

Summer Reading Instructions

This Summer Reading Program is open to children who have completed fifth grade and under—including infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

At registration, kids age 3+ will receive a book bag, free book, and other goodies, including a ball chain necklace or cable ring. They will then keep track of how many minutes they read or are read to on a reading log.

Kids earn a bead for each 2 hours read or event they attend. If they read 6 hours they may pick a prize from our prize box. If they read 12 hours they receive a brag tag, an ice cream coupon, a guess at our guessing jar, and an entry into the grand prize drawing. Children may keep reading to earn more brag tags and grand prize entries, but will only receive one cone, one guess, and one prize from the prize box.

We will be giving away an iPad, a karaoke machine, and a 3 month subscription to Kiwi Crate. The child who guesses closest on the guessing jar will win a movie party at the library. Other prizes may be added.

Children under 3 will receive a free book and a sheet with brain building activities to do with parents or caregivers. The sheet may be picked up at the library or printed from our website. The paper sheets must be completed in full to earn a free ice cream cone and prize from our prize box. Families may do more than one sheet and earn another free book. Children under 3 are **not** eligible to guess on the guessing jar or earn entries into the grand prize drawing.

For the grand prize drawing, reading / program logs must be turned in by 5 pm on July 28th. The drawing will be held on July 29th. Grand Prize winners will be notified and posted on our Facebook page on July 31st.



Dear Parents and Readers,

Welcome to the 2023 Summer Reading Program *Find Your Voice!* As usual, there is an independent reading portion of the program and special events that relate to the program

theme. *Please check the event details in this flyer or library website at www.dyersville.lib.ia.us for information about these events, as the locations, days, and times of these activities are varied.*

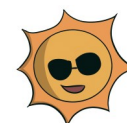
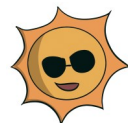
Please note that some programs may have age or space limits. The website will also have information about programs that, due to space restrictions, could not be included in this flyer.

The reading program will run
June 6 through July 28.



**2023 Summer Reading
Program Information
June 5—July 28**

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EVENT DETAILS



Please note: Programs in red are held off site.

Participate in events below to earn a bead.

June 1-30: Westside Park StoryWalk®: Bikes For Sale by Carter Higgins. The Westside Park StoryWalk® begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamonds. Follow the trail and read the story. Scan the QR code or use the tiny url on the last post and answer the questions to be entered for a monthly prize drawing. 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.*

Tuesday, June 6: Find Your Voice with Rock Painting* @ 10:00 am. Kids ages 3-11 will paint 2 rocks to look alike. On the bottom of one rock we will write "Find my match at the Library." Kids will take one rock and hide it somewhere around town. The second rock will stay on display at the Library. As the matching rocks are found and brought back to the library, they will be put on display with their "twin." Rocks will be returned to their finders after the summer reading program is over. Be sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram as we will announce matches as they are made!

Saturday, June 10: Find Your Voice with Tiny Art for Kids* @ 10:00 am. Young artists between the ages of 7 and 12 are invited to the library to create a tiny masterpiece to be displayed at the library. Kids will receive a 4"x 4" canvas, easel, paints, and palette then listen to music while they are painting. All art will be on display until July 15, then artists will be able to take their creations home. No artistic ability is required, just the desire to create! Registration is requested so that enough supplies will be available.

Thursday, June 15: Find Your Voice with Creek Stomping @ 1:00 pm. Get your feet wet and learn about the amazing critters that live in our ponds and streams! Dubuque County Conservationist Jason Denlinger will lead us in exploring the creek at West Side Park. We will search for aquatic animals and plants, learn about the importance of water quality, and how we can monitor creeks and streams in our neighborhoods. This program is appropriate for ages 4 and up, but children under 7 should have an adult or mature teen companion. We will meet under the 3rd Street SW bridge. Please plan to wear shorts or pants that can be rolled up, and rain boots or other waterproof footwear.



Monday, June 19: Exotic Animals with Dr. Bechtel* @ 1:00 pm. Dr. Michael Bechtel, Associate Professor of Science Education at Wartburg College, loves animals and will be bringing some of his animal friends for us to meet. He has always incorporated exotic animals in his classrooms--everything from poison dart frogs to African spur thigh tortoises to Malaysian seramas (miniature chickens). He has even created his own breed of mice! Families and children of all ages will have a blast at this engaging hands-on program. The program will be held in the Library parking lot, because these animals aren't potty trained!

Saturday, June 24: World of Bubbles with Absolute Science* from 8:00 am—12:00 pm. Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles! Visit the Dyersville Downtown Market and celebrate summer reading with over 10 bubble stations. Kids of all ages are invited to come and use professional wands and bubble juice for the biggest and best bubbles you've ever seen. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library and the Dyersville Downtown Market. This program will be held weather permitting.

Tuesday, June 27: Find Your Voice with Book Spine Poetry for Kids* @ 1:00 pm. Book spine poetry is poetry that is made up of words found on book spines. You hunt the shelves for titles of books to create your own unique poem. For those who would rather sit and create their poems, we will have old children's books and art materials on hand to create black out poetry. Examples of both forms of poetry will be available for inspiration, and library helpers will be there to help you find your poetic voice. This program is appropriate for kids 8 and up.

July 1-31: Westside Park StoryWalk®: Woo Hoo! You're Doing Great! by Sandra Boynton. The Westside Park StoryWalk® begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamonds. Follow the trail and read the story. Scan the QR code or use the tiny url on the last post and answer the questions to be entered for a monthly prize drawing. 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.*

Thursday, July 6: Mad MiXtUrE With the Grout Museum* @ 1:00 pm. See, feel, and smell the amazing world of science with this program that combines the most exciting parts of several programs offered by the Grout Museum. There will be "shattering" experiments with liquid nitrogen, explosive demonstrations with flash powder, experiments with things you can find in your kitchen, and there might even be a special legless reptile guest! All ages welcome.

Monday, July 10: Find Your Voice with Duke Otherwise* @ 10:00 am. From Madison, Wisconsin, Duke Otherwise is a playful wordsmith, a spirited performer, a skilled guitarist and captivating tap-dancer. Playing almost 150 shows per year at libraries, schools, festivals, fairs and theaters, he will use his distinct baritone and his hilarious and imaginative songs to delight listeners of all ages. His show is filled with improvisation, audience participation, dancing and outrageous fun! All ages welcome.

Thursday, July 13: Find Your Voice with Diamond Painting @ 10:00 am. Diamond painting began in 2015, and has been described as a combination of paint by number and cross stitch. Except instead of paints or thread, artists use faceted beads to make beautiful and glittery art. Kids ages 9-12 can come to the library to diamond paint a llama keychain or cartoon animal. Be careful, this craft can be addictive! Registration is requested as supplies are limited. Walk-ins will be welcome if space allows.

Saturday, July 15: Magician Rick Eugene @ 10:00 am. Celebrate the last day of the Summer Reading Program with Magician Rick Eugene! Rick Eugene has been entertaining families in the Midwest for over 20 years with his high energy, magic and humor. There will be lots of audience participation and even more laughs. Don't miss this event! This program is for all ages.

***These events are funded by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.**

Check the library website, calendar, or Facebook page for information on the following programs:

- **Preschool and toddler story times**
- **Family movies**
- **Art and robot programs at the Farmer's Market**
- **Nerf Wars**
- **LEGO programs**
- **Game Night**
- **Fun and Games at Downtown Summer Nights**

