

Hello all:

Here is the packet for the October 14, 2025 Board meeting. We will be meeting in the Iowa History / Genealogy Room. Please let me know of any questions, otherwise we will see on Tuesday!

1. Call to Order
2. Consider Approval of Agenda
3. Consider Agenda Consent Calendar
 - Correspondence & Communication
 - Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings: September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting - **A**
 - Approve September Librarian's Report - **B**
 - Approve Bills:
 - October Bills - **C**
 - Claims Report for September - **D**
 - September & October Credit Card Claims - **E**
 - Budget Reports
 - September City Report - **F**
 - September Library Report - **G**
 - Trust Account Reports
 - September Bank Statements – **H1 & H2**
 - September Balance Report - **I**
 - Trust Account Expenditure Report - **J**
 - September Donations - **K**
 - Program Reports
 - September Report of Programs and Attendance - **L**
 - September WhoFi Program Overview - **M**
 - October Schedule of Events - **N**
 - Schedule for Upcoming Programs - **O**
 - Summer Library Program Reports: Children, Teen and Adult – **P, Q, R**
 - Quarterly Contract Use Reports
 - Statistics by City / Residence Area - **S**
 - Statistics by Contract / Service Area - **T**
 - Grant Report – **Shirley's attendance at the ARSL Conference and Health Reference Preconference was funded by a \$1500 NNLM Professional Development Award; Dyersville Area Community Foundation awarded a \$1500 grant to fund new hardcover books as incentives for the 2026 Children's Summer Library Program**
 - Friends of the Library Report - **U**
 - JKPL Endowment Report – **V (Summary of Fund Activity for August 2025)**
 - Strategic Planning Report – **The fall update was shared via email and posted with the Board packets on September 9. Anything you want to discuss or review?**

- Committee Reports
 - Executive Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Fundraising, Marketing and Public Relations Committee
 - Notes from September 9 and October 13 meetings – **W is September notes; X is the Marketing Events and Activities schedule for FY26; the October notes (Y) will be added to this packet after they meet on Monday**
 - Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee
 - Personnel Committee
 - Policy Committee – **The committee discussed via email the proposed change to the Realia Circulation policy – removing puppets as circulating. That policy is an action item on this agenda**
4. Appointment of Committee to Evaluate Library Director
 5. JKPL - FY25 Iowa Public Library General Information Survey – **Due to size, this will be posted as a separate document once it is completed. We are waiting for City Clerk to complete FY25 finances / transfers. Should be ready 10/13 or sooner.**
 6. Consider approval of FY25 JKPL Annual Report – **We hope to have this ready for the Fundraising / Marketing Committee to review at their meeting on 10/13; prior to bringing it to the full Board**
 7. Consider adjusting library hours on Saturday, December 6, 2025 – **This is the date of the Cookie Walk and Merry Mingle Market. The Fundraising Committee likely will have a recommendation about adjusting hours based on activities planned for that day**
 8. Consider approval of revised Realia Circulation Policy – **Recommendation from Policy Committee**
 9. Meetings and Training
 - City Council Attendance – **November 3: Sally Kelly**
 - Upcoming – **Paul and Dawn are attending the Learning Circuit on Library Program evaluation on October 23**
 - Recently Attended – **Catherine attended the Agency meeting; Shirley attended ARSL**
 - Trustee Training
 10. Oral Presentations
 11. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 11, 2025



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Regular Library Board Meeting

**Tuesday,
October 14, 2025
6:00 pm**

Iowa History and Genealogy Room
James Kennedy Public Library

Agenda Topics

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James Kennedy Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the September 9th, 2025 Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the James Kennedy Public Library was held on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 in the Genealogy Room. Present: Beth Gudenkauf, Beth Derr, Alex Wiezorek, Catherine O'Hea, Melissa Kane, Alycia Willenbring and Library Director Shirley Vonderhaar. Absent: Danelle Schroeder, Melissa Kane and Sally Kelly.

1. President Alex Wiezorek called meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Consider Approval of Agenda

O'Hea MOVED "Approval of Agenda," seconded by Steffen.
Ayes: Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O'Hea, Kane, and Willenbring
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED
3. Consider Agenda Consent Calendar
 - Correspondence & Communication
 - Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings: August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - Approve August Librarian's Report
 - Approve Bills:
 - September Bills
 - Claims Report for August
 - August & September Credit Card Claims
 - Budget Reports
 - August City Report
 - August Library Report
 - Trust Account Reports
 - August Bank Statements – This month's statement reflects a deduction made from the Fidelity account. This was a city error and will be corrected in next month's report.
 - August Balance Report
 - Trust Account Expenditure Report
 - August Donations
 - Program Reports
 - August Report of Programs and Attendance
 - August WhoFi Program Overview
 - August Schedule of Events
 - Schedule for Upcoming Programs
 - Grant Report – nothing new to report.
 - Friends of the Library Report – next meeting is in 9/16.
 - JKPL Endowment Report – nothing new to report.

- Strategic Planning Report – updated report was emailed to the board. The board is to review and come back with any feedback at next month’s meeting.
- Committee Reports
 - Executive Committee – nothing new to report.
 - Finance Committee – nothing new to report.
 - Fundraising, Marketing and Public Relations Committee – reviewed our main events coming up.
 - Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee – nothing new to report.
 - Personnel Committee – We have hired a clerk and are now fully staffed.
 - Policy Committee – nothing new to report.

Derr MOVED “Approval of Agenda,” seconded by O’Hea.
 Ayes: Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O’Hea, Kane, and Willenbring
 Nays: None
 Motion CARRIED

4. Meetings and Training
 - City Council Attendance: October 6th – Danelle Schroeder
 - Upcoming – Board & Commissions Dinner, Public Libraries of Dubuque County Agency is September 18th, ARSL is September 17-20.
 - Recently Attended
 - Trustee Training Webinar
5. Oral Presentations
6. Adjournment
 Steffen MOVED to adjourn, seconded by O’Hea. Meeting
 ADJOURNED by Wiezorek at 6:26 pm.

Beth Gudenkauf, Secretary

Date

JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: September-25
 YTD: July-25 to September-25
 Previous YTD: July-24 to September-24

Library visits

Month	4817	(↑ 12.5%)
YTD	16584	(↑ 8.6%)

Items loaned

Month	7461	(↑ 9.3%)
YTD	26586	(↑ 10.7%)

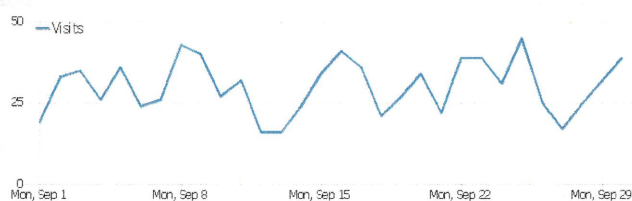
Library cards issued

	City resident	Total
Month	21	32 (↑ 52.4%)
YTD	60	93 (↑ 3.3%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
904	1:34



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
199	624	665	370	1336	1404

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
1101	3396	901	2831	329	754

Meeting room use



Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
93	291	160

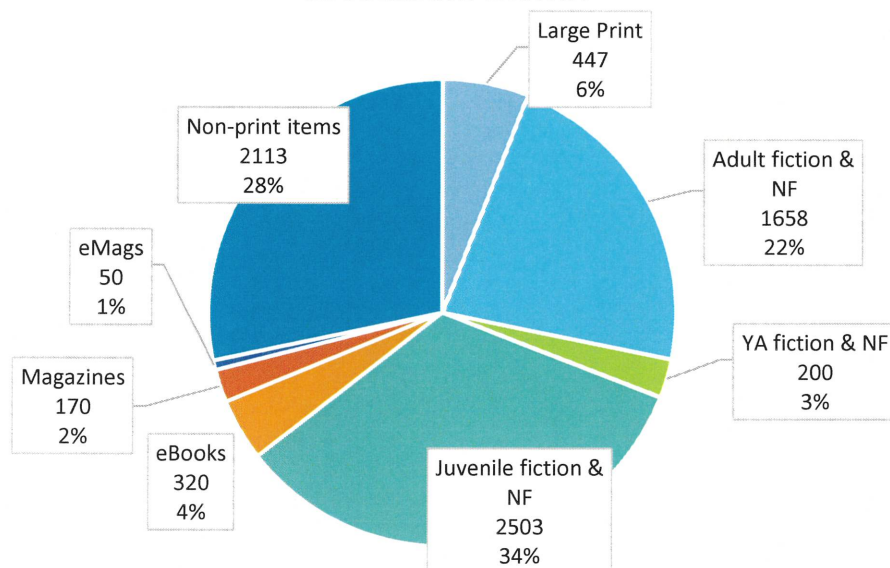
Online Learning

Sessions: 276
 YTD: 384

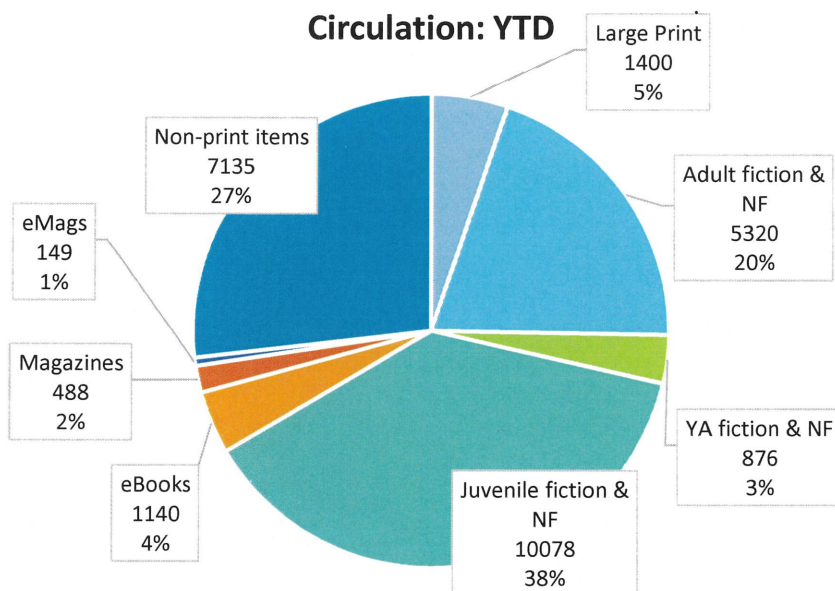


Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

	Month	YTD
eAudio	639	2065
Adult & YA audio	95	300
Juvenile audio & kits	9	84
Adult & YA video	794	2419
Juvenile video & DVD	291	1078
Games, LoT, etc.	285	1189
	2113	7135

Music

Downloads: 4
Total YTD: 9



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 15
YTD: 47



Visits: 172
YTD: 533



Languages

Sessions: 80
YTD: 104



Genealogy

Visits: 193
YTD: 782



World Culture

Visits: 0
YTD: 0



Hobbies

Sessions: 6
YTD: 21



Sessions: 0
YTD: 0



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 195
YTD: 630

Items donated

Month: 58
YTD: 150
Prev. YTD: 217

Items withdrawn

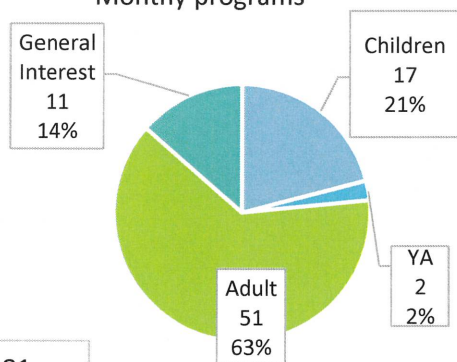
	Month	YTD
Books	94	695
Audio	0	2
Video	80	437
Other	48	58
Total	222	1192

Summary of additions

	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	16	74	30	17	68	1	10	2	0	21	9	5	253
Previous month	15	54	27	7	71	19	0	5	0	13	6	2	219
Current YTD	43	224	85	56	214	4	32	8	0	71	21	22	780
Previous YTD	76	273	122	40	202	48	25	21	1	68	18	15	909

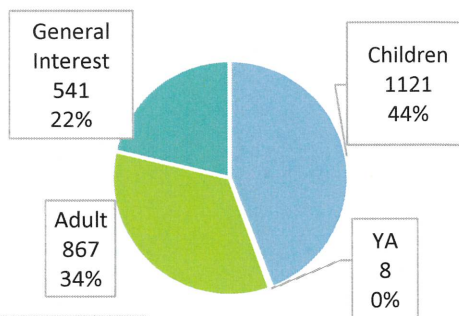
Programs

Monthly programs



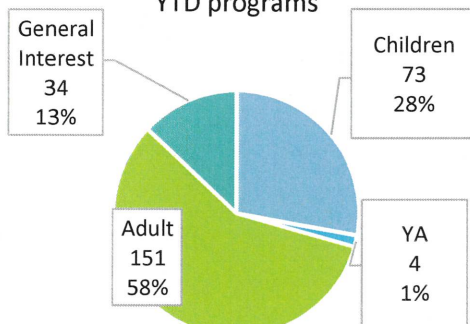
Total = 81

Monthly attendance



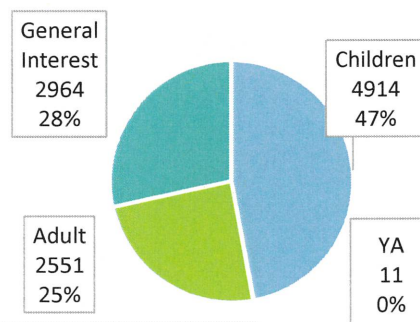
Total = 2537

YTD programs



YTD Total = 262
Previous YTD = 235
Change = (↑ 11.5%)

YTD attendance



YTD Total = 10440
Previous YTD = 6867
Change = (↑ 52%)



Dyersville, IA

Expense Approval Register

Packet: APPKT02058 - October 2025 Library Bills

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Description (Item)	Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND					
Department: 410 - LIBRARY					
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	08.29.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	09.05.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	09.12.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	09.19.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	09.26.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIB...	09082025M	Disc Cleaning	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	40.93
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	64.69
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2211987	CD Processing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	8.85
HERITAGE PRINTING CO	3849	Welcome Postcards	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	164.78
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	6006954	Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	17.07
OVERDRIVE	06497CO25281411	Electronic Media	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	641.14
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS	09.05.2025	Subscriptions - 1 yr	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	468.00
LIBRARY IDEAS	119861	Electronic Media	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	3.00
AMAZON	1C6H-RHD6-H31L	Games Credit	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-22.34
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Games	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	72.95
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	760.38
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	DVD	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	368.18
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	21.26
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	87.06
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	340.20
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Library of Things	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	12.96
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	81.18
AMAZON	1X74-FDGN-1P4K	Books Returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-13.40
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039255672	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	60.97
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039260777	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	161.31
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039272023	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	51.26
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039272023	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	45.02
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039282320	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	11.40
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039282320	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	18.99
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2203748	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	184.17
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2211987	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	144.86
PROQUEST	70903176	Database	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	1,519.21
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	729247	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	6.00
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	729247	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	132.00
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	90984871	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	15.75
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	90984872	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	12.94
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	90984873	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	179.01
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	90984874	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	28.38
CENGAGE LEARNING	999101176305	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	75.19
CENGAGE LEARNING	999101307538	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	29.59
CENGAGE LEARNING	999101533808	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	55.18
Department 410 - LIBRARY Total:					7,098.12
Fund 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:					7,098.12
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND					
Department: 410 - LIBRARY					
FAREWAY STORES INC	00165423	Kids Can Cook return	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-3.12
FAREWAY STORES INC	00165429	Refreshments	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	3.99
FAREWAY STORES INC	00284203	KEYS Snacks	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	5.97
FAREWAY STORES INC	00286091	Kids Can Cook - Ingredients	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	28.36
FAREWAY STORES INC	00384880	Refreshments	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	11.96
FAREWAY STORES INC	00386810	KEYS Snacks	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	15.90
FAREWAY STORES INC	00388108	KEYS Snacks	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	17.71

Expense Approval Register

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Description (Item)	Account Number	Account Name	Amount
FAREWAY STORES INC	00389752	Kid Can Cook - Ingredients	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	19.85
FAREWAY STORES INC	00390826	KEYS Snacks	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	11.94
BENTON-HERMSEN, KIMSHI...	09.11.2025	Kids Can Cook	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	7.17
BENTON-HERMSEN, KIMSHI...	09.18.2025	Kids Can Cook	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	38.16
VONDERHAAR, SHIRLEY	09.28.2025	Program Refreshments	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	22.46
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Summer Reading Program	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	29.57
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Fundraising	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	149.85
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Kids Can Cook	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	38.98
AMAZON	1PV3-6DGJ-7HLY	Love My Library	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	57.47
KURT, MARY LOU	2510KEYS	KEYS Stipend	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	500.00
HERITAGE PRINTING CO	3645	KEYS Supplies	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	30.00
KANOPY INC	471977-PPU	Streaming Video	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	36.00
HOOPLA BY MIDWEST TAPE	507823180	Streaming	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	715.23
FUN EXPRESS	73859444701	Love My Library - English Do...	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	79.38
CENGAGE LEARNING	999100811900	Love My Library - Hildebrand	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	32.79
CENGAGE LEARNING	999101176305	Books - Lions Club	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	123.16
CENGAGE LEARNING	999101176305	Books - Kerker Donation	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	53.59
CENGAGE LEARNING	999101533808	Books - Lion's Club	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	115.97
HY VEE	JS-3108799-2025	KEYS Presentation	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	407.09
HY VEE	JS-3108836-2025	KEYS Presentation	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	562.50
				Department 410 - LIBRARY Total:	3,111.93
				Fund 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total:	3,111.93
				Grand Total:	10,210.05

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Fund Summary

Fund	Expense Amount
001 - GENERAL FUND	7,098.12
002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND	3,111.93
Grand Total:	10,210.05

Account Summary

Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount
001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1,250.00
001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	296.32
001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS...	5,551.80
002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDI...	3,111.93
Grand Total:		10,210.05

Project Account Summary

Project Account Key	Expense Amount
None	1,749.76
410AB	144.86
410AF	1,039.08
410AN	326.80
410DVD	368.18
410EM	644.14
410GAMES	50.61
410LP	344.13
410PF	440.60
410PN	6.00
410R	1,519.21
410SS	12.96
410SUB	468.00
410TPROG	2,908.49
410YAF	100.17
410YAN	87.06
Grand Total:	10,210.05

The above presented claims, which included those covering the invoices attached, were presented and approved by the Board at the above dated meeting. You are directed to pay the same and include in the financial report.

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President, Board of Trustees

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.ATTEST: _____
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Date

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**James Kennedy Public Library
September 2025**

Utilities and Contractual

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Black Hills	Gas / Heat	85.14
Alliant Energy	Electricity	1,577.50
Access Systems	Copier contract	182.08
Total		\$1,844.72

Miscellaneous Bills

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Giant Wash	Floor Mats	29.60
Preferred Health Choices	HRA admin fee	15.00
Dbq Fire Equipment Inc.	Fire Extinguisher Inspection	219.00
Total		\$263.60

September Budget	
September 2025 Claims submitted	6,185.91
Utility and Contractual from Bills above	1,844.72
Miscellaneous Bills from above	263.60
Total wages and benefits	33,871.13
Total September 2025 expenses	\$42,165.36

- Should match with City Expenditure Report, not including Trust Account Expenditures.

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Credit Card Claims for September & October 2025

Date	Vendor	Items	Amount
9/30/2025	Meta / FB	FB marketing	9.98
9/12/2025	Book Bundler	Books for Pop-Up Library (Friends)	298.00



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Budget Report Account Summary

For Fiscal: 2025-2026 Period Ending: 09/30/2025

		Original Total Budget	Current Total Budget	Period Activity	Fiscal Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND							
Expense							
<u>001-5-410-4-60100</u>	SALARIES	341,663.00	341,663.00	26,197.11	85,191.94	256,471.06	75.07 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61100</u>	FICA	21,183.00	21,183.00	1,577.03	5,140.38	16,042.62	75.73 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61200</u>	MEDICARE	4,954.00	4,954.00	368.86	1,202.28	3,751.72	75.73 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61300</u>	IPERS	32,253.00	32,253.00	2,396.35	7,786.78	24,466.22	75.86 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61500</u>	GROUP INSURANCE	45,536.00	45,536.00	3,319.75	9,850.86	35,685.14	78.37 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61700</u>	SUI	246.00	246.00	12.03	129.81	116.19	47.23 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62100</u>	DUES	850.00	850.00	200.00	200.00	650.00	76.47 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62300</u>	MEETINGS/TRAINING	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	189.66	2,310.34	92.41 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63710</u>	ELECTRICITY	12,000.00	12,000.00	1,577.50	4,361.07	7,638.93	63.66 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63711</u>	GAS HEAT	3,000.00	3,000.00	85.14	194.97	2,805.03	93.50 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63730</u>	TELEPHONE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63750</u>	MAINTENANCE	8,000.00	8,000.00	219.00	219.00	7,781.00	97.26 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64080</u>	INSURANCE PREMIUM	10,500.00	10,500.00	15.00	30.00	10,470.00	99.71 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64110</u>	LEGAL FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64200</u>	ELECTIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64316</u>	CONTRACTS	0.00	0.00	182.08	546.24	-546.24	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64322</u>	CONTRACTED SERVICES	13,600.00	13,600.00	750.00	2,408.00	11,192.00	82.29 %
<u>001-5-410-4-65060</u>	OFFICE SUPPLIES	20,500.00	20,500.00	1,474.49	2,691.04	17,808.96	86.87 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67210</u>	FURNITURE/FIXTURES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67274</u>	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/EQUIPM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67701</u>	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SUBSCRIP	42,000.00	42,000.00	3,791.02	12,984.77	29,015.23	69.08 %
Expense Total:		558,785.00	558,785.00	42,165.36	133,126.80	425,658.20	76.18%
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:		558,785.00	558,785.00	42,165.36	133,126.80	425,658.20	76.18%
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND							
Expense							
<u>002-5-410-4-67700</u>	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	40,000.00	40,000.00	1,817.05	6,374.01	33,625.99	84.06 %
Expense Total:		40,000.00	40,000.00	1,817.05	6,374.01	33,625.99	84.06%
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total:		40,000.00	40,000.00	1,817.05	6,374.01	33,625.99	84.06%
Report Total:		598,785.00	598,785.00	43,982.41	139,500.81	459,284.19	76.70%

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James Kennedy Public Library FY25 Operating Budget							
	FY26					Received	
ESTIMATED REVENUES:	Requested	July	August	September	October	to date	Difference
Dubuque County Library Agency	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00
Fees from copier, R/P, etc.	3,500.00	557.99	235.47	378.41	300.00	1,171.87	2,328.13
Open Access	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00
Access Plus / ILL	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Direct State Aid	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	2,023.90	0.00	2,023.90	76.10
TOTAL:	23,800.00	557.99	235.47	2,402.31	300.00	3,195.77	20,604.23
						3,195.77	20,604.23
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:							
PERSONAL SERVICES							Remaining
Wages	341,663.00	26,174.68	32,820.15	26,197.11	32,500.00	85,191.94	256,471.06
FICA	21,183.00	1,575.66	1,987.69	1,577.03	2,015.00	5,140.38	16,042.62
Medicare	4,954.00	368.53	464.89	368.86	471.25	1,202.28	3,751.72
IPERS	32,253.00	2,392.33	2,998.10	2,396.35	3,068.00	7,786.78	24,466.22
SUI	246.00	97.26	20.52	12.03	32.50	129.81	116.19
Group Insurance	45,536.00	3,211.36	3,319.75	3,319.75	3,320.00	9,850.86	35,685.14
Meetings and training	2,500.00	0.00	189.66	0.00	0.00	189.66	2,310.34
Dues and memberships	850.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	650.00
TOTAL:	449,185.00	33,819.82	41,800.76	34,071.13	41,406.75	109,691.71	339,493.29
						109,691.71	339,493.29
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:							
Utilities (telephone)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	12,000.00	1,044.14	1,739.43	1,577.50	1,500.00	4,361.07	7,638.93
Gas / Heat	3,000.00	53.50	56.33	85.14	200.00	194.97	2,805.03
Insurance (bldg)	10,500.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	10,470.00
Legal Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Custodial services	13,000.00	500.00	1,000.00	750.00	1,250.00	2,250.00	10,750.00
Window cleaning	600.00	0.00	158.00	0.00	0.00	158.00	442.00
Service / Maintenance Cont	8,000.00	182.08	182.08	182.08	0.00	546.24	7,453.76
TOTAL:	47,100.00	1,779.72	3,150.84	2,609.72	2,965.00	7,540.28	39,559.72
						7,540.28	39,559.72
SUPPLIES:							
General library supplies	9,000.00	90.77	561.94	795.09	131.54	1,447.80	7,552.20
Program fees & supplies	2,500.00	40.93	317.74	130.86	164.78	489.53	2,010.47
Marketing & advertising	1,000.00	28.79	176.38	548.54	0.00	753.71	246.29
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	219.00	0.00	219.00	7,781.00
TOTAL	20,500.00	160.49	1,056.06	1,693.49	296.32	2,910.04	17,589.96
						2,910.04	17,589.96
BOOKS AND MATERIALS							
Adult fiction	8,000.00	43.24	1,132.05	752.88	1,039.08	1,928.17	6,071.83
Adult nonfiction	5,000.00	16.98	586.63	361.47	326.80	965.08	4,034.92
YA fiction	2,000.00	0.00	169.23	302.97	100.17	472.20	1,527.80
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.06	0.00	1,000.00
Juvenile fiction	8,500.00	0.00	1,788.43	481.47	440.60	2,269.90	6,230.10
Juvenile nonfiction	4,000.00	0.00	32.23	83.24	6.00	115.47	3,884.53
Large Print	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	76.60	344.13	76.60	3,423.40
Electronic media (ebooks, e	10,000.00	1,374.48	292.24	762.93	644.14	2,429.65	7,570.35
Reference & electronic data	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,519.21	0.00	3,000.00
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	0.00	2,536.76	0.00	468.00	2,536.76	1,463.24
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	2,000.00	0.00	156.40	190.65	144.86	347.05	1,652.95
Software & Gaming	2,000.00	0.00	217.21	333.30	50.61	550.51	1,449.49
DVDs	5,000.00	0.00	732.93	431.62	368.18	1,164.55	3,835.45
SS / Creation Station / LoT	2,000.00	0.00	114.94	13.89	12.96	128.83	1,871.17
TOTAL:	60,000.00	1,434.70	7,759.05	3,791.02	5,551.80	12,984.77	47,015.23
						12,984.77	47,015.23
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	576,785.00	37,194.73	53,766.71	42,165.36	50,219.87	133,126.80	443,658.20
TOTAL REVENUES:	23,800.00	557.99	235.47	2,402.31	300.00	3,195.77	20,604.23
ACTUAL ASKING	552,985.00	36,636.74	53,531.24	39,763.05	49,919.87	129,931.03	423,053.97
						129,931.03	

James Kennedy Public Library FY25 Operating Budget									
	FY26	% Expended	FY25 Exp.	Sept. 2024	Total FY25	Budget	Amount	Ov/Und	
ESTIMATED REVENUES:	Requested	To date	thru Sept 24	expenses	expenses	Projection	Ov/Und	Budget	
Dubuque County Library Agency	8,500.00		0.00	0.00	7,393.66				
Fees from copier, R/P, etc.	3,500.00		959.08	202.34	3,365.41				
Open Access	8,500.00		0.00	0.00	8,324.01				
Access Plus / ILL	1,200.00		0.00	0.00	1,193.29				
Direct State Aid	2,100.00		0.00	0.00	2,060.42				
TOTAL:	23,800.00		959.08	202.34	22,336.79				
			959.08		22,336.79				
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:									
PERSONAL SERVICES									
Wages	341,663.00	24.9%	80,031.89	25,288.69	325,516.69	84,001.64	1,190	1.01	
FICA	21,183.00	24.3%	4,829.03	1,523.59	19,633.12	5,210.24	-70	0.99	
Medicare	4,954.00	24.3%	1,129.47	356.37	4,591.83	1,218.55	-16	0.99	
IPERS	32,253.00	24.1%	7,369.89	2,329.35	29,770.02	7,984.58	-198	0.98	
SUI	246.00	52.8%	124.66	12.18	474.76	64.59	65	2.01	
Group Insurance	45,536.00	21.6%	16,708.29	3,438.55	47,050.83	16,170.36	-6,319	0.61	
Meetings and training	2,500.00	7.6%	560.13	25.00	1,612.98	868.16	-679	0.22	
Dues and memberships	850.00	23.5%	200.00	200.00	906.00	187.64	12	1.07	
TOTAL:	449,185.00	24.4%	110,953.36	33,173.73	429,556.23	116,023.42	-6,332	0.95	
			110,953.36		429,556.23				
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:									
Utilities (telephone)		NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	NA	
Electricity	12,000.00	36.3%	3,214.65	1,164.95	11,977.40	3,220.72	1,140	1.35	
Gas / Heat	3,000.00	6.5%	137.77	44.27	3,293.03	125.51	69	1.55	
Insurance (bldg)	10,500.00	0.3%	30.00	15.00	10,321.11	30.52	-1	0.98	
Legal Fees		NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	Nothing	
Custodial services	13,000.00	17.3%	2,100.00	900.00	12,300.00	2,219.51	30	1.01	
Window cleaning	600.00	26.3%	0.00	0.00	368.00	Zero	0	Nothing	
Service / Maintenance Cont	8,000.00	6.8%	546.24	182.08	7,277.13	600.50	-54	0.91	
TOTAL:	47,100.00	16.0%	6,028.66	2,306.30	45,536.67	6,235.63	1,305	1.21	
			6,028.66		45,536.67				
SUPPLIES:									
General library supplies	9,000.00	16.1%	1,294.93	875.94	8,638.71	1,349.09	99	1.07	
Program fees & supplies	2,500.00	19.6%	68.28	58.29	1,164.70	146.56	343	3.34	
Marketing & advertising	1,000.00	75.4%	205.09	76.51	603.53	339.82	414	2.22	
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	2.7%	532.76	28.61	8,821.93	483.12	-264	0.45	
TOTAL	20,500.00	14.2%	2,101.06	1,039.35	19,228.87	2,239.95	670	1.30	
			2,101.06		19,228.87				
BOOKS AND MATERIALS									
Adult fiction	8,000.00	24.1%	2,240.92	968.01	6,041.58	2,967.33	-1,039	0.65	
Adult nonfiction	5,000.00	19.3%	1,111.78	179.53	3,251.23	1,709.78	-745	0.56	
YA fiction	2,000.00	23.6%	403.35	157.57	2,097.58	384.59	88	1.23	
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	0.0%	229.07	135.34	767.29	298.54	-299	0.00	
Juvenile fiction	8,500.00	26.7%	1,883.28	1,768.72	4,675.19	3,424.01	-1,154	0.66	
Juvenile nonfiction	4,000.00	2.9%	203.65	188.15	2,740.06	297.29	-182	0.39	
Large Print	3,500.00	2.2%	545.00	231.64	1,011.41	1,885.98	-1,809	0.04	
Electronic media (ebooks, e	10,000.00	24.3%	2,327.19	565.33	6,528.84	NA	NA	NA	
Reference & electronic data	3,000.00	0.0%	0.00	0.00	1,011.81	Zero	0	Nothing	
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	63.4%	3,204.04	3,204.04	3,867.04	3,314.20	-777	0.77	
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	2,000.00	17.4%	515.84	276.09	1,979.84	NA	NA	NA	
Software & Gaming	2,000.00	27.5%	249.71	134.69	1,101.65	453.34	97	1.21	
DVDs	5,000.00	23.3%	923.78	431.40	4,987.76	926.05	239	1.26	
SS / Creation Station / LoT	2,000.00	6.4%	170.70	54.99	1,059.23	322.31	-193	0.40	
TOTAL:	60,000.00	21.6%	14,008.31	8,295.50	41,120.51	20,439.89	-7,455	0.64	
			14,008.31		41,120.51				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	576,785.00	23.1%	133,091.39	44,814.88	535,442.28	143,367.68	-10,241	0.93	
TOTAL REVENUES:	23,800.00	13.4%	959.08	202.34	22,336.79	1,021.91	2,174	3.13	
ACTUAL ASKING	552,985.00	23.5%	132,132.31	44,612.54	513,105.49	142,401.88	-12,471	0.91	
			132,132.31						



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Statement Ending 09/30/2025

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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
BUSINESS MONEY MKT	XX4356	\$11,448.47

BUSINESS MONEY MKT - XX4356

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
08/30/2025	Beginning Balance	\$11,436.94
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$11.53
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
09/30/2025	Ending Balance	\$11,448.47

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Interest Earned From 08/30/2025 Through 09/30/2025	
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	1.16%
Interest Days	32
Interest Earned	\$11.53
Interest Paid This Period	\$11.53
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$98.01
Minimum Balance	\$11,436.94
Average Ledger Balance	\$11,436.94
Average Available Balance	\$11,436.94

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
09/30/2025	INTEREST	\$11.53
		1 item(s) totaling \$11.53

Daily Balances

Date	Amount
09/30/2025	\$11,448.47



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Date 9/30/25
Primary Account
Enclosures

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CITY OF DYERSVILLE
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CHECKING ACCOUNT

BUSINESS MONEY MARKET		Number of Enclosures	3
Account Number	617571	Statement Dates	9/02/25 thru 9/30/25
Previous Balance	36,830.54	Days in the statement period	29
4 Deposits/Credits	65,472.07	Average Ledger	96,072.54
1 Checks/Debits	1,817.05	Average Collected	96,028.58
Service Charge	.00	Interest Earned	38.25
Interest Paid	38.60	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.50%
Current Balance	100,524.16	2025 Interest Paid	296.28

ACTIVITY IN DATE ORDER

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
9/04	Transfer from x5358 to x7571 wrong acct ollendick	63,646.03	100,476.57
9/09	Deposit/Credit	76.69	100,553.26
9/15	Deposit/Credit	192.85	100,746.11
9/23	Transfer from x7571 to x5358	1,817.05-	98,929.06
9/25	Deposit/Credit	1,556.50	100,485.56
9/30	Interest Deposit	38.60	100,524.16

DAILY BALANCE INFORMATION

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
9/02	36,830.54	9/04	100,476.57	9/09	100,553.26
9/15	100,746.11	9/23	98,929.06	9/25	100,485.56
9/30	100,524.16				

INTEREST RATE SUMMARY

Date	Rate
9/01	0.350000%
9/04	0.400000%
9/19	0.650000%

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TRUST ACCOUNT REPORT for September 2025

American Trust / MidWestOne Bank - balance on hand July 1, 2025

July 31, 2025	\$ 11.15
August 29, 2025	\$ 10.44
September 30, 2025	\$ 11.53

\$ 11,415.35

\$ 11,426.50

\$ 11,436.94

\$ 11,448.47 *11-1*

Fidelity Bank and Trust

Balances August 31, 2025

Budgeted

\$ 35,443.04

Bank Account

\$36,830.54

Deposits

September 4, 2025

August withdrawal correction \$ 63,646.03 \$ 63,646.03

September 9, 2025

In Memory of Kathy Heavens (Eick) \$ 25.00

Conscience Box \$ 8.19

Friends booksale / donation \$ 43.50 \$ 76.69

September 15, 2025

Tote sales \$ 5.00

Keys to Dementia Prevention - 9 participants \$ 180.00

Conscience Box \$ 1.10

Friends booksale / donation \$ 6.75 \$ 192.85

September 25, 2025

Candy / Snacks \$ 28.00

DACF grant for 2026 SRP \$ 1,500.00

Conscience Box \$ 17.00

Friends booksale / donation \$ 11.50 \$ 1,556.50

September 30, 2025

Interest \$ 38.60 \$ 38.60\$ 65,510.67

Debits:

September 23, 2025

Kanopy \$ 35.00

Hoopla \$ 838.56

Love My Library - books & programs \$ 199.27

Craft supplies (donation) \$ 15.74

Large print (Kerker donation) \$ 265.02

Stretch bands (Strength Training donations) \$ 9.59

Meeting refreshments (Donations) \$ 27.00

Sprout-Murry program stipend (Friends) \$ 150.00

Passick program stipend (Friends) \$ 250.00

Kids Can Cook Expenses (grant / fundraising / donations) \$ 26.87 \$ 1,817.05

Balances September 30, 2025

\$ 33,625.99 \$100,524.16 *11-2*

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Trust Account Income & Expenditure Report FY26

as of 7/1/2025		in account	New Deposits						
Amount in MidWest One		\$11,415.35							
Amount in Fidelity		\$101,989.82							
INCOME:				EXPENDITURES:				REMAINING:	
DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS:								DONATIONS:	
Remaining from Fundraisers prior to FY23		\$5,185.54							\$8,179.08
Fundraising total from FY24 - Chair-ity / Wreath, Book Art, Build-a-Basket, Plant, Merch, Quilt & Garage Sale		\$5,550.97							
Estimated for Kanopy: \$600				Jul-25	Kanopy	\$49.00			\$480.00
				Sep-25	Kanopy	\$35.00			
Estimated for Hoopla: \$7000				Jul-25	Hoopla	\$763.93			\$4,592.99
				Sep-25	Hoopla	\$838.56			
Fundraising Events	Brought forward								\$28,310.17
Love My Library 2025	FY25	\$3,227.00		Aug-25	LML/ebks & bks	\$165.96			\$2,861.77
				Sep-25	LML/bks & prog	\$199.27			
Snack & Candy Sales	FY23 & 24	\$478.72							\$732.22
	Sep-25		\$28.00						
Merchandise sales									\$20.00
Tote bag	Sep-25		\$5.00						
Donations	Total Brought forward								\$15,082.74
Donation for crafts	Jan-23	\$25.00		Sep-25	craft supplies	\$15.74			\$9.26
Pam Kerker - LP materials	Jan-25	\$478.93		Aug-25	Large Print	\$154.48			\$59.43
				Sep-25	Large Print	\$265.02			
Donation for Geri-Fit	Jun-25	\$20.00		Sep-25	Stretch bands	\$9.59			\$10.41
Donation for snacks	May-25	\$18.50		Sep-25	mtg snacks	\$27.00			\$7.50
Miscellaneous Donations Total Remaining									\$15,734.14
Lion's Club - LP	FY24 LML	\$0.71							\$305.55
	FY25 LML	\$500.00		Aug-25	Large Print	\$195.16			
Conscience Box	Remaining	\$2,222.59							\$2,437.58
	Sep-25		\$26.29						
Friends total remaining									\$3,859.38
Friends - bksale	Remaining	\$576.36							\$1,213.85
	Sep-25		\$61.75						
				Sep-25	Sprout Stipend	\$150.00			
KEYS: Dementia prevention	Oct-24	\$762.86							\$962.86
Fall 25 class fee	Sep-25		\$180.00						
Betty Passick fee - \$250	NYR			Sep-25	Passick stipend	\$250.00			-\$250.00
TACKL	Remaining	\$354.87							\$303.67
Bequests & Specified donations - Total Remaining									\$22,363.23
Memorials or In Honor of									
Kathy Heavens (Eick)	Sep-25		\$25.00						\$25.00
Memorials or "In Honor Of" - Total Remaining									\$6,031.55
GRANTS:								GRANTS:	\$14,668.10
1000 Books (DRA & Friends)	Remaining	\$58.12							\$58.12
StoryWalk® Grant / DRA	Remaining	\$0.00		Aug-25	SW laminating	\$35.99			-\$62.86
Kids Can Cook - DACF	Remaining	\$4,607.83							\$4,730.96
LML donations		\$150.00		Sep-25	KCC ingredients	\$26.87			
ALA / LTC Grant - 2025	May-25	\$10,000.00							\$10,000.00
DACF / 26 SLP books	Sep-25		\$1,500.00						\$1,500.00
INTEREST DEPOSITS									
	Sep-25		\$38.60						
Debit in error; will transfer back				Aug-25	ERROR	\$63,646.03			\$0.00
Transferred back	Sep-25		\$63,646.03						
TOTAL Available		\$113,405.17	\$68,554.38	EXPENDITURES:		\$70,020.04	Balance		\$100,524.16

Memorials, Fundraisers, and Donations – September 2025

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From: **Candy and Snack Sales**
Donation: \$28.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Fundraiser for library collections & services

From: **Tote bag**
Donation: \$5.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Fundraiser for library collections & services

From: **Miriam Eick**
Donation: \$25.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: In Memory of Kathy Heavens

From: **Dyersville Area Community Foundation**
Donation: \$1,500.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Grant for 2026 SRP books for incentives

From: **KEYS to Dementia Preventions participants**
Donation: \$180.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: KEYS class expenses

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James Kennedy Public Library Monthly Program Report

Report for the Month of September 2025

Adult Crafternoon (1st Monday of each month) – Origami Bookmark (A) September 8, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd) Supplies: Origami paper, copies of instructions	In person/Onsite/ Kit Attendance: 1 Kits distributed: 123
Books for Lunch Book Club (1st Monday) – <i>The Lost Bookshop</i> (A) September 8, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd) Supplies: Books borrowed via ILL, available electronically; Computer, OWL and Zoom software Refreshments	Hybrid (In person & zoom) Participants: 9
Bingo Party - (3 rd Monday of each month) (A) September 15, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd) Supplies: Bingo cards and machine; Donated items & library swag for prizes	In person / Onsite Participants: 8
Building Creativity one Block at a Time (LEGO® program) (Monthly) (C) September 6, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Legos and snacks	In person / Onsite Participants: 16
Cricut with Christopher (3rd Monday of each month) (GI): No longer holding regularly September 15, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – .25 hrs (pd) 10 hrs (vol) Supplies: Cricut, laptop; all supplies donated by Lisa Christopher	Participants: 10
Dungeons & Dragons Club (Monthly) (GI): September 13, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 3 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies; Crooked Moon core book	Hybrid / Discord Participants: 6
Ellen Kennedy Living Center Program – (4th Friday) (A) : Good Olde Days – Halloween September 29, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hr (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Offsite Participants: 7
Euchre Party (Fridays of each month) (A) September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2025 (4 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) Supplies: Decks of cards, suit die, scrap paper, refreshments	In person / Onsite Participants: 20
Game Night (4 th Saturday of each Month) (GI): September 27, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 Supplies: Board games, snacks	In person / Onsite Participants: 6
Health & Wellness 365: (Monthly) (A) : September 25, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 1 hr (vol) Supplies: Presentation and snack provided by Elise, NEI3A	In person / Onsite Participants: 8
Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club (2 nd Tues of each month) (A) September 9, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2.75 hrs (pd) Supplies: ILL books, Computer, OWL, & Zoom software	Hybrid (In person & Zoom) Participants: 5

JKPL Writing Group (4 th Tuesday of each Month) (A) September 23, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Onsite Participants: 3
Mercy One Senior Care Program (Monthly) (A): Read Stories September 26, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hrs (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Offsite Participants: 9
Sit 'n' Stitch (Wednesdays of each month) (A) September 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2025 (4 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 8 hrs (vol) Supplies: Refreshments and Craft supplies provided by participants; Zoom room set up upon request.	Hybrid (In person & Zoom) Participants: 54
Strength Training for Older Adults (Mondays & Thursdays @ 9:30 and 10:30) (A) September 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, & 29, 2025 (16 sessions / 2 each day) Time for preparation & performance – 16 hrs (pd) Supplies: GeriFit DVDs, projection system, water (if needed) Participants supply stretch band, weights and water for own use	In person / Onsite Participants: 178
Strings Club (4 th Monday of each month) (A) September 22, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – .25 hrs (pd) 2 hrs (vol) Supplies: Gary Bramel donates his time and talent for this event	In person / Onsite Participants: 9
Tween Craft Afternoons – LIB-bubu (C) September 3, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd) Supplies: Misc. Craft supplies had on hand	In person / Onsite Participants: 6
Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game (YA) September 6, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Refreshments, book and copies	In person / Onsite Participants: 5
Tween Craft Afternoons - Three Witches Wreath (C) September 10, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 4 hr (pd) Supplies: Ice cream tub lids, yarn, wooden doll heads, craft supplies had on hand	In person / Onsite Participants: 9
Pop-Up at the Farmers Market (GI) September 4 & 11, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 3.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Free books and other pop-up library supplies; Activity kits	In person / Offsite Participants: 97
Virtual Reality with VictoryLabs (YA) September 13, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 4 hr (pd) Supplies: Metaquest VR headsets & VictoryLabs	In person / Onsite Participants: 3
<i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> – Movie Event (C) September 13, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd) Supplies: None	In Person / Onsite Participants: 0
Color Our World Adult SLP Finale (A) September 14, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd) Supplies: Refreshments	In person / Onsite Participants: 6

National Coloring Day Party (GI)		
September 14, 2025		In Person / Onsite / Take & Make
Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd)		Participants: 5
Supplies: Copies of coloring pages and activities		Kits: 25
Dyersville U Presentation (A)		In person / Offsite
September 17, 2025		Participants: 12
Time for preparation & performance – 3.5 hrs (pd)		
Supplies: Stickers, bracelets, JKPL brochure, events schedule		
Tween Craft Afternoons - 3-D Pyramid Collage (C)		In person / Onsite
September 17, 2025		Participants: 11
Time for preparation & performance – 2.25 hr (pd)		
Supplies: Cardstock, copies, paint sticks, sharpies, twistables, etc.		
Kids Can Cook (C)		In person / Onsite
September 4, 11, & 18, 2025		Participants: 34
Time for preparation & performance – 19.5 hr (pd) 3.5 hr (vol)		
Supplies: Copies and food ingredients; cooking equipment		
TACKL member Norah was volunteer		
Drop in and Create – Rock Art: An All Abilities Program (A)		In Person / Onsite
September 19, 2025		Participants: 14
Time for preparation & performance – 3 hrs (pd)		
Supplies: Rocks, paint, misc. craft supplies		
A New History of Iowa with author Jeff Bremer		In person / Onsite
September 20, 2025		Participants: 3
Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd)		
Supplies: Refreshments; Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL		
Conservation Camp: Fall Cleanup (C)		In person / Offsite
September 21, 2025		Participants: 42
Time for preparation & performance – .25 hr (pd) 10 hrs (vol)		
Supplies: Tie dye supplies		
Partnership with Better Future, led by Alycia Willenbring		
Genealogy with Ann (A)		In person / Onsite
September 22, 2025		Participants: 3
Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd)		
Supplies: Copies		
Armchair Travel: Netherlands (A)		In person / Onsite
September 23, 2025		Participants: 8
Time for preparation & performance – .5 (pd) 3 hrs (vol)		
Supplies: Presented by Chelsea Middendorf, Eagle Point Place Senior Living		
Refreshments and all supplies brought by Chelsea		
Family Wellness Event at WD		In person / Offsite
September 23, 2025		Participants: 106
Time for preparation & performance – 7 hr (pd)		
Supplies: Copies of activity pages for kids, <i>Anxious Generation</i> book for prize,		
copies and laminating for booth decorations		
Tween Craft Afternoons - Frida Kahlo Take & Make (C)		Passive
September 24, 2025		Participants: 22
Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd)		
Supplies: Construction paper, copies, instructions		
<i>E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial</i> – Sensory Movie Matinee (A)		In Person / Onsite
September 25 & 26, 2025		Participants: 0
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd)		
Supplies: None		

Meet Hometown Author Sheri Oberbroeckling (A)	In Person / Onsite
September 25, 2025	Participants: 28
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 2 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Refreshments; Author donated her time and a copy of her book	
Pop Up at the Downtown Market (GI)	In person / Offsite
September 27, 2025	Participants: 108
Time for preparation & performance – 5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Books and publicity information	
<i>Lilo and Stitch</i> – Movie Event (C)	In Person / Onsite
September 27, 2025	Participants: 0
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: None	
Celebrate National Good Neighbor Day (GI)	In Person / Onsite / Kits
September 28, 2025	Participants: 4
Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd)	Kits: 25
Supplies: Refreshments; Copies of activities, coloring pages, etc.	
KEYS to Dementia Prevention (A)	In Person / Onsite
September 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2025	Participants: 36
Time for preparation & performance – 17 hrs (pd) 14 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Healthy snacks, workbook, projection system	
Sponsored by Friends of the JKPL and Nightingale Drug	
Library Card Sign Up Month (GI)	Passive program
September 2025	Participants: 62
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Coloring pages, stickers, bookmarks and prize	
Upcycled Greeting Cards (GI)	Passive program
September 2025	Kits: 32
Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Donated greeting cards, card stock, tape runner and envelopes	
StoryWalk® - <i>I Love Your Face</i> (C)	Passive / outdoor program
September 2025	Participants: 240
Time for preparation & performance – 4.5 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Books and laminating	
Kid's Scavenger Hunt: Ice Cream (C)	Passive program
September 2025	Participants: 192
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Color copies of scavenger hunt form, laminated pictures, stickers for prizes	
Pretend Play Station: Ice Cream Shoppe (PreK)	Passive program
September 2025	Participants: 384
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Copies, signs (laminated), play sets	
Coloring, Creating & Doing (A)	Passive program
September 2025	Kits: 312
Time for preparation & performance – 3.25 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Copies of coloring pages and activities	
Get Puzzled @ Your Library (A)	Passive program
September 2025	Participants: 66
Time for preparation & performance - .25 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Puzzle	

Kids Can Craft: Write / Illustrate a Mini Book Challenge (C)

September 2025

Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd)

Supplies: Copies, markers, colors, etc.; Items for prize

Passive program

Kits: 40

Creation Station Craft: Tissue Paper Hedgehog (PreK)

September 2025

Time for preparation & performance – 6 hrs (pd) 6 hrs (vol)

Supplies: Construction paper, tissue paper, misc. craft supplies

Passive / Recording / Make and Take

Kits distributed: 125

Facebook Views / Engagements: 381 / 20

YouTube Views: 12

Programs held in August but still hosted and available to view or engage with on social media:

September 1-30, 2025 – 1 program

Facebook Views / Engagements: 21/0

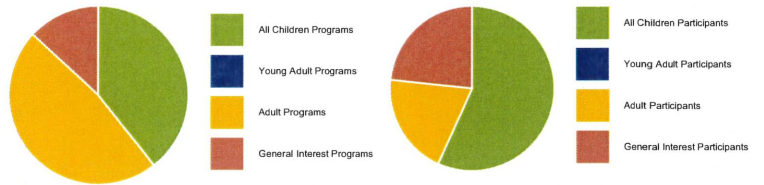
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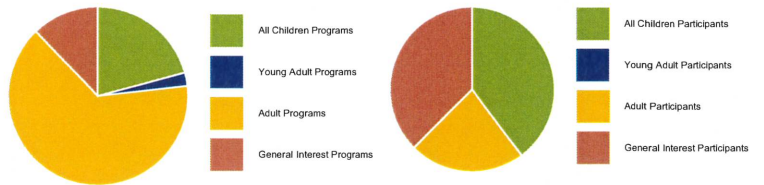
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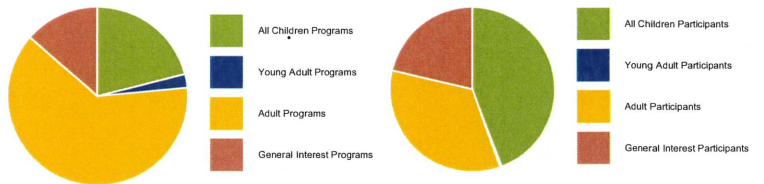
July					
Overview					
All Children Programs	39	39.39%	All Children Participants	2176	56.68%
Young Adult Programs	0	0%	Young Adult Participants	0	0%
Adult Programs	47	47.47%	Adult Participants	766	19.95%
General Interest Programs	13	13.13%	General Interest Participants	897	23.37%
Total Programs	99		Total Participants	3839	



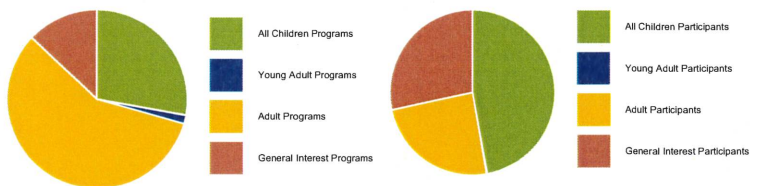
August					
Overview					
All Children Programs	17	20.73%	All Children Participants	1617	39.79%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.44%	Young Adult Participants	3	0.07%
Adult Programs	53	64.63%	Adult Participants	918	22.59%
General Interest Programs	10	12.2%	General Interest Participants	1526	37.55%
Total Programs	82		Total Participants	4064	



September					
Overview					
All Children Programs	17	20.99%	All Children Participants	1121	44.19%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.47%	Young Adult Participants	8	0.32%
Adult Programs	51	62.96%	Adult Participants	867	34.17%
General Interest Programs	11	13.58%	General Interest Participants	541	21.32%
Total Programs	81		Total Participants	2537	



Year in Review					
Overview					
All Children Programs	73	27.86%	All Children Participants	4914	47.07%
Young Adult Programs	4	1.53%	Young Adult Participants	11	0.11%
Adult Programs	151	57.63%	Adult Participants	2551	24.43%
General Interest Programs	34	12.98%	General Interest Participants	2964	28.39%
Total Programs	262		Total Participants	10440	



Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Continues!

Showcase your special talents and put your creativity to work at this library fundraising event! Pick up a wreath form 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 decorative home decor are welcome. Items will be accepted anytime in October. A silent auction of the donated items will be held in the library from October 20 to November 23. The Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 26. The Silent Auction will end at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23.



New this year, we are offering a "Buy It NOW" option. Some Halloween and fall themed wreaths will be available to purchase immediately for the marked price. The Buy It NOW option will end if the silent auction bidding price meets or exceeds the Buy It NOW price. Ask for more details at your next library visit or look for the items on display in the library with a "Buy It NOW" label.

Children's Pretend Play Station: Farm: October 1—31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Farm play!

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Farm Animals: October 1—31. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Farm Animals" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.



Kids Can Craft: Create a Farm Animal Challenge: October 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and color a new species of farm animal. Horse-chicken? Cow-goat-duck? Be creative, and have fun! Every design turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into a prize drawing. Limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early November.

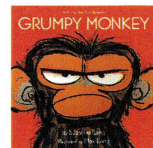
Creation Station Craft: 3D Fall Tree: October 1—31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is creating a 3D fall tree using construction paper. Kits include instructions plus all needed supplies except for glue and scissors. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: October 1—31. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. You will need to supply the glue. If crafting in the library, glue sticks may be borrowed from the desk for in-library use. Kits are available while supplies last.

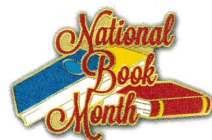
Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: October 1—31. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: October 1—31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Vintage Classroom*. 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. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Grumpy Monkey" by Suzanne Lang: October 1—31. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



October is National Book Month! This month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing and literature and encourages reading, an activity that has been proven to have many advantages. To celebrate, a book themed activity kit with coloring pages, trivia and more will be available and the Book Bike will be out and about in the community. Readers of all ages are also encouraged to recommend favorite books by filling out a short recommendation. Every recommendation earns an entry into a prize drawing to win book or JKPL themed items.



Storytime: Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Join new JKPL Children's Programmer Andrea Lepley for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required. No registration required. Storytime will be held weekly through December 17.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you.

Tween Craft Afternoons: Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 4:00—5:00 pm. Children ages 8-12 are invited to the JKPL Creation Station for a weekly craft that introduces popular art trends, art concepts, artists, and/or techniques. The dates and themes are: October 1—Scary Birdhouse; October 8—Andy Warhol; October 15—Lion Bead Art; October 22—Clothespin Fish; and October 29—Full Moon Yarn Art.



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, October 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 & 30 @ 9:30 & 10:30 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. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. 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.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, October 2, 9 & 16 from 4:00—5:30 pm

Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices.

- The menu for October is Frittata (October 2); Fajita Bowl (October 9); and Chocolate Pudding (October 16).
- Classes will also be held in November.
- Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session.
- A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend.
- This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.



Euchre Card Party: Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, October 4 from 10:00—11:00 am. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program 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. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® prize provided by DuTrac.



Amazing Iowa with Michelle Sprout Murray: Saturday, October 4 @ 1:30 pm

Whether you're a native Iowan, a recent resident, or just passing through—these stories of the weird, wild, and wonderful people and places of the great state of Iowa are waiting for you. Join author Michelle Sprout Murray and hear stories from her book, *Amazing Iowa: Great Tales and Curiosities from the "Hawkeye State"*. These are stories about people you've heard about in the news as well as those you should have heard about! Copies of the book will be available for purchase from the author. Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.



Banned Books Week: October 5—11

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. The theme this year is *Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights*. Current efforts to ban books and information held in schools, libraries, archives, and bookstores are a truth close to fiction—namely, the depiction of extreme censorship by an oppressive regime in George Orwell's cautionary and prescient tale *1984*. The Banned Books Week 2025 theme reminds us that the right to read belongs to all of us, that censorship has no place in contemporary society, and that we must defend our rights.



To celebrate, the library will have these activities:

- *Name That Banned Book Guessing Jar*. All who submit a correct guess will have their name entered into a drawing for a book themed prize. The winner will be drawn on October 13.
- An interactive banned books display. While there, pick up a "I Read Banned Books" sticker and bookmark.
- Banned Books Movies @ Your Library presents: *Are You There God? It's Me Margaret* (PG-13) on October 11 at 1:00 pm. This movie is based on the beloved children's book by Judy Blume that has been challenged and banned multiple times.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, October 6 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, October 6 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Staff member Ann 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. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 5:00 pm. Join us for this 10-week evidence-based course that was developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. This course is made possible by the nonprofit Brain Help and Hope and will be led by local health experts. Registration was required before the course started in September but if you are interested in participating in a future class, please contact the library to provide your contact information. This series is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.



Banned Book Movies @ Your Library presents "Are You There God? It's Me Margaret": Saturday, October 11 @ 1:00 pm.

A plucky eleven-year-old named Margaret finds her life on the cusp of change as her family uproots from the heart of the city to a quiet suburban neighborhood. Margaret must then navigate the ups and downs of adolescence, including new friends, new feelings, and, ultimately, a new sense of self. Based on the novel of the same name by Judy Blume. Rated PG-13 (111 minutes).



Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, October 11 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul by 2:00 pm the day of the program at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us.

Adult Crafternoon: Beaded Ladybug Keychain: Monday, October 13 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a Beaded Ladybug Keychain. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.

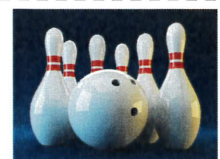


Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, October 14 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *All That Is Secret* by Patricia Raybon. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

Bowling Break: Thursday, October 16 @ 10:30 am & 4:00 pm

The JKPL will host this fun bowling event at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dyersville (across the alley from the library). Please note, there are 2 steps up into the building and 4 steps down to get to the bowling lanes in the KC Hall.

- Bowling shoes provided.
- Candy, chips, and pop will be available to purchase.
- This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome.
- Those under the age of 13 need an adult companion.
- There are two opportunities for participants to bowl and registration for a session is requested as space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.
- The following sessions are available: 10:30 am—12:30 pm and 4:00—6:00 pm.
- *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*



Double Creature Feature: Friday, October 17 @ 6:00 pm

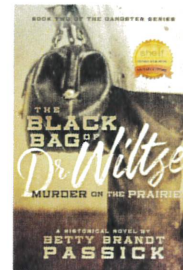
Come join us for our yearly Double Creature Feature! This program is for those age 13 and older, however, younger participants are welcome if they have an adult to accompany them. Snacks will be provided. This year we will show the following movies:

- *Immaculate*: A young nun finds herself at the center of a dark conspiracy (Rated R).
- *In A Violent Nature*: A group of teens are being stalked by a Jason Vorhees-style killer, but the events are shown from his perspective (Rated R).



The Legacy of an Iowa Pioneer Physician with Betty Brandt Passick: Saturday, October 18 @ 1:30 pm

Come learn about the forgotten legacy of Dr. Alexander Wiltse. In the mid-1850s, he left behind his home in Canada to establish new roots in Delaware County, Iowa. Establishing his medical practice in Strawberry Point, his first clients were newly arriving immigrants, Indians, prairie banditti, and chicken thieves. Dr. Wiltse eventually would team up with Dr. Ward from Oxbow, and together they aided authorities with murder investigations across Bremer, Clayton, Delaware, and Fayette Counties. But the eruption of the Civil War in 1860 threatened to destroy Dr. Wiltse's dream of making a better life for himself and his family in their new homeland.



Dr. Wiltse's life is the basis for Betty Brandt Passick's historical fiction novel, *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse*. Come meet the author and hear about this forgotten piece of local history and the book it inspired! Copies of the book will be available for purchase from the author. Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, October 18 from 4:00—6:00 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. Modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power are not allowed. Guns with excessive hitting power are not allowed.

Wreath-It-Up Silent Auction Begins: Monday, October 20. Wreaths, wall hangings and other decorative items have been donated to this year's fundraiser! All items are on display in the library and photographs are posted on Facebook and the library website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us). Bids can be placed in person at the library, by calling the library, or emailing the library at librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us. The highest bid will be listed along with the photo of the item on the library's website. Bids will be updated daily on the website. The Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 26. The auction ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23.



New this year, we are offering a "Buy It NOW" option. Some Halloween and fall themed wreaths will be available to purchase immediately for the marked price. The Buy It NOW option will end if the silent auction bidding price meets or exceeds the Buy It NOW price. So if you want a wreath, buy it while you can!

Bingo Party: Monday, October 20 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Armchair Travel—Cambodia: Tuesday, October 21 @ 1:00 pm. Grab your travel buddy and meet us at the library for a trip to Cambodia right from your armchair! Participants will explore the rich history of this Southeast Asian country by wandering through ancient temples, diving into the art and music scene and tasting some Cambodian food! Presented by Chelsea Middendorf from Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque. This program is intended for older adults but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Armchair Travel programs will be held on the third Tuesday of most months.



Sunset Hike @ Ringneck Ridge: Tuesday, October 21 from 6:00—7:30pm

Walk along the trail at Ringneck Ridge as we learn about the prairie and enjoy the colors of the sunset along the landscape. Dubuque County Conservation staff will guide the hike and teach about the area. We will be walking 1.5 miles on uneven terrain, please be prepared for this by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing.

- All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion.
- Registration is requested by noon on October 20 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.
- On the day of the program, participants should meet in the parking area at Ringneck Ridge (5361 IA-136, Worthington, IA). Turn onto a one-lane gravel road near a grain bin.



Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, October 23 @ 11:15 am. Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will talk about how to find legitimate nutrition information and the power of social connection. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome.

Fit the Pieces Jigsaw Puzzle Fundraiser: October 23 at Textile Brewing from 5:00—8:00 pm

Back by popular demand! Join us at this puzzling fundraising event to support the JKPL! This event will be held at Textile Brewing Company (146 2nd St NE, Dyersville).

- Teams of up to 4 individuals are invited to buy a table for \$60 and compete to be the first to complete the same 500 piece puzzle.
- Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place and competitors will keep the puzzle at the end.
- Teams and observers are invited to bring cash to the event and buy twists like freezing the competition, making them wear gloves or use tweezers, and more!
- Doors will open for check in at 5:00 pm and the puzzle competition starts at 6:00 pm. Textile will donate 10% of food and beer sales during the event to the JKPL.
- All proceeds will benefit the James Kennedy Public Library.
- ***There are only 15 tables available and tickets are almost sold out!***



Drop in and Create—Halloween Shrinky Dinks: Friday, October 24 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm. Come get in the Halloween spirit with some fun and spooky Halloween-themed shrinky dinks. This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.*



Halloween Trivia Night Fundraiser at O So Good Winery & Distillery: Friday, October 24 from 6:30—9:00 pm

Join us for a trivia fundraiser with Trivial Dudes, hosted by O So Good Winery & Distillery and cosponsored by Dollar Fresh Market.

- Purchase a table for up to six guests for \$120.00.
- Price includes two bottles of wine of your choice (or equal value in other drinks), a charcuterie board for six, and a dessert to share.
- Menu items and additional beverages will be available to purchase.
- There will be Halloween themed questions, as well as general trivia, and the contest will include some special twists, prizes, and giveaways.
- Costumes are encouraged and there will be a prize for the best individual costume as well as the best group / table costume.
- Guests are welcome to arrive at any time but trivia will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.
- Space is limited and tables must be purchased before October 21. **Tickets are on sale now at the library and O So Good Winery!**



Read-and-Treat for Kids: Saturday, October 25 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Bring the kids to enjoy daytime trick-or-treating at First Avenue businesses while reading the story *How to Catch a Witch* by Alice Walstead in storefront windows.

- Self-guided trick-or-treating begins and ends at the James Kennedy Public Library, where maps and a take-and-make craft are available.
- No registration is required.
- All ages are welcome, but those under age 10 need a teen or adult companion to guide excited, costumed children safely across First Avenue. All rules of the road must be followed!
- Can't make it on October 25? Stop in at the library for a map, get a treat at the front desk, and enjoy the story until October 31.



Family Halloween Movies @ Your Library presents "Coco": Saturday, October 25 @ 1:00 pm. Despite his family's baffling generations-old ban on music, Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events. Along the way, he meets charming trickster Hector, and together, they set off on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history. Rated PG (105 minutes).

Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, October 25 from 4:00—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 but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Wreath-It-Up Donor Reception Open House: Sunday, October 26 from 1:30—3:30 pm. Stop in the library to enjoy refreshments and check out all of the items donated for the silent auction. Donors are invited to come and be recognized! This event also marks the start of the Wreath-It-Up Ribbon Voting where you can support your favorite item by voting for it. Categories to be announced.

Trunk-or-Treat at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School: Sunday, October 26 from 3:00—4:30 pm

The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by participating in Trunk-or-Treat at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School. Visitors will be able to get library card applications, find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. *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.*



Author Visit with Sister Karen Lueck: Monday, October 27 @ 1:30 pm

Sister Karen Lueck will be at the library to talk about her two books: *Cheering for the Good: Leading When It Matters* and also *The Green Thread: Reclaiming Our Spiritual Authority*. Lueck will talk about what she has learned on her journey to find goodness in herself, in others, and in all God's creation. She will use examples of her early years growing up on a farm near New Vienna, cheerleading for her St. Boniface team, and historical details and stories about the lives of German immigrants to the U.S. in the past and in the present. Copies of her books will be available to purchase from the author.



Strings Club: Monday, October 27 @ 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? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, October 28 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please contact the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

"Hocus Pocus"—Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, October 30 @ 2:00 pm & Friday, October 31 @ 10:30 am. Three 17th-century witches, hanged for their murderous crimes, are resurrected on Halloween in modern-day Salem by an unsuspecting boy, who must now figure out how to get them back in the ground. Rated PG (95 min.) Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Please note that this film may be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

Ghouls Night Out: Thursday, October 30 from 5:00—8:00 pm

Join us for the eighth annual Ghouls Night Out! Stroll the streets of downtown Dyersville and shop, browse, and enjoy a night out on the town.

- Check in at Brew & Brew to receive your passport listing all participating businesses.
- Return your filled passport to Brew & Brew to be entered into a drawing for a grand prize!
- The JKPL Pop-Up Library will be set up inside the library and will be a stop for this event.
- Pick up a free book and get your name entered into a drawing for some library swag. There will also be hot cider available, while supplies last.
- Participating businesses and specials will be announced before the event so keep an eye out!
- Costumes are encouraged.



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

Join us for the annual Books-for-Treats Event where families are invited to Trick-or-Treat for a book instead of candy!

- The pop-up library will be on the lawn of the Allen House at 515 1st Ave. W. in Dyersville.
- Books for all ages, including adults, will be available.
- *This event 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.*



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

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| *Sign up for our weekly email newsletter | *Like us on Facebook |
| *Visit our website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us | *Follow us on Instagram: jameskennedylibrary |
| *Follow us on Goodreads: James Kennedy Public Library | |
| *Follow us on YouTube: James Kennedy Public Library | |

ONLINE DATABASES

Did you know that the JKPL offers more than 2 dozen online databases covering a myriad of topics?

Visit the library website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us) and check them out. Some age, location, and residence restrictions apply. Here is a partial list of what we offer:

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| • Dyersville Commercial archives (newspaper) | • Mango Language (language learning) |
| • Mometrix (test prep) | • Library Chef (cooking) |
| • People's Law Library of Iowa (legal) | • Crafts & Hobbies (crafting) |
| • A to Z World Food & World Culture (food/culture) | • Ancestry Library Edition (genealogy) |
| • Magill's Medical Guide (health) | |
| • Dementia Handbook & Resource Guide (health) | |
| • Nutrition, Obesity & Eating Disorders Resource Guide (health) | |

Upcoming EVENTS

Find the latest information on library events
and programs at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us
or scan the QR code



International Games Month @ Your Library November 1–30

International Games Month (IGM) 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. Libraries, schools, community centers and other sites host special events during this month to encourage people to try different styles of gaming.

The JKPL is celebrating by hosting various gaming events featuring video, board and card games. Plus, anyone who checks out a game during November, or attends one of these events, will be entered into a prize drawing! These events are open to all ages so bring the whole family! Here is what we have scheduled so far (but check back in case we schedule more!).

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament Sunday, November 9 @ 1:30 pm

Game Changer Friday, November 14 @ 6:00 pm

Trading Card Game Hangout Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program Saturday, November 1 from 10:00–11:00 am

This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program 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.

Rural Justice Project for Older Iowans Tuesday, November 4 @ 1:00 pm

Are you facing legal issues? Wondering what resources are available in rural Iowa? Do you have a plan for the future? Or for when disaster strikes? These are big questions and Iowa Legal Aid is here to help. They offer free services including legal assessments for civil matters, disaster preparedness counseling, holistic needs assessments & case management. A representative from Iowa Legal Aid will be at the library to share details, answer questions, and help with applications.

Storytime Wednesdays, November 5, 12 & 19 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

Join JKPL Children's Programmer Andrea Lepley for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required. No registration is necessary. We are not meeting on November 26.

Kids Can Cook Thursdays, November 6, 13 & 20 from 4:00–5:30 pm

Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each class will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron.

The menu for November is Homemade Granola (November 6); Enchilada Casserole (November 13); and Blueberry Muffins (November 20).

- Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session.
- A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend.

Nature at Night @ New Wine Park November 13 from 6:00–7:30pm

Learn to appreciate nature during the darkness out at New Wine Park. Dubuque County Conservation staff will guide a nighttime activity dependent on the weather. This could range from astronomy, to using other senses besides sight, or calling owls. Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight or headlamp and be dressed for the weather by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. Participants will meet at New Wine Park the night of the program.

- All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion.
- Registration is requested by noon on November 12 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held.
- Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser Saturday, November 29 from 9:00–11:00 am

Take a quick break from your local shopping to support your library by enjoying a breakfast burrito!

- \$7.00 gets you a delicious egg, sausage and cheese burrito.
- Don't want a tortilla? New this year you can choose a Burrito Bowl for the same price.
- Weather permitting, a tent will be set up outside the library for this event. If not, step into the Hoffman Community Room to get your breakfast and support your library!
- All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections.
- A special Thank You goes to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser!
- Burritos available while supplies last.

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Upcoming Events for NOVEMBER 2025 and Beyond

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Children's Pretend Play Station: Restaurant: November 1-30. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Restaurant play!

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Healthy Foods: November 1-30. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Healthy Foods" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.

Kids Can Craft: Create a Meal Challenge: November 1-30. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and color a delicious (or disgusting!) meal idea. Every design turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket but is limited to one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early December.

Creation Station Craft: November 1-30. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: November 1-30. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. You will need to supply the glue. If crafting in the library, glue sticks may be borrowed from the desk for in-library use. Kits are available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: November 1-30. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: November 1-30. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Santa's Express*. 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. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.

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board and card games. Plus, anyone who checks out a board game or video game during November, or attends one of these events, will be entered into a prize drawing! These events are open to all ages so bring the whole family!

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Kimchi Kimchi” by Erica Kim: November 1-30. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, November 1 from 10:00-11:00 am. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program 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. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children’s area of the library and on the library’s social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

Movies @ Your Library presents “Karate Kid: Legends”: Saturday, November 1 @ 1:00 pm. After a family tragedy, kung fu prodigy Li Fong is uprooted from his home in Beijing and forced to move to New York City with his mother. Li struggles to let go of his past and although he doesn't want to fight, trouble seems to find him everywhere. When a new friend needs his help, Li enters a karate competition but his skills alone aren't enough. Li's kung fu teacher enlists original Karate Kid Daniel LaRusso for help, and Li learns a new way to fight. Rated PG-13 (118 min.)

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, November 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 & 27 @ 9:30 and 10:30 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. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. 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.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, November 3 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Practical Magic* by Alice Hoffman. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, November 3, from 1:00-3:00 pm. Staff member Ann 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. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

Practical Magic – Movie Event: Monday, November 3 @ 6:30 pm. Enchanting international superstars Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman sparkle in this wry, romantic tale of two sisters who discover the gift of Practical Magic. In a small, contemporary New England town, for two sisters from a family of witches, falling in love is the trickiest spell of all. They struggle to use their gift for magically

guiding fate to overcome their family curse: The men they fall in love with are doomed to an untimely death! Based on the novel by Alice Hoffman. Rated PG-13 (108 min.)

Rural Justice Project for Older Iowans: Tuesday, November 4 @ 1:00 pm. Are you facing legal issues? Wondering what resources are available in rural Iowa? Do you have a plan for the future-or for when disaster strikes? These are big questions...but you don't have to face them alone. Free services include: Legal assessments for civil matters, Disaster preparedness counseling, Holistic needs assessments & case management. A representative from Iowa Legal Aid will be there to share details, answer questions, and help with applications.

KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, November 4 & 11 @ 5:00 pm. This is a 10-week evidence-based course that was developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older make lifestyle changes to reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. This course is made possible by the nonprofit Brain Help and Hope and will be led by local health experts. Registration was required before the course started in September but if you are interested in participating in a future class please contact the library at (563)875-8912 to provide your contact information. This series is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL and Nightingale Drug.

Storytime: Wednesdays, November 5, 12 & 19 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm. Join JKPL Children's Programmer Andrea Lepley for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required. No registration is necessary. Storytime sessions will run weekly through December 17, but we are not meeting on November 26.

Tween Craft Afternoons: Wednesdays, November 5, 12 & 19 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Children ages 8-12 are invited to the JKPL Creation Station for a weekly craft that introduces popular art trends, art concepts, artists, and/or techniques. The dates and themes are: November 5-Cathedral Art; November 12-Bird Arm Pet; and November 19- Henri Matisse.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, November 6, 13 & 20 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each class will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron. The menu for November is Homemade Granola (November 6); Enchilada Casserole (November 13); and Blueberry Muffins (November 20). Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session. A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend. *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.*

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, November 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, November 8 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

IGM presents: Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament: Sunday, November 9 @ 1:30 pm. Join us for a chance to see who among your friends is the Smash Bros Champion! Rules for the tournament will be three stock lives, no items, and random stage per fight. We will be using the Ultimate (Switch) version and players may only use standard switch grip controllers. For ages 10 and up. No registration needed.

National STEAM Day Mini-fest!: Saturday November 8 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. To celebrate National STEAM Day, the library will be hosting some educational but fun activities! Several stations will be available with activities of interest to all ages. All ages but participants under the age of 7 will need an accompanying adult.

Adult Crafternoon: Monday, November 10 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, November 11 @ 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 month we will be reading *The Letter Tree* by Rachel Fordham. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

Celebrate World Kindness Day! Thursday, November 13: The purpose of World Kindness Day as outlined by the World Kindness Movement is "to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us." Since its creation more than two decades ago, the day has achieved truly global notice; events associated with the day have attracted participants from every inhabited continent. Activities TBD.

Nature at Night @ New Wine Park: Thursday, November 13 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Learn to appreciate nature during the darkness out at New Wine Park (15971 New Wine Park Lane, New Vienna, IA 52065). Dubuque County Conservation staff will guide a night time activity dependent on the weather, this could range from astronomy, to using other senses besides sight, or calling owls. Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight or headlamp and be dressed for the weather by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion. Registration is requested by noon on November 12 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Register by contacting the library or online in the library's calendar of events at: www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/events. On the day of the hike, participants should meet at New Wine Park (15971 New Wine Park Lane, New Vienna, IA). When entering the park, stay to the left. We will meet at the Pavilion.

IGM: Game Changer: Friday, November 14 @ 6:00 pm. Game Changer is a comedy game show where participants engage in games involving improv comedy and random challenges. The twist is that the players don't know what game they are playing until it starts. The library is bringing a version of this

to the library for teens! This program is for ages 12 and up. Registration is required by November 12 to ensure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience.

IGM: Trading Card Game Hangout: Saturday, November 15 from 10:00-12:00 pm. As part of International Games Month, come hang out with Librarian Paul and learn how to play various trading card games. Games include: Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, Keyforge, Digimon, Dragon Ball Super, and Yu-Gi-Oh. Demo decks for some of the games will be available for attendees to take home courtesy of Dyersville Comics and Games. All ages welcome!

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Smurfs (2025)": Saturday, November 15 @ 1:00 pm. When Papa Smurf is taken by evil wizards Razamel and Gargamel, Smurfette leads the Smurfs on a mission to the real world to save him. Rated PG (92 minutes).

Bingo Party: Monday, November 17 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, November 20 @ 11:15 am. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler.

Drop in and Create: Friday, November 21 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 7 need an adult companion. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).*

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, November 21 from 6:00-8:00 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 but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Closing Reception: Sunday, November 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Stop in for refreshments and your last chance to bid on the wreaths, wall hangings, and tabletop home decor items that were donated for this year's Wreath-It-Up fundraiser. All items are on display in the library and photographs are posted on Facebook and the library's website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us. Bids can be placed in person at the library, by calling the library, or emailing librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us. Bidding by phone or email ends at 3 pm on Saturday, November 22, bidding in person and by phone ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections.

Monday, November 24 thru Tuesday, December 23: Layette Quilt Display and Sale. The James Kennedy Public Library is partnering with the Dyersville Layette Ladies to share with you the work and talent of the Layette Ladies as well as raise some funds for both organizations. Several layette or lap size quilts, as well as some larger sizes, made by the group will be on display at the library from November 24 thru December 23. These quilts will be available to purchase starting at \$25.00 (larger sizes are more) and proceeds will be split between the Layette Ladies group and the JKPL. To be confirmed.

Strings Club: Monday, November 24 @ 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? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, November 25 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please contact the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Live Animals Visit from Dubuque County Conservation: Wednesday, November 26 @ 10:00 am. Join Dubuque County Conservation naturalists to learn about animals native to Iowa in a 30-minute discussion about salamanders, frogs, turtles, and snakes. Then stay to pet them!

Library closes @ 5:00 pm: Wednesday, November 26
Library closed: Thursday, November 27

Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser: Saturday, November 29 from 9:00-11:00 am. Take a quick break from your local shopping to support your library by enjoying a breakfast burrito! \$7.00 gets you a delicious egg, sausage and cheese burrito. Don't want a tortilla? New this year you can choose a Burrito Bowl for the same price! Weather permitting, a tent will be set up outside the library for this event. If not, step into the Hoffman Community Room to get your breakfast and support your library! All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections. A special Thank You goes to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser! Burritos available while supplies last. Final details to be confirmed.

Saturday, November 29: Small Business Saturday: Refueling Station from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Need a break from shopping? Stop in the library and relax with a warm beverage or snack. Grab a few moments of down time by working on the puzzle, coloring, reading or just relaxing.

Tween Craft Afternoons: Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Children ages 8-12 are invited to the JKPL Creation Station for a weekly craft that introduces popular art trends, art concepts, artists, and/or techniques. The dates and themes are: December 3- Button Wreath; December 10- Arm Bird Pet; and December 17- Henri Matisse. Tween Craft Afternoons will resume on January 7.

Sustainability & Conservation at Home: Thursday, December 4 from 6:00-7:30pm
Join us at the JKPL and listen to one of Dubuque County Conservation's naturalists talk about steps to live a more sustainable life. Learn about and see sustainable products, simple DIY projects, best ways to repurpose, how to watch out for greenwashing, and be ready for a Q&A to learn how to implement these practices into your specific life. All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion. Registration is requested by noon on December 10 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Register by contacting the library or online in the library's calendar of events at: www.dyersville.lib.ia.us/events.

Cookie Walk Fundraiser: Friday, December 5 & Saturday, December 6. Craving some special treats but don't have time to bake for yourself? Come to the library for the annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser! Guests will be able to purchase a dozen items for \$8.00 (or 24 for \$15.00). Choose from a delicious assortment of treats to be placed on a plate, covered, and decorated with a bow. Items will be

homemade by friends, volunteers, board members, and staff of the library. Cookies will be stored away from the public and handled only by staff and volunteers working the event. Prepackaged plates will be available while supplies last. Funds raised from this event will be used to support library collections, programs and services. Hours are: Friday from 1:00–5:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Saturday, December 6: Library closing time to be determined.

Snowball Fun Storytime: Saturday, December 6 @ 10:30 am. Ready to enjoy some snowy stories and snowballs? Come to Miss Andrea's special snowy storytime! Listen to a couple of snow-themed stories from 10:30-11:00 am, then enjoy an indoor snowball fight at 11:00 am. When all the snowy fun is done, visit the Cookie Walk inside the library or go to the Downtown Winter Market at Legacy Square to go Ice Fishing for Crafts.

Cookies and Cocoa at the Merry Mingle / Dyersville Downtown Winter Market from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. The JKPL will be at the Downtown Winter Market and we're bringing part of the annual cookie walk fundraiser with us! Stop by the JKPL booth and support the library while satisfying your sweet tooth. A variety of homemade cookies and sweet treats will be on a decorative plate, covered and decorated with a colorful bow. Each plate will be \$8.00 and include 12 items. Want something to grab and go? Individual cookies will be for sale for \$1.00 each and hot cocoa for \$2.00 a cup. Poster

Pop-Up Library at Merry Mingle Market from 12:00-4:00 pm. The JKPL Pop-up Library will visit the Merry Mingle Market! Stop by to pick out a free book to add to your home library and learn more about what the library has to offer. 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.

Ice Fishing for Kids' Craft Kits: Saturday, December 6 from 12:00 - 4:00 pm at the Downtown Winter Market. Join the JKPL Children's Librarian to fish for kids' craft kits at our ice fishing pond! Bundle up, grab a hot chocolate and cookie at the JKPL market booth, and see what "big fish" you can catch at our frozen pond. *Craft kits at the Ice Fishing Pond are sponsored by Tim & Angela English.*

Cricut with Christopher presents Glass Grinches: Monday, December 15 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create a glass Grinch. Participants should be 14 or older. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10. Registration begins November 14.

Becoming Dementia Friendly: Tuesday, December 16 @ 1 pm. Join us at the JKPL to learn the basics of dementia and tips for communicating with people who have dementia. Nancy Fett, dementia Champion, will lead an interactive session that helps people better understand what it's like to live with dementia—and what we can each do to support those affected. In Iowa alone, at least 62,000 people are living with dementia, and around 80% of them live in the community, not in care facilities. That means you're likely interacting with someone living with dementia regularly—at the store, in your neighborhood, at work, or even in your own family. The goal of Dementia Friendly Iowa is to help everyone feel more confident and comfortable with someone living with dementia. Everyone welcome.

Mock-A-Movie Night for Teens: Friday, December 19 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, December 20 from 4:00-6:00 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. Guns with excessive hitting power will not be allowed.

“The Mitten” Storytime with Dubuque County Conservation, December 23 @ 10:00 am.

Do you love mittens and furry animals? Join a Dubuque County Conservation naturalist to listen to Jan Brett’s *The Mitten* storybook...then climb in a huge mitten to touch the fur of different animals!

Library closes @ 5:00 pm: Tuesday, December 23

Library closed: Wednesday, December 24 & Thursday, December 25

Library closes @ 5:00 pm: Wednesday, December 31

Library closed: Thursday, January 1

Teen Quiz Bowl: Saturday, January 3 @ 4:00 pm. Want to test your knowledge and try to win some prizes? Join us for the first Library Teen Quiz Bowl! The game will consist of 3 rounds consisting of 2 questions on each of the core subjects which include Arts, Literature, Science, Pop Culture, and History. Participants can sign up for one of three teams (Max 6 players per team). Registration is requested, and walk-ins are welcome if there is space on a team. For ages 13-18 only. Spectators are welcome! This program is sponsored by TACKL.

Storytime: Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm. Join JKPL Children’s Programmer Andrea Lepley for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required. No registration is necessary. Storytime sessions will run weekly through March 25. Spring Storytime runs April 15 through May 27.

Learn about free tax return preparation assistance: Monday, January 26th @ 1 pm.

Learn about free tax return preparation assistance for low to moderate income taxpayers, seniors, persons with disabilities, and those with limited English proficiency. Learn where to go, where to call to get your appointment and what to bring. Have specific tax questions? Submit questions by Wednesday, January 21st by calling the library.

Sunday, April 5: Library is closed for Easter

Sunday, May 10: Library closed for Mother’s Day

Sunday, May 24 & Monday, May 25: Library closed for Memorial Day

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2025 Childrens Summer Reading Program Report

Participants and Hours / Books Read

Numbers of Patrons Who Signed Up		
Grade	Participants	
PreK	79	36 of these were under 3 years old
K	28	
1st	53	
2nd	41	
3rd	42	
4th	39	
5th	41	59% of kids who signed up turned in reading time.
Total	323	
Hours Read TOTAL (IN-LIBRARY+OUTREADS)	4,095.00	
Number of Participants Who Turned in Reading Minutes in the Library		
Grade	Participants	
PreK	41	22 of these were under 3 years old and did not report hours
K	12	
1st	21	
2nd	10	
3rd	11	
4th	16	
5th	18	40% of kids who signed up for In-Library program reported
Total	129	
Hours Read IN-LIBRARY	2,887.00	
Number of Participants Who Turned in Reading Minutes for Outreads (St. Marks and Kid Project)		
Grade	Participants	
1st	15	
2nd	15	
3rd	13	
4th	12	100% of kids at Outreads reported
5th	9	(Outreads comprises 19% of kids who turned in reading time)
Total	64	
Hours Read OUTREADS	1,208.00	
Total Hours Read (IN-LIBRARY + OUTREADS)	4095	
In-Person Program Attendance	1930	
Regular Passive Program Attendance	2566	
Sponsors and Supporters		
Friends of the James Kennedy Public	\$3,700	(100+400+450+200+400+200+450+200+300+1000)
Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque	\$1,500	(leftover books from SRP 2024)
Dyersville Downtown Market	\$450	(half of Bubbles program)
Toys for Tots	\$1,500	(leftover toys from SRP 2024)
TOMY	\$200	(leftover toys from SRP 2024)
Program	Attending	
Storywalk: Whose Egg is That	350	June 1-30
Pretend Play: Pizza Restaurant	616	June 1-30

Scavenger Hunt: Pizza (fruit snacks)	308	June 1-30
Kids Can Craft: Comic Strip (prize basket)	125	June 1-30
SRP Dog Man Viewing/Party	93	June 9, 12:00 pm
Chalk Art Fun	38	June 11, 10:00 am
Art in the Park: Bird Feeder	22	June 12, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Magician Mikayla Oz	147	June 16, 10:00 am
Guided Umbrella Painting	19	June 18, 10:00 am
Miss Carole Stories and Songs	56	June 25, 9:15 am
DBQ Cty Conservation Stream Study (Market)	350	June 28, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Zoo to You	159	June 30, 12:30 am
Storywalk: I Am Stuck	350	July 1-31
Pretend Play: Veterinarian	560	July 1-31
Scavenger Hunt: Pets	288	July 1-31
Kids Can Craft: Design a Pet Challenge (Stuffy)	160	July 1-31
Low Sensory Storytime	4	July 2, 9:30 am
Kid Librarian Storytime	7	July 2, 10:00 am
Low Sensory Storytime (Afternoon)	6	July 2, 1:45 pm
Kids Crafting: Bubble Paint	14	July 2, 6:30 pm
Field of Dreams Author Visit Scott Riester	39	July 5, 2:30 pm
DBQ Cty Conservation Stream Study and Sunprint	12	July 7, 1:00 pm
Low Sensory Storytime	5	July 9, 9:30 am
Kid Librarian Storytime	4	July 9, 10:00 am
Low Sensory Storytime (Afternoon)	2	July 9, 1:45 pm
Kids Crafting: Crayon Melt	6	July 9, 6:30 pm
Zoo to You	84	July 14, 12:30 - 1:30
Low Sensory Storytime	5	July 16, 9:30 am
Kid Librarian Storytime	10	July 16, 10:00 am
Low Sensory Storytime (Afternoon)	7	July 16, 1:45 pm
Kids Crafting: Shrinky Dink	10	July 16, 6:30 pm
Art in the Park: Glitter Coffee Filter Flowers	27	July 17, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Low Sensory Storytime	0	July 23, 9:30 am
Kid Librarian Storytime	17	July 23, 10:00 am
Low Sensory Storytime (Afternoon)	2	July 23, 1:45 pm
Kids Crafting: Beaded Pets	14	July 23, 6:30 pm
Absolute Science Bubbles (Market) (stormed)	200	July 26, 8:00 - 12:00 pm
Kid Librarian Storytime	8	July 23, 10:00 am
Kids Crafting: Fluffy Slime	8	July 23, 6:30 pm
SRP Store with Ice Cream	140	August 2, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS for June/July2025	4272	
Total of Regular Passive Programs	2757	
Total of Storytimes	77	
TOTAL OF SRP PROGRAMS	1438	

August Programs and Events

(These are not counted as part of SRP, but these are a continuation of summer learning opportunities at JKPL.)

Storywalk: Bing Bang Chugga Beep	350	August 1-31
Pretend Play: Automotive Shop	440	August 1-31
Scavenger Hunt: Cars	220	August 1-31
Kids Can Craft: Design Car Challenge (Basket)	75	August 1-31
Zoo to You	73	August 4, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Craft Club: Bubble Wrap Painting	9	August 6, 10:00 am
Art in the Park: Slime	8	August 7, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
DBQ Cty Conservation: Color With Animals	34	August 11, 12:00 pm
Craft Club: Yarn Octopus	27	August 13, 10:00 am
Made in the USA Chocolate/Candy Tasting	70	August 18, 12:00 pm
Bilingual Storytime	0	August 20, 6:30 pm

Model T Show and Fish for Toys (Market)	518	August 30, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS for August 2025	1824	
Total of Regular Passive Programs (August)	1085	
Total of Other Library Programs	739	

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Teen SRP report 2025

	2025	2024	2023	List of donors for the teen SRP 2025
6th	6	10	10	TACKL
7th	10	14	8	Dyersville Family Resturant
8th	4	6	5	Brew & Brew
9th	6	3	6	Dyersville Comics and Games
10th	2	4	5	
11th	3	4	4	
12th	4	2	1	
Number of Signups	35	43	39	

Participation	2025	2024	2023	
6th	13	14	16	
7th	16	63	34	
8th	18	18	12	
9th	12	9	13	*2024 used a different point system
10th	2	5	6	
11th	13	9	4	
12th	9	4	4	
Reviews turned in	83	122	89	

Participation	
Programs 2025	
Natural Dyes (Cancelled due to lack of sign ups)	0
Game Changer	10
Mock a Movie (Cancelled due to weather concerns)	0
Splatter Paint (Cancelled due to supply issues)	0
Total	10
Participation	
Programs 2024	0
Teen chiefs	0
Game Changer	10
Teen's Writer Group	2
Teen Murder Mystery	6
Total	18

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Color Our World: 2025 Adult Summer Library Program
June 1 to August 31, 2025

85 adults signed up

46 participants completed one or more activities (read a book, participated in a program, used on online library service, etc.); **40** “completed” the program. In order to complete the program, participants had to complete a total of 16 activities, including reading at least 4 books.

Highest number of activities completed by one person: **84**

Total number of activities completed by all participants: **1,072**

Participants were able to select from the incentives for every four activities completed. Incentive prizes were bookmarks, luggage tags, JKPL sticky notepads, coasters, glasses, etc. as well as various items that have been donated for prizes. Participants also had the option to select a new or gently used book that was donated to the Friends when signing up and for any level completed. Every four items completed earned an entry into the prize drawing at the end of the program. Prizes were items left from previous programs, donated items, and library swag. Since the theme was art related, those completing the program were able to select a coloring book and markers, colored pencils or watercolors; a watercolor kit, or a diamond art kit. Those completing the program were also eligible for one entry into the grand prize drawing of their choice: 2 ski rental / life passes donation as part of the Love My Library campaign by Sundown; book lover’s basket, arts and crafts basket, and JKPL swag basket.

Programs offered and participation:

- Color Our World Voting - Favorite Color: 558
- Color Our World Voting - Art Activities: 514
- Color Our World - Art Medium: 510
- Color Our World - Reading Recommendations: 27
- Color Our World - Summer Art Activities (watercolor, sticker art): 17
- Color Our World - Summer Art Activities (book art): 8
- Dragonfly Sunset Painting Class (3 sessions): 22
- Color Our World - Summer Art Activities (diamond art): 8
- Color Our World - Book Genre Bingo: 21
- Color Our World Finale: 4

Sponsors and Donors:

Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library
Love my Library Donations
Vonderhaar family

History:

This program was first held in 2004 with 28 people signing up, submitting a total of 73 reviews.

Year	Participants	Reviews / Activities	At least 1	Completed	Highest
2024	93	1,172	49	39	135
2023	70	910	37	32	95
2022	61	790	32	30	70
2021	60	835	38	22	64
2020	52	594	43	22	61

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		Contract Use Report FY26 - By Area					
Residence Area		No. of	July	August	Sept	Year to	Change to
		Patrons	Stats	Stats	Stats	Date	date
Dyersville - FY26	FY25	2171	5378	4824	3801	14003	
	FY24	2089	4240	4658	3903	12801	1202
	FY23	2317	4673	4344	3883	12900	9%
	FY22	2528	4831	3794	4164	12789	
	FY21	2505	3951	4489	3742	12182	
Del Co. incl Man. (OA)		402	801	483	540	1824	
FY25	438	724	457	545		1726	
FY24	421	600	698	527		1825	98
FY23	400	496	486	335		1317	5.37%
FY22	579	483	369	408		1260	
FY21	585	602	550	265		1417	
Dbq Co. Lib. Sys. (OA)		829	1998	1487	1238	4723	
FY25	844	1623	1284	1112		4019	
FY24	791	1154	1128	795		3077	704
FY23	725	1340	1247	813		3400	18%
FY22	1009	1157	657	850		2664	
FY21	957	829	1019	801		2649	
County Agency		49	256	247	47	550	
FY25	50	156	64	94		314	
FY24	53	182	200	107		489	236
FY23	59	171	95	135		401	75%
FY22	69	181	128	81		390	
FY21	70	124	78	46		248	
I.L.L.		543	83	112	76	271	
FY25	541	115	117	115		347	
FY24	535	95	98	95		288	-76
FY23	524	73	82	83		238	-22%
FY22	509	31	36	40		107	
FY21	504	27	39	24		90	
Open Access		323	539	499	516	1554	
FY25	346	472	406	387		1265	
FY24	313	283	349	297		929	289
FY23	284	295	359	304		958	23%
FY22	427	340	279	289		908	
FY21	396	207	231	208		646	
FY26 Totals		4265	8786	7208	6281	22275	
FY25	4390	8468	7152	6054		21674	
FY24	4202	6554	7131	5724		19409	601
FY23	4309	7048	6613	5553		19214	3%
FY22	5098	7023	5263	5832		18118	
FY21	5017	5740	6406	5086		17232	

Notes from September 15, 2025 Friends of the JKPL Meeting.

The Friends approved attending *Fiddler on the Roof* at Circa 21 on May 6, 2026 as their next bus trip fundraiser.

The Friends approved all JKPL funding and allocation requests. Funds previously contributed to the JKPL but underspent (\$703.22) were reallocated to fund the programs presented by Bremer (\$100), Sprout (\$150), and Scott (\$486). The funds previously contributed for Children's Summer Program activities and books that were unused (\$1,152.67) will remain in the Trust account to be used for 2026 Children's Summer Library Program expenses.

The Friends will issue a check for \$5,250.00 to fund the following:

- \$1,000.00 for the KEYS to Dementia Prevention expenses
- \$250.00 for Passick presentation
- \$500.00 for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten books
- \$1,000.00 for Storywalk ongoing expenses
- \$1,500.00 for 2026 Children's Summer Library Program books for incentives (match to DACF grant)
- \$1,500.00 to sponsor spring book discussion on *Baseball Spy* by Scott Reister with Xavier and WD fourth and / or fifth grade classes.

(Note: The total for all approved requests is actually \$5,750.00. The Friends officially approved \$5,250 - the total noted above - but also intended to approve all requests. Shirley spoke with the Friends' President and they will address this at their next meeting or when additional funds are needed.)

The Friends are also wondering the status of the \$18,000.00 FY26 Budget Amendment request to the City Council.

Their next meeting will be November 11, 2025 at 2:00 pm.



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Summary of Fund Activity
James Kennedy Public Library Endowment - # 01372

Fund Statement: 8/1/2025 through 8/31/2025

*Investment returns and admin fees are usually updated by the 20th day of the following month.

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	20,434.47
Gifts	0.00
Interest/Dividend Income	25.82
Realized Gains (Losses)	4.71
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	678.24
Other Income	0.00
Grants Approved	0.00
Investment & Admin Fees	(29.83)
Credit Card Fees	0.00
ENDING FUND BALANCE	21,113.41
Available to Spend	630.00

This fund balance is comprised of gifts and corresponding earnings, grants or fees which individual donors, other than your organization, have contributed to the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. This is an asset of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque for the support of your organization.

Notes from September 9, 2025 meeting

Members of the JKPL Fundraising and Marketing Committee met at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. Participants were Alex Wiezorek, Beth Gudenkauf, and Shirley Vonderhaar. Monika Steffen shared some thoughts via email.

Wreath-it-up Fundraiser: This event started September 1 with the Silent Auction scheduled to run October 20 – November 23. The Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 26. The Silent auction ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23. Alex and Shirley will plan to work the closing. As of 9/9, four completed wreaths have been received and three have been picked up to create.

Blind Date with a Book Fundraiser: Beth will take the lead for this new fundraiser. She will select new or gently used books from the Book Sale area. They will be packaged with a drink beverage packet (apple cider, cocoa, tea, etc.), stickers, and possibly other related themed items and wrapped together into an attractive package. A description of the book (no title) is attached to the outside and the package is sold. Beth is hoping to have these at the September Downtown Market but is not available to work that event on September 27 so an alternative volunteer is requested.

Puzzle Fundraiser: A Fit the Pieces Puzzle Fundraiser has been scheduled for Thursday, October 23 from 5 to 8 pm at Textile Brewing Company. Teams of up to 4 members may buy a table for \$60.00 and will compete to complete a 500-piece puzzle. Textile will donate prizes for first and second place and donate 10% of food and drink sales during the event to the JKPL. Tickets are available to purchase at the JKPL and 15 tables are available. As of 9/8, 1 table has been sold. The committee selected a fall themed puzzle from Amazon and Shirley will order fifteen. The committee agreed to keep the twists and activities the same – assuming there will be enough volunteers. Volunteers will be confirmed in early October. The winter puzzle fundraiser at Textile will be scheduled after this one is complete. Alex will do a video interview with Paul, to be shared on social media, to promote this event.

Fall / Halloween Themed Event at O So Good: At the time of the meeting, Shirley reported she had a meeting scheduled with Lee and Kari Ostwinkle to discuss this fall event. Since that time, she has reported back via email that the event will be held on Friday, October 24 following all the same procedures and prices as previous events. Tickets will be \$120 for a table for up to six guests. Price includes two bottles of wine of your choice (or equal value in other drinks), a charcuterie board for six, and a dessert to share. There will be Halloween themed questions as well as general trivia and the contest will include some special twists, prizes, and giveaways. Costumes are encouraged and there will be a prize for the best individual costume as well as the best group / table costume. Guests are welcome to arrive at any time but trivia will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Dollar Fresh is donating a \$200 gift card to help with expenses. Paul will do a video interview, perhaps at O So Good, to be shared on social media to promote this event.

Layette Quilt Display and Sale: This annual partnership is held in November and December. The Layette Ladies bring in a variety of quilts that are displayed in the magazine room. These quilts are available to purchase starting at \$25.00 (larger sizes are more) and proceeds are split between the Layette Ladies group and the JKPL (JKPL gets \$10.00 for each sold, Layette group get the remainder.) Shirley will reach out to the group to schedule this event for between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Shirley was also directed to ask if the group would be interested in hosting a program on quilting to help grow interest.

Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser: The fall event is scheduled for Small Business / Shop Local Saturday – Saturday, November 29 from 9 to 11 am. Fareway has agreed to partner and donate ingredients. Shirley will review what was needed at the spring event and provide a list for the Committee to review before sharing the list with Bill at Fareway. We will be adding a bowl option and will discuss pricing and other details at the next meeting.

Cookie Walk Fundraiser: This annual event will be December 5-7 this year. Hours will be Friday from 1 to 5 and Saturday 9 to 4 at the JKPL. Sunday will be a work day for clean-up and plating for gifts and sales. Anyone wanting to purchase cookies on Sunday will be able to select from those already plated. Prices will again be \$8.00 per dozen or \$15 for 2 dozen. The Merry Mingle Market (Downtown Winter Market) has been scheduled for Saturday, December 6 with the vendor market being from 12 to 4 pm, and a lighted parade at 6 pm. The Committee agreed we will again take plated and individual cookies and hot cocoa to the Downtown Market to sell. Prices at the market will be plated - \$8, individual cookies - \$1, and hot chocolate - \$2 per cup. Extra cookies will be plated and available to purchase the week following the event and also taken as thank you gifts to community partners. The committee noted we will need several volunteers, especially on Saturday as we will be selling both at the JKPL and at the Market.

Supper with Santa: Beth reported that Santa will be sponsored by The English Pub this year and they will manage their time so there was no need for the JKPL to be involved. Since we will not be adding this event, the Committee will likely recommend the library close at 4 pm, when the Market closes, as we did last year.

Soup Lunch and Supper: This annual event is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2026. All Board and Fundraising members are asked to donate at least 4 or 5 quarts (ice cream tub) of either chicken noodle soup or chili for this fundraiser. Library staff, volunteers, and past board and committee members also donate. Other items are either purchased or donated. This carry out event is held for lunch and dinner: 11:30am – 1:00 pm & 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Volunteers and other details will be decided in November or December.

Love My Library Giving Tree / Direct Mail: This event is traditionally held in January and February, but there has been discussion about changing the process – who is mailed to, size, etc. The committee agreed that direct mail has a lot of potential but there are details that need to be worked out. The committee will schedule a meeting in October to focus on this topic and want to be sure Danelle is available so she can share her expertise.

2026 Mystery Dinner: This event is scheduled for Saturday, February 28 with a snow date of March 7. Confirmed with Social Center, Brew Ha Ha and J & D Catering. Brew Ha Ha has indicated that their Roaring 20s show, *Murder at the Fish Fly Club*, is the only option available this time due to scheduling conflicts with one of the players. Monika suggested the Dyersville Sportsman Club as a possible partner for the meal due to the theme. The committee will follow up on this at their next meeting.

Art / Décor Event: This activity was on the schedule for FY25 as a late winter / early spring event featuring baseball or other sports décor but no event was scheduled. The committee agreed to keep it on the schedule as a potential activity, perhaps a partnership with the Field of Dreams / Events Center or Dug Out. No one expressed interest in taking on this event at this time so the Committee will discuss at a future meeting.

Fundraising Partnerships: As part of the discussion on the Puzzle events, committee members noted that Fuse would like to continue to partner with the JKPL – but might be interested in other activities. The English Pub is also interested in partnering for events after they open. Two new ideas that were brought were a Case Files event (solving a mystery) and a Casino Night. Due to the number of events already scheduled for the fall, the committee will discuss options for winter / spring activities at a future meeting.

2025 United for Libraries Virtual Training: Shirley and Beth had nothing new to share.

MARKETING:

FY26 Marketing Activities Calendar (tentative): The Calendar was reviewed and edited. An updated version will be emailed to the Committee and shared with the JKPL Board at their October meeting.

Book Bike: The Book Bike is scheduled to be out in September to the markets; and October for Books for Treats and other Halloween themed events as well as randomly for National Book Month – as weather and work schedules permit. We are still looking for a good location to store the bike. Hopefully Mick will allow the city to store it over the winter – but if anyone has ideas for year-round accessible storage, please share.

Radio Interview: Beth will do an interview at KDST on 9/25 to talk about the fall fundraisers: Wreath-it-up; Fit the Pieces at Textile Brewing; and Halloween Trivia at O So Good. She will also schedule another one for November to promote the Burrito Fundraiser and Cookie Walk activities.

Annual Report: Shirley shared a draft of the Annual Report that was color matched to the JKPL logo. The Committee noted that it wasn't a significant change but would be fine to use the matched version. Shirley reported that the City will likely be closing the FY25 financials in late September so she was hoping to have a proposed Annual Report for the Committee to review before the October JKPL Board meeting. Alex will also have an updated Message from the Board President to include.

Float for Christmas Lighted Parade: Alycia will put something together for the 2025 parade, using the book she created last year. She has asked if there is a place to store the foam book as they need the space in their garage. She said is light so we could potentially store in library basement – but size is awkward. Put together it is 8' x 6' or 8' x 4'; when in pieces (as it is now) it would be 3' x 4' and 2 to 2.5 feet high. The committee thought we should be able to store this in the basement so Shirley will contact Alycia to see when she might to bring it in.

Marketing Survey: The Committee will discuss the possibility of conducting a survey to find out the best way(s) to share information with the community at a future meeting.

Social Media Video: As part of the discussion about utilization of fundraising income at the August meeting, committee members noted that the public likely does not know how services like Hoopla work. It was suggested that a Board member should work with library staff to create and post a video on social media to explain more about these services. Alex is willing to do this but suggests staff create a script of some kind. Shirley will talk to Paul and come up with a plan.

Next Meeting: To be decided

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Marketing Events & Activities

Regular activities:

- Website: www.dyersville.lib.ia.us
- Printed monthly schedule of events
- Calendar of events on JKPL Website
- Weekly email blast (upon request)
- Posters on library bulletin boards and posted in community
- Thematic displays
- Weekly newspaper articles
- While You Wait program
- Scrolling list of events on TV in library
- Sandwich board signs at bigger events
- Brochures to Dyersville Chamber for new residents (as needed in English and Spanish)
- Pop-up libraries and Mobile / Book Bike at special community events (as staff and time allow)
- Major events listed on Dyersville Chamber website, Telegraph Herald website, Dyersville tv station
- Brochure about the library for patrons (in English and Spanish)
- Participate in Dyersville U as presenter and / or host location
- Social media as follows:
 - Facebook, and Instagram accounts
 - 3-4 posts per day, spread out by a couple of hours; Videos whenever possible (because they track better than text)
 - Events created for programs
 - Boost events if requested by managing staff or if it is a major event
 - Reminder posts for events a couple of days prior to date happening.
- Goodreads account
- We do have a Twitter/X account but haven't updated it in a while due to the state of that site
- Investigate additional sites

July:

- Pop-up Library at Farmer's Market (typically twice a month)
- Pop-up Library at Downtown Summer Nights
- Pop-up Library at Downtown Market
- Mobile / Book Bike at pool (as staff, weather and time allow)

August:

- Annual report design / guidance (FY ends June 30)
- Pop-up Library at Farmer's Market (typically twice a month)
- Pop-up at Downtown Summer Nights
- Pop-up Library at Downtown Market

- Mobile / Book Bike at pool (as staff, weather and time allow)

September:

- Annual report design / details
- Promotions for Library Card Sign-Up Month
- Radio interview to promote Fall activities and Fundraisers
- Pop-up Library at Downtown Market

October:

- Annual report to full board / present to City Council
- Banned Books Week
- Radio interview to promote Halloween / Fall activities and Fundraisers
- Ghouls Night Out Pop-up Library
- Trunk or Treat Pop-up Library
- Books for Treats Pop-up Library
- Pop-up Library in Community for National Book Month

November:

- Radio interview to promote Small Business Saturday events (including Burrito Breakfast) Cookie Walk, Layette fundraiser, programs, etc.
 - KDST give away of free dozen cookies gift certificate (2)

December:

- Radio interview (if needed)
- Pop-up Library at Merry Mingle Market
- Float in lighted Merry Mingle Market parade

January:

- Radio interview to promote Love My Library, Soup event, and Murder Mystery Fundraisers
 - KDST give away of free soup meal gift certificate (2)

February:

- Meet and greet / Tour with City Government and Officials – offer when have new officials

March:

- St. Patrick's Day Parade

April:

- Radio interview to promote National Library Week activities and fundraisers
 - KDST give away of free breakfast burrito gift certificates (2)
- Committee planned events or contests for NLW (below are past ideas from notes)
 - Downtown business window storywalk leading to the library
 - Steamer trunk moved around community with library display
 - Special pop-up libraries at various locations in the community
- Booth or Sponsorship of some kind for Woman's Night

May:

- Participate in St. Francis Xavier Glow Run

June:

- Pop-up Library at Farmer's Market (typically twice a month)
- Pop-up Library at Downtown Summer Nights
- Pop-up Library at Downtown Market
- Mobile / Book Bike at pool (as staff, weather and time allow)

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Agenda for October 13, 2025 meeting

Members of the JKPL Fundraising and Marketing Committee met at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. Participants were Alex Wiezorek, Beth Gudenkauf, Monika Steffen, Danelle Schroeder and Shirley Vonderhaar.

Wreath-it-up Fundraiser: This annual event started September 1 with people donating wreath and other décor items. The Silent Auction will run October 20 – November 23. Based on email discussion, a “Buy It Now” option for Halloween Wreaths was added. Shirley spoke with the donors to get a value to create the “Buy It Now” price and received their permission before offering this option.

The Donor Reception and start of voting for ribbons will be on Sunday, October 26. Categories for voting in the JKPL will be Best Overall, Most Creative and Best Seasonal. Shirley will investigate options to include sold items in the voting – potentially posting pictures as an alternative. New this year we are adding a “Most Liked” so people can vote for their favorite on Facebook. The Silent Auction ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 23. Alex and Shirley will work the closing. Twenty-six completed items have been received and ten were marked for “Buy It Now” with prices ranging from \$25 to \$50. Two wreaths have been purchased. Additional items should be arriving to be included in the silent auction.

Blind Date with a Book Fundraiser: Beth took the lead on this and reports that she has about 40 books ready to be wrapped and sold. She was unable to sell them at the September Downtown Market so the discussion was how to offer them to the community. There was also discussion on what, if anything, to include with the books. The committee agreed to add library themed bookmarks and / or oversized paperclips along with the hot beverage packets. Beth and Danelle will work together to wrap, decorate and label the books. Beth will display some at Ideal Decorating. Books will also be available to purchase at the Burrito Breakfast fundraiser in November and the Merry Mingle Downtown Market in December.

Puzzle Fundraiser: A Fit the Pieces Puzzle Fundraiser has been scheduled for Thursday, October 23 from 5 to 8 pm at Textile Brewing Company. Teams of up to 4 members may buy a table for \$60.00 and will compete to complete a 500-piece puzzle. Textile will donate prizes for first and second place and donate 10% of food and drink sales during the event to the JKPL. Tickets are available to purchase at the JKPL and 15 tables are available. Thirteen of the fifteen available tables have been sold. Fifteen copies of the selected puzzle were ordered and received. Alex will MC and volunteers are needed to help with set up, sign people in and manage twists during the event, and clean up. Danelle is planning to work and Catherine and Pat O’Hea have also volunteered. The committee will confirm volunteers at the October Board meeting and review / finalize twists during that meeting. Shirley will send out an email reminder to all teams the week of the event (10/20/25). The committee also noted that the community as a whole should be alerted that 10% of food and drink sales during the event would be donated to the JKPL – so those not participating in the puzzle event could support the library with their purchases, including carry out.

Fall / Halloween Trivia Event at O So Good: This annual event / partnership with O So Good Winery and Distillery is scheduled for Friday, October 24 following all the same procedures and prices as previous events. Tickets will be \$120 for a table for up to six guests. Price includes two bottles of wine of your choice (or equal value in other drinks), a charcuterie board for six, and a dessert to share. There will be Halloween themed questions as well as general trivia and the contest will include some special twists, prizes, and giveaways. Costumes are encouraged and there will be a prize for the best individual costume as well as the best group / table costume. Guests are welcome to arrive at any time but trivia

will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Dollar Fresh has donated a \$200 gift card to help with expenses. As of 10/10/25, 5 tables have been sold. Deadline for sales is 10/21 to allow time to purchase ingredients for charcuterie boards. Shirley will put together library swag baskets for prizes and O So Good will donate prizes as well. Shirley will look at past participants and send out emails inviting them to join again this year.

Layette Quilt Display and Sale: This event is typically held annually in November and December. The Layette Ladies bring in a variety of quilts that are displayed in the magazine room. These quilts are available to purchase starting at \$25.00 (larger sizes are more) and proceeds are split between the Layette Ladies group and the JKPL. JKPL gets \$10.00 for each sold, Layette group get the remainder. The committee discussed ways to get more sales and involvement and suggested the JKPL could host a program on quilting, making a quilt square, sewing or something related, presented by the Layette Group members or other quilters in the community, to help grow interest. This idea will be investigated further and the schedule for displaying and selling quilts may be adjusted based on those plans.

Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser: This event is scheduled for Small Business / Shop Local Saturday - November 29 from 9 to 11 am. Fareway has agreed to partner again and will donate the following ingredients and supplies:

- 100 burrito size (10 to 12 in) tortillas;
- 9 dozen eggs
- 35 cups of frozen hash browns
- 15 lbs. of ground pork sausage or Italian sausage
- 4 large jars of mild salsa
- 25 cups of Mexican style or mixed cheddar and jack shredded cheese
- cooking oil
- 6 - 9x13 inch foil pans
- foil sheets (need 100 / larger size)

Based on notes from the spring event and email responses from the committee, nacho cheese was not requested: Shirley noted the library has some bowls (no lids) available so we didn't include that in request. The bowls on hand will be covered with a foil sheet this year. If bowls are popular, providing an option that has a cover will be part of the discussion for the spring event. A sign thanking Fareway should be posted at the sale table and the Sandwich Boards will be put out during the Event.

The committee decided on a price of \$8.00 per burrito – an increase of \$1.00. Alex will cook on his Blackstone outside and sales will take place in the Hoffman Room. Alex started cooking about 7 am and additional workers were scheduled to start at 8 am. Sausage, eggs, hash browns, and cheese will all be mixed together in one roaster, after cooking, as burritos get those items equally. This should be more efficient. Salsa is the only additional item and will be added upon request. Workers will be needed to take money, fill tortillas (or bowl), roll tortillas, and add salsa/cover bowl. Two tables with 4 chairs each will be set up for those wanting to eat onsite. Pitchers of water, disposable cups and flatware will also be provided.

Cookie Walk Fundraiser: This annual event will be December 5-7 this year. Hours will be Friday from 1 to 5 and Saturday 9 to 3 at the JKPL. Sunday will be a work day for clean-up and plating for gifts and sales. Anyone wanting to purchase cookies on Sunday will be able to select from those already plated. Prices will again be \$8.00 per dozen or \$15 for 2 dozen. The Merry Mingle Market (Downtown Winter

Market) has been scheduled for Saturday, December 6 with the vendor market being from 12 to 4 pm, and a lighted parade at 6 pm. The Committee agreed we will again take plated and individual cookies and hot cocoa to the Downtown Market to sell. Prices at the market will be plated - \$8, individual cookies - \$1, and hot chocolate - \$2 per cup. Extra cookies will be plated and available to purchase the week following the event and also taken as thank you gifts to community partners. After discussion, the Committee decided there was no reason for the library to stay open late on Saturday so the library will close at its normal time of 3:00 pm. Shirley reported that Christa had decided to move the children's winter holiday activities to the Market location during the afternoon and the Pop-up Library will also be set up. We will need two library locations and canopies – one for the pop-up library and children's activities and one for the fundraising activities.

Several volunteers will be needed. Beth and Danelle will manage the Market activities of selling cookies, hot cocoa and books (Blind Date with a Book). Beth volunteered her husband to run cookies and / or cocoa from the library as needed. Workers will be needed at the library on Friday, December 5 from 1 to 5 pm, Saturday, December 6 from 9 am to 3 pm and Sunday, December 7 from 1 to 4 pm (or until everything is plated and cleaned up). Staff and volunteers will start contacting past donors the first week of November. Based on past events, we are estimating we need about 300 dozen items donated. Shirley will also check on supplies.

Soup Lunch and Supper: This annual event is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2026. All Board and Fundraising members are asked to donate at least 4 or 5 quarts (ice cream tub) of either chicken noodle soup or chili for this fundraiser. Library staff, volunteers, and past board and committee members also donate. Other items are either purchased or donated. This carry out event is held for lunch and dinner: 11:30am – 1:00 pm & 4:30 – 6:30 pm. More details for donors and volunteers will be discussed at the next meeting.

Love My Library Giving Tree / Direct Mail: This annual activity is traditionally held in January and February. In 2025 we sent mail to every Dyersville household that received a water bill, list provided by the City. We spent more money and raised more – but not as much as might have expected based on increased volume. There was also increase in participation in Build-a-basket which may be attributed to this; and our hope was that every household receiving the letter might bring more people into the library – even if they didn't donate. The committee will meet on Tuesday, October 28 at 6 pm to work on logistics and planning details for this activity.

2026 Mystery Dinner: This event is scheduled for Saturday, February 28 with a snow date of March 7. Confirmed with Social Center, Brew Ha Ha and J & D Catering. Brew Ha Ha will perform their Roaring 20s show, *Murder at the Fish Fly Club*. Shirley will get a price list from J & D Mart so committee can decide on menu and finalize pricing details.

Fundraising Partnerships: As part of the discussion on the Puzzle events, committee members noted that Fuse would like to continue to partner with the JKPL – but might be interested in other activities. The Committee discussed a Minute to Win It style event. Monika will reach out to Fuse to see if they have any ideas on what they might like to do. The English Pub is also interested in partnering for events at some point in the future. The committee will follow up with them in the spring.

2025 United for Libraries Virtual Training: Nothing new to add at this time.

MARKETING:

Radio Interviews: The committee would like an interview scheduled for the week of November 10th. Beth will go and is available any day except 11/11. She will take two coupons for free burritos for the station to give away and focus on the Wreath-it-up, Blind Date with a Book, Burrito and Cookie Walk / Merry Mingle Market events. Another interview should be scheduled to promote the Soup / Winter Events.

Annual Report: A preliminary draft of the FY25 Annual Report was shared with the Committee. The committee agreed to keep the value for collection use and live program attendance unchanged. Monika did a quick online search and the committee agreed that the value for passive programs and take and make kits should also be included on the report. The committee also discussed adding information on the value of the volunteer hours and pulling out downloadable audiobook use specifically. Shirley will share this with Dawn as she updates the report. The committee also suggested that specific details about return on investment and details on use and value could be shared on social media.

Float for Christmas Lighted Parade: Last year Alycia put together the JKPL Float for the December lighted parade. Shirley reached out to her to confirm her interest any availability this year. Alycia responded that she needed to consider if she had enough time and also that, if she did, she would need help. We will discuss options at the October Board meeting.

Marketing Survey: At a previous meeting, the Committee briefly discussed the benefit of conducting a survey to find out the best way(s) to share information with the community. The committee wondered if we could add a question about this on the library card registration form. They were also more open to using the ILS (library circulation system) to send emails and texts to patrons. Shirley will talk to Dawn about options, as she manages the ILS and is also in charge of most marketing efforts, and report back at a future meeting.

Next Meeting: To be decided

Realia (Games, Puzzles, DVDs, etc.) Circulation Policy

The James Kennedy Public Library has a collection of realia, including but not limited to, board, console, outdoor, and life-size games; puzzles, DVDs, Blu-rays, etc. for public use. Most of these materials may be used within the library, or checked out for use at home. The following rules apply:

1. Any library card holder may check out these materials.
2. The loan period for these materials is one (1) week.
3. Larger or specialty items such as board games, outdoor games, puppets and puzzles should be returned to a staff member at the circulation desk. Console games, DVDs, and Blu-rays may be returned in the audiovisual materials drop box or at the circulation desk. The patron is responsible for any damages to the materials as a result of being returned in the wrong location.
4. The patron is responsible for the return of the items in good condition. In case of loss, theft, or damage, the patron will be charged full replacement cost, plus a \$5.00 processing fee.
5. Reservations and renewals will be allowed per general library policies. Additional limits may be placed if demand or collection size warrants.
6. The James Kennedy Public Library assumes no responsibility for damage to the borrowers' equipment.
7. The library reserves the right to deny service to any patron who does not comply with these policies.

Please Note:

The library hopes that all pieces and parts of games and puzzles are included at the time of check out and will periodically check all items for contents. If an item is checked out with parts missing, patrons are encouraged to inform staff so they can rectify the problem.

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