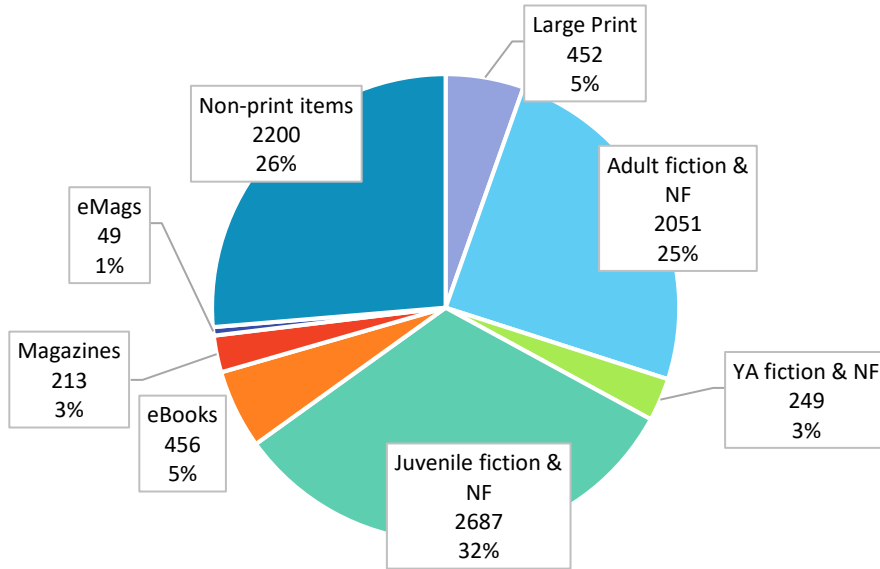
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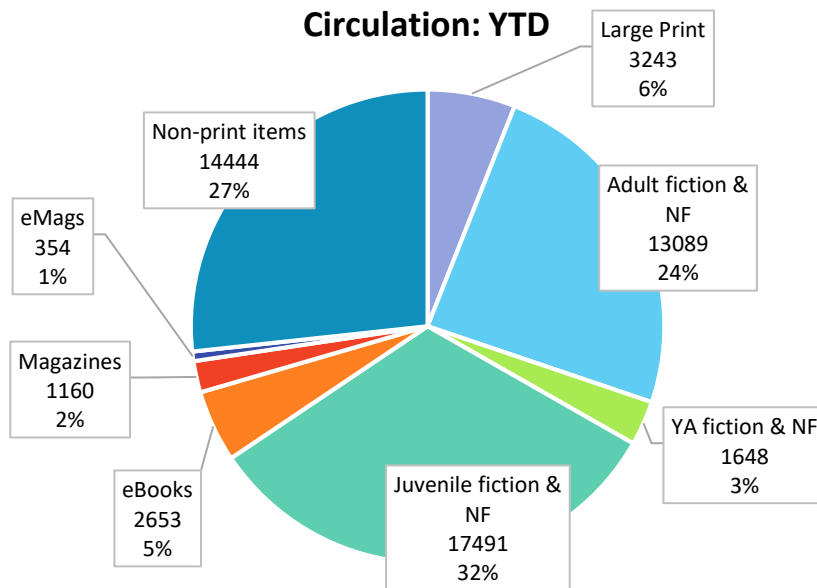
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
69	417	494

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	657	4092
Adult & YA audio	89	604
Juvenile audio & kits	2	101
Adult & YA video	686	4696
Juvenile video & DVD	329	2211
Games, LoT, etc.	437	2740
	2200	14444

Music

Downloads: 18
Total YTD: 85



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 14
YTD: 72



Visits: 301
YTD: 1263



Online Learning

Sessions: 83
YTD: 211



Languages

Sessions: 17
YTD: 101



Genealogy

Visits: 352
YTD: 3815



Collection

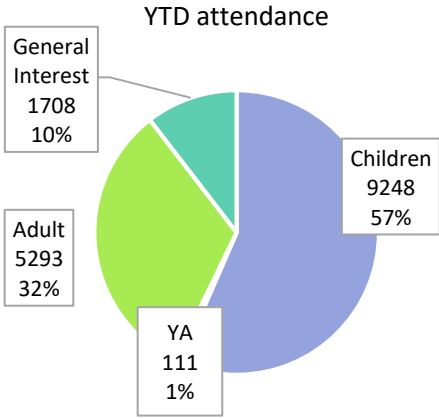
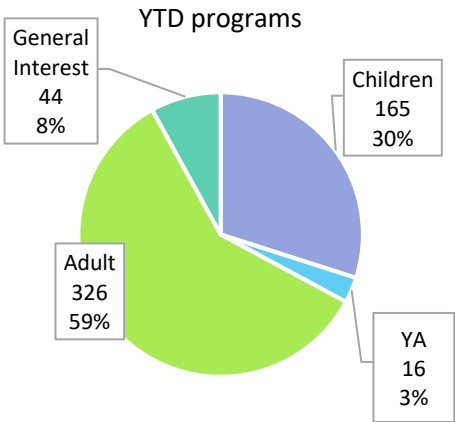
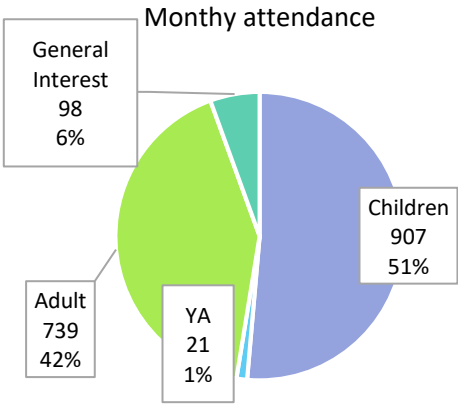
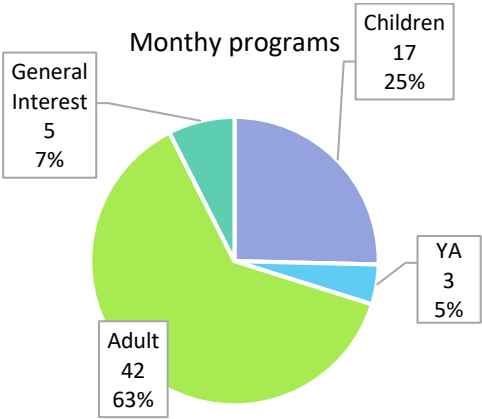
Items purchased	
Month:	169
YTD:	1464

Items donated	
Month:	288
YTD:	722
Prev. YTD:	329

Items withdrawn		
	Month	YTD
Books	843	3186
Audio	345	353
Video	5	32
Other	2	55
Total	1195	3626

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	19	189	32	23	66	19	18	1	0	37	35	18	457
Previous month	17	66	36	19	50	0	0	8	0	34	6	8	244
Current YTD	149	644	245	115	435	110	64	35	2	215	84	50	2148
Previous YTD	100	573	190	109	483	71	68	44	5	189	62	51	1945

Programs



FEBRUARY 2025

Love My Library Giving Tree Fundraiser: February 2025

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 in the library 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!



Winter Wonderland Library Challenge: February 1—28

The JKPL is once again offering a winter library program. This year, participants will be using a new game board to track their participation. Complete activities and read to earn prize entries!

- For each square completed, the participant will earn an entry into the prize drawings.
- Several prize options, for various ages and interests, will be available to choose from.
- Those that complete the program, (finish all squares on their board), will earn a special canvas book bag and be able to adopt an item to be added to the library collection.
- All ages of readers are welcome and participants can sign up as individuals or as teams.
- Everyone will get a free book just for signing up!
- Stop in the library to register and pick up your game board or print the board from the library website.
- This winter Library Challenge will run through February 28.
- All entries must be received by March 5 to be included in the drawings.



Children’s Pretend Play Station: Ice Cream Store: February 1—28. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Ice Cream Store play!

Children’s Scavenger Hunt: Ice Cream: February 1—28. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our “Ice Cream” scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.



Kids Can Craft: Create Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Challenge: February 1—28. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to create and color a drawing of an ice cream sundae. Every coloring page turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into the drawing for a book basket. Kids are limited to one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early March.

Creation Station Craft: PomPom Teddy Bear: February 1—28. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station or grab a kit and create at home! This month’s craft is a teddy bear made from pompoms. Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. 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: February 1—28. 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: February 1—28. 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: February 1—28. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month’s puzzle is *Winter Games*. 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.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “I’m Going to Build a Snowman” by Jashar Awan: February 1—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® 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.*

Take Your Child to the Library Day: February 1. Come to the library to color on a special ocean animals community poster! While here, check out our ice cream scavenger hunt, ice cream pretend-play station, enter our ice cream drawing challenge, and check out books to read in the library or at home.



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, February 1 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is "Snowed In". 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. 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.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Wizard of Oz": Saturday, February 1 @ 1:00 pm. A young farm girl and her little dog are magically transported into the enchanted land of Oz via a Kansas tornado. As they travel down Oz's Yellow Brick Road to find the Wizard and ask him to send them home, they encounter a wonderful, funny, and enlightening group of characters both human and otherwise. Rated G (101 minutes).



Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, February 1 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.



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, February 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 & 27 @ 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, February 3 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. 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.

New Science on Preventing Dementia—KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesday, February 4 @ 4:00 pm. The risk of dementia can be reduced; in fact, it is estimated that about 40% of all cases of dementia can be prevented. Learn more about what YOU can do to lower your risk. It's not easy to make lifestyle changes, but now is the time to start and these changes will help you be healthier overall. Not only will your brain be healthier, but so will your heart, lungs, and body! Presented by Dr. Patricia Quinlisk, Medical Director at Brain Help and Hope and State Epidemiologist Emeritus. This program is presented via Zoom so guests may join by gathering at the JKPL or participate from home using a personal computer or other smart device. To join from your own device, please email BrainHelpandHope@outlook.com to receive the Zoom link. KEYS chats will be presented via Zoom by the nonprofit organization Brain Help and Hope, typically on the first Tuesday of each month.



World Read Aloud Day: Wednesday, February 5. World Read Aloud Day is celebrated on the first Wednesday in February. This is a day dedicated not just to reading, but to the art and practice of reading aloud. To celebrate, the JKPL will post a smash cut video of library staff members reading aloud brief excerpts from favorite books. Patrons are also encouraged to celebrate and share a brief video or photograph of them reading aloud. Videos can be posted on the library's social media between February 1-15 or emailed to librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. 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, February 5 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.*

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, February 6, 13 & 20 from 4:00—5:30 pm

Join us this winter and 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 series, children who have participated in over half of the classes they registered for will receive an apron.



- Sessions will be offered February 6, 13, 20; March 6, 13, 20; and April 3, 10 & 17.
- The menu for February is simple scones (February 6); pizza sandwiches (February 13); and creamy chicken noodle soup (February 20).
- Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session.
- A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend.
- *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.*

Sustainable Landscaping with Dubuque County Conservation: Thursday, February 6 @ 6:00 pm

Join us at the JKPL to learn about sustainable options for landscaping from a Dubuque County Naturalist. Be ready to write down ideas and draw out your landscape design to implement native plants, rainwater harvesting systems, and more. This will be an interactive 1.5 hour class with time for questions throughout, in order to make it work for your property. Registration is encouraged as a minimum of 10 people is required for this program to be held.



Fit the Pieces Jigsaw Puzzle Fundraiser: Thursday, February 6 from 6:00—8:00 pm

Join us in celebrating National Puzzle Day at this fun new fundraising event to support the JKPL! This event will be held at Textile Brewery. Teams of up to 4 individuals can buy a table for \$40.00 which includes a 300-piece puzzle. Complete the puzzle first to win! Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place. Be sure to bring some cash to buy some fun twists like freezing the competition, making them wear gloves, wearing beer goggles, and more—with all proceeds going to the library! Participation is limited to 15 teams. Textile Brewery will donate 10% of food sales during the event to the JKPL. All proceeds will benefit the James Kennedy Public Library.



NOTE: All tickets are sold out, but if interested, please contact the library to be put on a notification list for a future event.

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 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.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents “The Wiz”: Saturday, February 8 @ 1:00 pm. Ease on down the yellow-brick road with this funky, musical reimagining of *The Wizard of Oz*. A young kindergarten teacher finds herself in the Land of Oz. As she journeys down the Yellow Brick Road in search of the Wiz, she encounters a scarecrow, a tin man and a cowardly lion. Rated G (133 minutes).



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

Miniature Golf @ Your Library: Sunday, February 9 from 5:00—7:00 pm

Come to the library for this special after-hours event for all ages. For one night only, we'll turn the library into a mini-golf course! Come tee off between the stacks and navigate our book obstacles which will be designed by library staff and/or volunteers. All ages welcome but those under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult.



Adult Crafternoon: Wine Cork Coasters: Monday, February 10 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make coasters from wine corks. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a kit and craft on your own at home. Kits will be available starting February 11th and kits will be available while supplies last.

Board Game Hangout: An All Abilities Program: Tuesday, February 11 from 11:00 am—2:00 pm

Bring your favorite game, or use one of the library's many games, and meet, teach, and play with others! All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need an adult companion. Snacks provided. This program is intended to act as a soft launch for our upcoming neurodivergent program series but all are welcome. Come and go as you are able! This program is funded by a grant: *Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL).*



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, February 11 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *He Should Have Told The Bees* by Amanda Cox. 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.

Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Begins: Saturday, February 15

Would you like to help raise money for the library? It is fun and easy! Just pick something you love and build a basket of items around that theme. Or pick a favorite book and build a basket around that book. Create your basket and donate it to the library by early March. The baskets will be auctioned off in a silent auction (in person and virtual) that runs March 10 to April 13. The library will provide you with an empty basket if you need one. Or you can just donate your items to the library and we can put them all in a basket for you. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Wicked”: Saturday, February 15 @ 12:00 pm. *Wicked* is the untold story of the witches of Oz. Elphaba is a misunderstood young woman who has yet to discover her true power and Glinda is a popular young woman who has yet to discover her true heart. The two meet at Shiz University and forge an unlikely friendship before their lives take different paths following an encounter with The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Their extraordinary adventures will ultimately see them fulfill their destinies as the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good. Rated PG (160 minutes). *Note: Start time is earlier due to the length of the movie.*



Turing Tumble Coding Puzzles for Teens: Sunday, February 16 from 2:00—3:00 pm. Want to learn more about how computers, coding, puzzles and games work? Come check out our Turing Tumble—a tactile programming board game that uses marbles, ramps, crossovers, bits, inceptors, gears and gear bits to understand how computers and simple switches work. Snacks will be included! Program is designed for ages 13 to 18.

Bingo Party: Monday, February 17 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher presents Throw Blankets: Monday, February 17 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and how to print a picture on a throw blanket. White throw blankets (60" x 50"), along with all other supplies, will be provided. Participants should be 14 or older. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10.

Armchair Travel—Greece: Tuesday, February 18 @ 1:00 pm

Grab your travel buddy and join us on this virtual trip to the magical Mediterranean country of Greece! In this interactive cultural program, guests will be able to experience Greek life through art, history, music and more! Presented by Chelsea Middendorf from Trustwell Living at Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque. Chelsea will also be providing a small taste of the culture, so come ready to try something new! This program is for older adults, but all ages are welcome. Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Armchair Travel programs will be held on the third Tuesday of most months.



National Engineers Week Rumble Table Construction Challenge: Tuesday, February 18 from 3:30—5:00 pm

National Engineers Week (February 16-23) is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of, and interest in, engineering and technology careers. To celebrate, the library is hosting a building challenge! Using the library's buildables (LEGOs, Lincoln Logs, Magnatiles, etc), participants will build structures capable of lasting one round on a rumble table (a device that simulates earthquakes). Farmtek Engineer Danielle Will and Dyersville City Engineer John Wandsnider will be on hand to answer questions, either about the challenge or general engineering questions. This program is designed for those ages 7 and up.



Genealogy with Ann: Thursday, February 20 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.

Bear Creek Carvers Open House and Demo: Saturday, February 22 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Members of the Bear Creek Woodcarving Club will be at the library to demonstrate carving techniques and display their carvings. Questions are welcome! Everyone is invited to stop in during this open house and view the carvers and their work.



Murder Mystery Dinner & Trivia Fundraiser: "Fast Times at Kennedy High": Saturday, February 22 @ 6:30 pm

This event will feature a totally tubular 80s trivia night with murder, mayhem, and mixtapes performed by the Brew Ha Ha Players. Visit www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/events/murder-mystery-dinner-theatre for more information!

- Tickets are \$75.00 each or a table for six (6) for \$400.00.
- Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased before Monday, February 17.
- Doors open at 5:45 pm and the performance starts promptly at 6:30 pm.
- Themed dress is welcome!
- The meal (salad, entree, and dessert) will be catered by J&D Catering. The meal will include: Salisbury Steak, Sliced roasted pork loin, Mashed potatoes, Glazed carrots, Italian pasta salad, Dessert, Coffee and milk. Note: A vegetarian option is available if requested at the time the ticket is purchased.
- Soda and water will be provided but guests are welcome to bring their own drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). There is not a bar at the venue location. Some additional beverages may be available for a donation.
- Snow date of March 1.



Strings Club: Monday, February 24 @ 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.

Healthy Steps for Older Adults Workshop: Tuesday, February 25 from 9:30 am—3:00 pm

This evidence-based class helps adults 50 and older prevent falls by focusing on fall risk screening, safety at home, proper footwear, nutrition for bone health, and exercises to improve strength and balance. Participants will learn practical skills to reduce their risk of falling and maintain an active, independent lifestyle. Presented by Nutrition Aging Specialist Colleen Lawler from the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging.

- Lunch will be provided and you will also receive a program handbook.
- This class is offered at a suggested contribution of \$25.
- Registration is required by February 20 as space is limited.
- To register, call Colleen Lawler at (563)277-6016 or email her at clawler@nei3a.org. Or email Elise Bovy at ebovy@nei3a.org.



JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, February 25 @ 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.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, February 27 @ 11:15 am. Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will be at the library to talk about the Winter Blues. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome.



Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, February 28 from 6:00—8:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is typically held on the 4th Saturday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion. NOTE: The date for this program was moved so it wouldn't conflict with the murder mystery dinner.

Upcoming EVENTS

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



Free Trees for Earth Day!

The JKPL is celebrating Earth Day again this spring by participating in the Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids every Earth Day.

- Parents can find more information and sign their children up to receive a tree at this link: <https://bit.ly/FreeTrees24>
- Registration required by March 15.
- Trees (6 to 12 inches in size) will be delivered to the JKPL and families will be able to pick them up at the library around Earth Day (April 22nd).
- Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.



All Abilities Open House: An All Abilities Program Tuesday, March 4 from 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Drop in today to learn about the services and programs the JKPL will be offering as part of our enhanced programs and collections for members of the neurodivergent community. There will be a “show and tell” of items that are being added to the Library of Things, information about upcoming programs, fun activities, refreshments and more. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 7 need an adult companion. Come and go as you are able!



This program is funded by a grant: “Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).

Unlocking Brain Fitness: KEYS to Dementia Prevention

Tuesdays, March 11 thru May 13 @ 1:00 pm

Join us for this 10-week evidence based course developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. The KEYS dementia prevention course was started at the YMCA of Greater Des Moines and will be led by Brain Help & Hope.



- Participants should be 55 or older, in good cognitive health, and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions.
- Sessions are 2 hours each.
- Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required but may be refunded to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions (upon request).
- Registration is required as a minimum of 10 and maximum of 15 participants are allowed.
- This series is sponsored in part by the Friends of the JKPL and Nightingale Drug.

Portable Planetarium Experience Wednesday, March 12 from 2:00—5:00 pm

Bring the kids to this family-friendly event where you go into a portable planetarium to see the night sky and learn about the stories of the stars. All ages welcome but those under 7 need a mature teen or adult companion. There will be 4 sessions offered and each session will be a 30 minute experience with a Dubuque County naturalist. Space is limited to 20 people per session so registration is required. Register online or call the library. Walk-ins will be allowed if a session is not full.



Sessions will be offered at the following times:
2:00-2:30 pm / 2:30-3:00 pm / 4:00-4:30 pm / 4:30-5:00 pm

Introducing Library Chef Online Cooking Service!

We are thrilled to announce a new addition to our library programs—Library Chef! Join us for an exclusive series of cooking classes designed for adults, kids, and teens, where you can learn from expert chefs and professional nutritionists. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned cook, there's something for everyone!

Enjoy 5 live cooking classes each month—2 for adults, 1 for kids (ages 5-9), and 1 for teens (ages 10+). Experience hands-on cooking fun and skill-building activities! There are also Professional Nutrition Sessions where you can gain insights into nutrition topics that will help you cook healthier meals. And don't miss out on the guest chefs from Around the World where you can experience occasional classes led by chefs sharing diverse culinary techniques. The great thing is that all classes are recorded and replays are available anytime at your convenience. No Zoom links required! All classes are conducted within the platform, and recipes are included!



Visit the Digital Collection page on the library's website to access: <https://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/DigitalCollection>. You will need to use your library card number to register.

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Winter Wonderland Library Challenge continues thru February 28</div>	<div>February 1—28</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Puzzled StoryWalk® Children's Pretend Play Station & scavenger hunt 	<div>February 1—28</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create an Ice Cream Sundae challenge PomPom Teddy Bear craft kits Coloring, Creating, & Doing Upcycled Cards kits 	<div>Love My Library Fundraiser: February 1—28</div>			<div>1</div> <div>Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am</div> <div><i>The Wizard of Oz</i> (G) @ 1pm</div> <div>Nerf War @ 4pm</div> <div>Take your child to the Library day!</div>
2	<div>3</div> <div>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</div> <div>Books For Lunch @ 12pm</div>	<div>4</div> <div>New Science on Preventing Dementia @ 4pm</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</div> <div>Tween Zone @ 4pm</div> <div>World Read Aloud Day!</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</div> <div>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</div> <div>Sustainable Landscaping @ 6pm</div> <div>Fit The Pieces Fundraiser @ 6pm</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div>	<div>8</div> <div><i>The Wiz</i> (G) @ 1pm</div> <div>Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm</div>
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23	<div>24</div> <div>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</div> <div>Strings Club @ 6:30pm</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Healthy Steps for Older Adults from 9:30am-3pm</div> <div>JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30pm</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</div> <div>Health & Wellness 365 @ 11:15am</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div> <div>Game Night from 6-8pm</div>	

Upcoming Events - MARCH 2025

Free Trees for Earth Day! The JKPL is celebrating Earth Day again this spring by participating in the Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids every Earth Day. Since 2010, Neighborhood Forest has reached over 100,000 families and planted over 50,000 (mostly urban and residential) trees through the hands of children and parents across North America. The JKPL is excited to be participating in this wonderful program that teaches kids stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow. Parents can find more information and sign their children up to receive a tree at this link: <https://bit.ly/FreeTrees24>. Deadline to sign up for this program is March 15. Trees (6 to 12 inches in size) will be delivered to the JKPL and families will be able to pick them up around Earth Day (April 22nd). Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.

Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Continues! Would you like to help raise money for the library? It is fun and easy! Just pick something you love and build a basket of items around that theme. Or pick a favorite book and build a basket around that book. Create your basket and donate it to the library by early March. The baskets will be auctioned off in a silent auction (in person and virtual) that runs March 10 to April 13. The library will provide you with an empty basket if you need one. Or you can just donate your items to the library and we can put them all in a basket for you. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.

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

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

Kids Can Craft: Write a Frog Comic: March 1-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to create a comic strip featuring a frog character. Every comic strip turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a stuffed frog but is limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early April.

Creation Station Craft: Flower Fairy House: March 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 Flower Fairy House. Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. 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: March 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: March 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: March 1-31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Games We Played*. 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 Don't Want to Be a Frog" by Dev Petty: March 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(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.

Dubuque County Reads!: March 1-April 15: The James Kennedy Public Library is participating in the third annual *Dubuque County Reads* book discussion! We partnered last year with the Dubuque County Library District, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, University of Dubuque Library, Clarke University Library, and Loras College Library to create a county-wide initiative. The purpose of the *Dubuque County Reads* program is to facilitate events that encourage productive conversation around a common book, with the selected title aiming to invigorate community members and inspire dialog about important issues and topics. The selected title for 2025 is *What my Bones Know* by Stephanie Foo. *Dubuque County Reads* book discussions will happen at various locations around the county between March 27-April 15. Libraries are holding discussions on different days and times in the hopes that one of them will work with your schedule so you can attend. Feel free to attend as many as you are able to, wherever you are able! The book is available to borrow at each participating library, with the appropriate library card required. Digital copies are available to borrow electronically through the Carnegie-Stout Public Library or James Kennedy Public Library, with the respective city resident library card required. Some libraries may even have audiobook copies to borrow. Books will be ready to be picked up at the JKPL starting March 4. Alternatively, you can purchase a copy of the book from River Lights Bookstore in Dubuque for a discount. For more information about the book and a full list of participating libraries, go to: <https://libguides.dbq.edu/dubuquecountyreads>.

Book discussions will be held at following locations:

- Divine Word College: Tuesday April 1st @ 1:00 pm.
- Loras College Library: Wednesday April 2nd @ 4:00 pm.
- Wartburg Seminary: Thursday April 3rd @ 12:00 pm.
- JKPL Books for Lunch Discussion: Monday, April 7th @12:00 pm.
- University of Dubuque: Monday April 7th @ 2:30 pm.
- Carnegie Stout Public Library: Monday, April 7th @ 6:00 pm.
- Clarke University Library: Tuesday April 8th @ 2:30 pm.
- Dubuque Co. Disability Council: Tuesday April 8th @ 4:00 pm (Virtual).
- Dubuque County Library District (Asbury): Wednesday April 9th @ 6:30 pm.
- Cascade Public Library: Tuesday April 7th @ 4:30 pm.

- James Kennedy Public Library: Tuesday April 14 @ 5:00 pm.
Special programs:
- Mental Health Panel on Trauma at University of Dubuque Heritage Center: Thursday, March 27th @ 6:30 pm.
- Meet Author Stephanie Foo at Loras College: Thursday, April 10th @ 6:30 pm.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, March 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31 @ 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, March 3 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *The Librarianist* by Patrick DeWitt. 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.

All Abilities Open House - An All Abilities Program: Tuesday, March 4 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Drop in today to learn about the services and programs the JKPL will be offering as part of our enhanced programs and collections for members of the neurodivergent community. There will be a “show and tell” of items that are being added to the Library of Things, information about upcoming programs, fun activities, refreshments and more. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 7 need an adult companion. Acknowledgement statement: “Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).”

Nutrition Made Simple - KEYS to Dementia Prevention Chat: Tuesday, March 4 @ 4:00 pm. More details coming. This program is presented via Zoom so guests may join by gathering at the JKPL or participate from home using a personal computer or other smart device. To join from your own device, please email BrainHelpandHope@outlook.com to receive the Zoom link. KEYS chats are presented by the nonprofit organization Brain Help and Hope, typically on the first Tuesday of each month.

Tween Zone: Drop in to Hang Out: Wednesday, March 5 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.*

Kid Librarian Storytime: Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 10:00–11:00 am AND 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Join us for the fun new storytime format! Each program will

begin with a short book read out loud by Ms. Palm, and children who would like to read out loud are then welcome to sign up for the program's read-aloud rotation. After sign-up, the children will be encouraged to find their favorite book in the library to read out loud. Any children who wish to bring a favorite book from home may do so. When the kids are ready to read, the program participants will be divided into groups, and children will take turns reading out loud. The audience is encouraged to clap and celebrate each child's reading to help build reading confidence and community connection. Adult participation required. No registration is necessary.

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

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, March 6, 13 & 20 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The 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. The menu for March is: Banana Pancakes (March 6); Chunky applesauce (March 13); and Chicken Taco Cups (March 20). Classes will also be held 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. *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.*

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 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, March 8 from 10:00-11:00 am. This month's theme is "Parade!". 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 "Moana 2": Saturday, March 8 @ 1:00 pm. After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced. Rated PG (100 minutes).

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

Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Silent Auction Begins: Monday, March 10. Join us for the Annual Build-A-Basket Fundraiser! Organizations, businesses, and individuals have donated some amazing baskets this year and now is your opportunity to bid on them. All items are on display in the library and a photograph with a description of contents is posted on both the library's Facebook page and website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us. Bids can be placed in person at the library, by calling the library, or emailing librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us. The highest bid will be listed along with the photo of the item on the library's website. This list will be updated daily. Bidding in the Silent Auction runs March 10 to April 13 and ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 13. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.

Adult Crafternoon: Monday, March 10 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a fun 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. Kits will be available while supplies last.

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Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, March 11 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *In A Far Off Land* by Stephanie Landsem. 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.

Portable Planetarium Experience: Wednesday, March 12 from 2:00-5:00 pm. Bring the kids to this family-friendly event where you go into a portable planetarium to see the night sky and learn about the stories of the stars. All ages welcome but those under 7 need a mature teen or adult companion. There will be 4 sessions offered and each session will be a 30 minute experience with a Dubuque County naturalist. Sessions will be offered at the following times: 2:00-2:30 pm / 2:30-3:00 pm / 4:00-4:30 pm / 4:30-5:00 pm. Space is limited to 20 people per session so registration is required. Call 563-875-8912 to reserve your space or visit: <https://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/events>. Walk-ins will be allowed if a session is not full.

DCCB is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. We welcome and encourage people with disabilities to attend programs and events. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting DCCB staff at 563-556-6745.

Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game: Friday, March 14 @ 6:00 pm. Join us after-hours for *Kobolds Ate My Baby*, a role playing game with simple rules and lots of shenanigans. We will be playing with the new Orange Edition! The library will have completed character sheets available. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Bingo Party: Monday, March 17 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two-card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher: Monday, March 17 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher. This month's project to be announced. Participants should be 14 or older. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

Armchair Travel - France: Tuesday, March 18 @ 4:00 pm. Grab your travel buddy and join us on this virtual visit to France! 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. Note: For March and April, this program will be held at 4 pm.

Genealogy with Ann: Thursday, March 20 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.

Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, March 22 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.

Strings Club: Monday, March 24 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by 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, March 25 @ 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>.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging:
Thursday, March 27 @ 11:15 am. Topic to be announced. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler.

STEAMFEST: Saturday, March 29 from 9:30 to 2:30. Visit the JKPL for this special event and discover some of the exciting S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and music) activities available at the library! There will be different activities available throughout the day in different spaces of the library. Come for one or come for all! All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 require a teen or adult companion. The schedule of events can be found on the library's website. For more information please contact the library at (563) 875-8912 or visit the website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us