

## Mark your calendar for these March programs!

**March 1—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 jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Best Places in America*. 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!

### **Friday, March 2: Read Across America Celebration @ 2:00 pm**

All ages are invited to come celebrate Read Across America (Dr. Seuss' birthday!). We'll watch *The Cat in the Hat* (Rated PG - 2003) then after the movie, the Cat in the Hat will be here to help hand out cookies and a take home craft. A new copy of the movie *Horton Hears a Who* will be given away as a door prize. All ages welcome but those under age 6 require an older companion.



**Saturday, March 3: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Oliver and Company" @ 2:00 pm.** Oliver, a stray kitten, wanders the streets of New York in search of a loving family until he encounters a street-wise dog named Dodger who begins to teach him about life in the big city with his family of street dogs and their master Fagan. Rated G. (80 min.).

### **Monday, March 5: Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Silent Auction Begins**

Join us for the 6th Annual Build-A-Basket Fundraiser! Organizations, businesses, and individuals have donated some amazing baskets again this year. Some of the donations received as of the printing of this newsletter include a snowman basket, a baby supplies basket, a crochet crafts basket, makeup kit, home spa basket, an outdoor picnic tub, and a kids cuddle basket. Photos and descriptions of the baskets will be posted on the library website at [www.dyersville.lib.ia.us](http://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us) so be sure to check there or stop in the library to see all of the different possibilities. The silent auction starts March 5 and ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 25. All proceeds will be used to support library services and collections.



**Monday, March 5: 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 2018 All Iowa Reads book for adults *The Boys in the Bunkhouse* by Dan Barry. 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, March 5: Book Flicks @ Your Library presents "Wonder" @ 6:30 pm.** A 10-year-old boy with a facial deformity attends school for the first time when he begins the fifth grade. With the support of his parents, he learns how to make friends and adjust to his new environment. Based on the book by R. J. Palacio. Rated PG. (113 min.)

**Tuesday, March 6: 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, March 7, 14, 21 & 28: Story Time @ 9:30 am & 6:30 pm.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sign up and bring their preschoolers to the Spring 2018 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 and is offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm and Fridays at 9:30 am. Programs will run February 7 through April 25. Registration is required as space is limited.



**Wednesdays March 7, 14, 21 & 28: 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!

**Thursday, March 8 and Tuesdays, March 13, 20 and 27: Crazy 8s Math Club: K-2nd Grade @ 4:00 pm.** This session is for K-2nd graders and meets February 6—April 4. This month's themes are Beach Ball Party, Funky Fractals, Walk on the Wild Side and Super-Cube Shuffle. Attendees must have registered for the entire 8 week session. \*\*\*NOTE There will be no Crazy 8s meeting on Tuesday, March 6. It will be held on Thursday, March 8 instead.\*\*\*



**Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28: Crazy 8s Math Club: 3rd-5th Grade @ 4:00 pm.** This session is for 3rd-5th graders and meets February 7 - March 28. This month's themes are Beach Ball Party, Funky Fractals, Walk on the Wild Side and Super-Cube Shuffle. Attendees must have registered for the entire 8 week session.



**Friday, March 9: March into Coloring @ Your Library from 1:00—5:00 pm.** Coloring for Adults invites you to come color at the library. This month we will have special St. Patrick's Day themed pages to color as well as a variety of other pages. The library provides coloring sheets, colored pencils, gel pens, markers, and light refreshments. Coloring for Adults is offered monthly at various times and days. No registration needed. Participants are welcome to come and go during the program. This program is open to adults 18 and older.



**Friday March 9: Teen Tech Week Toy Night from 5:00—7:00 pm**

As part of Teen Tech Week, the library invites Teens to come check out the new gadgets and electronic toys that will be in our new active learning space. Join us after-hours and come try out our robots, tablets, and much more! For ages 13-18. Snacks will be provided.



**Saturday, March 10: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Coco" @ 2:00 pm.** A boy journeys into the Land of the Dead to seek forgiveness from his ancestors and lift a curse. Rated PG. (109 min.)

**Saturday, March 10: Mystery Dinner Theatre, A Deadly Dinner @ 6:30 pm**

The Die-Laughing Murder Mystery Troupe invites you to step back in time to 1933 as a dinner guest of Tiffany "Gold" Digman, whose archeologist husband has disappeared. Join us for a good time at this heart-stopping murder mystery dinner.



- Dinner catered by J & D Mart. Menu includes parmesan peppercorn chicken, breaded pork cutlets, parsley red potatoes, salad, and bread. Dessert is provided by First Avenue Bakery.
- This event will be held at the Dyersville Golf & Country Club.
- Doors open at 5:30 pm with the performance starting at 6:30 pm.
- Tickets are \$50 each or a table of 8 for \$350.00.
- First 30 tickets sold include a JKPL wine glass and wine donated by O So Good Winery.
- Cash bar available.
- Period Dress/Costume is encouraged but optional.
- All tickets sold in advance at the James Kennedy Public Library.
- **Last day to purchase tickets is March 2 and seating is limited so purchase your ticket today!**

**Sundays, March 11 & 18: Beginning Wood Carving Class @ 1:00 pm**

Members of the local Bear Creek Carving Club are offering a two-part beginning wood carving class at the library. The fee is \$35.00 per person and includes all equipment and materials. Participants may keep equipment for their personal use! No experience is needed; however students must be at least 12 years old. One parent or adult must be present in the class for anyone under the age of 16. A signed liability waiver is required of all participants. Registration is required as space is limited.



**Monday, March 12: Lifelong Learners Creativity Group @ 6:30 pm.** Join us for 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, March 13: 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 *Sweet Olive* by Judy Christie. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library.



**Saturday, March 17: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 2:45—4:30 pm.** This month's theme is "Seaside Adventure". 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. **This program will begin at 2:45 pm or directly following the end of the St. Patrick's Day parade)**



**Monday, March 19: Books for Lunch Movies @ Your Library presents “Crash” @ 2:00 pm.** A car accident brings together a group of strangers in Los Angeles. Crash takes a provocative, unflinching look at the complexities of racial tolerance in contemporary America. Rated R. (122 min.)

**Monday, March 19: 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.

**Friday, March 23: 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, March 24: The Devil Has My Consent - The Salem Witch Trials @ 11:00 am**

In 1692 more than 200 people were accused of witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts and 20 were executed. What happened to create such hysteria? Discover the real story behind the Salem Witch Trials with historian Kathy Wilson. This program is geared for adults and older teens as content is not appropriate for young teens or children. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



**Saturday, March 24: Fun with Robots from 1:30—4:00 pm**

Come check out the library’s new active learning space by learning how to program and play with ‘bots! Try out the JKPL’s new 4m robots, Cubelets, Dot and Dash, and Sphero. This STEM focused event will have patrons playing, customizing and programing with different devices! Ages 7 and up.



**Sunday, March 25: Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Closing Reception from 2:00—4:00 pm**

Join us for refreshments and one last chance to bid on the baskets donated to the library for the Build-a-Basket Fundraiser! There is something for nearly every interest so be sure to come and take a peek and bid on your favorite. The silent auction will end at 3:00 pm sharp. These baskets make great gifts - for yourself or someone you love! All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services.



**Sunday, March 25: Sunday Movies @ Your Library presents “Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle” @ 2:00 pm.** Four teenagers in detention discover an old video game console with a game they’ve never heard of. When they decide to play, they are immediately sucked into the jungle world of Jumanji in the bodies of their avatars. They’ll have to complete the adventure of their lives filled with fun, thrills and danger or be stuck in the game forever! Rated PG-13. (119 min.)

**Friday, March 30: Drop-In Computer Help from 2:00—5:00 pm**

Have basic computer questions? Come to the library! The library is hosting drop-in hours so you can bring your basic computer questions and we’ll do our best to answer them. Laptop computers will be available for use but participants are encouraged to bring their own laptop if they own one.



**1000 Books Before Kindergarten**

Have you heard about our program *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*? This program encourages parents and caregivers to provide positive, nurturing early learning experiences by reading aloud to their children regularly. This program is open to children who have not yet started Kindergarten and you can register at any time by visiting the library. For more information about the program please pick up a flyer at the library, visit the web page, or ask a librarian. The *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program is funded by a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association and the Friends of the Library.



**Active Learning Smart Space Open House  
Saturday, April 7 from 9:30 am—4:00 pm**

Join us as the JKPL debuts its new active learning smart space! Come see this new space where you can get hands-on with different activities. The ribbon cutting will be at 9:30 am as the space officially opens. Come take a look around, observe the LEGO® Mindstorm Robotics program that will be going on from 10:00am-12 noon, try some of the JKPL's new gadgets such as Sphero, Dot and Dash, Cubelets, Makey Makey, or Squishy Circuits, and enjoy one of the make-and-take crafts ready for you to create.

Refreshments provided. All ages welcome! *Training, planning support, and start up funding for this new space were made possible by the Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces Project, a two-year project funded by a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.*



**Read and Play  
Saturday, April 7 @ 10:00 am**

Join us for this chance to spend quality time with your child and socialize with other adults. A 15 minute story time will be followed by playtime. For children 18-36 months and parent or adult caregiver. Toys for the toddlers and coffee for the adults provided by the library. No registration required.

**Expressive Writing for Healing  
Sunday, April 8 @ 2:00 pm**

This powerpoint presentation by Mary Potter Kenyon touches on the science behind the health benefits of journaling, and how it can help those who have experienced loss, divorce, or other trauma. This is for both writers and non-writers alike! This workshop includes concrete examples of the presenter's own journal entries and blog posts that were later incorporated into published books, as well as sections from other writers. Whether you want to journal your way through a difficult time, blog, or seek publication, this workshop is a step-by-step guide to utilizing expressive writing as a tool for healing. After the presentation, celebrate the launch Mary Potter Kenyon's, *Expressive Writing for Healing* journal with cake and punch. Copies of the journal will be available for purchase with one journal given as a door prize.

**LEGO® Mindstorm Robotics Series  
Saturday, April 7, 14, 21 & 28  
from 10:00—12:00 pm**

Robotics are all the rage these days and the library wants to give you a chance to try it out! Working in groups and using the library's LEGO® Mindstorm kits, participants will get the chance to build a robot and program it to perform different actions. Each week, the builders can start where they left off the previous week and continue building and programming their robot throughout the month. This program is sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Recommended for ages 10 and up. Registration is requested, but walk-ins welcome if space allows.

**Cricut with Christopher  
Wednesday, April 11  
from 10:00 am—12:00 noon**

Drop in anytime during these two hours to learn from Lisa Christopher about the Cricut Maker machine available to use in the library's new active learning smart space. This device can be used for anything from paper crafts, iron-ons, and vinyl decals to sewing projects, leather crafts, and balsa models. Come discover some of the things you can make with this fun crafting and coding machine.

**Show Me the Money Game Event  
Saturday, April 14 from 2:00--4:00 pm**

As part of Financial Literacy Month, the library will be holding a special gaming event where players must strategically use their money and plan ahead to win. See who in your family can stretch their funds to victory and shout "Show me the money!" Have fun with the whole family while learning about how to use money. For ages 7 and up.



***The Art of Listening to the Heart*  
with James Kenyon  
Sunday, April 15 @ 2:00 pm**

Cedar Falls veterinarian James Kenyon will share tales of listening to animals and humans. A retired vet, Kenyon is the author of, *The Art of Listening to the Heart*, a collection of short stories, from heartwarming to heartbreaking. Refreshments provided. Copies of his book will be available for purchase from the author following the program.

**Suminagashi  
Thursday, April 19 @ 4:30 pm**

Celebrate Dia de los Libros /Dia de los Ninos by learning Suminagashi, or “floating ink.” Suminagashi is the ancient Japanese art of transforming plain paper and ink into vibrant works of art. Kids ages 8+ are invited to learn this fascinating, and addictive, marbling technique. Dive in and swirl! No registration required, but participation limited to 20 individuals. First come, first served.

**Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraiser  
Friday, April 20 from 5:00–8:00 pm**

The National Library Week Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraiser supporting the James Kennedy Public Library is back! Join us at Brew & Brew in downtown Dyersville for wine and beer tasting from area wineries and breweries. Vendors are still being confirmed so please check back later for more details. Tickets are \$20 in advance or at the door. Tickets are available at the library or Brew & Brew. Tickets include the tasting event, a commemorative glass, and appetizers. Door prizes and a 50/50 raffle are also part of this fun event!



**Nerf War  
Saturday, April 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.

**Spring Tea  
Sunday, April 29 from 2:00–3:30 pm**

Bring your mother, sister, aunt, daughter, husband, or friend to the annual Spring Tea. Enjoy delicious tea, scrumptious tea sandwiches and delicate homemade cookies served on real china. Lemonade will be provided for the non-tea drinkers. All ages welcome but children under the age of 10 require an adult companion. Sponsored by the Senior Advisory Committee.

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