

## Upcoming Events for January 2022 and Beyond:

**Saturday, January 1: Library closed for New Year's holiday**

**Sunday, January 2: Winter Book-opoly Challenge Begins!** The JKPL is once again offering a winter library program but this year we are changing it up. Participants will be using a Book-opoly game board to track what they are reading or doing at the library and earn prizes. All ages of readers are welcome and participants can sign up as individuals or as teams. Stop in the library to register and get your game board on or after January 2. This winter Book-opoly Challenge will run from January 2 thru February 28 and all entries must be received by March 4 to be included in the grand prize drawings.

**January is National Tea Month!** Did you know tea is the second most consumed beverage in the world? Or that there are over 1,000 flavors. Hot Tea has influenced different countries' cuisine for hundreds of years and even plays a part in many countries' cultures and their representation on what is the best way to serve tea. Join us this month at the JKPL as we celebrate National Tea Month. Activities TBA.

**January 2-31: Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library.** The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at home. These items can be picked up while at a library visit or requested for curbside pick up. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. NOTE: If you need something to color with, miscellaneous colored pencils may be provided upon request (for you to keep). If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available to check out from the front desk.

**January 2-31: Creation Station Craft: Paper Snowman.** Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's take and make (or make and take) activity will be a 3D Paper Snowman. Kit will include most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

**Monday, January 3: Books for Lunch Book Discussion @ 12:00 noon.** This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *2 am at the Cat's Pajamas* by Marie-Helene Bertino. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you. If you are interested in participating in-person at the library, please contact the library to register to save your seat, as space is limited. Those attending in person are encouraged to wear a mask.

**Tuesday, January 4: Dungeons and Dragons Players Club @ 6:00 pm.** Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the first Tuesday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. There is a 10-person maximum for in-person attendance so please contact the library to register to save your seat. To join via Discord, contact Paul at [Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite. Masks are encouraged for those attending in person.

**Wednesdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26: Sit and Stitch from 1:00—3:00 pm.** Grab your hobby and/or craft and come to the library and join other crafters in this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. Those unable to join in person are welcome to participate via Zoom. Please email [librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us](mailto:librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us) by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same zoom room link is used each week. If you are planning to participate in-person at the library, please contact the library to register to save your seat, as space is limited. Those attending in person are encouraged to wear a mask.

**Thursday, January 6, 13, 20, & 27: Euchre Card Party from 1:00-3:30 pm.** Join us Thursday afternoons for cards in the Hoffman room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. If interested please contact the library to register to save your seat, as space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome, if space allows. Those attending are encouraged to wear a mask.

**Thursday, January 6: Social Issues Book Club @ 6:00 pm.** Join us for the final installment of the Social Issues Book Club for Young Adults. The theme and book for this meeting is: Gender Inequality; *Men Explain Things to Me* by Rebecca Solnit. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. This program series was made possible by the Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries Grant from the American Library Association. This book club is a hybrid program where participants can attend in-person or via Zoom. Please contact the library to register. Those attending in person are encouraged to wear a mask.

**Fridays, January 7: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays: Crystal Snowflakes from 3:30—5:00 pm.** Children and families are invited to come every Friday afternoon to this weekly program to discover and create in the Library. Participants are welcome to come anytime between 3:30—5:00 pm to participate in the selected activity. Space is limited, but children are welcome to wait if all spots are full. All ages welcome. The activity for this week is Crystal Snowflakes, which we will be making out of borax and pipe cleaners.

**Friday, January 7: JanFanCon DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: The Basics of playing DnD @ 6:00 pm.** Ever wanted to try out Dungeons and Dragons, but don't know where to start? Join us for this session as we walk you through the basics of playing; what supplies are needed, how to make a character and some Do's and Don'ts. Attend in person or virtually. This program will be recorded and put on the JKPL FB page and YouTube channel. Registration is required.

**Monday, January 10: JanFanCon NERF BLASTER GUTS @ 3:00 p.m.** Ever wonder what the insides of a Nerf blaster looks like, or how it operates? Join Paul Zurawski and Drew Russell as they disassemble a couple of Nerf blasters to show off the inner workings. This prerecorded video will be available on the James Kennedy Public Library's Facebook and YouTube channel.

**Monday, January 10, 2022: Soup Lunch and Dinner Fundraiser from 11:30 am —1:00 pm & 4:30—6:00 pm!** Warm up this winter with the JKPL annual Soup Fundraiser! Enjoy homemade chili or chicken noodle soup, crackers, roll, and dessert. Again this year, we are offering service for lunch as well as dinner. Lunch will be available from 11:30 am—1:00 pm and dinner will be offered from 4:30—6:00 pm (or until we run out). The soup is made and served by the JKPL Library Board and Fundraising Committee members. Price is \$6.00 per meal or \$3.00 for a bowl of soup only. This year's event will again be

carryout only. Guests will be able to pull into the library parking lot and call to have their order brought out to them, or step into the Hoffman Room to order and pick up their soup. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to support the library's collections and services. Call the library at 563-875-8912 for more information or advance ordering.

**Thursday, January 10 - February 28: Love My Library Giving Tree Fundraiser!** Do you "Love Your Library"? Then consider participating in this annual fundraising activity that will improve the collection and services the library is able to offer. Library staff have identified books and other materials, furnishings, equipment, programs, supplies, and more that the library needs. Select one or more items and donate the funds needed for purchase. Or purchase the items yourself and donate them to the library. Donations will be written on a heart and displayed on the library windows as well as acknowledged on the library website and social media. Where appropriate the library will attach a tag or book plate acknowledging the donation and the donor will be the first to check it out. Some items are listed on the bulletin board in the entry to the library as well as being featured on the library webpage and social media. The complete list can be viewed at the circulation desk or from the home page of the library's website ([www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us)). Not finding something you want to "love"? Bring your ideas to a librarian!

**Tuesday, January 11: Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club @ 7:00 pm.** Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *Remembering Christmas* by Dan Walsh. Books are available to borrow from the library. This group is meeting in person but those who wish to participate over Zoom are also welcome. If you are interested in participating in-person at the library, please contact the library to register to save your seat, as space is limited to 10 attendees. If you are interested in attending via Zoom, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you. Those attending in person are encouraged to wear a mask.

**Fridays, January 14: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays: Cotton Ball Penguins from 3:30—5:00 pm.** Children and families are invited to come every Friday afternoon to this weekly program to discover and create in the Library. Participants are welcome to come anytime between 3:30—5:00 pm to participate in the selected activity. Space is limited, but children are welcome to wait if all spots are full. All ages welcome. The activity for this week is Cotton Ball Penguins, where we will be making penguins with construction paper and cotton balls.

**January 14: JanFanCon DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: Tips and Tricks for Dungeon Masters @ 6:30 p.m.** Ever wanted to try out Dungeons and Dragons, but don't know where to start? Join us for this session as we walk you through the basics of being a dungeon master and running your own game; what supplies are needed, how to create your own story and some do's and Don'ts. Attend in person or virtually. This program will be recorded and put on the JKPL Facebook page and YouTube channel. Registration is required.

**Monday, January 17: Adult Crafternoon – Snowman Craft from 3:00 – 6:00 pm (and Take-and-Make!)** Join us in person as we gather together to create something. Drop in the library anytime between 3 and 6 pm to create and then take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting January 18 and kits will be available while

supplies last. If you are planning to create at the library, stations will be set up in the Hoffman Room to allow for social distancing and masks are encouraged. If all spaces are taken, please wait until someone finishes before starting. Adult Crafternoon programs are sponsored by FGH Delivery. NOTE: This monthly event was pushed back one week due to the Soup Fundraiser.

**Monday, January 17: Cricut with Christopher presents Paper Flowers - Part 2 @ 6:00 pm.** Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and make paper flowers. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended as attendance is limited to 10. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

**Monday, January 17: Digital Access to the Dyersville Commercial @ 6:30 pm.** Program details TBA.

**Tuesday, January 18: Checkers Library TV presents Snoozer's Storytime Adventures Watch Party from 4:00-5:00 pm.** The JKPL is pleased to continue to offer Checker's Library TV - an on-demand children's program series that features fun stories and activities. The spring series, Snoozer's Storytime Adventures, will run alternating weeks from January 18 to May 14 and children are again welcome to attend the bi-weekly Watch Party at the library. A new video will be released every other week and kids can come to the library to watch the program and then participate in some fun related activities. These programs are for kids in kindergarten thru fourth grade. Registration is encouraged as space is limited, but walk-ins are welcome if space allows. For those not able to attend the watch party, the videos can also be watched on demand on the JKPL Facebook page and YouTube Channel and activity kits can be picked up in the Creation Station at the JKPL. Note: The videos on YouTube are unlisted so contact the library to get the URL link. Full schedule: January 18, February 1 & 15, March 1, 15, & 29, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 14.

**Tuesday, January 18: Chat and Doodle Too @ 6:00 pm.** Join us for this new monthly arts and crafts social gathering. Relax together in person, or via Zoom, by drawing, coloring, doodling, working on puzzles, crafting or anything you enjoy doing. Guests will work independently on their own projects while enjoying the companionship of others, either together in the library Hoffman Room or virtually via Zoom. If wanted, the library will provide colored pencils, markers, coloring pages, and misc. activity pages for participants to enjoy in the library or they can be picked up in advance. Call or stop in the library to register to attend in person, or sign up at <https://bit.ly/ChatDoodle> to receive a zoom link to attend virtually.

**National Popcorn Day is January 19.** Activities TBA.

**Thursday, January 20: Third Thursday Title to be announced @ 6 pm.** The JKPL has partnered with the Hoover Presidential Library to present their 3rd Thursday Virtual Programs. Details have not yet been provided.

**Thursday, January 20: Public Speaking event with DBQ @ 6:00 pm.** Regardless of our age or line of work, any of us can find ourselves having to do public speaking. Come learn from David Lopez, an experienced speaker who will share with you how to speak more confidently and give presentations that will make your audience want to keep listening! Topics covered will include how to overcome your nerves, the keys to a good presentation, tips for using visual aids such as PowerPoint, and the basics of

speaking off the cuff when needed. Registration is requested since space is limited. This program will also be recorded and posted to the libraries' Facebook and YouTube page.

**Fridays, January 21: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays: Cool Circuits from 3:30—5:00 pm.** Children and families are invited to come every Friday afternoon to this weekly program to discover and create in the Library. Participants are welcome to come anytime between 3:30—5:00 pm to participate in the selected activity. Space is limited, but children are welcome to wait if all spots are full. All ages welcome. The activity for this week is Cool Circuits.

**Saturday, January 22: Minecraft IRL for JanFanCon @ 10 am.** Kids ages 8-12 are invited to an In Real Life Minecraft event. We will not be playing Minecraft, but will be making Minecraft characters, hunting elements, and other fun activities.

**Saturday, January 22: JanFanCon Doctor Who Escape Room @ 6:00 p.m.** The TARDIS is malfunctioning and only you can save the day! The library will be hosting a Doctor Who themed escape room where players will attempt to solve a series of logic puzzles to fix the TARDIS before time runs out. The library will hold sessions at 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Registration for a session is required as each session is limited to 5 people. For ages 13 and up.

**Tuesday, January 25: JKPL Writing Group@ 6:30 pm.** Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please register by 11:00 am on the day of the event at <https://bit.ly/JKPLwriting>. If you want to attend in person, please contact the library as registration is required as space is limited. Those attending in person are encouraged to wear a mask.

**National News Literacy Week is Jan. 22-28, 2022 – Activities TBA.**

**Friday, January 28: Final Friday Tech Help from 3:00—5:00 pm.** Looking for help with your computer or device? Schedule a time with Paul to come in and have your questions answered! The library has a few laptops and tablets available to use but guests are encouraged to bring their own device if they have one. Final Friday Tech is held on the last Friday of each month.

**Fridays, January 28: S.T.E.A.M. Fun Fridays from 3:30—5:00 pm.** Children and families are invited to come every Friday afternoon to this weekly program to discover and create in the Library. Participants are welcome to come anytime between 3:30—5:00 pm to participate in the selected activity. Space is limited, but children are welcome to wait if all spots are full. All ages welcome. The activity for this week is building a snowflake with math.

**Friday, January 28: Game Night @ Your Library @ 6:00 pm.** Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome. If you want to attend, please contact the library as registration is required as space is limited. Those attending in person are encouraged to wear a mask.

**Saturday, January 29: National Puzzle Day.** January 29, National Puzzle Day, is the perfect day to set aside time for you and your family to solve puzzles. Activities to be decided.

**February 1-28: Black History Month.** Activities to be decided.

**February 1-28: February is National Library Lover's Month!** Activities to be decided.

**Monday, February 1: Build-A-Basket Fundraiser begins!** Would you like to help raise money for the library? Pick something you love like candles, cooking, or cats and build a basket of items around that theme. Or pick a favorite book and build a basket around that book. Create your basket and donate it to the library by February 28. The baskets will be auctioned off in a silent auction (in person and virtual) (Dates to be decided.) The library will provide you an empty basket if you need one. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.

**February 1 – 7: Children's Authors and Illustrators Week** (the first week in February) features a variety of activities that are intended to promote literacy in an engaging and interactive way. Encourage a lifelong love of reading with your students by participating in events such as author and illustrator visits to your school, storytelling, literary presentations, writing workshops, and more. Dates and activities to be decided.

**Wednesday, February 3: World Read Aloud Day.** LitWorld founded World Read Aloud Day in 2010 in celebration of the power of reading aloud to create community, to amplify new stories, and to advocate for literacy as a foundational human right. Activities to be decided.

**Thursday, February 17: Random Acts of Kindness Day.** Activities to be decided.

**February 20-26: Engineers Week: Reimagining the Possible!** Founded by the National Society of Professional Engineers in 1951, Engineers Week is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of, and interest in, engineering and technology careers. More than a week-long event, Engineers Week is a year-round commitment to making a difference. The only event of its kind—it is a time for you to: Celebrate how engineers make a difference in our world, Add your voice to the conversation about the need for engineers, technicians, and technologists and Engage students in engineering. Activities to be decided. Partnership with John Wandsnider, Dyersville Public Works.

**March 27 - National Scribble Day:** This day is specifically celebrated on March 27th, but on or around this day works. The day is based around the book *I'm NOT Just a Scribble* by Diane Alber. This book teaches kindness and creativity through the adorable character Scribble. Activities to be decided.

**March 1-31: Women's History Month.** Activities to be decided.

**March is National Children's Craft Month.** Activities to be decided.

**March 2 is National Read Across America Day,** a day to celebrate our favorite activity. The day was established by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1998 to help get kids excited about reading. The day occurs each year on the birthday of beloved children's book author Dr. Seuss. Activities to be decided.

**Saturday, March 5: Mystery Dinner Theatre Fundraiser!** The Die-Laughing Murder Mystery Troupe is returning with a new murder mystery comedy set in an Art Gallery during the 1976 Centennial. Plan to join us on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Dyersville Social Center for this fun fundraiser. Period costume encouraged but not required. Seating will be limited. Ticket information, menu, and other details available soon!

**April 3-9: National Library Week.** The theme for National Library Week 2022 (April 3-9) is "Connect with your Library." Activities to be decided.

**Saturday, April 9, 2022 – Saturday, April 16, 2022: Money Smart Week.** Since pandemic conditions remain unpredictable, Money Smart Week 2022 will again be fully virtual and focused on supporting the financial literacy needs of low-to-moderate income communities. The content will be selected by the Money Smart Team with input from Chicago Fed economists and researchers. Details to come.

April is D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Month: Activities to be decided.

**April 1-30: Yard Sign Fundraiser!** To celebrate National Library Week, April 3-9, 2022, the JKPL has yard signs that say "I Love My Library" available during the month of April. Signs are 18" x 24", vinyl, reusable, and come with a ground stake. Yard signs are available for a donation. Signs are available through curbside service or can be picked up during a regular visit and are available while supplies last. Already have one of these signs? Now's the time to put it up. Put a sign in your yard and let everyone know you love the library!

**April is National Poetry Month.** Activities to be decided.

**Sunday, April 17: Library closed for Easter**

**Thursday, April 22: Celebrate Earth Day.** Activities to be decided.

**April 23: World Book Day.** Activities to be decided.

**May is Get Caught Reading Month.** Activities to be decided.

**May is Older Americans Month.** Activities to be decided.

Wednesday, May 4: Star Wars Day. Activities to be decided.

**May 3-9: Children's Book Week -- Every Child a Reader.** Activities to be decided.

**May 10-16: National Mental Health Awareness Week** is organized between May 10 and May 16. Mental health is still a taboo topic in many countries and communities. People who are mentally ill are not necessarily crazy, which is a general misconception. At least one in four people is in dire need of mental health checkups around the world. Activities to be decided.

**Sunday, May 8: Library closed for Mother's Day**

**Saturday, May 14: Plant Sale Fundraiser from 8:00—10:00 am.** Date to be confirmed.

**May 15-21, 2022.: National Public Works Week.** Activities to be decided. Partnership with Dyersville Public Works Department

**Sunday, May 29 & Monday, May 30:** Library closed for Memorial Day