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**James Kennedy Public Library
Report to the Mayor and City Council
April 17, 2023**

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

- 8,124 items were checked out. This is an 10.2% from March 2022. Fiscal year to date, circulation is up 5.3%
- 22 library cards were issued to new patrons. Fiscal year to date, 248 new library cards have been issued.
- 85 programs were offered in person, virtually, remotely, and as activity kits. 2,333 people engaged with these activities.
- Four public access computers and three children's computers were available and were used for 166 hours and 404 sessions. Year to date computers were used for 1,362 hours and 3,586 sessions.
- WiFi Use: 404 sessions, 350 visits, and 85 unique users
- There were 5,124 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. There are no restrictions on meeting space capacity beyond normal policies, and staff are required to wear masks only if the Community Levels for Dubuque and / or Delaware County (as provided by the CDC) are high. The library will continue to offer programs in different formats to meet the needs of the community.

Upcoming Events:

Enclosed please find a copy of the April events schedule, as well as a preliminary schedule of events planned for May. Some of the programs scheduled include participating in the Dubuque County Reads book discussions, special events celebrating National Library Week, a visit from Iowa Poet Laureate Debra Marquart, a pop-up library at the Happy Healthy You event hosted by Two or Three, partnering with the Dyersville Public Works Department for activities for Public Works Week, and a visit from the Heartland's Future Bus-eum. A Grab and Go Breakfast Burrito fundraiser is scheduled for April 22 and tickets for the National Library Week Trivia event, scheduled for April 28 are available to purchase until April 21. The spring Plant Sale fundraiser is also scheduled for May 20.

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JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

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

Library visits

Month	5124	(↑ 21.7%)
YTD	37628	(↑ 26.5%)

Items loaned

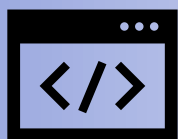
8124	(↑ 10.2%)
66643	(↑ 5.3%)

Library cards issued

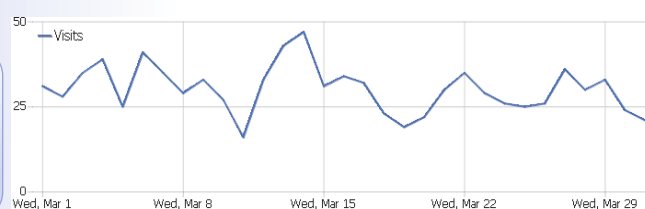
City resident	Total
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10	22	(↓ 21.4%)
131	248	(↑ 62.1%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
938	1:23



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
166	1362	1049	404	3586	2490

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
404	3528	350	2876	85	232

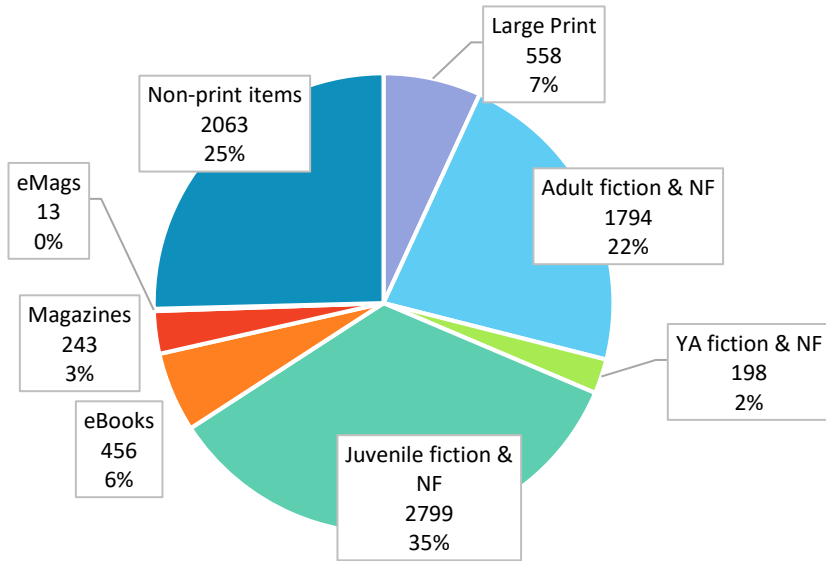
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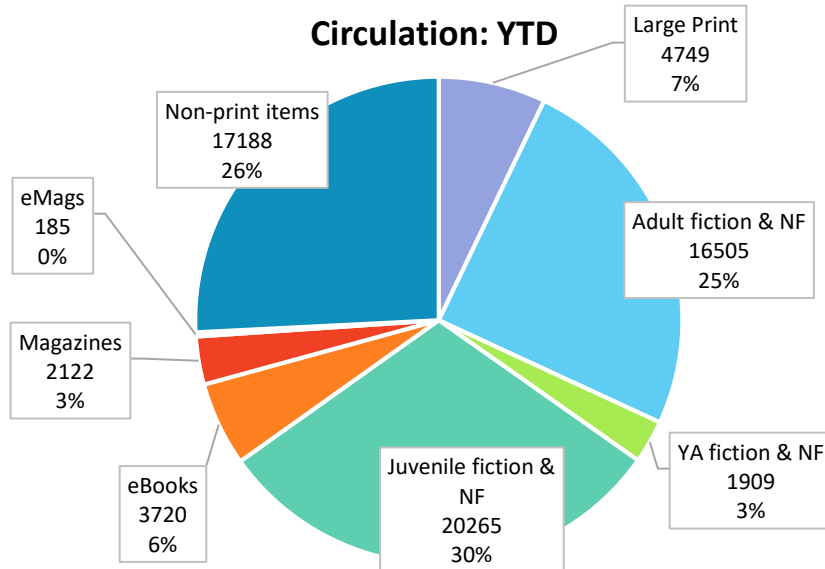
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
45	515	278

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

Month

YTD

eAudio	379	3609
Adult & YA audio	107	1047
Juvenile audio & kits	14	123
Adult & YA video	756	5917
Juvenile video & DVD	279	2493
Games, LoT, etc.	528	3999
Total	2063	17188

Music

Downloads: 1
Streams: 0
Total YTD: 88



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 1
YTD: 52



Visits: 151
YTD: 1512



Online Learning

Sessions: 22
YTD: 136



Languages

Sessions: 19
YTD: 152



Genealogy

Visits: 1056
YTD: 3486



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 306
YTD: 2212

Items donated

Month: 55
YTD: 506
Prev. YTD: 625

Items withdrawn

	Month	YTD
Books	10	2302
Audio	0	720
Video	4	379
Other	2	58
Total	16	3459

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	13	74	34	23	80	25	18	16	1	45	7	25	361
Previous month	9	59	35	18	66	4	11	13	1	19	7	8	250
Current YTD	164	843	281	155	548	104	113	90	8	232	69	111	2718
Previous YTD	184	878	308	162	721	164	127	116	18	448	111	260	3497

Programming

Take and Make & Recorded Programs



Program	Views	Engagements	Views	Prep time (hrs)	Kits
*Adult Crafternoon - recorded content & kit	NA	NA	NA	0.5	14
CS: Rainbow plate - kit only (C.)	NA	NA	NA	0.75	11
KCC - Bookmark - recorded content & kit (C.)	181	3	6	2 (+.25)	42
*Upcycled Greeting Cards (GI)	88	3	3	0.5	20
March Book Madness (GI)	318	31	21	3	38
Carryover February programs - 5 programs	50	7	7	NA	NA
*program included in-person component					

Virtual/Sharing/Passive or Kit programs

Program	Kits or Participants	Prep time (hours)
Coloring, Creating, & Doing (A)	224	3.25
Get Puzzled (A)	59	0.25
StoryWalk® - <i>Sneezy the Snowman</i> (C)	75	1
Funded by DRA, Friends of the JKPL, and Osterhaus Memorial		

In-Person and Hybrid Programs

Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Story Time - in person onsite (PreK) - 4 sessions held	79	4.5 (+.75 vol)
Wee Read - in person onsite (PreK) - 5 sessions held	67	19.5
Outreads to Daycares - in person offsite (PreK) - 10 sessions	177	5.25
Building Creativity One Block at a Time - in person onsite (C.)	16	1.5
Hybrid Sit & Stitch - 5 sessions - in person and Zoom(A)	33	1.25
Books for Lunch: <i>The Measure</i> - in person and Zoom (A)	6	1.5
Hybrid Dungeons & Dragons - in person and Discord (GI)	6	2.5
Inspirational Fiction book club- in person and Zoom (A)	5	2
Game Night - in person onsite (GI)	13	3.5
Strength Training for Older Adults - 9 sessions - in person (A)	79	9
Ellen Kennedy Living Center program - in person off site (A)	8	1.5
Mercy One Senior Care - in person offsite (A) - cancelled	NA	NA
Bingo Party - in person onsite (A)	6	3
Kids Can Cook - in person onsite (C.) - 6 sessions	77	39.5 (+12.75)
*Adult Crafternoon - in person, kit, and recorded content (A)	2	1
STEAM Fun Fridays - in person onsite (C.) - 5 sessions	4	3
Euchre / Dominos Party - in person on site (A) - 5 sessions	57	1.5
Cricut with Christopher- in person on site (GI) - Cancelled by presenter		NA
Strings Club - in person on site (A)	6	.25 (+2 vol)
Final Friday Tech - in person or Zoom (A)	0	NA
Puss in Boots: Movie Showing (GI)	13	2
Father of the Bride : Movie Showing (GI)	7	1
*Upcycled Greeting Cards - in person onsite (GI)	4	1
St. Patrick's Day Parade (GI)	400	7 (+2)
Beginning Sewing for Teens - Corset Project - Pt 2 (YA)	2	1
Read Across America: After Hours (C.)	0	2.75
Iowa Legal Aid presents Tax Basics	5	1.5 (+3)
Winter Bookopoly Challenge (GI)		
JKPL Writing Group - in person and Zoom (A)	7	2
Tween Nerf War (C)	19	8.5
Creation Station Crafting for National Craft Month (GI)	4	1
Miniature Golf @ Your Library (GI)	59	11
Unlocking Brain Fitness - 4 sessions (A)	61	63 (+20)
Explore Journaling - 3 sessions (one postponed) (A)	11	1 (+20)

Zoom programs

Program	Attendance	Prep time (hours)
Third Thursday Hoovers and Mining Partnership with the Hoover Presidential Library	0	NA

Upcoming Events in April:

April 1—30: Dubuque County Reads!

The James Kennedy Public Library is participating in the first annual *Dubuque County Reads* book discussion! We have partnered with the Dubuque County Library District, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, University of Dubuque Library, Clarke University Library, and Loras College Library to create a new county-wide initiative. The purpose of the *Dubuque County Reads* program is to facilitate events that encourage productive conversation around a common book. This year marks the first of what will become an annual program. Each year will feature a different book, with the selected title aiming to invigorate community members and inspire dialog about important issues and topics. The selected title for 2023 is *Sitting Pretty: The View from My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body* by Rebekah Taussig, a disability advocate and Instagram star.



Dubuque County Reads book discussions will happen at various locations around the county between April 15—27. Different libraries will be holding discussions on different days and times in the hopes that one of them will work with your schedule so you can attend. Feel free to attend as many as you are able to, wherever you are able! Most discussions will be in-person, but there will be one virtual session run by the James Kennedy Public Library and Carnegie-Stout Public Library.

The book is available to borrow at each participating library, with the appropriate library card required. Digital copies are available to borrow on Hoopla through the Carnegie-Stout Public Library or James Kennedy Public Library, with the respective city resident library card required. Some libraries may even have audiobook copies to borrow. Alternatively, you can purchase a copy of the book from River Lights Bookstore in Dubuque with a 30% discount.

To register for one of these programs please complete this online form, <https://bit.ly/DBQCOreads>, or call the James Kennedy Public Library. Book discussions will be held at following locations:

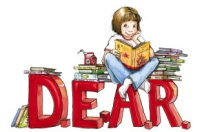
- April 15 at 11 a.m. at the Farley branch of the Dubuque County Library District
- April 17 at 2 p.m. at University of Dubuque
- April 18 at 6 p.m. at James Kennedy Public Library
- April 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Asbury branch of the Dubuque County Library District
- April 21 at 6 p.m. Virtual Discussion
- April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Multicultural Family Center
- April 25 at 12:45 p.m. at Clarke University
- April 27 at 4 p.m. at Loras College

April 1—30: Yard Sign Fundraiser! To celebrate National Library Week, April 23—28, the JKPL has yard signs that say “I Love My Library” available. Signs are 18” x 24”, vinyl, reusable, and come with a ground stake. Yard signs can be purchased by making a donation to the library and are available while supplies last. Already have one of these signs? Now’s the time to put it up. Put a sign in your yard and let everyone know you love the library!



April 1—30: D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Month

April is Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) month, a national month-long celebration of reading designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives. To celebrate this year, the JKPL has two things planned.



Dyersville Book Scavenger Hunt

The library has partnered with local businesses for a scavenger hunt! Can you match the book with the business? Pick up a scavenger hunt form at the library or print one off from the library’s website. The scavenger hunt form features pictures of book covers and each participating business in Dyersville has one of the book covers posted in their business. Match the book with the business then turn your completed forms into the library by April 30 to get entered into the prize drawing for one of four gift baskets. You get to choose which basket! Entries with at least ½ of the books/businesses identified will receive one entry into the drawing. Get them all right to earn two entries! -

Reading Recommendations

JKPL staff, board members, and volunteers are celebrating D.E.A.R. month with videos and social media posts highlighting what they are dropping everything to read. Titles will be posted throughout the month on the library’s social media. Want to join in the fun? Feel free to share in the comments what book you dropped everything to read!

April 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 *Mystery Books*. 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.

April 1—30: Creation Station Craft: Woven Easter Baskets. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's activity is a Woven Easter Basket! 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.

April 1—30: Kids Can Craft: Flower Starter Kit. Kids age 8 and up are invited to stop in the library and decorate a coconut coir pot. Each child will be given potting soil, flower seeds, and instructions on starting flowers to plant in the spring. Pots may be decorated at the library or taken home to decorate. A video demonstration of this craft will be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel.

April 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.

April 1—30: Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Spring is Here" by Heidi Pross Gray. 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.



Saturday, April 1: Movies @ Your Library presents "A Man Called Otto" @ 1:00 pm. Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around. Rated PG-13 (120 minutes).



Saturday, April 1: Nerf War @ Your Library from 4:00—6:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins are welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed.

Sunday, April 2: Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Closing Reception from 2:00—4:00 pm

Join us for refreshments and one last chance to bid on the baskets donated to the library for the Build-a-Basket Fundraiser! Forty themed baskets, including puzzles, games, arts and crafts, family and kids activities, groceries, and more have been donated by area businesses, organizations and individuals. There is something for nearly every interest so be sure to come and take a peek and bid on your favorite. The silent auction will end at 3:00 pm sharp. These baskets make great gifts for yourself or someone you love! All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services.



Thursdays and Mondays, April 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, & 27: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 10:00 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and 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, April 3: 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 Reading List* by Sara Adams. 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.

Monday, April 3: Adult Crafternoon from 1:00—3:00 pm. To celebrate National Poetry month, library staff member Ann will be on hand to teach you how to create blackout poetry with pictures and coloring pens. There will be take-and-make kits also available if you prefer to craft at home. Kits will be available to pick up starting April 4.

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25: 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, April 4: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the first Tuesday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26: Wee Read @ 10:30 am. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Spring 2023 sessions of Wee Read. Wee Read is open to children under 3 and their adult caregiver. Program will run through April 26. Registration is required as space is limited.

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

Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26: Kids Can Cook @ 4:00 pm. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 9-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 pm. The April session theme is Miss Kim's Favorites. Please register in person if the parent/legal guardian has not already signed the required waiver. Limit of 12 children per class. This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, and the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library. Proceeds from the 2022 Cookie Walk and 2023 Soup Supper are also supporting the program.



Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, and 26: Story Time @ 6:30 pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Spring 2023 sessions of Story Time. Story Time is open for kids of any age, but is geared toward preschoolers. The final spring story time on April 26 is a special pajama and stuffie story time for all ages. Registration is required for all sessions except the April 26th session.

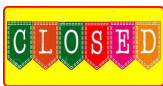
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Thursday, April 6: Explore Journaling: Hybrid journals @ 6:30 pm. Join us for the fifth and final gathering in our series about journals. Karen Schloss will share ideas for hybrid journals like travel journals, self-awareness journals, and positive energy journals. Participants will make a travel journal page and complete a guided journal page. This will be a hybrid program so participants can come in person or participate virtually via Zoom. Please contact the library to register, get the link to the Zoom room, and for more information. Worksheets will be available to pick up for anyone unable to attend in person.

Fridays, April 7, 14, 21, 28: 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. If interested please contact the library to register to save your seat, as space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome, if space allows.

Sunday, April 9: Library closed for Easter



Monday, April 10: Upcycled Greeting Cards for Mother's Day from 1:00—2:00 pm. Want a unique card for someone special for Mother'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 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 and make.

Monday, April 10: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30—4:30 pm. This month's theme is "Easter Bunny Surprise". 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.



Monday, April 10: Poetry Open Mic Night @ 6:30 pm

Join us at Textile Brewing Company in Dyersville to celebrate National Poetry Month. Several members from the JKPL writing group will read some of their poetry and we welcome anyone to get up and read something they've written! Textile Brewing Company is located at 146 2nd St NE in Dyersville. *Note: This event will replace the writing group meeting on April 25.*



Tuesday, April 11: 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 *A Piece of the Moon* by Chris Fabry. 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. Register at: <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH>

Thursday, April 13: Iowa Legal Aid presents Wills and Advanced Directives @ 6:30 pm

Attorney Ben Hamel from Iowa Legal Aid will be at the library to discuss wills and advanced directives. Ben will go over the different types of health care advanced directives with a focus on a Living Will, including what this is and what the advantages of having this drawn up are. Also covered in this program will be Do Not Resuscitate orders, Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment, and organ donation. Finally, Ben will cover what happens in the execution of the will, including what happens if there is no will made. All are welcome. Please bring your questions!



Friday, April 14: 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 Drone Flying!

Saturday, April 15, 22, and 29: Starfinder Role Playing Game @ 4:00 pm

Do you enjoy Dungeons & Dragons but feel it doesn't have enough smartphones, spaceships, or computers to hack? Then Starfinder might be for you! It is a Sci-fi role-playing game based on D&D 3.5 rules, where you can be a member of an alien race exploring the depths of space while experiencing swashbuckling adventure! These three 2-hour sessions will explain the basics of the game and have the players enjoying different sci-fi style adventures! Pre-generated characters will be available for players, but those experienced with Starfinder are free to create their own. For ages 10 and up. Registration is requested as there is space for only 6 participants. Walk-ins are welcome if space allows.



Monday, April 17: 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, April 17: Cricut with Christopher presents 3-D Puffed Vinyl Decals @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher. This month we will be transferring 3-D puffed vinyl decals onto a shirt or sweatshirt. Attendees will need to bring a new, unwashed t-shirt or sweatshirt to decorate. 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 allows. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

Tuesday, April 18: Dubuque County Reads Book Club Discussion @ 6:00 pm

Join us at the James Kennedy Public Library for this *Dubuque County Reads* book discussion! The selected title for 2023 is *Sitting Pretty: The View from My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body* by Rebekah Taussig, a disability advocate and Instagram star. The book is available to borrow at our library and each participating library, with the appropriate library card required. Digital copies are available to borrow on Hoopla through the Carnegie-Stout Public Library or James Kennedy Public Library, with the respective city resident library card required. To register, please complete this online form, <https://bit.ly/DBQCoreads>, or call the James Kennedy Public Library. Walk-ins welcome! Refreshments will be provided.



Thursday, April 20: A Herbert Hoover Audio-Visual Potpourri @ 6:00 pm. Join the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library via Zoom for this month's Third Thursday presentation. *A Herbert Hoover Audio-Visual Potpourri*, presented by Lynn Smith, will showcase a variety of favorite still images from the Hoover Museum collection and share some Hoover home movies, newsreel films, and point out a few unusual items in the Hoover archives. Registration is required. Please sign up to receive the Zoom invitation at <https://bit.ly/TTPotpourri>. The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present these Third Thursday Virtual Programs.

Friday, April 21: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays from 4:00—5:00 pm. Children and families are invited to come to discover and create in the Library with S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities. This session will feature A Loch Ness Monster Puppet Craft. All ages welcome but those under 6 need a teen or adult companion.

Friday, April 21: Dubuque County Reads Virtual Book Club Discussion @ 6:00 pm

Join us at the James Kennedy Public Library for this *Dubuque County Reads* virtual book discussion! The selected title for 2023 is *Sitting Pretty: The View from My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body* by Rebekah Taussig, a disability advocate and Instagram star. The book is available to borrow at our library and each participating library, with the appropriate library card required. Digital copies are available to borrow on Hoopla through the Carnegie-Stout Public Library or James Kennedy Public Library, with the respective city resident library card required. To register and receive the Zoom link, please complete this online form <https://bit.ly/DBQCoreads> or email Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us.



Friday, April 21: 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: Game Night was moved this month due to the trivia night fundraiser.*

Saturday, April 22: Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser from 9:00—11:00 am

Kick off National Library Week by stopping by the JKPL and enjoying a delicious breakfast burrito! For just \$5.00, you can support the JKPL and enjoy a delicious egg, sausage and cheese burrito. Available while supplies last! Weather permitting, a tent will be set up outside the library for this event. If not, step into the Hoffman Community Room to get your breakfast and support your library! A special thank you goes to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections.



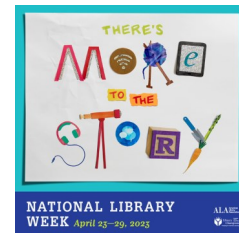
Saturday, April 22: Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Strange World” @ 1:00 pm. Meet three generations of the legendary Clade family as they attempt to band together and navigate an uncharted, treacherous land beneath their world. Rated PG (102 minutes).



April 23—29: National Library Week—There’s More to the Story!

Libraries are full of stories—from picture books to large print, audiobooks to eBooks, and more. But there's so much more to the story. Libraries of Things lend items like games, musical instruments, and tools. Library programming brings communities together for entertainment, education, and connection. Library infrastructure advances communities, providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for businesses and job seekers.

Join us at the JKPL this National Library Week as we celebrate Spirit Week, featuring some of YOUR library’s multi-faceted stories. How can you participate? Stop in each day to pick up a different library themed giveaway. Dress up with the library staff in each day’s theme. Pick up a pompom at the desk and vote for your favorite library service. (One vote per person per library visit) Participate in any of these activities to get your name entered to win library themed prizes like having an item purchased in your honor, a library yard sign, coloring book, book journal, or a fun library swag basket. Join us for one or all of the special events scheduled for this week! The week’s activities are as follows:



Sunday, April 23: Open House! Kick off the week and drop by the library between 1:30—3:30 pm for refreshments. Giveaway: Library tote bag.

Monday, April 24: Exploration Day! Today’s theme encourages you to explore all the different kinds of items you can borrow from the library. Books, movies, games, puzzles, audiobooks, magazines, musical instruments, puppets, robots, kitchen equipment—this is a short list of what you can find at the JKPL. Stop in and explore all that is available for you to use. Join the library staff today as we dress up as a favorite character from something you can check out from the library. Giveaway: Hand sanitizer or key chains.

Tuesday, April 25: Library Workers Day! Join the library staff and volunteers today as we celebrate Drop Everything and Read Month and Library Workers Day! Wear your library or book themed apparel and stop in anytime during the day to enjoy refreshments. Check out the bulletin board or the JKPL Facebook page and see if you can match the picture of the person reading to the library worker. Giveaway: Notepads.

Wednesday, April 26: Relaxation Day! Libraries are a place for relaxing as well as learning and entertainment. Join the library staff today as they relax at work in their PJs or lounge clothes. Visitors are also invited to a special Family Storytime at 6:30 pm. Giveaway: Bookmarks.

Thursday, April 27: Spirit Day! Today library staff will celebrate by wearing JKPL colors (green / gold / yellow) or library/book themed apparel. Join us in showing pride in your library! Visitors are also invited to learn more about where to find things and what the library has to offer by completing a library scavenger hunt. Pick up a form at the front desk and turn it in for your chance to win a special prize. Giveaway: Pens

Friday, April 28: STEAM Day! Join the library staff today as they celebrate Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) with an all afternoon STEAM Fun Friday special event for all ages. Today’s dress theme is celebrating the Art part of STEAM so consider wearing something handmade. It might be crocheted, knit, sewn, a piece of jewelry, or a button made using the button maker in the library’s Creation Station. Giveaway: Buttons.

Saturday, April 29: Heritage Day! Join the library staff today as we dress to represent our heritage. Then check out the displays of materials set in other countries or about other countries. Consider bringing your grade school children to the special Dia Open House from 10 am—12:00 noon. Giveaways: Scratch off cards for library themed prizes and gift cards.

Monday, April 24: 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.

Wednesday, April 26: Family Pajama Storytime at 6:30 pm

Children of all ages and their families are invited to a special storytime. Bring your stuffie and wear your pjs and come for stories and more. Children will receive a goody bag to take home with a snack and a small gift.



Thursday April 27: Scanning Services for Preservation Week from 6:00—8:00 pm

Preservation Week (April 24-30) raises preservation awareness in the library and archives community. To participate, the library is offering an evening of free scanning services. Drop in between 6:00-8:00 pm with any photos, letters, or newspaper articles that you want scanned and preserved.

Friday, April 28: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays Special Event from 1:00—5:00 pm. This session will feature engineering with Strawbees and Snap Circuits, as well as making a Fluttering Butterfly Craft. Visitors can also work on one or more of the craft kits available. All ages welcome but those under 6 need a teen or adult companion.

Friday, April 28: National Library Week Trivia Night Fundraiser at O So Good Winery & Distillery from 6:30—9:00 pm

Join us for a trivia fundraiser hosted by O So Good Winery & Distillery. Purchase a table for up to six guests for \$120.00.

- Price includes: Two bottles of wine of your choice, charcuterie board for six, and dessert to share.
- Menu items and additional beverages will be available to purchase.
- Visit the library or O So Good Winery & Distillery to purchase a table. **Tables must be purchased before April 21st.**
- The trivia contest will include some special twists like Phone a Friend, Mulligans and other ways to win.
- Giveaways will include shirts, hats, stickers, gift certificates, and more. Prizes will be awarded to the top two scoring teams. There will also be a special library themed prize for the highest scoring purchased table.
- O So Good Winery & Distillery will donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to the James Kennedy Public Library.



Saturday, April 29: El día de los niños/El día de los libros Open House 10:00 am—12:00 pm

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día, is a yearly celebration of children, families, and reading during the month of April that culminates on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. This year we will celebrate Día with chocolate from around the world. Kids will get a chance to taste chocolate made in different countries and vote for their favorite. There will be a display of books that are either set in the countries the chocolate comes from, or the books will be about those countries. This program is for those in Kindergarten through 5th grade plus their families.



Sunday, April 30: An Afternoon with Iowa Poet Laureate Debra Marquart @ 2:00 pm

Debra Marquart is a Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa State University and Iowa's Poet Laureate. A singer-songwriter, Marquart fuses poetry, music, and storytelling in her performances. Marquart has published six books and she continues to perform with her jazz-poetry, rhythm & blues project, The Bone People. Her work has received over 50 grants and awards and has been featured on the BBC and National Public Radio. Celebrate National Poetry Month by joining us for this special event where Deb will perform some of her work! This program is free and open to the public. This program is funded by Humanities Iowa and the State Historical Society, Inc.



Dubuque County Extension Free Onion Plant Program!

Onions should be ready to pick up on Wednesday, April 12!

The James Kennedy Public Library has partnered with the Dubuque County Extension Office for their Free Onion Plant Program.

- Participants will receive a free 50—75 count bag of onion plants along with instructions.
- If you signed up for this program by the March 31 deadline, and chose the James Kennedy Public Library as a pickup location when registering, your onions should be at the library ready to pick up.
- The JKPL may also have some extra available to pick up on a first come/first served basis.



Looking for more details? Visit this program's webpage via the following case sensitive link: <https://bit.ly/onionplant>.

Free Trees for Earth Day!

Trees should be ready to pick up on Saturday, April 22!

The JKPL is celebrating Earth Day by participating in the 14th Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids every Earth Day. If you signed up for your tree by the March 17 deadline, your tree should be at the library or arriving soon. Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.



Upcoming EVENTS

Teen Sketching Session Wednesday, May 3 from 4:00–6:00 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 also 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.



Among Us Virtual Game Night Friday, May 5 @ 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.



Bar Crawl for International No Diet Day Saturday, May 6 @ 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.



Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game Saturday, May 13 @ 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.



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

Join local gardening enthusiasts and members of the JKPL Fundraising Committee in the parking lot adjacent to the JKPL to select and purchase from 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.



Heartland's Future Buseum Friday, May 26 from 3:00–7:00 pm

From April to July 2023, some two dozen European students will crisscross the Midwest in a retrofitted school bus, called the “BUS-eum”, featuring two mobile exhibits. The exhibit inside the bus deals with the hidden aspects of German American history. This year, an all-new exhibit on the outside focuses on how we deal with a changing climate. The BUS-eum will be parked in the library parking lot.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>April 1-30</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yard Sign Fundraiser D.E.A.R. Month Dubuque County Reads </div>	<div> <div>April 1—30</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Puzzled Coloring, Creating, Doing Westside Park StoryWalk® </div>	<div> <div>April 1-30</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woven Easter Basket craft kits Flower starter kits </div>				<div> <div>1</div> <p><i>A Man Called Otto</i> (PG-13) @ 1pm</p> <p>Nerf War @ 4pm</p> </div>
<div>2</div> <p>Build-A-Basket closing reception from 2-4pm</p> <div> <div>Build-A-Basket Silent Auction ends @ 3pm!</div> </div>	<div>3</div> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Books For Lunch @ 12pm</p> <p>Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm</p>	<div>4</div> <p>Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons @ 6pm</p>	<div>5</div> <p>Wee Read @ 10:30 am</p> <p>Sit & Stitch @ 1pm</p> <p>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</p> <p>Story Time @ 6:30 pm</p>	<div>6</div> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</p> <p>Explore Journaling @ 6:30pm</p>	<div>7</div> <p>Euchre Card Party & Games from 1-3:30pm</p> <p>STEAM Fun Fridays from 4-5pm</p>	<div>8</div>
<div>9</div> <p>Library closed</p>	<div>10</div> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Upcycled Cards from 1-2pm</p> <p>Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 3:30-4:30pm</p> <p>Poetry Open Mic Night @ 6:30pm</p>	<div>11</div> <p>Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm</p> <p>A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm</p>	<div>12</div> <p>Wee Read @ 10:30 am</p> <p>Sit & Stitch @ 1pm</p> <p>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</p> <p>Story Time @ 6:30 pm</p>	<div>13</div> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</p> <p>Iowa Legal Aid @ 6:30pm</p>	<div>14</div> <p>Euchre Card Party & Games from 1-3:30pm</p> <p>STEAM Fun Fridays from 4-5pm</p>	<div>15</div> <p>Starfinder @ 4pm</p>
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<div>23</div> <p>NLW Open House from 1:30-3:30pm</p>	<div>24</div> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Strings Club @ 6pm</p>	<div>25</div> <p>Unlocking Brain Fitness @ 1pm</p>	<div>26</div> <p>Wee Read @ 10:30 am</p> <p>Sit & Stitch @ 1pm</p> <p>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</p> <p>Family Pajama Story Time @ 6:30 pm</p>	<div>27</div> <p>Strength Training @ 10am</p> <p>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</p> <p>Scanning Services from 6-8pm</p>	<div>28</div> <p>Euchre Card Party & Games from 1-3:30pm</p> <p>STEAM Fun Friday Special Event from 1-5pm</p> <p>Trivia Night Fundraiser @ 6:30pm</p>	<div>29</div> <p>Dia Open House from 10am-12pm</p> <p>Starfinder @ 4pm</p>
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Tentative Schedule of Upcoming Events - MAY 2023

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(R): Donkey Egg by Janet Stevens. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk(R) 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(R) is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

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.

Thursdays and Mondays, 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 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.

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, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us 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 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.

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Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, 26: Euchre and Dominos from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Thursday afternoons for cards in the Hoffman room. Come meet, teach, and play with other

players. If interested please contact the library to register to save your seat, as space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome, if space allows.

Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, & 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. Activities to be announced.

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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 at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> 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.

Saturday, May 13: Pop-up Library at Happy Healthy You from 10:00 am to noon. 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 our overall health - mental, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual. More details to be provided.

Saturday, May 13: Movies @ Your Library presents “5000 Blankets” @ 1:00 pm. Rated PG (97 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: 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 presents 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 monthly on the third Monday of each month.

Wednesday, May 17th is 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!

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 to receive the Zoom invitation at bit.ly/TTCrimJust. The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present these Third Thursday Virtual Programs.

About the Speaker: Dr. Calder has been a faculty member at UTSA since 1979, teaching and publishing first as a member of the Department of Criminal Justice until 2006, then to present in the Department of Political Science and Geography. In recent years, his teaching in Political Science has included topics in global affairs, homeland security, the intelligence community and world affairs, federal justice policymaking, and politics in film. His articles and books have focused mainly on security matters, political leaders, and crime control policies, including studies of American presidents and their roles in directing federal actions against organized crime.

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. (Please note date change due to program conflict.)

Saturday, May 20: Plant Sale Fundraiser from 8:00—10:00 am. Spring is here and many of us are thinking about changing or improving our yards, lawns, or gardens. Join local gardening enthusiasts and members of the JKPL Fundraising Committee in the parking lot adjacent to the JKPL to select from 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.

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

Friday, May 26: Heartland's Future Buseum from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. From April to July 2023, some two dozen European students will crisscross the Midwest in a retrofitted school bus featuring two mobile exhibits. The non-profit, educational "BUS-eum" will bring regional history alive and engage the public in discussions, with related films, presentations and publications. The exhibit inside the bus deals with the past and the hidden aspects of German American history. This year, an all-new exhibit on the outside focuses on the future: How will we deal with a changing climate? The BUS-eum will be parked in the library parking lot and visitors are invited to visit between 3 and 6 pm. At 4 pm, the European students will share a special presentation. Join us at 6 pm for a potluck dinner and opportunity to visit and learn informally.

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