

Hello all:

Here is the packet for the Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Library Board Meeting. Please note we will be meeting in the Genealogy Room in September, October and November so the Hoffman Room can be used for the KEYS to Dementia Prevention course.

1. Call to Order
2. Consider Approval of Agenda
3. Consider Agenda Consent Calendar
 - Correspondence & Communication
 - Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings: August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting - **A**
 - Approve August Librarian's Report - **B**
 - Approve Bills:
 - September Bills - **C**
 - Claims Report for August - **D**
 - August & September Credit Card Claims – **E None**
 - Budget Reports
 - August City Report - **F**
 - August Library Report - **G**
 - Trust Account Reports
 - August Bank Statements – **H1 & H2. Please note that there was a large deduction made in from the Fidelity Account. This was an error and will be corrected with the September reports.**
 - August Balance Report - **I**
 - Trust Account Expenditure Report - **J**
 - August Donations - **K**
 - Program Reports
 - August Report of Programs and Attendance - **L**
 - August WhoFi Program Overview - **M**
 - September Schedule of Events - **N**
 - Schedule for Upcoming Programs - **O**
 - Grant Report – **Nothing new to report**
 - Friends of the Library Report – **Nothing new to report; they meet 9/16**
 - JKPL Endowment Report - **P**
 - Strategic Planning Report – **Q: A fall update is being shared as a separate document.**

- Committee Reports
 - Executive Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Fundraising, Marketing and Public Relations Committee – **Committee is meeting right before the Board meeting.**
 - Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee
 - Personnel Committee – **Luke Robbins has been hired as a clerk. We are now fully staffed.**
 - Policy Committee
- 4. Meetings and Training
 - City Council Attendance: **October 6: Danelle Schroeder**
 - Upcoming: **Public Libraries of Dubuque County Agency meeting is 9/18; ARSL is 9/17 to 9/20**
 - Recently Attended
 - Trustee Training
- 5. Oral Presentations
- 6. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2025



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Regular Library Board Meeting

**Tuesday,
September 9, 2025
6:00 pm**
Genealogy Room
James Kennedy Public Library

Agenda Topics

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James Kennedy Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the James Kennedy Public Library was held on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025 in the Hoffman Room. Present: Danelle Schroeder, Beth Gudenkauf, Beth Derr, Alex Wiezorek, Catherine O'Hea, Sally Kelly, Melissa Kane, Alycia Willenbring and Library Director Shirley Vonderhaar. Absent: Monika Steffen

1. President Alex Wiezorek called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Consider Approval of Agenda
Willenbring MOVED "Approval of Agenda," seconded by O'Hea.
Ayes: Schroeder, Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O'Hea, Kelly, Willenbring, and Kane
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED
3. Consider Agenda Consent Calendar
 - Correspondence & Communication
 - Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings: July 15, 2025 Special Meeting and July 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - Approve July Librarian's Report
 - Approve Bills:
 - August Bills
 - Claims Report for July
 - July & August Credit Card Claims
 - Budget Reports
 - July City Report
 - July Library Report
 - Trust Account Reports
 - July Bank Statements
 - July Balance Report
 - Trust Account Expenditure Report
 - July Donations
 - Program Reports
 - July Report of Programs and Attendance
 - July WhoFi Program Overview
 - August Schedule of Events
 - Schedule for Upcoming Programs
 - Grant Report – Shirley was awarded a grant to fund expenses at the Health Reference Preconference and ARSL Conference in Albuquerque
 - Friends of the Library Report – next meeting is in September.
 - JKPL Endowment Report – nothing new to report.
 - Strategic Planning Report – nothing new to report.
 - Committee Reports
 - Executive Committee – nothing new to report.
 - Finance Committee – discussed the committee's recommendations regarding the Trust account allocations.

- Fundraising, Marketing and Public Relations Committee – reviewed the last fiscal years fundraising report and discussed fundraisers coming up.
- Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee – nothing new to report.
- Personnel Committee – We have hired the Children’s Programmer position and are interviewing for the open Clerk position.
- Policy Committee – Committee reviewed FY26 Holiday Schedule.

Kane MOVED “Approval of Agenda Consent Calendar,” seconded by O’Hea.

Ayes: Schroeder, Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O’Hea, Kelly, Willenbring, and Kane

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

4. Committee Appointments – Shared by President
5. Schedule for Attendance of City Council Meetings – Shared by President
6. Consider approval of Library Holiday Schedule for FY26
Policy Committee MOVED to “approve the FY26 Library Holiday Schedule, including closing on Sunday, July 5.” No second needed.
Ayes: Schroeder, Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O’Hea, Kelly, Willenbring, and Kane
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED
7. Meetings and Training
 - City Council Attendance – September 2nd – Beth Gudenkauf
 - Upcoming – Staff from Hills & Dales will present information and considerations of the neurodivergent community at the next staff meeting.
 - Recently Attended – Beth Gudenkauf shared notes from the 2025 United for Libraries Virtual fundraising meeting she participated in.
 - Trustee Training Webinar
8. Oral Presentations
9. Adjournment
Willenbring MOVED to adjourn, seconded by Kelly. Meeting ADJOURNED by Wiezorek at 6:31 pm.

JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

Month: August-25
 YTD: July-24 to August-25
 Previous YTD: July-23 to August-24

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Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	5022	(↓ 5.9%)	8732	(↑ 10%)	21	27	(↓ 6.9%)
YTD	11767	(↑ 7%)	19125	(↑ 11.2%)	39	61	(↓ 11.6%)

Website traffic

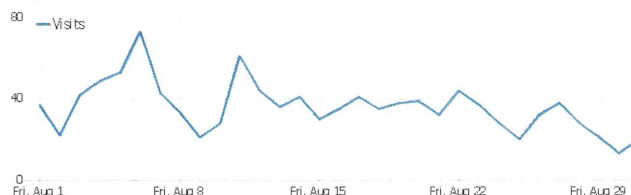


Visits

1114

Average visit
duration

1:16



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
186	389	531	392	883	1061

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
1137	2295	961	1930	352	569

Meeting room use



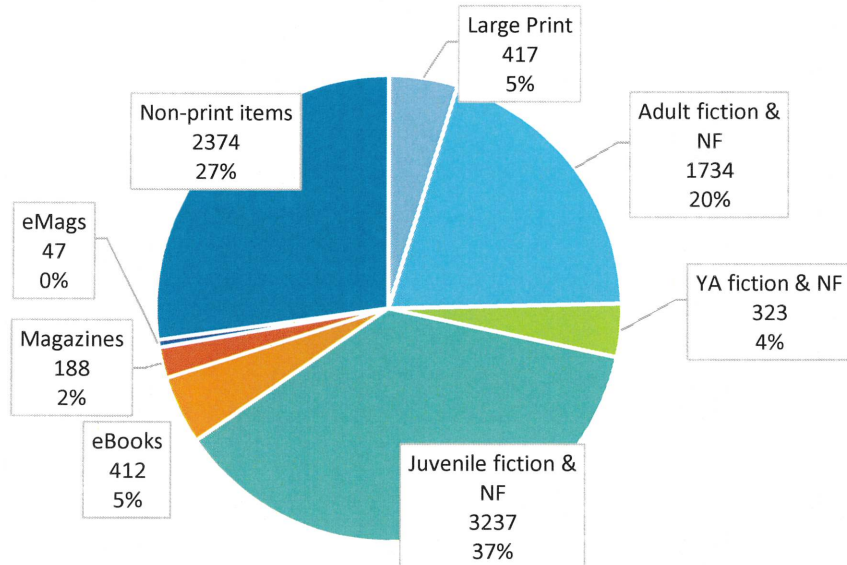
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
111	198	101

Online Learning
 Sessions: 58
 YTD: 108

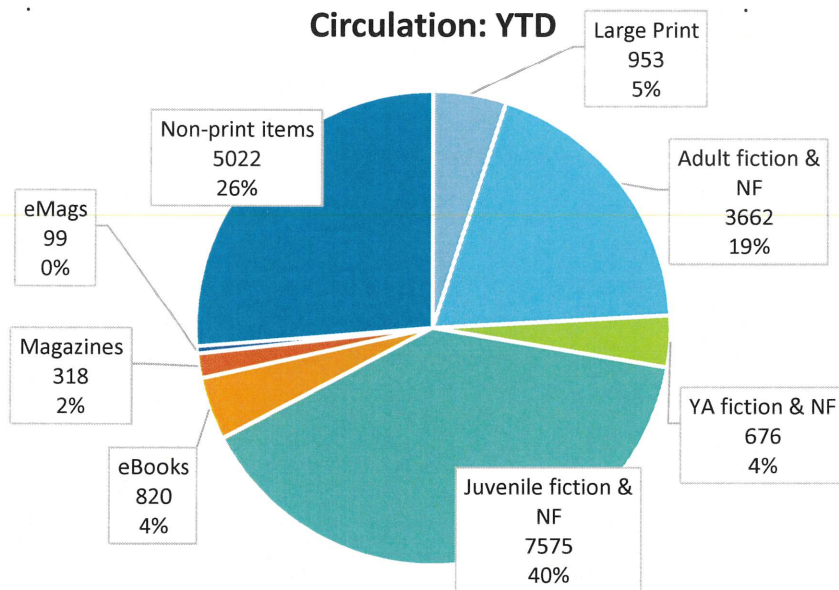


Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

Month

YTD

eAudio	701	1426
Adult & YA audio	108	205
Juvenile audio & kits	21	75
Adult & YA video	748	1625
Juvenile video & DVD	350	787
Games, LoT, etc.	446	904
	2374	5022

Music

Downloads: 4
Total YTD: 5

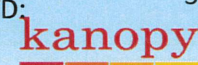


Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 21
YTD: 32



Visits: 272
YTD: 361



Languages

Sessions: 19
YTD: 24



Genealogy

Visits: 445
YTD: 589



World Culture

Visits: 0
YTD: 0



Hobbies

Sessions: 7
YTD: 15



Sessions: 0
YTD: 0



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 221
YTD: 435

Items donated

Month: 35
YTD: 92
Prev. YTD: 183

Items withdrawn

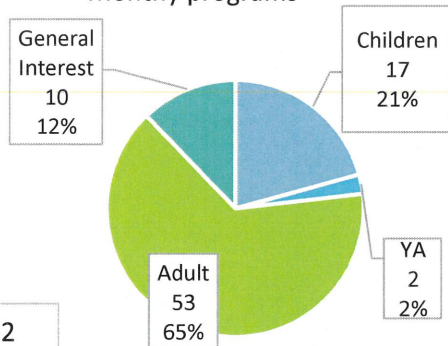
	Month	YTD
Books	200	601
Audio	2	2
Video	283	357
Other	4	10
Total	489	970

Summary of additions

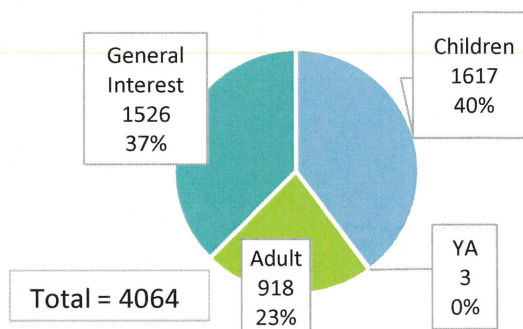
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	17	71	29	24	58	0	13	6	0	27	3	8	256
Previous month	44	87	49	13	66	12	15	8	0	31	5	9	339
Current YTD	27	150	55	39	146	3	22	6	0	50	12	17	527
Previous YTD	61	219	95	33	131	29	25	16	1	55	12	13	690

Programs

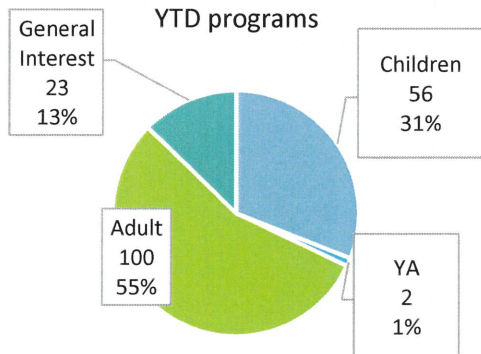
Monthly programs



Monthly attendance

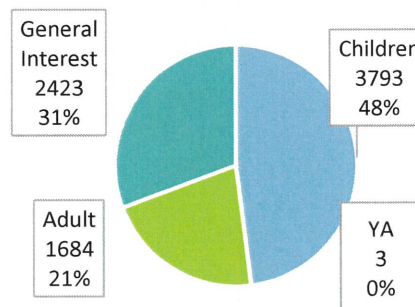


YTD programs



YTD Total = 181
Previous YTD = 161
Change = +12.4%

YTD attendance



YTD Total = 7903
Previous YTD = 5322
Change = +48.5%



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Expense Approval Register

cket: APPKT02030 - September 2025 Library Bills

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Description (Item)	Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND					
Department: 410 - LIBRARY					
ASSOC FOR RURAL & SMALL L...	77326	Annual Dues	001-5-410-4-62100	DUES	200.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	08.08.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	08.15.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	08.22.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
FAREWAY STORES INC	00279532	Conservation Camp Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	11.76
FAREWAY STORES INC	00279538	Conservation Camp Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	8.96
POSTMASTER	08192025	Postage Stamps	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	122.00
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	57.33
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Programs	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	110.14
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Marketing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	128.54
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2207665	CD Processing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5.90
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2208381	CD Processing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2.95
HERITAGE PRINTING CO	3310	Supplies - Overdue Postcards	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	112.00
DEMCO EDUCATIONAL CORP	7680161	Book Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	78.42
COMPLETE OFFICE OF WISC...	978272	Building Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	239.89
CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY	D163471	Office Supplies - Paper	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	147.00
BOOK PAGE	S86696	Marketing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	420.00
OVERDRIVE	06497CO25260275	Electronic Media	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	762.93
AMAZON	139R-Y7VT-FWYP	Books - Returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-4.95
AMAZON	1GH9-LT9W-H6GP	Books Returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-9.99
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	6.39
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Library of Things	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	13.89
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	33.22
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	6.29
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	DVDS	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	431.62
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Games	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	333.30
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	354.36
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	200.42
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	202.38
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039209162	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	246.76
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039209162	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	76.67
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039218326	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	23.92
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039218326	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	88.40
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039229768	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	98.59
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039229768	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	17.10
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039229768	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	53.96
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039243751	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	123.66
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2192592	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	70.21
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2207665	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	150.15
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2208381	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	40.50
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	63215713	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	299.96
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	63215713	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	24.11
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	67853984	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	25.91
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	67853984	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	121.26
Department 410 - LIBRARY Total:					6,185.91
Fund 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:					6,185.91
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND					
Department: 410 - LIBRARY					
FAREWAY STORES INC	00279532	Meeting Refreshments	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	27.00
FAREWAY STORES INC	00382028	Kids Can Cook	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	26.87
SPROUT MURRAY, MICHELLE	10.04.25	Program Stipend	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	150.00
BRANDT PASSICK, BETTY	1001	Program stipend	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	250.00

Expense Approval Register

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AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Bands - GF donation	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	9.59
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Love My Library	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	87.63
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Crafts - Donations	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	15.74
AMAZON	1R7D-6KFD-7NJ3	Love My Library	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	27.53
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2039218326	Love My Library Donation - K...	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	5.55
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2192592	Love My Library Donation	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	51.94
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2192592	Kerker Donation	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	53.89
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2192592	Hildebrand Donation	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	26.62
KANOPY INC	467265-PPU	Streaming Services	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	35.00
HOOPLA BY MIDWEST TAPE	507679715	Streaming Service	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	838.56
CENGAGE LEARNING	999100774059	Kerker Donation	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	<u>211.13</u>
				Department 410 - LIBRARY Total:	<u>1,817.05</u>
				Fund 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total:	<u>1,817.05</u>
				Grand Total:	<u>8,002.96</u>

Fund Summary

Fund	Expense Amount
001 - GENERAL FUND	6,185.91
002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND	1,817.05
Grand Total:	8,002.96

Account Summary

Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount
001-5-410-4-62100	DUES	200.00
001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	750.00
001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,444.89
001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS...	3,791.02
002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDI...	1,817.05
Grand Total:		8,002.96

Project Account Summary

Project Account Key	Expense Amount
None	2,818.93
410AB	190.65
410AF	752.88
410AN	361.47
410DVD	431.62
410EM	762.93
410GAMES	333.30
410LP	76.60
410PF	481.47
410PN	83.24
410TPROG	1,406.90
410TYAF	76.67
410YAF	226.30
Grand Total:	8,002.96

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James Kennedy Public Library
August 2025

Utilities and Contractual

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Black Hills	Gas / Heat	56.33
Alliant Energy	Electricity	1,739.43
Access Systems	Copier contract	182.08
Total		\$1,977.84

Miscellaneous Bills

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Giant Wash	Floor Mats	28.61
Pitney Bowes	Postage	15.93
Preferred Health Choices	HRA admin fee	15.00
Total		\$59.54

August Budget	
August 2025 Claims submitted	10,118.23
Utility and Contractual from Bills above	1,977.84
Miscellaneous Bills from above	59.54
Total wages and benefits	41,611.10
Total August 2025 expenses	\$53,766.71

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

Budget Report
Account Summary

For Fiscal: 2025-2026 Period Ending: 08/31/2025

		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	32,820.15	58,994.83	282,668.17	82.73 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61100</u>	FICA	21,183.00	21,183.00	1,987.69	3,563.35	17,619.65	83.18 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61200</u>	MEDICARE	4,954.00	4,954.00	464.89	833.42	4,120.58	83.18 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61300</u>	IPERS	32,253.00	32,253.00	2,998.10	5,390.43	26,862.57	83.29 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61500</u>	GROUP INSURANCE	45,536.00	45,536.00	3,319.75	6,531.11	39,004.89	85.66 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61700</u>	SUI	246.00	246.00	20.52	39.84	206.16	83.80 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62100</u>	DUES	850.00	850.00	0.00	0.00	850.00	100.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62300</u>	MEETINGS/TRAINING	2,500.00	2,500.00	189.66	189.66	2,310.34	92.41 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63710</u>	ELECTRICITY	12,000.00	12,000.00	1,739.43	2,783.57	9,216.43	76.80 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63711</u>	GAS HEAT	3,000.00	3,000.00	56.33	109.83	2,890.17	96.34 %
<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	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	100.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64080</u>	INSURANCE PREMIUM	10,500.00	10,500.00	15.00	15.00	10,485.00	99.86 %
<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	364.16	-364.16	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64322</u>	CONTRACTED SERVICES	13,600.00	13,600.00	1,158.00	1,658.00	11,942.00	87.81 %
<u>001-5-410-4-65060</u>	OFFICE SUPPLIES	20,500.00	20,500.00	1,056.06	1,216.55	19,283.45	94.07 %
<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	7,759.05	9,193.75	32,806.25	78.11 %
Expense Total:		558,785.00	558,785.00	53,766.71	90,883.50	467,901.50	83.74%
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:		558,785.00	558,785.00	53,766.71	90,883.50	467,901.50	83.74%
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND							
Expense							
<u>002-5-410-4-67700</u>	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	40,000.00	40,000.00	3,410.63	4,556.96	35,443.04	88.61 %
Expense Total:		40,000.00	40,000.00	3,410.63	4,556.96	35,443.04	88.61%
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total:		40,000.00	40,000.00	3,410.63	4,556.96	35,443.04	88.61%
Report Total:		598,785.00	598,785.00	57,177.34	95,440.46	503,344.54	84.06%

James Kennedy Public Library FY25 Operating Budget							
	FY26				Received		% Expended
ESTIMATED REVENUES:	Requested	July	August	September	to date	Difference	To date
Dubuque County Library Agency	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00	
Fees from copier, R/P, etc.	3,500.00	557.99	235.47	300.00	793.46	2,706.54	
Open Access	8,500.00	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	1,200.00	
Direct State Aid	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	
TOTAL:	23,800.00	557.99	235.47	300.00	793.46	23,006.54	
					793.46	23,006.54	
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:							
PERSONAL SERVICES						Remaining	
Wages	341,663.00	26,174.68	32,820.15	27,000.00	58,994.83	282,668.17	17.3%
FICA	21,183.00	1,575.66	1,987.69	1,674.00	3,563.35	17,619.65	16.8%
Medicare	4,954.00	368.53	464.89	391.50	833.42	4,120.58	16.8%
IPERS	32,253.00	2,392.33	2,998.10	2,548.80	5,390.43	26,862.57	16.7%
SUI	246.00	19.32	20.52	27.00	39.84	206.16	16.2%
Group Insurance	45,536.00	3,211.36	3,319.75	3,320.00	6,531.11	39,004.89	14.3%
Meetings and training	2,500.00	0.00	189.66	0.00	189.66	2,310.34	7.6%
Dues and memberships	850.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	850.00	0.0%
TOTAL:	449,185.00	33,741.88	41,800.76	35,161.30	75,542.64	373,642.36	16.8%
					75,542.64	373,642.36	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:							
Utilities (telephone)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Electricity	12,000.00	1,044.14	1,739.43	1,500.00	2,783.57	9,216.43	23.2%
Gas / Heat	3,000.00	53.50	56.33	200.00	109.83	2,890.17	3.7%
Insurance (bldg)	10,500.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	10,485.00	0.1%
Legal Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Custodial services	13,000.00	500.00	1,000.00	750.00	1,500.00	11,500.00	11.5%
Window cleaning	600.00	0.00	158.00	0.00	158.00	442.00	26.3%
Service / Maintenance Cont	8,000.00	182.08	182.08	0.00	364.16	7,635.84	4.6%
TOTAL:	47,100.00	1,779.72	3,150.84	2,465.00	4,930.56	42,169.44	10.5%
					4,930.56	42,169.44	
SUPPLIES:							
General library supplies	9,000.00	90.77	561.94	765.49	652.71	8,347.29	7.3%
Program fees & supplies	2,500.00	40.93	317.74	130.86	358.67	2,141.33	14.3%
Marketing & advertising	1,000.00	28.79	176.38	548.54	205.17	794.83	20.5%
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.0%
TOTAL	20,500.00	160.49	1,056.06	1,444.89	1,216.55	19,283.45	5.9%
					1,216.55	19,283.45	
BOOKS AND MATERIALS							
Adult fiction	8,000.00	43.24	1,132.05	752.88	1,175.29	6,824.71	14.7%
Adult nonfiction	5,000.00	16.98	586.63	361.47	603.61	4,396.39	12.1%
YA fiction	2,000.00	0.00	169.23	302.97	169.23	1,830.77	8.5%
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Juvenile fiction	8,500.00	0.00	1,788.43	481.47	1,788.43	6,711.57	21.0%
Juvenile nonfiction	4,000.00	0.00	32.23	83.24	32.23	3,967.77	0.8%
Large Print	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	76.60	0.00	3,500.00	0.0%
Electronic media (ebooks, e	10,000.00	1,374.48	292.24	762.93	1,666.72	8,333.28	16.7%
Reference & electronic data	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	0.00	2,536.76	0.00	2,536.76	1,463.24	63.4%
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	2,000.00	0.00	156.40	190.65	156.40	1,843.60	7.8%
Software & Gaming	2,000.00	0.00	217.21	333.30	217.21	1,782.79	10.9%
DVDs	5,000.00	0.00	732.93	431.62	732.93	4,267.07	14.7%
SS / Creation Station / LoT	2,000.00	0.00	114.94	13.89	114.94	1,885.06	5.7%
TOTAL:	60,000.00	1,434.70	7,759.05	3,791.02	9,193.75	50,806.25	15.3%
					9,193.75	50,806.25	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	576,785.00	37,116.79	53,766.71	42,862.21	90,883.50	485,901.50	15.8%
TOTAL REVENUES:	23,800.00	557.99	235.47	300.00	793.46	23,006.54	3.3%
ACTUAL ASKING	552,985.00	36,558.80	53,531.24	42,562.21	90,090.04	462,894.96	16.3%
					90,090.04		

James Kennedy Public Library FY25 Operating Budget								
	FY26	FY25 Exp.	August 2024	Total FY25	Budget	Amount	Ov/Und	
ESTIMATED REVENUES:	Requested	thru Aug 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	756.74	295.45	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	756.74	295.45	22,336.79				
		756.74		22,336.79				
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:								
PERSONAL SERVICES								
Wages	341,663.00	54,743.20	30,052.87	325,516.69	57,458.58	1,536	1.03	
FICA	21,183.00	3,305.44	1,818.96	19,633.12	3,566.38	-3	1.00	
Medicare	4,954.00	773.10	425.45	4,591.83	834.08	-1	1.00	
IPERS	32,253.00	5,040.54	2,763.16	29,770.02	5,460.95	-71	0.99	
SUI	246.00	112.48	18.83	474.76	58.28	-18	0.68	
Group Insurance	45,536.00	13,269.74	6,768.67	47,050.83	12,842.51	-6,311	0.51	
Meetings and training	2,500.00	535.13	535.13	1,612.98	829.41	-640	0.23	
Dues and memberships	850.00	0.00	0.00	906.00	Zero	0	Nothing	
TOTAL:	449,185.00	77,779.63	42,383.07	429,556.23	81,333.81	-5,791	0.93	
		77,779.63		429,556.23				
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:								
Utilities (telephone)		0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	NA	
Electricity	12,000.00	2,049.70	1,096.49	11,977.40	2,053.57	730	1.36	
Gas / Heat	3,000.00	93.50	47.76	3,293.03	85.18	25	1.29	
Insurance (bldg)	10,500.00	15.00	15.00	10,321.11	15.26	0	0.98	
Legal Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	Nothing	
Custodial services	13,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	12,300.00	1,268.29	232	1.18	
Window cleaning	600.00	0.00	0.00	368.00	Zero	0	Nothing	
Service / Maintenance Cont	8,000.00	364.16	182.08	7,277.13	400.33	-36	0.91	
TOTAL:	47,100.00	3,722.36	2,341.33	45,536.67	3,850.15	1,080	1.28	
		3,722.36		45,536.67				
SUPPLIES:								
General library supplies	9,000.00	418.99	415.09	8,638.71	436.51	216	1.50	
Program fees & supplies	2,500.00	9.99	9.99	1,164.70	21.44	337	16.73	
Marketing & advertising	1,000.00	128.58	128.58	603.53	213.05	-8	0.96	
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	504.15	484.11	8,821.93	457.18	-457	0.00	
TOTAL	20,500.00	1,061.71	1,037.77	19,228.87	1,131.89	85	1.07	
		1,061.71		19,228.87				
BOOKS AND MATERIALS								
Adult fiction	8,000.00	1,272.91	1,272.91	6,041.58	1,685.53	-510	0.70	
Adult nonfiction	5,000.00	932.25	906.07	3,251.23	1,433.69	-830	0.42	
YA fiction	2,000.00	245.78	245.78	2,097.58	234.35	-65	0.72	
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	93.73	93.73	767.29	122.16	-122	0.00	
Juvenile fiction	8,500.00	114.56	114.56	4,675.19	208.28	1,580	8.59	
Juvenile nonfiction	4,000.00	15.50	15.50	2,740.06	22.63	10	1.42	
Large Print	3,500.00	313.36	335.81	1,011.41	1,084.39	-1,084	0.00	
Electronic media (ebooks, e	10,000.00	1,761.86	1,761.86	6,528.84	NA	NA	NA	
Reference & electronic data	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,011.81	Zero	0	Nothing	
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,867.04	Zero	0	Nothing	
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	2,000.00	239.75	239.75	1,979.84	NA	NA	NA	
Software & Gaming	2,000.00	115.02	115.02	1,101.65	208.81	8	1.04	
DVDs	5,000.00	492.38	489.08	4,987.76	493.59	239	1.48	
SS / Creation Station / LoT	2,000.00	115.71	42.99	1,059.23	218.48	-104	0.53	
TOTAL:	60,000.00	5,712.81	5,633.06	41,120.51	8,335.71	858	1.10	
		5,712.81		41,120.51				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	576,785.00	88,276.51	51,395.23	535,442.28	95,092.54	-4,209	0.96	
TOTAL REVENUES:	23,800.00	756.74	295.45	22,336.79	806.31	-13	0.98	
ACTUAL ASKING	552,985.00	87,519.77	51,099.78	513,105.49	94,321.97	-4,232	0.96	



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Statement Ending 08/29/2025

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Account Number: XX4356

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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
BUSINESS MONEY MKT	XX4356	\$11,436.94

BUSINESS MONEY MKT - XX4356

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
08/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$11,426.50
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$10.44
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
08/29/2025	Ending Balance	\$11,436.94

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Interest Earned From 08/01/2025 Through 08/29/2025	
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	1.16%
Interest Days	29
Interest Earned	\$10.44
Interest Paid This Period	\$10.44
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$86.48
Minimum Balance	\$11,426.50
Average Ledger Balance	\$11,426.50
Average Available Balance	\$11,426.50

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
08/29/2025	INTEREST	\$10.44
		1 item(s) totaling \$10.44

Daily Balances

Date	Amount
08/29/2025	\$11,436.94



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Date 8/29/25
Primary Account
Enclosures

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CHECKING ACCOUNT

BUSINESS MONEY MARKET		Number of Enclosures	4
Account Number	617571	Statement Dates	8/01/25 thru 9/01/25
Previous Balance	102,371.55	Days in the statement period	32
3 Deposits/Credits	1,489.03	Average Ledger	78,782.57
2 Checks/Debits	67,056.66	Average Collected	78,695.90
Service Charge	.00	Interest Earned	26.97
Interest Paid	26.62	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.39%
Current Balance	36,830.54	2025 Interest Paid	257.68

ACTIVITY IN DATE ORDER

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
8/08	Deposit/Credit	1,237.90	103,609.45
8/21	CHECKING WITHDRAWAL	63,646.03-	39,963.42
8/25	Deposit/Credit	206.92	40,170.34
8/26	Transfer from x7571 to x5358	3,410.63-	36,759.71
	August claims		
8/29	Deposit/Credit	44.21	36,803.92
8/31	Interest Deposit	26.62	36,830.54

---CHECKS IN NUMBER ORDER---

Date	Check No	Amount
8/21		63,646.03

* Denotes missing check numbers

DAILY BALANCE INFORMATION

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
8/01	102,371.55	8/08	103,609.45	8/21	39,963.42
8/25	40,170.34	8/26	36,759.71	8/29	36,803.92
8/31	36,830.54				

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TRUST ACCOUNT REPORT for August 2025

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

July 31, 2025	\$ 11.15
August 29, 2025	\$ 10.44

\$ 11,415.35
\$ 11,426.50
\$ 11,436.94 <i>4-1</i>

Fidelity Bank and Trust

Balances July 31, 2025

Budgeted	Bank Account
\$ 38,853.67	\$102,371.55

Deposits

August 8, 2025

Donation for use of Program Room	\$ 30.00	
Rachael Walters donation	\$ 300.00	
Dyersville Comics and Games donation	\$ 814.50	
Candy / Snacks fundraiser	\$ 12.00	
Book Art Silent Auction	\$ 65.00	
Conscience Box	\$ 1.65	
Friends booksale / donation	\$ 14.75	\$ 1,237.90

August 25, 2025

Tote sales	\$ 5.00	
Downtown Summer Night - freezerpop donations	\$ 10.00	
Dyersville Chamber of Commerce - TACKL (DTSN)	\$ 100.00	
Deanne Lammers donation	\$ 20.00	
Candy / Snacks fundraiser	\$ 4.00	
Book Art Silent Auction	\$ 55.00	
Donation for snacks	\$ 5.00	
Conscience Box	\$ 3.42	
Friends booksale / donation	\$ 4.50	\$ 206.92

August 29, 2025

Candy / Snacks	\$ 12.00	
KEYS Class	\$ 20.00	
Conscience Box	\$ 2.71	
Friends booksale / donation	\$ 9.50	\$ 44.21

August 31, 2025

Interest	\$ 26.62	\$ 26.62	\$ 1,515.65
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Debits:

August 21, 2025

Withdrawal made in error, will correct in September	\$ 63,646.03
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August 26, 2025

Kanopy	\$ 36.00	
Hoopla	\$ 804.52	
Facebook advertising	\$ 14.98	
Love My Library - ebooks	\$ 150.00	
Love My Library - book	\$ 15.96	
Program refreshments (Friends)	\$ 5.96	
Children's SRP expenses (Friends)	\$ 1,437.11	
Adult SRP expenses (Friends)	\$ 250.00	
Teen SRP expenses (TACKL)	\$ 253.20	
Story walk / laminating	\$ 35.99	
Refreshments for Public Works Equipment Exhibit	\$ 57.27	
Large print books (Kerker)	\$ 154.48	
Large Print books (Lion's Club)	\$ 195.16	\$ 3,410.63

Balances August 31, 2025

\$ 35,443.04	\$36,830.54
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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							\$9,052.64
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			\$515.00
				Aug-25	Kanopy	\$36.00			
Estimated for Hoopla: \$7000				Jul-25	Hoopla	\$763.93			\$5,431.55
				Aug-25	Hoopla	\$804.52			
Estimated for Facebook / Meta: \$200				Jul-25	Facebook ads	\$15.44			\$169.58
				Aug-25	Facebook ads	\$14.98			
Fundraising Events	Brought forward								\$28,310.17
Love My Library 2025	FY25	\$3,227.00		Aug-25	LML/ebks & bks	\$165.96			\$3,061.04
Book Art Fundraiser	FY25	\$100.58							\$283.58
Downtown Market donation	Jul-25		\$63.00						
Silent Auction	Aug-25		\$120.00						
Snack & Candy Sales	FY23 & 24	\$478.72							\$704.22
	Aug-25		\$28.00						
Merchandise sales									\$15.00
Tote bag	Aug-25		\$5.00						
Donations	Total Brought forward								\$15,082.74
Unspecified donations brought forward		\$118.50							\$118.50
PWW - 7 donors	FY24	\$331.04		Aug-25	PWW refreshme	\$57.27			\$331.04
Carol Pettinger - as needed	Aug-24	\$100.00		Aug-25	Bremer Stipend	\$100.00			\$100.00
Donation for program room	Aug-25		\$30.00						
Pam Kerker - LP materials	Jan-25	\$478.93		Aug-25	Large Print	\$154.48			\$478.93
Donation for snacks	Aug-25		\$5.00						
DTSN freezer pop donations	Aug-25		\$10.00						
Rachael Walters - as needed	Aug-25		\$300.00						
Dyersville Comics & Games	Aug-25		\$814.50						
Deanne Lammers - as needed	Aug-25		\$20.00						
Miscellaneous Donations Total Remaining									\$15,082.74
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							\$2,411.29
	Aug-25		\$7.78						
Friends total remaining									\$4,353.63
Friends - bksale	Remaining	\$576.36							\$1,152.10
	Aug-25		\$28.75	Aug-25	Refreshments	\$5.96			
Friends - FY24 SRP carryover		\$1,327.37		Aug-25	Books	\$937.11			\$390.26
Friends - FY25 SRP	Mar-25	\$1,295.19		Aug-25	Children's SRP	\$500.00			\$795.19
In Memory of Kevin Knepper	Oct-24	\$30.00							\$30.00
FY25 Materials Carryover	Oct-24	\$703.22							\$703.22
KEYS: Dementia prevention	Oct-24	\$762.86							\$782.86
Fall 25 class fee	Aug-25		\$20.00						
Friends - Acrylic Painting Prog	Jun-25	-\$336.00		Aug-25	Painting	\$150.00			-\$486.00
TACKL	Remaining	\$354.87							\$303.67
Chamber / DTSN	Aug-25		\$100.00	Aug-25	YA SRP	\$253.20			
Bequests & Specified donations - Total Remaining									\$22,363.23
Memorials or "In Honor Of" - Total Remaining									\$6,006.55
GRANTS:								GRANTS:	\$14,721.84
StoryWalk® Grant / DRA	Remaining	\$0.00		Aug-25	SW laminating	\$35.99			-\$35.99
Kids Can Cook - DACF	Remaining	\$4,607.83							\$4,757.83
LML donations		\$150.00							
ALA / LTC Grant - 2025	May-25	\$10,000.00							\$10,000.00
INTEREST DEPOSITS									
remaining from previous years		\$4,918.84							\$5,317.44
	Aug-25		\$26.62						
Debit in error; will transfer back				Aug-25	ERROR	\$63,646.03			
TOTAL Available		\$113,405.17	\$3,043.71	EXPENDITURES:		\$68,202.99	Balance		\$36,830.54

Memorials, Fundraisers, and Donations – August 2025

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

From: **Levi Hagen**
Donation: \$30.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Donation for Program Room use

From: **Rachel Walters**
Donation: \$300.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Donation for library needs

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

From: **Dyersville Comics and Games**
Donation: \$814.50
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Donation for library needs

From: **Book art fundraiser / Silent Auction**
Donation: \$120.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Fundraiser for library collections & services

From: **Downtown Summer Nights Donation**
Donation: \$10.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Donation for library needs

From: **Dyersville Area Chamber of Commerce**
Donation: \$100.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: For TACKL needs (DTSN games)

From: **Deanne Lammers**
Donation: \$20.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Donation for library needs

From: **Sharon Osweiler**
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James Kennedy Public Library Monthly Program Report

Report for the Month of August 2025

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Adult Crafternoon (1st Monday of each month) – Watercolor Bookmarks (A) August 11, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd) Supplies: Watercolor bookmarks, water, paint brushes	In person/Onsite/ Kit Attendance: 10 Kits distributed: 63
Books for Lunch Book Club (1st Monday) – <i>Rez Ball</i> (A) August 4, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd) Supplies: Books borrowed via ILL, available electronically; Computer and Zoom software Beverages and cookies	Hybrid (In person & zoom) Participants: 9
Bingo Party - (3 rd Monday of each month) (A) August 18, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 3 hr (pd) 1 hr (vol) Supplies: Bingo cards and machine; Donated items & library swag for prizes	In person / Onsite Participants: 22
Building Creativity one Block at a Time (LEGO® program) (Monthly) (C) August 2, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Legos and snacks	In person / Onsite Participants: 15
Cricut with Christopher (3 rd Monday of each month) (GI): Not held in August	
Dungeons & Dragons Club (Monthly) (GI): August 2, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies	Hybrid / Discord Participants: 8
Ellen Kennedy Living Center Program – (4 th Friday) (A) : Good Olde Days – School August 25, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hr (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Offsite Participants: 6
Euchre / Dominos Party (Fridays of each month) (A) August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2025 (5 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) Supplies: Decks of cards, suit die, scrap paper, refreshments	In person / Onsite Participants: 22
Game Night (4 th Saturday of each Month) (GI): August 23, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – .5 Supplies: Board games, snacks	In person / Onsite Participants: 5
Health & Wellness 365: (Monthly) (A) : August 28, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 1 hr (vol) Supplies: Presentation and snack provided by Colleen Lawler, NEI3A	In person / Onsite Participants: 14
Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club (2 nd Tues of each month) (A) August 12, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2.25 hrs (pd) Supplies: ILL books, Computer, OWL, & Zoom software	Hybrid (In person & Zoom) Participants: 6
JKPL Writing Group (4 th Tuesday of each Month) (A) August 26, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hrs (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Onsite Participants: 3

Mercy One Senior Care Program (Monthly) (A): Read Stories August 29, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hrs (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Offsite Participants: 8
Sit 'n' Stitch (Wednesdays of each month) (A) August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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: 50
Strength Training for Older Adults (Mondays & Thursdays @ 9:30 and 10:30) (A) August 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, & 28, 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: 181
Strings Club (4 th Monday of each month) (A) August 25, 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: 6
Splatter Art: Teen SRP Finale (YA) August 1, 2025 - Cancelled due to supply issue	In person / Onsite Participants: 0
Children's SRP Completion Party (C) August 2, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 8.5 hr (pd) 12.5 hrs (vol) Supplies: Ice Cream donated by Delaney's, coloring books printed by JKPL; books funded by the Friends of the JKPL and Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque (left from 2024); Toys and misc. prizes donated in previous years	In person / Onsite Participants: 140
Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament (YA) August 3, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd) Supplies: Switch 2 and Console Game	In person / Onsite Participants: 3
Genealogy with Ann (A) August 4, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2hrs (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Onsite Participants: 3
Blank Park Zoo (C) August 4, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd) Supplies: Live animals and coloring pages; Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL	In person / Onsite Participants: 73
Fun and Games with Paul: Dungeons & Dragons (A) August 5, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 3 hr (pd) Supplies: Copies, Dice, D & D Players Handbook	In person / Onsite Participants: 3
Children's Book Club & Art – Bracelets (C) August 6, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd) Supplies: Pipe cleaners, beads, etc. to make bracelets; Coloring sheets; Snacks	In person / Onsite Participants: 9
Art in the Park: Slime (C) August 7, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Glue, shaving cream, saline solution, etc.	In person / Offsite Participants: 8

Pop-Up at Downtown Summer Nights (GI)	In person / Offsite
August 8, 2025	Participants: 164
Time for preparation & performance – 4 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Free books and other pop-up library supplies; Freezer pops	
TACKL Fun and Games Downtown Summer Nights (C)	In person / Offsite
August 8, 2025 - Cancelled by TACKL / not enough volunteers	Participants:
<i>Harold and the Purple Crayon</i> – Movie Event (C)	In Person / Onsite
August 9, 2025	Participants: 0
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: None	
Children's Read to Animals (C)	In Person / Onsite
August 11, 2025	Participants: 34
Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd) 6 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Naturalists from Dubuque County Conservation brought 4 animals	
Pat O'Hea and his dog Darby also came	
Neurodivergent Needs: Community Conversations (GI)	In person / Onsite
August 11 & 12, 2025	Participants: 0
Time for preparation & performance – 3 hr (pd)	
Supplies: None	
Children's Book Club & Art – Octopi (C)	In person / Onsite
August 13, 2025	Participants: 27
Time for preparation & performance – 6.5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Yarn, pool noodles, beads	
Bowling Break: An All Abilities program (A)	In person / Offsite
August 14, 2025 (2 sessions)	Participants: 19
Time for preparation & performance – 4 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Held at KC Hall, Funded by LTC grant (neurodivergent program)	
Pop-Up at the Farmers Market (GI)	In person / Offsite
August 7 & 14, 2025	Participants: 76
Time for preparation & performance – 4.5 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Free books and other pop-up library supplies; Activity kits	
Conservation Camp: Soil Saturday (C)	In person / Offsite
August 16, 2025	Participants: 26
Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd) 10 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Gummy worms, plastic cups, pudding, etc.	
Partnership with Better Future, led by Alycia Willenbring	
Nerf War (YA)	In person / Onsite
August 16, 2025	Participants: 10
Time for preparation & performance – 5 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Nerf guns and ammo	
Made-in-the-USA Candy Tasting (C)	In person / Onsite
August 18, 2025	Participants: 70
Time for preparation & performance – 6 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Candy donated by Family Dollar / Dollar Tree	
Color Our World: Summer Art Activities – Diamond Art (A)	In Person / Onsite
August 18, 2025	Participants: 8
Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Diamond art kits	

Armchair Travel: Indonesia (A)	In person / Onsite
August 19, 2025	Participants: 10
Time for preparation & performance – .5 (pd) 2 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Presented by Chelsea Middendorf, Eagle Point Place Senior Living	
Refreshments and all supplies brought by Chelsea	
Introduction to KEYS to Dementia Prevention (A)	In Person Remote / Onsite
August 19, 2025	Participants: 9
Time for preparation & performance –1.5 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Zoom presentation by Brain Help and Hope	
Bilingual Storytime (PreK)	In person / Onsite
August 20, 2025	Participants: 0
Time for preparation & performance – 3 hr (pd)	
Supplies: None	
Drop in and Create – Paper Plate Ice Cream Sundaes: An All Abilities Program (A)	In Person / Onsite
August 22, 2025	Participants: 13
Time for preparation & performance – 3 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Construction paper, cotton balls, misc. craft supplies	
Burlesque – Summer Musicals (A)	In person / Onsite
August 23, 2025	Participants: 3
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Popcorn and soda	
Hachi: A Dog's Tale – Sensory Movie Matinee (A)	In Person / Onsite
August 28 & 29, 2025	Participants: 0
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd)	
Supplies: None	
Meet Hometown Author Sheri Oberbroeckling (A)	In Person / Onsite
August 28, 2025 Cancelled by presenter / Rescheduling for September	Participants: 0
Model T Show at the Downtown Market (C)	In person / Offsite
August 30, 2025	Participants: 518
Time for preparation & performance – 5 hr (pd) 4 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Model T and Fish pond activity (toys and books)	
Sponsored by Friends of the JKPL	
Pop Up at the Downtown Market (GI)	In person / Offsite
August 30, 2025	Participants: 190
Time for preparation & performance – 5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Books and publicity information	
Color Our World: Art Medium (GI)	Passive program
August 2025	Participants: 510
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Jars, pompoms, craft supplies for prize	
Color Our World: Reading Recommendations (A)	Passive program
August 2025	Participants: 16
Time for preparation & performance – .25 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Cardstock to print bookmarks	
Color Our World: Book Genre Bingo (A)	Passive program
June - August 2025	Participants: 21
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Copies of bingo form, prizes	

Color Our World: Adult Summer Program (A)		
June - August 2025	Passive program	
Time for preparation & performance – 3 hr (pd)	Participants: 85	
Supplies: Copies of flier, books and prizes		
Upcycled Greeting Cards (GI)		
August 2025	Passive program	
Time for preparation & performance – 1.75 hr (pd)	Kits: 47	
Supplies: Donated greeting cards, card stock, tape runner and envelopes		
StoryWalk® - <i>Bing Bang Chugga Beep</i> (C)	Passive / outdoor program	
August 2025	Participants: 350	
Time for preparation & performance – 3.5 hrs (pd)		
Supplies: Books and laminating		
Kid's Scavenger Hunt: Cars (C)	Passive program	
August 2025	Participants: 220	
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hrs (pd)		
Supplies: Color copies of scavenger hunt form, laminated pictures, stickers for prizes		
Pretend Play Station: Automotive Shop (PreK)	Passive program	
August 2025	Participants: 440	
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hrs (pd)		
Supplies: Copies, signs (laminated), play sets		
Coloring, Creating & Doing (A)	Passive program	
August 2025	Kits: 270	
Time for preparation & performance – 3.25 hrs (pd)		
Supplies: Copies of coloring pages and activities		
Get Puzzled @ Your Library (A)	Passive program	
August 2025	Participants: 55	
Time for preparation & performance - .25 hrs (pd)		
Supplies: Puzzle		
Kids Can Craft: Create a Car Challenge (C)	Passive program	
August 2025	Kits: 75	
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd)		
Supplies: Copies, markers, colors, etc.; Items for prize		
Creation Station Craft: Paper Milkshakes (C)	Passive / Recording / Make and Take	
August 2025	Kits distributed: 130	
Time for preparation & performance – 4 hrs (pd) 4 hrs (vol)	Facebook Views / Engagements: 182 / 21	
Supplies: Construction paper, cotton balls, misc. craft supplies	YouTube Views: 10	
Programs held in July but still hosted and available to view or engage with on social media:		
August 1-31, 2025 – 1 program	Facebook Views / Engagements: 27/1	
	YouTube Views: 0	

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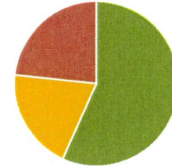
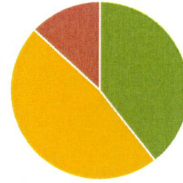
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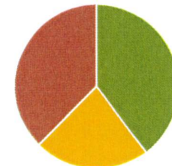
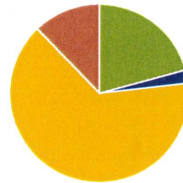
All Children Programs	39	39.39%	All Children Participants	2176	56.68%
Young Adult Programs	0	0%	Young Adult Participants	0	0%
Adult Programs	47	47.47%	Adult Participants	766	19.95%
General Interest Programs	13	13.13%	General Interest Participants	897	23.37%
Total Programs	99		Total Participants	3839	



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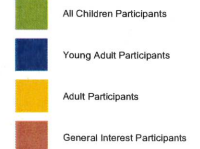
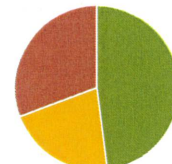
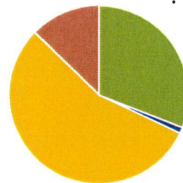
All Children Programs	17	20.73%	All Children Participants	1617	39.79%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.44%	Young Adult Participants	3	0.07%
Adult Programs	53	64.63%	Adult Participants	918	22.59%
General Interest Programs	10	12.2%	General Interest Participants	1526	37.55%
Total Programs	82		Total Participants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



Year in Review

Overview

All Children Programs	56	30.94%	All Children Participants	3793	47.99%
Young Adult Programs	2	1.1%	Young Adult Participants	3	0.04%
Adult Programs	100	55.25%	Adult Participants	1684	21.31%
General Interest Programs	23	12.71%	General Interest Participants	2423	30.66%
Total Programs	181		Total Participants	7903	



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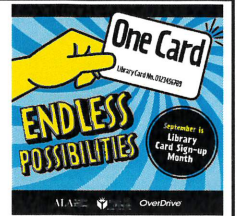
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Library closed for Labor Day: Sunday, August 31 & Monday, September 1



Library Card Sign-Up Month: September 2—30

This year, libraries all across the United States remind you that a library card is *One Card, Endless Possibilities*. It may be small, but a library card packs a mighty punch. You can borrow books, dvds, audiobooks, and magazines. Borrow kitchen gadgets, musical instruments, and even tools from your library's collection. Take part in engaging programs like book clubs, movie nights, crafting classes, and lectures. Access technology, Wi-Fi, and career resources to support your goals, whether you're a student, job seeker, entrepreneur, or lifelong learner. It's one card with endless possibilities!



Sign up for a library card in September and receive a special bookmark and sticker. Also this month: Pick up a coloring sheet, color it, and return it to the library to get entered into a drawing for a small prize. Then kids can write and illustrate their own mini book and get their name entered for a special prize too. Also, everyone is welcome to come work on the library-themed puzzle under the skylight and get their name entered to win the puzzle.

Wreath-It-Up Fundraiser Begins: September 2

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 wall hangings 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.



Children's Pretend Play Station: Ice Cream Shop: September 2—30. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Ice Cream Shop play!



Children's Scavenger Hunt: Ice Cream: September 2—30. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Ice Cream" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.

Kids Can Craft: Write/Illustrate a Mini-Book Challenge: September 2—30. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to write and illustrate a mini-book. Every mini-book turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into a drawing for a prize basket. Entries are limited to one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early October.

Creation Station Craft: Tissue Paper Hedgehog: September 2—30. This month's craft is creating a hedgehog with construction paper, tissue paper, decorations, and glue. Kit includes instructions plus all needed supplies except for glue. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

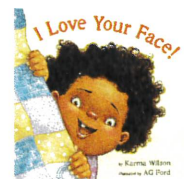
Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: September 2—30. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope. 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: September 2—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: September 2—30. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Great Stories*, to coincide with Library Card Sign-Up Month. The puzzle is located on the table under the skylight and everyone is welcome to add a piece or two or more. Everyone who works on the puzzle is encouraged to put their name into a drawing to win the puzzle. Please stop at the front desk to get your name entered.



Westside Park StoryWalk®: "I Love Your Face" by Karma Wilson: September 2—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.*



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17 & 24 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 or, upon request, remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you wish to join virtually, email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom link is used each week.

Tween Craft Afternoons: Wednesdays, September 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: LIB-bubu (September 3); Witches Yarn Wreath (September 10); 3-D Pyramid Collage (September 17). Although we will not meet on September 24, stop by to pick up a Frida Kahlo Art take-and-make kit to do at home.



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, September 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 & 29 @ 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.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, September 4, 11 & 18 from 4:00—5:30 pm

Kids Can Cook is back this fall! Kids Can Cook teaches 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.

- Classes will be held from 4:00—5:30 pm on September 4, 11 & 18; October 2, 9 & 16; and November 6, 13 & 20.
- The menu for September is Homemade Toaster Strudel (September 4); Pork Lettuce Wraps (September 11); and Mini Pizza Quiches (September 18).
- 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 also 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.*



Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, September 4 & 11 from 2:00—5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market. Visitors will discover more about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Free, fun take-and-make craft kits may also be available (while supplies last). *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.*

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 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, September 6 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.



Kobolds Ate My Baby Role Playing Game: Saturday, September 6 @ 4:00 pm

Join us after-hours for *Kobolds Ate My Baby*, a role playing game with simple rules and lots of shenanigans. The library will have completed character sheets available. All ages and skill levels are welcome.



Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, September 8 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *The Last Bookshop* by Evie Woods. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or, upon request, remotely via Zoom. 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 will be emailed to you. Note: the date was moved due to the Labor Day holiday.

Adult Crafternoon—Origami Corner Bookmark: Monday, September 8 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make an Origami Corner Bookmark. 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.

KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, September 9 to November 11 @ 5:00 pm

Did you know you can reduce your risk of dementia by up to 70% by making lifestyle changes? This 10-week evidence-based course was developed by doctors to help people aged 55 and older reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. It will provide you with tools and resources to preserve your memory and thinking skills. This course is made possible by the nonprofit Brain Help and Hope and will be led by local health experts. This series is co-sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL and Nightingale Drug.

- Participants should be 55 or older, in good cognitive health, and able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions.
- Sessions are approximately two hours each.
- A registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required but may be refunded to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions, upon request.
- Registration is required as a maximum of 15 participants are allowed.



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, September 9 @ 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 All-American* by Susie Finkbeiner. 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.

Virtual Reality with VictoryLabsFX: Saturday, September 13 from 10:00—11:30 am

VictoryLabsFX is a virtual reality educational program that the library can access with our Metaquest VR headsets. Join us as we do a little chemistry, check out some planets, and see some museum exhibits—all with VR! Feel free to drop in as you are able. For ages 12 and up.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents "How To Train Your Dragon": Saturday, September 13 @ 1:00 pm. On the isle of Berk, Vikings and dragons have battled for generations, but that won't stop Hiccup, the son of the Chief, from building an unlikely bond with the feared dragon, Toothless. With an ancient evil threatening their worlds, it's up to Hiccup, Toothless, and their courageous companion Astrid to make the realm realize they're stronger together, and only through friendship and bravery can they overcome the challenges they face. This is the 2025 live-action version. Rated PG (125 minutes).

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, September 13 @ 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.

National Coloring Day Coloring Party: Sunday, September 14 from 1:30—3:30 pm. An annual event every September 14, National Coloring Day is all about setting aside some time to relax and color and get creative with paper and crayons, colored pencils or markers. To help you relax during this special day, the library will have coloring pages for all ages available to pick up and take home. For those wanting to color in the library—markers, colored pencils, crayons and more will be available in the Creation Station and to check out at the front desk. We will also have snacks! Everyone who participates by either coloring in the library, or taking coloring pages home, is encouraged to sign up at the front desk to get their name entered into a drawing for a tote bag with coloring supplies.



Color Our World—Adult Summer Library Program Finale: Sunday, September 14 from 1:30—3:30 pm. Participants in the *Color Our World* Adult Summer Reading program are invited to this special open house to celebrate the end of the program. Participants have until 5:00 pm on Friday, September 5 to submit their forms documenting items read or activities completed prior to September 1. Prizes will be available to pick up during this open house or at the library during the rest of September. Refreshments provided.



Bingo Party: Monday, September 15 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!

Cricut with Christopher presents Customized Drink Tumblers: Monday, September 15 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and customize a drink tumbler with a fun pattern. Tumblers will be provided. Participants should be 14 or older. Registration is required as attendance is limited to 10. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held on the third Monday of each month. This is a repeat of the June class. Registration is required as space is limited to 10 participants.

Drop in and Create—Rock Art: Friday, September 19 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm. Join us as we use paint and paint pens to create rock art! This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as they are able. 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 (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.*



A New History of Iowa with Author Jeff Bremer: Saturday, September 20 @ 1:30 pm

Iowa State University Professor and Author Jeff Bremer will be at the library to talk about his book, *A New History of Iowa*. This book, published in 2023, offers the most comprehensive history of the Hawkeye State ever written, surveying Iowa from the last ice age through the COVID-19 pandemic. It tells a new and vibrant story, examining the state's small-town culture, politics, social and economic development, and its many diverse inhabitants. This program provides a brief introduction to some of the book's main ideas, while focusing on three important Iowans whose biographies teach us about the Civil War, temperance, and civil rights in the state. A copy of the book is available to borrow from the library.



Conservation Camp—Fall Clean Up Day: Sunday, September 21 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm. All those registered for this program will gather at the Dyersville Communities Gardens for the final session of this program. Pre-registration for this program was required and registration has now closed. *Note: date and time have been changed!*

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, September 22 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.

Strings Club: Monday, September 22 @ 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. Please contact the library to register.

Armchair Travel—Netherlands: Tuesday, September 23 @ 1:00 pm. Join us for a virtual journey through the charming landscapes and rich culture of the Netherlands—all from the comfort of your chair! From historic cities to colorful tulip fields, the Netherlands offers a beautiful blend of tradition, art, and everyday life that's sure to captivate. Your guide for the day is Chelsea Middendorf from Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque who will bring a taste of local favorites like stroopwafels and Gouda cheese. This program is for older adults, but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Family Wellness Event: Tuesday, September 23 from 5:30—7:30 pm at Western Dubuque High School. Join JKPL and 21 other community organizations at the Western Dubuque Community School District Family Wellness Event. This community event will promote awareness and provide valuable resources related to the wellness of children and families including mental, physical, and emotional health. James Kennedy Public Library Children's Librarian Christa Palm will provide parents with information and discussion about Jonathan Haidt's non-fiction book, *The Anxious Generation*, which proposes that mental health challenges are caused by high social media use and smartphone addiction. Dog Man activities will also be available for children.



JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, September 23 @ 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.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, September 25 @ 11:15 am. Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will talk about sleep and how it is essential for a healthy life. She will also talk about the nine Big Allergens most of us come into contact with. Snacks will be provided. All are welcome!

"E.T. - The Extra-Terrestrial"—Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, September 25 @ 2:00 pm & Friday, September 26 @ 10:30 am. A lonely boy befriends a homesick alien stranded on Earth and attempts to help him find a way home. Meanwhile, a group of government scientists attempt to capture the benevolent visitor for research. Rated PG (115 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).*

Meet Hometown Author Sheri (Oberbroeckling) White: Thursday, September 25 @ 6:30 pm.

Join us in welcoming Sheri (Oberbroeckling) White back to her hometown! Sheri is the daughter of Gene and Marita Oberbroeckling. Sheri will share with us her newest book, *Unexpected Pearls: A Journey through Adversity to Peace*. This memoir offers readers a deeply moving, honest, and hope-filled journey through a personal family hardship to a place of lasting peace. Sheri will talk about her new book, answer questions, and sign copies of both of her books. Sheri is also the author of *100 Days of Staying the Hell Home* in 2020, a sharply funny chronicle of pandemic life. Books will be available for purchase from the author.



Pop-Up Library at the Downtown Market: Saturday, September 27 from 8:00 am—12:00 pm. The JKPL will have a pop-up library where visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. There will also be a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. Our participation at this event is weather permitting. 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.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Lilo & Stitch": Saturday, September 27 @ 1:00 pm. Lilo's an independent little girl. Stitch is a mischievous creature from outer space. When their worlds collide, it's love and chaos at first sight! This is the 2025 live-action version. Rated PG (108 minutes).

Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, September 27 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.

Celebrate National Good Neighbor Day: Sunday, September 28 from 1:30—3:30 pm

September 28 is National Good Neighbor Day. This holiday was signed into law in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter and is celebrated annually across the country. Join us at the JKPL as we celebrate our neighbors with a community sweet treat social. Drop by the library for cookies and bars and maybe meet a new neighbor! The library will also have activity kits including coloring pages, sudoku, and more for you to enjoy during your visit or to take home.



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

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

- *Like us on Facebook
- *Follow us on X: @dyersvillelib
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Upcoming EVENTS

Halloween Is Coming!

We are busy planning events for all ages to celebrate Halloween. Programs will be throughout the month of October. Check back for more details!



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.*



Fit the Pieces Jigsaw Puzzle Fundraiser

October 23 at Textile Brewery 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!
- 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 on sale now!***



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



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

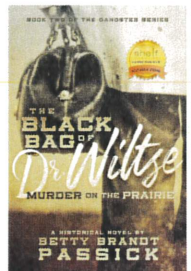
Whether you're a native Iowan, a recent resident, or just passing through—these stories of the weird, wild, and wonderful people and places of the great state of Iowa are waiting for you. Join author Michelle Sprout Murray and hear stories from her book, *Amazing Iowa*, about people you've heard about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



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

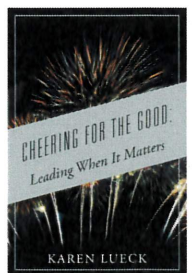
Come learn about the forgotten legacy of Dr. Alexander Wiltse. In the mid-1850s, he left behind his home in Canada to establish new roots in Delaware County, Iowa. Establishing his medical practice in Strawberry Point, his first clients were newly arriving immigrants, Indians, prairie banditti, and chicken 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.



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

Sister Karen 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*. She will talk about growing up 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.



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Upcoming Events for OCTOBER 2025 and Beyond

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 wall hangings 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.

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

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

Kids Can Craft: Create a Zoo Animal Challenge: October 1-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and color a new species of zoo animal. Rhino-giraffe? Elephant-tiger? Be creative, and have fun! Every design turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket but is limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early November.

Creation Station Craft: Hand X-ray: 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 an x-ray of the bones in your hand using construction paper and Q-tips. Kits include instructions plus all needed supplies, except for glue. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last. Project to be confirmed.

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.

October is National Book Month! This month-long celebration focuses on the importance of reading, writing and literature. The purpose of National Book Month (or National Reading Month) is to encourage reading, an activity that has been proven to have many advantages. Reading can help anyone build excellent vocabulary, improve memory, increase knowledge, and decrease anxiety. To celebrate,

the library is asking you to take a picture with the book you are currently reading! All pictures will be posted to our social media accounts and you will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win an Adopt-A-Book form. 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.

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(R) 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.

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 to those 1-6 years old. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary. Fall Storytime runs from October 1 through December 17 (week off November 26).

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. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, October 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 & 30 @ 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.

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 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 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® related prize provided by DuTrac.

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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 a 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. Also, pick up a Banned Books Word Search and a "I Read Banned Books" sticker from the circulation desk. The library will also show the movie *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 banned and challenged 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.

KEYS to Dementia Prevention: Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 5:00 pm. This 10-week evidence-based course 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. Registration was required prior to the start of the course in September. However, if you are interested in potential future sessions, please share your contact information with the library so you can be contacted when another series is scheduled.

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 at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

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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.

Drop in and Create - Shrinky Dinks: Friday, October 17 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Come to the library and create with 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 (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 *Immaculate*, which follows a young nun that finds herself at the center of a dark conspiracy (Rated R). We will also show *In A Violent Nature*, which is about a group of teens being stalked by a Jason Vorhess 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.

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 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.

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'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. 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.

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 join us on this virtual visit to stunning Cambodia! Chelsea Middendorf, from Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque, will take you on this tour. Chelsea will be providing a small taste of the culture as well, so come try something new! This program is 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 from 1 to 2 pm.

Sunset Hike @ Ringneck Ridge: Tuesday, October 21 @ 6:00pm-7:30pm. Walk along the trail at Ringneck Ridge (5361 Highway 136, Worthington, IA 52078) 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. 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 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. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. Topic to be announced.

"Hocus Pocus" - Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, October 23 @ 2:00 pm & Friday, October 24 @ 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 7 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).*

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 \$60.00 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. Participants and observers are encouraged to come early and stay late to enjoy food and drink and support the JKPL. All proceeds will benefit the James Kennedy Public Library. There is only room for 15 tables so contact the JKPL soon to purchase your table.

Trick-or-Treat in Downtown Dyersville: Saturday, October 25 from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

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. Sponsored by Tim & Angela English.

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.

Wreath-it-up Ribbon Voting: Sunday, October 26 to Sunday, November 9. Be sure to stop in the library, check out Facebook, or the JKPL website to see the items that have been donated for the Chair-ity fundraiser. Show your support for your favorite by voting for it! Categories to be decided. Voting is available by completing a paper form at the library. Ribbons will be awarded on Monday, November 10 for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention.

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*. She will talk about growing up 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.

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 encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

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.

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. Details to be announced.

Books for Treats Halloween Pop-Up Library: Friday, October 31 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Join us for the 9th Annual Books for Treats Event where families are invited to Trick-or-Treat for a book instead of candy! The JKPL will have a pop-up library 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. Location to be confirmed.

Celebrate DINovember at your library! Activities to be decided.

November 1-30: International Games Month @ Your Library. 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. Activities to be decided.

Children's Book Week is November 3-9. It's a national celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. Activities to be decided.

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.*

November 8 is National STEM/STEAM Day. Activities to be decided.

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: November 13 @ 6:00pm-7:30pm. 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.

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.

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

Saturday, November 29: Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser 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.

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.
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Cookie Walk Fundraiser! Friday, December 5 and 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 1-5 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Cookies and Cocoa at the Merry Mingle / Dyersville Downtown Winter Market: Saturday, December 6 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. Individual cookies will also be available for \$1.00 each as will hot cocoa for \$2.00 a cup - to grab and enjoy while wandering the market. Poster

Pop-Up Library at Merry Mingle Market: Saturday, December 6 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Learn more about the library and select a free book to keep. There will be books for all ages available.

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.

Supper with Santa: Saturday, December 6 from 4 to 6 pm. Fundraising Committee possibility. Details to be decided.

Sustainability & Conservation at Home: Thursday, December 11th, 6:00pm-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.

Sunday, December 14: Old Fashioned Christmas from 1:30- 3:30 pm. The entire family is invited for an afternoon of live music, traditional Christmas carols, cookies, and spiced cider at the Dyer-Botsford House in Dyersville. Prizes will be given out in a drawing. All ages welcome, but children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is sponsored by the Senior Advisory Committee of the JKPL and the Dyersville Area Historical Society. Details to be confirmed.

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



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

Fund Statement: 7/1/2025 through 7/31/2025

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

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	20,323.01
Gifts	0.00
Interest/Dividend Income	22.68
Realized Gains (Losses)	3.27
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	115.15
Other Income	0.00
Grants Approved	0.00
Investment & Admin Fees	(29.64)
Credit Card Fees	0.00
ENDING FUND BALANCE	20,434.47
Available to Spend	630.00

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