

Mark your calendar for these October programs!

October 1: Chair-ity Fundraiser Continues!

It isn't too late to showcase your special talents or put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Pick up a wooden chair from the library, paint or otherwise decorate it any way you like, and return it to the library by October 14. If you have a wooden chair or other wooden item you would like to decorate and donate - they would be very welcome! Donations will be displayed in the library and a silent auction will be held October 15 to November 11. All proceeds will be used to improve the library's services and collections.



October 1—31: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle: *The Quilting Bee*. The puzzle will be 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!

Monday, October 1: 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 *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. 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, October 1: Lifelong Learners Creativity Group @ 6:30 pm. Join us for this bi-monthly group for imaginative people who can learn from, and feed off each other's creativity. This group meets on the 1st Monday of every other month. Pertinent handouts, opportunities for sharing, and demonstrations of various crafty and artistic endeavors will be included. Open to ages 17 and up. Registration requested but walk-ins welcome if space allows. *This month Margie Meehan of Tipperary Fiber n Art Studio in Hopkinton will discuss her art and guide participants in a simple fiber art project.*



Tuesday, October 2: 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 October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31: Sit and Stitch from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join other crafters at this weekly gathering to share crafting and conversation. Gatherings are every Wednesday and 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!

Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31: Story Time @ 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. 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. Programs run through November 14. Registration is required as space is limited.



Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31. Wee Read @ 10:30 am. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver and is offered on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Programs run through November 14. Registration is required as space is limited.



Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31: Crazy 8s Math Club: 3rd—5th Grade @ 4:30 pm. Join the James Kennedy Public Library and Bedtime Math for Crazy 8s Math Club, where kids will practice their ninja skills, create, run and jump, become a pirate, and make a mess! It is a totally new kind of recreational math club that is not homework, homework help, tutoring, or TAG. This session is for 3rd-5th graders and runs through November 7. Participants must already be registered to attend.



Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25: Crazy 8s Math Club: K—2nd Grade @ 4:30 pm. Join the James Kennedy Public Library and Bedtime Math for Crazy 8s Math Club, where kids will practice their ninja skills, create, run and jump, become a pirate, and make a mess! It is a totally new kind of recreational math club that is not homework, homework help, tutoring, or TAG. This session is for Kindergarten- 2nd graders and runs through November 8. Participants must already be registered to attend.

Thursday, October 4: Historic Route 20 @ 6:30 pm

Join author Bryan Farr as he details the history of America's longest Highway, US Route 20, which runs from Massachusetts to Oregon. The road that would become US Highway 20 had its beginning as a Native American path in the Boston area. Then it became a postal road and eventually developed to accommodate westward expansion and the rise of travel by automobile. Author Farr and his non-profit organization are presently seeking to identify the original 1926 alignment of Highway 20 across Iowa as a "State Historic Trail/Byway". Come explore the history and take a journey on the longest highway in America, US Route 20!



Saturday, October 6: Frankentoy @ Your Library @ 10:00 am

Join us in our active learning space as we stitch, glue and connect broken toys into new creations! The library will provide the toy parts for you to frankenstein together, but feel free to bring any from home. See where your tinkering takes you! This program is intended for ages 10 and up, but those under the age of 10 may attend if they have an adult companion.



Saturday, October 6: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Frankenweenie" @ 2:00 pm. Suburban schoolboy Victor resurrects his deceased dog Sparky as part of a science experiment, and he must contend with the unexpected complications of having an undead house pet. Rated PG. (90 min.)

October 7—13: Teen Read Week: "It's Written in the Stars: READ"

Teen Read week is meant to inspire teens to think and read outside the box. This year the library will have a scavenger hunt of different book genres to get participants to look at books outside of their usual preferences. Pick up a sheet from the front desk or the YA corner and try to find all the genres. Everyone that completes the scavenger hunt will be entered in for a prize drawing. For ages 13-18 only.



Sunday, October 7: Sunday Movies @ Your Library presents "Book Club" @ 2:00 pm. Four lifelong friends have their lives forever changed after reading *Fifty Shades of Grey* in their monthly book club. From discovering new romance to rekindling old flames, they inspire each other to make their next chapter the best chapter. Rated PG-13 (103 min.)

Monday, October 8: Halloween Movies @ Your Library presents "Winchester" @ 6:30 pm. An heiress believes she's being haunted so she builds a massive house to trap the spirits and protect her family. Rated PG-13. (99 min.)

Tuesday, October 9: 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 *In The Shadow of Denali* by Tracie Peterson. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library.

Friday, October 12: Horror Movie Marathon @ 7:00 pm

Come join us for our yearly double creature feature! In *A Quiet Place*, humanity has come under attack by aliens that are blind but possess incredible hearing. To survive, a family must live in absolute silence (Rated PG-13). In *Annabelle Creation*, an orphanage is forced to relocate to a farm where one girl accidentally releases an evil force that begins to possess her (Rated R). This program is for those age 13 and older, however, younger participants are welcome if they have an adult to accompany them.



Saturday, October 13: 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, October 13: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 2:00—4:00 pm. This month's theme is "Ghost Pranks". 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.



Monday, October 15: Books for Lunch Movie presentation of "Ocean's 8" @ 12:00 noon. Debbie Ocean recruits seven women to help her steal a \$150 million necklace at the Met Gala. Rated PG-13 (110 min.)

Monday, October 15: Cricut with Lisa—Halloween Window Clings @ 6:00 pm. Are you looking for something new for your windows this Halloween? Come to this special program presented by Lisa Christopher and learn how to make a Halloween themed window cling with the library's Cricut Maker. Each crafter will leave with one window cling and may make more for the cost of supplies. All ages welcome but those under 10 must have an adult companion.



Monday, October 15: 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.

Thursday, October 18: 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 *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library. Registration requested. Snacks provided.



Friday, October 19: Coffee and Creating @ Your Library from 9:30—11:30 am. Come relax and relieve stress by coloring or creating simple crafts in the library's Active Learning Smart Space on the third Friday of each month. Coloring, crafting, creating, chatting and enjoying coffee or other morning beverages are all part of the fun. The library provides coloring sheets, colored pencils, gel pens, markers, and miscellaneous craft supplies, along with coffee and the makings for other hot beverages. Light refreshments may also be provided. Join us this month for Halloween and Fall themed crafting and coloring. No registration needed. Participants are welcome to come and go as time allows. This program is open to adults 18 and older.

Saturday, October 20: Nerf War @ Your Library 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.

Sunday, October 21: Evaluating News: Good, Bad, or Totally Fake? @ 2:00 pm

In a world of 24-hour news cycles, social media, and an internet that is unmonitored, it can be hard to know if the information and news we read and hear is legitimate or not. Join us at this session where you'll learn how to evaluate the information you read and hear so you can know if it is true, false, or biased. Participants will also learn how to use fact checking websites to verify information. Handouts will be provided. This program is geared for adults but teens are welcome.



Sunday, October 21: Chair-ity Donor Reception from 2:00—4:00 pm

Everyone is invited to this reception to recognize those who have donated chairs or other wooden objects to the Chair-ity Fundraiser. Come view the chairs, meet some of the crafters, and enjoy refreshments. Voting for the chairs will start today and run through November 4 with the ribbons being on display with the winning wreaths from November 5—11. The silent auction ends on Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 pm promptly.



Monday, October 22: Demons and Exorcism: A Catholic Perspective @ 6:30 pm

Want to learn about the Catholic Church's teachings on demons and exorcism? Join us for a presentation by local Catholic author, speaker, and theology teacher at Beckman Catholic High School, Anthony Digmann. Topics include: what are demons, where do they come from, and what do they want; the levels of demonic activity and how to deal with them; what is demonic possession and the Rite of Exorcism; what activities open people to demonic activity; and how to be protected from demonic activity. Discover more at www.AnthonyDigmann.com. This program is for adults and older teens.



Thursday, October 25: Let's Talk @ 6:30 pm. Are you interested in socializing with other readers? Do you want to talk about the books you are reading AND not have to read a specific book? Do you like getting ideas for what to read next from other readers? This new book club is for you! Just pick a book on the monthly theme and come to share, talk, and just have fun! For this month come share your favorite thriller! Refreshments provided. *NOTE: If you are interested in this kind of program but not able to attend, part of this gathering will be talking about when people can meet so please talk to a librarian!*



Friday, October 26: Final Friday Tech: How To Use The Library Catalog from 3:00—5:00 pm. Final Friday Tech is held on the last Friday of each month. Each month has a featured topic related to computers and technology but guests are welcome to stop in with any technology question and see if library staff can help you find the answer. The library has a few laptops available to use but guests are encouraged to bring their own, if they have one. This month's topic is how to use the library catalog to look for items whether you are inside the library or at home.



Friday, October 26: 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, October 27: Kids Halloween Party @ 10:00 am

To celebrate Halloween, the library will be hosting a costume and craft party for children of all ages. Children's costumes will be judged, treats handed out, and crafts made. After the costume judging, kids will be trick-or-treating at some of the businesses on First Avenue. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend, but children younger than 6 years old should be accompanied by a parent or other adult. Sponsored by Citizens State Bank.



Saturday, October 27: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Hotel Transylvania 3" @ 2:00 pm. Join your favorite monster family as they embark on a vacation adventure on a luxury monster cruise ship so Drac can finally take a break. It's smooth sailing for Drac's Pack as the monsters indulge in all of the shipboard fun the cruise has to offer, but they hit rocky waters when Mavis realizes that Drac has fallen for the mysterious captain of the ship, Ericka, who hides a dangerous secret. Rated PG. (97 min.)

Sunday, October 28: Police Investigating Ghosts @ 2:00 pm. The Police Investigating Ghosts (PIGS) are a paranormal investigation team from Decorah that investigated the library in May. Now they are back to reveal what they found! Join us as the PIGs talk about their history in this field, some of the tools they use, and some of their past discoveries. This program is geared for adults and older teens as content may not be appropriate for young teens or children. Children under the age of 12 must have a parent present with them to attend.



Wednesday, October 31: Books for Treats Halloween Pop-Up Library from 5:30—7:30 pm

The James Kennedy Public Library is partnering with Dyersville Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL to offer a Books for Treats Halloween event. A pop-up library will be located on the lawn at 610 1st Ave. W. (Pat and Betty Anne Scherrman) and kids are invited to Trick or Treat for a book instead of candy.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)!

NaNoWriMo is a fun, informal 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 work on their writing - either independently or in a group. Writers are welcome to register on the official NaNoWriMo website but registration is not required.

NaNoWriMo will open with a general program, offer scheduled writing times throughout the month with refreshments provided, and close with an opportunity for participants to read from their work. While the "official" goal is to write a novel, the JKPL wants to encourage writing of all kinds so please consider joining no matter what you enjoy writing. Check back for dates & times!

Learn to Draw Your Own Comics and Graphic Novels Saturdays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24 @ 11:00 am

If you've ever read a comic or graphic novel and thought, "I want to do that!" now's your chance to learn how! Join local artist Hannah Goldsmith for a four part series that will walk you through all of the basics from designing your characters to page layouts. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own drawing materials. For ages 13-18 only. Registration is required and participation is limited to 12.

Scrapbooking: How to Make Holiday Cards Sunday, November 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Thinking of someone special this Christmas? Come to the library and create three unique Christmas cards that no one else will be sending out! All the materials needed for you to get creative will be provided. This program is limited to ten participants so call the library to sign up soon! Presented by scrapbooker Joyce Meldrem.

Want to stay current on all that is going on at the library? Here's how:

- *Sign up for our weekly email newsletter
- *Like us on Facebook
- *Follow us on Twitter @dyersvillelib
- *Follow us on Instagram: jameskennedylibrary
- *Follow us on Goodreads

facebook



Wizard Escape Room Friday, November 2 from 6:30–8:30 pm

Try to see if you have what it takes to magic your way out of puzzles! The library will be hosting an escape room style challenge that will have you running all over the library to complete challenges before time runs out! Not your turn or need a mental breather after? Enjoy some of our wizarding crafts! Interested participants need to register for a 6:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 7:30 pm, or 8:00 pm session. Registration is required and each session is limited to 5 people.

International Games Week is November 4–11

IGW is an initiative run by volunteers from around the world to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games.

Rock Band game night Friday, November 9 @ 6:30 pm

The library will be hosting a Guitar Hero/Rock Band night, where participants can come try to play some of their favorite songs and see who can get the biggest score! Ages 10+. Refreshments provided!

Game Afternoon

Saturday, November 10 from 1:00–4:00 pm

Got a favorite board, card, or handheld video game at home? Bring it along and meet some of your fellow players! All participants will be entered for door prizes donated by Dyersville Comics and Games! All ages welcome. Refreshments provided.

Small Business Saturday: Game On Saturday, November 24 from 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Looking for something for your children to do while you shop during Small Business Saturday? Bring them to the library to enjoy board, card, or console games! Members of TACKL (The Library's Teen Advisory Group) will be at the library to play games or just hang out with your kids. No registration is required but children must have completed Kindergarten or be accompanied by an older teen who will be responsible for them. Refreshments will be provided.

LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours from Labor Day to Memorial Day (excluding holidays) are:

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 am–8:00 pm
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Sundays: 1:00–4:00 pm