

Check out these upcoming events for May!

May 1—31: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Colorful Dutch Windows and Doors*. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle.

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Sit and Stitch from 1:00-3:00 pm. Bring your hobby or craft and join other crafters for lots of laughs, food, great company and experienced help at this weekly gathering. New members are welcome to join at any time.

Thursdays, May 2, 9, & 16: Everybody with Diabetes Counts: Diabetes Empowerment Education Program from 2:00—3:30 pm. *Everybody with Diabetes Counts: The Diabetes Empowerment Education Program* is an education curriculum offered as a partnership with Telligen, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Iowa. Attendees must have already registered for this class in order to attend.



Thursday, May 2: Elder Law and Asset Protection @ 6:00 pm

Join attorney Thad J. Murphy from Pearson Bollman Law for this 2 hour presentation on Wills, Trusts, Medicaid, and Veterans Aid. Questions welcome. Refreshments will be provided.



Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31: Euchre Card Party from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards and snacks! Come meet, teach, and play with other players. Refreshments provided.



Saturday, May 4: May the Fourth Be With You Craft and Games! from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

As a celebration of *May the Fourth Be With You*, we will have *Star Wars* related activities available for all ages! Come build your own lightsaber, practice your aim on Storm troopers, build a LEGO starship, try to use the force, and more!

Saturday, May 4: Movie Showing of "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" @ 2:00 pm. Rey develops her newly discovered abilities with the guidance of Luke Skywalker, who is unsettled by the strength of her powers. Meanwhile, the Resistance prepares for battle with the First Order. Rated PG-13. (150 min.)



Monday, May 6: 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 book *Something Like Happy* by Eva Woods. 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, May 6: Lifelong Learners @ 6:30 pm. Come join this monthly gathering for imaginative people who can learn from and feed off each other's creativity! Participants are encouraged to bring books they are reading or things they are currently working on to share with the group. There will also be a "swap" table for items participants no longer need. Facilitated by volunteers Mary Potter Kenyon and Sue Engelbrecht. This group meets on the 1st Monday of each month and is open to ages 17 and up. Registration encouraged but not required.

Tuesday, May 7: 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.

Thursday, May 9: Introduction to Creative Lettering @ 6:00 pm

Lettering is the perfect combination of two things—drawing and writing the alphabet. Join us for this class taught by Dianne Kramer and learn simple techniques to create beautiful, handwritten letters, words, and phrases. A display of the types of artwork covered in this session is on display inside the library. For adults and teens age 13 or older. Registration is required by May 8 to allow for preparation of class materials.



Saturday, May 11: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10:00 am—12:00 pm. This month's theme is "Parade Time!". This LEGO® program is part of a monthly series at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. 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.



Sunday, May 12: Library closed for Mother's Day



Monday, May 13: Registration for Story Time and Wee Read begins. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to sign up their preschoolers for the Summer 2019 sessions of Story Time and Wee Read. Story Time is open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds who have not been in Kindergarten and will be offered on Wednesdays at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver and will be offered on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Programs will run June 5 through July 24. There will be no session on July 3. Registration is required as space is limited.



Tuesday, May 14—21: Western Dubuque Schools Student Art Show

The James Kennedy Public Library is pleased to display the artwork of Western Dubuque K-12 students at the library. Stop in anytime the library is open to view the works of these talented students!

Also, join us Monday, May 20 from 4:30-6:30 pm for a special reception for the students displaying their artwork, their families, and anyone who wants to come view the artwork and offer their support. Refreshments provided.



Tuesday, May 14: 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 meeting we will read and discuss *The Secret Life of Sandra Hollenbeck* by Bethany Turner. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library. This group meets the second Tuesday of every month.

Wednesday, May 15: Children's Book Week Celebration & 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Awards Ceremony from 4:00—7:00 pm

Join us after school for a come-and-go cookie reception for Children's Book Week. There will be a display of new children's books, cookies, punch, and door prizes from 4:00—6:30 pm. At 6:30 pm we will have a short story time featuring new picture books and conclude with the spring *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* Awards Ceremony. All ages welcome. *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* is funded by a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association and the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Thursday, May 16: The BookEaters Book Club @ 6:30 pm. This reading discussion group is for kids ages 9-12 and meets the third Thursday of each month. For this meeting the group will discuss *The Unwanteds* by Lisa McMann. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library. Registration requested. Snacks provided.

Friday, May 17: Coffee and Creating @ Your Library from 9:30—11:30 am. Come enjoy coloring, crafting, creating, chatting and enjoying coffee or other morning beverages in the library's Creation Station on the third Friday of each month. The library provides miscellaneous coloring and craft supplies along with coffee and the makings for other hot beverages. No registration needed. Participants are welcome to come and go as time allows. This program is open to adults 18 and older.

Saturday, May 18: Plant Sale Fundraiser @ Your Library from 8:00—10:00 am

Join us in the city parking lot next to the library to purchase plants and flowers donated by committee and community members. All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services.

****If you have plants you would like to donate, please contact the library by May 16 to make arrangements to bring them in. Plants of all kinds, including indoor plants, are welcome.



Saturday, May 18: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Kid Who Would Be King" @ 2:00 pm. A band of kids embark on an epic quest to thwart a medieval menace. Rated PG. (120 min.)

Monday, May 20: Books for Lunch Movie presentation of "Mary Queen of Scots" @ 12:00 noon. Scottish Queen Mary Stuart becomes a political and romantic rival to her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I, ultimately challenging her claim to the throne. Rated R. (124 min.)

Monday, May 20: Western Dubuque Schools Student Art Show Reception from 4:30—6:30 pm. The James Kennedy Public Library is pleased to display the artwork of Western Dubuque K-12 students at the library from May 13-21. Join us for this special reception for the students displaying their artwork, their families, and anyone who wants to come view the artwork and offer their support. Refreshments provided.



Monday, May 20: 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.

Monday, May 20: Cricut with Christopher presents "Memorial Day T-shirt" @ 6:30 pm

Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and make a special project. This month participants will make an iron-on t-shirt in recognition of Memorial Day. Participants will need to bring a clean, washed t-shirt in a light color, preferably white or gray. Participants should be 14 or older. Children 8 and up welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is requested as attendance is limited to 20. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow.



May 19—25: National Public Works Week: “It Starts Here”

The James Kennedy Public Library is pleased to partner with the City of Dyersville Public Works Department to celebrate National Public Works Week! The American Public Works Association selected *It Starts Here* as the theme for the 2019 week. This theme represents the many facets of modern civilization that grow out of the efforts put forth by the public works professionals across North America. To celebrate, JKPL and the Dyersville Public Works department are offering several activities during the week.



Street Department Equipment Exhibition: Tuesday, May 21 from 4:00 —6:30 pm

Join us in the parking lot adjacent to the library to get up close with some of the equipment the Dyersville Public Works/Street Department uses to keep our city running. Public Works Director John Wandsnider and Street Department Operators, Mike Maahs, Terry Recker, and Kevin Rausch will be on hand to explain what the various equipment is used for and answer your questions. All ages welcome but children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Other highlights of this event include:

- The City’s John Deere 524K front-end loader will be parked in the lot while the actual simulator John Deere uses for training operators will be in the library (courtesy of Shawn Ramler from Martin Equipment). You must be at least 7 years old to use the simulator.
- Bring your toy trucks, cars, tractors, or other equipment and play in a sand pile in the city parking lot. TOMY has donated two Big Scoop Loaders and two Big Scoop Dump Trucks for people to play with as well. These toys will become drawing prizes at the end of the event!
- The historic Dyersville street and sewer construction plans from the early 1900’s will be on exhibit inside the library along with the plan drawings and renderings from current and recent projects.
- Videos about Public Works and refreshments will be available in the Hoffman Room.

Care for Dyersville’s Urban Forest: Tuesday, May 21 @ 6:30 pm

Dyersville Public Works Director John Wandsnider will share information about Dyersville’s system for managing one of the City’s most valuable resources – its trees. See how Dyersville is using cutting-edge technology to help to meet the many challenges of caring for our over 1,500 City-owned trees. Hear about the difficult process the City went through to head-off the recent threat of the Emerald Ash Borer.

National Public Works Week @ Your Library: Thursday, May 23 @ 6:00 pm

Are you interested in what the Dyersville Public Works/Streets Department does but were unable to attend the Street Equipment Exhibition or the Dyersville’s Urban Forest program? Join us in the Hoffman Room for videos of the street equipment, a showing of the presentation on the Urban Forest program, and other videos about Public Works. Guests are welcome to come for all or part of the videos. Refreshments provided.

Public Works @ Your Library: SimCity™ Challenge: Saturday, May 25 from 2:00—4:00 pm

Do you think you know how to run your own city? Then join our Simcity public works challenge! Participants will try SimCity™, a game where you are in charge of all aspects of running a city, including building and maintaining it. At the end of the program, judges will look at everyone’s cities and pick their favorite. First, second, and third place winners will get \$30, \$20, and \$10 in Dyersville Dollars, respectively! For ages 10 and up. Registration is required due to limited space. The library will have computers and devices available for use on a first come first serve basis, otherwise feel free to bring your own.

Thursday, May 23: Let’s Talk @ 6:30 pm. Join us for this unique book club where you don’t have to read a specific book and you don’t have to read what everyone else is reading! Instead the group gets together and shares about the individual books they are reading. Come socialize with other readers and get ideas for what to read next! This program is for adults but teens are welcome if accompanied by a parent. Refreshments provided. Registration encouraged but not required.

Friday, May 24: 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.

Saturday, May 25: Letters from Elk City: The Historical Sources @ 10:00 am. This program by author Michael Tidemann includes slides of pre-Civil War and Civil War battlefields in the South. He also discusses the role of African-American soldiers and civilians during the war. Refreshments will be provided.



Sunday, May 26 & Monday, May 27: Library closed for Memorial Day. Please note that the library is closed on Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Tuesday, May 28: Adulting Class: House Hunting with Carol Ruden @ 6:30 pm

Being an adult means that you have to know certain skills that are often taught the hard way. The library is holding a series of adulting classes to help you learn those skills from local experts! In this fourth session, local real estate agent Carol Ruden will discuss what to look for and the questions you should ask when looking to rent an apartment or purchase a house. For ages 13 and up.



Thursday, May 30: Strings Club @ 6:00 pm. Join this monthly jam session for string musicians! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome to join this group facilitated by Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. This group meets the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins welcome as space allows. *The date of this program has been changed due to Memorial Day.*



Friday, May 31: Final Friday Tech featuring Facebook from 3:00—5:00 pm. This month's topic is how to use Facebook. Topics include how to add friends, create posts, and other features available on the social media platform. Other technology questions are welcome if time permits. The library has a few laptops available to use but guests are encouraged to bring their own, if they have one. Final Friday Tech is held on the last Friday of each month.



ADVENTURE PASS

Iowa Libraries provide free passes to area attractions! Here at the JKPL we provide a pass to the Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Dubuque. A pass is valid for general admission for two adults and two children. This pass is free to our patrons (restrictions do apply)! One pass may be reserved once every 365 days.



Requirements to get a pass:

- Patron must be 18 or older and have a library card at the James Kennedy Public Library.
- Library card accounts must be valid, non-expired, and in good standing.
- Patrons must be full-service library card holders. This means patrons must live within the Dyersville city limits, live within the city limits of a town that contracts with the JKPL for service, or have purchased a membership at the JKPL.

Guidelines:

- A pass may be reserved once every 365 days for each adult card holder.
- Passes CANNOT be used for any special events at the museum; it is only for general admission for two adults and two children.
- Cardholders must present a valid photo ID and a printed pass for admission at the museum. The name on the pass and on the ID must match.
- Please be sure to check days/hours of operation at the Museum before reserving a pass.
- If plans change and you cannot use the pass on the reserved date, please call the library to cancel the pass. This frees you up to reserve another date and allows others to reserve the date you no longer want.

Instructions to get a pass:

- For instructions, and the link to print passes, please go to the Adventure Pass page on the library's website at <https://www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/Services/adventure-pass/adventure-pass>



UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch at the Library **June 10—August 21 @ 11:30 am**

The JKPL will be an open host site providing free meals for children age 18 and under during the summer break from school. There are no income guidelines, all children welcome!

- ◆ Meals will be served from 11:30 am—12:00 noon every weekday.
- ◆ Adults may purchase a meal for \$4.00 if sufficient quantities are available.
- ◆ Advanced reservations are NOT required.
- ◆ Programs and activities for children may be offered before or after the meals.
- ◆ For more information on summer menus, meal times and locations please visit <http://www.wdbqschools.org/FoodNutrition.aspx>.
- ◆ This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Mini Golf @ Your Library **Sunday, June 2**

Come to the library for this special two-part event. For one day only we'll turn the library into a mini-golf course!

Making Your Library into a Miniature Golf Course from 2:00—4:00 pm

- Participants may work individually or in teams to create one golf hole from plastic cups, blocks, boxes, books, stuffed animals, and more.
- Bring your own supplies or use what the library has available.
- Participants will design their hole and set it up in the library by 5:00 pm, just in time for the miniature golf event.
- Golfers will vote on their favorite hole with the winning designer receiving \$50.00 in Dyersville Dollars.
- Registration is requested but not required. Walk-ins welcome if space allows, but only 9 holes will be constructed.
- All ages welcome but those under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Mini Golf from 5:00—8:00 pm

Come in to tee off between the stacks and navigate our book obstacles designed by local volunteers. Golfers will vote for their favorite hole. All ages welcome but those under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Join us for fun, refreshments, and door prizes!

A Universe of Stories Sci-Fi Summer Book Club **Tuesday, June 25 @ 6:00 pm**

Teens and adults are invited to participate in a special summer three-session book club. Join us on the 4th Tuesday of June, July and August where we will discuss a science fiction book and watch a related film. Titles to be selected. Copies of the books will be available to check out from the library 3 or 4 weeks before the discussion date. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Summer Reading Programs for all ages

The summer reading program theme this year for all ages is *A Universe of Stories!* All programs offer incentives to read and use the library. Please check with the library for the specific guidelines for each program. In addition to these summer reading programs, many special events and activities will be offered. *The Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library* have sponsored many of the summer reading events.

Programs offered include:

- **Children:** For those PreK—5th grade. Program runs June 3—July 27. Online registration begins May 25 and in-person registration begins on June 3.
- **Teens:** For those who have completed 6th—12th grade. Program runs June 3—July 26. Registration begins June 3.
- **Adults:** For those 18 and older. Program runs June 1—August 31. Registration begins June 1.

Chair Yoga with Karen Kramer **Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 10:00 am**

Karen Kramer will teach this four course class on chair yoga. 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. Each class will last 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome to join this free class. Registration is encouraged as participation is limited to 20, but walk-ins available if space allows.

Reaching Out @ Your Library **Thursdays, June 6 & 20 from 2:00—4:30 pm**

The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by taking programming out of the library and to the Farmer's Market on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in June, July, and August.

- Library staff will bring a pop-up library to Commercial Club Park from 2:00—4:30 pm and visitors will be able to get library cards and find out more about what the library has to offer.
- Library merchandise (coloring books, wine glasses, etc.) may also be available to purchase.
- Join us on the first Thursday of each month for *Robots, Circuits, and Games (oh my)!* and on the third Thursday we will offer *Messy Art in the Park*. These special events start at 2:30 pm.
- All ages welcome!

Final Friday Tech featuring Mango Languages **Friday, June 28 from 3:00—5:00 pm**

This month's topic is Mango Languages, an online language learning program the library has available for full-service patrons. Other technology questions are welcome if time permits. The library has a few laptops available to use but guests are encouraged to bring their own, if they have one. Final Friday Tech is held on the last Friday of each month.

May 2019

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