

Hello Board Members:

Here is the information packet for the March 10 meeting. Hope to see you all there!

1. Call to Order
2. Consider Approval of Agenda
3. Consider Approval of Agenda Consent Calendar
 - Correspondence & Communication
 - Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: February 10, 2026 Regular Meeting - **A**
 - Approve February Librarian's Report - **B**
 - Approve Bills:
 - March Bills - **C**
 - Claims Report for February - **D**
 - February & March Credit Card Claims - **E**
 - Budget Reports
 - February City Report - **F**
 - February Library Report - **G**
 - Trust Account Reports
 - February Bank Statement - **H**
 - February Balance Report - **I**
 - Trust Account Expenditure Report - **J**
 - February Donations - **K**
 - Program Reports
 - February Report of Programs and Attendance - **L**
 - February WhoFi Program Overview - **M**
 - March Schedule of Events - **N**
 - Schedule for Upcoming Programs - **O**
 - Grant Report
 - Friends of the Library Report – **The Friends are meeting 2/10 so I will provide a verbal update**
 - JKPL Endowment Report – **P: Summary of Fund Activity for January 2026; Q: Endowment distribution letter. Have registered for Great Give Day – May 20.**
 - Strategic Planning Report

- Committee Reports
 - Executive Committee
 - Finance Committee – **Recommending approval of Trust Account Budget Amendment request – Action item 4**
 - Fundraising, Marketing and Public Relations Committee – **R: Notes from March meeting**
 - Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee
 - Personnel Committee
 - Policy Committee – **Recommending approval of polices – Action items 5, 6, & 7**
4. Consider Approval of Trust Account Budget Amendment request for FY26
 5. Consider Approval of Confidentiality of Library Records Policy
 6. Consider Approval of Donations, Gifts, and Memorials Policy
 7. Consider Approval of Continuity of Operations Plan
 8. Meetings and Training
 - City Council Attendance: **April 6: Beth Derr**
 - Upcoming: **Public Libraries of Dubuque County Agency – March 19**
 - Recently Attended
 - Trustee Training: **Board Assessment – It is recommended that the Board as a whole and / or individual trustees regularly complete a Board Assessment. Item 8 in your packet includes a 1-page assessment that should be completed by the Board together, along with a self-assessment and a Tech Savvy checklist for review independently.**
 9. Oral Presentations: **Organizational Chart included for information.**
 10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2026



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Regular Library Board Meeting

**Tuesday,
March 10, 2026
6:00 pm**
Hoffman Community Room
James Kennedy Public Library

Agenda Topics

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James Kennedy Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the February 10th, 2026 Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the James Kennedy Public Library was held on Tuesday, February 10th, 2026 in the Hoffman Room. Present: Beth Gudenkauf, Beth Derr, Alex Wiezorek, Catherine O’Hea, Melissa Kane, Alycia Willenbring, Monika Steffen and Library Director Shirley Vonderhaar. Absent: Danelle Schroeder and Sally Kelly.

1. President Alex Wiezorek called meeting to order at 6:06 pm.
2. Consider Approval of Agenda
 - Steffen MOVED “Approval of Agenda,” seconded by Kane.
 - Ayes: Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O’Hea, Kane, Steffen and Willenbring
 - Nays: None
 - Motion CARRIED
3. Consider Approval of Agenda Consent Calendar
 - Correspondence & Communication
 - Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - Approve January Librarian’s Report
 - Approve Bills:
 - February Bills
 - Claims Report for January
 - January & February Credit Card Claims
 - Budget Reports
 - January City Report
 - January Library Report
 - Trust Account Reports
 - January Bank Statements - The City closed the account at Midwest One and deposited the funds in the Fidelity Bank.
 - January Balance Report
 - Trust Account Expenditure Report
 - January Donations
 - Program Reports
 - January Report on Programs and Attendance
 - January WhoFi Program Overview
 - February Schedule of Events
 - Schedule for Upcoming Programs
 - Grant Report – Nothing to Report
 - Friends of the Library Report – Their next meeting is scheduled for March 10. They have decided to host a 1-day book sale on March 28, the same hours as the JKPL STEAMfest.

- JKPL Endowment Report – reviewed fund statement
- Strategic Planning Report – Nothing to Report
- Public Libraries of Dubuque County Agency update – Durango joined the Agency effective January 1, 2026, and the Spring Agency meeting is scheduled for March 19.
- Committee Reports
 - Executive Committee – nothing to report
 - Finance Committee –FY27 Budget request will be presented at the City Council Work Session on Monday, February 16, following the regular Council Meeting.
 - Fundraising, Marketing and Public Relations Committee – discussed recent fundraisers and upcoming.
 - Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee – Reviewed and are recommending for Approval the ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities: Priority 3 – Toilet Rooms
 - Personnel Committee – nothing to report
 - Policy Committee - Reviewed and are recommending for Approval the Policies.

Steffen MOVED “Approval of Agenda Consent Calendar,” seconded by Derr.

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

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

4. Consider Approval of extending library open hours on Saturday, March 14, 2026

Kane MOVED “Approval of extending library hours on Saturday, March 14th,” seconded by Steffen.

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

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

5. Consider Approval of JKPL Personnel Policy Statement and Addendums: Employee Appearance, Holidays, Inclement Weather, Social Media Sites and Social Media Comments

Policy Committee MOVED “Approval of JKPL Personnel Policy Statement and Addendums: Employee Appearance, Holidays, Inclement Weather, Social Media Sites and Social Media Comments.” No second needed.

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

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

6. Consider Approval of Library Access for Sex Offenders Convicted of Sex Offenses Against Minors

Policy Committee MOVED "Approval of Library Access for Sex Offenders Convicted of Sex Offenses Against Minors." No second needed.

Ayes: Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O'Hea, Kane, Steffen and Willenbring

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

7. Review and consideration of ADA Checklist for Existing Facilities: Priority 3 – Toilet Rooms

Steffen MOVED "Approval of JKPL Application for Accreditation and Direct State Aid Tier Level," seconded by Derr.

Ayes: Gudenkauf, Derr, Wiezorek, O'Hea, Kane, Steffen and Willenbring

Nays: None

Motion CARRIED

8. Review and consideration of JKPL Application for Accreditation and Direct State Aid Tier Level

No motion needed – for our information only.

9. Meetings and Training

- City Council Attendance: March 2: Monika Steffen
- Upcoming
- Recently Attended: Shirley attended several ILOC sessions.
- Trustee Training: The Council approved a Code of Conduct Policy recently. This code applies to all Board Members.

10. Oral Presentations

11. Adjournment

Steffen MOVED to adjourn, seconded by Derr. Meeting ADJOURNED by Wiezorek at 6:41 pm.

Beth Gudenkauf, Secretary

Date

JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

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Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

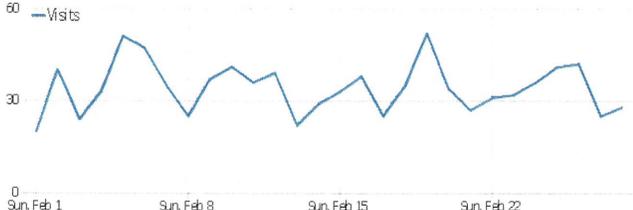
Month: February-26
 YTD: July-25 to February-26
 Previous YTD: July-24 to February-25

	Library visits		Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	4756	(↑ 11.1%)	6589	(↓ 12.7%)	14	24	(↓ 4%)
YTD	39099	(↑ 2.5%)	61483	(↓ 0.2%)	131	203	(↓ 4.7%)

Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
958	1:14



Computer use



	Hours			Sessions		
	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
	323	1655	1701	456	3344	3440

Wifi use



	Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
	1067	8468	870	7161	333	1586

Meeting room use



	Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
	58	603	488

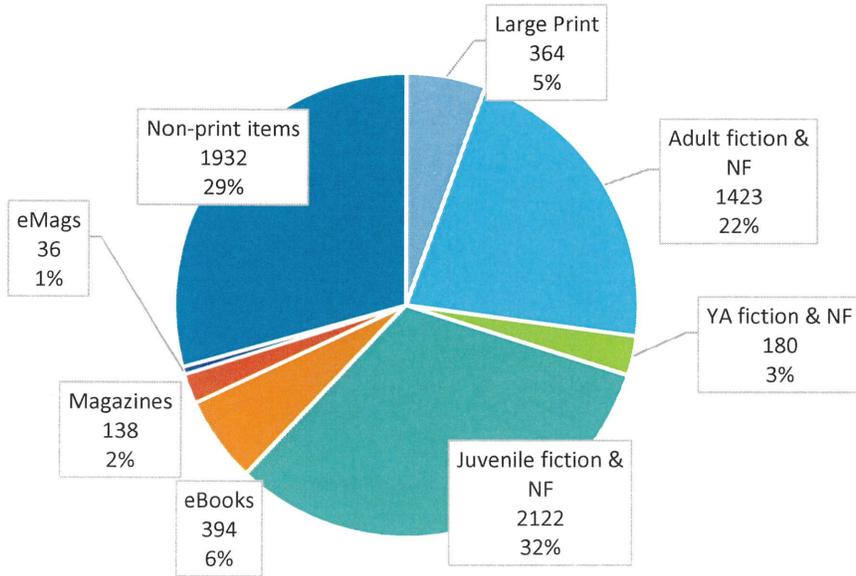
Online Learning

Sessions: 26
 YTD: 783

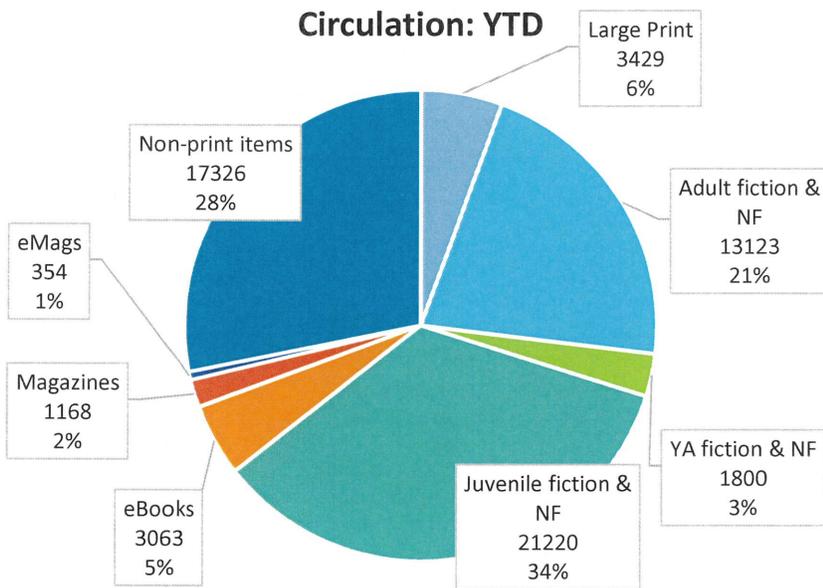


Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

	Month	YTD
eAudio	692	5421
Adult & YA audio	73	723
Juvenile audio & kits	21	174
Adult & YA video	484	5644
Juvenile video & DVD	299	2548
Games, LoT, etc.	363	2816
Total	1932	17326

Music

Downloads: 5
Total YTD: 26



Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 8
YTD: 103



Visits: 295
YTD: 1405



Languages

Sessions: 103
YTD: 402



Genealogy

Visits: 866
YTD: 3503



World Culture

Visits: 0
YTD: 30



Hobbies

Sessions: 50
YTD: 152



Sessions: 0
YTD: 0



Collection

Items purchased	
Month:	144
YTD:	1745

Items donated	
Month:	92
YTD:	397
Prev. YTD:	899

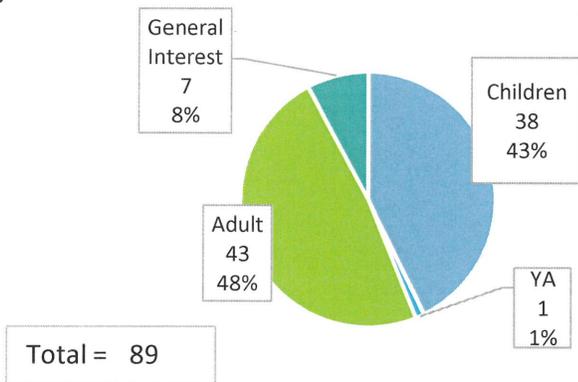
	Month	YTD
Books	129	1609
Audio	0	3
Video	3	454
Other	22	83
Total	154	2149

Summary of additions

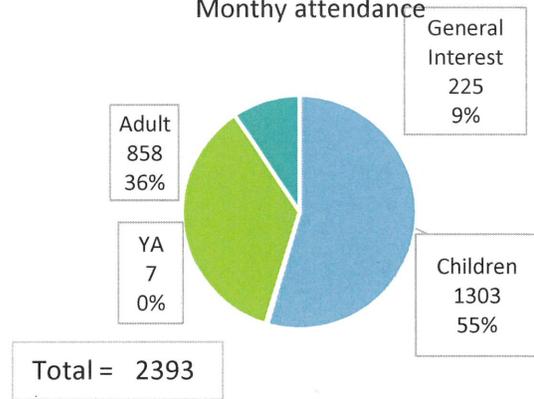
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	13	64	27	12	53	5	14	2	0	20	7	19	236
Previous month	14	64	25	17	83	15	15	4	1	38	10	17	303
Current YTD	114	610	224	140	535	73	85	30	4	217	39	71	2142
Previous YTD	163	708	270	132	518	125	79	39	3	253	94	67	2451

Programs

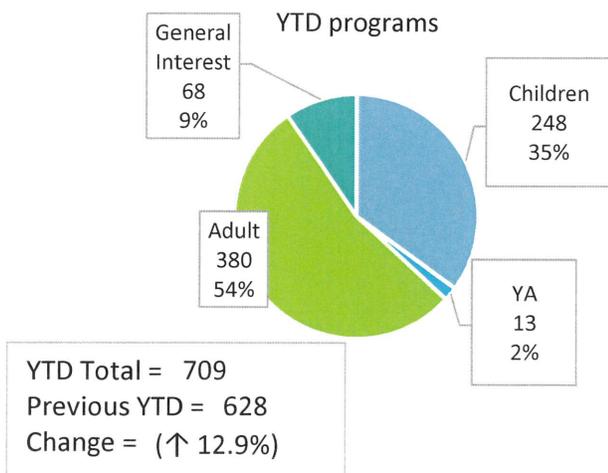
Monthly programs



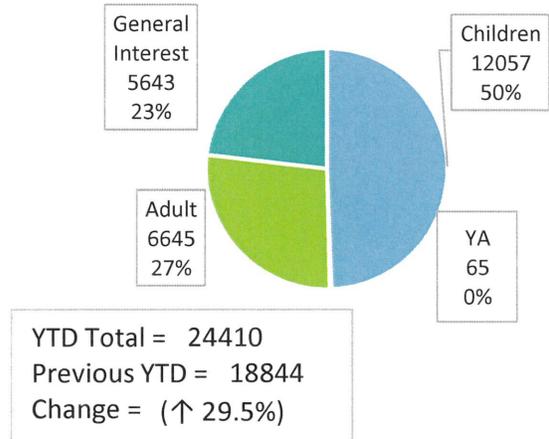
Monthly attendance



YTD programs



YTD attendance





Dyersville, IA



Expense Approval Register

Packet: APPKT02167 - Mar 2026 Library Bills

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Description (Item)	Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND					
Department: 410 - LIBRARY					
BOOK SYSTEMS INC	146884	ILS Annual Contract	001-5-410-4-64316	CONTRACTS	1,269.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	02.06.26	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	02.13.26	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	02.20.26	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	02.27.26	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	250.00
FAREWAY STORES INC	00316104	Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	20.43
MAIERS, AUDREY	02.12.26	Program Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	8.55
PALM, CHRISTA	02.18.26	Program Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	36.36
AMAZON	13D1-MP37-Y3K9	Supplies Credit	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	-34.19
AMAZON	1FRD-C7M4-QF6V	Supplies Credit	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	-13.28
AMAZON	1FW4-X7KD-3V6C	Supplies Credit	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	-19.49
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Marketing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	214.03
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	216.39
AMAZON	1QJY-97PC-Y6Y7	Supplies Credit	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	-16.98
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2225383	CD Processing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5.90
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2226986	CD Processing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2.95
DEMCO EDUCATIONAL CORP	7758126	Program Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	57.65
COMPLETE OFFICE OF WISC...	92298	Building Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	75.75
OVERDRIVE	06497CO26058340	Electronic Media	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	694.42
AMAZON	199R-TQ9F-PL4J	Books returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-15.40
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	DVD	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	258.90
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	117.53
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	65.30
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	300.36
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	165.17
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2219498	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	53.69
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2225383	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	80.95
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2226986	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	35.99
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2228559	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	27.92
CENGAGE LEARNING	999102283671	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	26.64
CENGAGE LEARNING	999102297863	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	65.58
CENGAGE LEARNING	999102334071	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	22.39
CENGAGE LEARNING	999102334072	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	48.73
CENGAGE LEARNING	999102394312	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	22.74
CENGAGE LEARNING	999102408462	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	14.94
Department 410 - LIBRARY Total:					4,808.92
Fund 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:					4,808.92
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND					
Department: 410 - LIBRARY					
FAREWAY STORES INC	00181433	Kids Can Cook	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	32.18
FAREWAY STORES INC	00422808	Kids Can Cook	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	31.37
FAREWAY STORES INC	00426102	Kids Can Cook	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	25.38
VONDERHAAR, SHIRLEY	02.09.26	Fundraising	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	91.44
VONDERHAAR, SHIRLEY	02.09.26	Programs	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	41.74
SCHRANDT, DAWN	02.10.26	Book for Program - Friends	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	29.76
PALM, CHRISTA	02.18.26	Baseball Spy Program	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	96.27
VONDERHAAR, SHIRLEY	02.28.26	Mystery Dinner Fundraiser	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	1,167.00
J & D MART LTD	02.28.26	Mystery Dinner Fundraiser -...	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	1,034.00
AMAZON	11DL-NDK6-XRHP	Books Returned	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-11.57
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Programs - Craft Supplies	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	89.03
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Reiser Books - Friends of the ...	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	83.40
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Kids Can Cook	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	23.27

Expense Approval Register

Packet: APPKT02167 - Mar 2026 Library Bills

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Description (Item)	Account Number	Account Name	Amount
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	LTC Grant	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	207.99
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Love My Library - Games	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	298.15
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Books - Donation	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	684.86
AMAZON	1LX3-TT4Q-VP9J	Legos - DuTrac	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	24.88
AMAZON	1PPM-6NF3-RPXQ	Puzzle Credit	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-12.48
AMAZON	1YW4-FGVD-FQ6K	Books Returned	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-11.57
KANOPY INC	494632-PPU	Streaming Services	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	39.00
HOOPLA BY MIDWEST TAPE	508513639	Streaming Services	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	898.11
CENGAGE LEARNING	999102283671	Hoffman Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	26.39
AMAZON	iWM4-LLVK-1N64	Books Returned	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	-14.00
				Department 410 - LIBRARY Total:	4,874.60
				Fund 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total:	4,874.60
				Grand Total:	9,683.52

Fund Summary

Fund	Expense Amount
001 - GENERAL FUND	4,808.92
002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND	<u>4,874.60</u>
Grand Total:	9,683.52

Account Summary

Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount
001-5-410-4-64316	CONTRACTS	1,269.00
001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	1,000.00
001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	554.07
001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS...	1,985.85
002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDI...	<u>4,874.60</u>
	Grand Total:	9,683.52

Project Account Summary

Project Account Key	Expense Amount
None	5,871.51
410AB	116.94
410AN	284.96
410DVD	258.90
410EM	694.42
410LP	282.63
410PF	65.30
410PN	117.53
410TGAMES	298.15
410TGRANT	207.99
410TMEM	26.39
410TPROG	1,293.63
410YAF	<u>165.17</u>
	Grand Total:
	9,683.52

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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Secretary, Board of Trustees

Date

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**James Kennedy Public Library
February 2026**

Utilities and Contractual

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Black Hills	Gas / Heat	833.80
Alliant Energy	Electricity	1,402.09
Access Systems	Copier contract	182.08
Total		\$2,417.97

Miscellaneous Bills

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Giant Wash	Floor Mats	30.98
Credit Card – ALA	Webinar – refund / credit	-89.00
Ace	Locknut, connectors	8.33
Crescent Electric	LED lamps	558.28
Credit Card - Terry	Halogen bulb	22.98
Pitney Bowes	Shipping	185.22
Preferred Health Choices	HRA admin fee	56.67
Total		\$773.46

February 2026 Budget	
February 2026 Claims submitted	8,734.37
Utility and Contractual from Bills above	2,417.97
Miscellaneous Bills from above	773.46
Total wages and benefits	40,473.38
Total February expenses	\$52,399.18

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

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Credit Card Claims for February & March 2026

Date	Vendor	Items	Amount
2/28/2026	Meta	Facebook marketing	13.38

Budget Report
Account Summary

For Fiscal: 2025-2026 Period Ending: 02/28/2026

		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	25,810.90	231,490.28	110,172.72	32.25 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61100</u>	FICA	21,183.00	21,183.00	1,546.51	13,961.90	7,221.10	34.09 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61200</u>	MEDICARE	4,954.00	4,954.00	361.71	3,265.55	1,688.45	34.08 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61300</u>	IPERS	32,253.00	32,253.00	2,364.95	20,994.24	11,258.76	34.91 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61500</u>	GROUP INSURANCE	45,536.00	45,536.00	10,330.47	33,683.29	11,852.71	26.03 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61700</u>	SUI	246.00	246.00	58.84	306.74	-60.74	-24.69 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62100</u>	DUES	850.00	850.00	0.00	541.00	309.00	36.35 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62300</u>	MEETINGS/TRAINING	2,500.00	2,500.00	-89.00	299.56	2,200.44	88.02 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63710</u>	ELECTRICITY	12,000.00	12,000.00	1,402.09	10,025.32	1,974.68	16.46 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63711</u>	GAS HEAT	3,000.00	3,000.00	833.80	2,456.63	543.37	18.11 %
<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	906.96	1,835.82	6,164.18	77.05 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64080</u>	INSURANCE PREMIUM	10,500.00	10,500.00	56.67	146.67	10,353.33	98.60 %
<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	483.04	2,180.95	-2,180.95	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64322</u>	CONTRACTED SERVICES	13,600.00	13,600.00	1,000.00	8,526.00	5,074.00	37.31 %
<u>001-5-410-4-65060</u>	OFFICE SUPPLIES	20,500.00	20,500.00	1,390.07	6,380.65	14,119.35	68.87 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67210</u>	FURNITURE/FIXTURES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67274</u>	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/EQUIPM	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	100.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67701</u>	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SUBSCRIP	42,000.00	42,000.00	5,942.17	36,500.64	5,499.36	13.09 %
	Expense Total:	558,785.00	568,785.00	52,399.18	372,595.24	196,189.76	34.49%
	Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:	558,785.00	568,785.00	52,399.18	372,595.24	196,189.76	34.49%
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND							
Expense							
<u>002-5-410-4-67700</u>	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	40,000.00	40,000.00	4,282.54	30,096.05	9,903.95	24.76 %
	Expense Total:	40,000.00	40,000.00	4,282.54	30,096.05	9,903.95	24.76%
	Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total:	40,000.00	40,000.00	4,282.54	30,096.05	9,903.95	24.76%
	Report Total:	598,785.00	608,785.00	56,681.72	402,691.29	206,093.71	33.85%

James Kennedy Public Library FY26 Operating Budget							
	Revised					Received	
ESTIMATED REVENUES:	Dec-25	December	January	February	March (est)	to date	Difference
Dubuque County Library Agency	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00
Fees from copier, R/P, etc.	3,500.00	449.10	327.97	202.08	300.00	2,786.96	713.04
Open Access	8,500.00	9,272.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,272.81	-772.81
Access Plus / ILL	1,200.00	1,266.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,266.29	-66.29
Direct State Aid	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,023.90	76.10
TOTAL:	23,800.00	10,988.20	327.97	202.08	300.00	15,349.96	8,450.04
						15,349.96	8,450.04
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:							
PERSONAL SERVICES							Remaining
Wages	343,000.00	27,430.29	33,218.67	25,810.90	26,500.00	231,490.28	111,509.72
FICA	21,266.00	1,653.52	2,005.83	1,546.51	1,643.00	13,961.90	7,304.10
Medicare	4,974.00	386.74	469.11	361.71	384.25	3,265.55	1,708.45
IPERS	32,379.00	2,387.61	2,966.23	2,364.95	2,501.60	20,994.24	11,384.76
SUI	343.00	9.53	33.19	58.84	26.50	306.74	36.26
Group Insurance	45,000.00	3,319.75	3,542.71	10,330.47	3,600.00	33,683.29	11,316.71
Meetings and training	1,000.00	0.00	89.00	-89.00	0.00	299.56	700.44
Dues and memberships	850.00	0.00	641.00	0.00	0.00	541.00	309.00
TOTAL:	448,812.00	35,187.44	42,965.74	40,384.38	34,655.35	304,542.56	144,269.44
						304,542.56	144,269.44
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:							
Utilities (telephone)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	15,000.00	848.25	1,169.08	1,402.09	1,000.00	10,025.32	4,974.68
Gas / Heat	3,000.00	372.84	743.66	833.80	700.00	2,456.63	543.37
Insurance (bldg)	10,500.00	15.00	15.00	56.67	15.00	146.67	10,353.33
Legal Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Custodial services	13,000.00	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	8,000.00	5,000.00
Window cleaning	600.00	368.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	526.00	74.00
Service / Maintenance Cont	8,000.00	175.95	478.08	483.04	1,269.00	2,180.95	5,819.05
TOTAL:	50,100.00	2,780.04	3,655.82	3,775.60	3,984.00	23,335.57	26,764.43
						23,335.57	26,764.43
SUPPLIES:							
General library supplies	9,000.00	88.83	856.29	1,176.58	295.13	4,235.69	4,764.31
Program fees & supplies	1,500.00	54.54	49.27	213.49	44.91	1,364.27	135.73
Marketing & advertising	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	214.03	780.69	219.31
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	300.75	442.48	906.96	317.37	1,835.82	6,164.18
TOTAL	19,500.00	444.12	1,348.04	2,297.03	871.44	8,216.47	11,283.53
						8,216.47	11,283.53
BOOKS AND MATERIALS							
Adult fiction	6,000.00	767.47	769.47	372.44	0.00	5,914.56	85.44
Adult nonfiction	4,500.00	137.63	355.09	497.42	284.96	3,167.72	1,332.28
YA fiction	2,000.00	86.15	164.64	173.58	165.17	1,258.70	741.30
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	0.00	71.60	203.87	0.00	401.02	598.98
Juvenile fiction	7,000.00	768.18	583.28	211.79	65.30	5,374.30	1,625.70
Juvenile nonfiction	3,373.00	176.33	16.80	2,548.15	117.53	3,215.63	157.37
Large Print	3,000.00	428.92	204.92	417.99	282.63	1,565.57	1,434.43
Electronic media (ebooks, e	8,000.00	684.98	0.00	878.39	694.42	5,317.63	2,682.37
Reference & electronic data	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,519.21	1,480.79
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,004.76	995.24
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	1,500.00	202.12	166.62	159.14	116.94	1,208.03	291.97
Software & Gaming	1,500.00	69.99	79.79	69.00	0.00	917.75	582.25
DVDs	4,500.00	538.59	338.44	302.41	258.90	3,385.98	1,114.02
SS / Creation Station / LoT	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	107.99	0.00	249.78	750.22
TOTAL:	50,373.00	3,860.36	2,750.65	5,942.17	1,985.85	36,500.64	13,872.36
						36,500.64	13,872.36
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	568,785.00	42,271.96	50,720.25	52,399.18	41,496.64	372,595.24	196,189.76
TOTAL REVENUES:	23,800.00	10,988.20	327.97	202.08	300.00	15,349.96	8,450.04
ACTUAL ASKING	544,985.00	31,283.76	50,392.28	52,197.10	41,196.64	357,245.28	187,739.72
						357,245.28	

James Kennedy Public Library FY26 Operating Budget									
	Revised	% Expended	FY25 Exp.	Jan 25	Total FY25	Budget	Amount	Ov/Und	
ESTIMATED REVENUES:	Dec-25	To date	thru Jan 25	Expenses	expenses	Projection	Ov/Und	Budget	
Dubuque County Library Agency	8,500.00		0.00	0.00	0.00				
Fees from copier, R/P, etc.	3,500.00		1,560.68	315.51	1,876.19				
Open Access	8,500.00		8,324.01	0.00	8,324.01				
Access Plus / ILL	1,200.00		1,193.29	0.00	1,193.29				
Direct State Aid	2,100.00		2,060.42	0.00	2,060.42				
TOTAL:	23,800.00		13,138.40	315.51	13,453.91				
			13,138.40		13,453.91				
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:									
PERSONAL SERVICES									
Wages	343,000.00	67.8%	163,354.50	31,188.83	194,543.33	288,010.87	-56,521	0.80	
FICA	21,266.00	65.9%	9,862.12	1,886.56	11,748.68	17,851.18	-3,889	0.78	
Medicare	4,974.00	65.9%	2,306.64	441.22	2,747.86	4,175.33	-910	0.78	
IPERS	32,379.00	65.1%	14,908.72	2,821.51	17,730.23	27,226.35	-6,232	0.77	
SUI	343.00	124.7%	204.24	61.62	265.86	263.50	43	1.16	
Group Insurance	45,000.00	74.0%	27,023.94	3,319.75	30,343.69	40,076.78	-6,393	0.84	
Meetings and training	1,000.00	12.0%	1,484.18	0.00	1,484.18	1,000.00	-700	0.30	
Dues and memberships	850.00	63.6%	200.00	451.00	651.00	261.14	280	2.07	
TOTAL:	448,812.00	67.8%	219,344.34	40,170.49	259,514.83	379,340.06	-74,798	0.80	
			219,344.34		259,514.83				
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:									
Utilities (telephone)		NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	NA	
Electricity	15,000.00	83.5%	5,726.85	1,019.89	6,746.74	12,732.48	-2,707	0.79	
Gas / Heat	3,000.00	81.9%	664.34	571.86	1,236.20	1,612.21	844	1.52	
Insurance (bldg)	10,500.00	1.4%	328.00	15.00	343.00	10,040.82	-9,894	0.01	
Legal Fees		NA	0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	Nothing	
Custodial services	13,000.00	61.5%	4,350.00	2,050.00	6,400.00	8,835.94	-836	0.91	
Window cleaning	600.00	87.7%	368.00	0.00	368.00	600.00	-74	0.88	
Service / Maintenance Cont	8,000.00	27.3%	1,226.66	182.08	1,408.74	6,966.00	-4,785	0.31	
TOTAL:	50,100.00	49.5%	12,663.85	3,838.83	16,502.68	38,445.81	-15,110	0.61	
			12,663.85		16,502.68				
SUPPLIES:									
General library supplies	9,000.00	47.1%	4,401.89	212.25	4,614.14	8,586.00	-4,350	0.49	
Program fees & supplies	1,500.00	54.6%	211.17	59.92	271.09	1,168.45	196	1.17	
Marketing & advertising	1,000.00	78.1%	489.39	75.64	565.03	866.13	-85	0.90	
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	22.9%	1,988.54	26.37	2,014.91	7,895.30	-6,059	0.23	
TOTAL	19,500.00	40.1%	7,090.99	374.18	7,465.17	18,522.59	-10,306	0.44	
			7,090.99		7,465.17				
BOOKS AND MATERIALS									
Adult fiction	6,000.00	73.9%	4,485.23	171.17	4,656.40	5,779.44	135	1.02	
Adult nonfiction	4,500.00	63.4%	2,011.51	92.41	2,103.92	4,302.35	-1,135	0.74	
YA fiction	2,000.00	62.9%	860.55	277.41	1,137.96	1,512.44	-254	0.83	
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	40.1%	415.23	44.99	460.22	902.24	-501	0.44	
Juvenile fiction	7,000.00	63.2%	2,784.33	0.00	2,784.33	7,000.00	-1,626	0.77	
Juvenile nonfiction	3,373.00	80.4%	2,718.32	0.00	2,718.32	3,373.00	-157	0.95	
Large Print	3,000.00	44.7%	1,011.41	0.00	1,011.41	3,000.00	-1,434	0.52	
Electronic media (ebooks, e	8,000.00	53.2%	3,156.17	0.00	3,156.17	8,000.00	NA	NA	
Reference & electronic data	3,000.00	50.6%	19.06	0.00	19.06	3,000.00	-1,481	0.51	
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	75.1%	3,672.04	0.00	3,672.04	4,000.00	-995	0.75	
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	1,500.00	60.4%	973.35	102.48	1,075.83	1,357.11	NA	NA	
Software & Gaming	1,500.00	45.9%	539.99	561.66	1,101.65	735.25	183	1.25	
DVDs	4,500.00	67.7%	2,222.27	453.83	2,676.10	3,736.86	-351	0.91	
SS / Creation Station / LoT	1,000.00	12.5%	484.34	0.00	484.34	1,000.00	-750	0.25	
TOTAL:	50,373.00	60.8%	25,353.80	1,703.95	27,057.75	47,200.78	-10,700	0.77	
			25,353.80		27,057.75				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	568,785.00	64.6%	264,452.98	46,087.45	310,540.43	484,371.35	-111,776	0.77	
TOTAL REVENUES:	23,800.00	64.5%	13,138.40	315.51	13,453.91	23,241.86	-7,892	0.66	
ACTUAL ASKING	544,985.00	64.6%	251,314.58	45,771.94	297,086.52	461,019.49	-103,774	0.77	
			171,689.54		297,086.52				



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CHECKING ACCOUNT

BUSINESS MONEY MARKET		Number of Enclosures	3
Account Number	617571	Statement Dates	2/02/26 thru 3/01/26
Previous Balance	111,469.61	Days in the statement period	28
3 Deposits/Credits	1,404.36	Average Ledger	111,411.22
1 Checks/Debits	4,282.54	Average Collected	111,403.19
Service Charge	.00	Interest Earned	55.55
Interest Paid	55.40	Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.65%
Current Balance	108,646.83	2026 Interest Paid	111.54

ACTIVITY IN DATE ORDER

Date	Description	Amount	Balance
2/11	Deposit/Credit	646.90	112,116.51
2/19	Deposit/Credit	616.60	112,733.11
2/25	Deposit/Credit	140.86	112,873.97
2/25	Transfer from x7571 to x5358 February Claims	4,282.54-	108,591.43
2/28	Interest Deposit	55.40	108,646.83

DAILY BALANCE INFORMATION

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
2/02	111,469.61	2/11	112,116.51	2/19	112,733.11
2/25	108,591.43	2/28	108,646.83		

INTEREST RATE SUMMARY

Date	Rate
2/01	0.650000%

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TRUST ACCOUNT REPORT for February 2026

Fidelity Bank and Trust

Balances January 31, 2026

Budgeted
\$ 14,186.49

Bank Account
\$111,469.61

Deposits

February 11, 2026

Blind Date with a Book fundraiser	\$	10.00	
Textile Puzzle Fundraiser Donation	\$	100.00	
Candy / Snack Sales	\$	44.00	
Love My Library	\$	480.00	
Conscience Box	\$	3.40	
Friends booksale / donation	\$	9.50	\$ 646.90

February 19, 2026

Blind Date with a Book	\$	20.00	
Puzzle Fundraiser (twist)	\$	5.00	
Love My Library	\$	520.00	
Cash kept to make change	\$	50.00	
Candy / Snack sales	\$	12.00	
Conscience Box	\$	1.60	
Friends booksale / donation	\$	8.00	\$ 616.60

February 25, 2026

Blind Date with a Book	\$	30.00	
Love My Library	\$	100.00	
Candy / Snack sales	\$	2.00	
Conscience Box	\$	7.86	
Friends booksale / donation	\$	1.00	\$ 140.86

February 28, 2026

Interest	\$	55.40	\$ 55.40	\$ 1,459.76
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Debits:

February 25, 2026

Kanopy	\$	31.00	
Hoopla	\$	906.82	
Soup Fundraiser supplies (containeres & cutlery)	\$	75.28	
Love My Library 2025 projects	\$	173.26	
Love My Library 2026 mailing (printing and postage)	\$	1,871.17	
Puzzle Fundraiser expenses (puzzles)	\$	199.68	
Adult fiction books	\$	500.00	
Legos (DuTrac donation)	\$	59.97	
Reiser books (Friends)	\$	278.00	
Werner memorial	\$	15.94	
Read-along & sound baffles (LTC)	\$	163.45	
Facebook Marketing	\$	7.97	\$ 4,282.54

Balances February 28, 2026

\$	9,903.95	\$108,646.83
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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						\$2,558.68
Fundraising total from FY24 - Chair-ity / Wreath, Book Art, Build-a-Basket, Plant, Merch, Quilt & Garage Sale		\$5,550.97						
<i>Estimated for Kanopy: \$600</i>					Jul-25	Kanopy	\$49.00	\$260.00
					Feb-26	Kanopy	\$31.00	
<i>Estimated for Hoopla: \$7000</i>					Jul-25	Hoopla	\$763.93	\$743.14
					Feb-26	Hoopla	\$906.82	
<i>Estimated for Facebook / Meta: \$200</i>					Jul-25	Facebook ads	\$15.44	\$141.63
					Feb-25	Facebook ads	\$7.97	
Fundraising Events	Brought forward							\$28,310.17
Chairity & Wreath-it-up								\$518.03
Cookie Walk	FY24	\$1,721.16						\$5,064.49
Soup Fundraiser	FY24	\$938.03						\$2,712.90
					Feb-26	Cutlery / supplies	\$75.28	
Love My Library 2025	FY25	\$3,227.00			Aug-25	LML/ebks & bks	\$165.96	\$2,092.29
					Feb-26	LML/ Tonie	\$173.26	
Love My Library 2026	Feb-26		\$1,100.00		Feb-26	Mailing	\$1,871.17	-\$771.17
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						\$843.64
	Feb-26		\$58.00					
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						\$30.00
DTSN fundraiser	FY23 & 24	\$126.00						\$18.99
Burrito Breakfast	FY23 & 24	\$1,629.00						\$2,976.06
O So Good Partnership	FY23&24	\$2,295.00						\$6,295.00
Garage Sale Fundraiser	FY24/Purse	\$1,900.00						\$2,512.51
Puzzle Fundraiser (Textile)	FY25	\$800.35						\$800.35
Puzzle Fundraiser (Fuse)								\$801.94
Puzzle Tables (Textile)	Oct-25		\$900.00					\$1,195.16
Puzzle Twists (Textile)	Feb-26		\$5.00		Feb-26	puzzles	\$199.68	
Textile Brewing donation	Feb-26		\$100.00					
Blind Date with a book	Nov-25		\$110.00					\$855.00
	Feb-26		\$60.00					
Donations	Total Brought forward							\$18,315.24
Bilotta donation	Sep-13	\$463.98			Dec-25	Cricut fee	\$102.59	\$0.39
					Feb-26	Adult fiction	\$361.00	
William's Chiropractic	16/17	\$197.35			Jan-26	Xmas Parade	\$159.00	-\$0.65
					Feb-26	Adult fiction	\$39.00	
Mary O'Connell	FY25	\$100.00			Feb-26	Adult fiction	\$100.00	\$0.00
DuTrac - LEGO® program	Jan-26		\$400.00		Feb-26	LEGOS®	\$59.97	\$340.03
Miscellaneous Donations Total Remaining								\$16,690.71
Conscience Box	Remaining	\$2,222.59						\$2,517.18
	Feb-26		\$12.86					

History Books & Coins	Remaining	\$1,964.74							\$2,024.74
Meeting Room Donation	Remaining	\$614.76							\$678.51
Adopt-a-book donations	Remaining	\$68.87							\$68.87
Friends total remaining									\$3,223.12
Friends - bksale	Remaining	\$576.36							\$1,325.34
	Feb-26		\$18.50						
Reiser bk disc	Oct-25		\$1,500.00		Nov-25	Reiser bks	\$36.36		\$1,185.64
					Feb-26	Reiser bks	\$278.00		
TACKL	Remaining	\$354.87							\$403.67
Kennedy Donation for art or building	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
Steve Werner - pub table	FY21-22	\$1,369.36			Feb-26	Book	\$15.94		\$1,353.42
Memorials or "In Honor Of" - Total Remaining									\$8,562.23
GRANTS:									\$10,057.50
StoryWalk® Grant / DRA	Remaining	\$0.00			Aug-25	SW laminating	\$35.99		\$899.61
Kids Can Cook - DACF	Remaining	\$4,607.83							\$4,353.64
ALA / LTC Grant - 2025	May-25	\$10,000.00			Jan-26	Play table	\$6,890.00		\$1,893.44
					Feb-26	Read-alongs	\$67.89		
					Feb-26	Sound & shelf	\$95.56		
DACF / 26 SLP books	Sep-25		\$1,500.00						\$2,868.20
INTEREST DEPOSITS									
remaining from previous years		\$4,918.84							\$4,884.64
	Feb-26		\$55.40						
TOTAL Available		\$113,405.17	\$100,399.09	EXPENDITURES:			\$93,742.08		\$108,646.83

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Memorials, Fundraisers, and Donations – February 2026

From: **Textile Brewery**
Donation: \$100.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Fit the Pieces Puzzle Fundraiser / partner donation

From: **Fit the Pieces Puzzle Fundraiser (twists)**
Donation: \$5.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Fundraiser for library collections & services

From: **Candy / Snacks Fundraiser**
Donation: \$58.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Fundraiser for library collections & services

From: **Blind Date with a Book Fundraiser**
Donation: \$60.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Fundraiser for library collections & services

From: **Love My Library Fundraiser**
Donation: \$1,100.00
Fund: Library Trust Account
Restrictions: Fundraiser for library collections & services

Love My Library Donations:

Tim & Angela English	Sponsor Halloween Party; Libby	\$200.00
William & Dianne Ernzen	Unspecified	\$50.00
Paul Zurawski	It: Welcome to Derry & Running Man DVD	\$60.00
Caryl Ungs Willenborg	Adult fiction of any kind	\$150.00
Mary Lou Gravel	Unspecified	\$20.00
Mary S Scherrman	Unspecified	\$300.00
Carol L. Hermsen	Unspecified	\$50.00
Ideal Decorating	Hoopla	\$100.00
Beth & Kurt Gudenkauf	Creation Station Craft supplies	\$50.00
Anonymous	General	\$20.00
Anonymous	Large print	\$50.00
Sandra & Michael Oberbroeckling	Unspecified	\$50.00

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James Kennedy Public Library Monthly Program Report
Report for the Month of February 2026

Adult Crafternoon (1st Monday of each month) – Sticker Art (A) February 9, 2026 Time for preparation & performance –3 hrs (pd) Supplies: Sticker Art pages	In person/Onsite/ Kit Attendance: 3 Kits distributed: 100 Facebook Views / Engagements: 453/15 YouTube Views: 13
Books for Lunch Book Club (1st Monday) – (A) <i>This is how it always is</i> February 2, 2026 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: 5
Bingo Party - (3 rd Monday of each month) (A) February 16, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 3 hr (pd) Supplies: Bingo cards and machine; Donated items & library swag for prizes	In person / Onsite Participants: 18
Building Creativity one Block at a Time (LEGO® program) (Monthly) (C) February 7, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Legos and snacks	In person / Onsite Participants: 28
Cricut with Christopher (Offered irregularly) – Not held this month	
Dungeons & Dragons Club (Monthly) (GI): February 14, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: D & D Stranger Things set	Hybrid / Discord Participants: 5
Ellen Kennedy Living Center Program – (4th Friday) (A) : Chicken Soup reading February 23, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hr (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Offsite Participants: 7
Euchre Party (Fridays of each month) (A) February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 (5 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hr (pd) Supplies: Decks of cards, suit die, scrap paper, refreshments	In person / Onsite Participants: 26
Game Night (4 th Saturday of each Month) (GI): February 27, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 3 hrs (pd) Supplies: Games and snacks	In person / Onsite Participants: 4
Genealogy with Ann (Monthly) (A) February 2, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – .25 hrs (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Onsite Participants: 0
Health & Wellness 365 (Monthly) (A) : February 26, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 1 hr (vol) Supplies: Presentation and snack provided by Colleen NEI3A	In person / Onsite Participants: 14
Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club (2 nd Tues of each month) (A) February 10, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 2.25 hrs (pd) Supplies: ILL books, Computer, OWL, & Zoom software	Hybrid (In person & Zoom) Participants: 6

JKPL Writing Group (4 th Tuesday of each Month) (A) February 24, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hrs (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Onsite Participants: 1
Mercy One Senior Care Program (Monthly) (A): Read Stories February 27, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hrs (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Offsite Participants: 10
Sit 'n' Stitch (Wednesdays of each month) (A) February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2026 (4 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) 8 hrs (vol) Supplies: Refreshments and Craft supplies provided by participants; Zoom room set up upon request.	Hybrid (In person & Zoom) Participants: 54
Strength Training for Older Adults (Mondays & Thursdays @ 9:30 and 10:30) (A) February 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, & 26, 2026 (16 sessions / 2 each day) Time for preparation & performance – 16 hrs (pd) Supplies: GeriFit DVDs, projection system, water (if needed) Participants supply stretch band, weights and water for own use	In person / Onsite Participants: 192
Strings Club (4 th Monday of each month) (A) February 23, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – .25 hr (pd) 2 hrs (vol) Supplies: Program is facilitated by volunteer Gary Bramel	In person / Onsite Participants: 7
<i>The Lion King 1 1/2</i> – All-Abilities Movie Event (GI) February 2, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd) Supplies: None	In Person / Onsite Participants: 0
Free Tax Preparation – Information / Presentation (YA) February 3, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) .5 hrs (vol) Supplies: Presented over Zoom	In Person / Onsite Participants: 1
Early Out Afternoons – Mini Valentine Diamond Art (C) February 4, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd) Supplies: Diamond art kits	In person / Onsite Participants: 17
Take Your Child to the Library Day – Candy Tasting (C) February 7, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd) Supplies: Donated candy	In Person / Onsite Participants: 32
Take Your Child to the Library Day – Storytime (PreK) February 7, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd) Supplies: Books	In Person / Onsite Participants: 30
Take Your Child to the Library Day – Indoor Snowball Fight (PreK) February 7, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd) Supplies: Fake snowballs	In Person / Onsite Participants: 30
<i>The Mitchells vs. The Machines</i> – Movie Event (C) February 7, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) Supplies: Popcorn, snacks, and soda	In Person / Onsite Participants: 4

Fun and Games with Paul: Magic the Gathering (A) February 9, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd) Supplies: None	In person / Onsite Participants: 0
Headstart Tour & Storytime (PreK) February 11, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd) Supplies: Books, storytime supplies	In person / Onsite Participants: 5
Early Out Afternoons – LEGO® Club (C) February 11, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) Supplies: LEGOS®	In person / Onsite Participants: 12
Virtual Reality with VictoryLabs (YA) February 14, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 3 hr (pd) Supplies: Metaquest headsets	In person / Onsite Participants: 7
Early Out Afternoons – Writing, Drawing and Coloring (C) February 18, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd) Supplies: Coloring pages, markers, etc.	In person / Onsite Participants: 15
Create with Audrey – Sticker Art & Confetti Bookmarks: An All Abilities Program (A) February 19 & 20, 2026 (2 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 3.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Sticker art kits, scraps, confetti, & Colibri machine	In Person / Onsite Participants: 4
<i>Wicked: For Good</i> – Movie Event (GI) February 21, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hr (pd) Supplies: Popcorn, snacks, drinks, DVD & projection system	In Person / Onsite Participants: 22
Miniature Golf at Your Library (GI) February 21, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 6 hr (pd) 4 hr (vol) Supplies: Mini golf set, misc items to create obstacles and holes	In person / Onsite Participants: 87
OutReads (Storytimes at area schools and daycares) (PreK) February 3, 5, 10, & 24, 2026 (10 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 4.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Books and presentation supplies	In person / Offsite Participants: 204
National Engineer's Week – City Building Challenge C) February 24, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 3 hrs (pd) 3 hrs (vol) Supplies: LEGOS®, John Wandsnider partnered for this event	In person / Onsite Participants: 5
Story Time (Weekly at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm) (PreK) February 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2026 (8 sessions) Time for preparation & performance – 5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Library books, songs, etc.	In person / Onsite Participants: 110
Early Out Afternoons – Book Bingo (C) February 25, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) Supplies: Bingo supplies, books for prizes	In person / Onsite Participants: 8

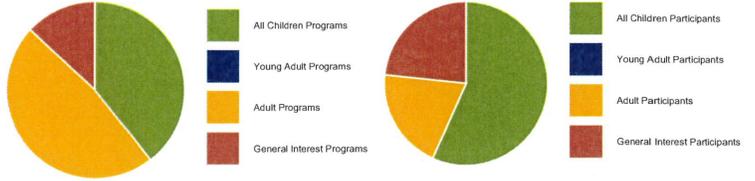
Kids Can Cook (C) February 12, 19, & 26, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 17 hr (pd) 3.75 hr (vol) Supplies: Copies and food ingredients; cooking equipment TACKL members were volunteers	In person / Onsite Participants: 31
Evergreens and Tea with Dubuque County Conservation (A) February 26, 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hr (pd) 3 hr(vol) Supplies: Burners and pots for heating water Branches, seeds, and all supplies provided by DCC	In person / Onsite Participants: 9
Winter Library Challenge (GI) January & February 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 4 hrs (pd) 5 hrs (vol) Supplies: Copies, prizes (donated), Adopt-a-book forms	Passive program Participants: 70
Upcycled Greeting Cards (A) February 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd) Supplies: Donated greeting cards, card stock, tape runner and envelopes	Passive program Kits: 37
StoryWalk® - <i>The Book that almost Rhymed</i> (C) February 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 4.5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Books, laminating, Velcro, etc.	Passive / outdoor program Participants: 100
Kid's Scavenger Hunt: Donuts (C) February 2026 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Color copies of scavenger hunt form, laminated pictures, stickers for prizes	Passive program Participants: 160
Pretend Play Station: Coffee Shop (PreK) February 2026 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies, signs (laminated), play sets, etc.	Passive program Participants: 320
Coloring, Creating & Doing (A) February 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 3.25 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies of coloring pages and activities	Passive program Kits: 336
Get Puzzled @ Your Library (A) February 2026 Time for preparation & performance - .25 hrs (pd) Supplies: Puzzle	Passive program Participants: 65
Kids Can Craft: Create a Donut Poem (C) February 2026 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hr (pd) Supplies: Copies, markers, colors, etc.; Items for prize	Passive program Kits: 115
Creation Station Craft: Polar Bear Twirler (PreK) February 2026 Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd) 5 hrs (vol) Supplies: Paper plates, google eyes, pom poms, misc. craft supplies	Passive / Recording / Make and Take Kits distributed: 77 Facebook Views / Engagements: 357 / 18 YouTube Views: 21
Programs held in January but still hosted and available to view or engage with on social media: February 1-28, 2026 – programs	Facebook Views / Engagements: 57/5 YouTube Views: 7

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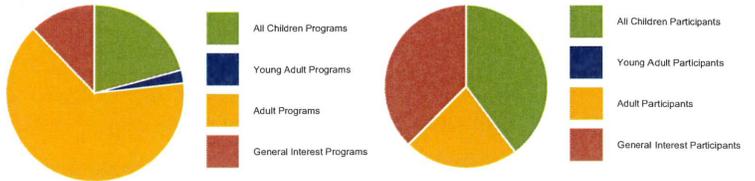
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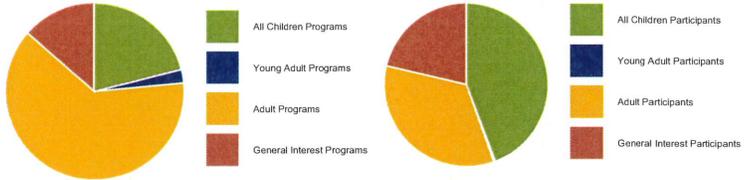
July					
Overview					
All Children Programs	39	39.39%	All Children Participants	2176	56.68%
Young Adult Programs	0	0%	Young Adult Participants	0	0%
Adult Programs	47	47.47%	Adult Participants	766	19.95%
General Interest Programs	13	13.13%	General Interest Participants	897	23.37%
Total Programs	99	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



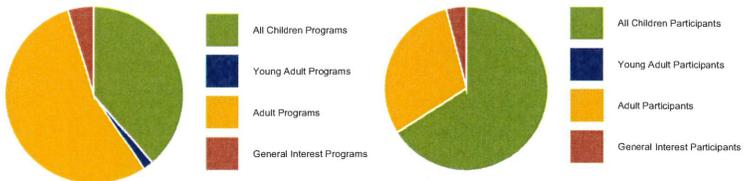
August					
Overview					
All Children Programs	17	20.73%	All Children Participants	1617	39.79%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.44%	Young Adult Participants	3	0.07%
Adult Programs	53	64.63%	Adult Participants	918	22.59%
General Interest Programs	10	12.2%	General Interest Participants	1526	37.55%
Total Programs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



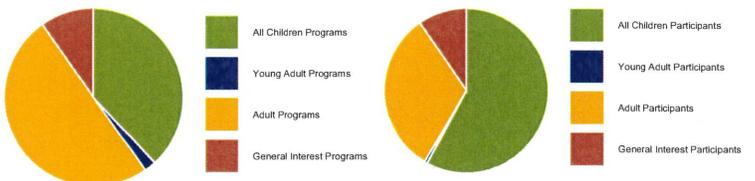
September					
Overview					
All Children Programs	17	20.99%	All Children Participants	1121	44.19%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.47%	Young Adult Participants	8	0.32%
Adult Programs	51	62.96%	Adult Participants	867	34.17%
General Interest Programs	11	13.58%	General Interest Participants	541	21.32%
Total Programs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



October					
Overview					
All Children Programs	41	38.68%	All Children Participants	2463	65.96%
Young Adult Programs	2	1.89%	Young Adult Participants	0	0%
Adult Programs	58	54.72%	Adult Participants	1121	30.02%
General Interest Programs	5	4.72%	General Interest Participants	150	4.02%
Total Programs	106		Total Participants	3734	



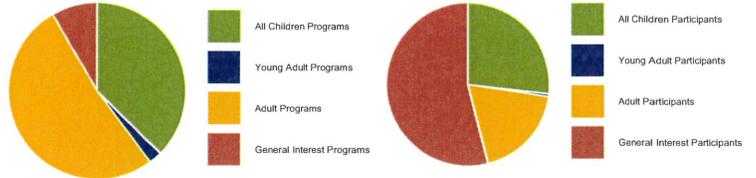
November					
Overview					
All Children Programs	35	38.04%	All Children Participants	1266	57.86%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.17%	Young Adult Participants	13	0.59%
Adult Programs	46	50%	Adult Participants	698	31.9%
General Interest Programs	9	9.78%	General Interest Participants	211	9.64%
Total Programs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



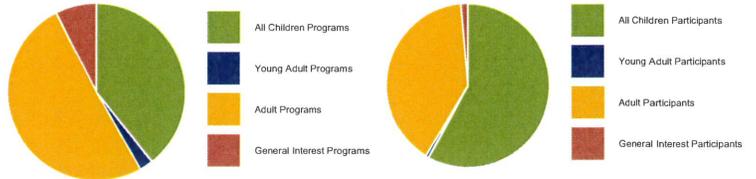
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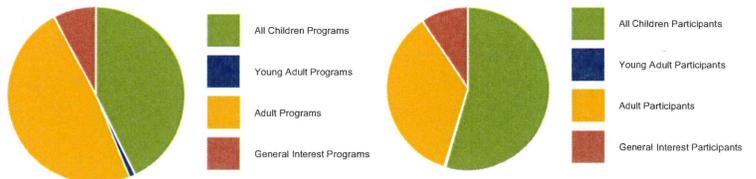
December					
Overview					
All Children Programs	31	37.35%	All Children Participants	1028	26.84%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.41%	Young Adult Participants	22	0.57%
Adult Programs	43	51.81%	Adult Participants	713	18.62%
General Interest Programs	7	8.43%	General Interest Participants	2067	53.97%
Total Programs	83		Total Participants	3830	



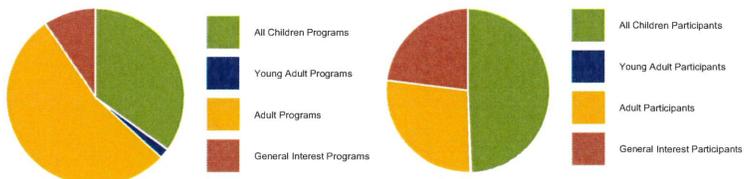
January					
Overview					
All Children Programs	31	39.24%	All Children Participants	1093	57.89%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.53%	Young Adult Participants	12	0.64%
Adult Programs	40	50.63%	Adult Participants	757	40.1%
General Interest Programs	6	7.59%	General Interest Participants	26	1.38%
Total Programs	79		Total Participants	1888	



February					
Overview					
All Children Programs	38	42.7%	All Children Participants	1303	54.45%
Young Adult Programs	1	1.12%	Young Adult Participants	7	0.29%
Adult Programs	43	48.31%	Adult Participants	858	35.85%
General Interest Programs	7	7.87%	General Interest Participants	225	9.4%
Total Programs	89		Total Participants	2393	



Year in Review					
Overview					
All Children Programs	249	35.02%	All Children Participants	12067	49.31%
Young Adult Programs	13	1.83%	Young Adult Participants	65	0.27%
Adult Programs	381	53.59%	Adult Participants	6698	27.37%
General Interest Programs	68	9.56%	General Interest Participants	5643	23.06%
Total Programs	711		Total Participants	24473	



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Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Silent Auction: March 2—29.

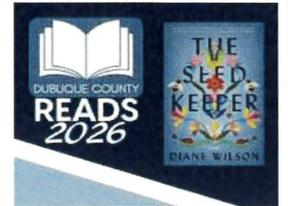
Organizations, businesses, and individuals have donated some amazing baskets this year and now is your opportunity to bid on them.

- All items are on display in the library and a photograph with a description of contents is posted on both the library's Facebook page and website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us.
- Bids can be placed in person at the library, by calling the library, or emailing librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us.
- The highest bid will be listed along with the photo of the item on the library's website. This list will be updated daily.
- Bidding in the Silent Auction runs March 2—29. Bidding by email and phone ends at 12pm on Sunday, March 29, while in-person bidding ends promptly at 3:00 pm on March 29.
- All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.



Dubuque County Reads: March 1—April 23

The James Kennedy Public Library is participating in the fourth annual Dubuque County Reads (DCR) book discussion along with other libraries and organizations in the county. The purpose of the DCR program is to facilitate events that encourage productive conversation around a common book, with the selected title aiming to invigorate community members and inspire dialog about important issues and topics. The selected title for 2026 is *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson.



DCR book discussions and events will happen at various locations around the county between February 28—April 23. There will be 12 book discussions, 2 special events, and 4 related storytimes for children. Feel free to attend any and all discussions and events, at any location. All events are free and open to the public.

- The JKPL will hold a book discussion on Monday, March 16 at 6:00 pm.
- The JKPL will hold a children's storytime with the book *Berry Song* by Michaela Goade on Wednesday, March 25 @ 10:30 am.
- Author Diane Wilson will be at Steeple Square in Dubuque (101 East 15th Street) on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 pm.
- DCR will host a panel discussion featuring Indigenous leaders and advocates at the intersection of environmental justice and cultural survival working towards a more just and beautiful world. This event will be held at the Dubuque Museum of Art on Saturday, February 28 at 2:00 pm.

The book is available to borrow at each participating library, with the appropriate library card required. Digital copies or audiobooks may be available to borrow through your library as well. Alternatively, you can purchase a copy of the book from River Lights Bookstore in Dubuque for a discount. Each participating library has limited copies of the book to give away (Note: the JKPL is out of our free copies but other libraries may have a copy).

For more information about the book, a full list of participating libraries, and a schedule of all events go to: www.DBQREADS.org or scan the QR code.



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

Children's Scavenger Hunt: Alphabet Letters: March 1—31. Area children and their families are encouraged to participate in our "Alphabet Letters" scavenger hunt to earn a special prize! One prize per child per library visit.



Kids Can Craft: Alphabet Letter Robot: March 1—31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to build and color an Alphabet Letter Robot. Then turn your creation in at the front desk for an entry into the drawing for one of two Easter prize baskets! Limit is one entry per day. The winners will be announced in early April.

Creation Station Craft: Polka Dot Snail: March 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 Polka Dot Snail made with a popsicle stick, a pipe cleaner, and dot stickers. Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies except for glue, tape, and scissors. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.



Upcycled Greeting Card Kits: March 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. Kits are available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: March 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: March 1—31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Iconic Landmarks of Ireland*. 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.

Adult Craft Kit: Fiddle Key Rings: March 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 fiddle key rings - a series of key rings hooked together and threaded with beads that you can fiddle with. These can be made into a keychain, a bookmark, or a bracelet! Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available at the front desk while supplies last. This kit is for adults only.



Westside Park StoryWalk®: "The Book That Almost Rhymed" by Omar Abed: March 1—31 (Continued from mid-February). 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.*



Read Across America Day Craft: Monday, March 2 from 9:00 am—8:00 pm. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a Cat in the Hat craft! The take-and-make craft kit is available at the front desk for one day only. Pick one up while supplies last!



Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 & 30 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, March 2 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig. 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 the library at 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, March 2 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.

"Superman"—An All-Abilities Movie Event: Monday, March 2 @ 5:30 pm. Superman must reconcile his alien Kryptonian heritage with his human upbringing as reporter Clark Kent. As the embodiment of truth, justice and the human way he soon finds himself in a world that views these as old-fashioned. This is the 2025 movie. Rated PG-13 (130 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.



A New Lens on Dementia: Understanding the Impact of Visual Impairment: Tuesday, March 3 @ 1:00 pm

In this presentation, Alison Vanderpool, M.S.Ed bridges the gap between vision loss and cognitive care, offering a research-based look at supporting individuals living with both dementia and blindness. Attendees will gain insights into current statistics, evidence-based care strategies, and practical environmental adaptations designed for both professional and home-based caregivers.



Storytime: Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 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. No registration required. Storytime will be held weekly through March 25 and resumes April 15.



Sit & Stitch: Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 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, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 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: March 4—Paper/Yarn Weaving; March 11—LEGO Club; March 18—Sticker Paint Gumball Machine; and March 25—Book Bingo.



Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, March 5, 12 & 19 from 4:00—5:30 pm

Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron. The menu for March is: Muesli (5th), Takeout Style Sesame Noodles (12th), and Vegetable Stir Fry (19th).

- Classes will also be held April 2, 9 & 16 from 4:00—5:30 pm.
- Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session.
- A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend.

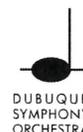


This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.

Euchre Card Party: Fridays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for Euchre in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players.

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra's Storytime Symphony: A Musical Journey Down the Mississippi River: Saturday, March 7 @ 10:00 am

Pack your imagination and join us for a musical adventure! Storytime Symphony takes young listeners on a journey down the mighty Mississippi River from Iowa and Illinois all the way to New Orleans. Featuring engaging stories, lively music, and interactive moments, this 45 minute program introduces children to orchestral music through storytelling and sound. This program is geared toward young children and their families but all are welcome; however, children under the age of 10 need an adult companion.



Movies @ Your Library presents "Rental Family": Saturday, March 7 @ 1:00 pm. A down-and-out actor living in Tokyo is hired as a token American guy for a Japanese rental-family company, leading him on an unexpected journey of self-discovery through the roles he plays in other people's lives. Stars Brendan Fraser. Rated PG-13 (110 minutes).



Dungeons & Dragons Players Club: Saturday, March 7 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.



Adult Crafternoon: Coffee Filter Wreath: Monday, March 9 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to make a floral wreath from a wire form and coffee filters, which you can decorate or leave white. All supplies will be provided. This program is intended for adults; however children over the age of 10 may attend with an adult companion.



Fun and Games with Paul: Dungeons & Dragons: Monday, March 9 from 3:30—5:30 pm. This month, come learn to play *Dungeons and Dragons*. Paul will teach players the basics of the game and play through a short scenario. Guests are welcome to come and go as they are able. Refreshments provided. This program is intended for members of the neurodivergent community, their families and caregivers, but all are welcome. Those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, March 10 @ 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 *Just For The Summer* by Melody Carlson. 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.

Mock-A-Movie Night for Teens: Friday, March 13 @ 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 *Night of the Lepus* (PG-13); a terrible horror movie involving giant killer rabbits. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 12-18 only.



Bingo Party: Monday, March 16 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!

Dubuque County Reads Book Discussion: Monday, March 16 @ 6:00 pm. Join us to discuss the 2026 book selection for Dubuque County Reads—*The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. Refreshments provided. All are welcome. Can't make it to this discussion? Check the Dubuque County Reads website (www.DBQREADS.org) for other book discussion dates around the county.



Create with Audrey—Decorate a Coaster: Thursday, March 19 from 6:00—7:30 pm and Friday, March 20 from 10:00 am—12:30 pm. Join Audrey on the 3rd Thursday and Friday of each month to create a cool craft or art project. This month we will be decorating mandala coasters. All supplies will be provided. This program is intended for adults of all-abilities. Children over the age of 10 may attend with an adult companion.



Bear Creek Carvers Open House and Demo: Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Members of the Bear Creek Woodcarving Club will be at the library to demonstrate carving techniques and display their carvings. Questions are welcome! Everyone is invited to stop in during this open house and view the carvers and their work.



Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, March 21 from 10:00—11:00 am. Join us for this monthly LEGO® program that is for children of all ages. Those under the age of 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. Sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.



Fun with Virtual Reality: Sunday, March 22 from 1:30—2:30 pm. Come try out some of the Virtual Reality games the library can access with our Metaquest VR headsets. Come check out the ocean, play some drums and much more! Feel free to drop in as you are able. For ages 12 and up.

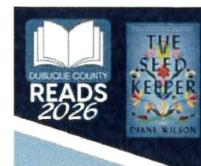


Strings Club: Monday, March 23 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome for this jam session facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically 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.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, March 24 @ 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.

Dubuque County Reads Author Event: Tuesday, March 24 @ 6:30 pm

Diane Wilson, author of *The Seed Keeper*, the Dubuque County Reads 2026 choice, will be visiting Dubuque to talk about her book and answer questions. All are welcome. This event will be held at Steeple Square (101 East 15th Street, Dubuque).



Dubuque County Reads Storytime: Wednesday, March 25 @ 10:30 am

Join Ms. Andrea for a special storytime that focuses on celebrating the Dubuque County Reads children's story, *Berry Song* by Michaela Goade. Every family who attends this special storytime receives a free copy of *Berry Song* to keep! This program is open to all ages and abilities but geared for those 1-6 years old. An adult companion is required. No registration required.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, March 26 @ 11:15 am. This month, we'll explore the many varieties of lentils and the health benefits they offer. Learn how to easily incorporate lentils and other plant-based proteins into your meals to support heart health, maintain muscle strength, and add delicious variety to your diet. Led by Nutritionist Colleen Lawler. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome.

Comedian / Magician Nathan Tricky Allen: Friday, March 27 @ 8:00 pm at Fuse!

Join us for this exciting 90 minute show supporting the James Kennedy Public Library to be held at Fuse in Dyersville (224 2nd Ave NE)! Show tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the JKPL, Fuse, or online through Leap. A portion of ticket sales and a percentage of food and drink sold that night will be donated to the library. Visit www.funnymagicshow.com for more information about the performer, This show is for adults. It is funny but not filthy (It's just the "right" amount of "wrong" according to the performer!). Seating begins at 7:00 pm.



STEAMFEST: Saturday March 28 from 9:30 am—2:30 pm. Join us at the JKPL for this special event and discover some of the exciting S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and music) activities available at the library! There will be different activities available throughout the day in different spaces of the library. Come for one or come for all! All ages welcome but those under the age of 8 require a teen or adult companion. STEAMFEST Schedule:



Games for All Ages: 9:30 am—2:30 pm. Join us for games for all ages, building blocks of all kinds, and even a life-sized Connect Four game!

Reverse Coloring and Ink Tracing: 9:30 am—2:30 pm. Reverse coloring and ink tracing pages will be available to pick up at the front desk for adults and older teens to enjoy wherever they choose in the library. Pens and markers may be borrowed as well, but should be returned when no longer needed.

Kids' Coloring: 9:30 am—2:30 pm. Drop in at the Creation Station at any time during the STEAMFEST to draw and/or color a flower or car for our Origami Frog Races' lilypad race track. This is a self-guided creative coloring activity for kids of all ages!

Origami Frog: 9:30 am—11:30 am. Hop on over and create an origami frog. When finished, have a frog race on a lilypad race track with other kids!

Snap Circuits: 9:30—11:30 am. See what electronic devices you can build using our Snap Circuit kits! These kits contain parts that snap to a grid board and allow participants to create a fan, a radio and much more! This activity is for those age 7 and up.

Button making: 9:30 am—12:30 pm & 1:00—2:30 pm. Buttons are a great way to show the world what you like. Visit this station to make a 2.25" pinback button reflecting your interest. Visitors will be able to design and color their button image, pick from some images already selected, or go online and find something specific to use.

S.T.E.A.M. Storytime: 10:30—11:00 am. Geared for kids ages 1-6, but all are welcome.

Magnet Painting: 11:00 am—1:00 pm. Children will explore how magnets work by using magnets to move paint-covered metal objects over a piece of paper to create a colorful piece of art. Magnet painting is recommended for preschool & kindergarten aged children, but all are welcome.

Shrinky Dinks: 12:30—2:30 pm. Come color your own Shrinky dinks, bake them, and watch what happens!

Robot Obstacle Course: 1:00—2:30 pm. Try your hand at coding to see if you can make a Dash Robot navigate an obstacle course! This activity is for those age 7 and up.

Used Book Sale: Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 am—2:30 pm

Did you miss the winter used book sale? Here is a second chance! Join us for this Friends of the Library used book sale in the basement of the James Kennedy Public Library. Come check out the variety of items including books, movies, audios and more! This sale is one day only!



Game Night @ Your Library: Saturday, March 28 from 4:00—6:00 pm. Bring your favorite game (card game, board game, role playing game, or video game) and meet, teach, and play with others! Game night is held on the 4th Friday of every month. All ages welcome but those under the age of 7 need a teen or adult companion. Note: this program was moved in March due to a conflict with another event.

Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Closing Reception: Sunday, March 29 from 2:00—4:00 pm. Join us for refreshments and one last chance to bid on the baskets donated to the library for the Build-a-Basket Fundraiser! Many themed baskets, including puzzles, games, arts and crafts, family and kids activities, holiday, and more have been donated by area businesses, organizations and individuals. There is something for nearly every interest so be sure to come and take a peek and bid on your favorite. The silent auction will end at 3:00 pm sharp. These baskets make great gifts for yourself or someone you love! All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services.



Upcoming EVENTS

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



D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Month April 1—30 & National Library Week April 6—12

April is Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) month, a national month-long celebration of reading designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives. In April we also celebrate National Library Week. As we do every year, the JKPL will celebrate books, reading, and libraries all month long with various activities, events, and even a fundraiser! Check back for all the details. You won't want to miss what we're planning!

Wildflower Hike at New Wine Park Thursday, April 30 from 6:00—7:30 pm

Walk along the trails at New Wine Park with a naturalist from Dubuque County Conservation and learn about the flowers that are currently blooming and interesting ways you can use these plants as well as their wildlife value.

- The trail we are hiking on will have uneven terrain and steep inclines, please be prepared for this by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing.
- All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion.
- This event is brought to you through the partnership with the James Kennedy Public Library of Dyersville.
- Registration is appreciated, but not required.

Pokemon Club Monday, April 13 from 4:00—6:00 pm

Drop in at this new monthly gathering to play some Pokemon and meet some fellow fans! Come learn, and play, the trading card game or video games with seasoned players. Meet some friends and do some card trading! This group meets the second Monday of each month. All ages welcome, but those under the age of 10 need an adult companion.

Movies @ Your Library Free popcorn & soda for all who attend!

Hop (PG)

Monday, April 6 @ 6:00 pm
*All-Abilities movie showing

Zootopia 2 (PG)

Saturday, April 11 @ 1:00 pm

Song Sung Blue (PG-13)

Saturday, April 25 @ 12:30 pm

Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser: Saturday, April 18 from 9:00—11:00 am

Kick off National Library Week by stopping by the JKPL and enjoying a delicious breakfast burrito or bowl! \$8.00 gets you a delicious egg, sausage, hash brown and cheese burrito. Don't want a tortilla? You can choose a Burrito Bowl for the same price. Step into the Hoffman Community Room to get your breakfast and support your library! All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections. A special Thank You goes to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser! Burritos available while supplies last.

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.

- Parents can find more information and sign their children up to receive a tree at this link: <https://bit.ly/FreeTrees24>
- Trees (6 to 12 inches in size) will be delivered to the JKPL and families will be able to pick them up at the library around Earth Day (April 22).
- Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.
- **Deadline to register is March 15.**
- Donations can also be made at the same link.

Free Cucumber Seed Program!

The Dubuque County Extension Office, in partnership with the James Kennedy Public Library, is offering a Free Cucumber Seed Program to help educate local residents on how to grow a food crop to increase local food security.

- Program participants will receive 25 cucumber seeds and season long updates on good growing practices for raising cucumbers throughout the 2026 gardening season.
- **Registration is required by May 20, 2026.**
- More information and registration can be found at <https://bit.ly/dbqcucumber>

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Build-A-Basket Silent
Auction begins

Upcoming Events for APRIL 2026 and Beyond

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D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Month - Dyersville Book Scavenger Hunt: April 1-30. April is Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) month, a national month-long celebration of reading designed to remind folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives. To celebrate this year, the JKPL has again partnered with local businesses for a fun D.E.A.R. month scavenger hunt! Can you match the book with the business? Pick up a scavenger hunt form at the library or print one off from the library's website. The scavenger hunt form features pictures of book covers and each participating business in Dyersville has one of the book covers posted in their business window or inside their business. Match the book with the business then turn your completed forms into the library before May 1 to get entered into the prize drawing for one of several gift baskets. You get to choose which basket! Entries with at least 1/2 of the books / businesses identified correctly will receive one entry into the drawing. Get them all right to earn two entries!

D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Month: Reading Recommendations: April 1-30. JKPL staff, board members, and volunteers are celebrating D.E.A.R. month with videos and social media posts highlighting what they are dropping everything to read. Titles will be posted throughout the month on the library's social media. Want to join in the fun? Please share what book you dropped everything to read!

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

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

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

Kids Can Craft: Cars Poem: April 1-30. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in the library to write a poem about cars and/or color a car. Every poem or car design that is 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 May.

Creation Station Craft: April 1-30. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft tbd. Kits include instructions plus all needed supplies except for glue and scissors. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

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

Adult Craft Kit: Cloth Wrapped Wreath: April 1-30. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! This month's craft is a cloth wrapped wreath. Kits include how-to instructions plus all needed supplies. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available at the front desk while supplies last. This kit is for adults only.

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

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: April 1-30. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Readers' Paradise*. 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®: "Pigs Dig a Road" by Carrie Finison: April 1-30. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. The StoryWalk® is made possible by the Dubuque Racing Association, Friends of the Library, and the Richard Osterhaus Memorial Fund. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

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

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Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, April 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 & 30 @ 9:30 and 10:30 am. Older adults of any age and fitness level are invited to join this special exercise program made possible by a partnership between the Geri-Fit® Company and the James Kennedy Public Library. Participants will exercise to a Geri-Fit® DVD and most of the exercises will be performed seated in a chair. There is no dancing or aerobics involved. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays and last approximately 45 minutes. For best results, participants should attend as many of the sessions as possible. Each participant will need a set of 2 or 3-pound dumbbell weights, a medium weight stretch band, and water to drink. Space is limited so registration is required.

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participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac. Sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union.

Sunday, April 5: Library is closed for Easter

Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, April 6 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Kimmerer. 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, April 6 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. Appointments with Ann can be made if that is more convenient.

“Hop” – An All-Abilities Movie Event: Monday, April 6 @ 6:00 pm. He was destined to be the Easter Bunny, but all he wanted to do was rock! When teenage E.B. leaves for Hollywood in pursuit of his dream to become a rockstar drummer, he meets Fred, an out-of-work slacker with his own lofty goals. Together the two encounter a series of hilarious mishaps and misadventures and in the end help each other recognize the importance of family. Rated PG (96 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.

Kids Can Cook: Thursdays, April 9, 16 & 23 from 4:00-5:30 pm. Kids Can Cook will teach kids ages 10-12 basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy food choices. The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each class will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized. The menu for April is Shrimp Scampi (9th), Strawberry Spoon Cake (16th), and Sioux City Style Loose Meat Sandwiches (23rd). Registration for each session is required as there is a limit of 12 children per session. A waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian must be on file for a child to attend. *This program is funded by Theisen's More for Your Community, Dyersville Area Community Foundation, Jeanne M. Coppola Endowment for Education, the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library, and various library fundraising events.*

Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Zootopia 2”: Saturday, April 11 @ 1:00 pm. Brave rabbit cop Judy Hopps and her friend Nick Wilde, the fox, team up again to crack a new case, the most perilous and intricate of their careers. Rated PG (108 minutes).

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

Adult Craftersnoon - Diamond Art: Monday, April 13 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Join us this month for Diamond Art. Choose between a butterfly on a stake or a corner bookmark. This program is intended for adults; however children over the age of 10 may attend with an adult companion.

Pokémon Club: Monday, April 13 from 4:00–6:00 pm. Drop in at this new monthly gathering to play Pokémon and meet some fellow fans! Come play, or learn, the trading card game or video games with seasoned players. Meet some friends and do some card trading. All ages welcome; however, those

under the age of 10 need an adult companion. This group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, April 14 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *The Girl Who Could Breathe Under Water* by Erin Bartels. 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.

Storytime: Wednesdays, April 15, 22 & 29 @ 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. No registration required. Storytime will be held weekly through May 27 and resumes June 10.

Create with Audrey - Cupcake Liner Flower Banners: Thursday, April 16 from 6:00-7:30 pm and Friday, April 17 from 10:00 am-12:30 pm. Join Audrey on the 3rd Thursday and Friday of each month to create a cool craft or art project. This month we will be making floral banners out of mini cupcake liners. This program is intended for adults of all-abilities. Children over the age of 10 may attend with an adult companion.

Breakfast Burrito Grab and Go Fundraiser: Saturday, April 18 from 9:00-11:00 am. Kick off National Library Week, April 19 - 25, by stopping by the JKPL and enjoying a delicious breakfast burrito or bowl! \$8.00 gets you a delicious egg, sausage, hash brown and cheese burrito. Don't want a tortilla? New this year you can choose a Burrito Bowl for the same price. Step into the Hoffman Community Room to get your breakfast and support your library! All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support library services and collections. A special Thank You goes to Fareway of Dyersville for supporting this fundraiser! Burritos available while supplies last.

Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, April 18 from 4:00-6:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed.

National Library Week – Find Your Joy: April 19-25 to discover happiness and valuable resources at their local libraries April 6-12. “Find Your Joy,” is an invitation for people of all backgrounds to explore and discover what sparks joy in them at the library. Join us at the JKPL this National Library Week as we celebrate. Activities to be decided. Below are National events. Staff may plan activities connected to these as well.

Monday, April 20: Right to Read Day, a day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read. The American Library Association (ALA) kicks off National Library Week with the release of its State of America's Libraries Report, including the list of Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2025.

Tuesday, April 21: National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

Wednesday, April 22: National Library Outreach Day (formerly National Bookmobile Day), a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.

Thursday, April 23: Take Action for Libraries Day, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

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

Rhythm & Pep with Author Daniel Henderson: Tuesday, April 21 @ 1:30 pm. Join author Daniel Henderson and learn the true story of two Iowa coal miners, named Carl and Earl Pearson, who had a dream. They came out of their father's coal mines near Clarinda, Iowa and became famous vaudeville stars in the 1920s. Their acrobatic dance routine took them to the top of Broadway entertainment at the Palace Theatre. Copies of Henderson's book, *Rhythm & Pep: The Vaudeville Career of the Pearson Brothers*, will be for sale by the author.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, April 23 @ 11:15 am. Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler will present. There will be food samples to try. All are welcome.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, April 24 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.

Movies @ Your Library presents "Song Sung Blue": Saturday, April 25 @ 12:30 pm. Based on an incredible true story, Mike and Claire are two down-on-their-luck musicians who form a Neil Diamond tribute band called Lightning and Thunder. Soon they rise from garage and dive bar gigs to unexpected hometown stardom. When tragedy strikes, their love for each other, and passion for music, give them the strength to overcome hardships, rediscover hope, and inspire everyone around them. Rated PG-13 (131 minutes).

Strings Club: Monday, April 27 @ 6:00 pm. Do you have a ukulele, guitar or other string instrument that you would like to play more often? Do you want to grow your skills by jamming with others? Then come join the JKPL Strings Club! Teen and adult musicians of all skill levels are welcome. NOTE: This is not a class but a jam session so participants should know basic chords. Facilitated by Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Please contact the library to register.

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

Wildflower Hike at New Wine Park: Thursday, April 30 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Walk along the trails at New Wine Park as a naturalist from Dubuque County Conservation guides you to look at the forest floor closely. Learn about the flowers that are currently blooming, their wildlife value, and interesting ways you can use these plants. The trail we are hiking on will have uneven terrain and steep inclines, please be prepared for this by wearing appropriate footwear and clothing. All ages welcome, but those under the age of 16 need an adult companion. This event is brought to you through a partnership with the James Kennedy Public Library of Dyersville. Registration appreciated, but not required.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents "The Spongebob Movie: Search for Squarepants": Saturday, May 2 @ 1:00 pm. Hoping to prove his bravery to Mr. Krabs, SpongeBob follows a mysterious, swashbuckling ghost pirate known as the Flying Dutchman on a seafaring adventure that takes him to the deepest depths of the ocean. Rated PG (88 minutes).

Game Changer: Saturday, May 2 @ 4:00 pm. Game Changer is a comedy game show where participants engage in games involving improv comedy and random challenges. The twist is that the players don't know what game they are playing until it starts. The library is bringing a version of this to the library for teens and adults! This program is for ages 12 and up. Registration is required by November 12 to ensure we have enough attendees to hold the program. Want to watch but not play? Feel free to come be part of the audience.

"Baseball Spy" Author Scott Reister Meet and Greet: Wednesday, May 6 @ 2:30 pm. All members of the community are invited to attend an author's book talk with Iowa author Scott Reister, who will discuss his writing process and publication challenges. Fifth-graders who loved "Baseball Spy" events in your school, come learn more from Scott! This program is open to all ages, but children under 8-years-old will need to be accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is not required. *The Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library sponsored the following: the author visit, a free book for every Dyersville Elementary and Xavier Elementary 5th-grader, and two writing workshop programs for 5th-grade students in the schools.*

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Evening Storytime: Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:30 pm. Calling all kids: bring your second-favorite stuffed animal to the library for a stuffed animal sleepover to celebrate Children's Book Week! Ms. Christa will present a storytime with her own book "The Stuffy Sleepover," which features Dyersville kids' stuffed animals and the JKPL library! Kids will then plant a donut seed, kiss their stuffed animals goodnight, and leave the stuffies in the library for a slumber party overnight. The next morning, return to the library to claim your stuffy, a donut flower, and a picture of your stuffy's shenanigans while in the library overnight. This program is open to children under 8-years old and their caregiver. Registration is not required but please be prepared for noisy fun!

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

Plant Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, May 16 from 9 to 11. Join Karen Kramer and members of the JKPL Fundraising Committee in the parking lot adjacent to the JKPL to buy plants donated by committee and community members. The plant sale will run from 9:00 to 11:00 am or until all items are taken. Plants not selected during the sale may be available to purchase for a donation. All proceeds will be used to support library collections and services. If you have plants you would like to donate, please contact the library at (563)875-8912 to make arrangements to drop them off. Plants of all kinds are welcome.

Great Give Day is May 20, 2026! Great Give Day is a day focused on donating to causes or establishments within your community. Looking to support the James Kennedy Public Library? Then consider donating to the James Kennedy Public Library Endowment! The mission of the James Kennedy Public Library (JKPL) Endowment is to provide supplemental financial support to the library. The James Kennedy Public Library enriches the Dyersville community by providing equal access to creative resources for entertainment and education. The James Kennedy Public Library helps create a thriving community to inspire curiosity, creativity, innovation, and connection. The JKPL Endowment fund, through your charitable contributions, ensures the library will continue to provide these services for years to come. The JKPL Endowment was established in 2019 by Alan Bird. His donation was made in memory of his mother, Irma Bird, a founding member of the original Library Board. Started 60 years after the founding of the library, the Endowment will insure the library's ability to remain dedicated to its original mission and continue to serve the community needs.

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

Donate to the JKPL Garage Sale Fundraiser: Dates tba. The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library are partnering to offer a new way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community are encouraged to donate their good, used items to the JKPL and they will be sold at a yard sale with the proceeds going to support the JKPL. Items should be brought to the library during library

business hours. Items should be in good, clean, working condition. A list of donation guidelines is posted on the JKPL website or available to pick up at the library.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Go Get with Rex” by David LaRochelle: June 1-30. n.

Adult Summer Library Program Begins! Monday, June 1: Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2026 program that runs June 1-August 31. This year’s theme is Plant a Seed: READ! Details to be announced.

Teen Summer Reading Program Begins: Tuesday, June 2. Everyone who has completed 6th-12th grade is encouraged to participate in the teen program that runs from June 2-August 1. The theme this year is *Plant A Seed-Read*. Participants will receive a free book just for registering. This year, participants will be given a game board of challenges that include reading different types of books or using some of the services available at the library. For each color-coded set that is completed, the participant will earn an entry into the prize drawings. Complete extra challenges and earn more entries!

Children’s Summer Reading Program Begins: Tuesday, June 2. Children ages 4-11 years old (who have completed 5th grade) are encouraged to participate in the children’s summer reading program! The theme this year is *Plant A Seed-Read*, a theme which encourages creativity, conservation, and continued reading. The program runs June 2–August 1 and registration begins June 2 in-person at the library. Can’t make it on June 2? Stop in any day after to register but know that points earned for summer reading begin on the day that you sign up. Receive a free book just for registering! Earn points for reading and attending programs. At the end of the summer reading program, tally up your points, and use your total summer reading points to buy some great prizes or books at our summer reading store! The more you read, the more you earn! All performers are paid for by a generous gift from the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library. All programs will be held at the James Kennedy Public Library unless otherwise noted.

Toddler Summer Literacy Program Begins: Tuesday, June 2. Children ages 0-3 are invited to participate in the Toddler Summer Literacy Program which runs June 2-August 1. Participants will use a simple board game designed to engage children from infant to age three in activities that promote literacy and a lifelong love of reading. Upon completion of the board game, toddlers will receive a board book and a small toy of their choice. Families can choose to participate in the Children’s Summer Reading Program if they prefer.

Magician Mikayla Oz: Wednesday, June 3 @ 10:00 am. Magician Mikayla Oz will perform a hilarious, high-energy magic show with her live bird Bubbles. All ages welcome.

Library Garage Sale Fundraiser: Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. The JKPL fundraising committee and Friends of the Library have partnered to offer another way you can support the JKPL! Members of the community have donated good, new, and gently used items to the JKPL for this annual event. The sale will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the library (weather permitting) or in the Hoffman Room. Most items will be \$1 or \$2 - or buy a box for \$20 and fill it with as many lower priced items as you can! Items not sold on Saturday will be available on Sunday for a donation. All proceeds will be used to support library programs, collections and services. Details tba.

Dyersville Public Works Presents Big Trucks at the Library: Wednesday, June 10 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Come to the library’s parking lot to learn about the Dyersville Public Works’ vehicles, see big truck demonstrations, attend Big Truck Storytime, participate in chalk art, and receive a free stress ball.

Storytime: Wednesdays, June 10, 17 & 24 @ 10:30 am. 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.

Children's Afternoon Activities: Wednesdays, June 10, 17 & 24 @ 3:30 pm. Check out different children's activities every Wednesday afternoon including: planting, crafting, Book Bingo and LEGO builds.

Pop-Up @ the Farmer's Market: Thursdays, June 11 & 25 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by visiting the Dyersville Farmer's Market on the second and fourth Thursdays in June, July, and August! Visitors will learn about what the library has to offer, get their questions answered, and select a free book to keep from the pop-up library. Take-and-make activities may also be available. The library will bring a hotspot and provide WiFi Access! The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

Art in the Park: Fairy Garden: Thursday, June 11 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Come to the Park Pavilion to create a beautiful fairy garden complete with seeds to plant and decorations to choose from. All ages welcome, but children under age 7 must be accompanied by a responsible teen or adult companion.

Dragon Academy: Friday, June 12 @ 10:00 am at the Westside Park Amphitheater. Learn how to train a dragon at Dragon Academy at the Westside Park Amphitheater, where animatronic dragons will swoop in for a visit.

TACKL Fun and Games @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, June 12 from 5:30-9:00 pm. Join the Teen Advisory Council to the Kennedy Library (TACKL) at Downtown Summer Nights in Legacy Square for fun, free games for kids. Everyone walks away with a prize for playing! This event is sponsored by the Dyersville Chamber of Commerce.

Pop-Up @ Downtown Summer Nights: Friday, June 12 from 5:30-8:30 pm. The JKPL will be reaching out to the community by "popping up" at Downtown Summer Nights at Legacy Square! Visitors will be able to select a free book to keep from the pop-up library as well as learn more about library services. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

Dubuque County Conservation Stream Study: Monday, June 15 @ 2:00 pm at Westside Park Pavilion. Join Dubuque County Conservation to study the habitat of the Maquoketa River, including viewing the water under a microscope. A sunprint activity and free garden flags will also be offered while supplies last.

Sunday, June 21: Library closed for Father's Day

Art in the Park: Slime: Thursday, June 25 @ 3:30 PM at Westside Park Pavilion. Get messy making slime at the Park!

Pop-Up @ the Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, June 27 from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. The James Kennedy Public Library will be reaching out to the community by bringing a pop-up library to the market. Visitors will be able to find out more about what the library has to offer, and select a free book to keep. The JKPL will also have a hotspot running to provide WiFi Access. The JKPL Pop-Up Library is sponsored in part by a grant from the Dyersville Area Community Foundation and partnership with the Dyersville Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Friends of the JKPL.

Absolute Science Bubbles Stations @ Dyersville Downtown Market: Saturday, June 27 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Do you love making HUGE bubbles? Visit the Dyersville Downtown Market in Legacy Square and celebrate summer reading with multiple bubble stations. Join in on the bubble fun for all ages! Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL and the Dyersville Downtown Market.

Children's Lemonade Stand: Saturday, June 27 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Support kids' volunteer efforts and the library by visiting the Children's Lemonade Stand at the JKPL Downtown Market booth at Legacy Square. All funds raised will help fund a kids' wooden play structure in the library.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs" by Eric Litwin: July 1-31.

Miss Carole of Macaroni Soup: Wednesday, July 1 @ 10:30 am. Young children and their families will love Miss Carole's lively, funny, educational musical program that encourages kids to clap, sing, dance and laugh. Geared for children under 9 years old, but all are welcome.

Saturday, July 4: Library closed for Independence Day holiday

Turtle Storytime with Dubuque County Conservation: Wednesday, July 8 @ 10:30 am: Join JKPL's Miss Andrea and Dubuque County Conservation for turtle storytime and turtle education. Features live turtles that kids can pet.

Art in the Park: Plant a Pizza Garden: Thursday, July 9 @ 3:30 pm. Love pizza? Come plant a pizza garden. All supplies provided.

Absolute Science Laser Show: Friday, July 10 @ 10:00 am. Explore the science surrounding chemical reactions, soda explosions and lasers in a fast-paced, educational program from Absolute Science.

Blank Park Zoo Presents "Animal Snacks": Tuesday, July 14 @ 1:00 pm. Learn what animals snack on in the wild with Blank Park Zoo's "Animal Snacks" program. A surprise "animal" snack and sticker will be provided for children.

Art in the Park: Messy Art: Thursday, July 23 @ 3:30 pm. Create messy art with physics principles and unusual paint applications, including painting with water guns and splatter techniques.

Friday, July 24: RAGBRAI in Dyersville

Absolute Science Butterflies at the Downtown Market: July 18 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at Westside Park. Come enjoy the magic of live butterflies at the Butterfly Tent Encounter, and stay to study butterfly science at educational tables. Located at the Dyersville Downtown Market at Westside Park.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Is This Bus for Us" by Harriet Ziefert: August 1-31.

SRP Finale Store: Saturday, August 1 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Dubuque County Conservation Composting Study: Monday, August 3 @ 2:00 pm. From decomposition to helpful critters to the changes we see under a microscope, the Dubuque County Conservation will guide children through composting principles.

Dr. Bec's Amazon Animal Study: Wednesday, August 12 @ 9:30 am and 11:00 am. Wartburg College professor Dr. Bec will share some animal and science knowledge with kids in an exotic animals petting event that features corn snakes, sulcata tortoises, miniature chickens, giant cave cockroaches and tarantulas.



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

Fund Statement: 1/1/2026 through 1/31/2026

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

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	21,969.10
Gifts	0.00
Interest/Dividend Income	10.44
Realized Gains (Losses)	24.06
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	749.54
Other Income	0.00
Grants Approved	0.00
Investment & Admin Fees	(32.08)
Credit Card Fees	0.00
ENDING FUND BALANCE	22,721.06
Available to Spend	0.00

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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February 23, 2026

James Kennedy Public Library
Shirley Vonderhaar
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Dear Shirley,

As we begin 2026, I'm pleased to share that your fund, James Kennedy Public Library Endowment - Designated Purpose, is ready to create impact across our region. Thanks to strong market performance and careful stewardship, your endowment distribution represents an opportunity to advance the work you care about in northeast Iowa's communities.

This year, your endowment distribution is \$800.

This payout reflects our balanced investment approach that prioritizes both current community impact and long-term fund sustainability. We're committed to stewarding your fund effectively, so it continues to create meaningful change for generations to come.

Making grant recommendations is easy. Simply log into your fund portal at dbqfoundation.org/gofund and click 'Recommend a Grant.' Our team is available at 563-588-2700 to offer support or to help connect you with organizations doing inspiring work.

You have flexibility throughout 2026 to recommend grants. You may distribute your full payout, make partial recommendations, or choose to reinvest for future growth—whatever best serves your philanthropic goals. Our team is happy to help you evaluate your options and answer any questions.

Your partnership strengthens our region. Thank you for trusting us to steward your philanthropic vision and for the difference you make across northeast Iowa.

Sincerely,

Nancy Van Milligen
President and CEO

* This amount represents 5% of your fund's value, calculated using a rolling 20-quarter average. For funds less than five years old, the distribution is calculated based on the number of quarters the fund has been active.

Fundraising and Marketing Committee Agenda – March 4, 2026

Members of the JKPL Fundraising and Marketing Committee met on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm at O So Good Winery. Attendees were Alex Wiezorek, Monika Steffen, Beth Gudenkauf, and Shirley Vonderhaar. Danelle Schroeder was excused.

Love My Library Giving Tree / Direct Mail: Shirley worked with One Step Printing (formerly Heritage Printing) to finalize details for this mailing. Document was a 2 sided 8 ½ x 11 mailer, folded/ mailing size of 5.5x8.5. Their total price of \$1,871.17 included completely managing the mailing – fold, prep, count, bundle, fill out USPS paperwork, take to PO and pay postage. They printed 3000; 2953 were mailed to the 52040 addresses. The remaining 47 were delivered to the JKPL and put out with library pamphlets. Posters about LML were distributed around town and was featured on the bulletin board at the entry during February. As of 3/2/26, a total of \$1650 in donations has been received: \$165 (3 donors) to Friends PayPal (will be slightly less due to fees) and \$1485 directly to the JKPL. \$400 was also received from DuTrac in January – which would typically be part of this fundraiser. We will likely receive a few more donations during the next few months. The committee noted that donations are not as hoped, so far, but response to the Build-a-Basket Fundraiser, which is also included in the flier has been very good.

Blind Date with a Book Fundraiser: Books continue to sell a couple each month. Beth took some more to wrap as her time allowed, and put ten out at the end of the meeting. We will continue to have these available while there is interest.

Puzzle Fundraiser: Income from the January event was \$900 for tables, \$217 for twists, and \$100 donation from Textile. The only expense is purchasing the puzzles as Textile donates the prizes. The plan moving forward is to partner with Textile for an event in October and January. The fall event is tentatively scheduled for October 8.

2026 Mystery Dinner: This event was held on Saturday, February 28. Forty tickets were sold. Revenue was \$2800. Estimated costs are \$2,200 so proceeds will be about \$600. It was a fun event and the people who attended said they would plan for next year. Since there is little work for this event, the committee agreed we should continue to plan annually – as long as we are making some money. Shirley will reach out to Brew Ha Ha to see if they are interested in performing in February 2027.

Comedy Night with Fuse: Monika has been working with Fuse to plan this event. Nathan Tricky Allen, Comedian / Magician is scheduled to perform on March 27. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the JKPL, Fuse, or online. Fuse will donate a percentage of ticket sales and food and drink purchases that night to the JKPL. Seating opens at 7 pm with the show starting at 8 pm. There is room for approximately 100 guests. They need 1 or 2 volunteers to check guests in at the door and thank the audience for attending and supporting the JKPL. Beth and Monika both thought they might be attending so should be able to help with this.

Build-a-Basket Fundraiser: This event started February 1 to pick up, create, and donate baskets. The baskets will be auctioned off in a silent auction that runs March 1 to March 29. As of 3/2, 36 baskets are on display with several more in the back room waiting to be put out. Some of these are in response to the Love My Library mailing. Silent Auction ends on Sunday, March 29 at 3 pm. Danelle volunteered to help Shirley with the close of bidding and calling the winners.

Breakfast Burrito or Bowl Carry Out Fundraiser: This event is typically held in connection with National Library Week (April 19 – 25) from 9 to 11 am (or sold out.) For this year, it is scheduled for Saturday, April 18. Price will be \$8.00 for burrito or bowl. Fareway has agreed to donate all the ingredients and supplies. Alex will take lead on this and cooks on his Blackstone. Monika may be available to help. Additional volunteers are needed.

NWL Trivia or other Event (partnership with O So Good): This is an annual event typically held in April in connection with National Library Week (April 19-25). Shirley has reached out to O So Good to see what they might be interested in doing. She has a meeting on Thursday and will report back. The consensus of the committee is to partner with them for Trivia or alternate event as it is very low work for the JKPL. NOTE: DHS is partnering with them for a fundraiser similar to what we do at their March trivia night.

Spring Plant Sale: This annual event is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 9 to 11 am. Karen Kramer recommend agreed to be our plant expert. Additional volunteers will be needed.

Garage Sale Fundraiser: This annual event is typically held the Saturday of Toy Show / City Garage Sale weekend with Sunday being a donation day. The Summer Toy Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7, 2026. The committee confirmed the Garage sale will be these dates. Volunteers will be needed to sort items on Friday night and for the sale on Saturday.

Book Art Fundraiser: After discussion, the committee agreed to no longer hold this event as it was a lot of work with limited interest and revenue.

RAGBRAI: Dyersville is an overnight stop on July 25. The committee will consider ideas and opportunities as we learn more.

Friends of the JKPL: Beth reported that the Friends President believe their membership would be interested in volunteering to help with projects and events. The Committee will investigate this opportunity to share the workload.

Letter: Shirley share an unsigned letter address to Shirley, Dawn and Fundraising Committee.

MARKETING:

Radio Interview: Alex will do a radio interview at KDST the week of 3/9 or on 3/18 to promote the Build-a-Basket event and Comedian / Magician. Dawn will be asked to schedule.

Radio Interview: We would typically schedule a radio interview for the week before NLW (April 19-25) to promote NLW events and fundraisers, and any other events coming up. The committee would like someone on staff to do this interview. Dawn will be asked to manage and schedule. We will also ask KDST to give away two free burritos – to help market the Burrito Fundraiser.

Meet and greet / Tour with City Government and Officials: Shirley and Alex have a meeting with the Mayor and Mick next week. They will talk with the Mayor about this opportunity.

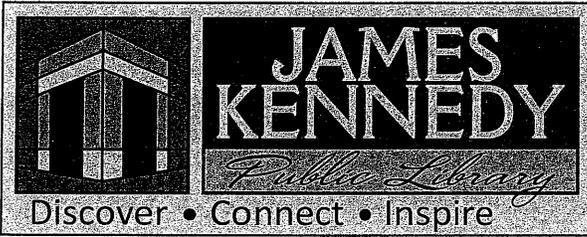
St. Patrick's Day: Dawn will manage the float, walkers, etc. Per decision at February meeting, library will stay open until 3:30. No action needed.

National Library Week: April 19 – 25. The committee suggested taking the Book Bike out into the community to various locations and giving away things like bookmarks, puzzle / activity packets, etc. Some places they suggested were: Industrial Park area (during lunch break / when host food truck), Tauke Motors, Schools, Stores, Soccer League at Westside Park. They also suggested developing and sharing a schedule of where the Bike will be. Shirley will include this suggestion when working with staff to finalize plans.

Yard Sign: Signs will again be made available in April and upon request – while supplies last. Anyone need a sign? Shirley will also ask city staff if it would be acceptable to put one up outside the JKPL.

Women’s Night (Chamber event): The committee discussed opportunities to participate in Women’s Night – which reaches approximately 350 women. The committee is considering donating to the raffle or potentially hosting a book and selling Blind Date books. Cost for a booth is \$80 and includes 2 meal tickets. Shirley will reach out to see if this event has been scheduled and if any space is available.

Next Meeting: To be decided



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Date: March 11, 2026
To: Mayor and City Council, City of Dyersville
From: James Kennedy Public Library
RE: Library Trust Account Budget Amendment Request

The James Kennedy Public Library requests that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dyersville consider appropriating an additional \$20,000 for library trust account expenses for FY2026. During this fiscal year, the library has received grants and donations and is utilizing funds from the trust account for projects that will be more than the \$40,000 appropriated. The Board is requesting a total FY2026 Trust Account allocation of \$60,000 be appropriated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Confidentiality of Library Records Policy

The Board of Trustees of the James Kennedy Public Library recognizes the responsibility to protect the privacy of library users. Confidentiality is essential to protect the exercise of First Amendment rights.

This policy is meant to protect the privacy of library users while complying with the Constitution of the United States of America, federal statutes, and the Code of Iowa.

Library records are treated specifically in Code of Iowa 22.7 "Examination of Public Records (Open Records)", paragraphs 13, 14 and 18. The citations are copied here and included in this policy:

22.7 Confidential records.

The following public records shall be kept confidential, unless otherwise ordered by a court, by the lawful custodian of the records, or by another person duly authorized to release such information:

13. The records of a library which, by themselves or when examined with other public records, would reveal the identity of the library patron checking out or requesting an item or information from the library. The records shall be released to a criminal or juvenile justice agency only pursuant to an investigation of a particular person or organization suspected of committing a known crime. The records shall be released only upon a judicial determination that a rational connection exists between the requested release of information and a legitimate end and that the need for the information is cogent and compelling.

14. The material of a library, museum or archive which has been contributed by a private person to the extent of any limitation that is a condition of the contribution.

18. Communications not required by law, rule, procedure, or contract that are made to a government body or to any of its employees by identified persons outside of government, to the extent that the government body receiving those communications from such persons outside of government could reasonably believe that those persons would be discouraged from making them to that government body if they were available for general public examination. As used in this subsection, "persons outside of government" does not include persons or employees of persons who are communicating with respect to a consulting or contractual relationship with a government body or who are communicating with a government body with whom an arrangement for compensation exists.

In keeping with the protections afforded by Constitution of the United States of America, federal statutes, the Code of Iowa, the James Kennedy Public Library shall hold confidential

- a. Information sought or received and materials consulted, borrowed or acquired, database search records, reference interviews, interlibrary loan records, computer use records, and all other personally identifiable uses of library materials, facilities or services.
- b. The names of card holders and their registration information and not provide access for private, public or commercial use. Release of such information, not attached to a circulation record, could discourage people from applying for library cards. The James Kennedy Public Library may release this information to the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library or other partner organizations following a positive vote of the Board of Trustees.
- c. The library cannot guarantee the confidentiality of information sought or received, or materials consulted or borrowed, from third party digital services, including but not limited to, eBooks and eAudio, to which we provide access.

In keeping with the above statements, the following shall be the policy for James Kennedy Public Library records:

1. The lawful custodian of the records is the Director of the library and legal counsel is the City Attorney. Every effort shall be made to reach the Director if court orders are to be served, whether the Director is present in the building or not. In the Director's absence, the director shall appoint a temporary custodian of the records. This temporary custodian will typically be the most senior librarian available.
2. James Kennedy Public Library registration records and circulation records shall be kept confidential unless the Library Board votes to provide registration records as noted in item b above
3. No individual except authorized Library staff shall have access to circulation or patron records other than his or her own, without the cardholder's consent.
 - A. The Library interprets possession of a card (or card number in a phone or email request) as consent to use it unless it has been reported lost or stolen, or there is reason to believe that consent has not been given.
 - B. The library will release information to the parent or guardian of a minor child for the purposes only of recovering overdue material and settling accounts for lost, late, or damaged material, and for other matters related to the recovery of material or charges incurred by minor children for which a parent may be considered liable.
 - C. Long overdue library accounts may be revealed to a collection agency, or law enforcement personnel.
4. If there is a reasonable basis to believe library registration records are necessary to the progress of an investigation or prosecution, the request for such records including the justification for the request, shall be made to the Director, in writing on official letterhead by an official of the investigation or prosecution workforce, who has provided necessary

identification.

5. If there is a reasonable basis to believe library circulation records are necessary to the progress of an investigation or prosecution, the judicial system provides the mechanism for seeking release of such confidential records: the issuance of a court order, following a showing of good cause based on specific facts, by a court of competent jurisdiction. Such court orders shall be presented to the library director.
6. Circulation records shall not be made available to any agency of local, state, or federal government except pursuant to such process, order or subpoena as may be authorized under the authority of, and pursuant to, local, state, or federal law relating to civil, criminal, or administrative discovery procedures or legislative investigative power.
7. The issuance or enforcement of any such process, order, or subpoena shall be examined by the library director in consultation with legal counsel and resisted until such time as a proper showing of good cause has been made in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Adopted July 2003, revised 9/06, reviewed 11/2013, revised 2/2019, revised 3/2019,
reviewed 5/2025, revised 3/2026

DONATIONS, GIFTS, AND MEMORIALS

The James Kennedy Public Library welcomes gifts, donations and memorials. These gifts help enrich and improve public library resources.

Monetary Donations:

Monetary contributions are deposited in the Library Trust Account. Funds from this account are appropriated by the City Council and allocated by the Library Board to fund the purchase of materials, programs, or services that are beyond the scope of the regular budget. These funds may also be used to supplement the general operating budget due to a short-term budget shortfall. Donors may request that their donations be used for specific purposes, as long as they are compatible with the purpose and goals of the library.

Adopt-a-book Program:

In addition to general monetary contributions, the library has a program to encourage the donation of funds for the purchase of specific materials. Persons interested in “adopting” a book, magazine, author, genre, format, etc. are asked to complete a form indicating what they would like the library to purchase and the maximum they are able to contribute. Library staff then order and process the specified items. The person “adopting” donates the purchase price and has the first opportunity to check the item out. Recognition book plates are placed in all items if format allows.

- A. Funds received to “adopt” books are deposited in the Library Trust Account. Invoices for adopted books are paid out of the Library Trust Account.
- B. Persons wishing to adopt an item are asked to complete a form indicating what they would like purchased, the maximum they are able to pay, and what information they would like on the book plate.
- C. Adopted books will be shelved with the books purchased from the general account.
- D. Adopted materials will be evaluated and weeded using the same criteria as is used for the regular collection.
- E. If possible, adopted books that are withdrawn from the collection will be offered to the adopting person before being added to the Friends book sale materials or otherwise disposed of

Books and Other Materials:

Gifts of books and other materials are accepted on behalf of the Friends of the JKPL. Donated items are evaluated by the Friends members or their designee. Donated materials may be added to the library collection, sold at the Friends booksale, or disposed of in some other manner.

Gifts of items other than books and materials will be accepted at the discretion of the Library Art and Furnishings Committee. Among the criteria on which the decision shall be based is the appropriateness of the item to the building and its

décor, and the impact on the operations of the library. The Library Art and Furnishings Committee consists of Library Trustees and community members appointed by the Library Board President.

Memorials:

The Library accepts monetary donations for the purchase of Library materials in memory of or in honor of figure out better language – could be families, organization, couples, pets, etc. Memorial books or other library materials may also be donated. Persons wishing to donate physical items are encouraged to contact the library prior to selecting the item(s) to donate to ensure that it can be utilized in the collection. Recognition Book Plates are placed in all items if format allows.

All donations, gifts, and memorials are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. The library, upon request, will furnish a donation statement, but will not place a financial value on any items.

All gifts become the sole and absolute property of the James Kennedy Public Library and may be utilized, sold, or disposed of in the best interests of the library. In all cases, the library reserves the right to refuse a gift of any kind, memorial or otherwise, if it is not compatible with the purpose and goals of the library. Such decisions will rest exclusively with the Board of Trustees

Recognition for Gifts:

It is the policy of the James Kennedy Public Library to recognize the generosity of an individual(s) and/or corporation(s), foundation and/or other donor(s) for significant financial donations by choosing to create a specific naming designation for a collection, facility or portion of a facility. Naming opportunities are also available to honor a person's significant service to the Library or to the society at large.

The Board of Trustees of the Library has the sole right to name or rename rooms, areas, collections or facilities. The Board recognizes that naming a collection, facility or portion of a facility is a decision of immense importance; therefore, making these decisions is undertaken with an appreciation for that significance.

While the Board is grateful for and encourages donations from all individuals, businesses and organizations, the Board has the right to decline any gift to the Library and/or reject naming proposals.

- A. Larger areas of the James Kennedy Public Library, such as the Genealogy / Iowa History Room or Adult Reading / Periodicals Room may be named or renamed upon receipt of a donation of \$125,000.00 or more.

- B. Study rooms, special use areas such as the teen area or reading areas, and other interior and exterior spaces may be named or renamed upon receipt of a donation of \$75,000.00 or more.
- C. Collections such as large print, audiobook, Iowa history, etc. may be named or renamed upon receipt of a donation of \$50,000.00 or more.
- D. Endowment proposals such as those for a collection or special programming may also include naming rights. Appropriate contributions for such naming opportunities will be at the discretion of the Board and will be determined by cost of materials, staff, on-going operating costs, etc. depending on the specific program or collection.

Gifts may be acknowledged by any of the following forms at the discretion of the Library and/or the donor.

- A plaque placed in a room or area or near a physical object, or collection in the library (primarily for naming gifts)
- A special program or media campaign to announce the donation.
- Library bookplate(s) with the donor's name, format permitting.
- Acknowledgement in a Library promotional publication, e-newsletter, display, advertisement, social media, or on the Library's web page.
- Announcement at a Library program.
- A thank you letter from the Library Board of Trustees

The Board may name or rename library buildings. The Board will review, consider and approve or decline a proposal that a library building bear a designated name only when a prospective donor wishes to make a substantial gift to the Library or when the naming opportunity is to honor a person who has contributed significantly to the social, academic, scholarly, research or political life of the community.

The Board reserves the right to terminate or alter a naming designation under unusual or extraordinary circumstances.

The Board reserves the right to name a collection, room, or portion of the library facility to honor individuals who have contributed significantly to the social, academic, scholarly, research or political life of the community.

Adopted 10/1988; revised 10/1998; 9/01 name revision only 02/02,
revised 6/06, reviewed 2/2012, revised 2/2014, revised 3/2026

James Kennedy Public Library
Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

Mission Essential Functions

Priority will be given to the following essential services:

- Information services for the public
- Facility and collection maintenance

Library Leadership

- Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director
 - Work: 563-875-8912, svonderhaar@dyersville.lib.ia.us
 - Cell: 563-599-4110
 - Responsibilities: Operation of the library, control and supervision of its equipment, personnel, and hours of operation
 - Can activate and implement the COOP. Is a primary COOP coordinator.
- Dawn Schrandt, Assistant Library Director
 - Work: 563-875-8912, dschrandt@dyersville.lib.ia.us
 - Cell: 707-228-9972
 - Responsibilities: Is second in command after the Library Director. Will be named Acting Library Director when the Library Director is unavailable.
 - Can activate and implement the COOP. Is a primary COOP coordinator.
- Paul Zurawski, Emerging and Young Adult Librarian
 - Work: 563-875-8912, pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us
 - Cell: 563-213-0785
 - Responsibilities: Is third in command, after the Assistant Library Director. Will be named Acting Library Director when both the Library Director and the Assistant Library Director are unavailable.
 - Can activate and implement the COOP.

Library Team

Full Time or Salaried:

Shirley Vonderhaar, Library Director

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Dawn Schrandt, Assistant Library Director

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Paul Zurawski, Emerging and Young Adult Librarian

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Regular Part Time (20+ hours per week):

Christa Palm, Children's Librarian

Work: 563-875-8912; cpalm@dyersville.lib.ia.us

Brian Alm, Clerk and Tech Services

Work: 563-875-8912; balm@dyersville.lib.ia.us

Jo Amunson, Clerk

Work: 563-875-8912; jamunson@dyersville.lib.ia.us

Audrey Maiers, Clerk and Programmer

Work: 563-875-8912; amaiers@dyersville.lib.ia.us

Part Time (Less than 20 hours per week)

Ann Boeckenstedt, Senior Services Programmer

Work: 563-875-8912; aboeckenstedt@dyersville.lib.ia.us

Andrea Lepley, Children's Programmer

Work: 563-875-8912; alepley@dyersville.lib.ia.us

Debbie Gudenkauf, Clerk

Work: 563-875-8912; dgudenkauf@dyersville.lib.ia.us

Sarah Keffeler-Gibson, Clerk

Work: 563-875-8912; skeffeler-gibson@dyersville.lib.ia.us

Luke Robbins, Clerk

Work: 563-875-8912; lrobbins@dyersville.lib.ia.us

Special Services

Kimshiro Benton-Hermsen, Kids Can Cook Instructor

Work: 563-875-8912; no staff email provided

Remote Work

Full Time and Regular Part Time Employees may temporarily be assigned to provide essential services from home or another location. Tasks may include:

- Responding to phone and email messages from the public, staff, colleagues, and vendors
- Maintaining the library website and Facebook
- Building and ordering lists of items for purchase
- Reviewing policies, procedures, and staff manuals
- Offering virtual story times, book clubs, and other programs
- Planning future programs and publicity
- Completing grant applications
- Participating in online continuing education
- Preparing future schedules
- Communicating updates to staff
- Updating item records in the catalog

Required Equipment

The following equipment and services are required for remote work:

- Internet
- Phone
- Computer
- Software: Excel, Access, Word, Publisher, Library ILS, Library Google Drive
- Necessary documents: manuals, policies, desk schedule
- Access to library documents and files (staff will need to store on flash drive as remote access to Library Server is not currently an option.)

Minimum Staffing Level

Two healthy library employees must be available to work at the library during all hours of operation. An inability to maintain this temporary minimum level will result in reduced hours or closing the library to all services.

One healthy library employee must be available to work during a library closure for at least two hours a day in order to empty the book drop, and organize materials.

If no healthy library employees are available, the book drop bins shall be removed and items allowed to collect on the floor until such time as a healthy employee can return. This will increase the amount of time needed to prepare the library to reopen.

Procurement

If the library building is accessible to staff and delivery services, the Librarians will place material orders as usual.

If the library building is inaccessible to staff or delivery services, the Librarians will suspend orders of physical materials and focus on collecting and promoting digital resources such as databases, e-books, e-audiobook.

Legal Considerations

The State of Iowa has deemed patron records to be confidential as cited in Chapter 22.7 of the Code of Iowa. CONFIDENTIALITY OF LIBRARY RECORDS must be followed by library staff at all times.

As trusted providers of information, library staff must only give information from or refer patrons to federal, state, and local authorities when patrons ask questions about current emergency situations.

Review of COOP by Library Staff

Newly hired library staff will read over the COOP as part of their introductory training. The COOP will be available as part of the JKPL policies. The Library Director and Assistant Library Director will ensure library staff review the COOP at least once each calendar year.

Returning to Normal Operations

Staff should be prepared to return to work immediately when it's deemed safe to resume operations. In case of a library closure, the following tasks may need to be performed before the library reopens to the public:

- Contact staff and determine schedules
- Update computers
- Check in and shelve any remaining items
- Move furniture or other items back in place as needed
- Communicate with patrons through the library website and social media accounts

Approved March 31, 2020; Revised 12/13/2022;
Revised 3/10/2026

Full Library Board Assessment

Instructions: Discuss each point collectively and come to a rating consensus. Consider the areas of overall board strength, consider the areas that need improvement. Rank the following statements with **1** being “no/never,” **2** being “sometimes,” and **3** being “always.”

Statement	1	2	3
The board has a process for the recruitment and recommendation of people for open positions when vacancies occur.			
The board has a process for new trustee orientation.			
The board stays abreast of the financial status of the library and its funding sources.			
The board sets the direction for the library through strategic planning.			
The board uses the planning document to inform decision-making.			
The board reviews and adopts a budget that reflects the current strategic plan.			
The board evaluates the library director annually based on a written job description.			
The board feels free to communicate problems to the director in a timely manner.			
The board is familiar with state and federal laws governing libraries.			
The board has established bylaws to oversee its governance.			
The board has established clear policies to govern and guide library operations.			
The board continually reviews and updates the library's policies.			
The board safeguards the public's First Amendment and Intellectual Freedom rights by protecting freedom of access, while also being open to the public's comments.			
The board is aware of patron privacy protections under the Iowa Code and ensures that its policies are consistent with the law.			
The board is representative of the community it serves.			
The board is politically active, advocating for libraries in the public policy arena.			
The board annually assesses its own performance.			
The board receives or shares information needed to make informed decisions in a timely manner.			
The board allows time at each meeting for discussion of emerging issues and trends.			
The board encourages open discussion and expression of dissenting opinions during board meetings.			
The board speaks with one voice after a vote is taken.			
The board recognizes and thanks staff and volunteers for their efforts.			
The board embraces a culture of learning for themselves and staff.			
TOTAL			

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Individual Library Trustee Assessment

(For individual use; typically not shared with others.)

Check all statements that apply to you as an individual trustee:

- 1. I understand that the city-library ordinance outlines board structure and authority.
- 2. I am familiar with the library's strategic plan.
- 3. I am familiar with laws that apply to Iowa libraries.
- 4. I am familiar with the board's bylaws.
- 5. I am familiar with library policies.
- 6. I understand there are service standards for Iowa public libraries.
- 7. I know about the State Library of Iowa and its programs and resources.
- 8. I attend board meetings regularly.
- 9. I am available to serve on committees and willing to serve as an officer as needed.
- 10. I come to meetings having already read the information relevant to that meeting.
- 11. I understand and am comfortable with the board's decision-making process.
- 12. I willingly abide by majority board decisions and support them publicly.
- 13. I treat other board members with respect and listen openly to their opinions.
- 14. I understand and respect the different roles/duties of the library director, the board, and the city.
- 15. I know the library staff by name and job position.
- 16. I understand my role to work with the director but not micromanage staff.
- 17. I encourage and support the director in achieving library goals.
- 18. I visit my library frequently enough to be familiar with services and to identify potential needs.
- 19. I am a member of a local community group or organization.
- 20. I advocate on behalf of the library to civic groups and community organizations.
- 21. I attend city council meetings and advocate on behalf of the library.
- 22. I keep abreast of legislation and the impact it has on the library community.
- 23. I have established a relationship with my local and state representatives and discuss library issues with them advocating for their support.
- 24. I belong to a state or national library organization (ILA, ALA, United For Libraries, etc).
- 25. I have attended ILA's Legislative Day in the past two years.
- 26. I have participated in ILA's Lobby From Home Day event in the past two years.
- 27. I subscribe to State Library newsletters like Monday Morning Eye-Opener.
- 28. I read national library organization newsletters and publications.
- 29. I have attended at least two library programs in the last year.
- 30. I have participated in board education programs in the past year.

(If each box checked represents 5 points – all boxes checked equals 150 points)

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Checklist for Tech Savvy Trustees

(For individual board member use.)

Statement	Yes	No	Not Yet
I can access my email on the web.			
I am an active Facebook user.			
I am active on other social media platforms.			
I use a laptop, tablet, iPad, or smartphone.			
I use Bridges for eBooks or downloadable audiobooks.			
I use cloud storage.			
I have attended a library-related webinar this year.			
The library has web conferencing software for online meetings or programs (Zoom, GoToMeeting, WebEx).			
I receive the <i>Monday Morning Eye Opener</i> (MMEO) via email.			
I have visited the State Library's website.			
I have visited the United for Libraries website.			
My library provides wireless Internet access.			
My library electronically tracks wireless usage.			
My library uses a live Chat service.			
Our job descriptions reflect updated technology skills.			
We see demonstrations of technology products used by the library at board meetings.			

"Toward Tech Savvy Trustees"
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Technology Proficiency Checklist for Library Staff

Recommended technology proficiencies for staff and directors in Iowa's public libraries.

Basic Computer Skills	0 <i>I don't think I could do that.</i>	1 <i>I think I could do that.</i>	2 <i>I could do that with confidence.</i>
Turn on & shut down the computers in your library			
Turn the monitors on and off			
Use the mouse: left-click, right-click, drag and drop			
Use the keyboard			
TOTAL for Basic Computer Skills			

Windows Operating System Skills	0 <i>I don't think I could do that.</i>	1 <i>I think I could do that.</i>	2 <i>I could do that with confidence.</i>
Start a program from the Start menu			
Manage computer settings from the Control Panel			
Exit a program			
Save files			
Change file name or location using Save As			
Minimize and maximize a window			
Minimize and maximize a window			
Manage multiple windows using the taskbar			
Use menus and toolbars			
Use the Help feature in programs			
Find and open files by browsing from within a program			
Find file icons and open them			
Drag files to a new location			
Copy files and paste them into a new location			
Understand the difference between files and folders			
Make a new folder			

Delete a file or a folder			
Empty the recycle bin			
Restore files from the recycle bin			
Use Ctrl-Alt-Delete and the Task Manager to end non-responsive programs			
Tab between fields in a form			
Respond to dialog boxes			
TOTAL for Windows Operating System Skills			

Troubleshooting Skills	0 <i>I don't think I could do that.</i>	1 <i>I think I could do that.</i>	2 <i>I could do that with confidence.</i>
Check the various connections in the back of the computer			
Reboot the computer			
Use Ctrl-Alt-Delete and the Task Manager to end non-responsive programs			
TOTAL for Troubleshooting Skills			

Printers and Printing Skills	0 <i>I don't think I could do that.</i>	1 <i>I think I could do that.</i>	2 <i>I could do that with confidence.</i>
Turn the printer on and off			
Load paper			
Clear a paper jam			
Replace toner			
Use print preview			
Switch between portrait and landscape printing			
Print specific pages or selections			
Print multiple copies			
TOTAL for Printers and Printing Skills			

External Storage Devices Skills	0 <i>I don't think I could do that.</i>	1 <i>I think I could do that.</i>	2 <i>I could do that with confidence.</i>
Know the difference between different kinds of external storage devices (CDs, flash drives, etc.)			
Insert an external storage device into the computer and access the files it contains			
Copy files to external storage devices			
TOTAL for External Storage Devices Skills			

File Management Skills	0 <i>I don't think I could do that.</i>	1 <i>I think I could do that.</i>	2 <i>I could do that with confidence.</i>
Understand the differences between files and folders			
Copy and paste, drag and drop within files and whole files/folders			
Navigate in the file structure to open, save, or delete files or folders			
Empty and or recover files from recycle bin			
Understand file extensions			
Create files and folders			
Move files between folders or drives			
Copy files between folders, to flash drive or other external storage device			
Delete files and folders			
Backup files – to a website, a USB device, to CD, to a network drive			
Open and save a file			
Rename a file or folder			
Create a shortcut to a file, a folder, or program			
TOTAL for File Management Skills			

Word Processing Skills	0 <i>I don't think I could do that.</i>	1 <i>I think I could do that.</i>	2 <i>I could do that with confidence.</i>
Insert, edit text			
Change font and font size			
Align text: left, right, center			
Bold, italicize, or underline text			
Change line spacing			
Change margins			
Cut, copy, and paste			
Use spell check			
Copy text from the web into Word and clean it up			
Use Print Preview & print selection			
Understand different word processing file types (i.e. .doc, .docx, .pdf)			
Understand various platforms for editing text documents (i.e. MS Word, Google Drive, Office 365)			
TOTAL for Word Processing Skills			

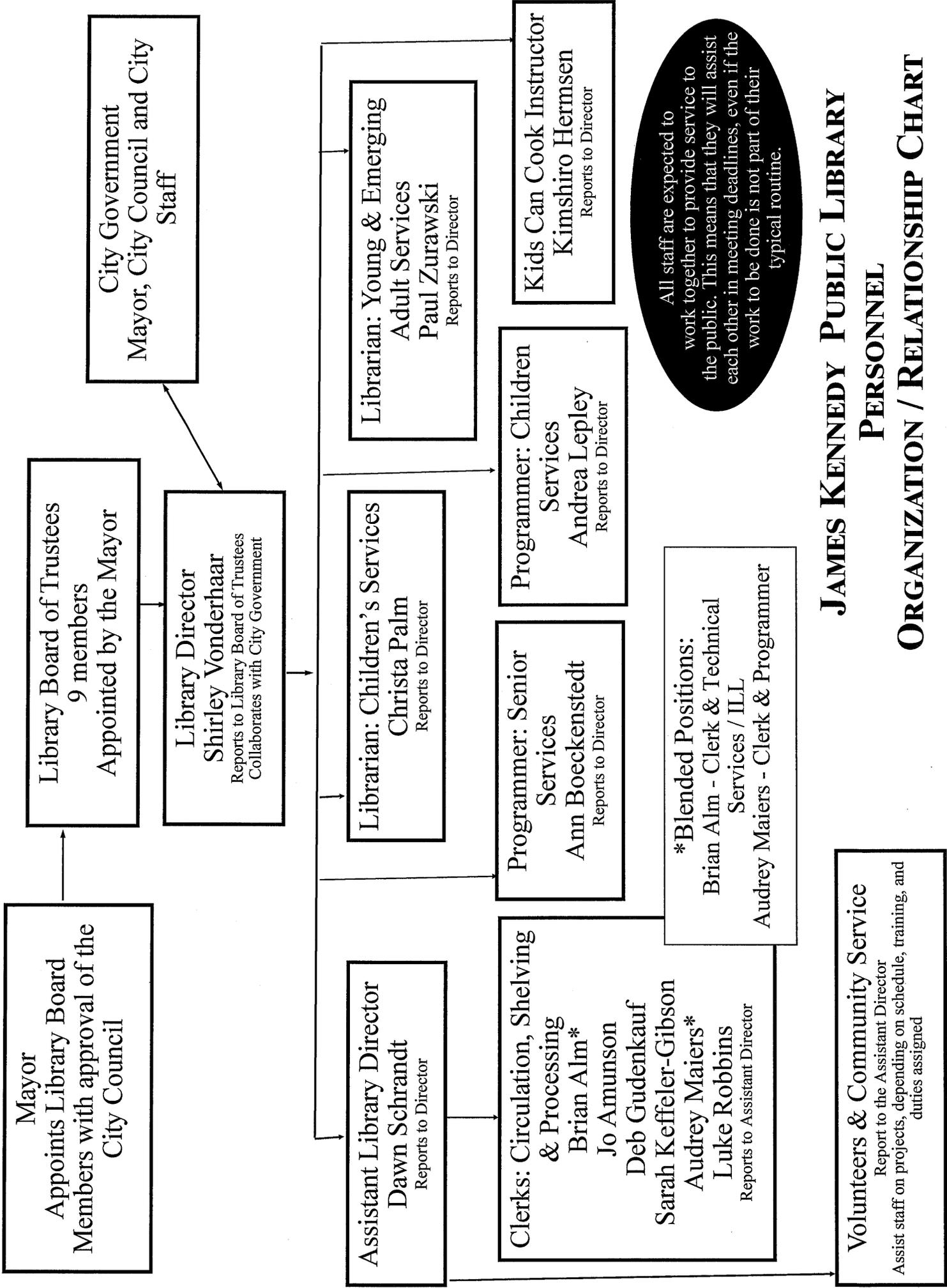
Internet and Web Browser Skills	0 <i>I don't think I could do that.</i>	1 <i>I think I could do that.</i>	2 <i>I could do that with confidence.</i>
Understand what a web browser does			
Understand what a URL or web address is			
Understand the difference between a search box and the address bar			
Find and open an internet browser			
Type in a web address			
Navigate using links			
Use Back, Forward, Home buttons			
View the browsing history			

Delete history and temporary files			
Fill out an online form			
Add, delete and organize bookmarks or favorites			
Use a search engine			
Print all or part of a web page			
Use the Find command			
Change the text size			
Download a file from the Internet			
TOTAL for Internet and Web Browser Skills			

Email Skills	0 <i>I don't think I could do that.</i>	1 <i>I think I could do that.</i>	2 <i>I could do that with confidence.</i>
Access email via a web browser			
Log into email account			
Read, archive, and delete messages			
Send messages to one recipient or to multiple recipients			
List recipients as CC or BCC			
Reply to and forward messages			
Print messages			
Open & download attachments			
Send attachments			
TOTAL for Printers and Printing Skills			

TOTAL for All Skills

Keep in mind: This is a rough estimate of skills we think hold general relevance to the average library worker. Depending on the size of your library, and the type of position you hold you'll likely find some additional technology-related skills are needed, or that not everything here is relevant to you. This is informational only! Remember: technology savvy is a skill that can be learned. Contact your District



All staff are expected to work together to provide service to the public. This means that they will assist each other in meeting deadlines, even if the work to be done is not part of their typical routine.

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