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**James Kennedy Public Library  
Report to the Mayor and City Council  
December 18, 2023**

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

- 7,531 items were checked out. This is a 4.2% increase from November 2022. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 6.7%
- 27 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 164 new library cards have been issued.
- 75 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 1,639 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 194 hours and 370 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 947 hours and 2,060 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 269 sessions, 233 visits, and 201 unique users
- There were 4,667 library visits.

Please note that the Board has revised the monthly Librarian's Report. We have removed the list of programs and details that were on the last 2 pages and replaced it with pie charts that show the number of programs for each age and the attendance.

*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 New Year's celebration activity kit, the Bookopoly winter library program, activities to celebrate National Science Fiction Day and Hot Tea Day, and more. The quilt display and fundraiser, in partnership with the Dyersville Layette group continues until December 22. The fundraising committee has scheduled the soup fundraiser for Monday, January 29 with carry out service for both lunch and dinner. The Love My Library fundraiser will begin on January 8 and run until the end of February.

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## JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

### Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

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

#### Library visits

Month	4667	(↑ 34%)
YTD	26439	(↑ 25.3%)

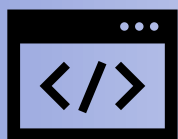
#### Items loaned

Month	7531	(↑ 4.2%)
YTD	40690	(↑ 6.7%)

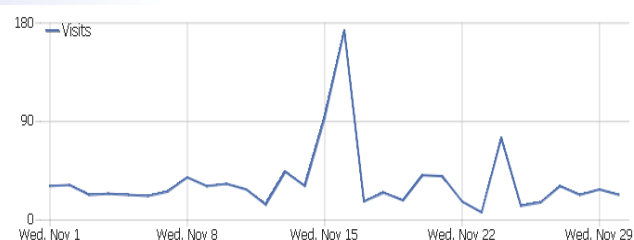
#### Library cards issued

City resident	Total		
Month	17	27	(↑ 58.8%)
YTD	86	164	(↑ 2.5%)

### Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1041	0:57



### Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
194	947	740	370	2060	2100

### Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
269	1568	233	1320	201	194

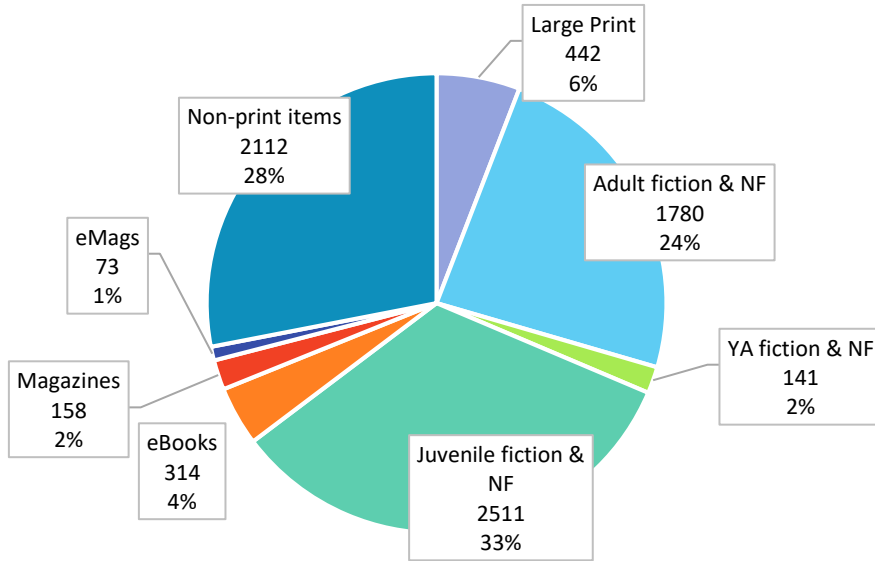
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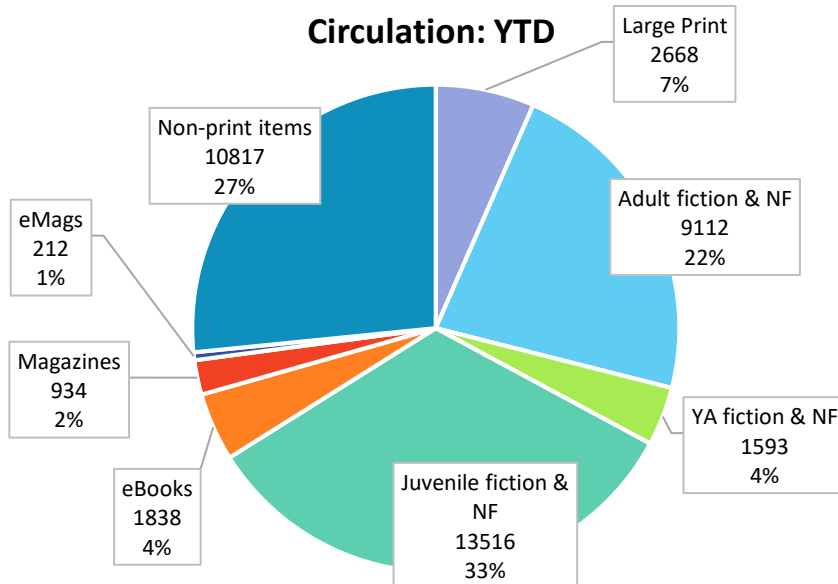
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
78	373	280

## Circulation

**Circulation: Month**



**Circulation: YTD**



### Non-print items

### Month

### YTD

eAudio	439	2335
Adult & YA audio	72	394
Juvenile audio & kits	12	109
Adult & YA video	832	3992
Juvenile video & DVD	312	1568
Games, LoT, etc.	445	2419
	<b>2112</b>	<b>10817</b>

### Music

Downloads: 2  
Streams: 0  
Total YTD: 20



### Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 3  
YTD: 9



Visits: 70  
YTD: 1086



### Online Learning

Sessions: 145  
YTD: 220



### Languages

Sessions: 24  
YTD: 120



### Genealogy

Visits: 362  
YTD: 2573



Collection

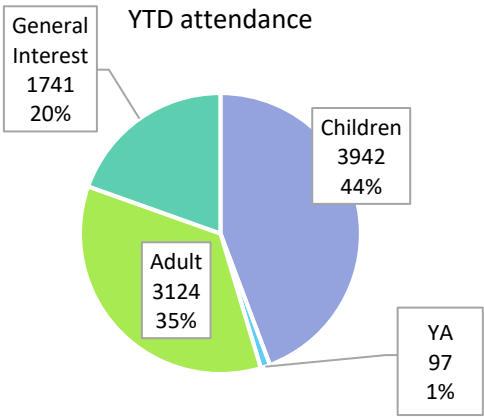
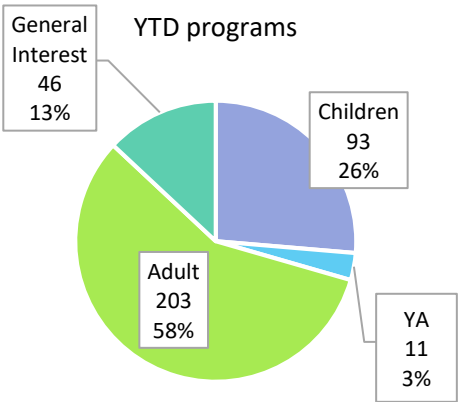
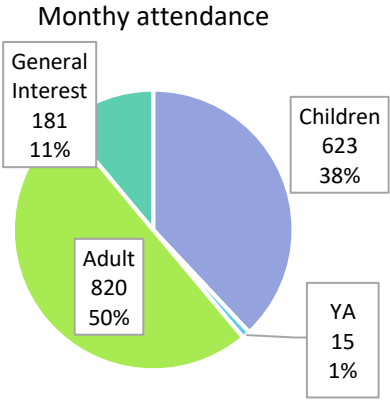
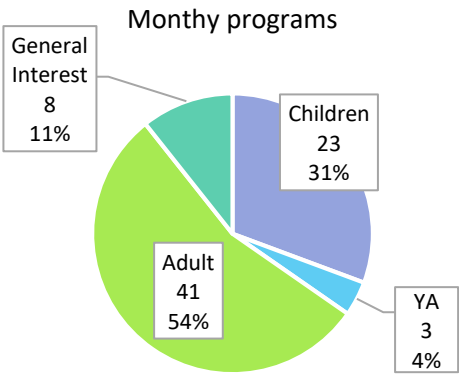
Items purchased	
Month:	213
YTD:	1274

Items donated	
Month:	36
YTD:	226
Prev. YTD:	251

Items withdrawn		
	Month	YTD
Books	82	1609
Audio	0	16
Video	2	111
Other	0	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1810</b>

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	86	33	4	47	6	0	10	0	32	6	6	249
Previous month	14	99	28	23	92	12	25	9	2	25	6	6	341
Current YTD	72	430	129	84	403	67	52	33	5	134	51	40	1500
Previous YTD	103	506	159	93	365	66	57	43	4	112	48	67	1623

Programs



## Upcoming Events in December:

**December 1—31: Westside Park StoryWalk®: “I Got the Christmas Spirit” by Connie Schofield-Morrison.** Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. *The StoryWalk® 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.*

**December 1—31: Kids Can Craft: Kinetic-Art Mobile.** Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and make a kinetic-art mobile with a Christmas twist. Kits available while supplies last.

**December 1—31: Creation Station Craft: Felt Snowmen.** 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 felt snowman. Kit includes all needed supplies, except for glue. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

**December 1—31: Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library.** The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

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

### **December 1—22: Layette Quilt Display and Sale Continues**

The James Kennedy Public Library is partnering with the Dyersville Layette Ladies to share with you the work and talent of the Layette Ladies as well as raise some funds for both organizations. Several layette or lap size quilts, as well as some larger sizes, made by the group are on display at the library thru December 22. These quilts are available to purchase starting at \$25.00 (larger sizes are more) and proceeds will be split between the Layette Ladies group and the JKPL. Photographs of the quilts are posted on the library's website and Facebook page.



**Fridays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Euchre Card Party & Games from 1:00—3:30 pm.** Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own. You can also challenge Ann to a game of Chess, Checkers, Connect 4, or Scrabble. If you want to learn a new game, contact Ann and she can schedule a time to teach you.

### **Friday, December 1—Sunday, December 3: Cookie Walk Fundraiser!**

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 treats to be placed on a plate, covered, and decorated with a bow.
- Items will be homemade by friends, volunteers, board members, and staff of the library.
- 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—6 pm**

**Sunday from 1—4 pm**

### **Cookies at the Dyersville Downtown Winter Market and Town Festival: Saturday, December 2 from 12:00—4:00 pm**

The JKPL will be at the Downtown 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 will also be available for \$1.00 each—to grab and enjoy while wandering the market.



### **Saturday, December 2:**

The library is staying open until 6pm in order to participate in all the events for the Downtown Winter Market & Town Festival!



**Saturday, December 2: Winter Holiday Fun Day from 12:00—4:00 pm**

Families and children of all ages are invited to the library for a fun afternoon of winter and holiday themed activities. 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 ornaments to give as gifts, color a beautiful picture and frame, and decorate gingerbread houses.
- 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! The library's green screen will be set up for pictures with a choice of winter or Christmas backgrounds. We will email the picture to you, or if time permits print one off for a memento.
- Snowball Fight! The day will conclude with an indoor snowball fight at 3:45 pm.



**Special guests The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who will join us and are available to pose for photos!**

**Saturday, December 2: Pop-Up Library at Dyersville Downtown Winter Market and Town Festival from 12:00—5:00 pm**

While enjoying the town festival activities, be sure to stop at the JKPL too! A Pop-Up Library will be set up inside the library so be sure to come in 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.*



**Mondays and Wednesdays, December 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 10:00 am.** Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays 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.

**Monday, December 4: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon.** This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Eliza Starts a Rumor* by Jane Rosen. 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](mailto: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.

**Monday, December 4: Adult Crafternoon: Pinecone Gnomes from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Join us this month to make pinecone gnomes. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project or if you prefer, you can pick up a kit and craft on your own at home. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting December 8th. Kits will be available while supplies last.



**Tuesday, December 5: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 pm.** Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. 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](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

**Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20, 27: Sit and Stitch from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

**Wednesday, December 6: Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1:00—2:00 pm.** Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to show you how to use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last.

**Wednesday, December 6: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30—4:30 pm.** This month's theme is *It's Cold!*. 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.



**Friday, December 8: National Brownie Day!**

Every year brownie lovers celebrate National Brownie Day and this year the JKPL is again joining the celebration!

- First, we want to know your favorite brownie. Vote for your favorite between December 8—18 to enter your name in a drawing for a plate of homemade brownies.
- Second, pick up a brownie themed activity kit. Each kit will include recipes, activity/coloring/trivia sheets plus a gently used cookbook.
- Third, a selection of food related cozy mysteries (because what goes better with enjoying a brownie than reading?) will be available for staff to check out to anyone who takes a kit. The mystery books need to be returned but everything else is yours to keep.
- Stop in the library starting December 8 to pick up your kit. Kits available while supplies last.



**NATIONAL  
BROWNIE DAY**  
DECEMBER 8

**Saturday, December 9: Family Christmas Movies @ Your Library presents “Jingle All the Way” @ 1:00 pm.** An absentminded father frantically tries to find a popular toy on Christmas Eve. Rated PG (94 minutes).



**Saturday, December 9: Nerf War @ Your Library from 4:00—6:00 pm.** Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins are welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed.

**Sunday, December 10: Old Fashioned Christmas from 1:30—3:30 pm**

The entire family is invited for an afternoon of live music, 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.



**Tuesday, December 12: A Whimsical Winter Wonderland: Creativity with Pen and Ink @ 6:00 pm.** Join us for this special winter-themed art class led by Dianne Kramer. Participants will learn how to draw all things that say snowy winter days like gingerbread characters, glowing candles, mittens, snowmen, and more. No art experience is necessary! Each image will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is for adults and there is a maximum of 20 participants in the class. Registration is required to attend, please register by 7:00 pm on December 11. Attendees will need to bring the following materials: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped felt black pen, colored pencils. All other materials will be supplied.



**Tuesday, December 12: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club @ 7:00 pm.** Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *The Metropolitan Affair* by Jocelyn Green. 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.

**Wednesday, December 13: National Cocoa Day Celebration from 10:00 am—7:00 pm.** This time of year many people crave the sweet, dark, creamy beverage known as hot cocoa and this is a perfect occasion to indulge yourself! Stop by the library and enjoy a hot cup of cocoa from our cocoa bar while enjoying your local library.



**Saturday, December 16: Christmas Movies @ Your Library presents “The Preacher’s Wife” @ 1:00 pm.** Dudley is an angel who is sent to earth to help a young minister and his beautiful wife revive their marriage. But things take a twist when Dudley accidentally falls in love with the Preacher's wife. Rated PG (124 minutes).



**Monday, December 18: Bingo Party from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

**Tuesday, December 19: JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30 pm.** Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please call the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

**Friday, December 22: Game Night @ Your Library from 6:00—9:00 pm.** Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

**Wednesday, December 20: Live Holiday Music @ 6:30 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.



**Tuesday, December 26: Family New Year Celebration Activity Kit.** 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:

**Saturday, December 23—Tuesday, December 25:** Library is closed

**Sunday, December 31 & Monday, January 1:** Library is closed



Find the latest information on library events and programs, go to [www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us), scan the QR code, contact the library directly at (563)875-8912 or email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us)  
Register for events online too!



# DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>December 1—31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get Puzzled</li> <li>Coloring, Creating, Doing</li> <li>StoryWalk®</li> </ul>	<p>December 1—31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kinetic art mobile kits</li> <li>Felt Snowman kits</li> <li>Family New Year Celebration Kit</li> </ul>	<p>Layette Quilt Display &amp; Sale continues!</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Cookie Walk Fundraiser from 1-5pm</p> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Cookie Walk Fundraiser from 10am-6pm</p> <p>Winter Holiday Fun from 12-4pm</p> <p>Cookies at the Dyersville Downtown Winter Market from 12-4pm</p> <p>Pop-Up Library at Dyersville Town Festival from 12-5pm</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Cookie Walk Fundraiser from 1-4pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Books For Lunch @ 12pm</p> <p>Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Dungeons &amp; Dragons @ 6pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Sit &amp; Stitch from 1-3pm</p> <p>Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1-2pm</p> <p>Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30-4:30pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</p> <p>National Brownie Day!</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Jingle All The Way</i> (PG) @ 1pm</p> <p>Nerf War @ 4pm</p>
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<p>31</p> <p>Library is closed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Library is closed</p>					



# Upcoming EVENTS

## **Mock-A-Movie Night** **Saturday, January 6 @ 4:00 pm**

Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! This evening we will be watching *Spider-Man 3* (PG-13)—an unpopular Spider-Man sequel! Refreshments will be provided. All ages welcome!



## **Come Fly A Drone** **Saturday, January 13 from 10:00—11:00 am**

Want to try flying a drone? The Library has two drones available in the Library of Things Collection and want to give you a chance to fly one! Stop by the library and take one for a whirl around the Hoffmann Room! For ages 10 and up.



## **Dungeons and Dragons Players Club** **Saturday, January 13 @ 4:00 pm**

Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the 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](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.



**This is a new day/time for this monthly program!**

## **Used Book Sale** **January 26—January 29**

Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Bags of books are \$2.00 on Monday, the last day of the sale. Hours are:

Friday, January 26: 9:00 am—5:00 pm  
Saturday, January 27: 9:00 am—3:00 pm  
Sunday, January 28: 1:00-4:00 pm  
Monday, January 29: 9:00 am—6:00 pm



## **Soup Lunch and Dinner Fundraiser** **Monday, January 29 from 11:30 am —1:00 pm & 4:30—6:00 pm**

Warm up this winter with the JKPL annual Soup Fundraiser! Enjoy homemade chili or chicken noodle soup, crackers, roll, and cookie. Again this year, we are offering service for lunch as well as dinner. This year's event will again be carryout only. Lunch will be available from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and dinner will be offered from 4:30—6:00 pm (or until we run out).



## **Mystery Dinner Theatre Fundraiser: *Gritty Gritty Bang Bang*** **Saturday, February 24 @ 6:30 pm**

The JKPL is excited to announce the 2024 Mystery Dinner Fundraiser which will feature a western-themed mystery performed by the Brew Ha Ha Players along with a meal catered by J & D Catering. This event will be held at the Dyersville Social Center. Themed dress is welcome! Tickets are \$75.00 each or a table for six (6) for \$400.00. Seating is limited. Tickets go on sale December 18. Snow date is Saturday, March 2.

### **Show Description:**

With audacious characters like the poker playing One-Eyed Jack; Scarlett, the overly friendly call girl; and Kitty Pinkerton, the new sheriff in town who's dedicated to law and order—this evening is filled with action and laughs as the small town of Fort Wiota tries to figure out who shot the contemptible Callous Crud. Join us as we put the "wild" in the Wild West!



## Tentative schedule of upcoming events - JANUARY 2024

**January 1: Library is closed for the New Year's holiday**

**Tuesday, January 2: National Science Fiction Day Celebration:** Celebrated on January 2 every year, National Science Fiction Day is a non-official holiday which celebrates everything science fiction in all forms including literature, art, television shows, and films. National SciFi Day also celebrates the birthday of the famed author Isaac Asimov. Come celebrate with us. **Try a SciFi Book:** The JKPL will have a selection of donated or withdrawn science fiction novels available for visitors to browse. Choose one to add to your home library. Check out the SciFi section at the library and check one or more out. **SciFi Movie Night @ 6:30 pm:** Join your fellow SciFi lovers for a fun movie night. Movie title to be decided.

**Tuesday, January 2: Winter Bookopoly Challenge Begins!** The JKPL is once again offering a winter library program. This year, participants will be using a Bookopoly game board to track what they are reading or doing at the library and earn prizes. Just like in the classic board game Monopoly, readers in Bookopoly will complete sets of challenges to earn prize entries. For each set completed, the participant will be able to select a free book from the prize cart to add to their home library, and earn an entry into the grand prize drawings. Several grand prize options, for various ages and interests, will be available to choose from. There are twelve opportunities to earn entries. Those that complete five sets will win a JKPL tote, a bookmark, a book journal to help them keep track of their books, plus a bonus entry. Those that complete all ten sets will be able to Adopt an item to be added to the library collection and receive a second bonus entry. All ages of readers are welcome and participants can sign up as individuals or as teams. Stop in the library to register and pick up your game board on or after January 2, or print the board from the library website. The winter Bookopoly Challenge will run through February 29. All entries must be received by March 4 to be included in the drawings. Details to be confirmed.

**January 2-31: Kids Can Craft: Sticker Mandala.** Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in and craft at the Creation Station in the library to make a sticker mandala. There will be materials to take home if you don't wish to make the craft in the library. A video demo of this craft may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

**January 2-31: Creation Station Craft.** Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft has not yet been selected. 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.

**January 2-31: Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library.** The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

**January 2-31: Get Puzzled @ Your Library.** Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Cardinals in Winter*. 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.

**January 2 -21: Iowa Duck Stamp Contest Exhibit.** The library is happy to have on display the winners from the 2023 Junior Duck Stamp Art Competition. The JDS is the culmination of the Junior Duck Stamp educational program where students may express their newfound knowledge of the waterfowl they studied by drawing, painting, or sketching a picture of an eligible North American waterfowl species. The artwork will be on display through January 21. Come take a look at the work of these talented young artists!

**January 3 thru February 29: Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Sneezy the Snowman” by Maureen Wright.** Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. Winter start/end dates for the StoryWalk® are approximate due to weather. *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.*

**Mondays and Wednesdays, January 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 10:00 am.** Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays 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.

**Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Sit and Stitch from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you.

**Thursday, January 4: Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1:00-2:00 pm.** Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to show you how to use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last.

**Fridays, January 5, 12, 19, 26: Euchre Card Party & Games from 1:00-3:30 pm.** Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

**Saturday, January 6: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.** This month's theme is "Snow Day". This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

**Saturday, January 6: Mock-A-Movie Night @ 4:00 pm.** Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! This evening we will be watching *Spider-Man 3* (PG-13) – an unpopular spider-man sequel! Refreshments will be provided. All ages welcome!

**Monday, January 8: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon.** This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Christmas by the Book* by Anne Marie Ryan. 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](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you. *Note: date of this program was moved due to the holiday.*

**Monday, January 8: Adult Crafternoon 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. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting January 9 and kits will be available while supplies last.

**Monday, January 8 - February 29: Love My Library Giving Tree Fundraiser!** Do you "Love Your Library"? Then consider participating in this annual fundraising activity that will improve the collection 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. Not finding something you want to "love"? Bring your ideas to a librarian!

**Tuesday, January 9: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club @ 7:00 pm.** Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *The Christmas Scrapbook* by Philip Gulley. 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.

**Friday, January 12: Celebrate National Hot Tea Day!** January is National Hot Tea Month and January 12 is National Hot Tea Day so the JKPL has decided to celebrate! Activities to be decided.

**Saturday, January 13: Come Fly A Drone from 10:00-11:00 am.** Want to try flying a drone? The Library has two drones available in the Library of Things Collection and want to give you a chance to fly one! Stop by the library and take one for a whirl around the Hoffmann Room! For ages 10 and up.

**Monday, January 15: Bingo Party from 1:00-3:00 pm.** Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

**Monday, January 15: Cricut with Christopher @ 6:00 pm.** Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher. Project to be decided. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended as attendance is

limited to 10. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

***Saturday, January 20: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 4:00 pm.*** Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the 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](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite. ***Note: this is a new day/time for this program!***

***Monday, January 22: Strings Club @ 6:00 pm.*** Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested.

***Tuesday, January 23: JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30 pm.*** Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please register by 11:00 am on the day of the event at <https://bit.ly/JKPLwriting>.

***Friday, January 26: Game Night @ Your Library from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.*** Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

***Friday, January 26 thru Monday, January 29: Used Book Sale.*** Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Hours are: Friday, January 26: 9:00 am—5:00 pm; Saturday, January 27: 9:00 am—3:00 pm; Sunday, January 28: 1:00-4:00 pm; and Monday, January 29: 9:00 am—6:00 pm. Bags of books are \$2.00 on Monday, the last day of the sale.

***Monday, January 29: Soup Lunch and Dinner Fundraiser from 11:30 am —1:00 pm & 4:30—6:00 pm!*** Warm up this winter with the JKPL annual Soup Fundraiser! Enjoy homemade chili or chicken noodle soup, crackers, roll, and cookie. This year's event will be carryout only. Lunch will be available from 11:30 am—1:00 pm and dinner will be offered from 4:30—6:00 pm (or until we run out). Price is \$7.00 per meal or \$5.00 for a bowl of soup only. The soup is made and served by the JKPL Library Board and Fundraising Committee members. Guests will be able to pull into the library parking lot and call to have their order brought out to them, or step into the Hoffman Room to order and pick up their soup. Limited seating may be available for guests to eat on site. Thank you to donors and members of the community for your donations to support this event. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to support library programs, services and collections. Call the library at 563-875-8912 for more information.

***Monday, January 29: National Puzzle Day Celebration!*** January 29, National Puzzle Day, is the perfect day to set aside time for you and your family to solve puzzles. Activities to be decided.