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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
May 20, 2024**

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

- 8,141 items were checked out. This is a 10.2% increase from April 2023. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 6.1%
- 13 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 276 new library cards have been issued.
- 105 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,129 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 221 hours and 401 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 1,863 hours and 4,124 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 90 sessions, 82 visits, and 24 unique users
- There were 5,016 library visits.

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 events scheduled include the Dyersville Public Works Department equipment exhibit, a drawing program for adults, a theater performance at Legacy Square, a magician, a cooking class for teens and the annual summer tea. Summer Reading Programs for all ages begin in early June and will include reading incentives, special programs and activities. This year's theme is Read Renew Repeat so many activities focus on conservation - reduce, reuse and recycle. Fundraising events scheduled for this spring include a new event - a Garage Sale in partnership with the Friends of the JKPL and the return of the Book Art Craft event.

Prepared by: Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director

JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: April-24
YTD: July-22 to April-24
Previous YTD: July-21 to April-23

Library visits

Month	5016	(↑ 5%)
YTD	49456	(↑ 16.6%)

Items loaned

	8141	(↑ 10.2%)
	78534	(↑ 6.1%)

Library cards issued

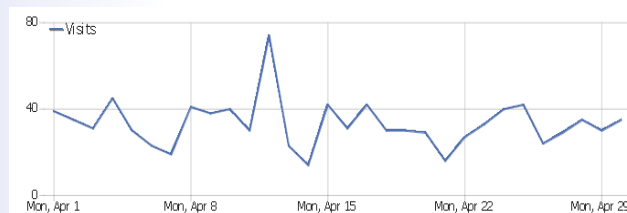
City resident	Total
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8	13	(↓ 40.9%)
150	276	(↑ 2.2%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
997	1:35



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
221	1863	1524	401	4124	3938

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
90	2006	82	1720	24	303

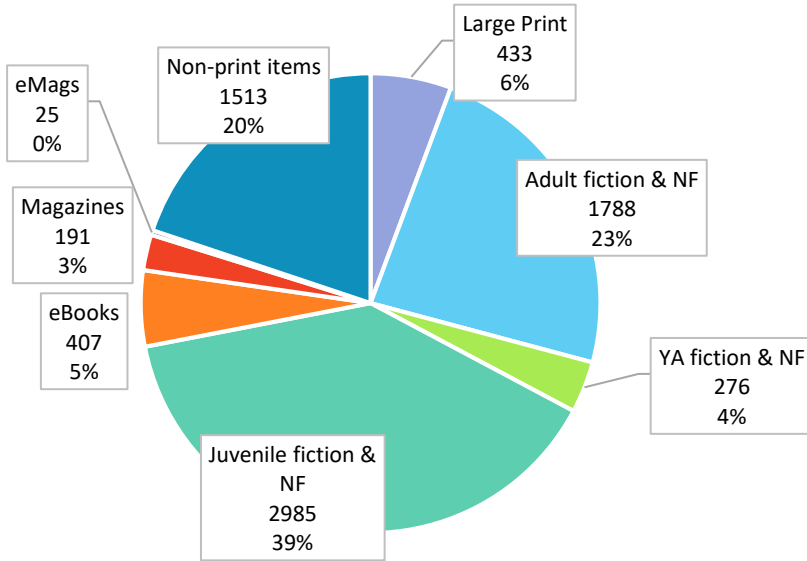
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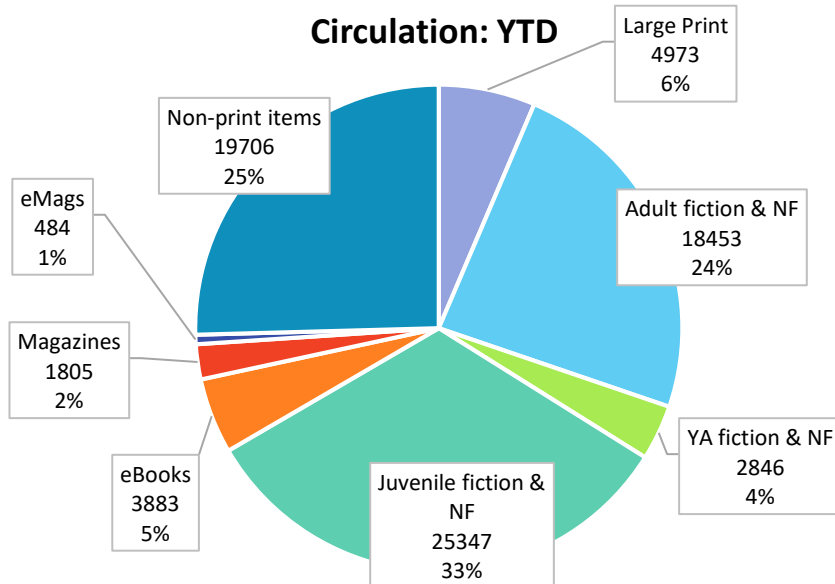
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
60	654	580

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	523	4748
Adult & YA audio	106	829
Juvenile audio & kits	6	178
Adult & YA video	551	7258
Juvenile video & DVD	371	3113
Games, LoT, etc.	479	4617
	2036	19706

Music

Downloads: 14
Streams: 0
Total YTD: 76



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 5
YTD: 27



Visits: 162
YTD: 2469



Online Learning

Sessions: 16
YTD: 713



Languages

Sessions: 16
YTD: 438



Genealogy

Visits: 920
YTD: 7158



Collection

Items purchased

Month:	324
YTD:	2338

Items donated

Month:	73
YTD:	534
Prev. YTD:	667

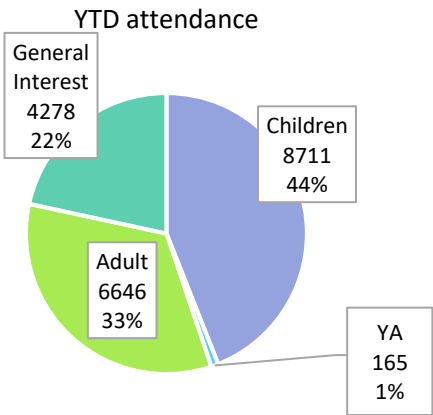
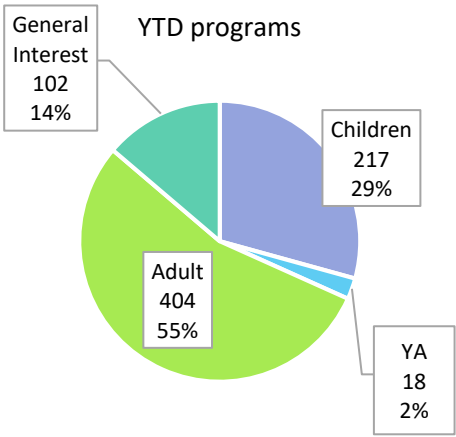
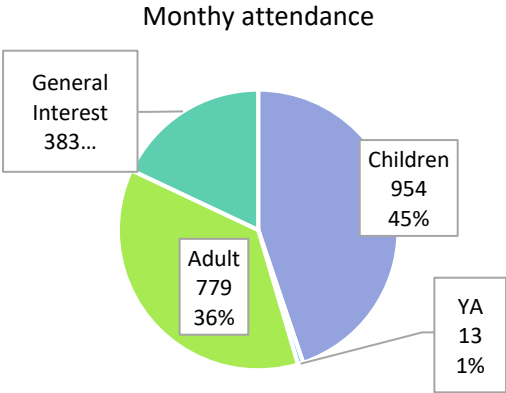
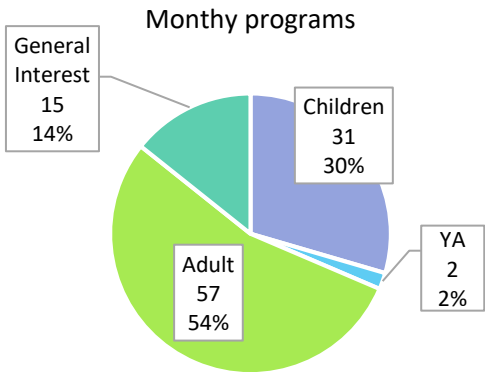
Items withdrawn

	Month	YTD
Books	492	3315
Audio	1	49
Video	15	304
Other	0	78
Total	508	3746

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	16	116	45	19	119	12	10	10	0	27	12	11	397
Previous month	17	110	30	20	57	6	0	9	0	15	8	10	282
Current YTD	152	876	296	158	667	90	119	74	5	268	84	83	2872
Previous YTD	178	978	311	186	648	147	124	102	10	260	76	122	3142

Programs



Upcoming Events in May:

Kids Can Craft: Community Coloring Quilt: May 1—31. Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and help create a paper Community Coloring Quilt. Come to the library to color a 4-inch cardstock square in a design of your choice, and we will display the designs together on our crafts bulletin board.

Creation Station Craft: Raffia Ribbon Butterfly: May 1—31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month we are making colorful butterflies using raffia ribbon. Kit includes raffia ribbon, sparkly stickers, and pipe cleaners. Markers and scissors are also needed for this craft. A video tutorial will be viewable on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.



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

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

Children's Pretend Play-Station: Floral Shop: May 1—31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in floral shop play! First, check out our newest installation in the revolving pretend-play station with this month's theme, Floral Shop. Then, participate in our "Flower" scavenger hunt to earn a small prize.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Meet the Super Duper Seven" by Tim Hamilton: May 1—31. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting? Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

Recycled Paper Making: Wednesday, May 1 from 6:00—7:30 pm

Staff from Dubuque County Conservation will be visiting the JKPL to present this program on recycled paper. Learn how paper is recycled in the industrial world as well as how to create your own recycled paper. While here, try your hand at making your own paper. All ages welcome, but those under the age of 8 need an adult or teen companion. Registration is requested by April 30 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Register by contacting the library or online in the library's calendar of events at: www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/events



Strength Training for Older Adults: Thursdays and Mondays, May 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, & 20 @ 9:30 am & 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Due to high demand, two sessions will now be offered, with a maximum of 20 participants allowed per session. Space is limited so registration is required. **No sessions will be held on May 23, 27 or 30.**

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

Kids Can Cook: May 2, 9, & 16 @ 4:00 pm

Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each session will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron. There is a limit of 12 children per session and this class session is full. Those interested are welcome to put their name on the waiting list.

- For May 2, kids will make BLT wraps and Doo Dads
- For May 9, kids will make County Fair fried dough
- For May 16, kids will make Pasta Carbonara.

This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various JKPL Fundraisers.



Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

Spring Plant Sale: Saturday, May 4 from 8:00—10:00 am

Join Danielle Will and members of the JKPL Fundraising Committee in the parking lot adjacent to the JKPL to buy plants donated by committee and 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.*



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, May 4 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is "Superhero Adventure". This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

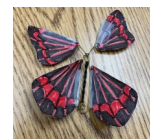


Movies @ Your Library presents "Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom": Saturday, May 4 @ 1:00 pm. Having failed to defeat Aquaman the first time, Black Manta is still driven by the need to avenge his father's death and to take Aquaman down once and for all. To defeat him, Aquaman will turn to his imprisoned brother Orm, the former King of Atlantis, to forge an unlikely alliance. Together, they must set aside their differences in order to protect their kingdom and save Aquaman's family, and the world, from irreversible destruction. Rated PG-13 (120 minutes).



Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, May 6 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the 2024 All Iowa Reads book for Teens, *Hollow Fires* by Samira Ahmed. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Adult Crafternoon: Twirling Butterfly: Monday, May 6 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a twirling butterfly. 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 7 and kits will be available while supplies last.



Children's Book Week, May 6—12. Children's Book Week is a national week-long event that celebrates books for young readers. 2024 is the 105th anniversary of this beloved program, and this year's event slogan is *No Rules. Just Read.* Stop in all week to pick up a free "Bee an Architect Activity and Coloring Book"! Activities in this English/Spanish book provide plenty of opportunity to read along with inspiration for activities for kids of all ages.

Unlocking Brain Fitness—KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesday, May 7 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for the final session of this 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. Presented by Mary Lou Kurt, RN, and other local experts. You must already be registered to attend. This series is sponsored in part by Nightingale Drug and Asbury HyVee.



Break-in Box Challenge: Saturday, May 11 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Love escape rooms? Or have you ever wanted to try one? Then join us for one of our Break-In Box sessions! Participants will need to work together to solve various puzzles and gather clues around the Hoffman Room to get the combination needed to open the box. We will be holding sessions every half hour with a limit of 5 participants per session, so registration is requested. Walk-ins will be allowed if there is space for a session.



Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, May 11 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Library closed for Mother's Day: Sunday, May 12

**Neurodivergent Needs: Tuesday, May 14 @ 10:00 am & Wednesday, May 15 @ 6:00 pm**

Are you or someone you love or care for part of the neurodivergent community? Then we want to talk to you! The JKPL was selected for a *Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities* Grant to offer services to neurodivergent adults. We are defining this group as any adult with a physical, emotional, behavioral, or learning disability or impairment. We are excited about this grant and we want to be sure the funds received are used appropriately to serve the members of this community so we are asking for your help. Come join in one of these community conversations where we will discuss what the library can or should be doing to serve the neurodivergent community. In addition to these two meetings, one-on-one and small group conversations may also be scheduled in May or early June so if these dates don't work, please reach out to the library to express your interest. If you are planning to attend, please register by contacting the library by 5 pm on Monday, May 13. Refreshments will be provided.

**Spring Wildflower Hike @ New Wine Park: Tuesday, May 14 from 6:00—7:30 pm**

Staff from Dubuque County Conservation will lead us on this hike at New Wine Park. Be ready to learn about the flowers that are currently blooming and interesting ways you can use these plants, as well as their wildlife value. The 2 mile trail we are hiking will have uneven terrain and steep inclines. Please be prepared for this by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing.

- All ages are welcome but children under the age of 16 need an adult companion.
- Registration is requested by May 13 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.
- Register by contacting the library or online in the library's calendar of events at: www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/events



On the day of the hike, participants should meet at New Wine Park (15971 New Wine Park Lane, New Vienna, IA). When entering the park, stay to the right, cross the bridge, and meet at the trailhead, located on the left side of the road.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, May 14 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *Lady Jayne Disappears* by Joanna Davidson Politano. 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.

Great Give Day is May 15, 2024!

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. Want more information? Check out the Endowment Fund's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/James-Kennedy-Public-Library-Endowment-107205744107637/
Want to donate? Visit the following link: www.greatgiveday.org/jkplendowment



Genealogy with Ann: Wednesday, May 15 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, May 16 @ 11:30 am. Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will be at the library to talk about Probiotics, Prebiotics, Fermented Foods, and Parkinson's Disease. There will be a sample to try and a door prize or two. All are welcome!



If Buildings Could Talk—A History of Downtown Dyersville: Thursday May 16 @ 6:30 pm & Saturday, May 18 @ 10:00 am

The James Kennedy Public Library is thrilled to welcome local historian Judy Weber for two presentations on the history of the buildings on the south side of the 300 block of 1st Ave. in Dyersville. Judy will present the same program twice, so be sure to make it to one of her presentations! Each presentation will last 2 hours with a short intermission. Refreshments provided.



Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, May 17 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. *Note: the date of this program has been moved due to maintenance in the Hoffman Room.*

Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Wonka”: Saturday, May 18 @ 1:00 pm. “Wonka” tells the wondrous story of how the world’s greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka we know today. Rated PG (112 minutes).



Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game: Saturday, May 18 @ 4:00 pm

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



Bingo Party: Monday, May 20 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher presents Fabric Roses: Monday, May 20 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create a set of 3 roses out of fused fabric. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10. Participants will need to bring fabric scissors and wire cutters.

Dyersville Public Works Equipment Exhibition: Tuesday, May 21 from 4:00—6:00 pm

The JKPL and Dyersville Public Works are partnering to celebrate National Public Works Week (May 19-25). This year, Public Works will bring some of their vehicles and equipment to the library parking lot to show them off and talk about how each one is used to help Dyersville. Included will be:

*street sweeper/vacuum

*end-loader

*skid loader

*sewer camera unit

*utility crane

*dump-truck/snow-plow/sand-spreader (brand new!)



In the Hoffmann Room, the library will be showing videos on the many different services Public Works provides, as well as how Dyersville’s water and wastewater systems operate. All ages welcome. Guests will receive a fire hydrant stress reliever (while supplies last) and refreshments will be provided.

Library closed for Memorial Day: Sunday, May 26 & Monday, May 27



JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, May 28 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please call by 5:30 pm the day of the event so an invite can be emailed to you.

Donate to the JKPL Garage Sale Fundraiser: Tuesday, May 28—Friday, May 31

The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library are partnering to offer a new way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community are encouraged to donate their good, used items to the JKPL and they will be sold at a yard sale with the proceeds going to support the JKPL. Items should be brought to the library during library business hours between May 28 and May 31. Items should be in good, clean, working condition. A list of donation guidelines is posted on the JKPL website or available to pick up at the library.



Free Pepper Plant Program!

The Dubuque County Extension Office in partnership with the James Kennedy Public Library is offering a Free Pepper Plant Program to help educate local residents on how to grow a food crop to increase local food security.

- Program participants will receive a 4-pack of free pepper transplants along with season-long updates on good growing practices for raising peppers throughout the 2024 gardening season. A 4-pack of 'Lady Bell' sweet bell peppers will plant a row approximately six feet long.
- Participants may register by contacting the JKPL, the Dubuque County Extension Office or registering online at <https://bit.ly/dbqpepper>.
- **Registration is required by May 6 with peppers available to pick up at the library between May 15—18.**
- The Peppers are limited to one pack of 4 per person, but multiple family members at the same address can participate.
- More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/pepperinfo>



Upcoming EVENTS

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



Summer Reading Programs

The summer reading program theme this year for all ages is *Read, Renew, Repeat*. These summer reading programs will feature the idea and practice of conservation. All programs offer incentives to read and use the library. The JKPL is offering three programs:

- Children (0 through 5th grade): June 3—July 16
- Teens (6th to 12th grade): June 3—July 27
- Adults (18 and older): June 1—August 31

In-person registration begins on June 3 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.



Family Storytime

Wednesday, June 12, 19 & 26 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

Join in on storytimes that are geared toward 3- to 6-year olds but open to children of all ages and abilities. Adult supervision is required.



Teen Chefs

Saturday, June 15 from 12:00—2:00 pm

Teens ages 12-18 can come learn basic kitchen skills and how to make a meal for their family and friends. Registration in person is required as a waiver needs to be signed by a parent or legal guardian. There is a limit of 12 teens per session. This program is funded by TACKL.

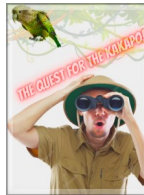


Traveling Lantern Theater Company presents

The Quest for the Kakapo

Saturday, June 8 @ 10:00 am

Join the Traveling Lantern Theater Company at the amphitheater in Legacy Square as they present a play about the Caterpillar Hunter, an explorer who travels around the world to rescue the Kakapo, a rare endangered parrot from New Zealand. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Magician Mikayla Oz

Thursday, June 20 @ 10:00 am

Enjoy this fast-paced, interactive, hilarious show complete with hands-on magic training and an appearance from Bubbles the Magic Bird. All ages welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Woodland Art—Creativity with Pen & Ink

Tuesday, June 11 @ 6:00 pm

Join Dianne Kramer for an imaginary walk in the woods. Participants will learn to draw a variety of woodland flowers and will then design a woodland scene of berries, flowers, feathers, and twigs. This class is designed for adults and registration is required as space is limited to 24. Registration begins May 11.



Summer Tea

Sunday, June 23 from 2:00—3:30 pm

Grab a friend and come to our Summer Tea! Enjoy delicious tea and delicate homemade cookies and bars served on real china. Lemonade will be provided for the non-tea drinkers. All ages are welcome but children under the age of 15 require an adult companion. Sponsored by the JKPL Senior Advisory Committee.



Iowa Legal Aid presents Medicaid/Title 19

Thursday, June 13 @ 6:30 pm

Iowa Legal Aid will be at the library to present information on Medicaid (aka Title 19): What it is, How you qualify for it, and What you need to do know to prepare.



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 am—8:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Sundays: 1:00—4:00 pm

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <u>May 1—31</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Puzzled • StoryWalk® • Children's Pretend Play-Station </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <u>May 1—31</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Coloring Quilt craft • Raffia Butterfly craft kits • Coloring, Creating, Doing </div>		1 Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Recycled Paper Making from 6-7:30pm	2 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Upcycled Greeting Cards from 1-3pm Kids Can Cook @ 4pm	3 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	4 Spring Plant Sale from 8-10am Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am <i>Aquaman & The Lost Kingdom</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm
5	6 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm	7 Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 6pm	8 Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm	9 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Kids Can Cook @ 4pm	10 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm	11 Break-in Box Challenge from 10am-12pm Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm
	Children's Book Week: May 6-12					
12 Library closed	13 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am	14 Neurodivergent Needs @ 10am Spring Wildflower Hike from 6-7:30pm A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm	15 Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm Neurodivergent Needs @ 6pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Great Give Day!</div>	16 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Health & Wellness 365 @ 11:30am Kids Can Cook @ 4pm If Buildings Could Talk @ 6:30pm	17 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Game Night from 6-9pm	18 If Buildings Could Talk @ 10am <i>Wonka</i> (PG) @ 1pm Kobolds Ate My Baby @ 4pm
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		Drop off donations for the Library Garage Sale: May 28-31				

Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Events for JUNE 2024

Library Garage Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library have partnered to offer a new way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community have donated good, new, and gently used items to the JKPL for this new event. The sale will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the library (weather permitting) or in the Hoffman Room. All proceeds will be used to support library programs, collections and services.

Saturday, June 1: Adult Summer Library Program Begins! Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2024 program that runs June 1-August 31. This year's theme is *Read, Renew Repeat (Leer, Renova, Repetir)*. This summer reading program will feature the idea and practice of conservation – reduce, reuse and recycle. This program also encourages reading as a restorative method of self-improvement and self-preservation. 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. Participants will track materials read or listened to, library services used, programs attended, and activities completed to earn prizes. Connecting with the theme, most special programs will feature conservation and / or upcycling. For each item completed on the program log, the participant's name will be entered into the general prize drawings that are held after the program ends. For each four items completed, participants will be able to select an item from the prize box or another book for the cart. Participants completing at least sixteen activities, which must include reading at least four books, will have completed the program and will 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.

Kids Can Craft: Create a Comic Strip: June 1-30. Kids of all ages are invited to create a comic strip at the Creation Station. Can't finish it at the library? Take it home, color it, bring it back, and collect a small prize! Comic strips will be displayed in a bound book in August. One prize per child, but children are welcome to create multiple comic strips.

Creation Station Craft: June 1-30. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. (what's missing?) A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: June 1-30. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

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

Children's Pretend Play Station: Ice Cream Shop: June 1-30. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in pretend ice cream shop play!

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Life-Sized Candyland: Fun with Sight Words" with Art by Dyersville Library Kids: June 1-30. Hey kids! Come walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park to see all of the amazing candy art that Dyersville kids created at the library in March. Walk the trail to find your art, read the action sight words, and complete each action! Parents, encourage your children to read the action sight words and complete the actions because play and movement encourages literacy and memorization in a fun way. *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 Scavenger Hunt: Sweets: June 2-30. Once per week, participate in our "Sweets" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! The "Sweets" scavenger hunt will be changed to different pictures and locations once per week during the entire month of June, giving kids the chance to earn a sticker every week! One sticker per child per week.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, June 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 24, 27 @ 9:30 am & 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Due to high demand, two sessions are now scheduled, with a maximum of 20 participants allowed per session. Space is limited so registration is required. *Note: There will be no class on Thursday, June 20.*

Monday, June 3: Teen Summer Reading Program Begins! Everyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is encouraged to participate in the teen program that runs from June 3-July 27. The theme this year is *Read, Renew, Repeat*. Participants will receive a free book just for registering! This year, participants will be given a game board of challenges that include reading different types of books or using 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. Complete extra challenges and earn more entries!

Monday, June 3: Toddler Summer Reading Program Begins! Children ages infant to 3-years old and their parents or care-givers are encouraged to participate in the toddler summer reading program that runs from June 3 - July 16. By completing the Read-With-Me Family Literacy Activities sheet, children earn a free ice cream cone coupon and a toy. Those who wish to complete a second Family Literacy Activities sheet will earn a book.

Monday, June 3: Children's Summer Reading Program Begins! Children ages 4-years old to 11-years old/completed 5th grade are encouraged to participate in the children's summer reading program from June 3 - July 16. The theme this year is *Read, Renew, Repeat*, a theme which encourages midwestern libraries to be Green through reducing, reusing, and recycling materials in a sustainable manner. To kick off the summer reading program, stop by the library to register for summer reading and receive a free book! Can't make it on June 3? Stop in any day after June 3 to register and receive your book; however, points for summer reading begin on the day that you sign up. In an effort to be Green, the James Kennedy Public Library will continue a version of the summer reading program from last year (2023). Earn brag tags for every program that you attend, and earn beads for the minutes that you read. At the end of the summer reading program, tally up your points (brag tags + beads), and use your total summer reading points to buy some great prizes at our summer reading store! The more you read, the more you earn! ***Note:** No grand-prize drawings will be offered during the summer reading program this year. Check out all of the fun Green programs, with an emphasis on supporting artists and performers – there's a performer nearly every week! All performers are funded by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library. All programs are held at the James Kennedy Public Library unless otherwise noted.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, June 3 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang. 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.

Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 from 1:00–3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

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

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

Traveling Lantern Theater Company presents "The Quest for the Kakapo," Saturday, June 8 @ 10:00 am (at the Legacy Square Amphitheater). Join the Traveling Lantern Theater Company as they present a play about the Caterpillar Hunter, an explorer who travels around the world to rescue the Kakapo, a rare endangered parrot from New Zealand. Inclement weather location: James Kennedy Public Library, Hoffman Room. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Movies @ Your Library presents "Mean Girls": Saturday, June 8 @ 1:00 pm. New student Cady Heron is welcomed into the top of the social food chain by the elite group of popular girls called "The Plastics". However, when Cady crosses the head of The Plastics, she finds herself prey in their crosshairs. With the help of her outcast friends, Cady must learn how to stay true to herself while navigating the most cutthroat jungle of all: high school. This is the 2024 version. Rated PG-13 (112 minutes).

Saturday, June 8: World Wide Knit in Public Day from 1:00-4:00 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!

Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, June 8 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Monday, June 10 from 10:00-11:00 am. This month's theme is "Reuse, Rebuild!". 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.

Adult Crafternoon: Monday, June 10 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Join us to make this month's fun craft. Stop in at 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.

Chalk Art Fun: Tuesday, June 11 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Join us in our (closed-to-traffic) parking lot for all-ages chalk art fun!

Woodland Art - Creativity with Pen & Ink: Tuesday, June 11 @ 6:00 pm. Join Dianne Kramer for an imaginary walk in the woods. Participants will learn to draw a variety of woodland flowers and will then design a woodland scene of berries, flowers, feathers, and twigs. All drawings will be demonstrated step-by-step. This class is designed for adults and registration is required as space is limited to 24. Due to the high demand of this class, six of the twenty-four slots are allotted for those who have not attended one of Dianne's classes before, or has not attended since October 2023. Registration begins May 11 and ends June 8. Participants will need to bring the following supplies: pencil, eraser, fine black felt-tipped pen, and colored

pencils. All other supplies will be provided. Come to the library to see a display of the types of drawings we'll do in class!

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, June 11 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *Hooked on You* by Kathleen Fuller. 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.

Family Storytime: Wednesdays, June 12, 19 and 26 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm: Join in on storytimes that are geared toward 3- to 6-year olds but open to children of all ages and abilities. Adult supervision is required.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursday, June 13 and 27 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market on the second and fourth 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.

Art in the Park: Thursday, June 13 and 27: from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Join us at the Farmer's Market twice per month during the summer to get creative! This month: on June 13, kids will make slime; and on June 27, kids will make a chia pet. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

Iowa Legal Aid presents Medicaid/Title 19: Thursday, June 13 @ 6:30 pm. An attorney from Iowa Legal Aid will be at the library for a presentation focused on Iowa's Medicaid program with regard to nursing home care and the Elderly Waiver Program. We will also discuss Iowa's Medicaid Estate Recovery program. This presentation aims to equip attendees with a deeper understanding of these pivotal Medicaid components, fostering informed decision-making and effective utilization of available resources. All are welcome. Please bring your questions!

Performer Dino O'Dell: Friday, June 14 @ 1:00 pm. Author and children's presenter Dino O'Dell presents "Book Detective: Zar and the Broken Spaceship." Check out this interactive, engaging, educational show complete with music, dancing and tons of fun for all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

TACKL Fun and Games @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, June 14 from 6:00-9:00 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.

Pop-Up @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, June 14 from 6:00 - 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.

Teen SRP: Teen Chefs: Saturday, June 15 from 12:00-2:00 pm. Teens, ages 12-18, can come learn basic kitchen skills and how to make a meal for their family and friends! This program will focus on Italian food, with participants making homemade spaghetti and meatballs. There is an alternate sauce option if you don't like marinara sauce. The first ten minutes of the class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder will be hands-on learning, cooking, and

cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. Registration in person is required as a waiver needs to be signed by a parent or legal guardian. There is a limit of 12 teens for this class. *This program is funded by TACKL (The Teen Advisory Council of the Kennedy Library).*

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, June 15 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.

Sunday, June 16: Library closed for Father's Day

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

Cricut with Christopher presents Etched Nightlights: Monday, June 17 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create a customized, etched nightlight. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is requested as attendance is limited to 10.

Shadow Box Crafting: Tuesday, June 18 from 10:00-11:00 am. Pick a theme, and then use recycled materials to craft an artistic shadow box! All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or an adult.

Teen Writer's Group: June 18 from 5:00-6:00 pm. Participants between the ages 12 to 18 are invited to join the library's teen summer writer's group which will meet the third Thursday of June, July, and August. Bring whatever short story, poem or nonfiction project you've been working on to share with the group and get feedback. Not sure what to write? Check out the bulletin board in the YA corner for writing challenges. Refreshments will be provided.

Magician Mikayla Oz: Thursday, June 20 @ 10:00 am. Enjoy this fast-paced, interactive, hilarious show complete with hands-on magic training and an appearance from Bubbles the Magic Bird. All ages welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Ferngully: The Last Rainforest": Saturday, June 22 @ 1:00 pm. Deep in the heart of the forest awaits a paradise filled with tiny sprites, winged fairies, tree spirits, and all kinds of animals who live together in joyful harmony. But when their home is threatened by humans, one courageous sprite must give her all to save it! Rated G (75 minutes).

Summer Tea: Sunday, June 23 from 2:00-3:30 pm. Grab a friend and come to our Summer Tea! Enjoy delicious tea and delicate homemade cookies and bars served on real china. Lemonade will be provided for the non-tea drinkers. All ages are welcome but children under the age of 15 require an adult companion. We encourage you to wear a hat! Sponsored by the JKPL Senior Advisory Committee.

Write a Graphic Novel: Monday, June 24 from 1:00-2:00 pm. Join author and librarian Christa Palm to discover how to write a graphic novel story. Illustrate your story at home and return it to the library for display during the month of August. Program is designed for ages 7 to 12.

Design a STEM Water Slide: Tuesday, June 25 from 10:00-11:00 am. Get ready to get wet in this awesome STEM program! Join us in our (closed-to-traffic) parking lot to design your own miniature water slide fit for a king...or a Nerf ball. Program is open to all ages, but children under 7 years old must have an adult present. Program will be canceled if there is inclement weather.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, June 25 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or

nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please register by 11:00 am on the day of the event at <https://bit.ly/JKPLwriting>.

No-Sew T-shirt Tote Bag: Thursday, June 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Drop in at the JKPL for this special upcycling event! Participants will learn how to take a t-shirt and turn it into a handy tote bag - no sewing required. All supplies provided. Make your bag at the library or take the supplies and directions home and create at your convenience. Take and make kits will also be available while supplies last. This program is for adults and older teens but children are welcome with an adult companion.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, June 28 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.

Game Changer for Teens: Saturday, June 29 @ 4:00 pm. Game Changer is a YouTube channel where participants engage in games involving improv comedy and random challenges. The twist is that the players don't know what game they are playing until it starts. The library is bringing a version of this to the library for teens! For ages 12-18 only. Registration is required by June 28th to make sure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience.

Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, June 29 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 29: Book Art For Your Library: Kickoff @ the Downtown Market from 8:00 am - 12 noon. The JKPL Fundraising Committee is excited to announce the return of this FUN and crafty fundraising event! 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. Sign up to participate and pick up supplies at the Market and/or at the library starting June 29. Finished projects should be brought to the library on or before Friday, July 26. On Saturday, July 27, 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 special prize. Entries can be picked up at the library any time after July 27. As space allows, entries with the highest donations will be displayed at the library during the month of August.

Absolute Science Bubbles Stations @ Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, June 29 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Do you love making HUGE bubbles? Visit the Dyersville Downtown Market in Legacy Square and celebrate summer reading with multiple bubble stations. Join in on the bubble fun for all ages! Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library and the Dyersville Downtown Market.