

Mark your calendar for these May programs!

Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces Survey!

The James Kennedy Public Library was one of fifteen libraries nationally selected to participate in the *Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces Project*. Smart library spaces are places designed to meet the needs and desires of the local community. They foster social connections among people of all ages by providing opportunities for active learning. An early step in this project is identifying what kind of smart library spaces would be used by Dyersville area residents.

Starting May 1, we would like you to help us determine what kind of spaces we should consider. The library has developed a brief survey that can be completed online by following the link on the library web page at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us or by picking up a paper survey at the desk. Please help us discover what spaces you would like by completing this survey by June 1. In addition to the survey, the library will be offering three interactive discussion sessions open to the public. Anyone is welcome to attend these brainstorming sessions and share ideas about active learning spaces. Dates are:

- Friday, May 5 @ 10:00 am
- Saturday May 13 @ 2:00 pm
- Tuesday May 16 @ 6:00 pm



Monday, May 1: Family Get-Away Fundraiser begins!

The JKPL is again holding their spring fundraiser - a Family Get-Away Raffle. Buy one ticket for \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$20.00 for your chance to win a fun family getaway. Participants will pick which of several different local or overnight trips they would like their raffle ticket(s) to go toward. The final trips are still being organized but will include:

- Passes for four to the Vertical Jump Park in Dubuque
- Passes for four to Skate Country in Dubuque
- Tickets to Lost Island Waterpark in Waterloo
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Each destination will include two JKPL coloring books to help make the drive go faster. Contact the library for more details on what you can win. Tickets will be available to purchase from the library starting May 1 and will also be sold at the June 9 Downtown Friday Night. Winners will be drawn on Saturday, June 10. All proceeds will go to support library services and collections.



Monday, May 1 thru Wednesday, May 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. To celebrate spring, the May puzzle will be *Spring Kitten*. 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!



Monday, May 1: 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 *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. 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, May 1: Book Flicks @ Your Library presents "Hidden Figures" @ 6:30 pm. The story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program. Based on the book by Margot Lee Shetterly. Rated PG. (127 min.)

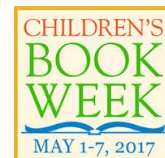
Tuesday, May 2: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D and D players! This group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. The Library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. All ages and skill levels welcome. New players are welcome at any time.



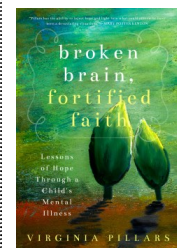
Wednesdays May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31: Sit and Stitch @ 1:00 pm. Join other crafters at this weekly gathering to share crafting and conversation. Gatherings are every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 pm. New members are welcome to join at any time! Bring your hobby or craft and come for lots of laughs, food, great company and experienced help!

Wednesday, May 3: Children's Book Week Family Story Time /1000 Books Before Kindergarten Awards Ceremony @ 6:30 pm

To celebrate Children's Book Week, we will read some amazing brand new picture books followed by a brief awards ceremony for children who have reached reading goals in the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program. Cookies and lemonade will round out this fun family event. The *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program is funded by a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association and the Friends of the Library.



Saturday, May 6: "Broken Brain, Fortified Faith" with author Virginia Pillars @ 10:00 am



This popular NAMI speaker and advocate for an adult daughter who was diagnosed with a mental illness, will share snippets of her family's journey as well as important research and developments in the study and treatment of mental illness. Copies of her book, *Broken Brain, Fortified Faith* will be available for purchase from the author. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library in support of May as Mental Health Awareness month.

Saturday, May 6: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Monster Trucks" @ 2:00 pm. A teen befriends an otherworldly creature that's able to possess his pickup truck. Soon enough, the duo must stop an oil company from wreaking havoc on their town. Rated PG. (104 min.)

Sunday, May 7: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. This month's theme is "Disney Adventure". This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and 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.



Tuesday, May 9: 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 *Miracle at the Higher Grounds Cafe* by Max Lucado. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library.



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



Monday, May 15: Registration begins for Story Time and Wee Read

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sign up and bring their preschoolers to the Summer 2017 sessions of Preschool Story Time and Wee Read. 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 and 6:30 pm. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver and is offered on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Programs will run June 7 thru July 26. Registration is required as space is limited.



Monday, May 15: Books for Lunch Movie Showing of "Fences" @ 12:00 noon. On the third Monday of each month the library will show a movie selected by the Books for Lunch group. Join us this month for *Fences*, which is about a working-class African-American father trying to raise his family in the 1950s, while coming to terms with the events of his life. Rated PG-13 (138 min.)

Monday, May 15: JKPL Memoir Project @ 6:00 pm. Everyone has a story to tell, what's yours? Join us for this monthly writer's group that focuses on writing about personal stories and family history, even when that story is told in poetry form. This group meets the third Monday of each month. Suggested topics to write about may be discussed. Participants are invited but not required to share their writing and new members are welcome to join at any time.



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



Tuesday, May 16: Coloring for Adults @ Your Library from 1:00 to 4:00 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. No registration needed. Participants are welcome to come and go during the program. This program is open to adults 18 and older.

Friday, May 19: 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, May 20: Plant Sale Fundraiser from 8:00 to 10:00 am

Join us in the city parking lot next to the library to select and purchase plants and flowers donated by committee and community members. 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. All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services.

Sunday, May 21: Sunday Movies @ Your Library presents "La La Land" @ 2:00 pm. A jazz pianist falls for an aspiring actress in Los Angeles. Rated PG-13. (125 min.)

Monday, May 22: Open Mic Night @ 6:00 pm. The James Kennedy Public Library is hosting a monthly open mic night at local restaurant Brew & Brew on the fourth Monday of each month. Performers are encouraged to sign up for ten minute time slots and show off their talents. Poetry, music, readings and comedy are just a few examples! All ages are welcome to come and watch, but performers are limited to age 13 and up unless they have an adult companion. Performers can register in advance at either the Library or Brew & Brew with walk-in performances allowed if there is time. Tables for spectators can be reserved by calling Brew & Brew.



Friday, May 26: 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.

Saturday, May 27: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Bunyan and Babe" @ 2:00 pm. Travis and his sister Whitney visit their grandparents for the summer and stumble upon the evil plan of a greedy land developer to steal the land of the town's longtime residents. When Travis falls through a magical portal, he meets Paul Bunyan & his pet ox Babe, who get wrapped up trying to help Travis and Whitney save the town. Rated PG. (105 min.)

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

Please note, the library is not open on Sundays during the summer. The library will re-open on Sundays after Labor Day.



Plastic Grocery Bags Wanted!

The library is doing an upcycling program in July where plastic grocery bags are cut and crocheted into mats for homeless veterans. We will need thousands of bags for this program! If you have any of these bags, please consider donating them to the library for our project. You can bring them in anytime.



LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day (excluding holidays) are:

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sunday: Closed

New Summer Programs Starting in June:

Lunch at the Library Monday, June 5—August 18 @ 11:30 am

The JKPL will be an open host site providing free meals for children age 18 and under during the summer break from school. There are no income guidelines, all children welcome!

- ◆ Meals will be served from 11:30 to 12:00 noon every weekday except July 4.
- ◆ Adults may purchase a meal for \$4.00 if sufficient quantities are available.
- ◆ Families are encouraged to contact the library with questions.
- ◆ To help us be prepared, please call the library to indicate your interest in participating. Advanced reservations are NOT required.
- ◆ Programs and activities for children may be offered before or after the meals.
- ◆ For more information on summer menus, meal times and locations please visit <http://www.wdbqschools.org/FoodNutrition.aspx>.
- ◆ This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Reaching Out Begins Thursday, June 8

The JKPL will be reaching out to the community this June, July, and August by taking materials and programming out of the library and to the Farmer's Market at Commercial Club Park from 2:00 to 5:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

- Visitors will be able to get library cards, check out materials, and find out more about what the library has to offer.
- A family gaming program will be offered at 3:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month
- A family storytime will be presented on the 4th Thursday of each month.
- Library merchandise may also be available to purchase.



Check out these upcoming June events!

Summer Reading Programs for all ages

The summer reading program theme this year for all ages is *Build a Better World!* This theme encourages libraries and patrons to look at their home, their community, and the planet and ask the question: *What does it take to build a better world?*

Programs offered include:

- **Children:** For those PreK through 5th grade. Program runs June 5 thru July 29. Online registration begins May 27 and in-person registration begins on June 5.
- **Teens:** For those who have completed 6th thru 12th grade. Program runs June 5 thru July 29. Online registration begins May 27 and in-person registration begins on June 5.
- **Adults:** For those 18 and older. Program runs June 1 thru August 31. Registration begins June 1.

All programs offer incentives to read and use the library. Please check with the library for the specific guidelines for each program. In addition to these summer reading programs, many special events and activities will be offered. *The Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library have sponsored many of the summer reading events.*



Build a Better World - Read! Mini-Book Club

The JKPL is holding a special summer book club series for teens and adults with the theme *Build a Better World*. Copies of each book will be available to borrow 3 or 4 weeks before the discussion date. Registration is encouraged but not required. Meeting dates and titles are:

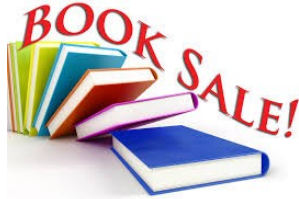
- June 27: *The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History* by Robert M. Edsel and Bret Witter
- July 25: *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb
- August 29: *The Faith Club: a Muslim, a Christian, a Jew - Three Women Search for Understanding* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner



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Friends of the Library Used Book Sale Friday, June 2 & Saturday, June 3

The Friends of the Library are holding a special two-day used book sale in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Hours are Friday from 9:00 am-5:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Mark your calendars because there will be another used book sale in July!



Author Visit with Cynthia Ruchti Tuesday, June 6 @ 6:30 pm

Cynthia Ruchti is an award-winning inspirational fiction author who tells stories hemmed in hope. Join us as she visits our library to talk about her newest book, *A Fragile Hope*.

Copies of her books will be available for sale from the author. Refreshments provided.



Build a Better World With Bees Wednesday, June 14 @ 1:00 pm

Bill Johnson from Johnson Honey Farm will be at the library to show us some of his bees and explain about these busy builders. Bees are some of the most interesting animal builders in the world. They are vital to our food supply and ecosystem. Bees pollinate about 80% of our vegetables and fruits plus crops that feed animals. Their honey never spoils, contains vitamins, and is 25% sweeter than sugar. All ages are welcome.



Chair Yoga with Karen Kramer Saturday, June 17 from 10:00-11:00 am

Yoga is a great way to promote health of the body and the mind as it creates balance in the body through developing both strength and flexibility. Chair yoga involves the use of a chair to provide support, so it is great for seniors, those with limited mobility, or beginners. Karen Kramer, a registered yoga instructor, will teach this one-hour class on chair yoga.

Everyone is welcome to join this free class. Comfortable clothing is suggested. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins available if space allows.



Iowa's Own Monuments Man: George Stout Thursday, June 22 @ 6:30 pm

Nancy Trask will give a presentation about the WWII Monuments Men, who were a special force of American and British museum directors and curators sent to Europe to prevent the destruction of thousands of years of culture during WWII. One of these men was George Stout, who was born and raised in Winterset, Iowa. Several books and a movie have been made about this amazing group of men. All ages welcome.



Star Wars Party for Teens Friday, June 30 from 6:00-10:00 pm

TACKL (Teen Advisory Council for the Kennedy Library) will be hosting a teen *Star Wars* night! Come learn how to make your own lightsaber, eat some *Star Wars* themed food and watch *Episode 7: The Force Awakens*. For those that have completed 6th-12th grade.

