

# ANNUAL REPORT

## JULY 1, 2024–JUNE 30, 2025



### MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD PRESIDENT, ALEX WIEZOREK

This year has been one of continued growth and innovation for the James Kennedy Public Library. Our dedicated staff and volunteers have worked to ensure that our library remains a welcoming, inclusive, and forward-thinking space for all members of our community. From expanding our collections to hosting engaging programs for all ages, we continue to uphold our mission of connecting people, ideas, and resources in ways that inspire learning and enrich lives.

A particular point of pride this year has been the implementation of new accommodations designed to better serve our neurodivergent patrons. Recognizing that every individual experiences the library environment differently, we have introduced a variety of thoughtful enhancements, including soft seating options, designated quiet spaces, and an assortment of fidget toys available for use. These additions create a more sensory-friendly environment that promotes comfort, focus, and belonging—ensuring that the James Kennedy Public Library is a place where everyone can thrive.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to meeting the evolving needs of our community. The Board of Trustees extends heartfelt thanks to our library staff, volunteers, and supporters whose dedication makes these achievements possible. Together, we continue to build not only a library, but a true community hub—one that celebrates inclusivity, curiosity, and the joy of lifelong learning.



### MISSION STATEMENT

The James Kennedy Public Library enriches the Dyersville community by providing equal access to creative resources for entertainment and education.

### VISION STATEMENT

The James Kennedy Public Library helps create a thriving community to inspire curiosity, creativity, innovation, and connection.

# DISCOVER: WITH MATERIALS

## PRINT COLLECTION

- Books
- Large print books
- Magazines
- Newspapers

**BOOKS: 43,742**

**MAGAZINES/NEWSPAPERS: 94**

## AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION

- Books on CD
- Books on Playaway

**COLLECTION: 1,284**

## DVD & BLURAY COLLECTION

- Feature films for all ages
- Television series
- Documentaries, Exercise, & How-To

**COLLECTION: 4,870**

## GAMING & LIBRARY OF THINGS COLLECTION

- Console Games: Xbox, XboxOne, Wii, WiiU, Nintendo Switch, Playstation
- Board Games
- Puzzles
- S.T.E.A.M. Items
- Kitchen equipment, tools, arts & crafts, & more!

**COLLECTION: 1,296**

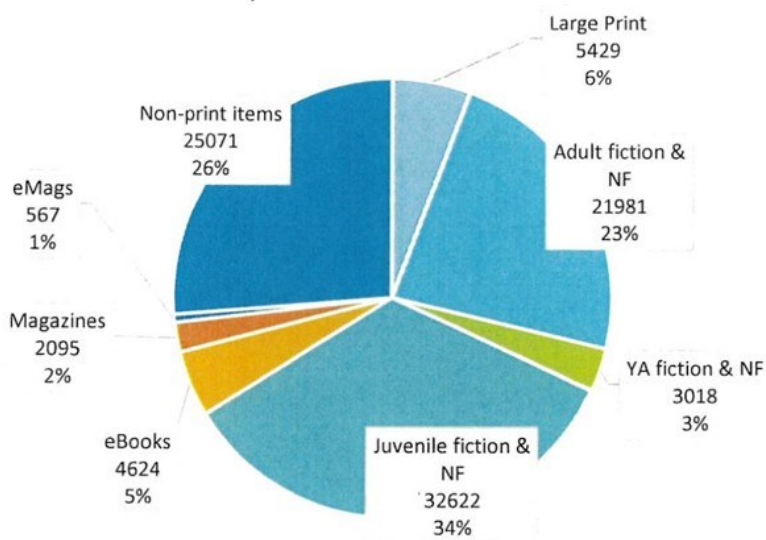
## DOWNLOADABLE MATERIALS

- 70,033 eBooks
- 54,244 eAudiobooks



Physical Items (print, audio, video, games, etc. ) added to the Library Collection (both purchased & donated): **3,474**

## USAGE BY TYPE OF MATERIAL



Number of Items of all types checked out from the JKPL

**95,407**

Total VALUE of items checked out: **\$3.3 Million!**



Library card holders checked out an average of **22** items each. At a value of **\$35.00** per item, each library user saved **\$770!**

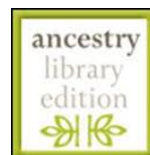
# CONNECT: WITH SERVICES

## DIGITAL COLLECTION / ELECTRONIC SERVICES

- eBooks and eAudiobooks: BRIDGES, Freeding, & Hoopla
- eMagazines: BRIDGES
- Music: Hoopla
- Streaming Videos: Kanopy & Hoopla
- Language Learning: Mango
- Newspaper Archives & Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition & Dyersville Commercial Archives
- Databases: People's Law Library, Craft & Hobby, Library Chef, Global Road Warrior, A to Z World Culture, A to Z World Food, BrainFuse, Niche Academy, G.O.L.D. Databases & more

**Used 10,269 times!\***

**\*This number does not include eBooks & eAudio numbers. They are included with usage chart.**



## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook
- Instagram
- X
- YouTube
- Goodreads



## SPACE & EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

- Meeting & study spaces
- Community spaces
- Gaming Equipment (Xbox & WiiU)
- Soft seating & fireplace
- Projection system
- Large screen TV & Bluray player
- Device charging station
- Train table

**MEETING SPACE USE: 776 GATHERINGS**

## COMPUTER SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Public Access Computers with Internet
- Children's Computers
- Laptops, Tablets, & Hotspots
- WiFi
- Library website with online catalog and account access

## COMPUTER USE

5,293  
Individual Internet Sessions

2,484  
Total Hours Used

6,571  
WiFi Use Sessions

**Number of People with  
Library Cards**

**4,390**

**Number of people entering  
the library**

**60,620**

**Number of Items  
Available (including  
electronic): 175,563**



# INSPIRE: WITH PROGRAMS

## PROGRAMS INSIDE & OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

- Book Clubs and Author Visits
- Movie Showings
- Story Times and OutReads
- Gaming Activities
- Computer & Technology Programs
- Speakers & Presentations for Life-long learning
- Health & Wellness
- Senior Programs at MercyOne Dyersville & Ellen Kennedy Living Center
- Crafting
- Writing Events
- Seasonal Programs
- Storywalk®
- Pop-up Libraries
- STEAM Programs
- Take-and Make kits

## PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Live programs (in-person & virtual):  
**821 offered**  
**15,355 participants**

*At a value of \$15 per live program, JKPL users saved \$230,325 while learning & playing at the library!*

Passive (Storywalk®, Scavenger Hunts, Trivia Contests, Reading logs, etc.):  
**5,219 participants**

*At a value of \$5 per activity, patrons enjoyed \$26,095 worth of fun, self-guided experiences that inspire curiosity & engagement!*

Take-and-Make kits & Coloring Sheets:  
**8,541 taken by patrons**

*At a value of \$3 per kit, families saved \$25,623 while enjoying creative, hands-on learning from home!*



JKPL programming & activities generated **\$281,743** in educational & recreational savings for community members!

## GRANTS:

The JKPL was awarded **2** grants this year for a total of **\$10,474**.



## FUNDRAISING & OTHER DONATIONS:

Numerous businesses/people donated **\$7,303**. The JKPL Fundraising Committee raised **\$23,041** this year. All money was used to enhance the library's collections & services.

<b>Revenues:</b>	
Dyersville	\$503,184
Library Agency	\$7,394
State Funding	\$11,578
Fees (copier, printer, etc.)	\$3,365
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$525,521</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Wages & benefits	\$419,635
Building (utilities & contracts)	\$45,537
Supplies & marketing	\$9,242
Equipment & repairs	\$8,822
Programs	\$1,165
Books & materials	\$41,120
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$525,521</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$31,793

Operating Budget

Income	\$54,834
Expenditures	\$54,904
Remaining	\$101,990

Trust Account

**\$19,184**

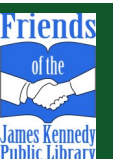


Endowment

**101 Volunteers** shared their time & talent at the library for **4,276** hours.



Friends of the Library sponsored over **\$13,617** worth of special library services & programs. **THANK YOU!**



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