

Mark your calendar for these April programs!

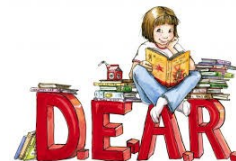
April is D.E.A.R. Month (Drop Everything And Read)

D.E.A.R. is a month long celebration of children's author Beverly Cleary, her timeless stories, and the joy of reading. Join us for three ways to celebrate this month:

BOOK JAR: The JKPL Book Jar is filled with slips of paper with book titles recommended by staff, Board, Friends, and avid readers. Different colored slips will indicate different kinds of books - children's, teens, fiction, non-fiction, classics, etc. Participants pick a slip out of the jar and check out the book title they select. All participants are entered into a drawing for book and library related prizes. The Book Jar is a fun way to pick something different to read!

PATRON PICKS: Patrons are encouraged to suggest books that made them "drop everything and read". Suggested titles will be put together into a recommended reading list and display. Everyone who recommends a books will have their name entered into a drawing to win an Adopt-a-Book form, where they get to select an item to be purchased in their name for the library collection.

FACE OFF: Be sure to check out the library's Facebook Page this month and discover what your neighbors are reading. Everyone is invited to participate in this online contest and share what book they are currently reading. Each Friday during the month of April, there will be a random drawing from those who have responded, with the prize being an Adopt-a-Book form, where they get to select an item to be purchased in their name for the library collection.



Sunday, April 1: Library closed for Easter

April 2—30: DASH for the STASH @ Your Library!

Stop by the library anytime during the month of April, which is National Financial Literacy Month, to participate in *DASH for the STASH*. In *DASH*, you will learn about investing and may earn an entry into a drawing to win a \$1,000 IRA! This contest is geared to working adults and is much like a scavenger hunt, but instead of collecting objects, you collect information.

- To enter the contest, visit the JKPL and locate the four investor education topic posters (and one rules poster).

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- Use mobile phones, tablets or computers to access the quiz questions about investing, including: financial advisors, investor fraud, investment fees, and investing to build a nest egg.
- One statewide winner will be chosen in a random drawing of eligible participants who logged the correct answer for all four posters.
- Participants must be ages 18-63 with earned income.
- The winner will receive a \$1,000 contribution to an existing or new Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

Monday, April 2—30: Yard Sign Fundraiser!

To celebrate National Library Week, April 8-14, and raise money to support the library's services and collections, the James Kennedy Public Library is selling yard signs that say "I Love My Library" during the month of April. Signs are 18" x 24", vinyl, reusable, come with a ground stake and are \$10.00 each. 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 2—30: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Do you enjoy relaxing while putting together a jigsaw puzzle? Would you like to get out of the house and share the fun (and frustration) with someone else? Stop in the library this month to help us put together a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle. Since National Library Week falls during April, this month's puzzle will be *Reader's Paradise*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more! To add to the fun, everyone who participates is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle!

Monday, April 2: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month. This month the group will discuss the novel *Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. Bring your lunch, if you wish. Dessert and beverages are provided by the participants or the Friends of the Library. New members are welcome to join at any time! Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library.



Monday, April 2: Book Flicks @ Your Library presents "Wonder" @ 6:30 pm. A 10-year-old boy with a facial deformity attends school for the first time when he begins the fifth grade. With the support of his parents, he learns how to make friends and adjust to his new environment. Based on the book by R. J. Palacio. Rated PG. (113 min.)



Tuesday, April 3: Crazy 8s Math Club: K-2nd Grade @ 4:00 pm. This program is for K-2nd graders. This final session's theme is Epic Air Traffic Control. Attendees must have registered for the entire 8 week session.

Tuesday, April 3: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D and D players! This group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The Library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. All ages and skill levels welcome. New players are welcome at any time.

Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25: Story Time @ 9:30 am & 6:30 pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sign up and bring their preschoolers to the Spring 2018 sessions of Preschool Story Time. Story Time is open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds who have not been in Kindergarten and is offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. Programs will run through April 25. Registration is required as space is limited.



Wednesday, April 4: Crazy 8s Math Club: 3rd-5th Grade @ 4:00 pm. This program is for 3rd-5th graders. This final session's theme is Epic Air Traffic Control. Attendees must have registered for the entire 8 week session.

Wednesdays April 4, 11, 18 & 25: Sit and Stitch @ 1:00 pm. Join other crafters at this weekly gathering to share crafting and conversation. Gatherings are every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 pm. New members are welcome to join at any time! Bring your hobby or craft and come for lots of laughs, food, great company and experienced help!

Saturday, April 7: Active Learning Smart Space Open House from 9:30 am—4:00 pm

Join us as the JKPL debuts its new active learning smart space and come see this new space where you can get hands-on with different activities! Refreshments provided. All ages welcome!

- The ribbon cutting will be at 9:30 am as the space officially opens. Short remarks will be made by Angela English, Library Board President and Dyersville Mayor, Jim Heavens.
- Observe the LEGO® Mindstorm Robotics program that will be going on from 10:00am—12 noon
- Try some of the JKPL's new gadgets such as Sphero, Dot and Dash, Cubelets, Makey Makey, or Squishy Circuits.
- Enjoy one of the make-and-take crafts ready for you to create.



Training, planning support, and start up funding for this new space were made possible by the *Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces* Project, a two-year project funded by a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Saturday, April 7: Read and Play @ 10:00 am. Join us for this chance to spend quality time with your child and socialize with other adults. A 15-minute story time will be followed by playtime. For children 18-36 months and parent or adult caregiver. Toys for the toddlers and coffee for the adults provided by the library. No registration required.



Saturday, April 7, 14, 21 & 28: LEGO® Mindstorm Robotics Series @ 10:00 am

Robotics are all the rage these days and the library wants to give you a chance to try it out! Working in groups and using the library's LEGO® Mindstorm kits, participants will get the chance to build a robot and program it to perform different actions. Each week, the builders can start where they left off the previous week and continue building and programming their robot throughout the month. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Registration is requested and is for all four weeks. Basic computer skills are required. This program is sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.



April 8-14: Celebrate National Library Week—Libraries Lead

This week, JKPL joins libraries nationwide in celebrating the many ways libraries lead their communities through the transformative services, programs and expertise they offer. National Library Week is an annual celebration of the life-changing work of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries are creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions.



In keeping with this year's theme, Libraries Lead, tell us how the JKPL or another library led you to something of value in your life. Pick up a form at the library or post your answer on the library's Facebook page. Everyone who participates will have their name entered into a prize drawing. Be sure to visit the JKPL during this special week as we celebrate libraries and open our new active learning smart space!

Sunday, April 8: Expressive Writing for Healing @ 2:00 pm

This Powerpoint presentation by Mary Potter Kenyon touches on the science behind the health benefits of journaling, and how it can help those who have experienced loss, divorce, or other trauma.

- This is for both writers and non-writers alike.
- This workshop includes concrete examples of the presenter's own journal entries and blog posts that were later incorporated into published books, as well as sections from other writers.
- This workshop is a step-by-step guide to utilizing expressive writing as a tool for healing whether you want to journal your way through a difficult time, blog, or seek publication.



After the presentation, celebrate the launch of Mary Potter Kenyon's, *Expressive Writing for Healing* journal with cake and punch. Copies of the journal will be available for purchase, with one journal given as a door prize.

Monday, April 9: Cricut with Christopher from 10:00 am—12:00 noon. Drop in anytime during these two hours to learn from Lisa Christopher about the Cricut Maker machine available to use in the library's new active learning smart space. This device can be used for anything from paper crafts, iron-ons, and vinyl decals to sewing projects, leather crafts, and balsa models. Come discover some of the things you can make with this fun crafting and coding machine.



Monday, April 9: Lifelong Learners Creativity Group Hosts "Flashlight Memories" @ 6:30 pm. In conjunction with April's D.E.A.R. month (Drop Everything and Read), our group of imaginative and creative people will be hosting an evening of reminiscing. Do you remember reading books by flashlight underneath your covers at night when you were supposed to be asleep? Getting lost in a book as a youngster? Come ready to share your stories of what books meant to you as a child, along with copies of those books if you have them, or a list of favorite titles. Cookies and milk and small flashlights provided. Open to ages 17 and up. Registration requested but walk-ins welcome if space allows.



Tuesday, April 10: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith book discussion series @ 7:00 pm. Join us the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm for this book discussion series featuring a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. New members welcome at any time. For this meeting we will read and discuss *Wildflowers from Winter* by Katie Ganshert. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library.

Thursday, April 12: Coloring for Adults @ Your Library from 4:00—7:00 pm. Come relax and relieve stress by coloring! Coloring for Adults is offered monthly at various times and days. The library provides coloring sheets, colored pencils, gel pens, markers, and light refreshments. To celebrate National Library Week, special library themed coloring pages and bookmarks will be available. No registration needed. Participants are welcome to come and go during the program. This program is open to adults 18 and older.

Saturday, April 14: "Show Me the Money" Game Event from 2:00—4:00 pm. As part of National Financial Literacy Month, the library will be holding a special gaming event where players must strategically use their money and plan ahead to win. The library will have Monopoly, Money-bags, Game of Life and more! See who in your family can stretch their funds to victory and shout "Show me the money!" Have fun with the whole family while learning about how to use money. Snacks will be provided. For ages 7 and up.



Sunday, April 15: "The Art of Listening to the Heart" with James Kenyon @ 2:00 pm

Cedar Falls veterinarian James Kenyon will share tales of listening to animals and humans. A retired vet, Kenyon is the author of *The Art of Listening to the Heart*, a collection of short stories from heartwarming to heartbreaking. Refreshments provided. Copies of his book will be available for purchase from the author following the program.



Monday, April 16: Books for Lunch Book Movie Showing presents "Phantom Thread" @ 12:00 noon. A tailor finds his meticulous professional life upended after he falls for a working-class woman in this film that won a 2018 Oscar. Rated R. (130 min.)

Monday, April 16: JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30 pm. This monthly writing group is for writers of all types whether it be poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. Meetings will allow time for members to read their work to the group. Feedback will be given, if desired. Optional writing exercises and writing prompts will be shared.

Tuesday, April 17: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 4:00 pm—6:00 pm. This month's theme is "Fun at School". 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 the actual creations are displayed at DuTrac for two weeks after each program. All children who participate have their name entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.



Thursday, April 19: Suminagashi @ 4:30 pm

Celebrate Dia de los Libros /Dia de los Ninos by learning Suminagashi, or "floating ink." Suminagashi is the ancient Japanese art of transforming plain paper and ink into vibrant works of art. Kids ages 8+ are invited to learn this fascinating and addictive marbling technique. Dive in and swirl! No registration required, but participation limited to 20 individuals. First come, first served.



Friday, April 20: Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraiser at Brew & Brew from 5:00—8:00 pm

The National Library Week Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraiser supporting the James Kennedy Public Library is back! Join us at Brew & Brew in downtown Dyersville for wine and beer tasting from area wineries and breweries. O So Good Winery, PromiseLand Winery, Potosi Brewing Company, Franklin Street Brewing Company, Matthews Distributing, and 7G Distributing. Tickets are \$20 in advance or at the door. Tickets are available at the library or Brew & Brew after April 2. Tickets include appetizers, a commemorative glass, and the tasting event. Door prizes and a 50/50 raffle are also part of this fun event. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to support the library's collections and services.



Money Smart Week 2018 is April 21-28

Created by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in 2002, Money Smart Week® is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. Join us this week as we offer you a variety of opportunities to become more “money smart”. Scheduled programs include:



Great Piggy Bank Pageant

There will be a special make-and-take activity for children and families in the active learning smart space all week long from April 21—28. Stop in and take a look at the information on saving money and use the provided materials to make a piggy bank to take and keep. Have a staff member take a picture of the bank before you take it home to be entered into a prize drawing.

Set to Soar

There will be a special make-and-take activity for children and families in the active learning smart space all week long from April 21—28. Stop in and take a look at the information on saving money and use the provided materials to make a kite to take and keep.

Saturday, April 21: Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Boss Baby” @ 2:00 pm. A suit-wearing, briefcase-carrying baby pairs up with his 7-year old brother to stop the dastardly plot of the CEO of Puppy Co. Rated PG. (97 min.)

Saturday, April 21: Nerf War @ Your Library from 6:00—8:00 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.

Sunday, April 22: Sunday Movies @ your library presents “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” @ 2:00 pm. Rey learns the ways of the Force from Luke Skywalker, and develops a telepathic bond with Kylo Ren, who is struggling to master the Dark Side. Meanwhile, Stormtrooper-turned-Resistance fighter Finn goes on a risky mission behind enemy lines. Rated PG-13 (152 min.)

Monday, April 23 through Sunday, April 29: St. Francis Xavier Student Art Show & Reception

The James Kennedy Public Library is pleased to display the artwork of St. Francis Xavier Elementary Grade School students at the library from April 23 through April 29. Stop in anytime to enjoy the artworks created by the students. Everyone welcome.

There will be a special reception on Thursday, April 26 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm for the students displaying their artwork, their families, and anyone who wants to come view the artwork and offer their support. Refreshments provided.



Thursday, April 26: Reaching Out to the Home & Health Expo from 11:30 am—5:30 pm

The James Kennedy Public Library will bring a pop-up library to the Home & Health Expo event at the Total Fitness Rec Center. Guests will be able to get library cards, check out materials, learn about library programming, and find out more about what the library has to offer. If you are visiting the Expo be sure to stop by the library table to find out more and enter your name to win door prizes.



Thursday, April 26: Book Signing and Q&A with Dan Hefel and William Winders from 5:00—7:00 pm

Join Dan Hefel and William Winders at the JKPL for a special book signing and Q&A. *Finally, Home* written by William Winders, tells the story of Eastern Iowa farm boy Dan Hefel and his military service during the Vietnam War. The book chronicles his combat experiences in the jungles and mountains of South Vietnam, being taken prisoner, and his survival during 3 years of captivity in Hanoi. Hefel and Winders will start this event with a Question and Answer Session. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments provided.



Friday, April 27: Game Night @ Your Library @ 6:00 pm. Come meet and make friends with some of your fellow game lovers at our monthly game night at 6:00 pm on the 4th Friday of every month. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! All ages welcome.

Sunday, April 29: Spring Tea from 2:00-3:30 pm

Bring your mother, sister, aunt, daughter, husband, or friend to the annual Spring Tea. Enjoy delicious tea, scrumptious tea sandwiches and delicate homemade cookies served on real china. Lemonade will be provided for the non-tea drinkers. All ages welcome but children under the age of 10 require an adult companion. Sponsored by the Senior Advisory Committee.



Mark Your Calendars for These May Events!

**Children's Book Week Celebration &
1000 Books Before Kindergarten Awards
Wednesday, May 2 @ 4:00 pm**

Join us after school for a cookie reception for Children's Book Week. There will be a display of new children's books, cookies, punch, and door prizes. At 6:30 pm we will have a short story time featuring new picture books and conclude with the spring *1000 Books Before Kindergarten Awards Ceremony*. All ages welcome.

**Legacy Letters
Sunday, May 6 @ 1:30 pm**

Sue Schermann, Certified Legacy Letters instructor, will help you create a legacy letter that will be cherished for generations. The main purpose of writing a legacy letter is to communicate to family, loved ones, and future generations what matters most in a person's life.

- This class will cover the history of legacy letters, a tradition that dates back to Biblical times
- There will be guided exercises to help participants draw from their life experiences to pen wisdom, insight, life stories, and special messages.
- Each participant will complete at least one legacy letter during the workshop.
- Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**Plant Sale Fundraiser
Saturday, May 19 from 8:00–10:00 am**

Spring is here and many of us are thinking about changing or improving our yards, lawns, or gardens. Are you looking to add some new plants? Or do you have some things that need to be thinned out? This JKPL spring fundraiser might be the solution to both of these problems! Join us in the city parking lot next to the library on Saturday, May 19 to select and purchase plants and flowers donated by committee and community members. All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services.

If you have plants you would like to donate, please contact the library by May 18 to make arrangements to bring them in. Plants of all kinds, including indoor plants, are welcome.

**Fun with Circuits!
Saturday, May 5 from 1:30–4:00 pm**

Come check out the library's new active learning smart space by learning and playing with squishy circuits, snap circuits, circuit stickers and more! This STEAM focused event is for ages 7 and up.

**Marble Run Mania
Wednesday, May 9 @ 4:30 pm**

Roll out the marbles! Kids age 6+ are invited to come create amazing marble runs from everyday recyclables. Marbles and run components provided by the library. Teams are welcome! No registration required, but attendance is limited to 25. First come, first served.

**Building Creativity One Block at a Time:
a LEGO® program
Saturday, May 19 from 10:00 am–12:00 pm**

This month's theme is "Schools out for summer". 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.

**Upcycling @ Your Library
Sunday, May 20 from 1:30–4:00 pm**

Drop in the library's active learning smart space to see ideas on how you might upcycle a wine glass. Glasses and materials provided. All ages welcome but those under age 10 require an adult companion.

**Paranoia Role Playing Game
Saturday, May 26 from 2:00–4:00 pm**

Come join us for a fun, goofy role playing event! *Paranoia* is set in a dystopian future city that is controlled by an artificial intelligence construct called The Computer. In this city, information (and the game rules) is restricted by color-coded security clearance. Players act as enforcers of The Computer's authority and will be given missions to seek out and eliminate threats to The Computer's control! Open to players of all skill levels.

