

Mark your calendar for these October programs!

**The Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Continues**

It isn't too late to showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event!

- Pick up a wreath from the library, decorate it any way you like, and return it to the library. Or decorate a wreath of your own and donate it to the library.
- Wreaths can be seasonal, thematic - anything that you like.
- Wreaths should be turned in by October 13.
- Wreaths will be on display in the library starting late September and a silent auction of the donated wreaths will be held in the library from October 16 - November 12, 2017.



**Sunday, October 1: Wreath Craft Gathering from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.** Would you like to make a wreath for the library's Wreath-It-Up fundraiser but need some ideas or support? Or are you just looking for some ideas on how to make or decorate a wreath for your own home? Come to the library to join other crafters in learning and crafting together. For those working on a project for the Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser, the library will provide wreaths and some craft supplies, but you are welcome to bring your own. Come and go as you are able.



**Sunday, October 1 - Tuesday, October 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 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle: *Countryside Autumn*. 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, October 2: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon.** This group gathers on the first Monday of each month. Join us this Monday as we discuss the novel *The Book That Matters Most* by Ann Hood. 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, October 2: Book Flicks @ Your Library presents "Psycho" @ 6:30 pm.** A psychotic motel owner obsesses over his late mother while becoming a suspect in a murder case involving one of his recent guests—a pretty secretary who checked in after impulsively stealing \$40,000. Based on the novel by Robert Bloch. Rated PG-13. (109 min.)

**Tuesday, October 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, October 4, 11, 18 & 25: 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 October 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!

**Wednesday, October 4, 11, 18 & 25: Crazy 8s Math Club 3rd-5th Grade @ 4:30 pm.** This month's themes are Toilet Paper Olympics, Spy Training, Flying Marshmallows and Zip Line Zoo. Attendees must have registered for the entire 8 week session. Registration is limited to 16 participants. There are a few spaces still available!



**Thursday, October 5, 12, 19, & 26: Crazy 8s Math Club K-2nd Grade @ 4:30 pm.** This month's themes are Toilet Paper Olympics, Spy Training, Flying Marshmallows and Zip Line Zoo. Attendees must register for the entire 8 week session. Registration is limited to 16 participants. There are a few spaces still available!

**Saturday, October 7: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Disneynature: Born in China" @ 2:00 pm.** Venturing into the wilds of China, *Born in China* captures intimate moments with a panda and her growing cub, a young golden monkey who feels displaced by his baby sister, and a mother snow leopard struggling to raise her two cubs. Rated G. (80 min.)

**Sunday, October 8 - Saturday, October 14: Teen Read Week @ Your Library**

Teen Read Week™ is a national adolescent literacy initiative whose purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users. This year's theme is *Unleash Your Story* and to celebrate, the library will be hosting a creatively destructive poetry session! Take a sharpie to old books to black out pages/words leaving the parts you want to use to create a poem. Don't have a book you want marked up? Come pick one up at the library. Completed books must be turned in by 5:00 pm on October 14. Everyone that participates will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card. For ages 13-18. Join the conversation on Twitter with #TRW17.



**Sunday, October 8: Our Neighbors, the Amish with Don and Dianne Kramer @ 1:30 pm**

What comes to mind at the mention of the word "Amish?" Horse and buggy travel? "Plain People?" A simple life? Amish living certainly does involve all those elements, but so much more. Learn about the beliefs and lifestyle of a community of people whose religious practices are often mystifying and whose way of life is much different from our own. Amish refreshments will be provided. All ages welcome. This is a repeat of the July presentation.



**Monday, October 9: Lifelong Learners Creativity Group @ 6:30 pm.** Join us for this new 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, October 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 *The Mountain Between Us* by Charles Martin. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library.



**Thursday, October 12: Pushing the Limits of CHANGE @ 6:30 pm**

Join us for this science cafe style reading, viewing, and discussion series on extreme weather and climate change. At this second of three sessions participants will consider how climate change and extreme weather may affect the local or regional economy and jobs, and explore ways to develop innovative, solution-oriented ideas for resilience-building. This gathering includes a discussion of the book *Odds Against Tomorrow* by Nathaniel Rich. Registration and reading the book is encouraged but not required. Pick up a pamphlet for more details. Refreshments provided.



**Friday, October 13: Double Creature Feature from 7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight.**

Join us for a Halloween horror movie night with two popular horror movies from 2016: *Get Out*: A young African American man goes to visit his caucasian girlfriend's family, only to learn their dark secret. (Rated R) and *The Belko Experiment*: an office full of employees must kill each other to stay alive. (Rated R). This program is for ages 13 and up. Younger audience members allowed only with adult companion. Snacks provided.



**Saturday, October 14: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.** This month's theme is "Ghost Stories". 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.



**Saturday, October 14: 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 years old 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.



**Monday, October 16: Books for Lunch Movie presentation of "Cool It" @ 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. Join us this month for *Cool It*. Controversial think-tank director Bjorn Lomborg explores the science of climate change and examines its impact in comparison to other global threats, such as the spread of AIDS, water shortages and environmental pollution. Rated PG. (89 min.)

**Monday, October 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, October 17: 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. No registration needed. Participants are welcome to come and go during the program. This program is open to adults 18 and older.

**Saturday, October 21: Building Your Family Story from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Join us in the Genealogy Room for a genealogy workshop for all levels. Whether you are just beginning the climb into your family tree, or just would like more information about unearthing information on their ancestors, there will be information for every level. Instructor Lyle Potter has an MA in Educational Psychology and a certificate of Genealogical Studies from the National Institute of Genealogical Studies. He has been a practicing genealogist for nearly 40 years. Bring a brown bag lunch, drinks and cookies provided. Registration requested, but walk-ins welcome if space allows.



**Saturday, October 21: Family Halloween Movies @ Your Library presents "Spooky Buddies" @ 2:00 pm.** The puppies go on a spooky adventure through a haunted mansion. Rated G. (90 min.)

**Sunday, October 22: Wreath-It-Up Donor Reception from 2:00-4:00 pm**

Everyone is invited to this reception to recognize those who have donated wreaths to the Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser. Come view the wreaths, meet some of the crafters, and enjoy refreshments. Voting for the wreaths will start today and run through November 5 with the ribbons being on display with the winning wreaths from November 6-12. The silent auction ends on Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 pm promptly.



**Thursday, October 26: Reading the Signs of the Times: Adapting to Change @ 6:30 pm**

Join us at this special session of the Pushing the Limits: PLACE series as Terry Simmons, the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) science partner, discusses possible climate and weather changes and what communities can do to adapt. This presentation will include videos, web resources and more. 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, October 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.

**Saturday, October 28: Kids Halloween Party @ 10:00 am**

To celebrate Halloween, the library will be hosting a costume and craft party for children of all ages. Children's costumes will be judged, treats handed out, and crafts made. After the costume judging, kids will be trick-or-treating at some of the businesses on First Avenue. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend, but children younger than 6 years old should be accompanied by a parent or other adult. Sponsored by SpecCast.



**Saturday, October 28: Family Halloween Movies @ Your Library presents "ParaNorman" @ 2:00 pm.** A boy who must use his ability to see and speak with the dead to save his town from a centuries-old curse. Rated PG. (93 min.)

**Sunday, October 29: Evaluating News: Good, Bad, or Totally Fake? @ 2:00 pm**

In a world of 24 hour news cycles, social media, and an internet that is unmonitored, it can be hard to know if the information and news we read and hear is legitimate or not. 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. This program will be offered again on Saturday, January 6 at 11:00 am.



**Tuesday, October 31: Halloween Movies @ Your Library presents "Ouija: Origin of Evil" @ 6:30 pm.** A widowed mother and her two daughters add a new stunt to bolster their seance scam business and unwittingly invite authentic evil into their home. When the youngest daughter is overtaken by the merciless spirit, this small family confronts unthinkable fears to save her and send her possessor back to the other side. Rated PG-13. (99 min.)

**LIBRARY HOURS**

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

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 am—8:00 pm  
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am—5:00 pm  
Sunday: 1:00—4:00 pm

**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



**Check out these upcoming November events!**

**National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)  
November 1—30**

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 creative dreams and work on their writing. We'll open with a program on November 1 from local writer Carol Denekas, offer scheduled writing times throughout the month, and close with an opportunity for participants to read from their work. We're including poetry writing in this program, with poets aiming for the goal of writing one poem a day for 30 days. Details are still being finalized but mark your calendars for these confirmed events:

- November 1 @ 6:00 pm: Kick-Off event
- November 3 from 3:00-5:00 pm: Open Writing
- November 10 from 3:00-5:00 pm: Open Writing
- November 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm: Open Writing
- November 30 @ 6:30 pm: Closing Event

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

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 an award ceremony. Those who have reached 100 book goals will be awarded an achievement certificate, and those who have reached the 1000 book goal 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.*

**Wreath-it-up Silent Auction Closing Reception  
Sunday, November 12 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  
November 13—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 and you can 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.

**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. As part of International Game Week, the library will be hosting a game demo night, where local gamers will be showing off games they love! Got a game you want to introduce to others? Bring it along! All ages welcome. Door prizes will be donated by Dyersville Comics and Games.

**Pushing the Limits of STRATEGY  
Thursday, November 9 @ 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. Pick up a pamphlet for more details. Refreshments provided.

**Screening of the documentary film *Almost Sunrise*  
Saturday, November 11 @ 2:00 pm**

In honor of Veteran's Day, the JKPL has partnered with the Dyersville American Legion to screen the film *Almost Sunrise*. This film is about two Iraq veterans, who in an attempt to put haunting combat experiences behind them embark on an epic 2,700-mile trek on foot across America, seeking redemption and healing as a way to close the moral chasm opened by war.

These two veterans 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. (138 min.) NR

**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.*



**Mark Your Calendars for These Other Upcoming Events!**

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

The JKPL welcomes back the Die-Laughing Murder Mystery Troupe for this murder 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! 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!

**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, 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, 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.

**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. Co-sponsored by Citizens State Bank.

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

Join us for this presentation where you'll get tips and tricks for how to make healthy eating choices during the holidays but still enjoy some of your favorite foods. All ages are welcome but information is geared for teens and adults. Presented by Danielle Day from the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

**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. Snow date is Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 pm.

**Healthy Eating with My Plate:** Sunday, January 14 @ 2:00 pm

Come learn about MyPlate, the current nutrition guide published by the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

**Spend Smart, Eat Smart:** Saturday, January 27 @ 10:00 am

Join us at the entrance to Fareway in Dyersville as we are guided through the store and shown how to read shelf signs and food labels and taught the best way to spend our money on food to get the most value for our dollar.

**How to Read the New Nutrition Labels:** Saturday, February 10 @ 10:00 am

Come learn how to read the new FDA food nutrition labels that went into effect this year.

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

Come learn about the benefits of meal planning and get tips and tricks for how to make menu planning hassle-free.