Mark your Calendar for these special December programs!

Saturday, December 1: A Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus @ 10:00 am. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the library from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be a few simple crafts to make while you wait. Children of all ages are welcome to come and talk to Santa. Don't forget to bring your cameras!





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

Craving some special holiday treats but don't have time to bake? Come to the library from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for our second annual Christmas Cookie Walk fundraiser. Purchase a tray for \$5.00 and fill it with a dozen cookies and treats provided by the friends, volunteers, board and staff of the library. Volunteers will be on hand to wrap your tray before you leave. Sponsored by the Marketing Committee of the JKPL.

Saturday, December 1: Holiday Movies @ Your Library presents "Arthur Christmas" @ 2:00 pm. On Christmas night at the North Pole, Santa's youngest son looks to use his father's high-tech operation for an urgent mission. Rated PG. (97 min.)

Sunday, December 2: An Old Fashioned Christmas @ 1:00 pm. Join us from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Dyer-Botsford Museum and walk through the beautifully decorated home of the founder of Dyersville. Enjoy traditional Christmas carols, spiced cider, and cookies. Santa will put in a special appearance and will read his favorite poem. Program sponsored by the Senior Advisory Board of the JKPL and the Dyersville Area Historical Society.





Monday, December 3: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month to discuss books selected by the group. The December selection is *Molokai* by Alan Brennert. 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.

Mondays, December 3 & 17: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this bimonthly gaming event for D and D players! This group meets the first and third Mondays of every month at 6:00 pm. The Library will have materials available but feel free to bring your own. All ages and skill levels welcome. New players are welcome at any time.







Everyone needs to make a will but doing so often raises a lot of questions. Whether you are in the midst of changing your will or making one for the first time, this program is for you! Local attorney, Werner Hellmer, will present a program about the different types of wills you can draw up, who should make a will and why, and various medical directives you should consider including. He will also answer any questions you have. A helpful workbook will be provided. This program will be offered on December 3 at 6:00pm and also on December 7 at 2:00pm.

Tuesday, December 4: Holiday Movies @ Your Library presents "A Christmas Story" @ 7:00 pm. Ralphie, a nine-year-old boy in 1940s Indiana, dreams of a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas, but his mother is not sold on the idea. Rated PG. (94 min.)





Wednesday, December 5: School Day Movies @ Your Library presents "A Dennis the Menace Christmas" @ 2:00 pm. Dennis tries to give his neighbor Mr. Wilson the Christmas Spirit, but causes havoc during his attempt as he tries to deal with a bully. As a result, Mr. Wilson ends up breaking Dennis' Christmas spirit. Rated G. (83 min.)



Wednesday, December 5: Genealogy Club @ Your Library at 6:30 pm. Whether you have been researching your family tree for years or just want to start, you are invited to join other genealogy researchers in the library's genealogy room to help each other with research, share tips and questions. This group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Helpful handouts and laptop computers are available to use.

Saturday, December 8: Author visit with Art Huinker @ 1:30 pm. Art Huinker will be at the library to talk about his new book *Small Man, Big Heart.* His book describes his baseball career which included memorable trips to the state tournament semi-finals both as a player and as a coach of the Beckman Blazers. The book focuses on his two loves: baseball and his wife, whom he has been married to for 57 years. Books will be available to purchase from the author.



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

Sunday, December 9: Holiday Movies @ Your Library Presents "The Santa Clause" @ 2:00 pm. When a man inadvertently kills Santa on Christmas Eve, he finds himself magically recruited to take his place. Rated PG. (97 min.)

Monday, December 10: Book Flicks @ Your Library presents "Mrs. Miracle" @ 7:00 pm. Overwhelmed widower Seth Webster is searching for a housekeeper to help him with his rambunctious six-year-old twin sons. Mrs. Merkle—whom the boys call "Mrs. Miracle"—mysteriously appears and quickly becomes an irreplaceable nanny, chef, friend and matchmaker. Based on the book by Debbie Macomber. Not Rated (90 min.)

Tuesday, December 11: Classic Holiday Movies @ Your Library presents "Miracle on 34th Street" @ 2:00 pm. When a nice old man who claims to be Santa Claus is institutionalized as insane, a young lawyer decides to defend him by arguing in court that he is the real thing. Rated G. (96 min.)

Tuesday, December 11: 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 Inspirational Fiction. This series will include 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 *Gold of Kings* by Davis Bunn. Copies of each book are available to check out at the library





Goodreads classes: Wednesday, December 12 & Thursday, December 13

Do you want an easy way to track online the books you have read or want to read? Track books you own? Connect with other readers and friends and find out what they are reading? Get recommendations? Then come learn about the free website, Goodreads, and how it can do all of these things for you. This class will be offered on December 12 at 7:00pm and again on December 13 at 2:00pm.

Thursday, December 13: Paranormal Book Club @ **6:00 pm.** The paranormal book club is a meeting of people who enjoy the creepier side of life. Discussions will cover books, movies, comic books, etc. - anything dealing with the supernatural. Topics will range from oddball styles of media to horror. Some of the material will have adult themes and may not be appropriate for the young or squeamish. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at 6:00 pm. For this meeting the group will read and discuss the book **The Stupidest Angel: A Heartwarming Tale of Christmas Terror** by Christopher Moore. Copies of the book are available at the library.





Friday, December 14: Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game @ 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join the ranks of the proud, crazy and demented Kobold Army! *Kobolds Ate My Baby* is a role playing game. If you have ever wanted to try a role playing game this is a good one to try because of the simple rules and lots of fun shenanigans. All ages and skill levels welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Please note: this program is after library hours and the library will not be open.

Used Book Exchange: Saturday, December 15 & Sunday, December 16

Looking for a good book? 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. Bring your books anytime December 15, 9:00am-5:00pm or December 16, 1:00-4:00pm. Refreshments will be served from 1:00-4:00pm on both days.



Saturday, December 15: Holiday Movies @ Your Library presents "It's A Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie" @ 2:00 pm. On Christmas Eve, an angel petitions God to send help for Kermit the Frog who has lost all hope after losing the Muppet Theatre. Rated PG. (100 min.)

Sunday, December 16: Holiday Movies @ Your Library presents "One Magic Christmas" @ 2:00 pm. An angel must show a mother the true meaning of Christmas. It's not just presents and materialistic things, but the people she cares about. Stars Mary Steenburgen and Harry Dean Stanton. Rated PG. (89 min.)



Monday, December 17: "Uke It Up" @ Your Library @ 6:00 pm. Calling all ukulele players! Join this monthly group of ukulele enthusiasts for instruction and practice. This group meets the third Monday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Uncle Ike's Music Store in Dubuque has provided a few loaner ukuleles for people to try out and Sue Engelbrecht is teaching some basics. If you have a ukulele, bring it with you! Plan to learn during the first hour and play the second! All ages and abilities invited but children under the age of 14 require an adult companion. Registration requested.

Tuesday, December 18: Holiday Movies @ Your Library presents "National Lampoons: Christmas Vacation" @ 7:00 pm. The Griswold family's plans for a big family Christmas predictably turn into a big disaster. Rated PG-13. (97 min.)

Thursday, December 20: Not Your Average Read: a book discussion series @ 7:00 pm. Join Matt Muilenburg, the current editor of the Dyersville Commercial, for this book club that focuses on under-appreciated novels by award-winning authors that don't receive the due they deserve. This group will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. The book for this month is *The Yiddish Policemen's Union by* Michael Chabon. Copies of the book are available to check out from the library.



Saturday, December 22: Holiday Movies @ Your Library presents "12 Dogs of Christmas: Great Puppy Rescue" @ 2:00 pm. Upon being sent to live with her aunt in the small town of Doverville, 12-year-old Emma O'Conner finds herself in the middle of a 'dog-fight' with the Mayor and town dogcatcher. In order to strike down their 'no-dogs' law, Emma must bring together a group of schoolmates, grown-ups and adorable dogs of all shapes and sizes in a spectacular holiday pageant. Rated PG. (102 min.)





Thursday, December 27: Paranormal Book Club @ 6:00 pm. The paranormal book club is a meeting of people who enjoy the creepier side of life. Discussions will cover books, movies, comic books, etc. - anything dealing with the supernatural. Topics will range from oddball styles of media to horror. Some of the material will have adult themes and may not be appropriate for the young or squeamish. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month at 6:00 pm. For this meeting the group will watch a Christmas themed episode of the TV show Supernatural and a discussion will follow.

Friday, December 28: School Day Movies @ Your Library presents "Babes in Toyland" @ 2:00 pm. Mary Contrary is about to wed Tom Piper in the heart of Mother Goose Village. The villainous Barnaby, wants Mary for himself so he kidnaps Tom setting off a series of comic chases, searches, and double-crosses! Stars Annette Funicello and Tommy Sands. Not Rated. (105 min.)

Saturday, December 29: Holiday Movies @ Your Library presents "Rudolph & Frosty's Christmas in July" @ 2:00 pm. Long, long ago, the North Pole was ruled by the good fairy Lady Boreal and her enemy was the wicked wizard Winterbolt. To protect Santa Claus from Winterbolt's foggy fury, Lady Boreal grants Rudolph the Reindeer a magical, glowing nose. Years later, Rudolph and his friend, Frosty the Snowman, are called on to save a needy circus at a special 4th of July benefit. Rated G. (90 min.)

Sunday, December 30: Holiday Movies @ Your Library presents "New Year's Eve" @ 2:00 pm. The lives of several couples and singles in New York intertwine over the course of New Year's Eve. Stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Zac Efron, Michelle Peiffer, Ashton Kutcher. Rated PG-13. (118 min.)



Monday, December 31: Library closing at 5:00 pm & Tuesday, January 1: Library is closed

Mark your calendars for these January events!

JANUARY MOVIES:

The Amazing Spider-man (PG-13) Sunday, January 6 @ 2:00 pm

The Great Muppet Caper (G) Friday, January 11 @ 2:00 pm

The Lucky One (PG-13)
Monday, January 14 @ 7:00 pm

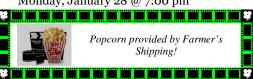
Men in Black III (PG-13) Tuesday, January 15 @ 7:00 pm

Brave (PG) Saturday, January 19 @ 2:00 pm

Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) Sunday, January 20 @ 2:00 pm

Diary of Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG) Wednesday, January 23 @ 2:00 pm

The Bourne Legacy (PG-13)
Monday, January 28 @ 7:00 pm



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

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How to Borrow eBooks from the Library

Come learn how you can borrow eBooks from the library. Please bring your device with you. Registration is requested.

Saturday, January 5 @ 1:00 pm—iPads Saturday, January 12 @ 11:00 am—Kindle Saturday, January 19 @ 11:00 am—Nook



Computer Literacy Classes

Would you like to know what is considered essential information to know about computers? Sign up for this class and have your computer skills assessed. This assessment class will determine future computer classes offered by the library. Registration is required.

This program will be presented at two different times: Tuesday, January 15 @ 2:00pm Wednesday, January 16 @ 6:00pm

Smart Investing @ your library

Do you want to learn more about effectively investing your money for the future?

Wednesday, January 9: Suze Orman's Money Class @ 7:00 pm. In this film, financial powerhouse Suze Orman delives her expert take on what actions everyone needs to consider to secure a hopeful and sustainable financial future in light of the new economic reality.

Wednesday, January 23: Smart Investing @ Your Library @ 7:00 pm. Come to this orientation class about the FREE Smart investing @your library ® class you can sign up for! Class participants will have five weeks to take the online course focusing on the financial issues that matter most to them. For all ages! Registration requested. First 25 to sign up will receive the Smart Investing @ Your Library workbook.

This program is made possible through a grant received by Iowa Library Services provided by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association.



Bear Creek Carving Club Demonstration

Members of the Bear Creek Woodcarving Club are back with a wood carving display and demonstration on Saturday, January 26 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. They will have some of their carvings on display and will be demonstrating their carving techniques. Everyone is invited to stop in during this open house and view the carvers and their works.

