

Hello Board Members:

Here is the packet of information for the Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 pm. Since this is also National Library Week, the Marketing Committee has also scheduled an Open House / Social to coincide with the Board meeting. This is scheduled for April 8 from 6 to 8 pm. Hope to see you all there!

1. Call to Order
2. Consider Approval of Agenda
3. Consider Approval of Agenda Consent Calendar
 - Correspondence & Communication
 - Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting - **A**
 - Approve March Librarian's Report - **B**
 - Approve Bills:
 - April Bills - **C**
 - Claims Report for March - **D**
 - March & April Credit Card Claims - **E**
 - Budget Reports
 - March City Report - **F**
 - March Library Report - **G**
 - Trust Account Reports
 - March Bank Statements – **H1 & H2**
 - March Balance Report - **I**
 - Trust Account Expenditure Report - **J**
 - March Donations - **K**
 - Program Reports
 - March Report of Programs and Attendance - **L**
 - March WhoFi Program Overview - **M**
 - April Schedule of Events - **N**
 - Schedule for Upcoming Programs - **O**
 - Quarterly Contract Use Reports
 - Statistics by City / Residence Area - **P**
 - Statistics by Contract / Service Area - **Q**
 - Grant Report – **As I sent out via email, the JKPL was awarded a LTC: Access Round 3 grant for \$10,000. This project will expand on what was done as part of Round 2 with the goal of providing spaces and tools for the neurodivergent youth in the community.**
 - Friends of the Library Report - **R**
 - JKPL Endowment Report - **S**
 - Great Give Day is May 21, 2025
 - Strategic Planning Report – **Nothing to Report**

- Committee Reports
 - Executive Committee
 - Finance Committee
 - Fundraising, Marketing and Public Relations Committee –
- T: Notes from email discussion**
 - Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee –
- U: Notes from March 31 meeting**
 - Personnel Committee
 - Policy Committee
- 4. Meetings and Training
 - Upcoming
 - Recently Attended
 - Trustee Training Webinar
- 5. Oral Presentations
- 6. Adjournment

National Library Week Social continues until 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025



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Regular Library Board Meeting

**Tuesday,
April 8, 2025
6:00 pm**

Hoffman Community Room
James Kennedy Public Library

Agenda Topics

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James Kennedy Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the James Kennedy Public Library was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 in the Hoffman Room. Present: Danelle Schroeder, Beth Gudenkauf, Beth Derr, Alex Wiezorek, Catherine O'Hea, Alycia Willenbring, Sally Kelly, Melissa Kane 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
O'Hea MOVED "Approval of Agenda," seconded by Willenbring.
Ayes: Schroeder, Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O'Hea, Willenbring, Kelly, and Kane
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED
3. Consider Approval of Agenda Consent Calendar
 - Correspondence & Communication
 - Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - Approve February Librarian's Report
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 - February Report of Programs and Attendance
 - February WhoFi Program Overview
 - March Schedule of Events
 - Schedule for Upcoming Programs
 - Grant Report – The ALA / Libraries Transforming Communities Grant funds received for services to adult members of the neurodivergent community have been expended. Programs resulting from this grant started in March. Items have been added to the Library of Things and the Sensory Space should be completed by mid-April.
 - Friends of the Library Report – Their next meeting is March 12th.
 - JKPL Endowment Report
 - Strategic Planning Report – An update on the plan was shared.
 - Committee Reports
 - Executive Committee – No report
 - Finance Committee – For FY25, \$40,000 was allocated from the Trust Account. With the LTC grant and using Trust account funds for addressing the general operating budget shortfall, the JKPL will be over that amount

so need to request the City Council approve a budget amendment. We are estimating that we could spend up to \$65,000.

- Fundraising, Marketing & Public Relations Committee – Notes from March meeting shared
- Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee – Discussed the plans for the sensory space in the Genealogy room.
- Personnel Committee – Looked over the modifications of the Children's Librarian position and the new job description for the Preschool Programmer.
- Policy Committee – No report

Gudenkauf MOVED "Approval of Agenda Consent Calendar," seconded by Kelly.
Ayes: Schroeder, Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O'Hea, Willenbring, Kelly, and Kane
Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

4. Consider Approval of FY25 Trust Account Budget Amendment Request
Finance Committee MOVED to "approve FY25 Trust Account Budget Amendment Request." No second needed as motion was from committee.
Ayes: Schroeder, Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O'Hea, Willenbring, Kelly, and Kane
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED
5. Consider Approval of revised JKPL Job Descriptions
Policy Committee MOVED to "approve revised James Kennedy Public Library job descriptions." No second needed as motion was from committee.
Ayes: Schroeder, Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O'Hea, Willenbring, Kelly, and Kane
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED
6. Meetings and Training
 - Upcoming – Public Libraries of Dubuque County Agency Meeting is Thursday, March 13.
 - Recently Attended
 - Trustee Training Webinar - Part 6: Evaluating Service & Advocating Advancements
7. Oral Presentations
8. Adjournment
Kane MOVED to adjourn, seconded by O'Hea. Meeting ADJOURNED by Wiezorek at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Beth Gudenkauf, Secretary

Date

JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

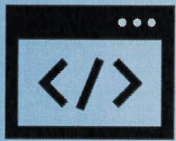
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Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

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

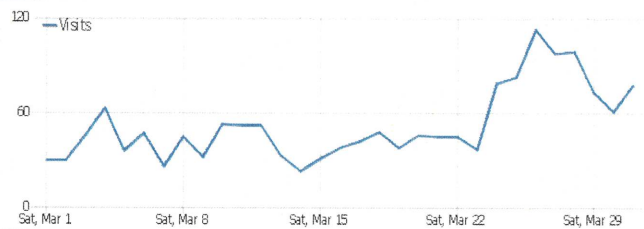
Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	5596	(↑ 4.1%)	8031	(↑ 20.7%)	12	23	(↓ 8%)
YTD	43741	(↓ 1.6%)	69659	(↓ 1%)	118	236	(↓ 10.3%)

Website traffic



Visits
 1622

Average visit duration
 1:16



Computer use



Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
199	1900	1642	457	3897	3723

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
1176	3390	996	2983	316	727

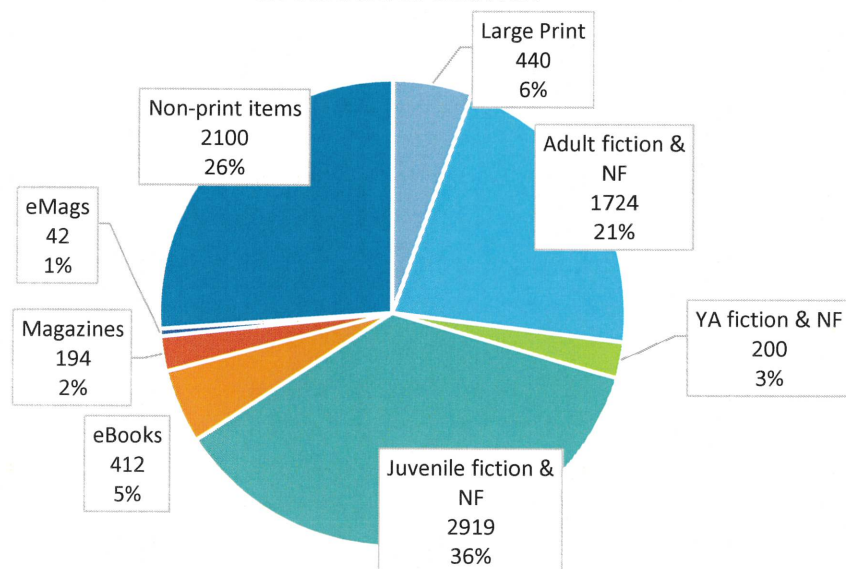
Meeting room use



Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
81	569	594

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Music

Downloads: 14
Total YTD: 115



Video (film and TV)

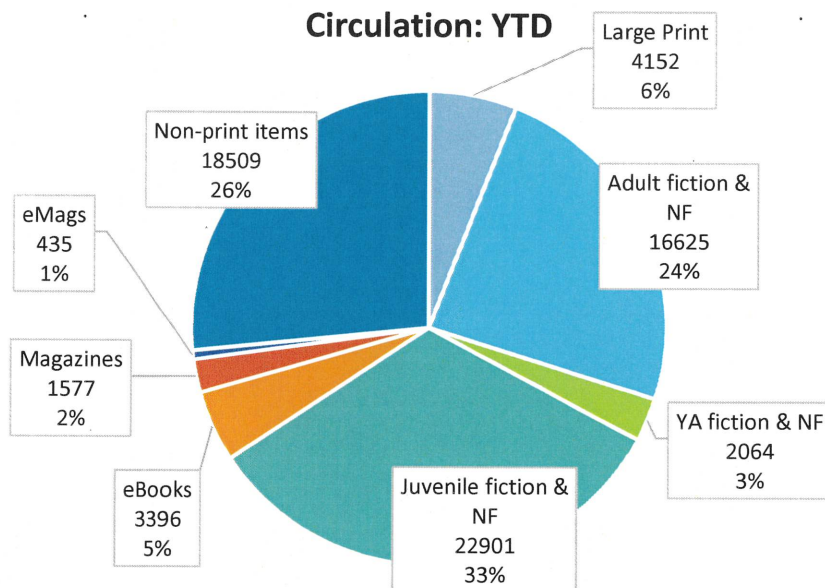
Downloads: 13
YTD: 111



Visits: 96
YTD: 1655



Circulation: YTD



Online Learning

Sessions: 41
YTD: 344



Languages

Sessions: 10
YTD: 126



Genealogy

Visits: 722
YTD: 5036



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	652	5290
Adult & YA audio	94	784
Juvenile audio & kits	18	128
Adult & YA video	579	5887
Juvenile video & DVD	322	2814
Games, LoT, etc.	435	3606
	2100	18509

Collection

Items purchased

Month: 104
YTD: 1694

Items donated

Month: 197
YTD: 1096
Prev. YTD: 461

Items withdrawn

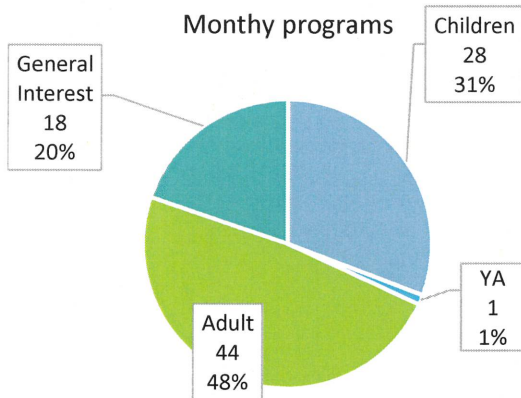
	Month	YTD
Books	293	4466
Audio	1	356
Video	6	41
Other	18	74
Total	318	4937

Summary of additions

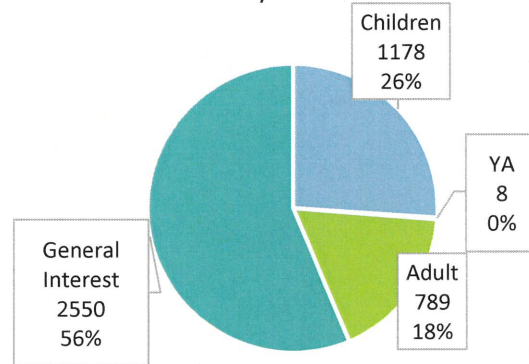
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	17	87	32	16	92	10	0	1	2	24	14	6	301
Previous month	17	110	30	20	57	6	0	9	0	15	8	10	282
Current YTD	180	795	302	148	610	135	79	40	5	277	108	73	2752
Previous YTD	136	760	251	139	548	78	109	64	5	241	72	72	2475

Programs

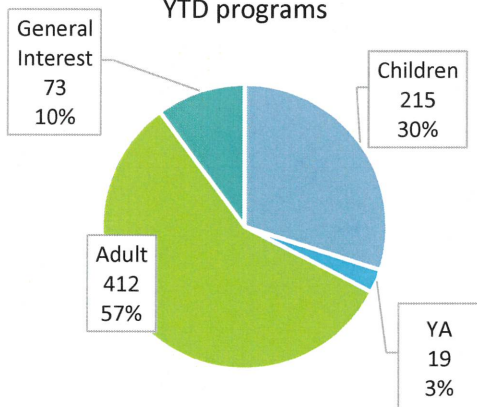
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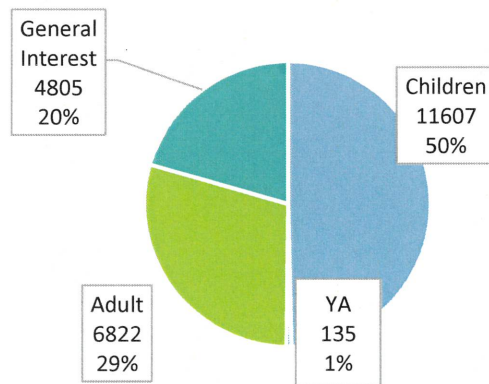
Monthly attendance



YTD programs



YTD attendance





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Expense Approval Register

Packet: APPKT01908 - April 2025 Library Bills

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Description (Item)	Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND					
Department: 410 - LIBRARY					
ZURAWSKI, PAUL	03.25.25	Training - Mileage reimburs...	001-5-410-4-62300	MEETINGS/TRAINING	79.80
MR LOCK & KEY	6792	Door Closer Repair	001-5-410-4-63750	MAINTENANCE	481.34
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	02.28.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	150.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	03.07.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	03.14.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	03.21.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
FAREWAY STORES INC	00146328	Storage Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	22.44
POSTMASTER	03282025	Postage Stamps	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	112.00
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Programs	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	77.73
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	74.97
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2190347	CD Processing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2.95
CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIB...	6814924Z	Disc Cleaning	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	131.25
DEMCO EDUCATIONAL CORP	7613278	Display Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	146.37
AMAZON	17W1-J9TY-61Y6	DVD Return	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-25.04
AMAZON	1KK4-QT1Q-9PM6	DVD Credit	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-31.76
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	86.09
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	156.81
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	22.16
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	25.40
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	DVD	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	555.82
AMAZON	1TGH-GWFJ-QTVF	Audio Books Credit	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-22.16
AMAZON	1XCM-RFQF-DH47	DVD Credit	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-54.46
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038925219	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	77.39
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038925219	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	68.96
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038941306	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	17.09
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038941306	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	22.78
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038957146	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	14.38
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2190347	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	50.99
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS	492826	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	130.48
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	63155754	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	236.22
WORLD TRADE PRESS	INV682084	Databases	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	267.75
Department 410 - LIBRARY Total:					3,627.75
Fund 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:					3,627.75
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND					
Department: 410 - LIBRARY					
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	0003312676	Books returned - Friends of t...	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-16.53
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	0003312677	Books returned - Friends of t...	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-16.53
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	0003312678	Books Returned - Friends of t...	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-19.94
FAREWAY STORES INC	00248286	Kids Can Cook	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	13.24
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	003311687	Books returned - Donations	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-167.47
AMAZON	17V6-MDC4-RXP4	Books returned - Friends of t...	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-21.62
AMAZON	1FFX-97GP-XPM6	Parade Supplies Credit	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-32.99
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Paper/Marketing - Donations	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	23.18
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Books - Friends of the Library	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	34.65
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Rardin Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	27.13
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	DVD - LTC Grant	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	53.73
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Books - Gioimo Donation	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	211.07
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Books - Friends of the Library	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	145.55
AMAZON	1MX4-LJ46-VN1C	Parade Supplies	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	32.99
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038911345	Books - Donations	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	78.62
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038925219	Donations	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	72.90
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038925219	Rardin Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	11.39

Expense Approval Register

Packet: APPKT01908 - April 2025 Library Bills

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BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038925219	Westermeyer Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	33.63
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038941306	Donations	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	127.07
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038941306	Westermeyer Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	33.06
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038941306	Rardin Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	11.39
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038957146	Friends of the Library	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	291.83
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038957146	Love My Library - Kiernan	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	15.96
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038957146	Westermeyer Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	33.62
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038957146	Medical Associates Donation	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	11.99
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038966562	Friends of the Library	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	45.59
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2156272	Friends of the Library	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	81.16
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2156272	Rardin Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	79.86
HERITAGE PRINTING CO	2173	StoryWalk Laminating	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	144.00
KANOPY INC	446710-PPU	Streaming Services	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	39.00
HOOPLA BY MIDWEST TAPE	506970655	Streaming Services	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	736.68
WILKENING, BRAD	5425	Speaker Fees - Friends of the ...	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	200.00
CENGAGE LEARNING	857005164	Rardin Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	18.39
CENGAGE LEARNING	86967276	Rardin Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	57.59
CENGAGE LEARNING	86967276	Books - Friends of the Library	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	151.95
CENGAGE LEARNING	87082885	Rardin Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	51.20
				Department 410 - LIBRARY Total:	2,593.34
				Fund 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total:	2,593.34
				Grand Total:	6,221.09

Fund Summary

Fund	Expense Amount
001 - GENERAL FUND	3,627.75
002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND	<u>2,593.34</u>
Grand Total:	6,221.09

Account Summary

Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount
001-5-410-4-62300	MEETINGS/TRAINING	79.80
001-5-410-4-63750	MAINTENANCE	481.34
001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	900.00
001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	567.71
001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS...	1,598.90
002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDI...	<u>2,593.34</u>
Grand Total:		6,221.09

Project Account Summary

Project Account Key	Expense Amount
None	2,491.79
410AB	181.47
410AN	111.45
410DVD	444.56
410PF	236.22
410R	267.75
410TGRANT	53.73
410TMEM	357.26
410TPROG	1,719.41
410YAF	200.64
410YAN	<u>156.81</u>
Grand Total:	6,221.09

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

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President, Board of Trustees

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ATTEST: Secretary, Board of Trustees

Date

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**James Kennedy Public Library
March 2025**

Utilities and Contractual

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Black Hills	Gas / Heat	1631.21
Alliant Energy	Electricity	614.08
Access Systems	Copier contract	182.08
Total		\$2,427.37

Miscellaneous Bills

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Giant Wash	Floor Mats	28.61
Credit Card - Canva	Webinar	49.00
Ace Hardware	Faucet and filters	79.17
Book Systems	Short pay invoice / not renewing all	-200.00
Credit Card	Fraud Fees (should be credited back)	54.70
Credit Card - GeriFit	DVD for strength training class	39.95
Pitney Bowes	Machine lease	31.86
Preferred Health Choices	HRA admin fee	15.00
Total		\$98.29

March Budget	
March 2025 Claims submitted	5,742.21
Utility and Contractual from Bills above	2,427.37
Miscellaneous Bills from above	98.29
Total wages and benefits	32,424.32
Total March 2025 expenses	\$40,692.19

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

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Credit Card Claims for March & April 2025

Date	Vendor	Items	Amount
3/27/26	Meta / FB	Foo (author presentation) marketing	16.67
2/17/25	Fareway Not on February list	Kids Can Cook Ingredients	109.48
4/1/2025	Canva	1 year subscription	120.00
4/3/25	Fareway	Kids Can Cook Ingredients	73.19

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Budget Report

Account Summary

For Fiscal: 2024-2025 Period Ending: 03/31/2025

		Original	Current	Period	Fiscal	Variance	Percent
		Total Budget	Total Budget	Activity	Activity	Favorable (Unfavorable)	Remaining
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND							
Expense							
<u>001-5-410-4-60100</u>	SALARIES	316,281.00	316,281.00	24,939.65	244,399.90	71,881.10	22.73 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61100</u>	FICA	19,424.00	19,424.00	1,499.06	14,745.39	4,678.61	24.09 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61200</u>	MEDICARE	4,543.00	4,543.00	350.58	3,448.69	1,094.31	24.09 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61300</u>	IPERS	29,574.00	29,574.00	2,290.33	22,295.60	7,278.40	24.61 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61500</u>	GROUP INSURANCE	48,145.00	48,145.00	3,319.75	36,983.19	11,161.81	23.18 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61700</u>	SUI	228.00	228.00	24.95	315.75	-87.75	-38.49 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62100</u>	DUES	750.00	750.00	25.00	856.00	-106.00	-14.13 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62300</u>	MEETINGS/TRAINING	2,500.00	2,500.00	49.00	1,533.18	966.82	38.67 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63710</u>	ELECTRICITY	14,000.00	14,000.00	1,631.21	9,595.12	4,404.88	31.46 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63711</u>	GAS HEAT	6,500.00	6,500.00	614.08	2,612.79	3,887.21	59.80 %
<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	7,500.00	7,500.00	251.56	2,959.57	4,540.43	60.54 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64080</u>	INSURANCE PREMIUM	10,000.00	10,000.00	15.00	414.67	9,585.33	95.85 %
<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	2,093.33	3,684.15	-3,684.15	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64322</u>	CONTRACTED SERVICES	11,000.00	11,000.00	750.00	8,566.15	2,433.85	22.13 %
<u>001-5-410-4-65060</u>	OFFICE SUPPLIES	22,500.00	22,500.00	553.46	7,072.32	15,427.68	68.57 %
<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	47,055.00	47,055.00	2,285.23	31,943.22	15,111.78	32.12 %
Expense Total:		540,000.00	540,000.00	40,692.19	391,425.69	148,574.31	27.51%
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:		540,000.00	540,000.00	40,692.19	391,425.69	148,574.31	27.51%
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND							
Expense							
<u>002-5-410-4-67700</u>	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	40,000.00	40,000.00	13,666.81	43,570.06	-3,570.06	-8.93 %
Expense Total:		40,000.00	40,000.00	13,666.81	43,570.06	-3,570.06	-8.93%
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total:		40,000.00	40,000.00	13,666.81	43,570.06	-3,570.06	-8.93%
Report Total:		580,000.00	580,000.00	54,359.00	434,995.75	145,004.25	25.00%

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James Kennedy Public Library FY25 Operating Budget							
	FY25				Received		% Expended
ESTIMATED REVENUES:		February	March	April	to date	Difference	To date
Dubuque County Library Agency	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	
Fees from copier, R/P, etc.	4,000.00	230.79	308.79	300.00	2,415.77	1,584.23	
Open Access	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,324.01	175.99	
Access Plus / ILL	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,193.29	-193.29	
Direct State Aid	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,060.42	39.58	
TOTAL:	24,600.00	230.79	308.79	300.00	13,993.49	10,606.51	
					13,993.49	10,606.51	
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:							
PERSONAL SERVICES						Remaining	
Wages	329,610.00	24,916.92	24,939.65	26,000.00	244,399.90	85,210.10	74.1%
FICA	20,335.00	1,497.65	1,499.06	1,612.00	14,745.39	5,589.61	72.5%
Medicare	4,756.00	350.25	350.58	377.00	3,448.69	1,307.31	72.5%
IPERS	30,962.00	2,275.04	2,290.33	2,454.40	22,295.60	8,666.40	72.0%
SUI	234.00	24.94	24.95	26.00	315.75	-81.75	134.9%
Group Insurance	48,146.00	3,319.75	3,319.75	3,500.00	36,983.19	11,162.81	76.8%
Meetings and training	2,500.00	0.00	49.00	0.00	1,533.18	966.82	61.3%
Dues and memberships	850.00	180.00	25.00	0.00	856.00	-6.00	100.7%
TOTAL:	437,393.00	32,564.55	32,498.32	33,969.40	324,577.70	112,815.30	74.2%
					324,577.70	112,815.30	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:							
Utilities (telephone)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Electricity	12,000.00	1,217.17	1,631.21	1,500.00	9,595.12	2,404.88	80.0%
Gas / Heat	3,000.00	762.51	614.08	500.00	2,612.79	387.21	87.1%
Insurance (bldg)	10,000.00	56.67	15.00	10,000.00	414.67	9,585.33	4.1%
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Custodial services	12,400.00	1,000.00	750.00	900.00	8,150.00	4,250.00	65.7%
Window cleaning	600.00	0.00	0.00		368.00	232.00	61.3%
Service / Maintenance Cont	7,500.00	182.08	2,093.33	0.00	3,684.15	3,815.85	49.1%
TOTAL:	45,500.00	3,218.43	5,103.62	12,900.00	24,824.73	20,675.27	54.6%
					24,824.73	20,675.27	
SUPPLIES:							
General library supplies	8,500.00	908.38	513.51	489.98	6,036.03	2,463.97	71.0%
Program fees & supplies	500.00	160.22	39.95	77.73	471.26	28.74	94.3%
Marketing & advertising	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	565.03	-65.03	113.0%
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	741.25	251.56	0.00	3,007.72	4,992.28	37.6%
TOTAL	17,500.00	1,809.85	805.02	567.71	10,080.04	7,419.96	57.6%
					10,080.04	7,419.96	
BOOKS AND MATERIALS							
Adult fiction	4,607.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,656.40	-49.40	101.1%
Adult nonfiction	2,500.00	106.69	140.81	0	2,351.42	148.58	94.1%
YA fiction	2,000.00	310.86	53.86	0	1,502.68	497.32	75.1%
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	54.28	48.81	0.00	563.31	436.69	56.3%
Juvenile fiction	4,500.00	996.78	351.76	0	4,132.87	367.13	91.8%
Juvenile nonfiction	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,718.32	281.68	90.6%
Large Print	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,011.41	-11.41	101.1%
Electronic media (ebooks, e	7,000.00	647.53	679.21	0.00	4,482.91	2,517.09	64.0%
Reference & electronic data	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.06	1,480.94	1.3%
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,672.04	327.96	91.8%
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	2,000.00	-4.99	207.87	0.00	1,278.71	721.29	63.9%
Software & Gaming	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,101.65	-101.65	110.2%
DVDs	5,000.00	439.13	802.91	0.00	3,918.14	1,081.86	78.4%
SS / Creation Station / LoT	500.00	49.96	0.00	0.00	534.30	-34.30	106.9%
TOTAL:	39,607.00	2,600.24	2,285.23	1,598.90	31,943.22	7,663.78	80.7%
					31,943.22	7,663.78	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	540,000.00	40,193.07	40,692.19	49,036.01	391,425.69	148,574.31	72.5%
TOTAL REVENUES:	24,600.00	230.79	308.79	300.00	13,993.49	10,606.51	56.9%
ACTUAL ASKING	515,400.00	39,962.28	40,383.40	48,736.01	377,432.20	137,967.80	73.2%
					377,432.20		

James Kennedy Public Library FY25 Operating Budget								
	FY25	FY24 Exp. thru Feb 24	Feb 24 expenses	Total FY24 expenses	Budget Projection	Amount Ov/Und	Ov/Und Budget	
ESTIMATED REVENUES:								
Dubuque County Library Agency	9,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,804.04				
Fees from copier, R/P, etc.	4,000.00	2,481.67	169.12	3,328.36				
Open Access	8,500.00	8,352.62	0.00	8,352.62				
Access Plus / ILL	1,000.00	1,118.38	0.00	1,118.38				
Direct State Aid	2,100.00	2,060.03	0.00	2,060.03				
TOTAL:	24,600.00	14,012.70	169.12	22,663.43				
		14,012.70		22,663.43				
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:								
PERSONAL SERVICES								
Wages	329,610.00	199,160.26	23,026.99	305,973.91	214,545.13	29,855	1.14	
FICA	20,335.00	12,012.82	1,383.35	18,457.93	13,234.46	1,511	1.11	
Medicare	4,756.00	2,809.59	323.53	4,316.92	3,095.36	353	1.11	
IPERS	30,962.00	18,072.52	2,138.04	27,822.03	20,112.17	2,183	1.11	
SUI	234.00	263.76	23.05	444.40	138.88	177	2.27	
Group Insurance	48,146.00	21,296.82	3,289.75	33,980.62	30,174.75	6,808	1.23	
Meetings and training	2,500.00	1,688.19	0.00	2,111.19	1,999.10	-466	0.77	
Dues and memberships	850.00	621.00	406.00	839.10	629.07	227	1.36	
TOTAL:	437,393.00	255,924.96	30,590.71	393,946.10	284,150.00	40,428	1.14	
		255,924.96		393,946.10				
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:								
Utilities (telephone)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	NA	
Electricity	12,000.00	6,736.82	407.41	10,534.33	7,674.13	1,921	1.25	
Gas / Heat	3,000.00	928.82	0.00	1,677.77	1,660.81	952	1.57	
Insurance (bldg)	10,000.00	146.67	56.67	9,545.67	153.65	261	2.70	
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	Nothing	
Custodial services	12,400.00	6,200.00	800.00	10,200.00	7,537.25	613	1.08	
Window cleaning	600.00	368.00	0.00	368.00	600.00	-232	0.61	
Service / Maintenance Cont	7,500.00	1,974.81	431.08	6,617.29	2,238.24	1,446	1.65	
TOTAL:	45,500.00	16,355.12	1,695.16	38,943.06	19,108.87	5,716	1.30	
		16,355.12		38,943.06				
SUPPLIES:								
General library supplies	8,500.00	4,263.96	496.91	9,205.37	3,937.23	2,099	1.53	
Program fees & supplies	500.00	583.92	0.00	583.92	500.00	-29	0.94	
Marketing & advertising	500.00	268.53	0.00	539.57	248.84	316	2.27	
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	1,486.13	627.49	6,619.89	1,795.96	1,212	1.67	
TOTAL	17,500.00	6,602.54	1,124.40	16,948.75	6,817.28	3,263	1.48	
		6,602.54		16,948.75				
BOOKS AND MATERIALS								
Adult fiction	4,607.00	5,133.17	804.60	8,276.55	2,857.29	1,799	1.63	
Adult nonfiction	2,500.00	2,728.57	624.54	4,892.50	1,394.26	957	1.69	
YA fiction	2,000.00	1,234.50	127.17	2,170.36	1,137.60	365	1.32	
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	531.45	65.88	907.49	585.63	-22	0.96	
Juvenile fiction	4,500.00	6,718.64	245.37	10,395.47	2,908.37	1,224	1.42	
Juvenile nonfiction	3,000.00	1,697.20	59.96	2,196.81	2,317.72	401	1.17	
Large Print	1,000.00	1,312.48	189.01	2,513.08	522.26	489	1.94	
Electronic media (ebooks, e	7,000.00	4,809.78	765.34	7,535.65	NA	NA	NA	
Reference & electronic data	1,500.00	744.25	0.00	1,444.25	772.98	-754	0.02	
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	4,039.85	0.00	4,039.85	4,000.00	-328	0.92	
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	2,000.00	1,427.61	281.10	2,556.47	NA	NA	NA	
Software & Gaming	1,000.00	666.45	117.12	1,500.24	444.23	657	2.48	
DVDs	5,000.00	3,407.96	323.65	4,965.18	3,431.86	486	1.14	
SS / Creation Station / LoT	500.00	411.16	0.00	604.41	340.13	194	1.57	
TOTAL:	39,607.00	34,863.07	3,603.74	53,998.31	25,571.57	6,372	1.25	
		34,863.07		53,998.31				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	540,000.00	313,745.69	37,014.01	503,836.22	336,265.37	55,160	1.16	
TOTAL REVENUES:	24,600.00	14,012.70	169.12	22,663.43	15,210.07	-1,217	0.92	
ACTUAL ASKING	515,400.00	299,732.99	36,844.89	481,172.79	321,053.86	56,378	1.18	
		299,732.99		481,172.79				



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Statement Ending 03/31/2025

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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
BUSINESS MONEY MKT	XX4356	\$11,382.68

BUSINESS MONEY MKT - XX4356

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
03/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$11,371.57
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$11.11
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
03/31/2025	Ending Balance	\$11,382.68

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Interest Earned From 03/01/2025 Through 03/31/2025	
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	1.16%
Interest Days	31
Interest Earned	\$11.11
Interest Paid This Period	\$11.11
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$32.22
Minimum Balance	\$11,371.57
Average Ledger Balance	\$11,371.57
Average Available Balance	\$11,371.57

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
03/31/2025	INTEREST	\$11.11
		1 item(s) totaling \$11.11

Daily Balances

Date	Amount
03/31/2025	\$11,382.68



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Date 3/31/25
Primary Account
Enclosures

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CHECKING ACCOUNT

BUSINESS MONEY MARKET		Number of Enclosures	4
Account Number	617571	Statement Dates	3/03/25 thru 3/31/25
Previous Balance	103,635.75	Days in the statement period	29
4 Deposits/Credits	5,408.12	Average Ledger	100,883.61
1 Checks/Debits	13,666.81	Average Collected	100,864.99
Service Charge	.00	Interest Earned	31.05
Interest Paid	33.32	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.39%
Current Balance	95,410.38	2025 Interest Paid	98.32

ACTIVITY IN DATE ORDER

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
3/04	Deposit/Credit	791.65	104,427.40
3/24	Transfer from x7571 to x5358	13,666.81-	90,760.59
	March Claims		
3/25	Deposit/Credit	77.27	90,837.86
3/25	Deposit/Credit	379.40	91,217.26
3/31	Deposit/Credit	4,159.80	95,377.06
3/31	Interest Deposit	33.32	95,410.38

DAILY BALANCE INFORMATION

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
3/03	103,635.75	3/04	104,427.40	3/24	90,760.59
3/25	91,217.26	3/31	95,410.38		

INTEREST RATE SUMMARY

Date	Rate
3/02	0.400000%
3/24	0.350000%

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TRUST ACCOUNT REPORT for March 2025

American Trust / MidWestOne Bank - balance on hand July 1, 2024		\$	11,284.17
July - December 2024 interest	\$	71.29	\$ 11,355.46
January 31, 2025	\$	11.09	\$ 11,366.55
February 3, 2025 - inactivity fee	\$	(5.00)	
February 28, 2025 - interest	\$	10.02	\$ 11,371.57
March 31, 2025	\$	11.11	\$ 11,382.68 ^{H1}

Fidelity Bank and Trust
Balances February 28, 2025

Budgeted Bank Account
\$ 10,199.34 \$ 103,635.75

Deposits

March 4, 2025

Love My Library fundraiser	\$	760.00	
Candy / Snacks	\$	18.00	
Conscience Box	\$	2.70	
Friends booksale / donation	\$	10.95	\$ 791.65

March 15, 2025 (deposited 3/25)

In Memory of Tom Lucas (Eick donation)	\$	20.00	
Can cooperation	\$	1.90	
Candy / Snacks	\$	16.00	
Love my Library fundraiser	\$	320.00	
Conscience Box	\$	2.25	
Friends booksale / donation	\$	19.25	\$ 379.40

March 25, 2025

Candy / Snacks	\$	22.00	
Kay Kreeb donation for LP	\$	40.00	
History books	\$	40.00	
Cash for Fundraiser	\$	(50.00)	
Conscience Box	\$	2.02	
Friends booksale / donation	\$	23.25	\$ 77.27

March 31, 2025

Room use donation	\$	20.00	
Tote bag / swag fundraiser	\$	5.00	
Cash for Fundraiser	\$	(25.00)	
Friends: Summer Library Program	\$	3,450.00	
Friends: Pop-up library books	\$	500.00	
Friends: Speaker stipend	\$	200.00	
Conscience Box	\$	2.05	
Friends booksale / donation	\$	7.75	\$ 4,159.80

March 31, 2025

Interest	\$	33.32	\$ 33.32	\$ 5,441.44
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Debits:

Kanopy	\$	55.00	
Hoopla	\$	669.43	
Large print book for book club (Love My Library 2024)	\$	18.00	
YA books and Audio book (Love My Library 2025)	\$	63.39	
St. Patrick's Day Parade Supplies (fundraisers)	\$	158.38	
Mystery Dinner - meals and actors (fundraiser)	\$	2,875.00	
Adult nonfiction books (Medical Associates donation)	\$	77.57	
Adult nonfiction books (Gioimo donation)	\$	77.32	
Adult fiction books (Menke donation)	\$	327.65	
Adult fiction books (Gioimo donation)	\$	124.55	
Adult fiction books (O'Connell donation)	\$	206.75	
GeriFit DVD (Strength Training program donations)	\$	39.95	
Mystery book (Kiernan donation)	\$	17.10	
Staff meeting refreshments (specified donations)	\$	50.00	
Adult nonfiction books (Friends donation)	\$	166.32	
Large print books (Friends donation)	\$	181.12	
Adult fiction books (Rardin Memorial)	\$	79.37	
Large print books (Rardin memorial)	\$	78.56	
Kids can Cook ingredients & supplies	\$	294.07	
Neurodivergent - supplies, sensory items, streaming subscriptions, etc. (LTC grant)	\$	8,057.67	
Adult fiction books (Westermeyer Memorial)	\$	49.61	\$ 13,666.81

Balances February 28, 2025

\$ (3,467.47) \$ 95,410.38 ^{H2}

NOTE: A Budget Amendment Request has been submitted per Board Action at March 2025 meeting.

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Trust Account Income & Expenditure Report FY25

as of 7/1/2024		in account	New Deposits						
Amount in MidWest One		\$11,284.17							
Amount in Fidelity		\$102,059.59							
INCOME:				EXPENDITURES:				REMAINING:	
DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS:								DONATIONS:	
Remaining from Fundraisers prior to FY23		\$16,056.74							\$7,681.13
				Mar-25	parade supplies	\$158.38			
Board agreed to fund Kanopy, Hoopla, Hotspots and FB ads from fundraising revenues; estimates are based on FY24 actual									
Estimated for Kanopy: \$600				Jul-24	Kanopy	\$37.00			\$331.00
				Mar-25	Kanopy	\$55.00			
Estimated for Hoopla: \$4000				Jul-24	Hoopla	\$564.00			-\$602.38
				Mar-25	Hoopla	\$169.43			
FY23 and FY24 Fundraising Events									
Chairity & Wreath-it-up	FY23	\$335.00							\$846.00
Cookie Walk	FY24	\$1,721.16							\$3,493.08
Soup Fundraiser	FY24	\$938.03							\$2,159.61
Love my Library									
Previous donations remaining		\$1,581.57		Aug-24	bldg & books	\$379.97			\$528.49
				Mar-25	Malers memorial	\$18.00			
Love My Library 2025									
	Feb-25		\$2,132.51	Feb-25	mailing expenses	\$1,343.10			\$1,806.02
	Mar-25		\$1,080.00	Mar-25	LML 2025	\$63.39			
Book Art Fundraiser	FY24	\$195.75							\$296.33
Mystery Dinner	FY24	\$807.14							\$2,211.14
2025 ticket sales	Feb-25		\$4,237.00	Mar-25	Actors stipend	\$1,334.00			
2025 donation jar	Feb-25		\$42.00	Mar-25	Meals	\$1,541.00			
Build-a-basket	FY23	\$1,506.00							\$2,967.00
	FY24	\$1,461.00							
Snack & Candy Sales	FY23	\$309.92							\$652.84
	FY24	\$168.80							
	Mar-25		\$56.00						
Plant Sale	FY23	\$658.00							\$1,127.00
	FY24	\$469.00							
Merchandise (masks, tags, etc)	FY23	\$188.82							\$243.12
tote bag sold	Mar-25		\$5.00						
Dairy Queen Fundraiser	Previous	\$753.53							\$753.53
Country Junction / STEM	Previous	\$500.00							\$500.00
Randy's Market - Roundup	Previous	\$651.09							\$651.09
Quilt Fundraiser	FY23	\$30.00							\$110.00
DTSN fundraiser	FY23	\$110.00							\$173.00
Burrito Breakfast	FY23	\$850.00							\$2,229.00
Cash for fundraiser	Mar-25		-\$75.00						
O So Good Partnership	FY23	\$1,485.00							\$4,195.00
Garage Sale Fundraiser	FY24	\$1,172.00							\$3,068.51
Puzzle Fundraiser				Nov-24	puzzles	\$79.65			\$800.35
Donations									
Don and Jane Menke donations		\$465.00		Jan-25	adult fiction	\$137.35			\$0.00
Allocate for adult fiction				Mar-25	adult fiction	\$327.65			
Medical Assoc	Apr-17	\$425.00		Nov-24	adult NF	\$117.13			\$1.45
				Mar-25	adult NF	\$77.57			
Mary O'Connell - unspecified	FY21-22	\$255.00							\$48.25
Allocate for adult materials				Mar-25	adult fiction	\$206.75			
Strength Training	FY24	\$9.39							-\$5.04
Strength Training	Oct-24		\$12.00	Nov-24	stretch bands	\$8.54			
Strength Training	Jan-25		\$16.00	Feb-25	stretch bands	\$13.94			
Programming	Aug-23	\$20.00		Mar-25	DVD	\$39.95			
Suzzette Giomo - as needed	Dec-23	\$1,000.00		Nov-24	Adult NF	\$35.34			\$766.36
				Mar-25	Adult NF	\$77.32			
Suzanne Giomo - as needed	Dec-23	\$1,000.00							\$875.45
Allocate for adult materials				Mar-25	Adult fiction	\$124.55			
Ideal Decorating - Hoopla	Jul-24		\$500.00	Mar-25	Hoopla	\$500.00			\$0.00
In Honor of Kiernans	Aug-24		\$100.00	Nov-24	books	\$33.62			\$33.35
				Mar-25	books	\$17.10			
Willenborg for staff snacks	Jan-25		\$25.00	Mar-25	refreshments	\$25.00			\$0.00

Donation for refreshments	Feb-25		\$5.50	Mar-25	refreshments	\$5.50		\$0.00
Unspecified donations	Feb-25		\$52.05	Mar-25	refreshments	\$19.50		\$32.55
Kay Kreeb - LP books	Mar-25		\$40.00					\$40.00
Miscellaneous Donations Total Remaining								\$13,616.52
Lion's Club - LP	FY24 LML	\$499.29		Aug-24	LP books	\$95.17		\$0.71
Conscience Box	Remaining	\$2,222.59						\$2,353.32
	Mar-25		\$9.02					
History Books & Coins	Remaining	\$1,964.74						\$2,024.74
	Mar-25		\$40.00					
Meeting Room Donation	Remaining	\$614.76						\$678.51
Can Cooperage	Mar-25		\$1.90					
Donation for Hoffman Rm us	Mar-25		\$20.00					
Adopt-a-book donations	Remaining	\$152.65		Aug-24	books	\$66.69		\$68.87
Friends - bksale	Remaining	\$781.69						\$1,136.20
	Mar-25		\$61.20					
Friends - SRP donations (save for 2025)								\$1,327.37
Adult fiction	Oct-24		\$1,000.00	Jan-25	adult fiction	\$78.94		\$356.99
Adult nonfiction	Oct-24		\$1,000.00	Jan-25	adult nonfiction	\$217.34		\$562.20
				Mar-25	adult nonfiction	\$166.32		
LP materials	Oct-24		\$1,000.00	Dec-24	LP books	\$165.12		\$299.77
				Mar-25	LP books	\$181.12		
2025 Summer Library Program	Mar-25		\$3,450.00					\$3,450.00
Pop-up Library books	Mar-25		\$500.00					\$500.00
Holocaust speaker stipend	Mar-25		\$200.00					\$200.00
TACKL	Remaining	\$443.95						\$556.87
Bequests & Specified donations - Total Remaining								\$24,470.67
Memorials or In Honor of								
Billie B. Rardin	Remaining	\$3,955.16		Sep-24	Books	\$25.97		\$5,127.83
Allocate \$601.05 for adult fiction				Oct-24	Books	\$48.36		\$320.27
				Mar-25	Adult fiction	\$79.37		
Allocate \$1026.89 for LP				Nov-24	LP books	\$58.76		\$581.31
				Mar-25	LP books	\$78.56		
Mary Westermeyer	Remaining	\$357.95		Aug-24	Books	\$31.92		\$160.72
				Mar-25	Books	\$49.61		
Tom Lucas (Eick)	Mar-25		\$20.00					
Memorials or "In Honor OP" - Total Remaining								\$7,698.49
GRANTS:							GRANTS:	
Kids Can Cook - DACF	Remaining	\$5,421.51		Sep-24	Supplies & FB	\$84.91		\$4,751.06
				Mar-25	KCC expenses	\$294.07		
ALA / LTC Grant	May-24	\$10,000.00		Aug-24	Books	\$154.75		\$210.93
				Mar-25	Activities / Senc	\$8,057.67		
INTEREST DEPOSITS								
remaining from previous years		\$4,918.84						\$5,186.09
	Mar-25		\$33.32					
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$113,343.76	\$36,818.26	EXPENDITURES:		\$43,467.47	Balance	\$95,410.38

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Memorials, Fundraisers, and Donations – March 2025

From:	Candy and Snack Sales
Donation:	\$56.00
Fund:	Library Trust Account
Restrictions:	Fundraiser for library collections & services
From:	Miriam Eick
Donation:	\$20.00
Fund:	Library Trust Account
Restrictions:	In Memory of Tom Lucas
From:	Kay Kreeb
Donation:	\$40.00
Fund:	Library Trust Account
Restrictions:	Donation for Large Print books
From:	Anonymous
Donation:	\$20.00
Fund:	Library Trust Account
Restrictions:	Donation of Hoffman Room use
From:	Library Tote Bag
Donation:	\$5.00
Fund:	Library Trust Account
Restrictions:	Fundraiser for library collections & services
From:	Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library
Donation:	\$3,450.00
Fund:	Library Trust Account
Restrictions:	Donation for Summer Library Program activities
From:	Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library
Donation:	\$500.00
Fund:	Library Trust Account
Restrictions:	Donation for Pop-up Library books
From:	Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library
Donation:	\$200.00
Fund:	Library Trust Account
Restrictions:	Donation for Holocaust speaker stipend
From:	Love My Library Fundraiser*
Donation:	\$1,080.00
Fund:	Library Trust Account
Restrictions:	Fundraiser for library collections & services

***Love My Library Fundraiser donations:**

Mike & Sandy Oberbroeckling	no information provided	\$25.00
Paul Zurawski	Jujutsu Kaisen vol 11 & 12	in kind
Auto Tech Inc.	Kids can cook class	\$50.00
Cory & Jill Kluesner	new board games for library	\$500.00
Konrady Florists	support Friends activity	\$25.00
Physical Therapy Solutions	no information provided	\$100.00
Dan and Sue Tauke	use as desired	\$50.00
Gerald & Connie Coyle	no information provided	\$10.00
Richard Schnier	no information provided	\$100.00
Ideal Decorating	toniebox	\$100.00
Sharon Osterhaus	whatever is needed	\$100.00
Linda Faust	no information provided	\$20.00

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James Kennedy Public Library Monthly Program Report

Report for the Month of March 2025

Adult Crafternoon (1st Monday of each month) – Sun catchers (A) March 10, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd) Supplies: Jar lids, coloring pages, baggies, twine	In person/Onsite/ Kit Attendance: 4 Kits distributed: 24
Books for Lunch Book Club (1st Monday) – <i>The Librarianist</i> (A) March 3, 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: 8
Bingo Party - (3 rd Monday of each month) (A) March 17, 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: 10
Building Creativity one Block at a Time (LEGO® program) (Monthly) (C) March 1, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Legos and snacks	In person / Onsite Participants: 15
Cricut with Christopher (3rd Monday of each month) (GI): Spring tea towels March 17, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hrs (pd) 10 hrs (vol) Supplies: Cricut machine, heat press, lifting tools & laptop; supplies all donated by Lisa	In person / Onsite Participants: 7
Dungeons & Dragons Club (Monthly) (GI): March 8, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies, Candlekeep Mysteries book, snacks	Hybrid / Discord Participants: 7
Ellen Kennedy Living Center Program – (4th Friday) (A) : Good Olde Days March 31, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hr (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Offsite Participants: 9
Euchre / Dominos Party (Fridays of each month) (A) March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2025 (4 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) Supplies: Decks of cards, suit die, scrap paper, refreshments	In person / Onsite Participants: 18
Game Night (4 th Saturday of each Month) (GI): March 22, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 Supplies: Various board games, snacks	In person / Onsite Participants: 16
Health & Wellness 365: (Monthly) (A) : March 27, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 1 hr (vol) Supplies: Presentation and snack provided by Colleen Lawler, NEI3A	In person / Onsite Participants: 11
Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club (2 nd Tues of each month) (A) March 11, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2.25 hrs (pd) Supplies: ILL books, Computer & Zoom software	Hybrid (In person & Zoom) Participants: 5

JKPL Writing Group (4 th Tuesday of each Month) (A) - March 25, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Onsite Participants: 2
Mercy One Senior Care Program (Monthly) (A): Good Olde Days March 28, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 Supplies: None	In person / Offsite Participants: 9
Sit 'n' Stitch (Wednesdays of each month) (A) March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2025 (3 sessions – 1 cancelled due to weather) Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 6 hrs (vol) Supplies: Refreshments and Craft supplies provided by participants; Zoom room set up upon request.	Hybrid (In person & Zoom) Participants: 26
Strength Training for Older Adults (Mondays & Thursdays @ 9:30 and 10:30) March 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, & 31, 2025 (18 sessions / 2 each day) Time for preparation & performance – 18 hrs (pd) Supplies: GeriFit DVDs, projection system, water (if needed) Participants supply stretch band, weights and water for own use	In person / Onsite Participants: 226
Strings Club (4 th Monday of each month) (A) March 24, 2025 Time for preparation & performance - .25 hr (pd) 2 hr (vol) Supplies: None; Managed by Gary Bramel, volunteer	In person / Onsite Participants: 6
All Abilities Open House (A) March 4, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 10 hr (pd) Supplies: Snacks, sensory items, Library Chef & Craft & Hobby service	In person / Onsite Participants: 16
KEYS Chat: Discover Qigong (A) March 4, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hrs (pd) 1 hr (vol) Supplies: Presented over Zoom by Help and Hope for a Healthy Brain	In person / Zoom Participants: 2
Tween Zone: Turing Tumble (C) - Cancelled due to weather March 5, 2025	In Person / Onsite Participants: 0
Library Quiz Bowl for Teens (YA) March 7, 2024 Time for preparation & performance – 4 hrs (pd) Supplies: Scrap paper, laptop	In person / Onsite Participants: 8
Conclave: Movie Event (A) March 8, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd) Supplies: DVD, popcorn and soda	In person / Onsite Participants: 9
Unlocking Brain Fitness (A) March 10, 2025 – Cancelled series due to low registration	In person / Onsite Participants: 0
Portable Planetarium with DCC (GI) March 12, 2025 (4 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd) 6 hr (vol) Supplies: Taylor from Dubuque County Conservation presented this program and brought all supplies and handouts.	In person / Onsite Participants: 65
Kobolds Ate My Baby (A) March 14, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 3 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies, refreshments	In Person / Onsite Participants: 4

St. Patrick's Day Parade (GI)		
March 15, 2025		In person / Offsite
Time for preparation & performance – 5 hrs (pd) 15 hrs (vol)		Participants: 2000
Supplies:	Giveaways for parade attendees Volunteers to ride / drive in the parade	
Armchair Travel: France (A)		In person / Onsite
March 18, 2025		Participants: 9
Time for preparation & performance – .5 (pd) 5 hrs (vol)		
Supplies:	Presented by Chelsea Middendorf, Eagle Point Place Senior Living Refreshments and all supplies brought by Chelsea	
Kids Can Cook(C)		In person / Onsite
March 6, 13, & 20, 2025		Participants: 31
Time for preparation & performance – 21.5 hrs (pd)		
Supplies:	Kitchen equipment, groceries, copies of recipes	
Genealogy with Ann		In person / Onsite
March 20, 2025		Participants: 0
Time for preparation & performance – .25 hrs (pd)		
Supplies:	None	
Drop in and Create – Sticker Art: An All Abilities Program (GI)		In Person / Onsite
March 21, 2025		Participants: 8
Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd)		
Supplies:	Stickers, paper plates, sticker art kits	
Moana 2 –Movie Event (C)		In Person / Onsite
March 22, 2025		Participants: 20
Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd)		
Supplies:	Popcorn, soda, movie & projection system	
Kid Librarian Storytime (PreK)		In person / Onsite
March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2025 - 3/5 cancelled due to weather (6 sessions)		Participants: 27
Time for preparation & performance – 6 hr (pd)		
Supplies:	Books, color copies,	
The Mighty Ducks – Sensory Movie Matinee (A)		In Person / Onsite
March 27, 2025		Participants: 0
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd)		
Supplies:	None	
STEAMFest: Turing Tumble (GI)		In Person / Onsite
March 29, 2025		Participants: 47
Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hr (pd)		
Supplies:	Turing Tumble sets	
STEAMFest: Games for All Ages (GI)		In Person / Onsite
March 29, 2025		Participants: 75
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd) 15 hrs (vol)		
Supplies:	Games from LoT / Creation Station Run by volunteers Catherine and Pat O'Hea and Beth Gudenkauf	
STEAMFest: Fun with Robots (GI)		In Person / Onsite
March 29, 2025 (2 sessions)		Participants: 76
Time for preparation & performance – 5 hrs (pd)		
Supplies:	Masking tape, Dash robot, tablet	
STEAMFest: Button Making (GI)		In Person / Onsite
March 29, 2025 (2 sessions)		Participants: 74
Time for preparation & performance – 5 hr (pd)		
Supplies:	Button machine and supplies, copies	

STEAMFest: DIY Arts and Crafts (GI)	In Person / Onsite
March 29, 2025	Participants: 25
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd) 6 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Misc. craft supplies	
Run by volunteers Melissa Kane and Alycia Willenbring	
STEAMFest: Strawbees (GI)	In Person / Onsite
March 29, 2025	Participants: 45
Time for preparation & performance – .25 hrs (pd) 2.75 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Strawbees; Run by volunteer Devin Werner	
STEAMFest: Origami Butterflies and Bookmarks (GI)	In Person / Onsite
March 29, 2025	Participants: 15
Time for preparation & performance – 5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Origami paper, pipe cleaners, instructions	
STEAMFest: Shrinky Dinks (GI)	In Person / Onsite
March 29, 2025	Attendance: 30
Time for preparation & performance – 4 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Shrinky dink plastic and tools, markers, toaster oven	
OutReads (Storytimes at area schools and daycares) (PreK)	In person / Offsite
March 3, 4, 11, & 18, & 31, 2025 (10 sessions)	Participants: 170
Time for preparation & performance – 6.25 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Books and presentation supplies	
Upcycled Greeting Cards (GI)	Passive program
March 2025	Kits: 43
Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Donated greeting cards, card stock, tape runner and envelopes	
StoryWalk® - <i>I Want to be a Frog</i> (C)	Passive / outdoor program
March 2025	Participants: 220
Time for preparation & performance – 4.5 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Books and laminating	
Kid's Scavenger Hunt: Farm Animals (C)	Passive program
March 2025	Participants: 190
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Color copies of scavenger hunt form, laminated pictures, stickers for prizes	
Pretend Play Station: Farm (PreK)	Passive program
March 2025	Participants: 380
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Copies, signs (laminated), play sets	
Coloring, Creating & Doing (A)	Passive program
March 2025	Kits: 352
Time for preparation & performance – 3.25 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Copies of coloring pages and activities	
Get Puzzled @ Your Library (GI)	Passive program
March 2025	Participants: 56
Time for preparation & performance - .25 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Puzzle	
Kids Can Craft: Write a Frog Comic (C)	Passive program
March 2025	Kits: 60
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Copies, markers, colors, etc.; Items for prize basket	

Creation Station Craft: Flower Fairy House (C)

March 2025

Time for preparation & performance – 4 hrs (pd)

Supplies: Paper rolls, construction paper, misc. craft supplies

Passive / Recording / Make and Take

Kits distributed: 50

Facebook Views / Engagements: 223 / 15

YouTube Views: 18

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

March 1-31, 2025 – 3 programs

Facebook Views / Engagements: 81/3

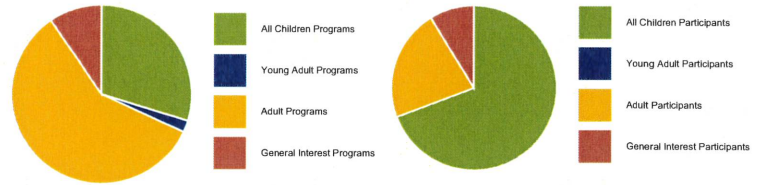
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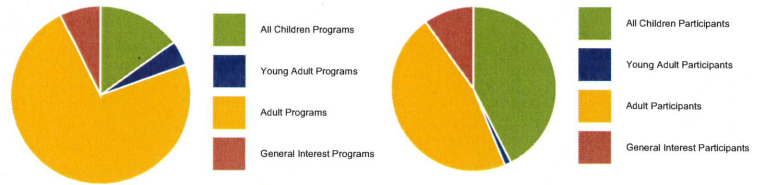
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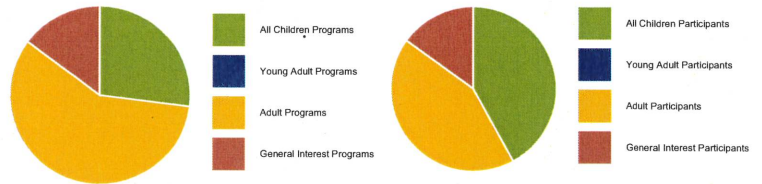
July					
Overview					
All Children Programs	28	29.79%	All Children Participants	2546	69.24%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.13%	Young Adult Participants	1	0.03%
Adult Programs	55	58.51%	Adult Participants	806	21.92%
General Interest Programs	9	9.57%	General Interest Participants	324	8.81%
Total Programs	94		Total Participants	3677	



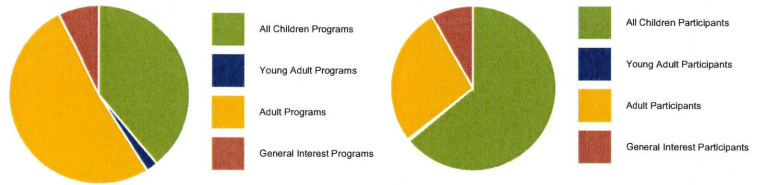
August					
Overview					
All Children Programs	10	14.93%	All Children Participants	706	42.53%
Young Adult Programs	3	4.48%	Young Adult Participants	21	1.27%
Adult Programs	49	73.13%	Adult Participants	768	46.27%
General Interest Programs	5	7.46%	General Interest Participants	165	9.94%
Total Programs	67		Total Participants	1660	



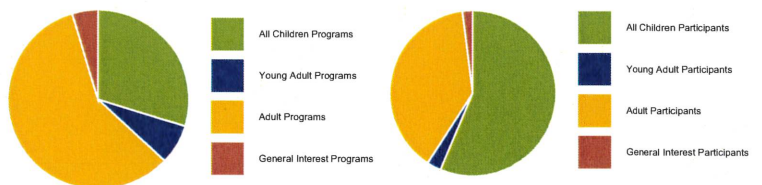
September					
Overview					
All Children Programs	20	27.03%	All Children Participants	656	42.05%
Young Adult Programs	0	0%	Young Adult Participants	0	0%
Adult Programs	43	58.11%	Adult Participants	669	42.88%
General Interest Programs	11	14.86%	General Interest Participants	235	15.06%
Total Programs	74		Total Participants	1560	



October					
Overview					
All Children Programs	37	38.95%	All Children Participants	2054	64.03%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.11%	Young Adult Participants	12	0.37%
Adult Programs	49	51.58%	Adult Participants	875	27.28%
General Interest Programs	7	7.37%	General Interest Participants	267	8.32%
Total Programs	95		Total Participants	3208	



November					
Overview					
All Children Programs	25	29.76%	All Children Participants	1130	56.3%
Young Adult Programs	6	7.14%	Young Adult Participants	56	2.79%
Adult Programs	49	58.33%	Adult Participants	780	38.86%
General Interest Programs	4	4.76%	General Interest Participants	41	2.04%
Total Programs	84		Total Participants	2007	



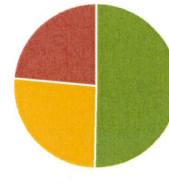
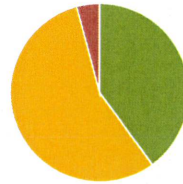
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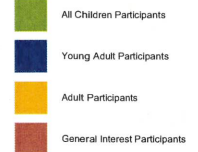
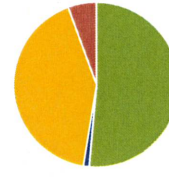
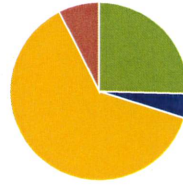
All Children Programs	28	40%	All Children Participants	1264	50.3%
Young Adult Programs	0	0%	Young Adult Participants	0	0%
Adult Programs	39	55.71%	Adult Participants	658	26.18%
General Interest Programs	3	4.29%	General Interest Participants	591	23.52%
Total Programs	70		Total Participants	2513	



January

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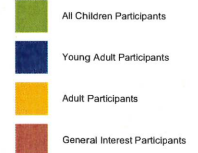
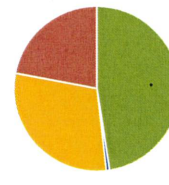
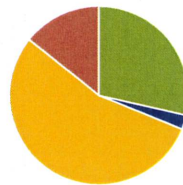
All Children Programs	17	25.37%	All Children Participants	907	51.39%
Young Adult Programs	3	4.48%	Young Adult Participants	21	1.19%
Adult Programs	42	62.69%	Adult Participants	739	41.87%
General Interest Programs	5	7.46%	General Interest Participants	98	5.55%
Total Programs	67		Total Participants	1765	



February

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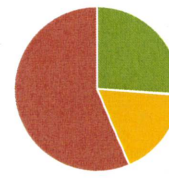
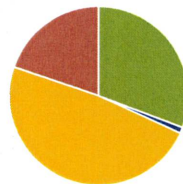
All Children Programs	22	28.57%	All Children Participants	1181	47.54%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.6%	Young Adult Participants	16	0.64%
Adult Programs	42	54.55%	Adult Participants	740	29.79%
General Interest Programs	11	14.29%	General Interest Participants	547	22.02%
Total Programs	77		Total Participants	2484	



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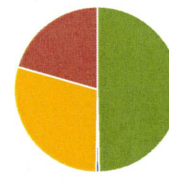
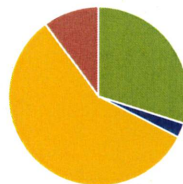
All Children Programs	28	30.77%	All Children Participants	1178	26.03%
Young Adult Programs	1	1.1%	Young Adult Participants	8	0.18%
Adult Programs	44	48.35%	Adult Participants	789	17.44%
General Interest Programs	18	19.78%	General Interest Participants	2550	56.35%
Total Programs	91		Total Participants	4525	



Year in Review

Overview

All Children Programs	215	29.9%	All Children Participants	11622	49.67%
Young Adult Programs	19	2.64%	Young Adult Participants	135	0.58%
Adult Programs	412	57.3%	Adult Participants	6824	29.16%
General Interest Programs	73	10.15%	General Interest Participants	4818	20.59%
Total Programs	719		Total Participants	23399	

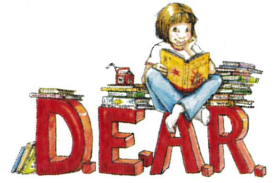


Upcoming events for April:

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D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Month: April 1—30

April is Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) month, a national month-long celebration of reading designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives. This year, the JKPL has three opportunities for you to help us celebrate.



Dyersville Book Scavenger Hunt

The JKPL has again partnered with local businesses for a fun D.E.A.R. month scavenger hunt! Can you match the book with the business?

- Pick up a scavenger hunt form at the library or print one off from the library's website.
- The scavenger hunt form features pictures of book covers and each participating business in Dyersville has one of the book covers posted in their business window or inside the business.
- Match the book with the business then turn your completed forms into the library before May 1 to get entered into the prize drawing for one of several gift baskets. You get to choose which basket!
- Entries with at least ½ of the books / businesses identified correctly will receive one entry into the drawing. Get them all right to earn two entries!

Book Exchange

New this year is a book exchange for all ages! Bring in a new or gently used book and exchange it for something new to you! Feel free to exchange as many books as you'd like! (one book for one book). The book exchange will be available all month long. Books left when the exchange ends will be used for other library activities.

Reading Recommendations

JKPL staff, board members, and volunteers are celebrating D.E.A.R. month with videos and social media posts highlighting what they are dropping everything to read. Titles will be posted throughout the month on the library's social media. Want to join in the fun? Please share what book you dropped everything to read!

Children's Pretend Play Station: Grocery Store: April 1—30. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Grocery Store play!



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

Kids Can Craft: Design a Carrot-Person Challenge: April 1—30. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design a carrot-person. Add arms, legs, clothing, eyes, mouth, nose, etc. to create a funny carrot character. Every design turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into the drawing for a Spring book basket. Limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early May.

Creation Station Craft: Spinning Top: April 1—30. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is a spinning top made out of an old CD. Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

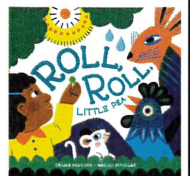


Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: April 1—30. Want a unique card for someone special? Pick up one of these kits that use the front of an old greeting card combined with glue and cardstock to make an entirely new card. Each card kit includes a greeting card front with coordinating cardstock and an envelope.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

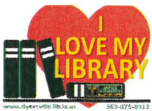
Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: April 1—30. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different 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: April 1—30. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle, *Greatest American Novels*, was selected to celebrate Drop Everything and Read 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®: "Roll, Roll, Little Pea" by Cecile Bergame: April 1—30. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



Yard Signs: Love Your Library: April 1—30. The JKPL has yard signs that say “I Love My Library” available for free! Signs are 18” x 24”, vinyl, reusable, and come with a ground stake. Yard signs are available while supplies last. Already have one of these signs? Now's the time to put it up. Put a sign in your yard and let everyone know you love the library.



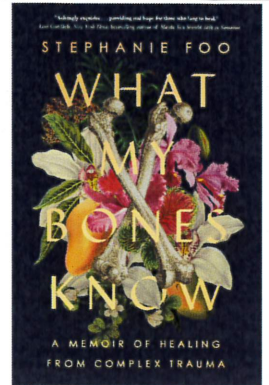
Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Silent Auction Continues: April 1—13. Organizations, businesses, and individuals have donated some amazing baskets this year and now is your opportunity to bid on them. All items are on display in the library and a photograph with a description of contents is posted on both the library's Facebook page and website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us. Bids can be placed in person at the library or by calling the library. The highest bid will be listed along with the photo of the item on the library's website. This list will be updated daily. Bidding in the Silent Auction runs through April 13 and ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 13. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.



Dubuque County Reads: April 1—15

The James Kennedy Public Library is participating in the third annual *Dubuque County Reads* book discussion along with other libraries in the county. The purpose of the *Dubuque County Reads* program is to facilitate events that encourage productive conversation around a common book, with the selected title aiming to invigorate community members and inspire dialog about important issues and topics. The selected title for 2025 is *What My Bones Know* by Stephanie Foo.

Dubuque County Reads book discussions and events will happen at various locations around the county between now and April 15. There will be 11 book discussions and 2 special events. Feel free to attend as many sessions, at any location, as you like. The book is available to borrow at each participating library, with the appropriate library card required. Digital copies or audiobooks may be available to borrow through your library as well. Alternatively, you can purchase a copy of the book from River Lights Bookstore in Dubuque for a discount. For more information about the book, a full list of participating libraries, and a schedule of all events go to: <https://libguides.dbq.edu/dubuquecountyreads>.



Book discussions will be held at the following locations:

- Divine Word College: Tuesday, April 1 @ 1:00 pm
- Loras College Library: Wednesday, April 2 @ 4:00 pm
- Wartburg Seminary: Thursday, April 3 @ 12:00 pm
- **James Kennedy Public Library Books for Lunch Discussion: Monday, April 7 @ 12:00 pm**
- University of Dubuque: Monday, April 7 @ 2:30 pm
- Carnegie Stout Public Library: Monday, April 7 @ 6:00 pm
- Clarke University Library: Tuesday, April 8 @ 2:30 pm
- Dubuque County Disability Council: Tuesday, April 8 @ 4:00 pm (Virtual)
- Dubuque County Library District (Asbury): Wednesday, April 9 @ 6:30 pm
- Cascade Public Library: Tuesday, April 7 @ 4:30 pm
- **James Kennedy Public Library: Monday, April 14 @ 5:00 pm**

Special programs:

- ◆ Mental Health Panel on Trauma at University of Dubuque Heritage Center: Thursday, March 27th @ 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Meet Author Stephanie Foo at Loras College: Thursday, April 10th @ 6:30 pm.

Fun and Games with Paul—Virtual Reality Goggles: Tuesday, April 1 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm

Drop in at this new monthly gathering where library staff member Paul will feature a specific game or activity that guests will be able to try out while at the library. This month come check out the library's new Meta Quest VR goggles. Use these virtual reality goggles to play games and try out some educational apps! Guests are welcome to come and go as they are available. We have four pairs of goggles so there may be a wait time to use them. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Ages 13 and up only. *This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries.*



Let's Get Social—KEYS Chat: Tuesday, April 1 @ 4:00 pm. This program on social engagement will discuss the importance of socialization as we age and simple strategies to overcome loneliness. The presentation will be followed by suggestions on small ways to engage in more social opportunities and participants will have an opportunity to share ideas and suggestions. Presented by Anne O'Rear. This program is presented via Zoom so guests may join by gathering at the JKPL or participate from home using a personal computer or other smart device. To join from your own device, please email BrainHelpandHope@outlook.com to receive the Zoom link. KEYS chats are presented by the nonprofit organization Brain Help and Hope, typically on the first Tuesday of each month.



Kid Librarian Storytime: Wednesdays, April 2 & 9 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm. Calling all book-loving kids—Come to Kid Librarian Storytime in the Children's Area to enjoy a program where YOU are the librarian! Pick your favorite picture book from our shelves or bring one from home to read aloud to other participants. Not yet reading? Simply tell the audience about your favorite book, read the pictures, or lead them in a movement song or nursery rhyme. Enjoy a moment to shine, then have fun playing in our Children's Area with other children. Kid Librarian Storytime is open to all ages and abilities. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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. 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.

Tween Zone: Drop in to Hang Out: Wednesday, April 2 from 4:00—5:00 pm. Do you love snacks, books, puzzles, and games? Join us to hang out, eat snacks, talk about your favorite book, and discover our new Turing Tumble puzzle game, a low-tech yet high-fun gaming experience! Registration is not necessary. Program designed for ages 8-12. *The STEM Scale-Up Turing Tumble game sets are funded by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council.*

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, April 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, & 28 @ 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, April 3, 10 & 17 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. Registration 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. The menu for April is:



- Pork Chops & Mashed Potatoes (April 3)
- Pumpkin Blender Muffins (April 10)
- Chicken Satay with sauce and Thai Quickles (April 17)

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 & Games: Fridays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser: Saturday, April 5 from 9:00—11:00 am

Kick off National Library Week by stopping by the JKPL and enjoying a delicious breakfast burrito! For just \$7.00, you can support the JKPL and enjoy a delicious fresh made breakfast burrito. Potential ingredients include eggs, sausage, hash browns, cheese, and salsa. 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! Burritos available while supplies last. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections. Thank you to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser!



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, April 5 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is *Surprise!* This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and 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.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Pagemaster": Saturday, April 5 @ 1:00 pm. After seeking shelter from a storm in a mysterious library, an easily terrified kid is transported to an animated fantasy world. There, he encounters characters and situations from classic literature. Rated G (76 minutes).

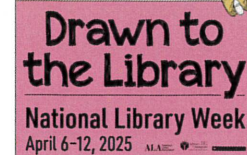


Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, April 5 from 4:00—6:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program 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.



National Library Week—Drawn To The Library: April 6—12

Millions of people across the country visit their libraries every week. What's the draw? Everything! From young families stopping in for play and storytime, to students sketching out their next creative project in a makerspace, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries of all kinds help us connect the dots from one part of our journey to the next. Chart your next literary adventure by browsing the stacks or joining a book club. Let an author color your imagination at an author talk, or trace your history with your library's genealogy resources. Make your mark and get involved with your library by volunteering or spreading the word. Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone.



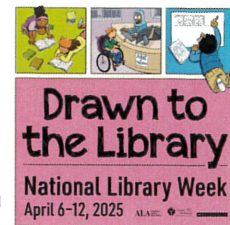
Join us at the JKPL this National Library Week as we celebrate. Stop in each day to pick up a different library themed giveaway; dress up to celebrate the daily theme; vote in the library poll; and check out books or other items to enjoy at home. Sign up each day you visit the library for a chance to win library themed prizes! Join us for one or all of the special events scheduled for this week! The week's activities are as follows:

Monday, April 7: Right to Read Day! April 7 is a day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read. The American Library Association (ALA) kicks off National Library Week with the release of its State of America's Libraries Report, including the list of Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2024. Stop in the library today to see this document and pick up a Challenged and Banned Books Word Search. Join the library staff in wearing book themed apparel. Giveaway: Right to Read magnets.

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Tuesday, April 8: National Library Workers Day! Join the library staff and volunteers today as we celebrate Library Workers Day, a day to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers and volunteers. Library workers wear many different hats at their job, so today we will be wearing a favorite or fun hat! Join us by wearing a hat or cap during your visit. Stop in anytime during the day to enjoy refreshments. Check out the bulletin board or the JKPL Facebook page and see if you can match the picture of the person reading to the library worker. Giveaway: Post-it notes.

Tuesday, April 8 from 6:00—8:00 pm: Drawn to the Library—Board Meeting and Social. The Members of the Board of Trustees of the JKPL invite you to celebrate National Library Week by attending this open house. Come meet the Board members and learn what is new at the library. Attend our regular monthly board meeting (starts at 6 pm and typically lasts less than an hour) or just drop by any time. There will be refreshments and door prizes!

Wednesday, April 9: National Library Outreach Day. Outreach, which is about meeting library patrons where they are, is important to the JKPL. Visit the library today and select a book from the JKPL Pop-up Library, one of our most popular outreach activities. Visitors are also invited to learn more about what the library has to offer by completing a library scavenger hunt. Giveaway: Book from the pop-up library and a pen or pencil.

Thursday, April 10: Relaxation Day! Libraries are a place for relaxing as well as learning and entertainment. Join the library staff today as they relax at work in their PJs or lounge clothes. Pick up a library themed set of activity and coloring pages. Giveaway: Magnetic bookmark.

Friday, April 11: Spirit Day! Today library staff will celebrate by wearing JKPL colors (green, gold, yellow) or library/book themed apparel. Join us in showing pride in your library! Giveaway: Choice of a library themed item.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, April 7 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the 2025 Dubuque County Reads selection *What My Bones Know* by Stephanie Foo. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to join 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.

Drawn to the Library—Board Meeting and Social: Tuesday, April 8 from 6:00—8:00 pm. The Members of the Board of Trustees of the JKPL invite you to celebrate National Library Week by attending this open house. Come meet the Board members and learn what is new at the library. Attend our regular monthly board meeting (starts at 6 pm and typically lasts less than an hour) or just drop by any time. There will be refreshments and door prizes!

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, April 8 @ 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 Wings of Poppy Pendleton* by Melanie Dobson. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.



Bowling Break: Thursday, April 10 @ 10:30 am, 2:00 pm, & 6:00 pm

The JKPL will host this fun bowling event at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dyersville (across the alley from the library). There are three opportunities for participants and we are estimating about 2 hours per session. Candy, chips and pop will be available to purchase. Bowling shoes provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 13 need an adult companion. Please note: There are 2 steps up into the building and 4 steps down to get to the bowling lanes in the KC Hall.



Registration is requested for a session, as space is limited. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Sessions are as follows:

10:30am-12:30 pm 2:00-4:00 pm 6:00-8:00 pm

This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).

Mock-A-Movie Night for Teens: Friday, April 11 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! This evening we will be watching *Borderlands* (PG-13), a terrible movie based on a video game series. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.

National Library Week StoryTime: Saturday, April 12 @ 10:00 am

Join us for this special family storytime celebrating National Library Week! This storytime features the 2025 Dubuque County Reads Jr. book selection, *The Color Monster* by Anna Llenas. The storytime theme is emotions and will include a read aloud of the book plus a special storytime color monster craft. The program is open to all ages but is most beneficial for children ages and age-ability infant to six years old. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary.



Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, April 12 @ 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.

Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Closing Reception: Sunday, April 13 from 2:00—4:00 pm

Join us for refreshments and one last chance to bid on the baskets donated to the library for the Build-a-Basket Fundraiser! More than forty themed baskets, including puzzles, games, arts and crafts, family and kids activities, and more have been donated by area businesses, organizations and individuals. There is something for nearly every interest so be sure to come and take a peek and bid on your favorite. **The silent auction will end at 3:00 pm sharp.** These baskets make great gifts—for yourself or someone you love! All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services.



Adult Crafternoon: Blackout poetry: Monday, April 14 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us to celebrate National Poetry month! Library staff member Ann will be on hand to teach you how to create blackout poetry with pictures and coloring pens. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a kit and create on your own at home. Kits will be available while supplies last.

Dubuque County Reads Book Discussion: Monday, April 14 @ 5:00 pm

The James Kennedy Public Library is participating in the third annual *Dubuque County Reads* book discussion along with other libraries in the county. The selected title for 2025 is *What My Bones Know* by Stephanie Foo. Join us tonight as we host a discussion about this book. Copies of this book are available to borrow from the JKPL or other Dubuque County libraries.



Genealogy with Ann: Wednesday, April 16 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. If this time does not work with you please call and schedule an appointment.

Drop in and Create—Watercolor Painting: Friday, April 18 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm

Join us at the JKPL as we use water and paint brushes to create beautiful pictures! Participants will select a picture and use the attached watercolor palette to create their work of art. This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 7 need an adult companion. Drop in and create programs will typically be offered the third Friday of each month. *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).*



Library closed for Easter: Sunday, April 20



Bingo Party: Monday, April 21 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 Lovely Lady Flower Pots: Monday, April 21 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and turn a plastic flower pot into a lovely lady. All supplies 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.

Wildflower Hike @ New Wine Park: Monday, April 21 from 6:00—7:30 pm

Join us at New Wine Park for this entertaining and informative hike led by a Dubuque County Conservation Naturalist. Walk along the trails at New Wine Park and learn about the flowers that are blooming and interesting ways you can use these plants as well as their wildlife value. The 2-mile trail we are hiking will have uneven terrain and steep inclines. 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 April 18 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 right, cross the bridge, and meet at the trailhead, located on the left side of the road.



Meet Iowa Author Carol Kroh Schmitt: Tuesday, April 22 @ 6:30 pm

Dubuque author Carol Kroh Schmitt will be at the library to talk about her historical fiction book, *Dancing Down a Rocky Path*. This family saga follows four generations as they live through despair and triumph and deal with the challenges of Twentieth Century America. Author Heather Gudenkauf gave it an editorial review and said it "is not to be missed." Carol will read from her book and talk about her journey as an author. Copies of her books will be available to purchase from the author.



Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, April 24 @ 11:15 am. Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will be at the library to talk about Food Safe Containers and what kinds of containers are and are not safe for food storage. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome.

"Champions"—Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, April 24 @ 1:00 pm. A former minor-league basketball coach who, after a series of missteps, is ordered by the court to manage a team of players with intellectual disabilities. He soon realizes that despite his doubts, together, this team can go further than they ever imagined. Rated PG-13 (125 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 will 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).*



Trivia Night Fundraiser at O So Good Winery & Distillery: Friday, April 25 from 6:30—9:00 pm

Join us for a trivia fundraiser celebrating National Library Week and Drop Everything and Read Month! This fun event will be managed by Trivial Dudes, hosted by O So Good Winery & Distillery, and co-sponsored by Dollar Fresh Market. Purchase a table for up to six guests for \$120.00.

- Price includes two bottles of wine of your choice (or equal value in other drinks), a charcuterie board for six, and a dessert to share.
- Menu items and additional beverages will be available to purchase.
- There will be book themed questions as well as general trivia and the contest will include some special twists, prizes, and giveaways.



Guests are welcome to arrive at any time but trivia will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Visit the library or O So Good Winery & Distillery to purchase a table. Space is limited so tables should be purchased before 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 23.

Movies @ Your Library presents "The Public": Saturday, April 26 @ 1:00 pm. A librarian helps a group of homeless people take refuge from a brutal winter night by staging a sit-in at the free public library. A misunderstanding causes his noble act to wrongly escalate into a hostage situation with a political candidate and a TV reporter stoking the drama for their own agendas. Rated PG-13 (122 minutes).



Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, April 26 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 Saturday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Strings Club: Monday, April 28 @ 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. 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 from October to April. Registration encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. *NOTE: This is the last meeting before a break for summer. Gatherings will likely resume in October.*

Armchair Travel—Canada: Tuesday, April 29 @ 1:00 pm. Join us on this virtual trip to "The Great White North!" Come find out what makes our neighbors so special, where Earth's oldest rocks reside, and what in the world is poutine! Guest speaker Chelsea Middendorf from Trustwell Living at Eagle Pointe Place Senior Living in Dubuque is excited to share this cultural program where guests will be able to experience Canadian life through sports, history, nature and more! Complimenting the experience will be some Canadian sweet treats, drinks and savory bites! This program is for older adults, but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Armchair Travel programs will typically be held on the third Tuesday of most months, except there has been a date change this month.



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New Summer Conservation Camp Coming in May!

Watch for more information about this exciting new program for elementary age students and their parents! Join us in planting a garden at the Dyersville Community Gardens with hands-on learning about gardens and conservation. This program will run May-August with special programs held at the JKPL or the Dyersville Community Gardens every 2 or 3 weeks. Most gatherings will be held on Saturdays from 9:30—11:30 am, starting on Saturday, May 17. Registration will open April 5 and be required by May 5 due to space limitations and planning requirements. Plans for this camp are still being finalized so watch for more details!



Lessons from the Holocaust Sunday, May 4 @ 2:00 pm

Educator Brad Wilkening will use historical accounts and survivors' stories to show why the genocide of World War II is more relevant than ever, and how this terrible period in human history should be used to build a more compassionate and kind world today. This program is 1.5 hours long. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Fun and Games with Paul presents Build with TuringTumble Tuesday, May 6 from 9:30 am—12:30 pm

Drop in at this monthly gathering where library staff member Paul will share a fun and interesting activity or item. This month we'll learn about the Turing Tumble puzzle game—a low-tech yet high-fun gaming experience! Each month will feature a specific game or activity that guests will be able to try out or play while at the library. Guests are welcome to come and go as they are able. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 7 need an adult companion.



This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).

Heart Healthy Cooking Class Monday, May 12 @ 5:30 pm

Need ideas for some quick and easy heart healthy recipes for snacks and drinks? This class will be led by Lisa Heitz of the American Heart Association HeartCorps. This class is intended for adults but children are welcome. However, those under the age of 15 require an adult companion. Registration is required as a minimum of 5 people are needed to hold the class and there is a maximum of 15 people allowed. Registration ends May 11.



Spring Plant Sale Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 —11:00 am

Join Karen Kramer and members of the JKPL Fundraising Committee in the parking lot adjacent to the JKPL to buy plants donated by committee and community members. Plants not selected during the sale may be available to purchase for a donation. All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services.



NOTE: If you have plants you would like to donate, please contact the library at (563)875-8912 to make arrangements to drop them off. Plants of all kinds are welcome!

Hands-Only CPR Class Wednesday, May 21 @ 5:30 pm

Come learn about hands-only CPR and how to give it. This class will be led by Lisa Heitz of the American Heart Association HeartCorps. This class is for those age 13 and older. Registration is required as a minimum of 5 people are needed to hold the class and there is a maximum of 20 people allowed. Registration ends May 20.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Continues!</div> <div>Dubuque County Reads April 1-15</div>	<div>D.E.A.R. Month</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scavenger Hunt Book Exchange Reading Recommendations 	<div>1</div> <div>Fun & Games from 9:30am-12:30pm</div> <div>Let's Get Social @ 4pm</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Kid Librarian Storytime @ 10am & 6:30pm</div> <div>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</div> <div>Tween Zone @ 4pm</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</div> <div>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser from 9-11am</div> <div>Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program from 10-11am</div> <div>The Pagemaster (G) @ 1pm</div> <div>Nerf War @ 4pm</div>
6	<div>7</div> <div>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</div> <div>Books For Lunch @ 12pm</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Board Meeting & Social from 6-8pm</div> <div>A Novel Approach to Faith book club @ 7pm</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Kid Librarian Storytime @ 10am & 6:30pm</div> <div>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Bowling Break @ 10:30am, 2pm, & 6pm</div> <div>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</div> <div>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div> <div>Mock-A-Movie @ 6pm</div>	<div>12</div> <div>NLW Storytime @ 10am</div> <div>Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:30pm</div>
National Library Week: April 6—12 —check out our daily activities!						
13	<div>14</div> <div>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</div> <div>Adult Crafternoon from 1-3pm</div> <div>Dubuque County Reads Book Discussion @ 5pm</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</div> <div>Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</div> <div>Kids Can Cook @ 4pm</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Watercolor Painting from 9:30am-12:30pm</div> <div>Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm</div>	<div>19</div>
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27	<div>28</div> <div>Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am</div> <div>Strings Club @ 6:00pm</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Armchair Travel @ 1pm</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm</div>		<div>April 1—30</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get Puzzled StoryWalk® Children's Pretend Play Station & scavenger hunt 	<div>April 1—30</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design a Carrot-Person challenge Spinning Tops craft kits Coloring, Creating, & Doing Upcycled Cards kits

Upcoming events for MAY 2025 and Beyond

Conservation Camp: Youth Summer Gardening Program Coming in May! Watch for more information about this exciting new gardening program for elementary age students and their parents – offered by the Better Future Foundation. Join Alycia Willenbring and other community experts in planting a garden at the Dyersville Community Gardens as well as hands-on interactive classes about conservation and critters throughout the summer. Special programs will be held at the JKPL or the Dyersville Community Gardens every 2 or 3 weeks, with most gatherings being on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Participants will receive gloves, garden shovel, and more to help with their gardening journey. The camp will start with a planting day, *Planting a Barn Garden*, on Saturday, May 17 and continue until clean up sometime in September. Registration will open in early April and be limited to 25 families. A fee of \$35.00 per family is required to help offset expenses. Scholarships are available. Registration by May 5 is required due to space limitations and planning requirements. Plans for this camp are still being finalized so watch for more details!

Free Sweet Potato Plant Program offered to improve community food security! The Dubuque County Extension Office in partnership with the James Kennedy Public Library is offering a Free Sweet Potato Plant Program to help educate local residents on how to grow a food crop to increase local food security. Program participants will receive a free 8 plant bundle of sweet potato plants and season long updates on good growing practices for raising sweet potatoes throughout the 2025 gardening season. Registration is required by May 14, 2025. More information and registration can be found at <https://bit.ly/dbqpotato>

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

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

Kids Can Craft: Create a Flower Bouquet Challenge: May 1-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and color a flower bouquet. Every design turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a train set but is limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early June.

Creation Station Craft: Pipe Cleaner Flower: May 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 a flower made out of pipe cleaners. Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: May 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: May 1-31. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available 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: May 1-31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Things We Say*. 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®: "Rainbow Snail" by Karin Akesson: May 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.

Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, May 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, & 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.

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, May 3 from 10:00-11:00 am. This month's theme is Mother's Day!. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and 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.

Free Comic Book Day: Saturday, May 3. Activities to be announced.

Lessons from the Holocaust: Sunday, May 4 @ 2:00 pm. Educator Brad Wilkening will use historical accounts and survivors' stories to show why the genocide of World War II is more relevant than ever, and how this terrible period in human history should be used to build a more compassionate and kind world today. This program is 1.5 hours long. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Brad Wilkening is an Iowa native and Augsburg College graduate with a background in teaching and coaching across the state. He developed a high school Holocaust course after attending a program at the Illinois Holocaust Museum, and later deepened his expertise at Columbia University in New York, and with the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous in New Jersey. Since joining the Iowa Commission on Holocaust Education in 2014, he has shared his Holocaust presentation with schools and libraries statewide.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, May 5 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *God of the Woods* by Liz Moore. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or 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 to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

KEYS Chat: Tuesday, May 6 @ 4:00 pm. Topic and details to be announced. This program is presented via Zoom so guests may join by gathering at the JKPL or participate from home using a personal computer or other smart device. To join from your own device, please email BrainHelpandHope@outlook.com to receive the Zoom link. KEYS chats are presented by the nonprofit organization Brain Help and Hope, typically on the first Tuesday of each month.

Fun and Games with Paul presents Build with Turing Tumble: Tuesday, May 6 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Drop in at this monthly gathering where library staff member Paul will share a fun and interesting activity or item. Join us today to discover and play with Turing Tumble, a low-tech, high fun puzzle game. Each month will feature a specific game or activity that guests will be able to try out or play while at the library. Guests are welcome to come for a few minutes or stay the whole time—whatever works for them. Not interested in the featured activity? Drop in for other activities like working on a puzzle together or just to socialize. This program is

intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 7 need an adult companion. This program is made possible by Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL). Refreshments provided.

Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28 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. 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.

Tween Zone: Drop in to Hang Out: Wednesday, May 7 from 4:00-5:00 pm. Do you love snacks, books, puzzles, and games? Join us to hang out, eat snacks, talk about your favorite book, and discover our new Turing Tumble puzzle game, a low-tech yet high-fun gaming experience! Registration is not necessary. Program designed for ages 8 - 12. *The STEM Scale-Up Turing Tumble game sets are funded by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council.*

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Sonic Hedgehog 3": Saturday, May 10 @ 1:00 pm. Sonic, Knuckles, and Tails reunite against a powerful new adversary, Shadow, a mysterious villain with powers unlike anything they have faced before. With their abilities outmatched in every way, Team Sonic must seek out an unlikely alliance in hopes of stopping Shadow and protecting the planet. Rated PG (109 minutes).

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, May 10 @ 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.

Library closed for Mother's Day: Sunday, May 11.

Adult Crafternoon: Monday, May 12 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. Project to be decided. 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.

Heart Healthy Cooking Class: Monday, May 12 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Need ideas for some quick and easy heart healthy recipes? Come get hands on and learn how to make a breakfast casserole in muffin tins, ice cream from cottage cheese, and creamsicle flavored water. This class will be led by Lisa Heitz of the American Heart Association HeartCorps. This class is intended for adults, but children are welcome. However, those under the age of 15 require an adult companion. Registration is required as a minimum of 5 people are needed to hold the class and there is a maximum of 15 people allowed. Registration ends May 11.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, May 13 @ 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 *Bless Your Heart*, Rae Sutton by Susannah B. Lewis. 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 - Diamond Art: Friday, May 16 from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Join us at the JKPL as we create with Diamond Art! Participants will make bookmarks, garden decorations, or stickers. 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 13 need an adult companion. Drop in and Create programs will typically be offered the third Friday of each month. 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).

Spring Plant Sale: Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Join Karen Kramer and members of the JKPL Fundraising Committee in the parking lot adjacent to the JKPL to buy plants donated by committee and community members. The plant sale will run from 9:00 to 11:00 am or until all items are taken. Plants not selected during the sale may be available to purchase for a donation. All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services. If you have plants you would like to donate, please contact the library at (563)875-8912 to make arrangements to drop them off. Plants of all kinds are welcome.

Conservation Camp Kickoff – Planting a Barn Garden: Saturday, May 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Dyersville Community Gardens. Families who have registered for the Conservation Camp will gather at the Dyersville Community Garden for this Kick-off Event! Come learn about and help plant a barn garden! This session will be led by Alycia Willenbring and other garden experts and is sponsored in part by Ace Hardware and Salt Barn. *Please note: Registration for the Conservation Camp was required by May 5.*

Bingo Party: Monday, May 19 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: Monday, May 19 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher. This month's project to be announced. 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.

Armchair Travel - Ireland: Tuesday, May 20 @ 1:00 pm. Grab your travel buddy and join us on this virtual visit to stunning Ireland! 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.

Great Give Day is May 21, 2025! Great Give Day is a day focused on donating to causes or establishments within your community. Looking to support the James Kennedy Public Library? Then consider donating to the James Kennedy Public Library Endowment! The mission of the James Kennedy Public Library (JKPL) Endowment is to provide supplemental financial support to the library. The James Kennedy Public Library enriches the Dyersville community by providing equal access to creative resources for entertainment and education. The James Kennedy Public Library helps create a thriving community to inspire curiosity, creativity, innovation, and connection.

The JKPL Endowment fund, through your charitable contributions, ensures the library will continue to provide these services for years to come. The JKPL Endowment was established in 2019 by Alan Bird. His donation was made in memory of his mother, Irma Bird, a founding member of the original Library Board. Started 60 years after the founding of the library, the Endowment will insure the library's ability to remain dedicated to its original mission and continue to serve the community needs. Want more information? Check out the Endowment Fund's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/James-Kennedy-Public-Library-Endowment-107205744107637/> Want to donate? Visit the following link: <https://www.greatgiveday.org/jkplendowment>

Hands-Only CPR Class: Wednesday, May 21 @ 5:30 pm. Come learn about hands-only CPR and how to give it. This class will be led by Lisa Heitz of the American Heart Association HeartCorps. This class is for those age 13 and older. Registration is required as a minimum of 5 people are needed to hold the class and there is a maximum of 20 people allowed. Registration ends May 20.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, May 22 @ 11:15 am. Topic to be announced. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler.

"The Sandlot" - Sensory Friendly Movie Matinee: Thursday, May 22 @ 1:00 pm. The best baseball player in the neighborhood helps a new kid with his clumsy ball-handling. Rated PG (100 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 will 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).*

Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, May 24 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 Saturday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Library closed for Memorial Day: Sunday, May 25 & Monday, May 26

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, May 27 @ 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 call by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Conservation Camp - Build a Rain Barrel; Whacking Wacky Weeds: Saturday, May 31 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Dyersville Community Garden. Families who have registered for the Conservation Camp will gather at the Dyersville Community Garden to observe how to build a rain barrel as well as learn about the importance of water and weeding in maintaining a healthy garden. This program will be led by Alycia Willenbring, Wayne Hermsen, and other experts. *Please note: Registration for the Conservation Camp was required by May 5.*

Donate to the JKPL Garage Sale Fundraiser: Tuesday, June 3 – Friday, June 6. The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library are again partnering to offer another way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community are encouraged to donate their good, used items to the JKPL and they will be sold at a yard sale with the proceeds going to support the JKPL. Items should be brought to the library during library business hours between June 3 and June 6. Items should be in good, clean, working condition. A list of donation guidelines is posted on the JKPL website or available to pick up at the library.

Adult Summer Library Program Begins! Sunday, June 1: Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2025 program that runs June 1-August 31. This year's theme is Color Our World. The program theme this year invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity, celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives. The program is designed to inspire and engage readers of all ages through a diverse array of artistic expressions. Registration begins on June 1 and adults are welcome to join throughout the summer. Participants will receive a bookbag, bookmark, and a free book just for registering. Participants will track books read or listened to, library services used, programs attended, and activities completed to earn prizes. **Details TBA.** Special programs will also be scheduled. The adult summer library program is sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Library Garage Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library have partnered to offer fun way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community have donated good, new, and gently used items to the JKPL for this annual event. The sale will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the library (weather permitting) or in the Hoffman Room. All proceeds will be used to support library programs, collections and services. The sale will continue on Sunday where all items not sold will be available for a donation.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Whose Egg is That?” by Darrin Lunde: June 1-30. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. The StoryWalk(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.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, June 7 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.

Teen Summer Reading Program Begins: Monday, June 9 - August 2. Everyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is encouraged to participate in the teen program that runs from June 9- to August 2. The theme this year is Color Our World. Participants will receive a free book just for registering. This year, participants will fill out short reviews for each book they read for chances to win prizes at the end of the summer. Participants can also earn additional chances to win by attending programs or completing writing prompt challenges found in the YA corner.

Children's Summer Reading Program Begins: Monday, June 9 - August 2. Children age 3 to age 12 are encouraged to participate in the Children's Summer Reading Program: Color Our World. Sign up begins on June 9. While here to sign up on June 9, join us for an official Summer Reading Dog Man Kickoff Party with a showing of the movie "Dog Man" and party activities from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Not able to make it on June 9? Sign up anytime at the front desk until July 25. At any of the sign-ups, children receive their reading log and can pick a free book! Children can then read (or be read to) as much as they wish to earn toys and books at the end of the program. Simply record every 20-minutes of reading as one point; then at the end of the summer reading program, children can use their points to "buy" toys and books at our drop-in Summer Reading Completion Party on August 2. The more they read, the more they earn! The Children's Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

Toddler Summer Literacy Program Begins: Monday, June 9 - August 2. Young children and their families are welcome to choose to participate in the Children's Summer Reading Program or in the Toddler Summer Literacy Program, a simple board game designed to engage children ages infant to age three in activities that promote literacy and a lifelong love of reading. Upon completion of the board game, toddlers will be able to choose a board book and a small toy.

Children's SRP Kickoff Dog Man Party: Monday, June 9 from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm. Join us to kick off the Children's Summer Reading Program with a showing of the "Dog Man" movie! Popcorn and drinks will be provided, and Dog Man coloring activities will be available. During the party, sign up for the Children's Summer Reading Program to get a free book! *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, June 12 & 26 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market on the second and fourth Thursdays in June, July, and August! Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! *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.*

Art in the Park: Thursday, June 12 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Join us at the Dyersville Farmer's Market for this fun, creative monthly summer event. Project to be decided. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

Conservation Camp - Pollinator Party; Planting our prairie strip: Saturday, June 14 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Dyersville Community Garden. Families who have registered for the Conservation Camp will gather at the Dyersville Community Garden learn about pollinators and plant a prairie strip. This program will be led by ISU Extension, Alycia Willenbring, and other experts.

Library closed for Father's Day: Sunday, June 15

Mikayla Oz Magician: Monday, June 16 @ 10:00 am. Magician Mikayla Oz is back with her bird Bubbles...and a little dog too! Join us for a fun, engaging morning of magic tricks and hilarious animal fun. Parental/adult participation is required. No registration is required. *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Children's Guided Painting: Wednesday, June 18 from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Enjoy creating an umbrella design using techniques of salt painting, blocking, coloring, and stamping. Program is designed for children ages 4 - 12, but children under age 7 will need an adult or teen companion. Registration is required.

Pop-Up @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, June 13 from 5:30—8:30 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by “popping up” at Downtown Summer Nights at Legacy Square! Visitors will be able to select a free book to keep from the pop-up library as well as learn more about library services. 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.

Game Changer: Friday, June 20 @ 6:00 pm. Game Changer is a YouTube channel where participants engage in games involving improv comedy and random challenges. The twist is that the players don't know what game they are playing until it starts. The library is bringing a version of this to the library for teens and adults! For ages 12 and up. Registration is required by June 18th to ensure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience.

Summer Tea: Sunday, June 22 from 1:30-3:00 pm. Grab a friend and come to our Summer Tea! Enjoy delicious tea and delicate homemade cookies and bars served on real china. Lemonade will be provided for the non-tea drinkers. All ages are welcome but children under the age of 15 require an adult companion. We encourage you to wear a hat! Sponsored by the JKPL Senior Advisory Committee.

Dyersville Public Works Equipment Exhibition: Tuesday, June 24 from 10:00-12:00 pm. The JKPL and Dyersville Public Works are partnering to celebrate National Public Works Week (May 19-25). This year, Public Works will bring some of their vehicles and equipment to the library parking lot to show them off and talk about how each one is used to help Dyersville. Included will be the street sweeper/vacuum, end-loader, skid-loader, utility crane, sewer camera unit, and a brand-new dump-truck/snow-plow/sand-spreader! In the Hoffmann Room, the library will be showing videos on the many different services Public Works provides, as well as how Dyersville's water and wastewater systems operate. All ages welcome. Guests will receive a fire hydrant stress reliever (while supplies last) and ice cream will be provided.

Music with Miss Carole: Wednesday, June 25 @ 9:15 - 10:00 am. Beloved Midwestern storyteller and musician Miss Carole is visiting JKPL to present a fun, engaging, song-based performance! Miss Carole encourages children ages infant to age 9 and their families to participate in silly songs, dances, and stories that get kids (and adults!) laughing and excited about reading. Parental/adult participation is required. No registration is required. *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Natural Dyes: Thursday, June 26 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for a fun and hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to make your own colorful dyes using plants and other natural materials found in nature! A bandana will be provided for you to dye, along with all other materials needed. Unlike synthetic dyes that can contain harmful chemicals that are unsafe for you and the environment, our natural dyes are eco-friendly and safe to use. By using dyes derived from plants, flowers, and other natural materials, you'll create unique, vibrant colors while helping protect the planet. Get creative, connect with nature, and make your very own one-of-a-kind, earth-friendly design! This program is for ages 12-18 only. Signup is required as 10 participants are required to hold this program and the presenter needs to prepare supplies. Signup cutoff is June 24. Sponsored by TACKL.

Stream Study at the Downtown Market: Saturday, June 28 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. In a partnership with James Kennedy Public Library, Dubuque County Conservation presents “Stream Study,” a scientific study of the organisms that reside in the North Fork Maquoketa River. Buckets of fresh river water will be available for children to study on microscopes at the JKPL Downtown Market stall, and conservationists will be available to guide children and adults through exciting principles of biology.

Conservation Camp – Crazy about Composting; The Magic of Microbes: Sunday, June 29 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the JKPL. Families who have registered for the Conservation Camp will gather at the James Kennedy Public Library to learn about composting and microbes. Participants will have the opportunity to examine items using a microscope. This program will be led by Ryan Gibbs, Alycia Willenbring, and other experts.

Blank Park Zoo: Monday, June 30 @ 12:30 am - 1:30 pm. Choose one of three Blank Park Zoo programs (or attend all three!). Each program will feature education about select surprise animals and animal coloring pages to color in the library or to take home. Animal visitors will be selected by Blank Park Zoo on each presentation's day, depending on factors that can influence the animals' health like weather, temperature, and stress. Adult participation is necessary. Registration is not required. *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Kid Librarian Storytime: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 10:00–11:00 am. Calling all book-loving kids: Come to Kid Librarian Storytime in the Children's Area to enjoy a program where YOU are the librarian! Listen to a short storytime, then pick your favorite picture book from our shelves or bring one from home to read aloud to other participants. Not yet reading? Simply tell the audience about your favorite book, read the pictures, or lead them in a movement song or nursery rhyme. Enjoy a moment to shine, then have fun playing in our Children's Area with other children. Kid Librarian Storytime is open to all ages and abilities. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary.

Art Hang Out: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 6:30–7:30 pm. Love art and music? Drop in any time from 6:30 - 7:30 to create an art project that's fun yet simple to the backdrop of low-volume music. Projects are designed for solitary completion by children ages 8 - 12 yet simple enough for children ages 2 - 7 to complete with adult help. Adult participation is required for ages 2 - 7. No registration is necessary. Projects are scheduled as follows: July 2 - Bubble Paint; July 9 - Crayon Melts; July 16 - Sun Prints; July 23 - Beaded Pets; July 30 - Fluffy Slime.

Thursday, July 3: Library closes @ 5:00 pm; Friday, July 4: Library closed for Independence Day

Children's Nature Art at the Park: Monday, July 7 from 1:00 - 2:00. Join the Dubuque County Conservation for a nature art program at the Westside Park pavilion. Children will learn how to use different natural resources to make paint in an environmentally friendly way. The program is designed for all children ages 2 - 12, but any children under age 7 will need an adult or teen companion. No registration is necessary.

Mock-A-Movie Night for Teens: Friday, July 11 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! This evening we will be watching *Kraven the Hunter* (PG-13) – a terrible movie involving Spider-man characters. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.

Blank Park Zoo: Monday, July 14 @ 12:30 am - 1:30 pm. Join the Blank Park Zoo for another outstanding educational program about select surprise animals. Animal visitors will be selected by Blank Park Zoo on each presentation's day, depending on factors that can influence the animals' health like weather, temperature, and stress. Coloring pages featuring animals will also be available to color in the library or to take home. Adult participation is necessary. Registration is not required. *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Conservation Camp – Build your own Bird Box; Meet a Mighty Bird: Saturday, July 19 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the JKPL. Families who have registered for the Conservation Camp will gather at the James Kennedy Public Library to learn about birds. Participants will build their own bird box and meet some birds! This program is sponsored by J & L Lumber and will be led by Alycia Willenbring, and other experts.

Bubbles at the Downtown Market: Saturday, July 26 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Come on down to the Downtown Market to create giant bubbles at Absolute Science's bubbles stations! Adult participation is required. *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Splatter Art Painting: Friday August 1 from 1:00-3:00 pm. As a finale for the teen summer reading program, we are blocking off the parking lot and having fun with splatter art! Participants will make their own

masterpieces by flinging paint, popping balloons filled with paint and much more! Ages 12-18 only.

Children's Summer Reading Completion Party: Saturday, August 2 from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Drop in at the library to celebrate all of your amazing summer reading! Delaney's Ice Cream Truck will offer free ice cream to any child who participated in summer reading, and children can choose a free book for completing the summer reading challenge. The Summer Reading Store will also be open for one day only, so kids can turn in their points and shop the store before the party from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or during the party from 12:00 - 3:00 pm! Can't make it Saturday? Children can continue to claim their free book through the end of August at the front desk. *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Blank Park Zoo: Monday, August 4 @ 2:00 am - 3:00 pm. Join the Blank Park Zoo for the final outstanding educational program about select surprise animals. Animal visitors will be selected by Blank Park Zoo on each presentation's day, depending on factors that can influence the animals' health like weather, temperature, and stress. Coloring pages featuring animals will also be available to color in the library or to take home. Adult participation is necessary. Registration is not required. *Sponsored by Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.*

Children's Book Club and Art: Wednesday, August 6 & 13 @ 10:00 - 11:00 am. Join area kids for an all-ages book club show-and-tell! Bring your favorite book to the library to tell us all about it, eat snacks, and complete a simple art project. Open to all ages infant to age 12, but a teen or adult companion is required to accompany children under 7 years old. No registration is necessary.

Children's Read to Animals Event: Monday, August 11 @ 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Do you love animals, reading, and coloring? Join us for an event that features all your favorites! In partnership with Dubuque County Conservation, the library will offer a read-to-animals event. Children and their families are welcome to stop in at any time from 12:00 - 1:00 pm to read a story to a tamed Eastern Iowa forest animal. Animals will be caged and/or handled by conservationists. Animal coloring books will also be available for children to color in the library or to take home to color. Adult participation is required. No registration is necessary.

Conservation Camp – Soil Saturday: Saturday, August 16 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the JKPL. Families who have registered for the Conservation Camp will gather at the James Kennedy Public Library to learn about soil and make dirt cups (snack). This program is sponsored by Fareway and will be led by Alycia Willenbring, and other experts.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, August 16 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.

Bilingual Storytime: Wednesday, August 20 from 6:30-7:15 pm. Hola, amigos! Bienvenido a la biblioteca! {Hello, friends! Welcome to the library!} Join librarian Ms. Christa for a bilingual storytime, where children will learn Spanish phrases, listen to Spanish-language books, and sing songs in Spanish. All children ages infant to age 12 are welcome to join to build their Spanish language skills and/or English language skills. A craft will be provided. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Adult participation is necessary. Registration is not required.

Model T Show at the Downtown Market: Saturday, August 30 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Stop by the library's booth at the Downtown Market to check out Farley resident Dave Corbin's Model T, learn the car's family history, and talk about the creation of the Model T. While at the booth, go "fish" for toys and books at our fish pond!

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

Conservation Camp - Clean Up Day: TBA

Library closes @ 5:00 pm: Wednesday, November 26

Library closed: Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Saturday, December 6: Downtown winter market

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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	FY24	FY25	Rolling 12	March	February	January	December	November	October	Sept.	August	July	June	May	April
Albert City	44	154	188	8	13	54	1	5	10	55	2	6	24	10	0
Ames	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anamosa	New	3	3	0	0	0	1	2							
Balltown	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Cascade	684	771	952	60	77	105	39	107	90	89	93	111	105	38	38
Cedar Rapids	0	10	10	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0
Coggan	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		
Colesburg	595	638	781	98	126	61	33	36	83	71	61	69	66	48	29
Delaware Co	5703	3854	5318	404	392	410	402	407	359	423	412	645	512	457	495
Delhi	396	196	254	28	32	17	34	14	22	16	21	12	11	5	42
Dubuque	521	349	508	26	32	68	26	24	35	26	38	74	86	32	41
Dbq Co	12838	11182	14785	1283	1225	1273	1062	1202	1118	1112	1284	1623	1480	1035	1088
Dyersville	51944	38916	53631	4404	4016	4494	3498	3996	4605	3801	4824	5378	5035	4400	5280
Earlville	327	314	417	22	41	42	40	28	63	24	23	31	48	40	15
Edgewood	141	90	167	13	17	7	4	2	13	12	11	11	17	30	30
Elkader	1	11	11	0	0	1	6	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Garnavillo	0	5	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guttenberg	1070	670	870	22	75	43	94	80	56	79	103	118	73	58	69
Hopkinton	98	75	96	8	5	14	4	4	8	5	10	17	6	7	8
Independence	2	16	17	2	0	2	2	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
ILL	1196	993	1302	105	96	120	98	123	104	115	117	115	90	87	132
Ionia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lamont	16	24	35	3	6	5	0	0	6	2	2	2	2	6	3
Luxemburg	1693	954	1312	125	136	88	66	118	109	94	64	154	202	70	86
Manchester	986	677	831	51	72	132	76	58	42	122	45	79	21	77	56
Maquoketa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monticello	54	64	104	0	4	4	0	9	0	0	28	19	36	1	3
Oelwein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rickardsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strawberry Po	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waterloo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin - Pl	61	46	50	0	14	0	3	8	3	6	10	2	0	4	0
Total	78392	60014	81654	6664	6381	6942	5491	6131	6731	6054	7152	8468	7819	6405	7416
	78392	60014	81654												

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Contract Use Report FY25 - By Area													
Residence Area	No. of Patrons	July Stats	August Stats	Sept Stats	Oct Stats	Nov Stats	Dec Stats	Jan Stats	Feb Stats	March Stats	Year to Date	Change to date	
Dyersville - FY25	2128	5378	4824	3801	4605	3896	3498	4494	4016	4404	38916		
FY24	2089	4240	4658	3903	4759	4043	3509	4112	4030	3975	37229	1687	
FY23	2317	4673	4344	3883	4029	4007	3220	3670	3457	3826	35109	5%	
FY22	2528	4831	3794	4164	4462	4233	4357	4724	4217	4011	38793		
FY21	2505	3951	4489	3742	2985	3294	2497	2625	3045	3430	30058		
FY20	2446	7032	6331	5417	6593	5178	4777	5730	5306	6922	53286		
Del Co. incl Man. (OA)	432	724	457	545	401	465	478	542	464	455	4531		
FY24	421	600	698	527	618	497	426	598	529	578	5071	-540	
FY23	400	496	486	335	464	526	464	478	602	857	4708	-10.65%	
FY22	579	483	369	408	400	491	517	597	519	519	4303		
FY21	585	602	550	265	288	174	320	263	226	248	2936		
FY 20	574	926	711	621	584	592	467	854	976	1190	6921		
Dbq Co. Lib. Svs. (OA)	818	1623	1284	1112	1118	1202	1062	1273	1225	1283	11182		
FY24	791	1154	1128	795	974	1029	1048	1123	997	987	9235	1947	
FY23	725	1340	1247	813	921	990	1018	1123	1083	1331	9866	21%	
FY22	1009	1157	657	850	856	812	777	1162	924	1221	8416		
FY21	957	829	1019	801	597	602	635	564	556	584	6187		
FY20	945	1667	1287	1130	1241	1173	1203	1261	1127	1788	11877		
County Agency	50	156	64	94	109	118	66	88	136	125	956		
FY24	53	182	200	107	172	150	156	125	98	145	1335	-379	
FY23	59	171	95	135	124	98	91	108	198	210	1230	-28%	
FY22	69	181	128	81	86	95	57	151	192	126	1097		
FY21	70	124	78	46	117	35	52	57	60	62	631		
FY20	72	165	137	136	105	78	84	76	101	66	948		
HLL	539	115	117	115	104	123	98	120	96	105	993		
FY24	535	95	98	95	117	97	74	81	136	94	887	106	
FY23	524	73	82	83	84	56	85	84	96	102	745	12%	
FY22	509	31	36	40	30	23	30	29	61	59	339		
FY21	504	27	39	24	33	23	31	37	44	50	308		
FY20	500	34	34	27	49	42	40	32	50	120	428		
Open Access	335	472	406	387	394	327	289	425	444	292	3436		
FY24	313	283	349	297	391	325	361	354	369	266	2995	441	
FY23	284	295	359	304	266	264	189	230	151	295	2353	15%	
FY22	427	340	279	289	305	315	306	254	213	275	2576		
FY21	396	207	231	208	136	220	153	251	260	263	1929		
FY20 - inc certified learner	386	893	827	705	765	153	688	395	422	600	5448		
FY25 Totals	4302	8468	7152	6054	6731	6131	5491	6942	6381	6664	60014		
FY24	4202	6554	7131	5724	7031	6141	5574	6393	6159	6045	56752	3262	
FY23	4309	7048	6613	5553	5888	5941	5067	5693	5387	6621	54011	6%	
FY22	5098	7023	5263	5832	6139	5969	6044	6917	6126	6211	55524		
FY21	5017	5740	6406	5086	4156	4348	3688	3797	4191	4637	42049		
FY20	4923	10717	9327	8036	9337	7216	7259	8348	7982	10686	78908		

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Notes from Friends Meeting – March 12, 2025

As of March 12, 2025, the Friends have \$33,908.71 in their checking account and a CD value of \$17,430.14.

The Friends 2025 membership drive has brought in \$9,075 in memberships and donations. (I did not catch the breakdown details but typically is about \$2,500 in memberships.)

The January used book sale brought in \$925.50. A gentleman is planning to start a used book store in Dubuque and offered to take any items not sold for the \$2.00 per bag price on the last day of the sale. Shirley will coordinate what items should be kept for future sales and what he can take.

The 2025 Bus Trip fundraiser will be on April 30 to Heartbreak Hotel, with a stop at the Tycogo Winery. Price per ticket is \$125.00. Tickets are sold out.

Carol Goerdts and Sue Willenborg have resigned from the Friends Board so they may potentially be looking for new Board members.

Vickie Mescher is the new President of the Friends. Shirley Olberding will continue to assist as needed. Current officers are: President – Vickie Mescher, Vice President – Nancy Breitbach, Secretary – Mari Vorwald, and Treasurer - Bonnie Steffensmeier.

The Friends approved the following donations to the JKPL: \$3,450 to support the Children's Summer Library Program - \$300 for Dog Man Kickoff Party, \$400 for Magician Mikayla Oz, \$450 for storyteller and singer Miss Carole, \$600 for three visits from the Blank Park Zoo, \$900 for Absolute Bubbles (at the Downtown Market), \$400 for the Summer Reading Finale and \$400 for Model T History Stories (at the Downtown Market); \$200 for *Lessons from the Holocaust* presentation; \$500 for books for the Pop-up Library; and \$2000 to sponsor a fall session of Unlocking Brain Fitness.

The next Friends meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 2 pm.



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

Fund Statement: 2/1/2025 through 2/28/2025

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

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	19,193.23
Gifts	0.00
Interest/Dividend Income	14.77
Realized Gains (Losses)	34.87
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	(109.11)
Other Income	0.00
Grants Approved	0.00
Investment & Admin Fees	(27.99)
Credit Card Fees	0.00
ENDING FUND BALANCE	19,105.77
Available to Spend	630.00

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

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Fundraising and Marketing Committee March 2025 Notes

Members of the JKPL Fundraising and Marketing Committee discussed topics of concern via email between March 25 and April 3, 2025. Participants were Alex Wiezorek, Monika Steffen, Beth Gudenkauf, Danelle Schroeder and Shirley Vonderhaar.

FUNDRAISING:

Love My Library Giving Tree: As of 3/22/25 this event had brought in \$3234. At the next meeting, the committee will compare 2025 donations and expenses and evaluate options for next year.

Puzzle Fundraiser: The committee is discussing holding another event this spring, perhaps at Fuse. Monika reported that Fuse is interested in partnering with the JKPL for an event so the Committee will discuss when to plan another puzzle fundraiser at the next meeting.

Mystery Dinner Theater: This annual event raised \$1404. The Committee agreed that this is a fun, successful annual event so we should go ahead and plan for 2026. Shirley will reach out to Brew Ha Ha, City Hall for Social Center availability, and J & D Mart to get this on their calendars for a Saturday in late February.

Breakfast Burrito Carry Out Fundraiser: This biannual event is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9 to 11 am with a price of \$7.00 per burrito. Fareway is donating all the ingredients to make 100 burritos. They will deliver the ingredients on April 2. Alex is planning to start cooking about 7 am and has suggested additional workers to start at 8 am. The plan is to have some burritos ready-made at 9 am when sales start and ingredients ready to keep making. Volunteers are needed to help during this event – taking and filling orders, making change, and then clean up. Shirley sent an email to the Board and the following volunteered: Danelle starting at 7:30 am; Catherine and family starting at 8 am, Shirley at 8 am, and Monika starting at 9 am. Beth Derr offered to help with clean up at 11 but is busy before that. For size consistence and to facilitate making the burritos, each ingredient will have a roaster and measuring cup and burritos will be made assembly line fashion. Salsa and nacho cheese will be added upon request. A sign thanking Fareway will be posted at the sale table and the Sandwich Boards will be put out during the Event. Two coupons for free burritos were taken to the radio station to give away the week of the event.

Build-a-Basket Fundraiser: There are 41 baskets donated for this auction and all have bids on them. The auction ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 13. Alex has volunteered to help with the end of sale and Paul will be staff support (Shirley is on vacation). There will be a simple open house with refreshments from 2 to 4 pm on the 13th as well.

NWL Trivia Event (partnership with O So Good): This event is scheduled for Friday, April 25 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm (Trivia starts at 7 pm) at O So Good. Dollar Fresh is donating a \$100 gift card to support this event. Price will again be \$120.00 for a table for up to six guests. Price includes two bottles of wine of choice (or equal value in other drinks), a charcuterie board for six, and a dessert to share. We will put together a library swag basket as a prize for the highest scoring library table and O So Good and / or Trivial Dudes will provide a gift card or something as prize for top scoring tables.

Spring Plant Sale: This annual event is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, from 9 to 11 am. Karen Kramer and Beth G. will help with this event but additional volunteers are welcome. Plants of all kinds may be donated before the 17th and will be sold for a suggested donation of \$2.00 for small and \$4.00 for larger plants.

Garage Sale Fundraiser: This event is scheduled to coincide with the Spring Farm Toy Show and Dyersville Garage Sales. The sale will be held on Saturday, June 7 from 9 am to 3 pm. Weather permitting, the sale will be held in the library parking lot so we will need to request permission from the City to close the lot. Community members are encouraged to drop off items for the garage sale during library business hours from Tuesday, June 3 through Friday, June 6. Volunteers will be needed on Friday evening to help with sorting and organization as well as early on Saturday to finish preparing for the sale. Alex will take the lead on this. Tentative plan is price by using colored dots - \$2.00, \$5.00 \$10.00, \$20.00, and as marked. Items not labeled will be \$1.00 each. We will also need volunteers to help with the sale on Saturday. Sunday will be a donation day - anything not sold on Saturday may be taken for a donation. Volunteers will be needed after 4 pm on Sunday to clean up everything and take what the library doesn't want to keep for other purposes to Good Will or Camp Courageous.

Book Art Fundraiser: This event will run during June and July. Current plan is to start this event sometime in June with a bigger push to get participants at the Downtown Market on June 28. Participants will bring their creations to the library before July 26. They will be asked if they want to keep their creation or if they would like to donate it for a silent auction to support the JKPL. Logistics for the Silent Auction need to be determined. At the July 26 market, people will be encouraged to vote for their favorites by putting money in a jar. Alex has managed this event in the past and will check to see if both dates work for him. He will also talk to Happy Joes about donating a prize for the Art that brings in the most money at the July Downtown Market.

Summer Fundraiser Partnership: The Committee discussed the idea of partnering with DQ for a percentage of sales fundraiser. We could take the book bike to their green space and give away books / talk about the library during this time. This idea will be discussed at the next meeting.

MARKETING:

Radio Interview: Beth did an interview on April 2 to promote National Library Week and other events. The Committee will discuss scheduling more interviews at their next meeting.

National Library Week (April 6-11): Library staff scheduled a Board Meeting and Social for Tuesday, April 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm to celebrate National Library Week. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

Pop-Up Library at Downtown Summer Night: The JKPL typically sets up a Pop-Up Library at the Downtown Summer Nights. This year these events will be June 13 and August 8 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm (not holding in July). We will schedule volunteers to help with these closer to the dates.

Library Advocacy: With the pending legislative actions at the State level, and the Executive Order regarding IMSL, there is reason to be concerned about the future for libraries. The committee agreed that it is appropriate for the library to provide factual information about these governmental actions and how they could potentially impact local library services. Library staff will put together some information to share.

Next meeting: To be scheduled.

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Notes from the Furnishings, Art and Facilities Committee – Monday, March 31, 2025

Members of the JKPL Furnishings, Art, and Facilities Committee met at 6:00 pm on Monday, March 31, 2025. Participants were Beth Gudenkauf, Beth Derr, Melissa Kane, Alycia Willenborg, Kelly Otting, and Shirley Vonderhaar.

Capital Budget / HVAC: Shirley provided an update regarding replacing the HVAC and furnace that have been in the building since opening. She had contacted MM Mechanical to get an estimate to replace one HVAC unit and / or the heat only (basement) unit potentially this spring – utilizing library capital funds allocated for FY26, per the 10-year plan. Brian from MM Mechanical provided estimates to both Shirley and Mick – since this would be a building related capital expense. After discussing how costs are projected to increase over the next couple of years, Mick decided to move forward with using the library capital funds over the next couple of years to get all older units replaced. Since it is capital funds, he felt it fell within his area to authorize so he developed the following plan:

- FY25 - Replace Unit #5 and Unit #4 (furnace only) in spring of 2025
- FY26 - Replace Units #6 & #7 in summer / fall of 2025. The \$30,000 library capital budget will not cover completely / will have deficit so Mick will short capital fund in FY27 to balance
- FY27 - Replace Unit #1.

There will likely be a small amount left in the Capital budget for other library capital purposes starting in FY27 (after July 1, 2026) – assuming the city continues to appropriate \$30,000 annually for library capital expenses. At that point, the JKPL would have capital funds available to consider for other projects per the 10-year plan. Any projects (other than the HVAC replacement) we want to undertake before FY27 will need to be funded out of the library maintenance / operating budget or the library trust account.

Water Heater: The water heater has been leaking. As part of evaluating replacing the HVAC units, Mick requested the water heater to be replaced. The replacement was installed 3/28/25 and should be funded out of the FY25 capital budget.

Hoffman Room / Kitchen Area Work: This project was put on hold due to illness of contractor and we have not yet identified a new contractor to do. Work to be done is replacing the sink with one that is deeper and larger; replacing the water faucet to include a separate spray nozzle, installing a dishwasher and any resulting counter and cabinet work. This project will be funded from the library trust account using funds designated for the Kids Can Cook program or other funds allocated for Hoffman Room improvements. Shirley was directed to contact Jim Hense, Craig Salow, and Jessy Merkes for estimates and move forward with this project.

Hoffman Room / Wall near exterior door: This area was water damaged during rain events and needs repair. The exterior door, which was replaced previously, should also be painted. Shirley was directed to include this project when talking to the contractors about the kitchen area work. This contractor should also be asked about the cracked caulking around the windows.

Painting: There are four gallons of paint left from the December project, and we could possibly apply for a grant for more in 2026. The committee felt it was appropriate to get updated estimates for the areas of the library not yet repainted (meeting rooms and office spaces and back stairwell) and consider having these areas painted during FY26.

Wall paper: The textured wall paper looks somewhat dated now that paint has been updated in Hoffman Room. The committee suggested we look at some kind of paneling to replace this and that it could be included with the Hoffman Room work.

Carpet: Most of the library carpet is original to the building. The consensus of the committee is that replacing the carpet is a lower priority to the HVAC, but we should work to get it replaced as soon as reasonable – perhaps working with the Fundraising Committee for an annual appeal or other options to raise funds specifically for carpet replacement rather than waiting until FY27 or FY28 when funds might be available in Capital Projects. Ideal Decorating provided a verbal estimate of \$45,000 to \$60,000 to replace all of the flooring – some with carpet squares and some with LVP (luxury vinyl plank).

The committee agreed that we should get all the carpets cleaned this spring – assuming we can fund this out of the operating / maintenance line item. Premier Carpet Care cleaned the carpet in the Hoffman Room in January 2024. Shirley will contact them for an estimate to clean all the carpets this spring.

Library Furnishings: Quite a bit of the original soft seating in the library is showing wear. The committee discussed whether they should be reupholstered or replaced. Consensus was to get an estimate for reupholstering. Beth will provide Shirley with contact information for potential vendors.

Teen Space: The plan is to provide a work space in the teen area by purchasing a high-top table that is wired for power and devices, and stools or chairs to be located adjacent to the pillar in teen area. Shirley reported that TACKL does still want to see this happen, but they also want to keep the chair in that area as well. After looking at the space, there was some discussion about possibly relocating or removing some of the spin racks adjacent to that area and putting the table on that side of the pillar. Beth has a design friend she is going to talk to about ideas. This project will be funded from the trust account, using Steve Werner memorial money and donations from Betty Anne Scherrman (if needed) that have already been authorized for this purpose.

Roof leak: The roof in skylight area leaked last spring during a storm. At that time, Mick had Jeff Ament investigate. We will keep an eye out for additional leaks during storms this year.

Server: As was mentioned at previous meetings, the current server software is becoming obsolete – per Robert as well as (more recently) city IT consultant. The JKPL may want to move to all cloud-based storage or partner somehow with the city vs. replacing the software and / or equipment. The members shared their positive experiences with using cloud-based storage. Shirley will talk with Mick regarding options in working with the city, as well as research how other libraries manage this in the next several months. Beth Gudenkauf's husband may be interested in helping the library with this project as well.

Sprinkler deficiency: Shirley reported that there was no deficiency noted with the most recent sprinkler testing.

ADA check list: As part of accreditation requirements, the JKPL is required to review and complete at least one Priority on the ADA check list. The JKPL will be submitting the application for accreditation in February 2026 (previous deadline was extended due to staff changes at State Library) so Shirley will be working on this later this year. She will share the results with the Committee and Board.

Misc: Shirley attended a program on space assessment and utilization last fall and library staff have made some changes in organization, shelving, and displays based on that workshop. The corner of the

genealogy room is being reorganized to become a Sensory Space per the information gathered as part of the Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Libraries grant. A second grant of \$10,000 has been received so this space may undergo additional changes – depending on the information gathered at the Community Conversations.

Capital Projects Plan: Shirley will update the Capital Projects Plan (spreadsheet) based on the discussion at this meeting and share it with the committee for discussion and approval.

Walk around / General Discussion: The committee shared the following thoughts and comments:

- Suggested signage, mural and / or wall stickers to be located on the higher walls to help identify areas and spaces (children's area, game room, etc.) and decorate the areas of the library.
- Noted that while they really like the reorganization of the children's area, there is very limited seating for parents. The couches are adjacent to the train table so if kids aren't playing with the train, they want to leave them open for parents of kids that are. Low table with small chairs they used to sit at with kids is now under the loft so not accessible. Committee suggests we review this space and add adult / family seating.
- Shared thoughts on sensory space or tools for children being located in or near the children's area. The current planned sensory space is a result of the preferences shared by adults with neurodivergence.

Next meeting: To be decided / scheduled as needed.