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**James Kennedy Public Library  
Report to the Mayor and City Council  
May 15, 2023**

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

- 7,386 items were checked out. This is a 7.4% increase from April 2022. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 5.5%
- 22 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 270 new library cards have been issued.
- 88 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,630 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 162 hours and 352 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 1,524 hours and 3,938 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 359 sessions, 303 visits, and 70 unique users
- There were 4,777 library visits.

*Library Services:*

The JKPL continues to be in Stage 5 of the Pandemic Service Plan. Stage 5 is near normal services with minor restrictions. As the Covid-19 State of Emergency end date is May 11, 2023, the JKPL Board will review the library plan at their June meeting and consider a return to normal services.

*Upcoming Events:*

Enclosed please find a copy of the May events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for June. Some of the programs scheduled include partnering with the Dyersville Public Works Department for activities for Public Works Week, a visit from the Heartland's Future Bus-eum, a program on the history of Dubuque, and a drawing class. Summer Reading Programs for all ages begin in early June and will include special program and activities featuring the theme *Find your Voice*. Fundraising events coming up include the plant sale on May 20 and a new Book Art event.

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# JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

## Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

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

	Library visits		Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	4777	(↑ 31.7%)	7386	(↑ 7.4%)	16	22	(↑ 29.4%)
YTD	42405	(↑ 27%)	74029	(↑ 5.5%)	147	270	(↑ 58.8%)


### Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
894	1:26




### Computer use




Month	Hours		Month	Sessions	
	YTD	Prev. YTD		YTD	Prev. YTD
162	1524	1244	352	3938	2890

### Wifi use



Month	Sessions		Month	Visits		Month	Unique visitors	
	YTD	Prev. YTD		YTD	Prev. YTD		YTD	Prev. YTD
359	3887	303	3179	70	248			

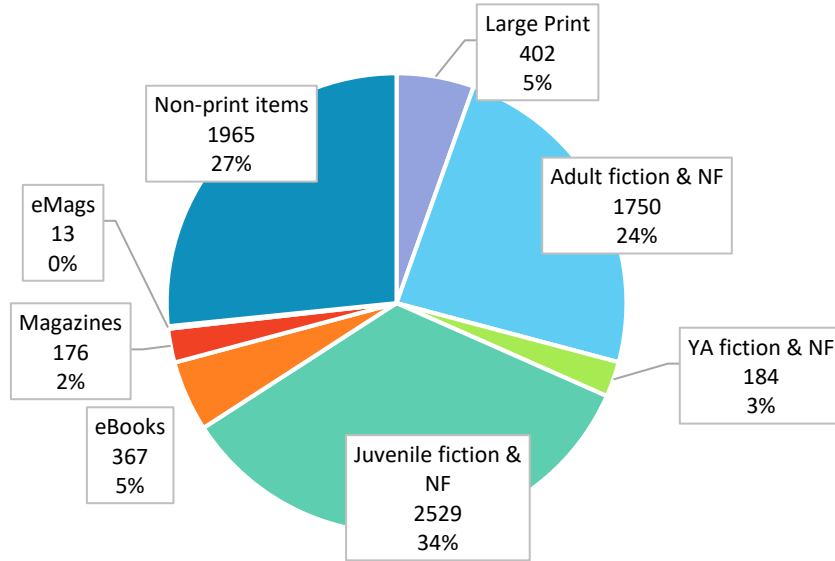
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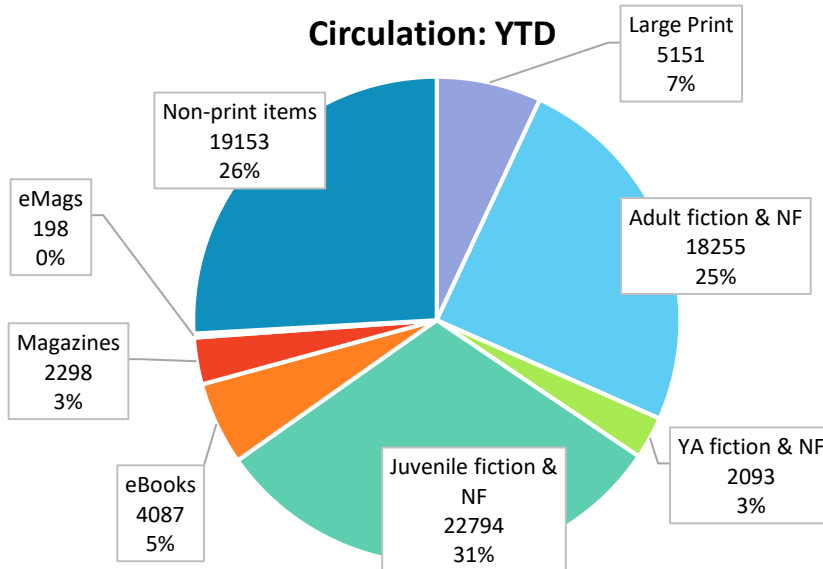
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
65	580	302

# Circulation

## Circulation: Month



## Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
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eAudio	381	3990
Adult & YA audio	76	1123
Juvenile audio & kits	14	137
Adult & YA video	781	6698
Juvenile video & DVD	272	2765
Games, LoT, etc.	441	4440
<b>Total</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>19153</b>

## Music

Downloads: 3  
Streams: 0  
Total YTD: 91



## Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 0  
YTD: 52



Visits: 120  
YTD: 1632



## Online Learning

Sessions: 2  
YTD: 138



## Languages

Sessions: 12  
YTD: 164



## Genealogy

Visits: 913  
YTD: 4399



## Collection

### Items purchased

Month: 335  
YTD: 2547

### Items donated

Month: 89  
YTD: 595  
Prev. YTD: 667

### Items withdrawn

	Month	YTD
Books	61	2363
Audio	0	720
Video	1	380
Other	31	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>3552</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	14	135	30	31	100	43	11	12	2	28	7	11	424
Previous month	13	74	34	23	80	25	18	16	1	45	7	25	361
Current YTD	178	978	311	186	648	147	124	102	10	260	76	122	3142
Previous YTD	194	935	345	188	743	164	127	127	20	470	113	277	3703

## Programming

### Take and Make & Recorded Programs



Program	Views	Engagements	Views	Prep time (hrs)	Kits
*Adult Crafternoon - recorded content & kit	72	3	NA	NA	15
CS: Woven basket - kit only (C.)	NA	NA	NA	0.5	15
KCC - Flower Starter- recorded content & kit (C.)	138	6	5	4	70
*Upcycled Greeting Cards (GI) - cancelled	NA	NA	NA	NA	NS
DEAR Month: Reading Recommendations	242	132	NA	3	NA
Carryover March programs - 3 programs	60	11	9	NA	NA
*program included in-person component					

### Virtual/Sharing/Passive or Kit programs

Program	Kits or Participants	Prep time (hours)
Coloring, Creating, & Doing (A)	213	3.25
Get Puzzled (A)	35	0.25
StoryWalk® - <i>Spring is Here</i> (C)	530	5.75
Funded by DRA, Friends of the JKPL, and Osterhaus Memorial		
Dubuque County Conservation - Onions (GI)	134	1
Free Trees for Earth Day (GI)	32	1
National Library Week Special Activities (GI) - 3 programs	210	3.5
DEAR Month: Community Scavenger Hunt (GI)	52	3

## In-Person and Hybrid Programs

Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Story Time - in person onsite (PreK) - 3 sessions held	53	3
Wee Read - in person onsite (PreK) - 5 sessions held	48	11.75
Outreads to Daycares - in person offsite (PreK) - 10 sessions	175	4.25
Building Creativity One Block at a Time - in person onsite (C.)	8	1.5
Hybrid Sit & Stitch - 4 sessions - in person and Zoom(A)	24	1
Books for Lunch: <i>The Reading List</i> - in person and Zoom (A)	7	1.5
Hybrid Dungeons & Dragons - in person and Discord (GI) - Cancelled	NA	NA
Inspirational Fiction book club- in person and Zoom (A)	6	2
Game Night - in person onsite (GI)	12	3
Strength Training for Older Adults - 8 sessions - in person (A)	86	8
Ellen Kennedy Living Center program - in person off site (A)	11	2
Mercy One Senior Care - in person offsite (A) - cancelled	NA	NA
Bingo Party - in person onsite (A)	10	3
Kids Can Cook - in person onsite (C.) - 8 sessions	100	38 (+17.5 vol)
*Adult Crafternoon - in person, kit, and recorded content (A)	1	2
STEAM Fun Fridays - in person onsite (C.) - 3 sessions	0	1
Euchre / Dominos Party - in person on site (A) - 4 sessions	25	1
Cricut with Christopher- in person on site (GI) - 3-D Puffed Vinyl	8	.5 (+3 hrs vol)
Strings Club - in person on site (A)	5	.25 (+2 hrs vol)
Build-a-basket Closing Reception (A)	6	0.25
A Man Called Otto : Movie Showing (A)	11	2.5
Strange World: Movie Showing (GI)	5	2
*Upcycled Greeting Cards - in person onsite (GI) - cancelled	NA	NA
Dubuque County Reads Book Discussions -(A) 2 sessions	3	3.25
Family Pajama StoryTime (C.)	26	1.5
National Library Week Open House (GI)	21	0.5
Iowa Legal Aid presents Wills and Advanced Directives	2	2 (+3 hrs vol)
StarFinder RPG - 2 sessions	8	4.5
JKPL Writing Group - in person and Zoom (A) - not held	NA	NA
Nerf War (YA)	22	4.5
Dia Open House: Chocolate Tasting (C.)	33	5 (+.5 vol)
An Afternoon with Iowa Poet Laureate Debra Marquart (A)	18	3
Unlocking Brain Fitness - 4 sessions (A)	55	21 (+15 hrs vol)
Explore Journaling - 4 sessions(A)	10	.5 (+10 vol)

## Zoom programs

Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Third Thursday AudioVisual Potpourri Partnership with the Hoover Presidential Library	0	NA

## Upcoming Events in May:

**May 1—31: Creation Station Craft: Handprint Rabbit Craft.** Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's take-and-make activity is a Handprint Rabbit! 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.

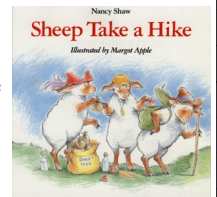
**May 1—31: Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library.** The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different 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.



**May 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 *Old Book Store*. 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.

**May 1—31: Kids Can Craft: Catch the Bead Game.** Kids age 7 and up are invited to stop in the library and make a fun game that challenges hand/eye coordination. 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.

**May 1—31: Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Sheep Take a Hike" by Nancy Shaw.** 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. There will be a new story at the beginning of each month through November. 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.



**Children's Book Week: May 1—7.** Celebrate children's books during the first week of May! There will be displays of new children's books, special bookmarks, and all children 12 and under who check out a book from the library will be entered into a drawing for a fantastic reading basket.

**Mondays and Thursdays, May 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, & 25: 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.

**Monday, May 1: 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 the 2023 Dubuque County Reads selection *Sitting Pretty* by Rebekah Taussig. 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 register by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.



**Monday, May 1: Upcycled Greeting Cards for Mother's & Father's Day from 1:00—2:00 pm.** Want a unique card for someone special for Mother's Day or Father's Day? Library staff member Ann 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 Mother's Day or Father's day themed greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. We will have kits in the Creation Station the rest of month to make or to take home.



**Tuesdays, May 2 & 9: Unlocking Brain Fitness—KEYS to Dementia Prevention @ 1:00 pm.** This 10-week evidence-based course was 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. Participants must be 55 or older in good cognitive health and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions. A 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. *Note: This course is currently full but those interested in participating in the future are encouraged to contact the library and provide contact information so they can be notified if another course is scheduled.*



**Tuesday, May 2: 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, please register by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

**Wednesdays, May 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 register 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, May 3: Teen Sketching Session @ 4:00 pm**

Join staff member Samantha as she shows participants various techniques for sketching objects such as faces, plants, and scenery. This session will include multiple types of drawing activities such as self portraits, timed drawings, light and shadow shading, verbal prompts of a scene and more! Participants will receive a free sketch pad and pencil. Registration is requested as this session has a limit of 10 participants. Walk-ins are welcome if space allows. For ages 13-18 only. This program is sponsored by TACKL.



**Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18 & 25: Explore Journaling @ 6:30 pm.** Are you looking for a time and place to work on your journals? Local journaler, Karen Schloss, will be at the library on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm with advice, inspiration, and supplies. Each week will have a theme, but participants are welcome to come and work on their own projects. Some basic supplies will be available but participants are encouraged to bring their own. The theme for May 6 is pens and markers (how to choose, how to store, the best type for each kind of journaling). May 11 will focus on monthly planner setup. May 18 will be all about paper cutting, using scissors, edgers, croppers, punches, and more. On May 25, types and uses of papers will be discussed.



**Fridays, May 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 bring your own. Register to save your seat or walk-ins are welcome, if space allows.

**Friday, May 5: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays from 4:00—5:00 pm.** Children and families are invited to come every Friday afternoon to discover and create in the Library with S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities. All ages welcome but those under 6 need a teen or adult companion. Join us this week for Popsicle Lightsaber Bookmarks!

**Friday, May 5: "Among Us" Virtual Game Night @ 6:00 pm.** Join us for this game night where everyone will join together virtually to play *Among Us*. To participate, you must have a Discord account and will need to download the game on your computer or a Smart device. Note: The device app version is free but there is a fee for the computer or Switch version. Please register by 2:00 pm the day of the program in order to receive the server invite. All ages and skill levels are welcome.



**Saturday, May 6: Bar Crawl for International No Diet Day @ 1:30 pm**

To celebrate International No Diet Day, the library is hosting a bar crawl (the sweet kind!). Bring in a pan of bars (brownies, lemon bars, etc.) along with the recipe. Attendees will do the "bar crawl" and taste one of every bar and then vote for their favorite. The winning recipe will receive a prize. Beverages will be provided. Registration is requested so we know how many to plan for.



**Monday, May 8: Adult Crafternoon from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Join us this month to recycle jewelry. We have decorative boxes that you can glue miscellaneous jewelry to. 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 May 9th and kits will be available while supplies last.



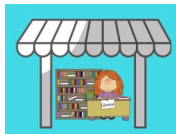
**Tuesday, May 9: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club @ 7:00 pm.** Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *Dangerous Illusions* by Irene Hannon. Books are available 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 so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

**Thursday, May 11: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30—4:30 pm.** This month's theme is "Mother's 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.



**Friday, May 12: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays from 4:00—5:00 pm.** Children and families are invited to come every Friday afternoon to discover and create in the Library with S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities. All ages welcome but those under 6 need a teen or adult companion. Join us this week for DIY Paper Sunglasses!

**Saturday, May 13: Pop-up Library at Happy Healthy You event from 10:00 am—12:00 pm.** The JKPL is taking a pop-up library and activity kits to this special event being hosted by local organization Two or Three in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. Happy, Healthy You will share resources, information, and activities with families while focusing on overall health: mental, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual. Stop by the library's booth to get a free book and an activity kit! This event will be held at the Total Fitness Rec Center in Dyersville (1110 16th Ave SE).



**Saturday, May 13: Movies @ Your Library presents "5000 Blankets" @ 1:00 pm.** When her husband has a mental breakdown and goes missing, a woman and her young son set out to find him on the streets, sparking a movement of compassion towards those in need and inspiring a city. Inspired by the incredible true story of Cyndi and Phillip Bunch and the creation of the Phillip's Wish foundation. Rated PG-13 (105 minutes)

**Saturday, May 13: Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game @ 4:00 pm.** Join us after-hours for *Kobolds Ate My Baby*, a role playing game with simple rules and lots of shenanigans. The library will have completed character sheets available. All ages and skill levels welcome.



**Sunday, May 14:** Library closed for Mother's Day



**Monday, May 15: Registration for Summer Story Time and Wee Read.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sign up their preschoolers for the Summer 2023 sessions of Story Time and Wee Read. Story Time is open to children of all ages, but is geared toward those ages 3-5 who have not been in Kindergarten. Story Time will be offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver and will be offered on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. The summer session will run June 7—July 12. Registration is required as space is limited.



**Monday, May 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, May 15: Cricut with Christopher: Watercolor Pictures @ 6:00 pm.** Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and make a watercolor picture. 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 on the third Monday of each month.

**Wednesday, May 17: 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Awards Ceremony @ 6:30 pm**

Children who are participating in *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* are being recognized at this family event. There will be a short family story time followed by a brief award ceremony. Achievement certificates and trophies will be handed out and all children who attend will receive a treat. All ages are welcome to attend. The *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program is funded by a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association and the Friends of the JKPL.



**Thursday, May 18: Hoover and Criminal Justice Reform @ 6:00 pm.** Join the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library via Zoom for this month's Third Thursday presentation, *Hoover and Criminal Justice Reform*, presented by Professor James Calder. Registration is required. Please sign up at [bit.ly/TTCrimJust](https://bit.ly/TTCrimJust) to receive the Zoom invitation. The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present these Third Thursday Virtual Programs.

**Friday, May 19: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays from 4:00—5:00 pm.** Children and families are invited to come every Friday afternoon to discover and create in the Library with S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities. All ages welcome but those under 6 need a teen or adult companion. Join us this week and make a Grass Head!

**Friday, May 19: 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. *Note: program date has been moved so patrons can attend the BUS-eum program.*

**Saturday, May 20: Plant Sale Fundraiser from 8:00—10:00 am**

Join us in the parking lot adjacent to the JKPL to select & buy plants donated by community members. The plant sale will run from 8:00 to 10:00 am or until all items are taken. Plants not selected during the sale may be available to purchase for a donation. All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services.



*If you have plants you would like to donate, please contact the library at (563)875-8912 to make arrangements to drop them off. Plants of all kinds are welcome.*

**Monday, May 22: Public Works Week Activity Kit!** May 21—27 is Public Works Week. To celebrate, the library has partnered with the Dyersville Public Works Department to create a fun activity kit. These kits will have multiple activities that highlight the different services Public Works provides to the town while also being fun and educational. The kits are intended for grade school kids but anyone is welcome to take one. Kits will be available while supplies last.

**Monday, May 22: Strings Club at 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, May 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 non-fiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please register by 3:30 pm on the day of the event so a link can be emailed to you.

**Thursday, May 25: Genealogy with Ann 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.





**Friday, May 26: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays from 4:00—5:00 pm.** Children and families are invited to come every Friday afternoon to discover and create in the Library with S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities. All ages welcome but those under 6 need a teen or adult companion. Join us this week for a Paper Airplane Creation!

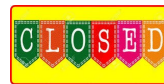
**Friday, May 26: Heartland's Future BUS-eum from 3:00—6:00 pm**

Don't miss the BUS-eum, a traveling museum that brings regional history alive! It features two exhibits. The inside exhibit is *Hidden and Forbidden No More: Prequels to the Greatest Generation, 1914-1939*, which showcases the bravery, perseverance, and determination of past generations and how their sacrifices paved the way for the future. With artifacts, photographs, and first-hand accounts, this exhibit provides a glimpse into a crucial period in history and honors the individuals who shaped our world. This exhibit is brought to you by TRACES: Center for History and Culture. The outside of the BUS-eum is also hosting an exhibit, *Heartland's Future: How Can We Live Together on a Changing Planet?* This innovative mobile exhibit about climate change is brought to us by students from the University of Erfurt, Germany as part of their efforts to raise awareness and spark meaningful discourse on this pressing issue.

- The BUS-eum will be parked in the library parking lot and visitors are invited to visit between 3:00 to 6:00 pm.
- At 4:00 pm, the European students will share a special presentation about climate.
- Visitors are also invited to join us at 6:00 pm, after the exhibits close, for a potluck dinner and opportunity to visit and learn more informally with the students. Registration is not required but if you are interested in participating in the potluck, please contact the library so we can plan accordingly.



**Sunday, May 28 & Monday, May 29: Library closed for Memorial Day**



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!



**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> is Great Give Day!**

**GREAT  
GIVE DAY**

Great Give Day is a day focused on donating to causes or establishments within your community. Looking to support the James Kennedy Public Library? Then consider donating to the James Kennedy Public Library Endowment! The mission of the James Kennedy Public Library (JKPL) Endowment is to provide supplemental financial support to the library. The James Kennedy Public Library enriches the Dyersville community by providing equal access to creative resources for entertainment and education. The James Kennedy Public Library helps create a thriving community to inspire curiosity, creativity, innovation, and connection.

The JKPL Endowment fund, through your charitable contributions, ensures the library will continue to provide these services for years to come. The JKPL Endowment was established in 2019 by Alan Bird. His donation was made in memory of his mother, Irma Bird, a founding member of the original Library Board. Started 60 years after the founding of the library, the Endowment will insure the library's ability to remain dedicated to its original mission and continue to serve the community needs.

Want more information? Check out the Endowment Fund's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/James-Kennedy-Public-Library-Endowment-107205744107637/>

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# Upcoming EVENTS

## Summer Reading Programs



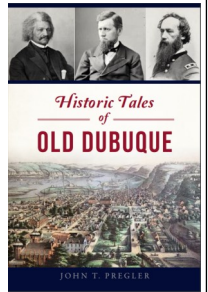
The summer reading program theme this year for all ages is *Find Your Voice*. This year's theme focuses on how we use our voices to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. All programs offer incentives to read and use the library. The JKPL is offering three programs:

- Children (PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade): June 5—July 16
- Teens (6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade): June 5—July 31
- Adults (18 and older): June 1—August 31

In-person registration begins on June 5 for the programs for children and teens. Registration for the adult program begins June 1. Please check with the library for the specific guidelines for each program. In addition to these summer reading programs, many special events and activities will be offered.

### Historic Tales of Old Dubuque with John T. Pregler Saturday, June 3 @ 11:00 am

Research-historian John T. Pregler is the author of the book, *Historic Tales of Old Dubuque*. Mr. Pregler is an independent researcher, historian and author born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa, where his family has resided since the 1840s. John has been studying local and regional history of national importance for 40 years. He will be at the library to discuss the six vignettes in his new book covering forgotten Dubuque history. Copies of the book will be available to purchase from the author. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



### Drawing Happiness: Creating with Pen and Ink Thursdays, June 8 & 22 @ 6:00 pm

Using repetitive patterns as a “foundation” for our drawings, class participants will create simple yet beautiful floral, leafy, organic images. No art experience is necessary! This two-part class will be led by Dianne Kramer. The drawings look complicated, but each one will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps!

- This class is intended for adults.
- There is a maximum of 16 participants in the class, so registration is required by 7pm on June 6.
- Please bring the following materials to the class: pencil, eraser, fine-lined black ink pen, colored pencils, ruler.
- All other materials will be supplied. Class sets of materials will be available to borrow.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May</b>  <b>2023</b>	1 Strength Training @ 10am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1-2pm	2 Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm Dungeons & Dragons @ 6pm	3 Sit & Stitch @ 1pm Teen Sketching @ 4pm	4 Strength Training @ 10am Explore Journaling from 6:30-8pm	5 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm STEAM Fun Fridays from 4-5pm <i>Among Us</i> @ 6pm	6 Bar Crawl @ 1:30pm
	Children's Book Week: May 1—7					
7	8 Strength Training @ 10am Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm	9 Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	10 Sit & Stitch @ 1pm	11 Strength Training @ 10am Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30-4:30pm Explore Journaling from 6:30-8pm	12 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm STEAM Fun Fridays from 4-5pm	13 Pop-up Library at Happy Healthy You Event from 10am-12pm <i>5,000 Blankets</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm <i>Kobolds Ate My Baby</i> @ 4pm
14  Library closed	15 Strength Training @ 10am Bingo Party from 1-3pm Cricut with Christopher @ 6pm  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">             Registration begins for Summer Story Time &amp; Wee Read           </div>	16	17 Sit & Stitch @ 1pm <i>1,000 Books Before Kindergarten</i> Awards Ceremony @ 6:30pm  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <b>Today is Great Give Day!</b> </div>	18 Strength Training @ 10am Hoover & Criminal Justice Reform @ 6pm Explore Journaling from 6:30-8pm	19 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm STEAM Fun Fridays from 4-5pm Game Night @ 6pm	20 Plant Sale Fundraiser from 8-10am
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## Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Events – June 2023

**June 1-30: Creation Station Craft Egg Carton Dinosaurs!** Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's take-and-make (or make and take) activity is an Egg Carton Dinosaur Craft! 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.

**June 1-30: Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Bikes for Sale” by Carter Higgins.**

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.

**June 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.

**June 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 *Dairy Bar*. 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.

**Thursday, June 1: Adult Summer Library Program “Find Your Voice” Begins!**

Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2023 program that runs June 1-August 31. 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 goals of all the JKPL summer library programs 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! Registration for the adult program begins on June 1 and adults are welcome to join throughout the summer. Participants will receive a bookbag, bookmark, and a free book just for registering; along with a 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.

***Thursdays and Mondays, June 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29: 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.

***Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 23 & 29: Explore Journaling @ 6:30 pm.*** Are you looking for a time and place to work on your journals? The JKPL is here for you. Local journaler Karen Schloss will be at the library on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm with advice, inspiration, and supplies. Some basic supplies will be available but participants are encouraged to bring their own. Registration is encouraged but not required.

***Thursday, June 1 & 15: 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 June, July and August! Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

***Thursday, June 1: Art in the Park from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.*** Join us at the Farmer's Market once a month during the summer to get creative! This month kids will make crayon rubbing art. Kids may choose to use textured surfaces provided by the library or explore the park to find their own (tree trunks, park equipment, etc.) All ages welcome, but children who are too young to understand they need to keep the crayons on the paper will need an adult companion.

***Fridays, June 2, 9, 16, 23: Euchre and Dominos from 1:00-3:30 pm.*** Join us Friday afternoons for games in the Hoffman room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. If interested please contact the library to save your seat, as space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome, if space allows.

***Saturday, June 3: Historic Tales of Old Dubuque with John T. Pregler @ 11:00 am.*** Research-historian John T. Pregler is the author of the book, *Historic Tales of Old Dubuque*. Mr. Pregler is an independent researcher, historian and author born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa, where his family has resided since the 1840s. John has been studying local and regional history of national importance for 40 years. He will be at the library to discuss the six vignettes in his new book covering forgotten Dubuque history. Copies of the book will be available to purchase from the author. Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL

**Saturday, June 3: Movies @ Your Library presents “80 For Brady” @ 1:00 pm.**

After decades of dreaming, a quartet of older women, who are dedicated football fans, finally decides to make a pilgrimage to the Super Bowl for the once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet their favorite player, noteworthy NFL mainstay Tom Brady. Rated PG-13 (98 minutes).

**Saturday, June 3: 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.

**Monday, June 5: 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 the 2023 All Iowa Reads book for teens, *Firekeeper’s Daughter* by Angeline Boulley. 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@dyserville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyserville.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, June 5: Teen Summer Reading Program Begins!** Everyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is encouraged to participate in the teen program that runs from June 5-July 31. The theme this year is *Find Your Voice*. Participants will receive a free book just for registering! This year, participants will be given a game board of challenges to read different types of books or to use some of the services available at the library. For each color coded set that is completed, the participant will earn an entry into the prize drawings. Participants that fill out reviews on the books they read will earn extra entries for prizes.

**Monday, June 5: Children’s Summer Reading Program Begins!** School’s out for summer, which means there is plenty of time for reading to prevent the dreaded summer slide (loss of reading skills over the summer). Our theme for this summer is *Find Your Voice*. We’ve lined up fun activities, crafts, and story times that reflect the theme. Program runs June 5- July 16 and registration begins on June 5. Just stop by the library to sign up for the program. Kids age 3+ will receive a book bag, free book, and other goodies, including a ball chain or keychain at registration. Kids will keep track of how many minutes they read and earn beads and brag tags to add to their chains. Sports beads, glow in the dark beads, animal beads, glitter beads, and more will be available, along with a variety of brag tags. For every 12 hours a participant reads, they will earn another brag tag, a choice from our prize box, and entry into the grand prize drawing. Children under age 3 will receive a page of fun brain-building activities and a book at registration. Once they and their adult complete all the activities they will receive a goody bag. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

**Tuesday, June 6: Find Your Voice with Rock Painting @ 10:00 am.** Rock painting has been popular for years. This year, we are adding a twist. Kids ages 3-11 will paint 2 rocks to look alike. On the bottom of one rock we will write “Find my match at the Library.” Kids will take one rock and hide it somewhere around town. The second rock will stay on display at the Library. As the matching rocks are found and brought back to the library, they will be put on display with their “twin.” Rocks will be returned to their finders after the summer reading

program is over. Be sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram as we will announce matches as they are made! Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

**Tuesday, June 6: 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](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

**Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28: 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.

**Wednesdays June 7, 14, 21, & 28: Story Time @ 9:30 am and 6:30 pm.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Summer 2023 sessions of Preschool Story Time. Story Time is open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds who have not been in Kindergarten and will be offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Story Time for all ages will be held at 6:30 pm. Programs will run June 7 - July 12. Registration is required as space is limited.

**Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, & 28: Wee Read @ 10:30 am.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sign up and bring their preschoolers to the Summer 2023 sessions of Wee Read. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver. Programs will run June 7-July 12. Registration is required as space is limited. You may register in person or by phone.

**Thursday, June 8: Drawing Happiness: Creating with Pen and Ink @ 6:00 pm.** Using repetitive patterns as a “foundation” for our drawings, class participants will create simple yet beautiful floral, leafy, organic images. No art experience is necessary! This two-part class will be led by Dianne Kramer. The drawings look complicated, but each one will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is intended for adults. There is a maximum of 16 participants in the class, so registration is required by 7pm on June 6. Please bring the following materials to the class: pencil, eraser, fine-lined black ink pen, colored pencils, ruler. All other materials will be supplied. Class sets of materials will be available to borrow. The second class will be held on June 22. Be sure to check out the display in the library for samples of class drawings!

**Friday, June 9: Pop-Up at Downtown Summer Nights from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.** The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by “popping up” at Downtown Summer Nights at Legacy Square! Visitors will be able to select a free book to keep from the pop-up library as well as learn more about library services. The JKPL Fundraising Committee will be on hand selling frozen treats to support the special collections and services of the library. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the

JKPL.

**Friday, June 9: TACKL Fun and Games @ Downtown Summer Nights from 6:30-9:00 pm.** Join the Teen Advisory Council to the Kennedy Library (TACKL) at Downtown Summer Nights for fun, free games for kids. Everyone walks away with a prize for playing! This event is sponsored by the Dyersville Chamber of Commerce.

**Saturday, June 10: Find Your Voice with Tiny Art for Kids @ 10:00 am.** Young artists between the ages of 7 and 12 are invited to the library to create a tiny masterpiece to be displayed at the library. Kids will receive a 4" x 4" canvas, easel, paints, and palette then listen to music while they are painting. All art will be on display until July 15, then artists will be able to take their creations home. No artistic ability is required, just the desire to create! Registration is requested so that enough supplies will be available. Funded by Friends of JKPL.

**Saturday, June 10: World Wide Knit in Public Day from 1:00-3:00 pm.** Held on the second Saturday of June, WWKIP Day is a special annual event to celebrate knitting and all fiber crafts as a community activity. The theme is Better Living Through Stitching Together. Join the JKPL Sit 'n' Stitch group in the library to celebrate this special day. Bring your own project or just come see these talented crafters in action and learn about crafting!

**Saturday, June 10: Teen SPR: Teen Quiz Bowl @ 4:00 pm.** Want to test your knowledge and try to win some prizes? Join us for the first Library Teen Quiz Bowl! The game will consist of 3 rounds consisting of various questions on each of the core subjects which include Arts, Literature, Science, Pop Culture, and History. Participants can sign up for one of three teams (Max 6 players per team). Registration is requested, and walk-ins are welcome if there is space on a team. For ages 13-18 only. Spectators are welcome! This program is sponsored by TACKL.

**Tuesday, June 13: 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 Nature of a Lady* by Roseanna M. White. 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, June 15: Find Your Voice with Creek Stomping @ 1:00 pm.** Get your feet wet and learn about the amazing critters that live in our ponds and streams! Dubuque County Conservationist Jason Denlinger will lead us in exploring the creek at West Side Park. We will search for aquatic animals and plants, learn about the importance of water quality, and how we can monitor creeks and streams in our neighborhoods. This program is appropriate for ages 4 and up. We will meet in the parking lot by the baseball diamonds at West Side Park. Please plan to wear shorts or pants that can be rolled up, and rain boots or other waterproof footwear.

**Thursday, June 15: Lou Henry Hoover's White House Years @ 6:00 pm.** This is the first of a 3-month 'Best Of' series of 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday programs. This program originally aired in May of 2022. When Lou Henry Hoover moved into the White House on March 4, 1929, she looked forward to using her influence to strengthen the areas that were near and dear to her



heart: women's opportunities; the arts; and private philanthropy. The onset of what we now call the Great Depression challenged Lou's plans, but she saw new opportunities for serving the nation and remained undaunted. Lou continued to blaze a trail of achievements that have often been forgotten. She was the first president's wife to address the nation by radio. She continued the work of updating the White House to accurately reflect its history and documented that work. Lou's private philanthropy led to the building of a school for children in a remote area of rural Virginia, and she sought out and supported local artisans for a number of special projects. The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present their 3rd Thursday Virtual Programs.

***Saturday, June 17: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10:00 - 11:00 am.*** This month's theme is *Reading Time*. 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, June 17: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Coco" @ 1:00 pm.*** A boy named Miguel dreams of becoming a famous guitar player, despite the misgivings of his close-knit family. When his lofty ambitions cause him to run afoul of a curse, he must journey into the Land of the Dead to seek forgiveness from his ancestors. Rated PG (109 minutes).

***Sunday, June 18:*** Library closed for Father's Day

***Monday, June 19: Exotic Animals with Dr. Bechtel @ 1:00 pm.*** Dr. Michael Bechtel, Associate Professor of Science Education at Wartburg College, loves animals and will be bringing some of his animal friends for us to meet. Dr. Bechtel (Bec) was born and raised on a dairy farm in Waukon, Iowa and was a high school science teacher for 20 years in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa. He has always incorporated exotic animals in his classrooms-- everything from poison dart frogs to African spur thigh tortoises to Malaysian seramas (miniature chickens). He has even created his own breed of mice! Families and children of all ages will have a blast at this engaging hands-on program. The program will be held in the Library parking lot, because these animals aren't potty trained! Funded by the Friends of JKPL.

***Monday, June 19: 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, June 19: Cricut with Christopher @ 6:00 pm.*** Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher. Project to be announced. 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.

***Tuesday, June 20: Find Your Voice Summer Book Club @ 6:30 pm.*** Teens and adults are invited to participate in a special summer book club where we will discuss books tied

to the summer reading theme. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of June, July and August where we will discuss the selected title. Copies of the books will be available to check out from the library 3 or 4 weeks before the discussion date. Refreshments provided. If there is interest in participating virtually, a zoom room will be opened. Registration is encouraged but not required. Details and book titles to be confirmed.

**Thursday, June 22: Drawing Happiness: Creating with Pen and Ink 2 @ 6:00 pm.** Using repetitive patterns as a “foundation” for our drawings, class participants will create simple yet beautiful floral, leafy, organic images. No art experience is necessary! This is the second of a two-part class that will be led by Dianne Kramer. The drawings look complicated, but each one will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is intended for adults and attendance at the first class is not necessary. There is a maximum of 16 participants in the class, so registration is required by 7pm on June 20. Please bring the following materials to the class: pencil, eraser, fine-lined black ink pen, colored pencils, ruler. All other materials will be supplied. Class sets of materials will be available to borrow. Be sure to check out the display in the library for samples of class drawings!

**Friday, June 23: 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, June 24: 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.

**Saturday, June 24: Book Art for your Library - Kickoff @ the Downtown Market from 8:00 am - 12 noon.** The JKPL fundraising committee is excited to announce a new fundraising event for all! Individuals and groups of all ages are invited to create a piece of art or sculpture by upcycling books and / or book pages. The JKPL will provide a grocery bag and participants can fill it with old books to use for their art. Participants may use anything from individual book pages to several books, but the maximum number of books to be used in a submission is how many will fit in a plastic grocery bag. Participants may also use their own books and other materials but number would still be limited to this quantity. The art or sculpture can be any design or format - folding, cutting, using individual pages, building, etc. and can be created by individuals, families, couples, or groups of any age.

People will be able to sign up to participate and pick up their supplies at the Market and at the library starting on June 24. Submissions should be brought to the library on or before Friday, July 28. On Saturday, July 29, all submissions will be displayed at the Downtown Market with a mason jar adjacent to them. Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite by putting money in the jar – all donations will go to the JKPL. At the end of the market, the creator of the item that brought in the most money will win a voucher for a bowling party donated by 7 Hills West. This voucher includes room rental for 2 hours, 2 bowling lanes for 2 hours (max of 6 people per

lane), shoe rental for up to 12 people, 3 large single topping pizzas, and 3 pitchers of pop. Voucher is valued at \$230.00! As space allows, entries with the highest donations will be displayed at the library during the month of August.

***Sunday, June 25: Tea Event @1:30 pm.*** Details to be announced.

***Monday, June 26: 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, June 27: Find Your Voice with Book Spine Poetry for Kids @ 1:00 pm.*** Book spine poetry is poetry that is made up of words from other sources. You, the poet, aren't writing the words, trying to fit a form, or looking for words that rhyme. Instead, with book spine poetry, you hunt the shelves for titles of books to create your own unique poem. For those who would rather sit and create their poems, we will have old children's books and art materials on hand to create black out poetry. Examples of both forms of poetry will be available for inspiration, and library helpers will be there to help you find your poetic voice. This program is appropriate for kids 8 and up. Funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

***Tuesday, June 27: 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.

***Friday, June 30: Teen SRP: Open Mic Night for Teens @ 6:00 pm.*** Teens are invited to join us for a night of music, poetry, reading, and much more! Participants can register for an opportunity to showcase their talents for a 10 minute time slot. Read something you wrote, sing a song you love, or any other type of performance! Or feel free to just watch all the talent. Registration is requested. This program is for those that have completed 6th-12th grade.