

Mark your calendar for these December programs!

Layette Quilt Display and Raffle Continues Thru December 17

The James Kennedy Public Library is partnering with the Dyersville Layette Ladies to share with you the work and talent of the Layette Ladies as well as raise some funds for both organizations. Several quilts made by the group are on display at the library thru December 17. During this time you will be able to purchase raffle tickets to win the quilt of your choice! Cost for raffle tickets are 1 for \$2.00, 3 for \$5.00 or 10 for \$10.00. One winner will be able to select their favorite quilt out of those on display to keep. The winner of the raffle will be drawn on Monday, December 19. Need not be present to win. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be split evenly between the Layette Ladies group and the JKPL.



Friday, December 1 - Sunday, December 31: 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 new jigsaw puzzle. This month's 1000 piece puzzle is *Checking It Twice*. The puzzle will be 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 works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle!

Friday, December 1: Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game @ 6:00 pm. Join us after-hours for *Kobolds Ate My Baby*, a role playing game with simple rules and lots of shenanigans. All ages and skill levels welcome. Refreshments will be provided.



Saturday, December 2: A Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus from 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Children of all ages are welcome to come and talk to Santa. Don't forget to bring your cameras! There will be a few simple crafts to make while you wait. Co-sponsored by the Dyersville Federated Woman's Club.



Saturday, December 2: Cookie Walk from 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Craving some special holiday treats but don't have the time to bake for yourself? Come to the library for our annual Christmas Cookie Walk Fundraiser. Fill a plate of sweet treats (about a dozen items) from a variety of baked goods provided by friends, volunteers, board members, and staff of the library. Plates are \$6.00 for one or \$10.00 for two. Volunteers will be on hand to wrap your tray before you leave. Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee of the JKPL.



Saturday, December 2: Family Christmas Movies @ Your Library presents "The Polar Express" @ 2:00 pm.

A doubting 8-year-old boy is whisked to the North Pole on a magical train for a meeting with Santa. Meanwhile, the train's conductor, along with the other young passengers, help turn the boy's crisis in faith into a wondrous journey of self-discovery. Rated G. (100 min.)

Sunday, December 3: Old Fashioned Christmas @ 1:30 pm

The entire family is invited for an afternoon of live music, traditional Christmas carols, cookies, and spiced cider at the Dyer-Botsford House in Dyersville. Santa & Mrs. Claus will make a special appearance, and several prizes will be given out in a drawing. All ages welcome, but children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is sponsored by the Senior Advisory Committee of the JKPL and the Dyersville Area Historical Society.



Monday, December 4: 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 book *The Whole Town is Talking* by Fannie Flagg. 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.



Find the latest information on library events and programs at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us
Contact the library directly at 563-875-8912 or librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us

Monday, December 4: Book Flicks @ Your Library presents "The Glass Castle" @ 6:30 pm. A woman reflects on her unconventional upbringing at the hands of her artsy, nonconformist parents. Now married to a man who works in finance in New York, she faces criticism from her parents that she's betrayed their values. Based on the book by Jeannette Walls. Rated PG-13. (127 min.)

Tuesday, December 5: 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 December 6, 13, 20 & 27: 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!



Friday, December 8 thru Sunday, December 17: Used Book Swap @ Your Library.

Looking for a good book? Come to the Used Book Swap at the library! This is a fun way to treat yourself to something new to read or share a book you are finished with. Just wrap up a gently used/nearly new book from your home library and mark it with a general statement of what it is – novel, romance, children's picture book, biography, etc. Bring your gift wrapped book to the library and exchange it for another. Everyone who participates will be entered into a drawing for a book lover's prize. The Used Book Swap is open all hours the library is open between December 8-17.



Saturday, December 9: A Visit with Hugo Kringle @ 10:00 am

Did you know Santa has a little brother? He does, and his name is Hugo Kringle! Join him to sing Christmas songs and hear stories about growing up with his famous big brother. All ages welcome, but best suited for 8 and under. Children who have not completed Kindergarten must have an adult or mature teen companion. Co-sponsored by Citizens State Bank.



Sunday, December 10: Take the Stress Out of the Holidays @ 2:00 pm

Does all of the hustle of holidays feel overwhelming sometimes? Come join us and learn some simple tips to keep you sane through this hectic time of year. Explore some ideas that will help you spend less time and money stressing in the kitchen and more time with your loved ones. We'll even help cross one gift off of your list (or get you started with one meal all ready to go) by making a corn chip chili jar. All ages welcome but information is geared for teens and adults. Registration requested so we know how many jars to have available. Walk-ins welcome but jar supplies are only guaranteed for those that have registered. Presented by Danielle Day from the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.



Monday, December 11: Lifelong Learners Creativity Group @ 6:30 pm. Join us for this monthly group for imaginative people who can learn from, and feed off each other's creativity. This group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. Pertinent handouts, opportunities for sharing, and demonstrations of various crafty and artistic endeavors of members will be included, along with future plans to showcase art, music, or writing of members. Open to ages 17 and up. Registration requested but walk-ins welcome if space allows.



Tuesday, December 12: 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 *Burning Sky* by Lori Benton. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library.



Thursday, December 14: Coloring for Adults @ Your Library from 4:00 to 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 and light refreshments. For the December program, holiday cards will be available for participants to color and keep (one per person). Also, all participants this month will have their name entered into a drawing to win a JKPL coloring book. No registration needed. Participants are welcome to come and go during the program.



Saturday, December 16: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Nut Job 2" @ 2:00 pm. Animal pals attempt to destroy a gaudy amusement park that's replaced their beloved home. Rated PG. (91 min.)

Saturday, December 16: 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, December 17: Christmas Movies @ Your Library presents "Fred Claus" @ 2:00 pm. Santa's ne'er-do-well older brother visits the North Pole and wreaks havoc on the holiday when he is forced to work in the toy shop. Rated PG. (117 min.)

Monday, December 18: Books for Lunch Movies presents "Christmas in Connecticut" @ 12:00 noon. As part of a promotional stunt, a housekeeping magazine columnist welcomes a returning war hero into her country estate. The only problem is she's a klutz in the kitchen. Not Rated (105 min.)

Monday, December 18: 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.



Friday, December 22: 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.



December 23, 24 & 25:
Library closed for Christmas



Friday, December 29: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. This month's theme is "Cold outside". 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. Refreshments provided.



The Library website has gone mobile!

The Library has a mobile website that is specifically designed for Smartphone users. It is a pared down version of our regular website and gives users easy access to the library catalog, hours, and upcoming events. To use it you'll have to navigate directly to the new site at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/m
Check it out today!

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Mark Your Calendars for These January Events!

Food, Nutrition, Menu Planning & You

In January and February join us for four sessions on healthy eating, shopping smart, and menu planning. This program is geared for adults but teens are welcome. Presented by Danielle Day from the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Registration requested for all events.

Getting Nutrition in Check with My Plate: Sunday, January 14 @ 2:00 pm

Kick off the New Year right by joining us to explore the food groups, portion control, and healthy alternatives to your favorite not-so-healthy foods. We'll also discuss strategies for staying on track with physical fitness and nutrition goals and tools to help along the way. We'll wrap the class up by preparing a healthy snack for those mid-day lulls or pre-workout energy jolt needs.

Spend Smart, Eat Smart—Nutrition on a Budget: Saturday, January 27 @ 10:00 am

Come get tips and resources to help you start saving money on your next trip to the grocery store. Do you struggle with ideas for healthy meals on a budget? We'll also explore simple options that will help you get creative and stay within budget.

How to Read the New Nutrition Labels: Saturday, February 10 @ 2:00 pm

Ever wonder what that nutrition label on your favorite products really means? Or how to avoid getting sucked into spending too much time at the grocery store? Come learn how to read the new FDA food nutrition labels that went into effect this year while we take a tour at Fareway in Dyersville. Learn some tricks to make healthy shopping easier and how to make the most of your shopping trip and your dollar. Attendees should meet just inside the doors to Fareway. Registration is required for this event.

Menu Planning: Sunday, February 25 @ 2:00 pm

Join us as explore ways to make the most of menu planning, shopping, and meal prepping to take the hassle out of weeknight cooking and make eating a healthy home-cooked meal with your family enjoyable and have well-balanced lunches and snacks for the week.

Borrowing Downloadable Books, Audiobooks, and Magazines from the Library Tuesday, January 2—Friday, January 13

Have questions about about how to borrow library books, audiobooks, and magazines on your eReaders, tablets, or Smartphones? Then come to the library anytime during our drop-in hours and get your questions answered! Bring your library card and device or smartphone. Hours are:

January 2: 10 am—7 pm	January 3: 1—7 pm
January 4: 10 am—7 pm	January 5: 10 am—4 pm
January 6: 10 am—4 pm	January 8: 10 am--7 pm
January 9: 10 am—7 pm	January 10: 1—7 pm
January 11: 1--7 pm	January 12: 10 am—4 pm
January 13: 10 am—4 pm	

Black Friday Movie Showing Saturday, January 13 @ 6:30 pm

The library is hosting a locally produced movie, *Black Friday*, from Dubuque natives Crescentia Volz and Jayme Schmitt. During the Thanksgiving season, aliens, dormant for years, finally set their plans to conquer Earth into motion. The only thing standing in their way are two clueless friends who, with a little help from an excessive grump, just may have what it takes to fight back. Not Rated but recommended for ages 16 and older. (90 minutes).

Drop-In Computer Help Friday, January 5 from 2:00-5:00 pm

Have basic computer questions? Come to the library! The library is hosting drop-in hours so you can bring your basic computer questions and we'll do our best to answer them. Laptop computers will be available for use but participants are encouraged to bring their own laptop if they own one.

Evaluating News: Good, Bad, or Totally Fake? Saturday, January 6 @ 11:00 am

Join us at this session where you'll learn how to evaluate the information you read and hear so you can know if it is true, false, or biased. Participants will also learn how to use fact checking websites to verify information. Handouts will be provided.

Soup Supper Fundraiser Thursday, January 18 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Warm up this winter at the JKPL annual Soup Supper! Join us for soup (chili or chicken noodle), crackers, bread, brownie, and beverages starting at 5:00 pm until we run out! The soup is made and served by the JKPL Library Board and Fundraising Committee members. Price is \$5.00 per person with soup refills for \$1.00 each. Carry outs available. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to support the library's collections and services.



Mark Your Calendars for These Other January Events!

**Winter Wonderland Story Time
Saturday, January 20 @ 9:30 am**

The weather outside may be frightful, but families can have lots of fun inside at the library! We will read stories, sing winter songs and have an indoor snowball fight (no mittens required!) We will conclude with a treat and a fun activity to take home. This family program is for children age 6 and under but all ages are welcome. Children who have not completed kindergarten need to have an adult companion. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

**Friends of the Library Used Book Sale
January 26–29**

The Friends of the Library used book sale will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library Friday, January 26 through Monday, January 29. Bags of books are \$2 on the last day of the sale only. Hours are:

Friday, January 26: 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, January 27: 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Sunday, January 28: 1:00 pm–4:00 pm
Monday, January 29: 9:00 am–7:00 pm

**Teen Break-In Box
Tuesday, January 30 from 5:00-7:00 pm**

The library will be hosting a Break-in box, where participants need to figure out how to remove a series of locks from a box to get to the prize inside! Interested participants need to sign up for a 5:00, 5:45 and 6:30 session. Each session is limited to 5 people. For ages 13-18. Snacks will be provided. This program is sponsored by TACKL.

**Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre
Saturday, February 24 @ 6:30 pm**

The JKPL welcomes back the Die-Laughing Murder Mystery Troupe for this mystery dinner theatre fundraiser. This year's event, *A Dinner to Die For, Murder is served,...Or How the 'Summer of Love' Became the Winter of Discotheques*, is set in 1969 so get out your bell bottoms! Cost is \$50 per person or a table of 8 for \$350. This event will be held at the Dyersville Golf & Country Club. Seating is limited and the first 30 tickets sold include a wineglass and wine. The meal will be catered by J & D Mart. Tickets on sale now.

New Quarterly Newsletter!

In addition to our monthly newsletter, the library will be putting out a quarterly newsletter every season so you can see all the great events the library has planned three months at a time. The winter newsletter is available now. Look for the small blue booklet located underneath the TV inside the library. Be sure to check the monthly newsletter and the library website for current information though, as events may be added, cancelled, or changed.



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**Discover . Connect . Inspire:
a coloring book!**

Are you looking for a unique local Christmas gift for yourself or someone you love? The JKPL may have just what you need. In 2016, local artists submitted original images and a committee selected 55 to include in a special coloring book. The book is 8.5 x 11 and coil bound with perforated pages for easy removal. The coloring books can be purchased at the library for \$10.00 each until sold out. Proceeds go to support library collections and services.

