

Mark your calendar for these September programs!

Pushing the Limits: PLACE Science Cafe Reading, Viewing, and Discussion Series

The JKPL is pleased to announce a special series on environmental literacy to be offered September thru November 2017. The library was the recipient of a PLACE (Public Libraries Advancing Community Engagement: Environmental Literacy through Climate Change Discussions) grant to offer this three part series. As humans face the growing challenges of a changing climate, we have to change too, by finding ways in which we can all successfully adapt to this new normal and build long-term resilience. We're **pushing the limits** every day to build a viable, healthy, and vibrant future. The themes to be explored are Community, Change, and Strategy. Each discussion will be based on the reading of a book and the viewing of a short feature-film quality video. Terry Simmons, National Weather Service, will be the JKPL National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science partner. She will facilitate and provide additional insight into the issues being discussed. Gatherings are the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.



- ***September 14 @ 6:30 pm:*** Pushing the Limits of COMMUNITY! At this public program, we'll explore how communities are adapting and develop ideas about how families and communities can be better prepared for the future by working together. Book to be discussed is *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.
- ***October 12 @ 6:30 pm:*** Pushing the Limits of CHANGE! This program asks participants to 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 resiliency building. Book to be discussed is *Odds Against Tomorrow* by Nathaniel Rich.
- ***November 9 @ 6:30 pm:*** Pushing the Limits of STRATEGY! This session focuses 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 resiliency and adapt? Book to be discussed is *A Sugar Creek Chronicle: Observing Climate Change from a Midwestern Woodland* by Cornelia Mutel.

Registration and reading the book is not required but is encouraged. The first 20 people to sign up will receive a free copy of each book that they can keep, share with a friend, or return to the library. Additional copies will be available to borrow. Special programs related to the themes will also be offered on:

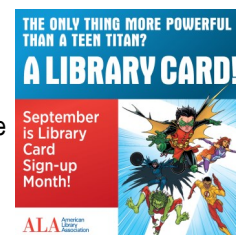
- ***September 28 @ 6:30 pm:*** Weather, Climate and Iowa: What You Should Know
- ***October 26 @ 6:30 pm:*** Reading the Signs of the Times: Adapting to Change.
- ***November 16 @ 6:30 pm:*** Meet the Author: Cornelia Mutel

A trifold flyer with more details about all the events is available to pick up at the library or download from the library website starting September 1. *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. The program is the work of a team of library professionals, scientists, and filmmakers from organizations including CALIFA, Dartmouth College, Dawson Media Group, and Goodman Research Group.*

Friday, September 1: September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

September is a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind everyone that a library card is the smartest card you can own. Come sign up for a library card in September and receive a library magnet, button, and bookmark. The Teen Titans are the honorary spokespeople for this month so to celebrate we'll be having Teen Titans/Superhero/Comic book themed programs and contests all month! Scheduled programs & events include:

- The Teen Titans ask "What's More Powerful than a Library Card?" and we want you to tell us what's powerful about our library (or all libraries). Stop by the library and fill out a slip and get your name entered into a drawing for a library themed prize.
- Join our Teen Titans coloring contest. Get a coloring page from the library, color it and return it to the library. Every page will be displayed in the library and the artist will get their name entered into a drawing for a Teen Titans themed prize.
- Join us for a discussion of your favorite graphic novels and comic books on Saturday, September 16 at 2:30 pm. Come and talk about the series and characters you enjoy and hear about other participant's favorites. All ages welcome. Refreshments provided.
- Join us this month for two superhero-themed movies. *The Powerpuff Girls Movie* (PG) will be shown on Saturday, September 2 at 2:00 pm and *Wonder Woman* (PG-13) will be shown on Sunday, September 24 at 2:00 pm.



September 1: The Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Begins!

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.



Friday, September 1 - Saturday, September 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 new 1,500 piece jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle will be *Retro DC Comics Universe* to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month. 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!

Saturday, September 2: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Powerpuff Girls Movie" @ 2:00 pm. Three little girls, Blossom, Bubbles, and Buttercup, are created in Professor Utonium's lab by a combination of sugar, spice, and everything nice. But an accidental dash of Chemical X turns them into crime fighting kindergartners! Rated PG. (103 min.)



Monday, September 4: Library closed for Labor Day

Wednesdays September 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!

Monday, September 11: 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 2017 All Iowa Reads book *Bottomland* by Michelle Hoover. 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. *Note: this meeting has been moved due to the Labor Day holiday.*

Monday, September 11: Lifelong Learners Creativity Group @ 6:30 pm

Are you a "creative," someone with a hobby or job that involves thinking outside of the box, or utilizing your creativity in some way? Would you like to be more creative? Consider joining this new group for imaginative people who can learn from, and feed off each other's creativity!

- This group will be loosely based on Julia Cameron's book *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to a Higher Creativity*.
- Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library.
- Reading the book is not required for participants, but we will use various handouts and worksheets based on the book through twelve months of creative endeavors.
- Attendees will receive a free notebook and have the option of signing up to introduce the group to their favorite creative endeavor such as poetry and writing workshops, member art shows and displays, and musical demonstrations that will be open to the public in conjunction with our group.
- Open to ages 17 and up.
- Registration requested but walk-ins welcome if space allows.



Tuesday, September 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 *A Worthy Pursuit* by Karen Witemeyer. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library.

Wednesdays, September 13, 20 & 27: Story Time & Wee Read

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 September 13 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



Wednesday, September 13 & Thursday, September 14: Crazy 8s Math Club begins

Join the James Kennedy Public Library and Bedtime Math for Crazy 8s Math Club, where you will build stuff, run and jump, make music and make a mess! It is a totally new kind of recreational math club that is not homework, homework help, tutoring or TAG. We will do Bouncy Dice Explosion, Glow in the Dark Geometry, Flying Marshmallows and more! Each meeting begins at 4:30 pm and will last 1 hour. The program runs September 13-November 2. Registration is required and is for the entire 8 week session. Registration is limited to 16 participants.

Sessions offered are:

3rd-5th grades: Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm
K-2nd grades: Thursdays @ 4:30 pm

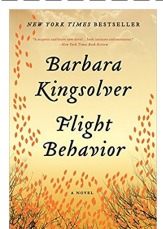
Themes for September are:

September 13 & 14: Glow in the Dark Geometry
September 20 & 21: Let's Get Loud!
September 27 & 28: Time of Your Life!



September 14: Pushing the Limits of COMMUNITY @ 6:30 pm

Join us for this science cafe style reading, viewing, and discussion series on extreme weather and climate change. At this first of three sessions we will explore how communities are adapting and develop ideas about how families and communities can be better prepared for the future by working together. This gathering includes a discussion of the book *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. Registration and reading the book is encouraged but not required. Pick up a pamphlet for more details. Refreshments provided. *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, September 15 and Saturday, September 16: Outside the Lines: Libraries Reintroduced from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Outside the Lines is a weeklong celebration of how libraries have changed and are a reflection of their communities. Libraries are dynamic centers for engagement that help everyone in the community be their best. They are relevant, active, engaged and FUN! To celebrate this special week, the JKPL is holding a series of events on Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16. In addition to these special two-days of programs, there are several other new and recurring events offered by the library that are intended to keep you active, entertained and engaged!

Friday, September 15:

9:00 am—12:00 noon: Game On Inside and Out!

Join us at the JKPL for games inside and out. Life-size games such as Connect Four and Checkers will be held in the library parking lot (weather permitting) while inside you can join us for board games and card games in the Hoffman Room and console games in the Multi-purpose Program Room. Come and go as you are able. Door prizes will include coloring books, library themed items, and special prizes donated by Dyersville Comics and Games! Refreshments provided.



12:00 pm: Book Notes

Share your lunch hour with us as you enjoy a lively powerpoint presentation that will include random and fascinating facts about books and writers, along with an overview of book-related books that would interest book-lovers. A veggie tray and drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch.



1:00—3:00 pm: Shadow Painting

Are shadows always black? Find out with this fun drop in program at the library. Come and go as you are able. Use yourself or objects supplied by the library to make shadows and paint them onto the library's parking lot. The paint is nontoxic, but staining, so please wear appropriate clothing. All ages are welcome but children under 6 need adult/mature companion. If weather does not cooperate (rain) this program will be moved indoors.



1:00—3:00 pm: Sun Cookies

When you are finished with your shadow painting, step into the library to learn more about the sun and create your own snack by making a sun cookie! Participants will use candy pieces and a cookie to make a model of the sun. All ages are welcome but children under 6 need adult/mature companion. Come and go as you are able.



3:00—5:00 pm: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program

This month's theme is "Superheroes". 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.



Saturday, September 16:

9:00 am—12:00 noon: Library Scavenger Hunt

Stop in the library anytime this morning for a fun library-themed scavenger hunt. Complete the hunt by yourself or as a team. Everyone who participates will have their name entered for a prize drawing.



9:00 am—12:00 noon: Pop-Up at the Park

Library staff will bring a pop-up library to the Dyersville Soccer Fields and visitors will be able to get library cards, check out materials, and find out more about what the library has to offer. Visitors may also play life size games like Connect Four and Checkers and, if weather permits, try out a board game or two. Stop by before or after your soccer game. Be sure to sign up for door prizes, which will include coloring books, library themed items, and special prizes donated by Dyersville Comics and Games!



11:00 am—1:00 pm: Lunch in the Lot

Bring your lunch to the library and enjoy some local entertainment. The library will provide beverages and dessert and you provide the audience and the talent (if you wish). Join us for this fun open mic style event in the city parking lot adjacent to the library. Come and go as you are able. All attendees will receive a free library glass. If raining or cold, event may be moved into the library.



1:00—5:00 pm: Sidewalk Art

Everyone is welcome to come and decorate the sidewalk and parking lot adjacent to the library. The library will provide paint and chalk, you provide the talent! All ages are welcome but children under 6 need adult/mature companion. Come and go as you are able. Note: materials are nontoxic but may stain so please dress accordingly. If inclement weather, please call the library to check if this event is being held.



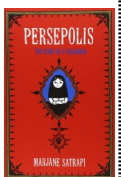
2:00 pm: Chair Yoga with Karen Kramer

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



2:30 pm: Graphic Novel & Comic Book Club Discussion

As part of Library Card Sign Up Month, join us for a discussion of your favorite graphic novels and comic books. Come and talk about the series and characters you enjoy, hear about other participant's favorites, or come learn about this popular alternative reading format. All ages welcome. Refreshments provided.





Sunday, September 17: Build a Better World - Adult Summer Reading Program Finale @ 2:00 pm

Everyone who participated in the 2017 Adult Summer Reading Program is invited to this fun finale celebration. Join the other Adult Summer Reading participants for activities, refreshments, socializing and door prizes. Prizes from the reading program will also be available to pick up.

Monday, September 18: Books for Lunch Movie Showing of "Twister" @ 12:00 noon. Bill and Jo Harding, advanced storm chasers on the brink of divorce, must join together to create an advanced weather alert system by putting themselves in the cross-hairs of extremely violent tornadoes. Rated PG-13 (113 min.)

Monday, September 18: JKPL Writing Group @ 6:30 pm. This 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.



Monday, September 18: Back to School Pajama Party @ 6:30 pm

School-aged children and their families are invited to our Back to School Pajama Party! Come in your pjs and watch The Road Less Traveled Community Theatre Company present the first four scenes of *The Neverending Story*. Cookies and milk will conclude the program.

Tuesday, September 19: 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, except for this month. 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.

Friday, September 22: Coloring for Adults @ Your Library from 2:00 to 5:00 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, September 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.

Saturday, September 23: Poetry Workshop with Poet Timothy Juhl @ 9:30 am

Poet Timothy Juhl is a widely published poet who has taught poetry in Florida, North Carolina, and Iowa. Through several unique writing exercises, both beginning and experienced writers will discover new ways of expressing their ideas on paper. Exercises are designed to help the writer think outside of conventional language and find meaning and depth in their words. Writers of every level are welcome. This 4 hour workshop is geared for adults but older teens are welcome. Attendees should bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks and cookies provided. Registration requested but walk-ins welcome if space allows. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Sunday, September 24 through Saturday, September 30: Banned Books Week

Join us September 24-30 for Banned Books Week! Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States. To celebrate, the library is hosting a display as well as these programs:

- *Name That Banned Book Guessing Jar:* Can you guess the title of the book that is shredded up inside the jar just from looking at scraps of the book?
- *Blind Date with a Banned Book:* Stop by the library when you have a few minutes to spare and choose one of the gift-wrapped books on display. Meet your new banned or challenged book and decide if you want to take it home. If not, return it with no hard feelings and try again. Participants should be 15 years old or older as books will be from the YA and adult collections.



All who participate in the Guessing Jar and Blind Date with a Banned Book will receive a themed bookmark and have their name entered into a drawing for a themed prize.

Sunday, September 24: Sunday Movies presents "Wonder Woman" @ 2:00 pm. An Amazon princess leaves her island home and journeys to the outside world which is being consumed by a massive war. With the help of an American pilot, she works to put an end to the conflict. Rated PG-13 (141 min.)

Thursday, September 28: Weather, Climate and Iowa: What You Should Know @ 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 weather, observations and climate. 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.*



Saturday, September 30: Mindstorm LEGOS® from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

The library is offering a new recurring program which combines LEGOS® with software and hardware programming to create customizable, programmable robots: Mindstorm LEGOS®! Participants can build robots from LEGOS® building bricks and program them to perform different actions! Come work as a team and try your hand at some basic robotics and programming! For children ages 10 and older. This program is sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.



Check out these upcoming October events!

Wreath Craft Gathering
Sunday, October 1 from 1:30–3:30 pm

Want 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.

Double Creature Feature
Friday, October 13 from 6:00 pm–11:00 pm

Join us for a Halloween horror movie night with two popular horror movies from 2016: *Get Out* (Rated R) and *The Belko Experiment* (Rated R). This program is for ages 13 and up. Snacks provided.

Nerf War @ Your Library
Saturday, October 21 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.

Reading the Signs of the Times: Adapting to Change
Thursday, October 26 @ 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 changes and what communities can do to adapt. Specific topics to be determined. 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.*

Movies in October:

The library shows a variety of movies each month. Please check our scheduled list of events, the library's website or Facebook page to confirm what is showing as times and days can change. Popcorn and soda is provided to all movie attendees.

Psycho (PG-13): Monday, October 2 @ 6:30 pm

ParaNorman (PG): Saturday, October 28 @ 2:00 pm

Ouji: Origin of Evil (PG-13): Tuesday, October 31 @ 6:30 pm

Pushing the Limits of CHANGE
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Building Creativity One Block at a Time:
a LEGO® program

Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 am–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.

Building Your Family Story
Saturday, October 23 @ 9:30 am

Join us in the Genealogy Room for a beginning 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.

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

Join us for our annual Halloween party for kids. Check back for more details. Sponsored by SpecCast.

And mark your calendar because 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 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.

