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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
August 21, 2023**

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

- 8,268 items were checked out. This is a 6.2% decrease from July 2022. Fiscal year to date, circulation is down 6.2%
- 40 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 40 new library cards have been issued.
- 70 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,331 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 193 hours and 464 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 193 hours and 464 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 271 sessions, 236 visits, and 63 unique users
- There were 5,780 library visits.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the August events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for September. Some of the programs scheduled include a 10-week series on dementia prevention, a pen and ink drawing program, participating in the Conservation Field Day event, a family friendly musical program and special activities for National Coloring Day and National Coffee Day. Special activities are also being planned for Library Card Sign-up Month

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JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

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

Library visits

Month	5780	(↑ 13.3%)
YTD	5780	(↑ 13.3%)

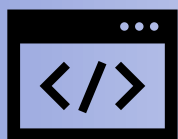
Items loaned

8268	(↓ 6.2%)
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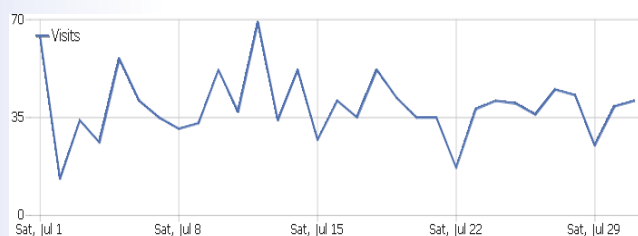
Library cards issued

City resident	Total
18	40 (↓ 4.8%)
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Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1209	1:19



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
193	193	137	464	464	413

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
271	271	236	236	63	63

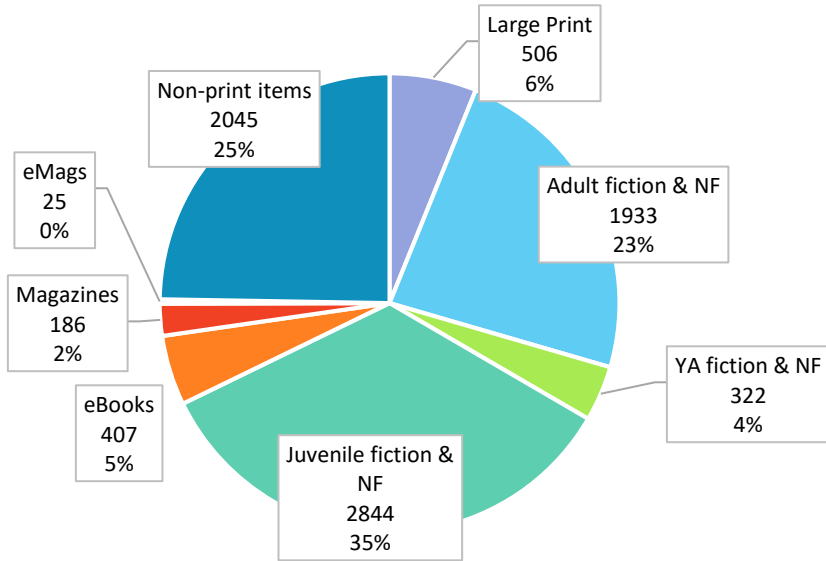
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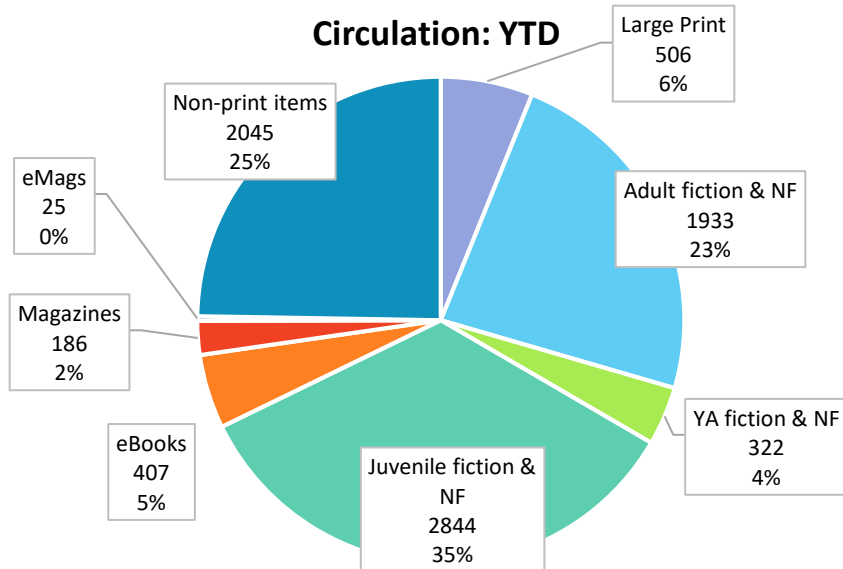
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
65	65	35

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

eAudio
Adult & YA audio
Juvenile audio & kits
Adult & YA video
Juvenile video & DVD
Games, LoT, etc.
Total

Month

505
63
36
693
320
428
2045

YTD

63
36
693
320
428
2045
3585

Music

Downloads: 6
Streams: 0
Total YTD: 6



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 2
YTD: 2



Visits: 122
YTD: 122



Online Learning

Sessions: 18
YTD: 18



Languages

Sessions: 11
YTD: 11



Genealogy

Visits: 446
YTD: 446



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 203
YTD: 203

Items donated

Month: 16
YTD: 16
Prev. YTD: 51

Items withdrawn

	Month	YTD
Books	8	8
Audio	0	0
Video	2	2
Other	0	0
Total	10	10

Summary of additions

	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	10	67	13	27	48	13	13	0	0	17	8	3	219
Previous month	13	61	26	2	85	19	11	6	0	10	1	7	241
Current YTD	10	67	13	27	48	13	13	0	0	17	8	3	219
Previous YTD	13	133	26	14	62	22	14	8	0	40	9	9	350

Programming

Take and Make & Recorded Programs



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

*program included in-person component

Virtual/Sharing/Passive or Kit programs

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

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Zoom programs

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

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

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

Upcoming Events in August:

August 1—31: Adult Summer Library Program Continues!

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

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



August 1—31: Find Your Voice: Reading Recommendations! For this year's adult summer library program, we have added a special Reading Recommendations activity! When you finish a book you love, pick up a "Read This" bookmark and share why it should be read. Give the bookmark to a staff member to get your name entered into a drawing for a JKPL themed swag bag that will include a tote bag, book journal, adopt-a-book form, and more! Staff will put the bookmark in the appropriate book and display them in the library for others to discover and enjoy!

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



August 1—31: Creation Station Craft—Prize Winning Pigs. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft are blue-ribboned pigs and other livestock made of pom-poms and craft foam. Kit includes all supplies (except for hot glue) and instructions. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

August 1—31: Kids Can Craft—Daisy Chain. Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and make decorative daisy chains using egg cartons and yarn! There will be kits to take home if you don't wish to craft in the library. A video demonstration of this craft will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

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

August 1—31: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Peace & Tranquility*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.

Tuesday, August 1: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the first Tuesday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.



Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Sit and Stitch from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.



Thursdays, August 3 & 17: Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market from 3:00—5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market on the first and third Thursdays in August! Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.



Thursday, August 3: Art in the Park from 3:00—4:00 pm. Join us at the library's booth at the Dyersville Farmer's Market to get creative! This month kids will make art with pinecones and wikki stix. All ages welcome.

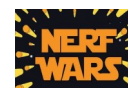
Thursdays and Mondays, August 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 10:00 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Fridays, August 4, 11, 18, 25: Euchre Card Party & Games from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

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



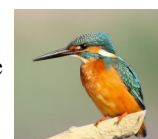
Saturday, August 5: Nerf War @ Your Library from 4:00-6:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed. Guns with excessive hitting power will not be allowed.



Monday, August 7: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

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

Join the JKPL and Dubuque County Conservation (DCC) at New Wine Park outside of Dyersville for a casual guided hike as we find birds and identify what they are. DCC will provide binoculars and bird identification books for the hike. They will also share other resources that they use within the conservation field to ID birds year-round. All ages are welcome but children under 16 need an adult companion. Space is available for up to 20 people so registration is required. Please register by 4 pm on August 8.



Tuesday, August 8: A Circle Bouquet: Creativity with Pen and Ink from 6:00—8:00 pm

Using the circle as a "foundation" for our drawings, class participants will create simple yet beautiful images of nature. The drawings look complicated, but each one will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps by the instructor, Dianne Kramer. No art experience is necessary! This class is for adults and there is a maximum of 16 participants in the class. Registration is required to attend, please register by 7:00 pm on August 7. Attendees will need to bring the following materials: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped black pen, colored pencils. All other materials will be supplied.



Tuesday, August 8: 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 House at the End of the Moor* by Michelle Griep. 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.

Thursday, August 10: Upcycled Greeting Cards 1:00—2:00 pm. Want a unique card for someone special? Join us at the library and discover 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. We will have kits in the Creation Station to make or to take and make, while supplies last.

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

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



Friday, August 11: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 11:00 am—12:00 pm. This month's theme is *Family Trip*. 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, August 11 & Saturday, August 12: Stuffed Animal Sleepover & Pajama Story Time

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Drop-off from 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Kids of all ages are invited to bring their teddy bear or other stuffed animal to the library, and leave them to party all night at the library! Stuffed animals may be dropped off at the library any time on Friday, August 11 between 9:00 am—5:00 pm. Animals may be picked up at the story time on August 12 or any time on August 12 between 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Each stuffie will return home with a photograph of their library hijinks. All ages welcome.



Saturday, August 12: Pajama Story Time @ 10:00 am

Stay in your jammies and bring your stuffie (or pick up the stuffie who stayed overnight at the library) for a fun stuffed animal story time. Donuts and juice will be provided. All ages welcome.

August 12—September 11: Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Can I Be Your Dog?” by Tory Cummings. 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. New stories go up monthly. *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.*

Monday, August 14: Adult Crafternoon: Sticker by Number from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to create your own work of art where you use numbered stickers to make a picture. This craft is similar to coloring or painting by number but you use stickers instead. Stop in the library to select and make a picture of your choice. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and create on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.

Tuesday, August 15: Diamond Painting For Kids @ 10:00 am

Diamond painting has been described as a combination of paint by number and cross stitch except instead of paints or thread, artists use faceted beads to make beautiful and glittery art. Kids ages 7-12 can come to the library to diamond paint a keychain or cartoon animal. Children under 9 need an adult helper. Registration is requested as supplies are limited. Walk-ins will be welcome if space allows.



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

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



Thursday, August 17: Spotlight on the Famous Flour Sacks @ 6:00 pm. The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum's entire collection of decorated Belgian Relief flour sacks from World War I is the subject of this month's Third Thursday series. The flour sacks were subjected to a close examination in June 2022. The researchers studied every detail and counted 360 items in this unique collection of American and Canadian flour sacks decorated by Belgian schoolgirls, women and artists. Come hear about what they found! They'll reveal the identity of the Belgian schoolgirls who painted and embroidered the sacks and special attention will be given to paintings of emerging, now famous, Belgian artists and exquisite embroideries. This is the third of three 3rd Thursday summertime 'Best Of' programs. This program originally aired in December of 2022. The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present their 3rd Thursday Virtual Programs. Registration is required so please register at <https://bit.ly/TTFFlour>.

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

Kimshiro (Kim) Benton-Hermesen, our children's librarian at the JKPL, is retiring after 33 years with the Library! To celebrate we are hosting a public Open House Reception in her honor. Refreshments provided. All are welcome!



Monday, August 21: Bingo Party from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!



Tuesday, August 22: JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please register by 11:00 am on the day of the event at <https://bit.ly/JKPLwriting>.

Friday, August 25: Game Night @ Your Library from 6:00—9:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.



Saturday, August 26: Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market from 8:00 am —12:00 noon. The James Kennedy Public Library will be reaching out to the community by bringing a pop-up library to the Market. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. The JKPL will also have a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL. Our participation at this event is weather permitting.

Saturday, August 26: Diamond Painting For Adults & Teens @ 1:00 pm

Diamond painting has been described as a combination of paint by number and cross stitch except instead of paints or thread, artists use faceted beads to make beautiful and glittery art. Adults and teens are invited to get in on the fun by coming to this special program where they will make a beautiful bookmark. This program is for those 13 and older. Registration is encouraged as supplies will be available for no more than 20 participants. Walk-ins welcome as supplies allow.



Monday, August 28: Monday Movies presents "Hidden Figures" @ 1:00 pm. In this 2016 film, three female African-American mathematicians provide crucial calculations for NASA's space race against the Soviets, all while dealing with the racist and sexist assumptions of their white co-workers. Rated PG. (127 min.) All ages welcome but children must have an adult companion.

Monday, August 28: Strings Club @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Upcoming EVENTS

Unlocking Brain Fitness: KEYS to Dementia Prevention Thursdays, September 7—November 9 from 1:00—3:00 pm

Join us for this 10-week evidence based course developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. The KEYS dementia prevention course was started at the YMCA of Greater Des Moines and will be presented by Vickie Tracey, RN, BS and other local experts, including a dietician, fitness professional, health and wellness coach, and pharmacist. Participants must be 55 or older in good cognitive health and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions. Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required by YMCA but may be refunded to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions, upon request. Registration is required as a maximum of 15 participants are allowed. Sponsored in part by Nightingale Drug and the Asbury Hy-Vee Store.



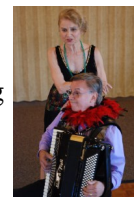
An Autumn Illustration: Creativity with Pen and Ink Wednesday, September 6 @ 6:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate the coming of autumn in a creative way! In this art class we will learn to draw fall flowers, grasses, and pumpkins and then incorporate them into a beautiful seasonal illustration using pen and ink. Led by Dianne Kramer. Registration is required as there is only space for 16 participants. More details to come!



You Do Speak English, Don't You? Cabaret Show Thursday, September 21 @ 6:00 pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Summer Library Program for adults continues through August 31!!</div>		1 Dungeons & Dragons @ 6pm	2 Sit & Stitch @ 1pm	3 Strength Training @ 10am Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm Art in the Park from 3-4pm	4 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	5 <i>Herbie Fully Loaded</i> (G) @ 1pm Nerf War @ 4pm
6	7 Strength Training @ 10am Books For Lunch @ 12pm	8 Birding Hike @ 5:30pm A Circle Bouquet @ 6pm A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	9 Sit & Stitch @ 1pm	10 Strength Training @ 10am Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1-2pm Landscape Painting for Teens @ 5pm	11 Stuffed Animal Sleepover Drop-off from 9am-5pm Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 11am-12pm Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	12 Pajama Story Time @ 10am
13	14 Strength Training @ 10am Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm	15 Diamond Painting for Kids @ 10am	16 Sit & Stitch @ 1pm Musical Instrument Petting Zoo from 4-6pm	17 Strength Training @ 10am Pop-Up @ Farmer's Market from 3-5pm Famous Flour Sacks @ 6pm	18 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	19 <div>Kim's Farewell Reception Open House from 12-3pm</div>
20	21 Strength Training @ 10am Bingo Party from 1-3pm	22 JKPL Writing Group @ 6pm	23 Sit & Stitch @ 1pm	24 Strength Training @ 10am	25 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Game Night from 6-9pm	26 Pop-Up @ Downtown Market from 8am-12pm Diamond Painting for Adults & Teens @ 1pm
27	28 Strength Training @ 10am <i>Hidden Figures</i> (PG) @ 1pm Strings Club @ 6pm	29	30 Sit & Stitch @ 1pm	31 Strength Training @ 10am	<div>August 1—31</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Puzzled • Coloring, Creating, Doing • Westside Park StoryWalk® 	<div>August 1—31</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prize Pig craft kit • Daisy Chain craft kit

Tentative Schedule of Events for SEPTEMBER 2023

September 1-30: Library Card Sign-up Month @ Your Library! Get in Your Element this September—sign up for a library card! From borrowing books, ebooks, and museum passes to getting homework help, learning new skills, or attending story time, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. Get a library card and dive into a new hobby. Use your library card to tinker in a maker space and spark your creativity. A library card is your most important school supply—it's elemental, really—and everyone should have one! Sign up for a library card in September and receive a special bookmark and gift. This month we will be hosting an *Elemental* coloring contest. Pick up a coloring sheet from the library, color it, and return it to the library by September 29. Sheets will be put on display in the library as they are turned in. All participants will receive an *Elemental* sticker and have their name entered into a drawing to win a themed prize.

September 1-30: 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 to be decided. Kit includes most supplies and instructions. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

September 1-30: Kids Can Craft: Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and make a special project. There will be kits to take home if you don't wish to make the craft in the library. A video demonstration of this craft will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

September 1-30: Westside Park StoryWalk®: Title to be announced. 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. New stories go up monthly. 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.

September 1-30: 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.

September 1-30: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *TBA*. 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.

September 1: Wreath-it-Up Fundraiser Begins! Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Pick up a wreath from the library, decorate it any way you like, and return it to the library. Or decorate a wreath of your own and donate it to the library. Wreaths can be seasonal, thematic, or just anything that appeals to you! And although we focus on wreaths, other decorative wall hangings are welcome. Items will be accepted anytime in October. A silent auction of the donated items will be held in the library from October 9 to November 12. Photos of all donations will be posted on the library website and social media and remote bidding in the silent auction may be offered. The Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 15. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 12 or November 19.

Fridays, September 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.

Sunday, September 3 & Monday, September 4: Library is closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 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. This group meets the first Tuesday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Wednesdays, September 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 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, September 6: An Autumn Illustration: Creativity with Pen and Ink @ 6:00 pm. Join us as we celebrate the coming of autumn in a creative way! In this art class we will learn to draw fall flowers, grasses, and pumpkins and then incorporate them into a beautiful seasonal illustration using pen and ink. No art experience is necessary! Each pattern in the class project will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps by the class leader, Dianne Kramer. This class is for adults and there is a maximum of 16 participants in the class. Registration is required to attend, please register by 7:00 pm on September 5. Attendees will need to bring the following materials: pencil, eraser, fine-tipped black pen, colored pencils. All other materials will be supplied.

Thursdays and Mondays, September 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 10:00 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company

and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required. **Note: not meeting on September 4 due to the Labor Day holiday.**

Thursdays, September 7 - November 9: Unlocking Brain Fitness - KEYS to Dementia Prevention from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Join us for this 10-week evidence-based course developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. The KEYS dementia prevention course was started at the YMCA of Greater Des Moines and will be presented by Vickie Tracey, RN, BS along with other local experts, including a dietitian, fitness professional, health and wellness coach, and pharmacist. Participants must be 55 or older in good cognitive health and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions. Sessions are 2 hours each. Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required by YMCA but may be refunded upon request, to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions. Registration is required as a maximum of 15 participants are allowed. Please contact the library at (563)875-8912 for more information or to register. Sponsored in part by Nightingale Drug and the Asbury Hy-Vee Store.

Saturday, September 9: Movies @ Your Library presents "Love Again" @ 1:00 pm. Dealing with the loss of her fiancé, Mira sends a series of romantic texts to his old cell phone number, not realizing the number was reassigned to Rob's new work phone. A journalist, Rob is captivated by the honesty in the beautifully confessional texts. So when he's assigned to write a profile of megastar Celine Dion, he enlists her help in figuring out how to meet Mira in person and win her heart. Rated PG-13 (102 minutes).

Sunday, September 10: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. This month's theme is "Favorite class". 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.

Sunday, September 10: Adult Summer Library Program Finale from 1:30 to 3:30. Participants in the Adult Summer Reading program are invited to this special open house to celebrate the end of the program. Participants have until 5 pm on Friday, September 8 to submit their forms documenting items read or activities completed prior to September 1. Prizes will be drawn and available to pick up during this open house and at the library during the rest of September. Refreshments and simple activities will be available. Date to be confirmed.

Monday, September 11: 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

Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you. Note: Meeting this month is 1 week later due to holiday.

Monday, September 11: Adult Crafternoon from 1:00-3:00 pm. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. Project to be decided. 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 September 12th and kits will be available while supplies last.

Tuesday, September 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 Sweet Life* by Suzanne Woods Fisher. 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.

Thursday, September 14: National Coloring Day Coloring Party from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. September 14 is universally recognized as National Coloring Day, when people can take a moment to relax, breathe, and color away. National Coloring Day is all about setting aside some time for ourselves to relax and color. Get creative with paper and crayons, colored pencils or markers. To help you relax during this special day, the library will have coloring pages for all ages available to pick up and take home. For those wanting to color in the library, markers, coloring pencils, crayons and more will be available to check out at the front desk or in the Creation Station. Everyone who participates is encouraged to sign up at the front desk to get their name entered into a drawing to win a JKPL coloring book and set of twistable crayons or colored pencils.

Thursday, September 14: Mobile Food Pantry @ Your Library from 2:30-3:30 pm. The James Kennedy Public library is partnering with the Dubuque Salvation Army to bring a mobile food pantry to Dyersville! A food pantry will be set up inside the Hoffman Room at the library with fresh fruits and vegetables. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, September 17: Conservation Field Day with Dubuque County Conservation from 10:30 to 5 pm. – JKPL will take the pop-up library and activities to this special event. Details to be confirmed.

Monday, September 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!

Monday, September 18: Cricut with Christopher @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher. This month's project to be confirmed. 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.

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

Saturday, September 23: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Little Mermaid" @ 1:00 pm. Ariel is a mermaid princess who is curious about all things human. So Ariel asks the sea witch Ursula to take her voice in exchange for legs, as this is the only way she can explore the human world of Eric, her love interest. This is the 2023 live-action version. Rated PG (120 minutes).

Monday, September 25: Monday movies @ 1:00 pm. Join us on the 4th month of each month at 1 pm as we share a film connected with or selected by the Books For Lunch Group. All ages welcome but children must have an adult companion. This month's selection to be decided.

Monday, September 25: Strings Club @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Tuesday, September 26: 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, September 29: National Coffee Day Celebration! The JKPL is excited to partner with Brew & Brew to celebrate National Coffee Day. National Coffee Days held annually on September 29 and celebrates coffee and the joy it brings to people all over the

world. Celebrate by enjoying a coffee-based beverage at a Dyersville coffee shop for a discount! Show your JKPL library card at Brew & Brew only on September 29 to receive \$1.00 off the purchase of any coffee beverage. The JKPL will also put together a coffee themed activity packet for you to enjoy. Packets will be available starting September 26 and will be available while supplies last. Confirm with B & B.

Saturday, September 30: Pop-Up at the Dyersville Downtown Market from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The James Kennedy Public Library will be reaching out to the community by bringing a pop-up library to the Market. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. The JKPL will also have a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. Members of TACKL will also be selling library tote bags and other items to raise funds for library programs, collections and services. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL. Our participation at this event is weather permitting.