

Mark your calendar for these November programs!

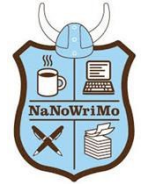
The Wreath-It-Up Silent Auction Continues

Be sure to stop in and take a look at the beautiful wreaths before it is too late! More than twenty wreaths have been donated of varying themes. Voting for the most creative, best holiday themed, and overall favorite wreaths continues until November 5 with the ribbons being on display with the winning wreaths from November 6-12. Bidding in the silent auction also continues until November 12 so be sure to bid on your favorites.



November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)

NaNoWriMo is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing, with participants working towards the goal of writing a 50,000 word novel by 11:59 p.m. on November 30. This year the James Kennedy library is registered as a Come Write In space, where writers can congregate to pursue their creativity dreams and work on their writing. While participants can register on the official NaNoWriMo website, official registration is not required. We're including poetry writing in this program, with poets aiming for the goal of writing one poem a day for 30 days. Planned events include:



NaNoWriMo Kick-Off with Carol Denekas: Wednesday, November 1 @ 6:00 pm

Local author Carol Denekas will jump-start your November writing project with a presentation about NaNoWriMo. While the goal of the official program is to register online and crank out 50,000 words in one month, participants can also utilize NaNoWriMo as an impetus to jump-start a writing project. Librarian Mary Potter Kenyon, Municipal Liaison for Dubuque County NaNoWriMo, will be on hand to help participants sign up online, if interested. Online registration is not required for participation.

Come Write In:

Writers are welcome to utilize the library for open writing sessions for NaNoWriMo. Bring your headphones, writing utensils, snacks, and whatever else you need for a relaxed writing session shared by other writers. Come and go as you please. Refreshments provided. Scheduled dates include:
Friday, November 3 from 3:00-5:00 pm Monday, November 6 from 6:00-8:00 pm Friday, November 10 from 3:00-5:00 pm
Friday, November 17 from 3:00-5:00 pm Monday, November 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm

NaNoWriMo Finale: Thursday, November 30 from 6:30-8:00 pm

NaNoWriMo participants are invited to read from their work in progress at this closing celebration of November's month-long writing challenge. Open to the public. To register for an open mic reading, please contact the library. Refreshments served.

Wednesday, November 1 - Thursday, November 30: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's 1000 piece puzzle is entitled *Bestsellers*. 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!

Wednesdays, November 1, 8 & 15: Story Time & Wee Read Continue

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sign up and bring their preschoolers to the Fall 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. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver. Programs will run through November 15. Registration is required as space is limited.

- Story Time is Wednesdays at 9:30 am and 6:30 pm
- Wee Read is Wednesdays 10:30 am

Wednesdays November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: 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, November 1: Crazy 8s Math Club 3rd-5th Grade @ 4:30 pm. This meeting's theme is Bouncy Dice Explosion. Attendees must have registered for the entire 8 week session.

Thursday, November 2: Crazy 8s Math Club K-2nd Grade @ 4:30 pm. This meeting's theme is Bouncy Dice Explosion. Attendees must have registered for the entire 8 week session.

Friday, November 3: NaNoWriMo Come Write In from 3:00-5:00 pm. Writers are welcome to utilize the Hoffmann Room for an open writing session for NaNoWriMo. Bring your headphones, writing utensils, snacks, and whatever else you need for a relaxed writing session shared by other writers. Come and go as you please. Refreshments provided.

Saturday, November 4: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Emoji Movie" @ 2:00 pm. An outcast emoji goes on a journey across various apps in this comedy set inside a smartphone. Rated PG. (86 min.)

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

International Games Week Demo Night: Saturday, November 4 from 6:00-9:00 pm

International Games Week is an initiative run by volunteers from around the world to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games. To celebrate, the library will be hosting a game demo night, where local gamers will be showing off games they love and attendees will get to play. Got a game you want to introduce to others? Bring it along! Examples of games being taught are Tak, Are You the Traitor?, Splendor, Century Spice Road, and more! Door prizes will be donated by Dyersville Comics and Games. All ages are welcome.



Sunday, November 5: Coloring for Adults @ Your Library from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. 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. All participants will have their name entered into a drawing to win a JKPL coloring book.

Monday, November 6: 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 *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. 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, November 6: NaNoWriMo Come Write In from 6:00-8:00 pm. Writers are welcome to utilize the Multipurpose Room for an open writing session for NaNoWriMo. Bring your headphones, writing utensils, snacks, and whatever else you need for a relaxed writing session shared by other writers. Come and go as you please. Refreshments provided.

Monday, November 6: Book Flicks @ Your Library presents "Everything Everything" @ 6:30 pm. What if you couldn't touch anything in the outside world? Never breathe in the fresh air, feel the sun warm your face...or kiss the boy next door? Meet Maddy, a smart, curious and imaginative 18-year-old who due to an illness cannot leave the protection of the hermetically sealed environment within her house. Then she meets Olly, the boy next door who inspires her to risk everything and venture into the outside world. Based on the book by Nicola Yoon. Rated PG-13. (96 min.)

Tuesday, November 7: 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.

Thursday, November 9: Pushing the Limits of STRATEGY @ 6:30 pm. Join us for this science cafe style reading, viewing, and discussion series on extreme weather and climate change. At this third session participants will focus on strategies for managing environmental challenges like extreme heat, flooding, and water scarcity, with long term improvements in mind. What can we do to build resilience and adapt? This gathering includes a discussion of the book *A Sugar Creek Chronicle: Observing Climate Change from a Midwestern Woodland* by Cornelia Mutel. Registration and reading the book is encouraged but not required. Refreshments provided.



Friday, November 10: NaNoWriMo Come Write In from 3:00-5:00 pm. Writers are welcome to utilize the Hoffman Room for an open writing session for NaNoWriMo. Bring your headphones, writing utensils, snacks, and whatever else you need for a relaxed writing session shared by other writers. Come and go as you please. Refreshments provided.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Awards Ceremony: Saturday, November 11 @ 10:00 am

Children who are participating in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten will be recognized at this family event. There will be a short family story time followed by a brief award ceremony. Those who have reached 100 book goals will be awarded an achievement certificate, and those who have reached 1000 book goals will receive a trophy. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is funded by a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association and the Friends of the Library.



"Almost Sunrise" Documentary and Discussion: Saturday, November 11 @ 2:00 pm

In honor of Veteran's Day, the JKPL has partnered with the Dyersville American Legion to screen the documentary *Almost Sunrise*. This film follows two Iraq veterans, Tom Voss and Anthony Anderson, both tormented by depression for years after they returned home and pushed to the edge of suicide. The two embark on an extraordinary journey, a 2,700 mile walk across the country from Wisconsin to California, in order to reflect on their haunting experiences of war and to ultimately, save themselves. Not Rated (138 min.). Tom and Anthony came through Dyersville in September 2013 and local landmarks and people are a part of the film. Pat Valant, member of the Dyersville American Legion, will introduce the film and facilitate an informal discussion and Q&A after the film for any veterans or family that want to share their stories or experiences.



Sunday, November 12: Wreath-It-Up Silent Auction Closing Reception from 2:00-4:00 pm. Join us for snacks, beverages, and your last chance to bid on a wreath. All proceeds will be used to improve the library's services and collections. Bidding ends promptly at 3:00 pm.



Layette Quilt Display and Raffle: Monday, November 13 thru Sunday, 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 will be on display at the library from November 13 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.



Monday, November 13: Lifelong Learners Creativity Group @ 6:30 pm. Join us at 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, November 14: 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 *The Wedding Dress* by Rachel Hauck. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library.



Meet Iowa Author Cornelia Mutel: Thursday, November 16 @ 6:30 pm

Join us at this special session of the Pushing the Limits: PLACE series as Iowan, ecologist, and author Cornelia Mutel shares her perspective on weather, climate, strategy, adaptation, and hope. Everyone is welcome to attend this free program. Refreshments provided. Pushing the Limits: PLACE is a library hosted reading, viewing and discussion program for adults in underserved and rural communities, made possible by grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation.



Friday, November 17: NaNoWriMo Come Write In from 3:00-5:00 pm. Writers are welcome to utilize the Hoffman Room for an open writing session for NaNoWriMo. Bring your headphones, writing utensils, snacks, and whatever else you need for a relaxed writing session shared by other writers. Come and go as you please. Refreshments provided.

Saturday, November 18: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Cars 3" @ 2:00 pm. Race car Lightning McQueen suffers a severe crash while trying to compete with a younger rival named Jackson Storm. Afterwards, McQueen embraces new technologies as he trains for a return to the racetrack. Rated G. (109 min.)

Sunday, November 19: Sunday Movies @ Your Library presents "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales" @ 2:00 pm. Down-on-his-luck Captain Jack Sparrow is feeling the winds of ill-fortune blowing strongly his way when deadly ghost sailors, led by the terrifying Captain Salazar, escape from the Devil's Triangle bent on killing every pirate at sea and specifically Jack. Rated PG-13 (129 min.)

Monday, November 20: Books for Lunch Movie presentation of "An Inconvenient Sequel" @ 12:00 noon. For the fall, the Books for Lunch films will be documentaries on climate and weather to complement the Pushing the Limits: PLACE series. This 2017 documentary film focuses on former United States Vice President Al Gore's continuing mission to battle climate change. It addresses the progress made to tackle the problem and Gore's global efforts to persuade governmental leaders to invest in renewable energy, culminating in the landmark signing of 2016's Paris Agreement. Rated PG. (99 min.)

Monday, November 20: NaNoWriMo Come Write In from 6:00-8:00 pm. Writers are welcome to utilize the Hoffman Room for an open writing session for NaNoWriMo. Bring your headphones, writing utensils, snacks, and whatever else you need for a relaxed writing session shared by other writers. Come and go as you please. Refreshments provided.

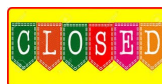
Monday, November 20: JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30 pm. This monthly writing group is for writers of all types whether it be poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. Meetings will allow time for members to read their work to the group. Feedback will be given, if desired. Optional writing exercises and writing prompts will be shared. *If you prefer to spend this time writing, hop on over to the Hoffman Room this month for a NaNoWriMo-related Write-In.*



Tuesday, November 21: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. This month's theme is "Writer's thoughts". 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.



Wednesday, November 22: Library closing at 5:00 pm



Thursday, November 23: Library closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24: 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.

Shop Local Saturday—Game On: Saturday, November 25 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Looking for something for your children to do while you shop during *Shop Local Saturday*? Bring them to the library to enjoy board, card, or console games! Members of TACKL (The Library's Teen Advisory Group) will be at the library to play games or just hang out with your kids. No registration is required but children must have completed Kindergarten or be accompanied by an older teen who will be responsible for them. Refreshments will be provided



Thursday, November 30: NaNoWriMo Finale from 6:30-8:00 pm. NaNoWriMo participants are invited to read from their work in progress at this closing celebration of November's month-long writing challenge. Open to the public. To register for an open mic reading, please contact the library. Refreshments served.

Check out these upcoming December events!

**Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game
Friday, December 1 @ 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.



**Visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus
Saturday, December 2 from 10:00 am—1:00 pm**

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the library and 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.



**Cookie Walk
Saturday, December 2 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. Purchase a tray of sweet treats for \$5.00 and fill it (about a dozen items) from a variety of baked goods provided by friends, volunteers, board members, and staff of the library. Volunteers will be on hand to wrap your tray before you leave. Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee of the JKPL.



**Old Fashioned Christmas
Sunday, December 3 @ 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 Historical Society.



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

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.



**Christmas with Hugo Kringle
Saturday, December 9 @ 10:00 am**

Join the other Kringle brother as he sings Christmas songs and tells stories of growing up with the boy who would become Santa Claus. All ages welcome but best suited for those age 8 and under. Children who have not completed Kindergarten must have an adult or mature teen companion. Co-sponsored by Citizens State Bank.



**Building Creativity One Block at a Time:
a LEGO® program
Friday, December 29 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.



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

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.



**Want to stay current on all the events at the library?
Here's how:**

- Sign up for our weekly email newsletter
- Like us on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter @dyersvillelib
- Follow us on Instagram: jameskennedylibrary



Mark Your Calendars for These Other Upcoming Events!

Food, Nutrition, Menu Planning & You

In January and February join us for four sessions on healthy eating, shopping smart, and menu planning. All ages are welcome for any of the four sessions but information is geared for teens and adults. Presented by Danielle Day from the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Registration requested for all events. Snow date is Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 pm.

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.

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.

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.

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 starting November 1. Call the library for more details!

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.

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.

New Early Literacy Computers @ Your Library

The Friends of the JKPL received a grant of \$5,000.00 from the Dubuque Racing Association to support the Early Literacy at Your Library project. These funds will be matched by the Friends of the Library and used to replace the children's Early Literacy Station computers and add a couple of tablets for children to be using in the library. The new computers are now available to use in the children's area.

