

Hello all:

Here is the agenda for Tuesday's meeting. Hope to see you all here!

1. Call to Order
2. Consider Approval of Agenda
3. Consider Approval of Agenda Consent Calendar
 - Correspondence & Communication
 - Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: November 11, 2025
Regular Meeting - **A**
 - Approve November Librarian's Report - **B**
 - Approve Bills:
 - December Bills - **C**
 - Claims Report for November - **D**
 - November & December Credit Card Claims - **E**
 - Budget Reports
 - November City Report - **F**
 - November Library Report - **G**
 - Trust Account Reports
 - November Bank Statements - **H**
 - November Balance Report - **I**
 - Trust Account Expenditure Report - **J**
 - November Donations - **K**
 - Program Reports
 - November Report of Programs and Attendance - **L**
 - November WhoFi Program Overview - **M**
 - December Schedule of Events - **N**
 - Schedule for Upcoming Programs - **O**
 - Grant Report – **Based on the information gathered, for the LTC grant, we will be purchasing a play table, more read-along books for grade school ages, launchpads, and some additional sensory items. We hope to have these purchases made in January. There is a final LTC grant opportunity that Shirley is reviewing, with potentially applying to funds to support older individuals with mild cognitive decline.**
 - Friends of the Library Report
 - JKPL Endowment Report - **P: Summary of Fund Activity for October 2025**
 - Strategic Planning Report – **Nothing new to report**

- Committee Reports
 - Executive Committee
 - Finance Committee – **Q: Notes regarding FY26 Budget issue**
 - Fundraising, Marketing and Public Relations Committee – **Committee is meeting immediately before the Board Meeting on Tuesday so will report at the meeting**
 - Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee
 - Personnel Committee
 - Policy Committee
- 4. Update on Library Director Evaluation
- 5. Consider Approval of Library Director Request for payout of one (1) week of outstanding vacation time - **Funds for this payout were included in the FY26 personnel budget.**
- 6. Meetings and Training
 - City Council Attendance: **January 5: Melissa Kane**
 - Upcoming
 - Recently Attended
 - Trustee Training
- 7. Oral Presentations
- 8. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2025



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Regular Library Board Meeting

**Tuesday,
December 9, 2025
6:00 pm**

Hoffman Community Room
James Kennedy Public Library

Agenda Topics

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the James Kennedy Public Library was held on Tuesday, November 11th, 2025 in the Genealogy Room.
Present: Beth Gudenkauf, Beth Derr, Alex Wiezorek, Catherine O'Hea, Melissa Kane, Danelle Schroeder, Alycia Willenbring, Sally Kelly, Library Director Shirley Vonderhaar, and Assistant Library Director Dawn Schrandt. 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 Schroeder.
Ayes: Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O'Hea, Kane, Schroeder, Willenbring, and Kelly.
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED
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 - Grant Report – Nothing new to report.
 - Friends of the Library Report – They will have their membership drive in October and want to discuss Venmo options with our fundraising/marketing committee. January book sale date confirmed.
 - JKPL Endowment Report – reviewed summary of Fund Activity for September 2025
 - Strategic Planning Report – Advised Dawn on one of her objectives.

- Committee Reports
 - Executive Committee – nothing new to report.
 - Finance Committee – The finance committee received and reviewed documents regarding the closing of FY25 Operating Budget. The City Clerk transferred \$9,921.40 from the Library Group Insurance Line. As a result of this transfer, the JKPL had a balance of \$14,479.12 unspent in FY24.
 - Fundraising, Marketing and Public Relations Committee – Discussed notes from virtual and in-person meetings.
 - Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee – nothing new to report.
 - Personnel Committee – nothing new to report.
 - Policy Committee – Dawn has updated the Disaster Plan. Shirley has emailed this document for Committee review and consideration. Potential approval is included as an action item.

Willenbring MOVED "Approval of Agenda Consent Calendar," seconded by Kane.

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

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

4. Update on Library Director Evaluation – nothing new to report.
5. Consider approval of FY25 JKPL Annual Report
Fundraising/Marketing Committee MOVED to "Approve the FY25 JKP Annual Report." No second needed.

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

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

6. Consider Approval of updated JKPL Disaster Plan
Policy Committee MOVED to "Approve JKPL Disaster Plan." No second needed.

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

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

7. Meetings and Training
 - City Council Attendance: December 1: Alex Wiezorek
 - Upcoming
 - Recently Attended
 - Trustee Training: Boardroom Series - The Top Five: Self-Evaluation of the Library Board's Core Functions scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

8. Oral Presentations
9. Adjournment
O'Hea MOVED to adjourn, seconded by Derr. Meeting ADJOURNED by
Wiezorek at 6:33 pm.

Beth Gudenkauf, Secretary

Date

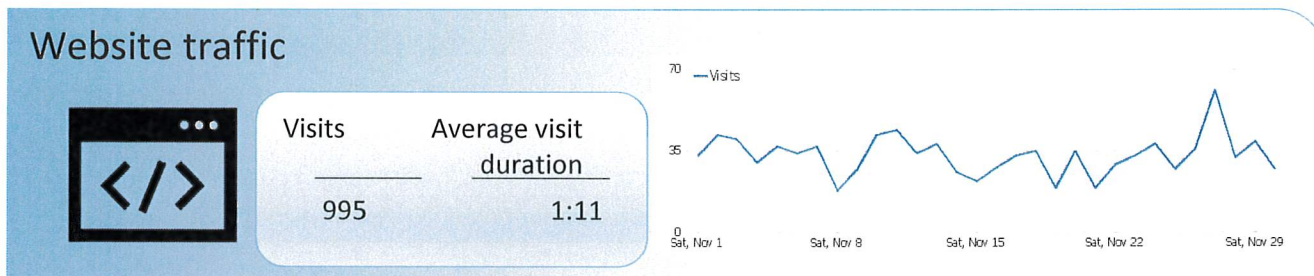
JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

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

Library visits			Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	4291	(↓ 10.3%)	6487	(↓ 12.2%)	13	23	(↑ 9.5%)
YTD	26041	(↑ 3%)	40644	(↑ 4.2%)	89	138	(↓ 0%)



Computer use

Hours			Sessions		
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
179	1014	1078	408	2165	2219

Wifi use

Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
977	5424	843	4559	330	1083

Meeting room use

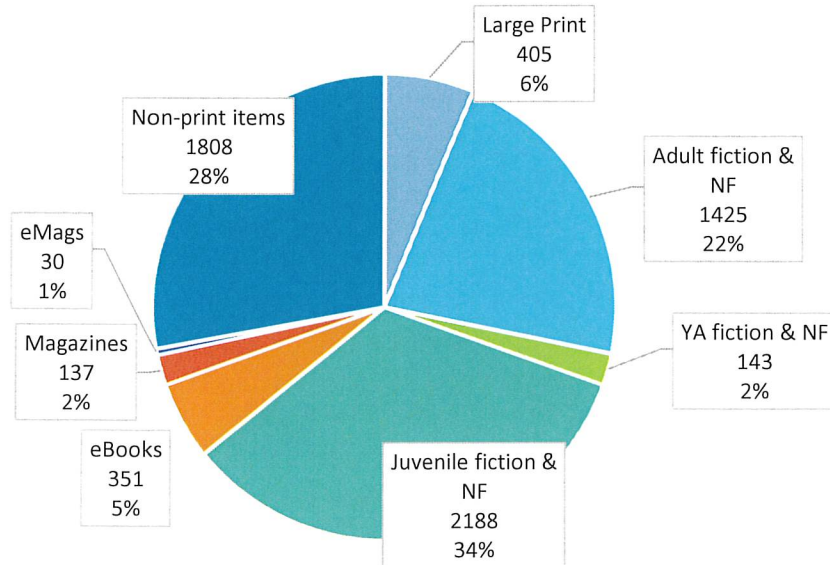
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
77	445	315

Online Learning

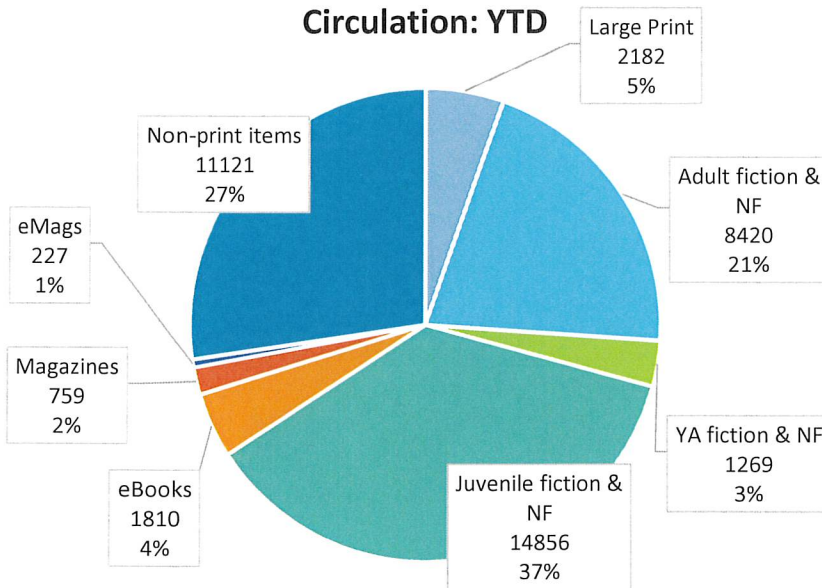
Sessions: 22
 YTD: 668

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items	Month	YTD
eAudio	613	3341
Adult & YA audio	63	470
Juvenile audio & kits	12	109
Adult & YA video	581	3820
Juvenile video & DVD	250	1632
Games, LoT, etc.	289	1749
	1808	11121

Music

Downloads: 4
Total YTD: 15



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 13
YTD: 73



Visits: 141
YTD: 845



Languages

Sessions: 30
YTD: 203



Genealogy

Visits: 311
YTD: 1420



World Culture

Visits: 0
YTD: 30



Hobbies

Sessions: 15
YTD: 50



Sessions: 0
YTD: 0



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 251
YTD: 1145

Items donated

Month: 13
YTD: 198
Prev. YTD: 402

Items withdrawn

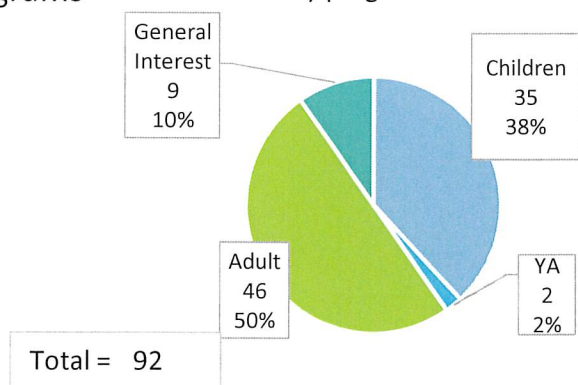
	Month	YTD
Books	314	1227
Audio	1	3
Video	3	441
Other	0	59
Total	318	1730

Summary of additions

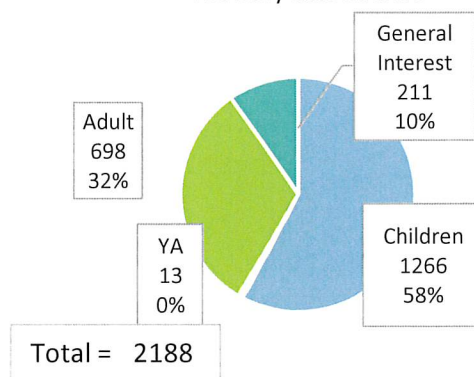
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	16	64	26	7	72	17	13	3	0	30	4	12	264
Previous month	20	57	33	17	75	15	9	4	0	27	26	5	288
Current YTD	73	360	146	88	351	38	57	17	2	142	30	39	1343
Previous YTD	121	423	196	78	336	91	46	29	1	155	49	25	1550

Programs

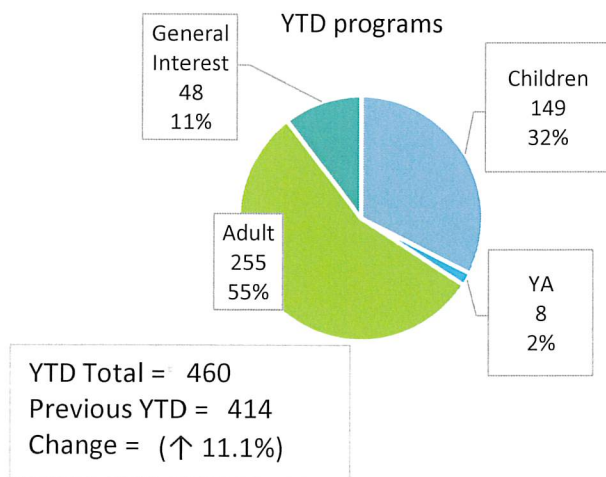
Monthly programs



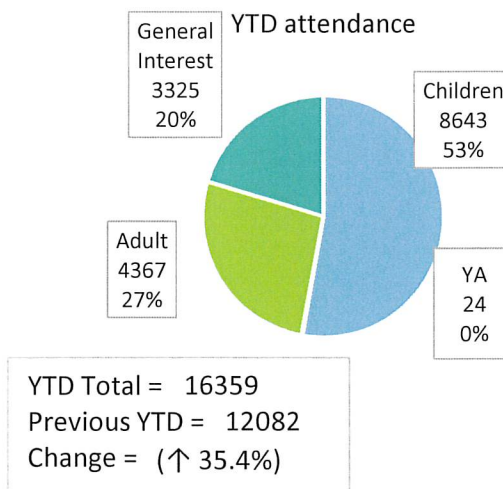
Monthly attendance



YTD programs



YTD attendance





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Expense Approval Register

cket: APPKT02098 - December 2025 Library Bills

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Description (Item)	Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND					
Department: 410 - LIBRARY					
MM MECHANICAL	i7857	HVAC Maintenance	001-5-410-4-63750	MAINTENANCE	300.75
PREMIER WINDOW CLEANING	10616	Window Cleaning	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	368.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	11.07.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	11.14.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	11.21.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	11.28.25	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	Programs	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	54.54
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	69.34
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2218378	CD Processing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	14.75
OVERDRIVE	06497CO25368313	Electronic Media	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	682.48
LIBRARY IDEAS	120139	Electronic Media	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	2.50
AMAZON	1LCT-K9NG-1MD4	Books Returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-17.60
AMAZON	1LT4-RJLT-33MK	Books returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-8.59
AMAZON	1WX4-6W13-1GKM	Books Returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-10.12
AMAZON	1WXW-LKQH-63JP	Books returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-11.94
AMAZON	1YKR-GJVD-1XNV	DVD return	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-29.99
AMAZON	1YKR-GJVD-3QWJ	Books Returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-11.40
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	704.38
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	24.00
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	97.55
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	389.34
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	157.40
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	DVD	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	568.58
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	Games	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	69.99
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2210496	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	132.20
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2218378	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	202.12
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	91861257	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	80.69
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	91861257	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	9.74
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	91861257	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	129.25
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	91946484	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	270.12
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	91946484	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	9.19
GREY HOUSE PUBLISHING	992583	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	123.75
CENGAGE LEARNING	999101698837	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	296.72
				Department 410 - LIBRARY Total:	5,667.74
				Fund 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:	5,667.74

Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND

Department: 410 - LIBRARY

FAREWAY STORES INC	00295447	Kids Can Cook Supplies	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	34.13
AMAZON	11LD-DV9L-41LX	Parade Supplies Returned	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-19.79
VONDERHAAR, SHIRLEY	12.02.25	Cookie Walk Supplies	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	60.70
WILLENBRING, ALCIA	12.02.25	Parade Supplies	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	109.26
MOBILE CITIZEN	12.13.25	Hot Spots	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	720.00
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	Love My Library - Games	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	159.97
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	Kids Can Cook	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	21.17
AMAZON	1YNM-VR3Q-X3J4	Christmas Parade Supplies	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	64.54
HERITAGE PRINTING CO	4506	StoryWalk Laminating	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	49.00
KANOPY INC	481027-PPU	Streaming	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	43.00
HOOPLA BY MIDWEST TAPE	508110894	Streaming	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	766.88
FUN EXPRESS	73999485701	Cookie Walk Supplies	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	53.95
SCHOLASTIC INC	78900496	1000 Books	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	500.00
SCHOLASTIC INC	78900496	Summer Reading Program In...	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	131.80
CENGAGE LEARNING	999101698837	Hoffman Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	29.59

Expense Approval Register

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Description (Item)	Account Number
MOBILE CITIZEN	INV27538	Hot Spots	002-5-410-4-67700

Packet: APPKT02098 - December 2025 Library Bills

Account Name	Amount
LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	802.60
Department 410 - LIBRARY Total:	3,526.80
Fund 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total:	3,526.80
Grand Total:	9,194.54

Fund Summary

Fund	Expense Amount
001 - GENERAL FUND	5,667.74
002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND	<u>3,526.80</u>
Grand Total:	9,194.54

Account Summary

Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount
001-5-410-4-63750	MAINTENANCE	300.75
001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1,368.00
001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	138.63
001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS...	3,860.36
002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDI...	<u>3,526.80</u>
Grand Total:		9,194.54

Project Account Summary

Project Account Key	Expense Amount
None	4,161.40
410AB	202.12
410AF	767.47
410AN	137.63
410DVD	538.59
410EM	684.98
410GAMES	69.99
410LP	428.92
410PF	768.18
410PN	176.33
410TMEM	29.59
410TPROG	1,143.19
410YAF	<u>86.15</u>
Grand Total:	9,194.54

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
November 2025**

Utilities and Contractual

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Black Hills	Gas / Heat	213.57
Alliant Energy	Electricity	976.66
Access Systems	Copier contract (includes usage adjustment)	315.56
Total		\$1505.79

Miscellaneous Bills

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Giant Wash	Floor Mats	29.54
Preferred Health Choices	HRA admin fee	15.00
Ace Hardware	Faucet, draino, auger, etc. (maintenance needs)	179.12
Credit Card / Microsoft	Office 365 subscription	43.58
Total		\$267.24

November Budget

November 2025 Claims submitted	7,664.56
Utility and Contractual from Bills above	1,505.79
Miscellaneous Bills from above	267.24
Total wages and benefits	34,731.87
Total November 2025 expenses	\$44,169.46

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

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Credit Card Claims for November & December 2025

Date	Vendor	Items	Amount
11/15/2025	CriCut	Annual Subscription	102.59
11/13/2025	Fareway	Kids Can Cook	63.82
11/21/2025	Book Bundler	Books for pop-up library (Friends)	289.00

Budget Report

Account Summary

For Fiscal: 2025-2026 Period Ending: 11/30/2025

		Original Total Budget	Current Total Budget	Period Activity	Fiscal Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND							
Expense							
<u>001-5-410-4-60100</u>	SALARIES	341,663.00	341,663.00	26,934.67	145,030.42	196,632.58	57.55 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61100</u>	FICA	21,183.00	21,183.00	1,622.78	8,756.04	12,426.96	58.66 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61200</u>	MEDICARE	4,954.00	4,954.00	379.59	2,047.99	2,906.01	58.66 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61300</u>	IPERS	32,253.00	32,253.00	2,464.32	13,275.45	18,977.55	58.84 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61500</u>	GROUP INSURANCE	45,536.00	45,536.00	3,319.75	16,490.36	29,045.64	63.79 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61700</u>	SUI	246.00	246.00	10.76	205.18	40.82	16.59 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62100</u>	DUES	850.00	850.00	0.00	200.00	650.00	76.47 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62300</u>	MEETINGS/TRAINING	2,500.00	2,500.00	109.90	299.56	2,200.44	88.02 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63710</u>	ELECTRICITY	12,000.00	12,000.00	976.66	6,605.90	5,394.10	44.95 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63711</u>	GAS HEAT	3,000.00	3,000.00	213.57	506.33	2,493.67	83.12 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63730</u>	TELEPHONE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63750</u>	MAINTENANCE	8,000.00	8,000.00	222.70	185.63	7,814.37	97.68 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64080</u>	INSURANCE PREMIUM	10,500.00	10,500.00	15.00	60.00	10,440.00	99.43 %
<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	315.56	1,043.88	-1,043.88	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64322</u>	CONTRACTED SERVICES	13,600.00	13,600.00	1,250.00	4,908.00	8,692.00	63.91 %
<u>001-5-410-4-65060</u>	OFFICE SUPPLIES	20,500.00	20,500.00	923.31	3,941.65	16,558.35	80.77 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67210</u>	FURNITURE/FIXTURES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67274</u>	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/EQUIPM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67701</u>	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SUBSCRIP	42,000.00	42,000.00	5,410.89	23,947.46	18,052.54	42.98 %
Expense Total:		558,785.00	558,785.00	44,169.46	227,503.85	331,281.15	59.29%
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:		558,785.00	558,785.00	44,169.46	227,503.85	331,281.15	59.29%
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND							
Expense							
<u>002-5-410-4-67700</u>	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	40,000.00	40,000.00	1,709.00	11,544.49	28,455.51	71.14 %
Expense Total:		40,000.00	40,000.00	1,709.00	11,544.49	28,455.51	71.14%
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total:		40,000.00	40,000.00	1,709.00	11,544.49	28,455.51	71.14%
Report Total:		598,785.00	598,785.00	45,878.46	239,048.34	359,736.66	60.08%

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James Kennedy Public Library FY26 Operating Budget							
	FY26				Received		% Expended
ESTIMATED REVENUES:	Requested	October	November	Dec (est)	to date	Difference	To date
Dubuque County Library Agency	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00	
Fees from copier, R/P, etc.	3,500.00	341.89	294.05	300.00	1,807.81	1,692.19	
Open Access	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00	
Access Plus / ILL	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	
Direct State Aid	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,023.90	76.10	
TOTAL:	23,800.00	341.89	294.05	300.00	3,831.71	19,968.29	
					3,831.71	19,968.29	
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:							
PERSONAL SERVICES						Remaining	
Wages	341,663.00	32,903.81	26,934.67	27,000.00	145,030.42	196,632.58	42.4%
FICA	21,183.00	1,992.88	1,622.78	1,674.00	8,756.04	12,426.96	41.3%
Medicare	4,954.00	466.12	379.59	391.50	2,047.99	2,906.01	41.3%
IPERS	32,253.00	3,024.35	2,464.32	2,548.80	13,275.45	18,977.55	41.2%
SUI	246.00	64.61	10.76	27.00	205.18	40.82	83.4%
Group Insurance	45,536.00	3,319.75	3,319.75	3,320.00	16,490.36	29,045.64	36.2%
Meetings and training	2,500.00	0.00	109.90	0.00	299.56	2,200.44	12.0%
Dues and memberships	850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	650.00	23.5%
TOTAL:	449,185.00	41,771.52	34,841.77	34,961.30	186,305.00	262,880.00	41.5%
					186,305.00	262,880.00	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:							
Utilities (telephone)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Electricity	12,000.00	1,268.17	976.66	1,500.00	6,605.90	5,394.10	55.0%
Gas / Heat	3,000.00	97.79	213.57	400.00	506.33	2,493.67	16.9%
Insurance (bldg)	10,500.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00	10,440.00	0.6%
Legal Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA
Custodial services	13,000.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,000.00	4,750.00	8,250.00	36.5%
Window cleaning	600.00	0.00	0.00	368.00	158.00	442.00	26.3%
Service / Maintenance Cont	8,000.00	182.08	315.56	0.00	1,043.88	6,956.12	13.0%
TOTAL:	47,100.00	2,813.04	2,770.79	3,283.00	13,124.11	33,975.89	27.9%
					13,124.11	33,975.89	
SUPPLIES:							
General library supplies	9,000.00	162.52	503.67	8,409.00	2,113.99	6,886.01	23.5%
Program fees & supplies	2,500.00	164.78	392.66	54.54	1,046.97	1,453.03	41.9%
Marketing & advertising	1,000.00	0.00	26.98	0.00	780.69	219.31	78.1%
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	35.18	222.70	300.75	185.63	7,814.37	2.3%
TOTAL	20,500.00	362.48	1,146.01	8,764.29	4,127.28	16,372.72	20.1%
					4,127.28	16,372.72	
BOOKS AND MATERIALS							
Adult fiction	8,000.00	1,039.08	1,037.93	767.47	4,005.18	3,994.82	50.1%
Adult nonfiction	5,000.00	326.80	885.70	137.63	2,177.58	2,822.42	43.6%
YA fiction	2,000.00	100.17	261.96	86.15	834.33	1,165.67	41.7%
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	87.06	38.49	0.00	125.55	874.45	12.6%
Juvenile fiction	8,500.00	440.60	1,100.55	768.18	3,811.05	4,688.95	44.8%
Juvenile nonfiction	4,000.00	6.00	352.88	176.33	474.35	3,525.65	11.9%
Large Print	3,500.00	344.13	93.01	428.92	513.74	2,986.26	14.7%
Electronic media (ebooks, e	10,000.00	644.14	680.47	684.98	3,754.26	6,245.74	37.5%
Reference & electronic data	3,000.00	1,519.21	0.00	0.00	1,519.21	1,480.79	50.6%
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	468.00	0.00	0.00	3,004.76	995.24	75.1%
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	2,000.00	144.86	188.24	202.12	680.15	1,319.85	34.0%
Software & Gaming	2,000.00	50.61	97.85	69.99	698.97	1,301.03	34.9%
DVDs	5,000.00	368.18	673.81	538.59	2,206.54	2,793.46	44.1%
SS / Creation Station / LoT	2,000.00	12.96	0.00	0.00	141.79	1,858.21	7.1%
TOTAL:	60,000.00	5,551.80	5,410.89	3,860.36	23,947.46	36,052.54	39.9%
					23,947.46	36,052.54	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	576,785.00	50,498.84	44,169.46	50,868.95	227,503.85	349,281.15	39.4%
TOTAL REVENUES:	23,800.00	341.89	294.05	300.00	3,831.71	19,968.29	16.1%
ACTUAL ASKING	552,985.00	50,156.95	43,875.41	50,568.95	223,672.14	329,312.86	40.4%
					223,672.14		

James Kennedy Public Library FY26 Operating Budget

	FY26	FY25 Exp.	Nov. 25	Total FY25	Budget	Amount	Ov/Und
	Requested	thru Nov 24	Expenses	expenses	Projection	Ov/Und	Budget
ESTIMATED REVENUES:							
Dubuque County Library Agency	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Fees from copier, R/P, etc.	3,500.00	1,224.65	95.44	1,320.09			
Open Access	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Access Plus / ILL	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Direct State Aid	2,100.00	2,060.42	0.00	2,060.42			
TOTAL:	23,800.00	3,285.07	95.44	3,380.51			
		3,285.07		3,380.51			
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:							
PERSONAL SERVICES							
Wages	341,663.00	105,228.92	31,391.67	136,620.59	263,158.20	-118,128	0.55
FICA	21,183.00	6,346.95	1,901.98	8,248.93	16,298.77	-7,543	0.54
Medicare	4,954.00	1,484.49	444.85	1,929.34	3,811.75	-1,764	0.54
IPERS	32,253.00	9,672.75	2,896.40	12,569.15	24,820.71	-11,545	0.53
SUI	246.00	183.27	11.74	195.01	231.19	-26	0.89
Group Insurance	45,536.00	20,146.84	3,438.55	23,585.39	38,897.24	-22,407	0.42
Meetings and training	2,500.00	1,405.18	79.00	1,484.18	2,366.93	-2,067	0.13
Dues and memberships	850.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	850.00	-650	0.24
TOTAL:	449,185.00	144,668.40	40,164.19	184,832.59	351,576.93	-165,272	0.53
		144,668.40		184,832.59			
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:							
Utilities (telephone)		0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	NA
Electricity	12,000.00	4,212.62	730.12	4,942.74	10,227.41	-3,622	0.65
Gas / Heat	3,000.00	181.65	103.53	285.18	1,910.90	-1,405	0.26
Insurance (bldg)	10,500.00	298.00	15.00	313.00	9,996.81	-9,937	0.01
Legal Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	Nothing
Custodial services	13,000.00	3,100.00	1,250.00	4,350.00	9,264.37	-4,514	0.51
Window cleaning	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	Nothing
Service / Maintenance Cont	8,000.00	728.32	316.26	1,044.58	5,577.90	-4,534	0.19
TOTAL:	47,100.00	8,520.59	2,414.91	10,935.50	36,698.81	-23,575	0.36
		8,520.59		10,935.50			
SUPPLIES:							
General library supplies	9,000.00	2,000.01	822.80	2,822.81	6,376.66	-4,263	0.33
Program fees & supplies	2,500.00	150.03	49.16	199.19	1,883.00	-836	0.56
Marketing & advertising	1,000.00	306.40	147.74	454.14	674.68	106	1.16
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	1,975.42	13.12	1,988.54	7,947.22	-7,762	0.02
TOTAL	20,500.00	4,431.86	1,032.82	5,464.68	16,625.52	-12,498	0.25
		4,431.86		5,464.68			
BOOKS AND MATERIALS							
Adult fiction	8,000.00	2,908.38	620.11	3,528.49	6,594.05	-2,589	0.61
Adult nonfiction	5,000.00	1,652.24	275.69	1,927.93	4,285.01	-2,107	0.51
YA fiction	2,000.00	500.44	191.80	692.24	1,445.86	-612	0.58
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	273.62	81.90	355.52	769.63	-644	0.16
Juvenile fiction	8,500.00	2,505.93	29.49	2,535.42	8,401.13	-4,590	0.45
Juvenile nonfiction	4,000.00	212.84	21.65	234.49	3,630.69	-3,156	0.13
Large Print	3,500.00	882.60	24.00	906.60	3,407.35	-2,894	0.15
Electronic media (ebooks, e	10,000.00	2,329.69	413.57	2,743.26	NA	NA	NA
Reference & electronic data	3,000.00	19.06	0.00	19.06	3,000.00	-1,481	0.51
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	3,672.04	0.00	3,672.04	4,000.00	-995	0.75
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	2,000.00	750.53	80.99	831.52	NA	NA	NA
Software & Gaming	2,000.00	308.50	211.50	520.00	1,186.54	-488	0.59
DVDs	5,000.00	1,167.19	684.51	1,851.70	3,151.67	-945	0.70
SS / Creation Station / LoT	2,000.00	170.70	190.05	360.75	946.36	-805	0.15
TOTAL:	60,000.00	17,353.76	2,825.26	20,179.02	51,599.41	-27,652	0.46
		17,353.76		20,179.02			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	576,785.00	174,974.61	46,437.18	221,411.79	455,814.62	-228,311	0.50
TOTAL REVENUES:	23,800.00	3,285.07	95.44	3,380.51	23,128.07	-19,296	0.17
ACTUAL ASKING	552,985.00	171,689.54	46,341.74	218,031.28	435,450.09	-211,778	0.51
		171,689.54					



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Statement Ending 11/28/2025

CITY OF DYERSVILLE

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Account Number: XX4356

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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
BUSINESS MONEY MKT	XX4356	\$11,469.76

BUSINESS MONEY MKT - XX4356

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
11/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$11,459.65
	1 Credit(s) This Period	\$10.11
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
11/28/2025	Ending Balance	\$11,469.76

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Interest Earned From 11/01/2025 Through 11/28/2025	
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	1.16%
Interest Days	28
Interest Earned	\$10.11
Interest Paid This Period	\$10.11
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$119.30
Minimum Balance	\$11,459.65
Average Ledger Balance	\$11,459.65
Average Available Balance	\$11,459.65

Other Credits

Date	Description	Amount
11/28/2025	INTEREST	\$10.11
		1 item(s) totaling \$10.11

Daily Balances

Date	Amount
11/28/2025	\$11,469.76



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Date 11/28/25
Primary Account
Enclosures

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CITY OF DYERSVILLE
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CHECKING ACCOUNT

BUSINESS MONEY MARKET		Number of Enclosures	2
Account Number	617571	Statement Dates	11/03/25 thru 11/30/25
Previous Balance	103,750.18	Days in the statement period	28
2 Deposits/Credits	2,559.64	Average Ledger	104,472.78
1 Checks/Debits	1,709.00	Average Collected	104,398.61
Service Charge	.00	Interest Earned	52.06
Interest Paid	55.76	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.65%
Current Balance	104,656.58	2025 Interest Paid	409.84

ACTIVITY IN DATE ORDER			
Date	Description	Amount	Balance
11/06	Deposit/Credit	166.49	103,916.67
11/20	Deposit/Credit	2,393.15	106,309.82
11/25	Transfer from x7571 to x5358	1,709.00-	104,600.82
	November Claims		
11/30	Interest Deposit	55.76	104,656.58

DAILY BALANCE INFORMATION					
Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
11/03	103,750.18	11/06	103,916.67	11/20	106,309.82
11/25	104,600.82	11/30	104,656.58		

INTEREST RATE SUMMARY	
Date	Rate
11/02	0.650000%

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TRUST ACCOUNT REPORT for November 2025

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

July 31, 2025	\$ 11.15	\$ 11,415.35
August 29, 2025	\$ 10.44	\$ 11,426.50
September 30, 2025	\$ 11.53	\$ 11,436.94
October 31, 2025	\$ 11.18	\$ 11,448.47
November 28, 2025	\$ 10.11	\$ 11,459.65
		\$ 11,469.76 <i>11</i>

Fidelity Bank and Trust

Balances October 31, 2025

Budgeted	Bank Account
\$ 30,164.51	\$103,750.18

Deposits

November 6, 2025

Adopt-a-book donation	\$ 13.74	
In Memorial of V. Hoffman	\$ 60.00	
Donations	\$ 25.00	
In Memory of T. Oberbroeckling	\$ 25.00	
Conscience Box	\$ 6.65	
Friends booksale / donation	\$ 36.10	\$ 166.49

November 20, 2025

Donation for refreshments	\$ 2.00	
Blind date with a book fundraiser	\$ 110.00	
Cash to make change at fundraiser	\$ (100.00)	
Textile Brewing Puzzle fundraiser donation	\$ 150.00	
In Memory of V. Hoffman	\$ 200.00	
Ray Rardin annual / In Memory of Billie	\$ 2,000.00	
Conscience Box	\$ 4.90	
Friends booksale / donation	\$ 26.25	\$ 2,393.15

November 30, 2025

Interest	\$ 55.76	\$ 55.76	\$ 2,615.40
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Debits:

November 25, 2025

Kanopy	\$ 681.23	
Hoopla	\$ 42.00	
Facebook marketing	\$ 10.00	
Wreath-it up ribbons	\$ 50.97	
Love My Library - legos & programs	\$ 266.61	
Puzzle Fundraiser - jail	\$ 9.99	
Xmas Parade expenses (donations)	\$ 97.44	
Large print (Lion's Club donation)	\$ 65.58	
Adopt-a-book (donation)	\$ 13.74	
Program refreshments (Friends)	\$ 17.17	
Storywalk (Friends)	\$ 15.40	
Reiser Book Program (Friends)	\$ 36.36	
Keys to Dementia Prevention stipends, supplies and snacks (Friends)	\$ 315.28	
Kids Can Cook Expenses (grant / fundraising / donations)	\$ 87.23	\$ 1,709.00

Balances November 30, 2025

\$ 28,455.51	\$104,656.58 <i>11.2</i>
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Trust Account Income & Expenditure Report FY26

as of 7/1/2025		in account	New Deposits					
Amount in MidWest One		\$11,415.35						
Amount in Fidelity		\$101,989.82						
INCOME:					EXPENDITURES:			REMAINING:
DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS:								
Remaining from Fundraisers prior to FY23		\$5,185.54						\$6,684.64
Fundraising total from FY24 - Chair-ity / Wreath, Book Art, Build-a-Basket, Plant, Merch, Quilt & Garage Sale		\$5,550.97						
Estimated for Kanopy: \$600				Jul-25	Kanopy	\$49.00		\$402.00
				Nov-25	Kanopy	\$42.00		
Estimated for Hoopla: \$7000				Jul-25	Hoopla	\$763.93		\$3,196.53
				Nov-25	Hoopla	\$681.23		
Estimated for Facebook / Meta: \$200				Jul-25	Facebook ads	\$15.44		\$149.60
				Nov-25	Facebook ads	\$10.00		
Fundraising Events	Brought forward							\$28,310.17
Chairity & Wreath-it-up								
Wreath - Buy it now	October		\$70.00	Nov-25	ribbons	\$50.97		
Cookie Walk	FY24	\$1,721.16						\$3,493.08
	FY25	\$1,771.92						
Soup Fundraiser	FY24	\$938.03						\$2,159.61
Love My Library 2025	FY25	\$3,227.00		Aug-25	LML/ebks & bks	\$165.96		\$2,425.52
				Nov-25	LML/lego & prog	\$266.61		
Book Art Fundraiser	FY25	\$100.58						\$283.58
Mystery Dinner	FY24	\$807.14						\$2,211.14
Build-a-basket	FY25	\$2,243.00						\$2,243.00
Snack & Candy Sales	FY23 & 24	\$478.72						\$769.22
Merchandise sales								\$25.00
Plant Sale	FY25	\$752.00						\$752.00
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	FY25	\$20.00						\$20.00
DTSN fundraiser	FY23 & 24	\$126.00						\$173.00
Burrito Breakfast	FY23 & 24	\$1,629.00						\$2,976.06
O So Good Partnership	FY23&24	\$2,295.00						\$5,195.00
Garage Sale Fundraiser	FY24/Purse	\$1,900.00						\$2,512.51
Puzzle Fundraiser (Textile)	FY25	\$800.35						\$800.35
Puzzle Fundraiser (Fuse)								\$801.94
Textile Brewing donation	Nov-25		\$150.00	Nov-25	Jail / twists	\$9.99		
Blind Date with a book	Nov-25		\$110.00					
Cash to make change	Nov-25		-\$100.00					
Donations	Total Brought forward							\$16,290.24
Donations for snacks	Nov-25		\$2.00					
Anonymous donation	Nov-25		\$25.00					\$25.00
Miscellaneous Donations Total Remaining								\$15,737.55
Lion's Club - LP	FY24 LML	\$0.71		Aug-25	Large Print	\$195.16		\$0.84
				Nov-25	Large Print	\$65.58		
Conscience Box	Remaining	\$2,222.59						\$2,463.83
	Nov-25		\$11.55					
History Books & Coins	Remaining	\$1,964.74						\$2,024.74
	FY25	\$60.00						
Meeting Room Donation	Remaining	\$614.76						\$678.51
	FY25	\$63.75						
Adopt-a-book donations	Remaining	\$68.87						\$68.87

	Nov-25		\$13.74		Nov-25	book	\$13.74	
Friends total remaining								\$3,689.79
Friends - bksale	Remaining	\$576.36						\$1,225.01
	Nov-25		\$62.35		Nov-25	Refreshments	\$17.17	
Friends - FY24 SRP carryover		\$1,327.37			Aug-25	Books	\$937.11	\$390.26
Friends - FY25 SRP	Mar-25	\$1,295.19			Aug-25	Children's SRP	\$500.00	\$795.19
FY25 Materials Carryover	Oct-24	\$703.22						-\$32.78
Reallocated for Bremer, Sprout & Scott								
Scott - Acrylic Painting Prog	Jun-25	-\$336.00			Aug-25	Scott - Painting	\$150.00	
					Aug-25	Bremer Stipend	\$100.00	
					Sep-25	Sprout Stipend	\$150.00	
KEYS: Dementia prevention	Oct-24	\$762.86						-\$383.53
Donation	Oct-25		\$20.00		Nov-25	KEYS expenses	315.28	
Reiser bk disc	Oct-25		\$1,500.00		Nov-25	Reiser bks	\$36.36	\$1,463.64
TACKL	Remaining	\$354.87						\$403.67
Kennedy Donation	Remaining	\$2,185.70						\$2,185.70
Kay Their Bequest	Remaining	\$1,000.00						\$1,000.00
Soppe Bequest - genealogy /	Remaining	\$19,177.53						\$19,177.53
Bequests & Specified donations - Total Remaining								\$22,363.23
Memorials or In Honor of								
Billie B. Rardin	Remaining	\$2,547.19						\$6,472.19
	Nov-25		\$2,000.00					
Virgie Hoffman (Schrandt)	Nov-25		\$60.00					
Virgie Hoffman (family)	Nov-25		\$200.00					\$200.00
Tom Oberbroecklins (Eick)	Nov-25		\$25.00					\$25.00
Memorials or "In Honor Of" - Total Remaining								\$8,256.55
GRANTS:								\$15,421.37
StoryWalk® Grant / DRA	Remaining	\$0.00			Aug-25	SW laminating	\$35.99	\$948.61
Ongoing - Friends	Oct-25		\$1,000.00		Nov-25	books	\$15.40	
Kids Can Cook - DACF	Remaining	\$4,607.83						\$4,472.76
					Nov-25	KCC ingredients	\$87.23	
ALA / LTC Grant - 2025	May-25	\$10,000.00						\$10,000.00
DACF / 26 SLP books	Sep-25		\$1,500.00					\$3,000.00
Friends match	Oct-25		\$1,500.00					
INTEREST DEPOSITS								
remaining from previous years		\$4,918.84						\$4,713.80
	Nov-25		\$55.76					
TOTAL Available		\$113,405.17	\$77,857.28	EXPENDITURES:			\$75,190.52	\$104,656.58

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Memorials, Fundraisers, and Donations – November 2025

From: **Joyce Bries**
Donation: \$13.74
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Adopt a book

From: **Dawn Schrandt**
Donation: \$60.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: In Memory of Virgie Hoffman

From: **Hoffman Family**
Donation: \$200.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: In Memory of Virgie Hoffman

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

From: **Textile Brewing - Fit the Pieces Puzzle Fundraiser**
Donation: \$150.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Fundraiser for library collections & services

From: **Anonymous**
Donation: \$25.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Donations to use as needed

From: **Anonymous**
Donation: \$2.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Donations for refreshments

From: **Blind Date with a Book Fundraiser**
Donation: \$110.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Fundraiser for library collections & services

From: **Ray Rardin**
Donation: \$2,000.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Annual donation in Memory of Billie B. Rardin

James Kennedy Public Library Monthly Program Report

Report for the Month of November 2025

Adult Crafternoon (1st Monday of each month) – Beaded Bookmark (A) November 10, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd) Supplies: Cords, beads, baggies, copies of instructions	In person/Onsite/ Kit Attendance: 3 Kits distributed: 35
Books for Lunch Book Club (1st Monday) – <i>Practical Magic</i> (A) November 3, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd) Supplies: Books borrowed via ILL, available electronically; Computer, OWL and Zoom software Refreshments	Hybrid (In person & zoom) Participants: 12
Bingo Party - (3 rd Monday of each month) (A) November 17, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 4 hr (pd) Supplies: Bingo cards and machine; Donated items & library swag for prizes	In person / Onsite Participants: 14
Building Creativity one Block at a Time (LEGO® program) (Monthly) (C) November 1, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Legos and snacks	In person / Onsite Participants: 10
Cricut with Christopher (Held 3 rd Monday - irregularly) (GI): Glass Grinches November 17, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hrs (pd) 10 hrs (vol) Supplies: Cricut and related supplies; Lisa Christopher presented this program And donated all specific supplies	In person / Onsite Participants: 9
Dungeons & Dragons Club (Monthly) (GI): November 8, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies; Crooked Moon core book	Hybrid / Discord Participants: 7
Ellen Kennedy Living Center Program – (4th Friday) (A) : Chicken Soup reading November 24, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hr (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Offsite Participants: 7
Euchre Party (Fridays of each month) (A) November 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: 24
Game Night (4 th Saturday of each Month) (GI): November 28, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 Supplies: Board games, snacks	In person / Onsite Participants: 9
Genealogy with Ann (Monthly) (A) November 3, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies, laptop	In person / Onsite Participants: 1
Health & Wellness 365 (Monthly) (A) : November 20, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 1 hr (vol) Supplies: Presentation and snack provided by Colleen NEI3A	In person / Onsite Participants: 7

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club (2 nd Tues of each month) (A)	Hybrid (In person & Zoom)
November 11, 2025	Participants: 7
Time for preparation & performance – 2.25 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: ILL books, Computer, OWL, & Zoom software	
JKPL Writing Group (4 th Tuesday of each Month) (A)	In person / Onsite
November 25, 2025	Participants: 3
Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: None	
Mercy One Senior Care Program (Monthly) (A): Read Stories	In person / Offsite
November 28, 2025	Participants: 10
Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: None	
Sit 'n' Stitch (Wednesdays of each month) (A)	Hybrid (In person & Zoom)
November 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2025 (4 sessions)	Participants: 59
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 8 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Refreshments and Craft supplies provided by participants; Zoom room set up upon request.	
Strength Training for Older Adults (Mondays & Thursdays @ 9:30 and 10:30) (A)	In person / Onsite
November 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, & 24, 2025 (14 sessions / 2 each day)	Participants: 135
Time for preparation & performance – 14 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: GeriFit DVDs, projection system, water (if needed) Participants supply stretch band, weights and water for own use	
Strings Club (4 th Monday of each month) (A)	In person / Onsite
November 24, 2025	Participants: 6
Time for preparation & performance – .25 hrs (pd) 2 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Gary Bramel donates his time and talent for this event	
<i>Karate Kid: Legends</i> – Movie Event (A)	In Person / Onsite
November 1, 2025	Participants: 0
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: None	
<i>Practical Magic</i> – All-Abilities Movie Event (A)	In Person / Onsite
November 3, 2025	Participants: 3
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Popcorn & soda	
Rural Justice for Older Iowans (A)	In Person / Onsite
November 4, 2025	Participants: 3
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 1 hr (vol)	
Supplies: Presented by Michaela Dohleman from Iowa Legal Aid	
Celebrate Children's Book Week (C)	In Person / Onsite
November 5, 2025	Participants: 8
Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Paper	
GAMES: National STEAM Day Mini-Fest (GI)	In Person / Onsite
November 8, 2025	Participants: 35
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 2 hr(vol)	
Supplies: Games; TACKL volunteer Norah Hermsen managed	
SHRINKY-DINKS: National STEAM Day Mini-Fest (GI)	In Person / Onsite
November 8, 2025	Participants: 55
Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Shrinky dinks, markers, toaster ovens	

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: National STEAM Day Mini-Fest (GI)	In Person / Onsite
November 8, 2025	Participants: 18
Time for preparation & performance – 3 hr (pd)	
Supplies: LoT keyboard, drum, guitar and ukulele	
FOIL ART: National STEAM Day Mini-Fest (C)	In Person / Onsite
November 8, 2025	Participants: 40
Time for preparation & performance – 3.5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Aluminum foil, markers, paper	
TURING TUMBLE: National STEAM Day Mini-Fest (C)	In Person / Onsite
November 8, 2025	Participants: 28
Time for preparation & performance – 3.5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Turing Tumble	
Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament (GI)	In person / Onsite
November 9, 2025	Participants: 3
Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Switch 2 game system and game	
KEYS to Dementia Prevention (A)	In Person / Onsite
November 4 & 11, 2025 (2 sessions)	Participants: 12
Time for preparation & performance – 6 hrs (pd) 4 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Healthy snacks, workbook, projection system	
Sponsored by Friends of the JKPL	
Book Talks @ Xavier – 2 nd & 3 rd Grade (C)	In person / Offsite
November 12, 2025 (2 sessions)	Participants: 40
Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Jelly beans, books	
Tween Craft Afternoons – Arm Bird Pet (C)	In person / Onsite
November 12, 2025	Participants: 9
Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Cardstock, googly eyes, tp tubes, glue and markers	
Celebrate World Kindness Day (GI)	Passive
November 13, 2025	Participants: 25
Time for preparation & performance – 3 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Copies of activities, trivia, etc. Stickers	
Nature at Night at New Wine Park (A)	In Person / Offsite
November 13, 2025	Participants: 13
Time for preparation & performance – 1 hrs (pd) 3 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: Guided by Dubuque County Conservation Naturalist	
Game Changer (YA)	In person / Onsite
November 14, 2025	Participants: 9
Time for preparation & performance – 6 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Envelopes, scrap paper	
Trading Card Game Hangout (YA)	In person / Onsite
November 15, 2025	Participants: 4
Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: None	
Smurfs – Family Movie Event (C)	In Person / Onsite
November 15, 2025	Participants: 3
Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Popcorn and soda	

<p>Tween Craft Afternoons – Cathedral Art (C) November 19, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd) Supplies: Paper, coloring materials from Creation Station</p>	<p>In person / Onsite Participants: 6</p>
<p>Kids Can Cook (C) November 6, 13, & 20, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 17.5 hr (pd) 1 hr (vol) Supplies: Copies and food ingredients; cooking equipment Danielle Stone-Klosterman volunteered</p>	<p>In person / Onsite Participants: 28</p>
<p>Create with Audrey – Watercolor Bookmarks: An All Abilities Program (A) November 20 & 21, 2025 (2 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Watercolor bookmark kits, brushes and water</p>	<p>In Person / Onsite Participants: 5</p>
<p>Story Time: (Weekly at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm) (PreK) November 5, 12, & 19, 2025 (6 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 8 hrs (pd) Supplies: Library books, songs, etc.</p>	<p>In person / Onsite Participants: 44</p>
<p>Wreath-it-up Closing Reception (A) November 23, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – .25 hrs (pd) Supplies: None</p>	<p>In person / Onsite Participants: 0</p>
<p>OutReads (Storytimes at area schools and daycares) (PreK) November 4, 6, 18, & 25, 2025 (10 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 4.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Books and presentation supplies</p>	<p>In person / Offsite Participants: 191</p>
<p>Visit with Live Animals with Dubuque County Conservation (C) November 26, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hrs (pd) 2 hrs Supplies: Presented by Naturalist from DCC</p>	<p>In person / Onsite Participants: 48</p>
<p>Small Business Saturday Refueling Station (GI) November 29, 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) Supplies: Hot water and beverage packets, cups Scaled back from planned event due to weather</p>	<p>In person / Onsite Participants: 3</p>
<p>International Games Month (GI) November 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) Supplies: Games; Gift cards donated by Dyersville Comics & Games</p>	<p>Passive program Participants: 56</p>
<p>Upcycled Greeting Cards (A) November 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd) Supplies: Donated greeting cards, card stock, tape runner and envelopes</p>	<p>Passive program Kits: 34</p>
<p>StoryWalk® - <i>Kimchi Kimchi</i> (C) November 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 4.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Books and laminating</p>	<p>Passive / outdoor program Participants: 240</p>
<p>Kid's Scavenger Hunt: Healthy Foods (C) November 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hrs (pd) Supplies: Color copies of scavenger hunt form, laminated pictures, stickers for prizes</p>	<p>Passive program Participants: 152</p>

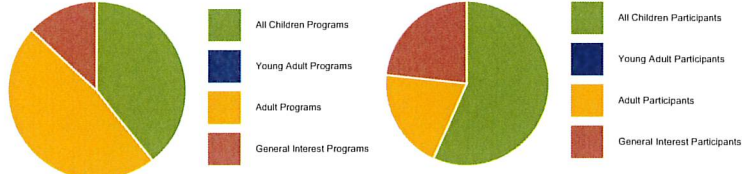
Pretend Play Station: Restaurant (PreK) November 2025 Time for preparation & performance – .75 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies, signs (laminated), play sets, etc.	Passive program Participants: 304
Coloring, Creating & Doing (A) November 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 3.25 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies of coloring pages and activities	Passive program Kits: 236
Get Puzzled @ Your Library (A) November 2025 Time for preparation & performance - .25 hrs (pd) Supplies: Puzzle	Passive program Participants: 60
Kids Can Craft: Create a Meal Challenge (C) November 2025 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd) Supplies: Copies, markers, colors, etc.; Items for prize	Passive program Kits: 45
Creation Station Craft: Paper Bag Scarecrow (PreK) November 2025 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hrs (pd) 3.5 hrs (vol) Supplies: Googly eyes, misc. craft supplies	Passive / Recording / Make and Take Kits distributed: 70 Facebook Views / Engagements: 206/8 YouTube Views: 12
Programs held in October but still hosted and available to view or engage with on social media: November 1-30, 2025 – 1 program	Facebook Views / Engagements: 7/0 YouTube Views: 3

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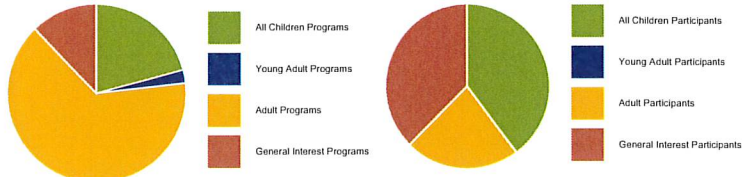
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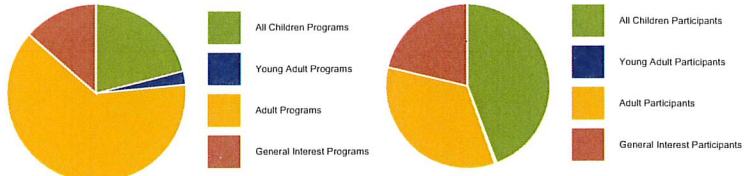
July					
Overview					
All Children Programs	39	39.39%	All Children Participants	2176	56.68%
Young Adult Programs	0	0%	Young Adult Participants	0	0%
Adult Programs	47	47.47%	Adult Participants	766	19.95%
General Interest Programs	13	13.13%	General Interest Participants	897	23.37%
Total Programs	99	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



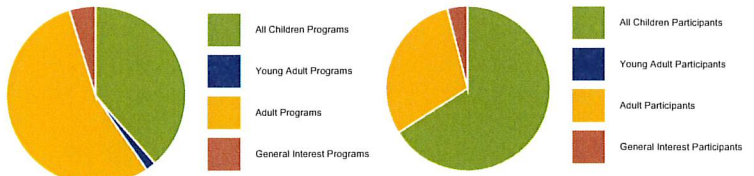
August					
Overview					
All Children Programs	17	20.73%	All Children Participants	1617	39.79%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.44%	Young Adult Participants	3	0.07%
Adult Programs	53	64.63%	Adult Participants	918	22.59%
General Interest Programs	10	12.2%	General Interest Participants	1526	37.55%
Total Programs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



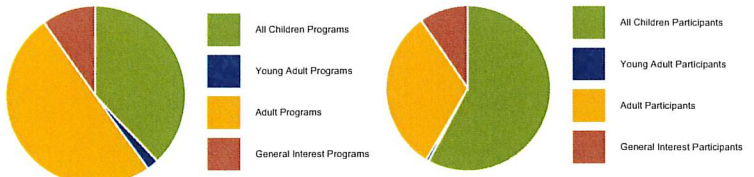
September					
Overview					
All Children Programs	17	20.99%	All Children Participants	1121	44.19%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.47%	Young Adult Participants	8	0.32%
Adult Programs	51	62.96%	Adult Participants	867	34.17%
General Interest Programs	11	13.58%	General Interest Participants	541	21.32%
Total Programs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



October					
Overview					
All Children Programs	41	38.68%	All Children Participants	2463	66.01%
Young Adult Programs	2	1.89%	Young Adult Participants	0	0%
Adult Programs	58	54.72%	Adult Participants	1118	29.97%
General Interest Programs	5	4.72%	General Interest Participants	150	4.02%
Total Programs	106		Total Participants	3731	



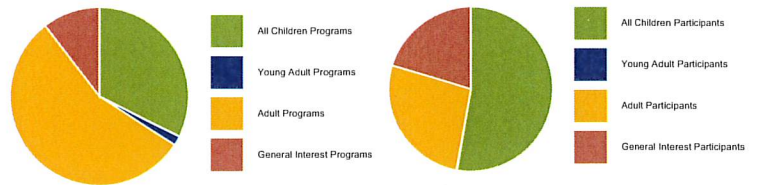
November					
Overview					
All Children Programs	35	38.04%	All Children Participants	1266	57.86%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.17%	Young Adult Participants	13	0.59%
Adult Programs	46	50%	Adult Participants	698	31.9%
General Interest Programs	9	9.78%	General Interest Participants	211	9.64%
Total Programs	92		Total Participants	2188	



James Kennedy Public Library

July, 2025 - November, 2025

Year in Review					
Overview					
All Children Programs	149	32.39%	All Children Participants	8643	52.83%
Young Adult Programs	8	1.74%	Young Adult Participants	24	0.15%
Adult Programs	255	55.43%	Adult Participants	4367	26.69%
General Interest Programs	48	10.43%	General Interest Participants	3325	20.33%
Total Programs	460		Total Participants	16359	



DECEMBER 2025

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



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

Kids Can Craft: Create a Snow Pet Challenge: December 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to create a snow pet. Every design turned in qualifies artists for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket but is limited to one entry per day. Winner will be announced in early January.

Creation Station Craft: Beaded Tree Ornament: December 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 tree ornament made out of pipe cleaners and beads. The kit includes most of the needed supplies and how-to 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: December 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: December 1—31. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: December 1—31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *The Perfect Tree*. 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®: "Snowflakes on Our Tongues" by Mike Ornstein: December 1—January 31. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. *The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



Layette Quilt Display and Sale Continues: December 1—23

The James Kennedy Public Library has partnered with the Dyersville Layette Ladies to share with you the work and talent of the Layette Ladies as well as raise some funds for both organizations. Several layette, lap size, and larger quilts that were made by the Layette Ladies continue to be on display at the library thru December 23. These quilts are available to purchase starting at \$25.00 (larger sizes are more) and proceeds will be split between the Layette Ladies and the JKPL. Photographs of the quilts are posted on the library's website and Facebook page.



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, December 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 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.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, December 1 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.



Genealogy with Ann: Monday, December 1 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

"Elf"—an All-Abilities Movie Event: Monday, December 1 @ 6:00 pm. After accidentally falling into Santa Claus' gift sack, a human baby is raised at the North Pole, growing up to believe he is an elf. Due to his large size, the "elf" causes chaos in Santa's workshop, forcing Kris Kringle to send him on a mission to find his human roots. Rated PG (97 min.) Refreshments provided. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Please note that this film may be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments.



Storytime: Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm. Join Ms. Andrea for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required and participation is encouraged. No registration needed.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17 & 31 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you wish to join virtually, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10 am on the date of the gathering and an invitation will be emailed to you. The same Zoom room link is used each week.

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

Celebrate National Cookie Day: Thursday, December 4 from 10:00 am—7:30 pm. National Cookie Day is a day set aside to celebrate the joy of cookies. All cookies! Stop by the JKPL today to enjoy a cookie. Vote for your favorite cookie flavor between December 4 and 20 to enter your name in a drawing for a plate of homemade cookies. Pick up a special activity packet and join us in celebrating all things cookie! Packets will be available while supplies last.



Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, December 4 @ 11:15 am. Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will be at the library to talk about nutrition over the holidays. There will also be food samples to try! All are welcome.

Sustainability & Conservation at Home: Thursday, December 4 @ 6:00 pm

Join us at the JKPL and listen to one of Dubuque County Conservation naturalists talk about steps to live a more sustainable life.

- Learn about, and see, sustainable products and simple DIY projects.
- Learn about the best ways to repurpose items, how to watch out for greenwashing, and learn how to implement these practices into your life.
- All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion.
- Registration is requested by 12:00 pm on December 3 as a minimum of 10 participants is needed for this program to be held. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.



Euchre Card Party: Fridays, December 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Cookie Walk Fundraiser: Friday, December 5 from 1:00—5:00 pm & Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Craving some special treats but don't have time to bake for yourself? Come to the library for the annual Cookie Walk Fundraiser!

- Guests will be able to purchase a dozen items for \$8.00 (or 24 for \$15.00).
- Choose from a delicious assortment of homemade treats to be placed on a plate, covered, and decorated with a bow.
- Cookies will be stored away from the public and handled only by staff and volunteers working the event.
- Prepackaged plates will be available while supplies last.



Snowball Fight Storytime: Saturday, December 6 @ 10:30 am. Ready to enjoy some snowy stories and snowballs? Come to Miss Andrea's special snowy storytime! Listen to a couple of snow-themed stories then enjoy an indoor snowball fight at the end! All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.



JKPL at the Merry Mingle Market: Saturday, December 6 from 12:00—4:00 pm

When visiting the market, be sure to stop by the JKPL pop-up library and check out the craft kits, the pop-up library, and the cookies!

Pop-Up Library

Learn more about the library and select a free book to keep. There will be books for all ages available.

Ice Fishing for Kids' Craft Kits

Come fish for kids' craft kits at our ice fishing pond! Craft kits are sponsored by Tim & Angela English.

Cookies and Cocoa

A variety of plated homemade cookies and sweet treats will be available to buy. Each plate will include 12 items and will be covered and decorated with a colorful bow. Cost is \$8.00 per plate. Want something to grab and go? Individual cookies will be for sale for \$1.00 each and hot cocoa for \$2.00 a cup.



Adult Crafternoon: Photograph Christmas Ornament: Monday, December 8 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a Christmas ornament with a photograph in it. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages and kits will be available while supplies last.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, December 9 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *Tea with Elephants* by Robin Jones Gunn. 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 email dschrandt@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 6pm on the day of the program so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

National Cocoa Day Celebration: Saturday, December 13 from 10:00 am—3:00 pm. This time of year many people crave the sweet, dark, creamy beverage known as hot cocoa and this is a perfect occasion to indulge yourself! Stop by the library and enjoy a hot cup of cocoa from our cocoa bar while enjoying your local library.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, December 13 from 10:00—11:00 am. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever": Saturday, December 13 @ 1:00 pm. When the notorious Herdman siblings, the worst kids in town, crash the annual Christmas pageant auditions looking for snacks, they unexpectedly land the lead roles. First-time director Grace, along with her family, must manage both the unruly children and angry townspeople, leading to chaos that ultimately reveals the real spirit of Christmas. Rated PG (114 minutes).

Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, December 13 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul by 2:00 pm the day of the program at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us so the server invite can be sent to you.

Old Fashioned Christmas: Sunday, December 14 from 1:30—3:30 pm

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

Bingo Party: Monday, December 15 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two-card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Become A Dementia Friend: Tuesday, December 16 @ 1:00 pm

Join a growing movement of people like you who are helping fellow community members live with dementia! Become a Dementia Friend by attending this one-hour informational session to learn about living with dementia, and the simple things you can do to support someone living with the disease. Led by Nancy Fett from Dementia Friendly Iowa. All are welcome.

Create with Audrey—Rubber Band Bracelets: Thursday, December 18 from 6:00—7:30 pm & Friday, December 19 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Join Audrey at the JKPL on the 3rd Thursday and Friday of each month to create a cool craft or art project. This month we will be making rubber band bracelets with charms. The rubber bands are neon colored and latex free. This is a drop-in event so guests are welcome to come and go as their schedule permits. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.

Mock-A-Movie Night for Teens: Friday, December 19 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for a night of terrible cinema, good food, and lots of fun mocking the movie! 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.

Christmas Movies @ Your Library presents "Last Christmas": Saturday, December 20 @ 1:00 pm. A dysfunctional young woman working as Santa's elf at a year-round Christmas store in London finds her life taking an unexpectedly optimistic turn after becoming romantically entangled with a handsome and mysterious stranger over the holiday season. Rated PG-13 (103 minutes).

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, December 20 from 4:00—6:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed. Guns with excessive hitting power will not be allowed.

Live Holiday Music: Sunday, December 21 @ 2:00 pm

Join us at the JKPL for this special holiday event featuring local musicians! Sue Engelbrecht, Phil Kramer, Gary & Chris Bramel, Joe & Ken Schmitt, and Steve Dikkers will perform some seasonal favorites to get you in the holiday spirit. Refreshments provided.

Strings Club: Monday, December 22 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register. **NOT MEETING THIS MONTH!**

"The Mitten" Storytime with Dubuque County Conservation: Tuesday, December 23 @ 10:00 am

Do you love mittens and furry animals? Join a Dubuque County Conservation naturalist to listen to Jan Brett's *The Mitten* storybook then climb into a HUGE mitten to touch the fur of different animals! All ages are welcome. No registration required.



Christmas Hours:

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

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



Family New Year Celebration Activity Kit: Friday, December 26. Looking for ways to celebrate New Year's Noon, or New Year's Eve, with the family? Stop by the library and grab one of our New Year's Activity Kits! Each kit will come with multiple activities for the whole family. These kits will be available to pick up starting December 26th and will be available while supplies last.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, December 26 from 6:00—8:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month (*Note: new day/time*). All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

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

New Year's Hours:

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

Library closed: Thursday, January 1



Back by popular demand!

**Fit the Pieces Jigsaw Puzzle Fundraiser
Thursday, January 22 from 6:00—8:00 pm**

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Save the Date!

**Mystery Dinner Theatre Fundraiser
Murder at the Fish Fly Club
Saturday, February 28 @ 6:30 pm**

The JKPL is excited to announce the 2026 Mystery Dinner Fundraiser! Join us for a night of mystery and intrigue in the wild and romantic era of the roaring '20's! The show will be performed by the Brew Ha Ha Players, the meal will be catered by J & D Catering, and the event will be held at the Dyersville Social Center. Snow date is March 7. Themed dress is welcome! Tickets are \$75.00 per person or a group of six (6) for \$400.00. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance. These tickets make a good holiday gift! **Tickets on sale December 10!**

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**Soup Lunch and Dinner Fundraiser
Monday, January 12
11:30 am —1:00 pm & 4:30—6:30 pm**

Enjoy a bowl of homemade chili or chicken noodle soup. Or make it a meal with crackers, roll, and a cookie. Again this year, we are offering carryout service for lunch as well as dinner. Final details to be announced.

Upcoming EVENTS

Teen Quiz Bowl Saturday, January 3 @ 4:00 pm

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

Registration for Kids Can Cook Begins Monday, January 5

Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron.

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Join us for this classic holiday favorite! A mischievous 8-year-old who's picked on by his older siblings and ignored by his parents would really rather be left alone—and that's exactly what happens when he gets accidentally left behind in a frenzied rush to the airport for a family vacation in Paris over the holiday season. After learning to fend for himself, the boy has to protect his house against two bumbling burglars who are planning to rob it. Rated PG (102 min.)

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- Please note that this film may be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments.

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



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Join Dubuque County Conservation in learning about evergreen trees found here in Eastern Iowa. Be ready to learn about the differences between cedars, spruces, pines, and other evergreens. We will also be creating a pine needle tea to taste during our presentation and you'll take home another recipe to try on your own.

- For ages 12 and up.
- Registration is encouraged as a minimum of 8 participants is required for this event to be held.

Used Book Sale Friday, January 23 thru Monday, January 26

Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Bags of books are \$2.00 on Monday, the last day of the sale. Hours are:

Friday, January 23: 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, January 24: 9:00 am–3:00 pm
Sunday, January 25: 1:00–4:00 pm
Monday, January 26: 9:00 am–6:00 pm

Antique Children's Book Sale Saturday, January 24 from 9:00 am–2:00 pm

Visit the Library to peruse a donated collection of antique children's picture books from the 1960s through the late 1990s. Enjoy the memories of bygone books, and support the library by purchasing some for your own collection. Books will be priced to sell at \$5 each, but the memories, laughs, and potential finds are priceless!

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Layette Quilt Sale continues through December 23!</div>	1 Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Books For Lunch @ 12pm Genealogy with Ann from 1-3pm <i>Elf</i> (PG) @ 6pm	2	3 Storytime @ 10:30am & 6:30pm Sit & Stitch from 1-3pm Tween Craft Afternoon from 4-5pm	4 Celebrate National Cookie Day! Strength Training @ 9:30am & 10:30am Health & Wellness 365 @ 11:15am Sustainability & Conservation @ 6pm	5 Euchre Card Party from 1-3:30pm Cookie Walk from 1-5pm	6 Cookie Walk from 9am-3pm Snowball Fight Storytime @ 10:30am JKPL at Merry Mingle Market from 12-4pm
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Upcoming Events - JANUARY 2026 and Beyond

Library closed: Thursday, January 1

Children's Pretend Play Station: Pizza Restaurant: January 2-31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in Pizza Restaurant play!

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Pizza: January 2-31. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Pizza" scavenger hunt to earn a sticker! One sticker per child per library visit.

Kids Can Craft: Create a Pizza Person: January 2-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to design and color a hilarious pizza person. Pepperoni wearing a wedding dress? Vegetarian in farm overalls? Be creative and have fun! Every design turned in qualifies the artist for an entry into the drawing for a prize basket. Limit is one entry per day. The winner will be announced in early February.

Winter Wonderland Library Challenge: January 2-February 28. The JKPL is once again offering a winter library program for all ages. Details to be decided.

Creation Station Craft: January 2-31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home!

Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: January 2-31. 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: January 2-31. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: January 2-31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Home Cooking*. 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®: "Snowflakes On Our Tongues" by Mike Ornstein: January 2-31 (continued from December). 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.

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

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Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, January 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 & 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.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, January 5 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *The Santa Claus Girl* by Patricia Goodin. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The Zoom room is opened upon request. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please email librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 10:00 am on the day of the program and an invitation to the Zoom room will be emailed to you.

Genealogy with Ann: Monday, January 5 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

“Home Alone” – an All-Abilities Movie Event: Monday, January 5 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this classic holiday favorite! A mischievous 8-year-old who's picked on by his older siblings and ignored by his parents would really rather be left alone—and that's exactly what happens when he gets accidentally left behind in a frenzied rush to the airport for a family vacation in Paris over the holiday season. After learning to fend for himself, the boy has to protect his house against two bumbling burglars who are planning to rob it. Rated PG (102 min.) Refreshments provided. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion. Please note that this film may be shown with closed captioning enabled, ambient light and potentially other sensory friendly adjustments.

Storytime: Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm. Join Ms. Andrea for Storytime, where children are introduced to two or three books, rhymes, songs and a movement activity. Storytime is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required and participation is encouraged. No registration needed. Storytime will be held weekly through March 25.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Party, January 7 @ 7:00 pm. All children who have enrolled in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program in 2025 are invited to attend the 1000 Books Party and Graduation after our regularly scheduled evening storytime. Kids who attend the party will receive a picture book and Goldfish crackers, and graduates of the program receive a trophy!. An email invitation will be sent to participants, and all family members and siblings are welcome to attend. Adult supervision is required.

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

Early Out Afternoons: Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 3:30-4:30 pm. School's out early on Wednesdays, so head to the library every week for special activities geared toward kids of all ages! Children under age 7 are welcome, but must attend with a teen or adult companion. The dates and activities are: January 7- Pom Pom Shooters; January 14- LEGO Club; January 21- Writing, Drawing and Coloring; and January 28- Book Bingo.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Freaky Friday”: Saturday, January 10 @ 1:00 pm. Dr. Tess Coleman and her teenage daughter Anna have one thing in common -- they don't relate to each other on anything. Then one night a little mystic mayhem changes their lives and they wake up to the biggest freak-out ever - they are trapped inside each other's body! But Tess's wedding is Saturday and the two must find a way to switch back -- fast! Literally forced to walk in each other's shoes, will they gain respect and understanding for the other's point of view? Rated PG (97 minutes). Join us January 24 for the sequel!

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Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, January 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 *Under the Texas Mistletoe* by Karen Witemeyer. 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 email dschrandt@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 6pm on the day of the program so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

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Fit the Pieces Jigsaw Puzzle Fundraiser: Thursday, January 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Join us in celebrating National Puzzle Day at this fundraising event to support the JKPL! This event will be held at Textile Brewery. Teams of up to 4 individuals can buy a table for \$60.00 which includes a 500-piece puzzle. Complete the puzzle first to win! Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place. Be sure to bring some cash to buy some fun twists like freezing the competition, making them wear gloves, putting them in jail and more - with all proceeds going to the library! Participation is limited to 15 teams. Textile Brewery will donate 10% of food sales during the event to the JKPL. All proceeds will benefit the James Kennedy Public Library.

Used Book Sale: Friday, January 23 thru Monday, January 26. Join us for the Friends of the Library used book sale, which will be held in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Bags of books are \$2.00 on Monday, the last day of the sale. Hours are: Friday, January 23: 9:00 am—5:00 pm; Saturday, January 24: 9:00 am—3:00 pm; Sunday, January 25: 1:00-4:00 pm; and Monday, January 26: 9:00 am—6:00 pm.

Antique Children's Book Sale: Saturday, January 24 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Visit the James Kennedy Public Library to peruse a donated collection of antique children's picture books from the 1960s through the late 1990s. Enjoy the memories of bygone books, and support the library by purchasing some for your own collection. Books will be priced to sell at \$5 each (with price reductions on each hour), but the memories, laughs, and potential finds are priceless! The funds raised at this event will help fund a wooden play structure in the library's children's area.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, January 23 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion.

Strings Club: Monday, January 26 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

LEGO® Builder Challenge program: Tuesday, January 27 from 3:45-4:45 pm. Looking to challenge your LEGO® building skills? This competitive LEGO® program has participants is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. The winner will receive a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, January 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 contact the library by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Free Trees for Earth Day! The JKPL is celebrating Earth Day again this spring by participating in the Annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids every Earth Day. Since 2010, Neighborhood Forest has reached over 100,000 families and planted over 50,000 (mostly urban and residential) trees through the hands of children and parents across North America. The JKPL is excited to be participating in this wonderful program that teaches kids stewardship through the magic and wonder of planting and watching trees grow. More details coming.

Love My Library Giving Tree Fundraiser: February 2026. Do you “Love Your Library”? Then consider participating in this annual fundraising activity that will improve the collections, programs, and services the library is able to offer. Library staff have identified books and other materials, furnishings, equipment, programs, supplies, and more that the library needs. Select one or more items and donate the funds needed for purchase. Or purchase the items yourself and donate them to the library. Donations will be written on a heart and displayed on the library windows as well as acknowledged on the library website and social media. Where appropriate the library will attach a tag or book plate acknowledging the donation and the donor will be the first to check it out. Some items are listed on the bulletin board in the entry to the library as well as being featured on the library webpage and social media. The complete list can be viewed at the front desk or from the home page of the library’s website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us). Not finding something you want to “love”? Bring your ideas to a librarian!

Virtual Reality with VictoryLabsFX: Saturday, February 14 from 10:00-11:30 am. VictoryLabsFX is a virtual reality educational program that the library can access with our Metaquest VR headsets. Join us as we do a little chemistry, check out some planets, and see some museum exhibits - all with VR! Feel free to drop in as you are able. For ages 12 and up.

Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Begins: Would you like to help raise money for the library? It is fun and easy! Just pick something you love and build a basket of items around that theme. Or pick a favorite book and build a basket around that book. Create your basket and donate it to the library by early March. The baskets will be auctioned off in a silent auction. Dates to be confirmed. The library will provide you with an empty basket if you need one. Or you can just donate your items to the library and we can put them all in a basket for you. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.

Miniature Golf @ Your Library: Sunday, February 15 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Come to the library for this special after-hours event for all ages. For one night only, we’ll turn the library into a mini-golf course! Come tee off between the stacks and navigate our book obstacles which will be designed by library staff and/or volunteers. All ages welcome but those under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre Fundraiser: “Murder at the Fish Fly Club”:
Saturday, February 28 @ 6:30 pm. Join us at the Dyersville Social Center for a night of mystery, music, and mayhem in the wild and romantic era of the roaring ‘20s! The show will be performed by the Brew Ha Ha Players. Tickets are \$75.00 each or a group of six (6) for \$400.00. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance. Doors open at 5:45 pm and the performance starts promptly at 6:30 pm. Themed dress is welcome! The meal (salad, entree, and dessert) will be catered by J&D Catering. There is not a bar at the venue location. Snow date is March 7. Tickets go on sale December 10!

Description for *Murder at the Fish Fly Club*:

Step back into the wild and romantic world of the Roaring '20s, where the champagne flows, the jazz sizzles, and danger lurks behind every beaded curtain! When Buzz Nessman, the dashing owner of Dyersville's most notorious speakeasy—The Fish Fly Club—is found murdered, the joint goes from jumpin' to downright deadly. Was it the prim and proper prohibitionist N.A. O'Doul? Or Buzz's crooked business partner, Bootleg Willie? Maybe the sultry songbird Bea Sharpe, or Betty Jane - Buzz's "sweet" but not-so-innocent mistress? Grab your pearls, your fedoras, and your flask and join the bumbling, yet oddly charming detective, Jack Slickman as the mystery unfolds right before your eyes!



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

Fund Statement: 10/1/2025 through 10/31/2025

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

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	21,404.76
Gifts	100.00
Interest/Dividend Income	23.70
Realized Gains (Losses)	2.47
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	103.16
Other Income	0.00
Grants Approved	0.00
Investment & Admin Fees	(31.36)
Credit Card Fees	0.00
ENDING FUND BALANCE	21,602.73
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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Finance Committee Report – December 2025:

Members of the Finance Committee Sally Kelly and Catherine O’Hea, along with Board President Alex Wiezorek and Library Director Shirley Vonderhaar met with City Councilman Tom Westhoff on Thursday, November 20, 2025. Sally, Catherine and Shirley also met with Mick Michel and the City Council Policy and Administration Committee of Tom Westhoff, Mike English and Mayor Jeff Jacque on November 21, 2025. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the \$18,000 difference in the FY26 Library Operating Budget.

Key points from these meetings are as follows:

- Tom believed the City Council had agreed to fully fund the FY26 Operating Budget request
- Mick reduced the library request as part of his budget work
- The City Council reviewed and approved the final overall city budget with this adjustment
- The City has funds / could amend the budget to allocate an additional \$18,000 but Mick believes this should be controlled by the City, follow his proposal for \$10,000 in Capital and \$8,000 for a Study, per the proposal that was shared via email.
- Mick expressed concern that the JKPL budget is higher than that of libraries in cities of comparable size and thought a study would help determine why. Mick also expressed concern that the JKPL is being used by nonresidents, while it is funded primarily by Dyersville property tax dollars. He suggested a study could examine this as well. Library representatives noted that most of the information that would be found in a study could likely be provided by the Library so a study was not a good use of funds.
- Mick suggested allocating funds for capital projects that would reduce long term costs, however, he did not have any specific projects in mind. Library representatives noted that most projects that would have this effect (HVAC, lights) have already been updated. Further, the JKPL has a Capital Projects plan and the upcoming projects would require more than \$10,000 to complete (carpet, roof, 1 remaining HVAC scheduled for FY27)
- Mick shared concerns for future budgets given the restrictions imposed by the State of Iowa and indicated that may impact the library’s budget in the future, however he also noted that it is up to the City Council and the Dyersville Community if they wish to continue to support the JKPL so it is able to maintain the current level of service.
- Much of the JKPL budget is wages and benefits. Mick was asked if he thought the JKPL was overstaffed and he said no; that the JKPL utilizes part-time staff and volunteers to help with these needs.
- Mayor Jeff Jacque stated that he thought a compromise of amending the JKPL Budget to add \$10,000 would be a reasonable solution.

At the end of the meeting, Mick was directed to include a \$10,000 budget amendment increase to the library, as part of the upcoming City Budget Amendment process.