

Check out these upcoming events for September!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

September is a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind everyone that a library card is the smartest card you can own. The characters from *Toy Story 4* are the honorary chairs this year so to celebrate we'll be having three opportunities for patrons of all ages to show their love for the library and for *Toy Story* and win prizes! Come sign up for a library card in September and receive a library ruler, a Buzz Lightyear bookmark, and a special Woody button.

1. Join our *Toy Story* coloring contest for kids! Get a *Toy Story* themed coloring sheet from the library, color it and return it to the library. Every sheet will be displayed in the library and the artist will get their name entered into a drawing for a *Toy Story* themed prize.
2. Come take a selfie with some *Toy Story* characters and become one of the characters yourself! Stand in front of our *Toy Story* photo wall with Woody, Buzz, Jessie, and the aliens in the background and use our photo props to become one of the other characters. Post your photo on social media and tag the library or submit a copy of the picture to the library (a physical copy or via Facebook or Twitter) and participants will be entered into a drawing to win a *Toy Story* themed prize.
3. The puzzle for the monthly Get Puzzled program is *Toy Story*. This 700 piece 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!



Monday, September 2: Library closed for Labor Day



September 3: The Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Begins!

Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Pick up a wreath from the library, decorate it any way you like, and return it to the library. Or decorate a wreath of your own and donate it to the library. Wreaths can be seasonal, thematic, or just anything that appeals to you! And although we focus on wreaths, other hanging home decor items are welcome. Items should be turned in by October 14 and will be on display in the library starting late September. A silent auction of the donated wreaths will be held in the library from October 15—November 10.



Tuesdays, September 3—October 8: Powerful Tools for Caregivers from 10:00—11:30 am

Caregiving is rewarding but it also stressful physically, emotionally, and financially. *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* is a six-week class led by a certified teacher and designed to provide the family caregiver with the skills necessary to take care of themselves.

- Topics covered in this course include: stress reduction, life balance, communication skills, and decision making skills.
- There is a \$35 class fee to cover all materials (payable the first day of class to the ISU Extension).
- Registration is required as the class is limited to 12 participants.
- This program is offered through a partnership through the Iowa State Extension and Outreach Office, Dubuque County.



September 3—30: Get Puzzled @ Your Library. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Toy Story*, in honor of National Library Card Sign Up Month. 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.

Tuesday, September 3: 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, September 4, 18, 25: Story Time @ 9:30 am and 6:30 pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Fall 2019 sessions of Preschool Story Time. 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. Programs will run September 4 through November 20. Please note that no sessions will be held on September 11. Registration is required as space is limited.



Wednesdays, September 4, 18, & 25: Wee Read @ 10:30 am. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their preschoolers to the Fall 2019 sessions of Preschool Wee Read. Wee Read is for children under 3 and their caregiver and will be offered on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Programs will run September 4 through November 20. Please note that no sessions will be held on September 11. Registration is required as space is limited.

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, 25: 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 any time.

Mondays and Thursdays, September 5—26: Strength Training for Older Adults @ 9:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required. New attendees welcome if space allows.



Fridays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27: 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.



Monday, September 9: 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 *The Bookman's Tale* by Charlie Lovett. 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. *Please note: the date of this book club was moved due to Labor Day.*

Tuesday, September 10: 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 *Cold Shot* by Dani Pettrey. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library. This group meets the second Tuesday of every month.

Thursday, September 12: Back to School Pajama Party @ 7:00 pm

School-aged children and their families are invited to our Back to School Pajama Party! Come in your pj's and enjoy some fun bedtime stories. Cookies and milk will conclude the program.



Saturday, September 14: Virtual Reality @ Your Library from 1:00—3:00 pm

Ever wanted to try out a virtual reality (VR) gaming system? Then join us at the library as we try out games on three different VR systems (two Oculus headset systems plus one using the projector screen). Due to the size of the various equipment, the Oculus systems are available for all ages while the projector screen system will be limited to ages 13 and up. Come have some fun with VR!



Sunday, September 15: How Sweet It Is: The Hershey Chocolate Company @ 2:00 pm

Today the name Hershey is synonymous with quality milk chocolate but Milton S. Hershey worked hard and failed often before his chocolate company was finally successful. And when he did become a household name, and had earned a vast fortune, he gave it all away to help orphans. Join us for this interesting behind-the-scenes look into one of the sweetest U.S. companies. Presented by Laura Keyes. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.



Monday, September 16: Movies in the Afternoon presents "The Public" @ 12:00 noon. A Cincinnati librarian helps a group of homeless people take refuge at the free public library in order to survive a brutal winter night. Stars Alec Baldwin, Emilio Estevez, Jena Malone, Taylor Schilling, and Christian Slater. Rated PG-13. (122 min.)

Monday, September 16: 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, September 16: Cricut with Christopher: Making a Fall Banner @ 6:30 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and make a special project. This month participants will make a fall themed banner! 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.

Tuesday, September 17: Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 4:00—6:00 pm. This month's theme is "My Classroom". 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 series 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.



Thursday, September 19: 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 Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket. Copies of each book are available to borrow from the library. Registration requested.

Friday, September 20: 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 Hoffman Room 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, September 21: Adulting Class: Finances with Don Kramer @ 2:00 pm**~~

~~Being an adult means that you have to know certain skills that are often taught the hard way. Join Don Kramer, local financial expert, as he presents tips and tricks for budgeting, talks about the importance of saving money, and gives some basic advice for stock trading. For ages 13 and up.~~



Sunday, September 22—28: Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States. To celebrate, the library will have an interactive display, a Banned Book Matching Game, and a Name That Banned Book Guessing Jar. All who participate in the Matching Game and Guessing Jar will receive a themed bookmark and have their name entered into a drawing for a themed prize.



Sunday, September 22: NASA and the Race to Space @ 2:00 pm

Don Wolfe was a field engineer who worked at several NASA field sites and was involved in tracking and supporting both manned and unmanned space flights. He worked on the Apollo missions, including Apollo 11, which landed Neil Armstrong and his crew on the moon in July 1969. Come listen to Don talk about his experiences, share images in a PowerPoint presentation, and answer your questions. Refreshments provided.



Monday, September 23: Strings Club @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Join this new monthly club facilitated by Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Registration requested. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Tuesday, September 24: Universe of Stories: Adult Summer Library Program Finale from 6:00—8:00 pm.

Everyone who participated in the 2019 Adult Summer Library Program is invited to this fun finale celebration. Join the other participants for activities, refreshments, socializing and door prizes. Prizes from the reading program will also be available to pick up



Thursday, September 26: Let's Talk @ 6:30 pm. Are you interested in socializing with other adult readers? Do you want to talk about the books you are reading but not have to read a specific book? Do you like getting ideas for what to read next from other readers? If you answer yes to any of these, this book club is for you! Mark your calendars for the 4th Thursday of each month and come hear about what others are reading or share your favorites. Refreshments provided.



Friday, September 27: Final Friday Tech featuring Mango Languages from 3:00—5:00 pm. This month's topic is Mango Languages, a program to help users learn new languages! 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.



Friday, September 27: 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, September 28: Pop-up at the Dyersville Downtown Market from 8:00 am—12:00 noon. The JKPL staff will take a pop-up library, including free books and other materials and fun activities, to this local event that was created by the Dyersville Young Professionals for all ages to enjoy! The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.



Saturday, September 28: Ag in the Library 10:00 am—12:00 noon

Kids of all ages are invited to join us for stories, crafts, treats, tractor tours, and special animal guests. The Dairy Princesses will be visiting and bring ice cream. Don't miss this fun celebration of agriculture at the Library!



Saturday, September 28: Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Pokemon: Detective Pikachu" @ 2:00 pm. In a world where people collect Pokémon to do battle, a boy comes across an intelligent talking Pikachu who seeks to be a detective. Rated PG. (104 min.)

Sunday, September 29: Sunday Movies @ Your Library presents "Aladdin" @ 2:00 pm. A street rat pursues the princess of Agrabah with the help of a powerful genie who can grant him three wishes. This is the 2019 version. Rated PG. (128 min.)

Monday, September 30: Genealogy with Ann from 6:30—8:00 pm. Librarian Ann Boeckenstedt will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use.



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Contact the library directly at 563-875-8912 or librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us

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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



**Diamond Anniversary of the Library
Saturday, October 5 from 12:00—5:00 pm**

On September 11, 1959, the James Kennedy Public Library (then the Dyersville Public Library) opened its doors for business. Join us as we celebrate our 60th anniversary with an afternoon of events, music, and refreshments all with a 1950s theme. More details to come. All ages welcome!

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Thursdays, October 3—November 7
from 6:30-8:00 pm**

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**Double Creature Feature
Friday, October 18 @ 6:00 pm**

Come join us for our yearly double creature feature! This year we will show *Us* (Rated R) and *Unfriended* (Rated R). This program is for those age 13 and older, however, younger participants are welcome if they have an adult to accompany them.

**Remembering the Apron
Tuesday, October 22 from 6:30—8:00 pm**

Sheila Craig is a grandmother with a collection of aprons and her program takes a nostalgic look at the apron in this interactive, hands-on program. The program will look at the fabrics, trims, styles, and uses of aprons through the year. She even has aprons for men! Sheila will bring about 100 aprons with her (of her 400 item collection).

**STEAM Activities in the Creation Station
Fridays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25
from 3:30—5:00 pm**

Children and families are invited to come every Friday afternoon to discover and create something new in the Creation Station. From coloring to crafting to creating to building to playing, this is a great time to come and learn about what the Creation Station has to offer and to expand your imagination. Participants are welcome to come and go.

**Wreath Craft Gathering
Sunday, October 6 from 1:30—3:30 pm**

Would you like to make a wreath for the library's Wreath-It-Up fundraiser but need some ideas or support? Or are you just looking for some ideas on how to make or decorate a wreath for your own home? Come to the library to join other crafters in learning and crafting together. For those working on a project for the Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser, the library will provide wreaths and some craft supplies, but you are welcome to bring your own. Come and go as you are able.

**Kids Halloween Party
Saturday, October 26 @ 10:00 am**

To celebrate Halloween, the library will be hosting a costume for children of all ages. We will read stories and judge costumes, then children will trick-or-treat at some of the businesses on First Avenue. After trick-or-treating, children may return to the library for a simple craft. 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 Spoden Construction.