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Regular Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
6:00 pm
Genealogy Room
James Kennedy Public Library

Agenda Topics

1. Call to Order
2. Consider Approval of Agenda
3. Consider Agenda Consent Calendar
 - Correspondence & Communication
 - Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings: January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting and February 8, 2024 Work Session
 - 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
 - January Balance Report
 - Trust Account Expenditure Report
 - January Donations
 - Program Reports
 - January Report of Programs and Attendance
 - January WhoFi Program Overview
 - February Schedule of Events
 - Schedule for Upcoming Programs
 - Grant Report
 - Friends of the Library Report
 - JKPL Endowment Report

4. Consider Approval of extending library open hours on Saturday, March 16, 2024
5. Executive Committee Report
6. Fundraising Committee Report
 - Notes from February 2024 electronic discussion
7. Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee Report
8. Marketing Committee Report
9. Personnel Committee Report
10. Finance Committee Report
 - FY24 Budget presentation
11. Policy Committee Report
12. Strategic Planning Report
13. Meetings and Training
 - City Council Attendance
 - Upcoming
 - Recently Attended
14. Oral Presentations
15. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Hello Board members:

Here is the information packet for the regular February 2024 Board meeting. Please note this meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024 instead of the typical date of Wednesday, February 14.

1. Call to Order
2. Consider Approval of Agenda
3. Consider Agenda Consent Calendar
 - Correspondence & Communication – **A: Letter of Resignation from Sue Engelbrecht, effective**
 - Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings: January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting and February 8, 2024 Work session – **B & C**
 - Approve January Librarian's Report - **D**
 - Approve Bills:
 - February Bills - **E**
 - Claims Report for January - **F**
 - January & February Credit Card Claims - **G**
 - Budget Reports
 - January City Report - **H**
 - January Library Report - **I**
 - Trust Account Reports – **I have not yet received bank statements so these documents will be shared at the March meeting**
 - January Bank Statements – **J1 & J2**
 - January Balance Report - **K**
 - Trust Account Expenditure Report - **L**
 - January Donations - **M**
 - Program Reports
 - January Report of Programs and Attendance - **N**
 - January WhoFi Program Overview - **O**
 - February Schedule of Events - **P**
 - Schedule for Upcoming Programs - **Q**
 - Grant Report – **Library Staff have several applications pending: ALA / Libraries Transforming Communities Grant – Application to fund services for neurodivergent and special needs community will announce on February 15; Paint Iowa Beautiful grant for paint should announce in April; STEM Scale Up grant for Turing Tumble will announce April 8**
 - Friends of the Library Report – **R: Notes from February meeting**
 - JKPL Endowment Report – **S: December 2023 Summary of Fund Activity**
4. Consider Approval of extending library open hours on Saturday, March 16, 2024. **The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held this afternoon. Library staff are recommending the JKPL remain**

**open until 3:30 pm to accommodate the after-parade rush.
Last year we stayed open until 4 pm.**

5. Executive Committee Report
6. Fundraising Committee Report
 - Notes from February 2024 electronic discussion
7. Furnishings, Art & Facilities Committee Report
8. Marketing Committee Report
9. Personnel Committee Report
10. Finance Committee Report
 - FY24 Budget presentation – **rescheduled to February 19**
11. Policy Committee Report
12. Strategic Planning Report – **A special work session was held to start the process of updating the plan. Next step is to review the results and recommend potential changes to the goals. Does anyone on the Board want to be involved in this? Recommended Goals will come back to the Board for approval and once goals are approved, staff will develop and recommend specific objectives and tasks to be added. Tentative schedule would be for Goals to be approved at the March or April meeting and a revised complete plan, including objectives and tasks, to be approved at the May meeting.**
13. Meetings and Training
 - City Council Attendance – **March 4: Sally Kelly**
 - Upcoming - **Public Libraries of Dubuque County Agency Meeting is scheduled for March 21.**
 - Recently Attended
14. Oral Presentations
15. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Jan 29, 2024

Dear Shirley,

Please accept this as formal notice of my resignation from my position as JKPL board member effective Feb 29, 2024.

I am very grateful I had the opportunity to serve Duersville by being on the board of our outstanding library.

We will be relocating at the end of Spring.

Sincerely, Sue Engelbrecht

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**James Kennedy Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the James Kennedy Public Library was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, in the JKPL Hoffman Room. Present: Kami Boffeli, Sue Engelbrecht, Beth Gudenkauf, Sally Kelly, Ray Kruse, Catherine O'Hea, Alex Wiezorek, Danielle Will, and Library Director Shirley Vonderhaar. Absent: none.

1. Board President O'Hea called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. Consider approval of Agenda
 - Kruse MOVED "Approval of Agenda" seconded by Gudenkauf.
 - Ayes: Boffeli, Engelbrecht, Gudenkauf, Kelly, Kruse, O'Hea, Wiezorek, and Will
 - Nays: None
 - Motion CARRIED

3. Agenda Consent Calendar
 - o Correspondence and Communication
 - o Approve minutes of previous meeting: December 13, 2023 regular meeting
 - o Approve December Librarian's report
 - o Approve bills
 - January bills
 - Claims report for December
 - December and January credit card claims
 - o Budget reports
 - December city report
 - December library report
 - o Trust account reports
 - December bank statements
 - December balance report
 - Trust account expenditure report
 - December donations
 - o Program reports
 - December report of programs and attendance
 - December WhoFi program overview
 - January schedule of events
 - Schedule for upcoming programs
 - o Grant report
 - o Friends of the Library report
 - o JKPL Endowment report
 - o Quarterly contract use reports
 - Statistics by city/residence area
 - Statistics by contract/service area

Gudenkauf MOVED "Approval of Agenda Consent" seconded by Kruse.
Ayes: Boffeli, Engelbrecht, Gudenkauf, Kelly, Kruse, O'Hea, Wiezorek, and Will
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED

4. Library Director evaluation
 - o Gudenkauf reported on the results of the evaluations provided by each Board member and her meeting with Shirley.
 - o Gudenkauf, O’Hea and Shirley signed the official review and it will be placed in Shirley’s personnel file.
5. Executive committee report — no report
6. Fundraising committee report
 - o Notes January 3, 2024 meeting
7. Furnishings, Art, & Facilities committee report
 - o Update on projects and priorities
8. Marketing committee report — no report
9. Personnel committee report
 - o Notes from electronic meeting in January
 - o FY25 personnel budget recommendation
10. Finance committee report
 - o Notes from January 8, 2024 meeting
 - o JKPL FY23 year-end city and library reports
 - o Consider Approval of FY25 Library Operating budget request
Committee MOVED to approve the FY25 Operating budget request of \$552,945.00, no second needed.
Ayes: Boffeli, Engelbrecht, Gudenkauf, Kelly, Kruse, O’Hea, Wiezorek, and Will
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED
 - o Consider Approval of FY25 Library Trust account budget request
Committee MOVED to approve the FY25 Trust account budget request of \$40,000.00, no second needed.
Ayes: Boffeli, Engelbrecht, Gudenkauf, Kelly, Kruse, O’Hea, Wiezorek, and Will
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED
 - o Consider Approval of FY25 Library Capital Projects request
Committee MOVED to approve the FY25 Capital projects request of \$30,000.00, no second needed.
Ayes: Boffeli, Engelbrecht, Gudenkauf, Kelly, Kruse, O’Hea, Wiezorek, and Will
Nays: None
Motion CARRIED
11. Policy committee report — no report

12. Strategic planning report

- Update from ad hoc committee

13. Meetings and trainings

- City Council
 - Feb 5: Boffeli
- Upcoming
 - Jan 25: ILOC
- Recently attended
- O'Hea declared next regular board meeting to be at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, Feb 13

14. Oral presentations

15. Adjournment

- Gudenkauf MOVED to adjourn seconded by Kelly. Meeting ADJOURNED by O'Hea at 7:24 pm.

Danielle Will, Secretary

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**James Kennedy Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the February 8, 2024 Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of the James Kennedy Public Library held a special work session on Thursday, February 8, 2024 in the Hoffman Room. Present: Kami Boffeli, Beth Gudenkauf, Sally Kelly, Ray Kruse, Catherine O’Hea, Alex Wiezorek, Danielle Will, and Library Director Shirley Vonderhaar.

The James Kennedy Public Library held a special Library Board work session to work on reviewing and updating the JKPL Strategic Plan. This session was facilitated by State Library of Iowa Consultant Becky Heil and participants included representatives from the JKPL staff, Dyersville City Council, and local community

Meeting began at 6:02 pm and ended at 8:57 pm.

Danielle Will, Secretary


JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Librarian's report to the Board of Trustees

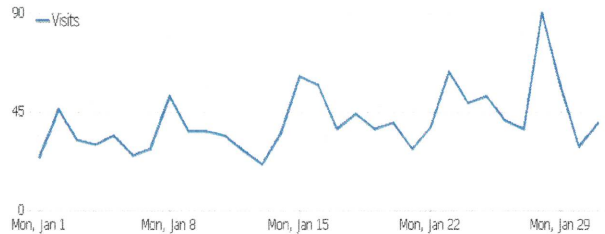
Month: January-24
 YTD: July-22 to January-24
 Previous YTD: July-21 to January-23

	Library visits		Items loaned		Library cards issued		
					City resident	Total	
Month	4171	(↑ 3.3%)	8283	(↑ 15.4%)	7	18	(↓ 47.1%)
YTD	34590	(↑ 21.6%)	56044	(↑ 8.5%)	102	200	(↓ 4.3%)


Website traffic



Visits	Average visit duration
1260	1:22




Computer use




Month	Hours		Prev. YTD	Month	Sessions	
	YTD				YTD	Prev. YTD
148	1265	1046	414	2784	2822	

Wifi use



Sessions		Visits		Unique visitors	
Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
95	1701	88	1445	48	239

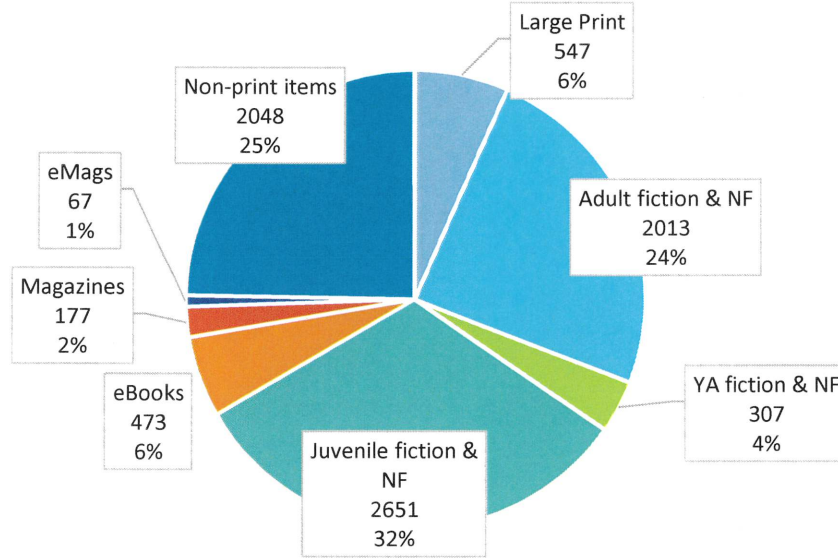
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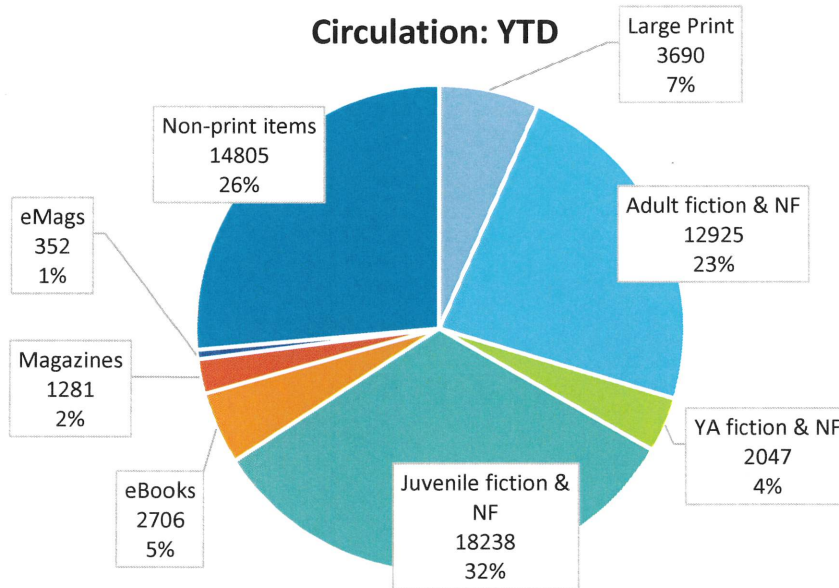
Month	YTD	Prev. YTD
60	494	407

Circulation

Circulation: Month



Circulation: YTD



Non-print items

eAudio
Adult & YA audio
Juvenile audio & kits
Adult & YA video
Juvenile video & DVD
Games, LoT, etc.

Month

515
78
20
711
296
428
2048

YTD

3252
537
146
5434
2154
3282
14805

Music

Downloads: 16
Streams: 0
Total YTD: 41

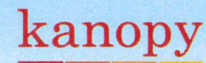


Video (film and TV)

Downloads: 4
YTD: 13



Visits: 158
YTD: 1806



Online Learning

Sessions: 17
YTD: 642



Languages

Sessions: 22
YTD: 361



Genealogy

Visits: 824
YTD: 3821



Collection

Items purchased

Month: 209
YTD: 1616

Items donated

Month: 35
YTD: 329
Prev. YTD: 310

Items withdrawn

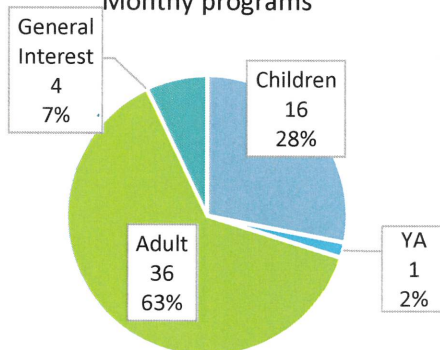
	Month	YTD
Books	476	2218
Audio	6	48
Video	9	274
Other	1	77
Total	492	2617

Summary of additions

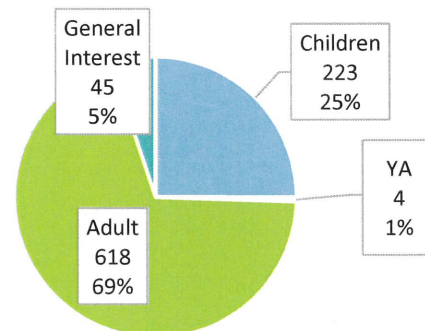
	Large print	Adult fiction	Adult & YA NF	YA fiction	Juvenile fiction	Juvenile NF	eBook & eAudio	Adult & YA audio	Juvenile audio	Adult & YA video	Juvenile video	CDs, games, misc.	Total
Current month	17	66	36	19	50	0	0	8	0	34	6	8	244
Previous month	11	77	25	6	30	4	16	3	0	21	5	3	201
Current YTD	100	573	190	109	483	71	68	44	5	189	62	51	1945
Previous YTD	142	710	212	114	402	75	84	61	6	168	55	78	2107

Programs

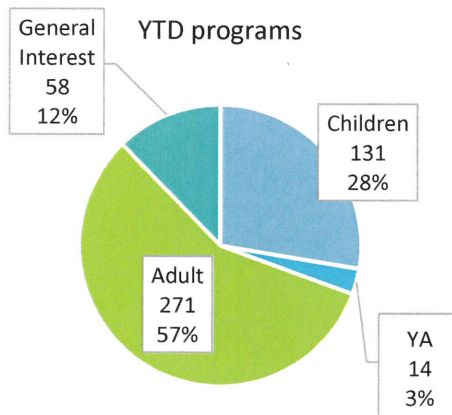
Monthly programs



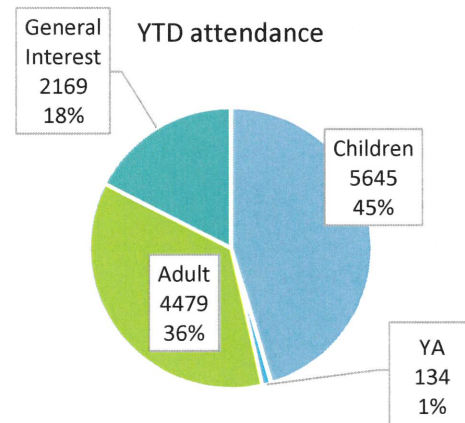
Monthly attendance



YTD programs



YTD attendance





Dyersville, IA

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Expense Approval Register

Packet: APPKT01569 - Library Bills - Feb 2024

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Description (Item)	Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND					
Department: 410 - LIBRARY					
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	10245	1 Year Membership	001-5-410-4-62100	DUES	165.00
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	10247	1 Year Membership	001-5-410-4-62100	DUES	115.00
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	10252	1 Year Membership	001-5-410-4-62100	DUES	25.00
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	10300	1 Year Membership	001-5-410-4-62100	DUES	101.00
VONDERHAAR, SHIRLEY	02.01.24	Computer Maintenance	001-5-410-4-63750	MAINTENANCE	119.88
PREMIER CARPET CARE	4312	Carpet Cleaning	001-5-410-4-63750	MAINTENANCE	340.20
MM MECHANICAL	i2632	Heater Maintenance	001-5-410-4-63750	MAINTENANCE	110.00
TRI-STATE AUTOMATIC SPRI...	43870	Sprinkler Inspection	001-5-410-4-64316	CONTRACTS	249.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	01.05.24	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	200.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	01.12.24	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	200.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	01.19.24	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	200.00
HANSEL CLEANING SERVICES ...	01.27.24	Cleaning Services	001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	200.00
POSTMASTER	012324	Stamps	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	53.00
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	248.46
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038012588	CD Processing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	9.98
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038029401	CD Processing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	4.99
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038037663	CD Processing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	29.94
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2136862	CD Processing	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5.90
COMPLETE OFFICE OF WISC...	638460	Building Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	90.28
COMPLETE OFFICE OF WISC...	639355	Cleaning Supplies	001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	54.36
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	0003290440	Audio Books Returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-29.73
OVERDRIVE	06497CO24034598	Electronic Media	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	765.34
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	29.48
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	71.62
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	39.07
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	Games	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	117.12
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	DVD	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	343.61
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	74.85
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	245.37
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	65.88
AMAZON	1L7D-RYYW-9TTP	Books Returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-14.89
AMAZON	1RL1-YYNJ-G47D	Books Returned	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	-19.96
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038012588	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	45.07
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038014206	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	83.21
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038023165	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	143.29
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038023185	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	350.14
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038023386	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	16.52
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038023386	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	18.60
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038023386	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	17.09
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038029401	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	27.50
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038031460	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	43.86
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038031460	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	96.43
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038037663	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	135.23
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038037881	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	77.28
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038037881	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	53.85
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038037881	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	205.16
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038040502	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	35.98
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038040502	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	24.75
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038047262	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	64.97
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038047262	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	10.82
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038059780	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	217.54
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2069261	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	101.28

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BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	2136862	Audio Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	78.28
CENGAGE LEARNING	83213951	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	25.59
CENGAGE LEARNING	83257586	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	17.54
CENGAGE LEARNING	83697555	Books	001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SU...	26.00

Department 410 - LIBRARY Total: **6,125.73**

Fund 001 - GENERAL FUND Total: **6,125.73**

Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND

Department: 410 - LIBRARY

FAREWAY STORES INC	00231229	Program Supplies	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	6.99
VONDERHAAR, SHIRLEY	01.18.24	Bulk Mailing	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	103.48
OVERDRIVE	06497CO24034598	Electronic Media - Love My L...	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	100.00
RANDY'S NEIGHBORHOOD ...	1337	Refreshments	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	96.04
RANDY'S NEIGHBORHOOD ...	1784	Refreshments	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	9.19
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	Love My Library	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	44.75
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	StoryWalk	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	15.12
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	Adopt A Book	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	8.57
AMAZON	1H6C-WCGH-7DGT	Programs	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	87.07
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038023165	Westermeyer Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	16.53
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038023386	Digman Bequest	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	18.60
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038031460	McCool Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	17.10
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038031460	Westermeyer Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	15.39
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038037881	Westermeyer Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	16.52
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038037881	Love My Library	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	18.00
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038037881	Menke Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	16.53
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	2038047262	Werner Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	16.52
CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	2069261	Digmann Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	53.24
RANDY'S NEIGHBORHOOD ...	3842	Soup Fundraiser Supplies	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	36.00
KANOPY INC	386250-PPU	Streaming Services	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	23.00
ADVANTAGE ARCHIVES LLC	39288	Digital Microfilming of Dyersv..	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	1,455.00
HOOPLA BY MIDWEST TAPE	504995876	Streaming Services	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	423.58
DYERSVILLE AREA CHAMBER...	5464	Love My Library - Prizes	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	25.00
CENGAGE LEARNING	83104877	Lion's Club	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	24.00
CENGAGE LEARNING	83213951	Kroeger Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	27.19
CENGAGE LEARNING	83213951	Lion's Club	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	31.99
CENGAGE LEARNING	83257586	Digman Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	50.68
CENGAGE LEARNING	83257586	Kroeger Memorial	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	21.44
CENGAGE LEARNING	83399001	Books	002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	18.39

Department 410 - LIBRARY Total: **2,795.91**

Fund 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total: **2,795.91**

Grand Total: **8,921.64**

Fund Summary

Fund	Expense Amount
001 - GENERAL FUND	6,125.73
002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND	2,795.91
Grand Total:	8,921.64

Account Summary

Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount
001-5-410-4-62100	DUES	406.00
001-5-410-4-63750	MAINTENANCE	570.08
001-5-410-4-64316	CONTRACTS	249.00
001-5-410-4-64322	CONTRACTED SERVICES	800.00
001-5-410-4-65060	OFFICE SUPPLIES	496.91
001-5-410-4-67701	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS...	3,603.74
002-5-410-4-67700	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDI...	2,795.91
Grand Total:		8,921.64

Project Account Summary

Project Account Key	Expense Amount
None	4,080.47
410AB	281.10
410AF	804.60
410AN	624.54
410DVD	323.65
410EM	765.34
410GAMES	117.12
410LP	189.01
410PF	245.37
410PN	59.96
410TAAB	8.57
410TLP	18.39
410TMEM	369.74
410TPROG	840.73
410YAF	127.17
410YAN	65.88
Grand Total:	8,921.64

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**James Kennedy Public Library
January 2024**

Utilities and Contractual

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Black Hills	Gas / Heat	304.26
Alliant Energy	Electricity	0.00
Access Systems	Copier contracts	182.08
Total		\$486.34

Miscellaneous Bills

Check issued to:	Purpose	Amount
Giant Wash	Floor Mats	18.12
Preferred Health Choices	HRA Admin	15.00
CC – Facebook / Meta	Marketing	19.14
Total		\$52.26

January Budget

January 2024 Claims submitted	5,806.81
Utility and Contractual from Bills above	486.34
Miscellaneous Bills from above	52.26
Total wages and benefits	29,804.30
Total January 2024 expenses	\$36,149.71

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

Credit Card Claims for January & February 2024

Date	Vendor	Items	Amount
12/31/23	Meta / Facebook	FB / fundraising ads	\$19.14
1/31/2024	Meta / Facebook	FB / fundraising ads	\$30.86

Budget Report
Account Summary

For Fiscal: 2023-2024 Period Ending: 01/31/2024

		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	310,900.00	310,900.00	22,642.72	176,133.27	134,766.73	43.35 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61100</u>	FICA	19,280.00	19,280.00	1,359.52	10,629.47	8,650.53	44.87 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61200</u>	MEDICARE	4,510.00	4,510.00	317.97	2,486.06	2,023.94	44.88 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61300</u>	IPERS	29,350.00	29,350.00	2,102.65	15,934.48	13,415.52	45.71 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61500</u>	GROUP INSURANCE	32,300.00	32,300.00	3,330.70	18,007.07	14,292.93	44.25 %
<u>001-5-410-4-61700</u>	SUI	220.00	220.00	50.74	240.71	-20.71	-9.41 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62100</u>	DUES	750.00	750.00	0.00	215.00	535.00	71.33 %
<u>001-5-410-4-62300</u>	MEETINGS/TRAINING	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	1,688.19	811.81	32.47 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63710</u>	ELECTRICITY	15,500.00	15,500.00	0.00	6,329.41	9,170.59	59.17 %
<u>001-5-410-4-63711</u>	GAS HEAT	5,000.00	5,000.00	304.26	928.82	4,071.18	81.42 %
<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	8,800.00	8,800.00	18.12	2,588.64	6,211.36	70.58 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64080</u>	INSURANCE PREMIUM	7,500.00	7,500.00	15.00	90.00	7,410.00	98.80 %
<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	0.00	1,311.54	-1,311.54	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-64322</u>	CONTRACTED SERVICES	8,500.00	8,500.00	982.08	5,950.08	2,549.92	30.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-65060</u>	OFFICE SUPPLIES	21,500.00	21,500.00	334.03	5,016.75	16,483.25	76.67 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67210</u>	FURNITURE/FIXTURES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67274</u>	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/EQUIPM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 %
<u>001-5-410-4-67701</u>	BOOKS/FILMS/RECORDS/SUBSCRIP	43,390.00	43,390.00	4,691.92	31,318.33	12,071.67	27.82 %
	Expense Total:	510,000.00	510,000.00	36,149.71	278,867.82	231,132.18	45.32%
	Fund: 001 - GENERAL FUND Total:	510,000.00	510,000.00	36,149.71	278,867.82	231,132.18	45.32%
Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND							
Expense							
<u>002-5-410-4-67700</u>	LIBRARY TRUST EXPENDITURE	40,000.00	40,000.00	3,112.34	12,317.35	27,682.65	69.21 %
	Expense Total:	40,000.00	40,000.00	3,112.34	12,317.35	27,682.65	69.21%
	Fund: 002 - LIBRARY TRUST FUND Total:	40,000.00	40,000.00	3,112.34	12,317.35	27,682.65	69.21%
	Report Total:	550,000.00	550,000.00	39,262.05	291,185.17	258,814.83	47.06%

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James Kennedy Public Library FY24 Operating Budget								
	FY24				Received		% Expend	
ESTIMATED REVENUES:		December	January	Feb (est)	to date	Difference	To date	
Dubuque County Library Agency	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Fees from copier, R/P, etc.	4,000.00	215.29	309.69	300.00	2,002.86	660.29		
Open Access	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,352.62	0.00		
Access Plus / ILL	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,118.38	0.00		
Direct State Aid	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,060.03	0.00		
TOTAL:	23,400.00	215.29	309.69	300.00	13,533.89	660.29		
					13,533.89	660.29		
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:								
PERSONAL SERVICES						Remaining		
Wages	307,730.00	31,461.87	22,642.72	23,000.00	153,490.55	44,814.95	49.9%	
FICA	18,930.00	1,909.56	1,359.52	1,426.00	9,269.95	2,696.41	49.0%	
Medicare	4,427.00	446.64	317.97	333.50	2,168.09	630.65	49.0%	
IPERS	28,823.00	2,725.91	2,102.65	2,171.20	13,831.83	4,131.08	48.0%	
SUI	213.00	11.45	50.74	23.00	189.97	101.76	89.2%	
Group Insurance	32,300.00	2,461.55	3,330.70	3,400.00	14,676.37	4,814.71	45.4%	
Meetings and training	2,500.00	70.08	0.00	0.00	1,688.19	360.00	67.5%	
Dues and memberships	750.00	0.00	0.00	406.00	215.00	0.00	28.7%	
TOTAL:	395,673.00	39,087.06	29,804.30	30,759.70	195,529.95	57,549.56	49.4%	
					195,529.95	57,549.56		
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:								
Utilities (telephone)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA	
Electricity	14,000.00	709.77	0.00	800.00	6,329.41	1,800.86	45.2%	
Gas / Heat	6,500.00	303.40	304.26	500.00	624.56	82.18	9.6%	
Insurance (bldg)	8,800.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	75.00	30.00	0.9%	
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA	
Custodial services	8,000.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	4,600.00	1,000.00	57.5%	
Window cleaning	500.00	368.00	0.00	0.00	368.00	0.00	73.6%	
Service / Maintenance Contracts	7,500.00	532.42	182.08	249.00	1,689.65	166.17	22.5%	
TOTAL:	45,300.00	2,728.59	1,301.34	2,349.00	13,686.62	3,079.21	30.2%	
					13,686.62	3,079.21		
SUPPLIES:								
General library supplies	8,500.00	1,333.99	233.50	496.91	3,552.69	4,947.31	41.8%	
Program fees & supplies	500.00	37.93	64.41	0.00	519.51	-19.51	103.9%	
Marketing & advertising	500.00	142.82	36.12	0.00	232.41	267.59	46.5%	
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	182.48	18.12	570.08	2,570.52	5,429.48	32.1%	
TOTAL	17,500.00	1,697.22	352.15	1,066.99	6,875.13	10,624.87	39.3%	
					6,875.13	10,624.87		
BOOKS AND MATERIALS						Remaining		
Adult fiction	7,000.00	623.39	443.07	804.60	3,885.50	3,114.50	55.5%	
Adult nonfiction	5,000.00	364.15	410.79	624.54	1,693.24	3,306.76	33.9%	
YA fiction	2,000.00	84.66	148.05	127.17	959.28	1,040.72	48.0%	
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	62.07	93.17	65.88	372.40	627.60	37.2%	
Juvenile fiction	8,500.00	0.00	407.42	245.37	6,065.85	2,434.15	71.4%	
Juvenile nonfiction	4,000.00	5.99	75.37	59.96	1,561.87	2,438.13	39.0%	
Large Print	2,500.00	192.22	152.30	189.01	971.17	1,528.83	38.8%	
Electronic media (ebooks, etc.)	7,027.00	0.00	409.63	765.34	3,634.81	3,392.19	51.7%	
Reference & electronic database	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	744.25	-244.25	148.9%	
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	0.00	1,880.87	0.00	2,217.98	1,782.02	55.4%	
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	3,000.00	253.36	46.74	281.10	1,099.77	1,900.23	36.7%	
Software & Gaming	1,500.00	152.82	19.58	117.12	529.75	970.25	35.3%	
DVDs	5,000.00	369.02	604.93	323.65	2,479.38	2,520.62	49.6%	
SS / Creation Station / LoT	500.00	102.59	0.00	0.00	411.16	88.84	82.2%	
TOTAL:	51,527.00	2,210.27	4,691.92	3,603.74	26,626.41	24,900.59	51.7%	
					26,626.41	24,900.59		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	510,000.00	45,723.14	36,149.71	37,779.43	242,718.11	267,281.89	47.6%	
TOTAL REVENUES:	23,400.00	215.29	309.69	300.00	13,533.89	9,866.11	57.8%	
ACTUAL ASKING	486,600.00	45,507.85	35,840.02	37,479.43	229,184.22	257,415.78	47.1%	

James Kennedy Public Library FY24 Operating Budget								
	FY24	FY23 Expense	January 2023	Total FY23	Budget	Amount	Ov/Und	
ESTIMATED REVENUES:		thru Jan 23	expenses	expenses	Projection	Over/Under	Budget	
Dubuque County Library Agency	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	9,154.61				
Fees from copier, R/P, etc.	4,000.00	2,075.00	197.45	3,122.83				
Open Access	10,000.00	8,179.51	0.00	8,179.51				
Access Plus / ILL	300.00	548.33	0.00	548.33				
Direct State Aid	2,100.00	2,064.23	0.00	2,064.23				
TOTAL:	23,400.00	12,867.07	197.45	23,069.51				
		12,867.07		23,069.51				
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:								
PERSONAL SERVICES								
Wages	307,730.00	181,126.84	23,124.69	306,733.02	181,715.56	-28,225	0.84	
FICA	18,930.00	10,969.52	1,392.65	18,551.80	11,193.15	-1,923	0.83	
Medicare	4,427.00	2,565.39	325.73	4,338.86	2,617.50	-449	0.83	
IPERS	28,823.00	16,541.93	2,100.17	27,971.61	17,045.43	-3,214	0.81	
SUI	213.00	262.50	50.48	385.93	144.88	45	1.31	
Group Insurance	32,300.00	17,395.63	2,446.09	29,873.39	18,808.67	-4,132	0.78	
Meetings and training	2,500.00	1,738.11	0.00	1,931.36	2,249.85	-562	0.75	
Dues and memberships	750.00	871.00	671.00	871.00	750.00	-535	0.29	
TOTAL:	395,673.00	231,470.92	30,110.81	390,656.97	234,443.00	-38,913	0.83	
		231,470.92		390,656.97				
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:								
Utilities (telephone)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	NA	
Electricity	14,000.00	6,652.32	590.33	10,883.00	8,557.61	-2,228	0.74	
Gas / Heat	6,500.00	2,274.66	1,210.83	4,921.23	3,004.39	-2,380	0.21	
Insurance (bldg)	8,800.00	108.00	15.00	9,199.77	103.31	-28	0.73	
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Zero	0	Nothing	
Custodial services	8,000.00	2,859.00	560.00	5,539.00	4,129.27	471	1.11	
Window cleaning	500.00	368.00	0.00	526.00	349.81	18	1.05	
Service / Maintenance Contracts	7,500.00	1,179.25	166.17	6,371.98	1,388.01	302	1.22	
TOTAL:	45,300.00	13,441.23	2,542.33	37,440.98	16,262.60	-2,576	0.84	
		13,441.23		37,440.98				
SUPPLIES:								
General library supplies	8,500.00	5,321.58	574.20	9,216.09	4,908.09	-1,355	0.72	
Program fees & supplies	500.00	904.68	1.99	2,037.83	221.97	298	2.34	
Marketing & advertising	500.00	483.84	0.00	724.29	334.01	-102	0.70	
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	4,695.75	20.42	8,684.12	4,325.83	-1,755	0.59	
TOTAL	17,500.00	11,405.85	596.61	20,662.33	9,660.21	-2,785	0.71	
		11,405.85		20,662.33				
BOOKS AND MATERIALS								
Adult fiction	7,000.00	4,635.48	398.25	9,296.09	3,490.54	395	1.11	
Adult nonfiction	5,000.00	3,014.41	335.24	5,350.15	2,817.13	-1,124	0.60	
YA fiction	2,000.00	1,108.94	0.00	1,903.75	1,165.01	-206	0.82	
YA nonfiction	1,000.00	447.36	18.57	861.24	519.44	-147	0.72	
Juvenile fiction	8,500.00	5,214.72	0.00	8,711.75	5,087.97	978	1.19	
Juvenile nonfiction	4,000.00	1,251.45	0.00	3,958.26	1,264.65	297	1.24	
Large Print	2,500.00	2,476.64	304.92	3,758.94	1,647.17	-676	0.59	
Electronic media (ebooks, etc.)	7,027.00	4,511.89	615.28	7,650.99	4,143.91	-509	0.88	
Reference & electronic database	500.00	516.94	0.00	516.94	500.00	244	1.49	
Periodicals and newspapers	4,000.00	2,303.62	93.95	4,129.06	2,231.62	-14	0.99	
Audiobooks (CD, playaway)	3,000.00	2,216.80	328.40	3,977.08	1,672.18	-572	0.66	
Software & Gaming	1,500.00	1,174.82	0.00	2,417.90	728.83	-199	0.73	
DVDs	5,000.00	2,914.95	521.14	5,193.57	2,806.31	-327	0.88	
SS / Creation Station / LoT	500.00	571.02	0.00	1,209.88	235.98	175	1.74	
TOTAL:	51,527.00	32,359.04	2,615.75	58,935.60	28,291.29	-1,665	0.94	
		32,359.04		58,935.60				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	510,000.00	288,677.04	35,865.50	507,695.88	289,987.17	-47,269	0.84	
TOTAL REVENUES:	23,400.00	12,867.07	197.45	23,069.51	13,051.40	482	1.04	
ACTUAL ASKING	486,600.00	275,809.97	35,668.05	484,626.37	276,933.20	-47,749	0.83	

James Kennedy Public Library Monthly Program Report

Report for the Month of January 2024

Family Story Time – weekly program for preschool children & families (PreK): Not held in January

Wee Read Family Story Time– weekly program for 0 to 3-year olds & families (PreK): Not held in January

Adult Crafternoon (1st Monday of each month) – Upcycled Glass Snowman (A) In person/Onsite/Recording /Kit
 January 8, 2024 Attendance: 2
 Time for preparation & performance – 4 hrs (pd) Kits distributed: 8
 Supplies: Beer glasses, paint, lace, pompoms, foam No video this month
 and directions

Books for Lunch Book Club (1st Monday) – *Christmas By the Book* (A) Hybrid (In person & zoom)
 January 8, 2024 Participants: 9
 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hr (pd)
 Supplies: Books borrowed via ILL, available electronically; Computer and Zoom software
 Beverages and cookies

Bingo Party - (3rd Monday of each month) (A) In person / Onsite
 January 15, 2024 Participants: 12
 Time for preparation & performance – 3 hr (pd)
 Supplies: Bingo cards and machine; Donated items & library swag for prizes

Building Creativity one Block at a Time (LEGO® program) (Monthly – varies) (C) In person / Onsite
 January 6, 2024 Participants: 18
 Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd)
 Supplies: Legos, drawing slips,

Cricut with Christopher (3rd Monday of each month) (GI): Cancelled due to weather concerns

Hybrid Dungeons & Dragons Club (1st Tuesday of each Month) (GI) Hybrid (In person & Discord)
 January 20, 2024 Participants: 5
 Time for preparation & performance – 2.5 hrs (pd)
 Supplies: D & D Adventure book and copies

Ellen Kennedy Living Center Program – (4th Friday) (A) : Snow Days In person / Offsite
 January 19, 2024 Participants: 10
 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hrs (pd)
 Supplies: None, reminisced about snow days

Euchre / Dominos Party (Fridays of each month) (A) In person / Onsite
 January 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2024 Participants: 12
 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hr (pd)
 Supplies: Decks of cards, suit die, dominos

Game Night (4th Friday of each Month) (GI): In person / On site
 January 26, 2024 Participants: 5
 Time for preparation & performance – 3.5 hrs (pd)
 Supplies: Board games and refreshments

Hybrid Sit 'n' Stitch (Wednesdays of each month) (A) Hybrid (In person & Zoom)
 January 3, 17, 24, & 31, 2024 (10th was cancelled due to weather) Participants: 31
 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd)
 Supplies: Refreshments and Craft supplies provided by participants;
 Zoom room set up upon request.

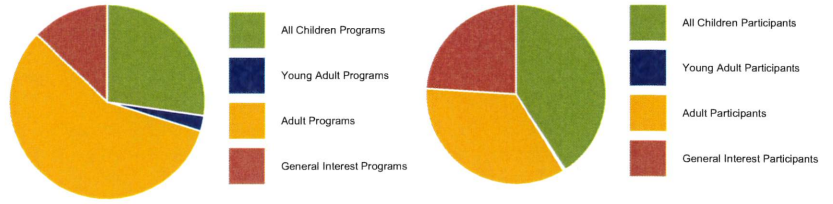
Health & Wellness 365: Intuitive Eating (Monthly) (A) In person / Onsite
 January 25, 2024 Participants: 9
 Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 (pd) 1 hr (vol)
 Supplies: Food samples; Presented by Colleen Lawler, Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging

Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club (2 nd Tues of each month) (A)	Hybrid (In person & Zoom)
January 9, 2024	Participants: 4
Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: ILL books, Computer & Zoom software	
JKPL Writing Group (4 th Tuesday of each Month) (GI)	Hybrid (In person & Zoom)
January 23, 2024	Participants: 4
Time for preparation & performance – 1.5 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: None	
Mercy One Senior Care Program (Monthly) (A): Snow Days	In person / Offsite
January 26, 2024	Participants: 11
Time for preparation & performance – 1.25 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: None, reminisced about snow days	
Strength Training for Older Adults (A)	In person / Onsite
January 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, & 29, 2024	Participants: 109
Time for preparation & performance – 8 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: GeriFit DVDs, projection system, water (if needed)	
Participants supply stretch band, weights and water for own use	
Strings Club (4 th Monday of each month) (A)	In person / Onsite
January 22, 2024	Participants: 6
Time for preparation & performance - .25 hrs (pd) 2 hrs (vol)	
Supplies: None; Managed by Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel	
Upcycled Greeting Cards (GI)	In person/ Onsite /Take & make
January 4, 2024	Participants: 1
Time for preparation & performance – 2 hrs (pd)	Kits: 15
Supplies: Donated greeting cards, card stock, tape runner and envelopes	
Celebrate National Science Fiction Day – Activity Kits (GI)	Passive
January 2, 2024	Participants: 25
Time for preparation & performance – 3 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Copies of activity sheets, trivia, craft and science fiction book	
The Martian: National Science Fiction Day Movie Event (A)	In Person / Onsite
January 2, 2024	Attendance: 0
Time for preparation & performance – .25 hr (pd)	
Supplies: None (no attendance)	
Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie - Movie Event (C)	In Person / Onsite
January 6, 2024	Attendance: 5
Time for preparation & performance – .25 hr (pd)	
Supplies: Popcorn, soda, projections system and movie	
Mock-a-movie (GI)	In person / Onsite
January 6, 2024	Participants: 4
Time for preparation & performance – 3 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Popcorn, soda, projections system and movie	
National Hot Tea Day – Activity Kits (A)	Passive
January 12, 2024	Participants: 75
Time for preparation & performance – 6 hrs (pd)	
Supplies: Copies of activity sheets, trivia, JKPL coaster & tea samples donated by Savvy Salvage	
Come Fly a Drone (GI)	In person / Onsite
January 13, 2024 – Cancelled due to weather concerns	Participants: 0

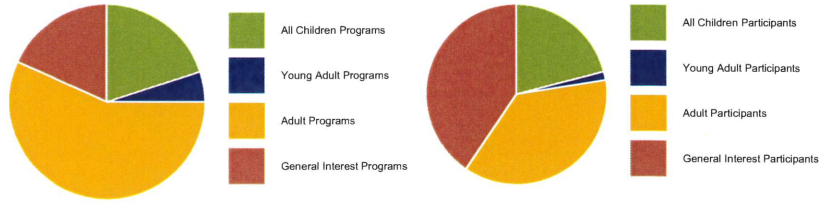
Hot Tea Tasting (A) December 13, 2023 Time for preparation & performance – .5 hrs (pd) 2 hr (vol) Supplies: Heidi Huisman donated tea and door prize and volunteered her time to present this program	In Person / Onsite Participants: 5
Haunting in Venice: Movie Event (A) January 20, 2024 Time for preparation & performance – .25 hr (pd) Supplies: None, no attendance	In Person / Onsite Attendance: 0
OutReads (PreK) January 22, 30, & 31, 2024 – 6 sessions (4 cancelled due to weather) Time for preparation & performance –3 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies and books	In Person / Offsite Attendance: 61
StoryWalk® - <i>Sneezy the Snowman</i> (C) January 2024 Time for preparation & performance –.3 hrs (pd) Supplies: Reused story from early years; cold weather so very low participation	Passive / outdoor program Attendance: 20
Coloring, Creating & Doing (A) January 2024 Time for preparation & performance – 3.25 hrs (pd) Supplies: Copies of coloring pages and activities	Passive program Kits distributed: 264
Get Puzzled @ Your Library (A) January 2024 Time for preparation & performance - .25 hrs (pd) Supplies: Puzzle	Passive program Participants: 41
Kids Can Craft: Sticker Mandala (C) January 2024 Time for preparation & performance – 1 hr (pd) Supplies: Color copies, stickers from supplies (no longer used)	Passive program Kits distributed: 35
Creation Station Craft: Snowy Owl (C) January 2024 Time for preparation & performance –7.75 hrs (pd) Supplies: Pinecones, batting fabric, felt, googly eyes	Passive / Recording / Make and Take Kits distributed: 84 Facebook Views / Engagements: 116 / 10 YouTube Views: 97
Programs held in December but still hosted and available to view or engage with on social media: January 1-31, 2024 – 2 programs	Facebook Views / Engagements: 50/2 YouTube Views: 11



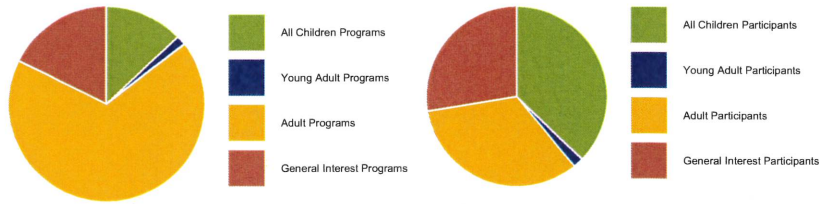
July					
Overview					
All Children Programs	21	27.27%	All Children Participants	812	40.76%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.6%	Young Adult Participants	7	0.35%
Adult Programs	44	57.14%	Adult Participants	695	34.89%
General Interest Programs	10	12.99%	General Interest Participants	478	24%
Total Programs	77		Total Participants	1992	



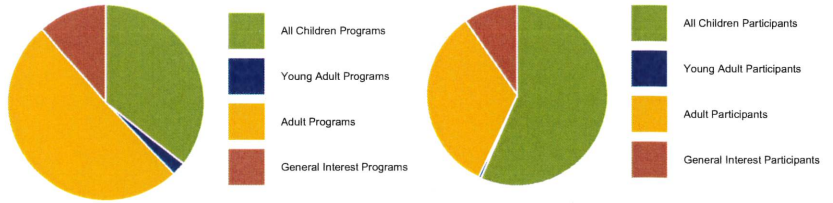
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Overview					
All Children Programs	12	20%	All Children Participants	331	20.94%
Young Adult Programs	3	5%	Young Adult Participants	25	1.58%
Adult Programs	34	56.67%	Adult Participants	584	36.94%
General Interest Programs	11	18.33%	General Interest Participants	641	40.54%
Total Programs	60		Total Participants	1581	



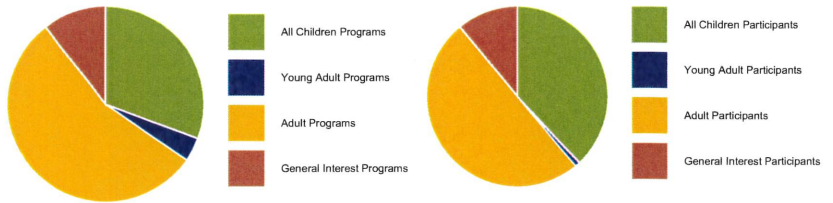
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Overview					
All Children Programs	8	12.9%	All Children Participants	695	37.21%
Young Adult Programs	1	1.61%	Young Adult Participants	35	1.87%
Adult Programs	42	67.74%	Adult Participants	622	33.3%
General Interest Programs	11	17.74%	General Interest Participants	516	27.62%
Total Programs	62		Total Participants	1868	



October					
Overview					
All Children Programs	31	35.63%	All Children Participants	1618	56.51%
Young Adult Programs	2	2.3%	Young Adult Participants	15	0.52%
Adult Programs	44	50.57%	Adult Participants	953	33.29%
General Interest Programs	10	11.49%	General Interest Participants	277	9.68%
Total Programs	87		Total Participants	2863	

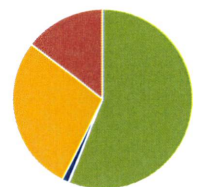
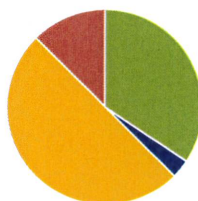


November					
Overview					
All Children Programs	23	30.67%	All Children Participants	623	38.01%
Young Adult Programs	3	4%	Young Adult Participants	15	0.92%
Adult Programs	41	54.67%	Adult Participants	820	50.03%
General Interest Programs	8	10.67%	General Interest Participants	181	11.04%
Total Programs	75		Total Participants	1639	

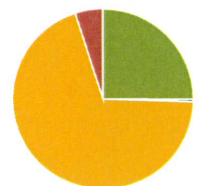
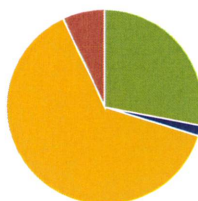


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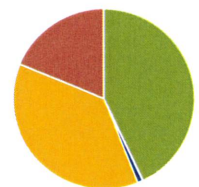
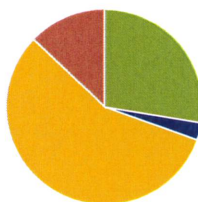
December					
Overview					
All Children Programs	22	34.38%	All Children Participants	1480	56.21%
Young Adult Programs	2	3.13%	Young Adult Participants	33	1.25%
Adult Programs	32	50%	Adult Participants	737	27.99%
General Interest Programs	8	12.5%	General Interest Participants	383	14.55%
Total Programs	64		Total Participants	2633	



January					
Overview					
All Children Programs	16	28.07%	All Children Participants	223	25.06%
Young Adult Programs	1	1.75%	Young Adult Participants	4	0.45%
Adult Programs	36	63.16%	Adult Participants	618	69.44%
General Interest Programs	4	7.02%	General Interest Participants	45	5.06%
Total Programs	57		Total Participants	890	



Year in Review					
Overview					
All Children Programs	133	27.59%	All Children Participants	5782	42.94%
Young Adult Programs	14	2.9%	Young Adult Participants	134	1%
Adult Programs	273	56.64%	Adult Participants	5029	37.35%
General Interest Programs	62	12.86%	General Interest Participants	2521	18.72%
Total Programs	482		Total Participants	13466	



Upcoming Events in February:

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Winter Bookopoly Challenge Continues thru February 29

The JKPL is once again offering a winter library program. This year, participants will be using a Bookopoly game board to track what they are reading or doing at the library and earn prizes. Just like in the classic board game Monopoly, readers in Bookopoly will complete sets of challenges to earn prize entries.

- For each set completed, the participant will be able to select a free book from the prize cart to add to their home library and earn an entry into the grand prize drawings.
- Several grand prize options, for various ages and interests, will be available to choose from.
- There are twelve opportunities to earn entries.
- All ages of readers are welcome and participants can sign up as individuals or as teams.
- Stop in the library to register and pick up your game board or print the board from the library website.
- The winter Bookopoly Challenge will run through February 29.
- All entries must be received by March 3 to be included in the drawings.



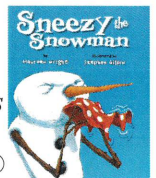
Kids Can Craft: Valentines Pizza Guy Card: February 1—29. Stop in and craft at the Creation Station in the library! This month's craft is a step-by-step Valentine's Pizza Guy drawing that is perfect for a card to give to your favorite valentine. Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions.

Creation Station Craft: Dragon Puppet: February 1—29. Happy Year of the Dragon! The Chinese new year starts on February 10th, but you can celebrate all month with this craft in the Creation Station. Make it in the library or grab a kit and create at home! The puppet consists of coloring paper, crepe paper, and optional sequins! The kit includes all supplies and instructions except for glue / tape. A video demonstration will also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits available while supplies last.

Coloring, Creating and Doing @ Your Library: February 1—29. The JKPL is continuing to offer coloring pages, dot to dot, crosswords, sudoku, and other activity pages available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: February 1—29. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Stitch in Time*. 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®: "Sneezy the Snowman" by Maureen Wright: February 1—29. 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. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. Winter start/end dates for the StoryWalk® are approximate due to weather. *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.*

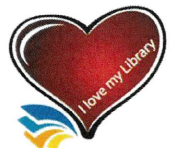


Love My Library Giving Tree Fundraiser Continues thru February 29

Do you "Love Your Library"? Then consider participating in this annual fundraising activity that will improve the collection and services the library is able to offer.

Library staff have identified books and other materials, furnishings, equipment, programs, supplies, and more that the library needs. Select one or more items and donate the funds needed for purchase. Or purchase the items yourself and donate them to the library. Donations will be written on a heart and displayed on the library windows as well as acknowledged on the library website and social media. Where appropriate the library will attach a tag or book plate acknowledging the donation and the donor will be the first to check it out.

Some items are listed on the bulletin board in the entry to the library as well as being featured on the library webpage and social media. The complete list can be viewed at the front desk or from the home page of the library's website (www.dyersville.lib.ia.us). Not finding something you want to "love"? Bring your ideas to a librarian!



Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Begins: Thursday, February 1

Would you like to help raise money for the library? It is fun and easy! Just pick something you love and build a basket of items around that theme. Or pick a favorite book and build a basket around that book. Create your basket and donate it to the library by early March. The baskets will be auctioned off in a silent auction (in person and virtual) that runs March 1 to March 24. The library will provide you with an empty basket if you need one. Or you can just donate your items to the library and we can put them all in a basket for you. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.



Take Your Child to the Library Day...All Month Long: February 1—29. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer...in pizza play! First, check out our new revolving pretend-play station with this month's theme, Pizza Restaurant. Next, participate in our "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Eat Pizza" scavenger hunt to earn a pizza-related prize. Finally, check out our display of pizza books and take one home to read!



Free Shredding @ Your Library: February 1—16. The James Kennedy Public Library has partnered with Advantage Archives of Cedar Rapids to offer FREE SHREDDING! Individuals may bring documents to the JKPL to be shredded free of charge. Clean out and prevent identity theft by bringing items like old Tax Records, Medical Records, Banking Information, and more that aren't safe to toss out in traditional trash or recycling. The bin provided will be locked from the time it leaves the library until it is received back at the Advantage Archives facility that is NAID AAA certified for secure destruction. Mark your calendars for this free event open to all!



Strength Training for Older Adults: Thursdays and Mondays, February 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 @ 10:00 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

Upcycled Greeting Cards: Thursday, February 1 from 1:00—2:00 pm. Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to show you how to 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. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last.

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 from 1:00—3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own. You can also challenge Ann to a game of Chess, Checkers, Connect 4, or Scrabble. If you want to learn a new game, contact Ann and she can schedule a time to teach you.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, February 3 from 10:00—11:00 am. This month's theme is "Friends and Family". This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.



Family Movies @ Your Library presents "Trolls: Band Together": Saturday, February 3 @ 1:00 pm. Poppy finds out that Branch used to be a member of the old popular boy band BroZone when he was younger and the group members are his real-life brothers! However, when they disbanded, Branch never saw his boy band brothers again. Then his brother Floyd is kidnapped and Branch mobilizes his family for the rescue. Rated PG (92 minutes).



Nerf War @ Your Library: Saturday, February 3 from 4:00—6:00 pm. Bring your Nerf gun and ammo and head to the library for this bi-monthly Nerf War! Participants must be 13 or older and anyone under 18 must have a signed parental waiver. Registration requested as 10 people are required to hold the program and a max of 20 is allowed. Walk-ins welcome, if space allows. Participants must provide their own Nerf guns and ammo but no modifications to darts or guns to increase range or hitting power will be allowed. Guns with excessive hitting power will not be allowed.

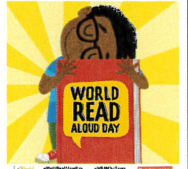


Books for Lunch Book Discussion: Monday, February 5 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss *Go as a River* by Shelley Read. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, please email librarian@dversville.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.

Adult Crafternoon: Kindness Rocks: Monday, February 5 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Join us this month to paint rocks and join the Kindness Rocks Project! Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting February 6th and kits will be available while supplies last.

World Read Aloud Day: Wednesday, February 7.

World Read Aloud Day is a day dedicated not just to reading, but to the art and practice of reading aloud. To celebrate, the JKPL will post a smash cut video of library staff members reading aloud brief excerpts from favorite books. Patrons are also encouraged to celebrate and share a brief video or photograph of them reading aloud. Videos can be posted on the library's social media or emailed to librarian@dyersville.lib.ia.us between February 5—11. Everyone who participates will get their name entered into a special prize drawing!



Music and Movement: Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

Has the winter weather set you all on edge? Bring your children to the library to wiggle, dance, play, and shake their energy out! An indoor snowball fight will conclude the dancing. This program is designed for children ages 6 months to 6 years, but all children are welcome to participate. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary for either session.



Sit and Stitch: Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Grab your hobby or craft and join other crafters at this fun gathering. There are lots of laughs, great company, conversation, and even some crafting! Participants are welcome to attend in person in the Hoffman Room or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you are a new participant and 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.

Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, February 10 @ 3:30 pm. Join us for this monthly gaming event for D & D players that meets in-person or you can join remotely via Discord. This group meets the second Saturday of every month and new players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. The library has materials available but feel free to bring your own. To join via Discord, contact Paul at Pzurawski@dyersville.lib.ia.us by 2:00 pm the day of the program to receive the server invite.

Folk Art: Creativity with Pen and Ink: Tuesday, February 13 @ 6:00 pm

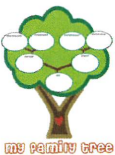
Join Dianne Kramer as we take a step back in time to the era of our colonial ancestors and create and design replicas of primitive folk art. Folk art is characterized by simplicity, bold colors, and a depiction of everyday life in the 17th century. Come to the library to see a display of the types of drawings we'll do in class!

- No art experience is necessary! Each image will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps.
- This class is designed for adults and registration is required as space is limited to 20.
- Please register by Monday, February 12 .
- Participants will need to bring the following supplies: pencil, eraser, fine black felt-tipped pen, and colored pencils.
- All other supplies will be provided.



Inspirational Fiction: A Novel Approach to Faith Book Club: Tuesday, February 13 @ 7:00 pm. Join us for this book club that features a variety of books that weave religious faith into the characters and storylines. For this month we will be reading *Cold Light of Day* by Elizabeth Goddard. Books are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. If you want to attend via Zoom and haven't attended before, please register by 12 noon on the day of the program at <https://bit.ly/NOVELAPPROACH> so a link to the Zoom room can be emailed to you.

Genealogy with Ann: Wednesday, February 14 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.



Miniature Golf @ Your Library: Saturday, February 17

Miniature Golf Course Building from 12:00—4:00 pm

Got a cool idea for a course hole in the library? Join us from 12-3pm to construct and test your idea. Then stay from 3-4pm and help us set it up for people to play through! The hole that is voted as the favorite will get \$20 Dyersville Dollars as a prize. All ages welcome but those under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Mini Golf from 4:00—7:00 pm

Come to the library for this special after-hours event for all ages. For one night only, we'll turn the library into a mini-golf course! Come in to tee off between the stacks and navigate our book obstacles which will be designed by library staff and/or volunteers. All ages welcome but those under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult.



Bingo Party: Monday, February 19 from 1:00—3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher presents St. Patrick's Day T-Shirts: Monday, February 19 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and design your own 3-color St. Patrick's Day design for a t-shirt. Participants need to bring a plain, unwashed t-shirt for this project. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended as attendance is limited to 10. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

Maple Syruping: Tuesday, February 20 @ 6:30 pm.

Join Dubuque County Conservation and come learn the history of creating maple syrup and how indigenous people collected sap and boiled it down to syrup each year. See first-hand all the tools required for tapping a maple tree, collecting sap, and the equipment used to boil it down to a finished product of maple syrup. Syrup samples will be provided. Registration is required as a minimum of 10 is needed to hold this program. Walk-ins are welcome as space and supplies allow. Please register by Monday, February 19.



Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, February 23 from 6:00—9:00 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.

STEAMFEST: Saturday, February 24 from 9:30 am—3:00 pm. Visit the JKPL for this special event celebrating Engineer's Week (February 18-24) 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 7 require a teen or adult companion.



STEAMFEST Schedule:

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

Button making: 9:30 am-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.

Design Your Own Game: 9:30 am-11:30 am. Join Loras Professor Jacob Heidenreich and create your very own board game!

Corner Bookmarks: 9:30-11:30 am: Come make your own corner bookmark out of origami paper. Make a cookie eating monster or choose from printed or plain paper to make the bookmark of your choice.

Makey-Makey: 9:30-11:30 am: Makey-Makey kits allow users to turn everyday objects into keyboards or controllers for computers or video games. Join us as we play a guitar computer game using a cardboard controller. Plus we'll use apples and bananas to work a computer!

Fun with Robots: 9:30-11:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm. Come to the Hoffman Room to play with selected robots in our Library of Things. Each session will feature different robots, so come to both to have some robotics fun!

Butterfly Craft: 11:30 am-1:00pm: Come make a paper butterfly which is realistic in size and color to a real species.

Make your own Seismograph Chartings: 11:30-1:00 pm: Build and use a re-creation of the original seismograph, an instrument used to record earthquake tremors.

Snap Circuits: 12:30-2:30 pm: Love to put electronics together? Snap circuits give participants various electronic parts that snap to a board to create projects such as an RC car, a radio, a light sensing alarm, and much more. Stop by and see what you can create!

Paint-By-Sticker: 1:30-3:00 pm: Come create a vibrant, full color "painting" with stickers! As in paint-by-number, each scene is divided into dozens of spaces, each with a number that corresponds to a particular sticker. Find the sticker, peel it, place it. And then the next, and the next, and the next, until your "painting" comes to life.

Mystery Dinner Theatre Fundraiser: *Gritty Gritty Bang Bang*: Saturday, February 24 @ 6:30 pm

The JKPL is excited to announce the 2024 Mystery Dinner Fundraiser which will feature a western-themed mystery performed by the Brew Ha Ha Players along with a meal catered by J & D Catering. This event will be held at the Dyersville Social Center.



Themed dress is welcome! Tickets are \$75.00 each or a table for six (6) for \$400.00. Details about the meal can be found on the library website: www.dyersville.lib.ia.us. **Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in by February 16.**

Show Description:

With audacious characters like the poker playing One-Eyed Jack; Scarlett, the overly friendly call girl; and Kitty Pinkerton, the new sheriff in town who's dedicated to law and order—this evening is filled with action and laughs as the small town of Fort Wiota tries to figure out who shot the contemptible Callous Crud. Join us as we put the “wild” in the Wild West!

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

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, February 27 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir, fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please call by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Health & Wellness 365: Heart Health: Thursday, February 29 @ 11:00 am. Join the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging for this session on heart health. Topics will include heart disease and heart attack prevention, the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) eating plan, and how to correctly take your blood pressure. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. There will be food samples to try! All are welcome.



Celebrate Leap Day @ Your Library: Thursday, February 29

Tired of the cold and snow? Join us at the James Kennedy Public Library in Dyersville on Thursday, February 29 and celebrate Leap Day by leaping to a warmer season.

- Library staff will be dreaming about warmer weather and will be dressing for summer! Wear your summer and vacation clothes (over a sweater, if you must) and stop in the library for snacks and punch.
- Leap Day activity kits (including trivia, puzzles and Leap Day activities) will be available to pick up at the library starting on February 19.
- At 3:00 pm we will show the musical film *Mamma Mia* (PG-13). Everyone is welcome. Soda and popcorn for all who attend.



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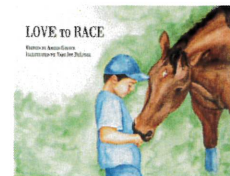
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- Participants should be 55 or older in good cognitive health.
- Participants should be able to commit to attend the 10 in-person sessions that are two hours each.
- Registration fee of \$20.00 per participant is required by YMCA, but may be refunded to those who attend at least 9 of the sessions (upon request).
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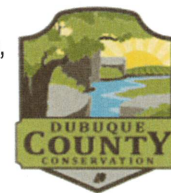
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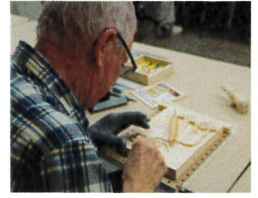
- The first set of classes will be held Thursdays, March 7, 14, & 21 from 4:00—5:30 pm. There will also be a set of classes held in April and May.
- Each set will last 3 weeks and focus on a different theme. Themes may include lunches, desserts, pasta, or other topics chosen by the kids.
- The first ten minutes of each class will focus on kitchen safety and introductory cooking information, such as how to read a recipe. The remainder of each class will be hands-on learning, cooking, and cleaning up. Kitchen safety and cleanliness will be emphasized.
- At the end of the school year, children who have participated in over half of the classes will receive an apron.
- Registration is required and registration is required for each set of classes. Please register in person as the parent/legal guardian will need to sign a waiver.
- Limit of 12 children per class.
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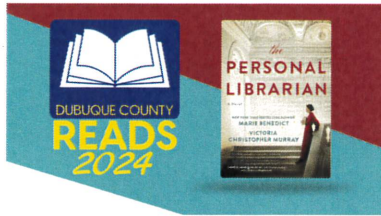
Bear Creek Carvers Open House and Demo Saturday, March 23 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

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.



Teen Trivia Saturday, March 23 @ 4:00 pm

Want to test your knowledge and have some fun with your friends? Join us for our Teen Trivia! The theme of the night will be *Fandoms*, and we'll be focusing on topics such as Harry Potter, anime, music, and more! Participants can sign up for one of five teams (Max 4 players per team). Registration is requested, and walk-ins are welcome if there is space on a team. For ages 13-18 only. Spectators are welcome! This program is sponsored by TACKL.



Dubuque County Reads: March 27—April 30

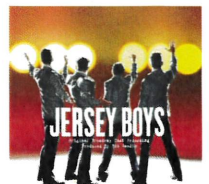
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The book will be available to borrow at each participating library, with the appropriate library card required. Digital copies are available to borrow electronically through the Carnegie-Stout Public Library or James Kennedy Public Library, with the respective city resident library card required. Some libraries may even have audiobook copies to borrow. Alternatively, you can purchase a copy of the book from River Lights Bookstore in Dubuque with a 30% discount.

Friends Bus Trip to Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse Wednesday, May 8

The annual Friends of the JKPL bus trip will be going to Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island, IL to see *Jersey Boys*. Seats are \$115 each and include one ticket to the show, lunch, gratuities, and transportation. The bus will stop at TYCOGO Winery on the way home for a break. Tickets must be bought in advance and are on sale now.



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Kids Can Craft: Candy Designs Coloring Contest: March 1-31. Kids of all ages are invited to stop in to the library to design and/or color a huge candy for a coloring contest. Winner will receive a basket of sweet goodies! All designs will be considered for use in an upcoming summer Storywalk. All kids are welcome to take their coloring page home and return to the library at a later date, if they prefer to craft at home. Paints are available for take-home at the front desk, but paints are not allowed in the library. Creativity is king, so get crafty!

Creation Station Craft: March 1-31. Stop in and craft in the Creation Station at the library or grab a kit and create at home! Kit includes most needed supplies and instructions. A video demonstration may also be available to view on the JKPL Facebook and YouTube channel. Kits 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 available for you to enjoy at the library or at home. They are intended for adults and teens. Each pack will include at least 10 different items and are available while supplies last. If you want to work on the activities while at the library, colored pencils, markers, and more are available in the Creation Station or to check out from the front desk.

Get Puzzled @ Your Library: March 1-31. Stop in the library this month to help us put together a new jigsaw puzzle. This month's puzzle is *Iconic America*. 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®: "Bluey: 5-Minute Stories" by Penguin Random House: March 1-31. Families are invited to walk the StoryWalk® at Westside Park which begins south of the parking lot by the baseball diamond. Walk the trail and read the story to your children. Scan the QR code on the last post and answer the questions to be entered into a monthly prize drawing. No QR scanner? No problem! Use the tiny url listed below the QR code, answer the questions and be entered into the prize drawing. Winter start/end dates for the StoryWalk® are approximate due to weather. *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 – Reader Selfies. Details to be announced.

Children's Read Across America Day...All Month Long!: March 1-31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer in veterinary hospital play! First, check out our new revolving pretend-play station with this month's theme, Veterinary Hospital. Next, participate in our "Bluey" scavenger hunt to earn a small prize. Finally, check out our display of animal books and take one home to read!

March 1-31: March Book Mania! Join us this month to hear about books JKPL staff and volunteers read and loved. Then vote to decide which is the local favorite! Everyone who votes will have their name entered into a drawing to win their own copy of the top two books and an "Adopt a Book" form, where you choose a book to be added to the JKPL collection in your name. How it works:

1. Library staff and volunteers selected a favorite book that they want to recommend to others. These titles were put into Round 1.
2. Watch the videos talking about these titles, then vote for your favorite out of each pairing. There will also be paper voting slips available at the library. Note: Some titles may have a bye – depending on how many total recommendations we have by March 1.
3. The titles that win the first round will move on to Round 2. The four titles that win Round 2 will move on to Round 3 and the final two titles will move on to Round 4 where one book will be declared the winner.
4. Voting starts March 4th with the new roster being posted each Monday. Voting will run Monday through Sunday each week.
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Book discussions will be held at following locations:

- March 27 at 4:30 pm at Cascade Public Library
- April 1 at 5:00 pm at James Kennedy Public Library
- April 8 at 11:00 am at University of Dubuque Library
- April 8 at 6:00 pm at Carnegie-Stout Public Library
- April 9 at 12:00 pm at Divine Word College Library
- April 9 at 4:00 pm at Loras College Library
- April 10 at 6:00 pm at Dubuque County Library District-Farley
- April 11 at 12:00 pm at Wartburg Theological Seminary Library
- April 11 at 12:45 pm at Clarke University Library
- April 12 at 5:30 pm - Virtual Discussion led by JKPL staff
- April 15 at 11:00 am at Dubuque County Library District - Asbury

Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Silent Auction Begins: Friday, March 1. Join us for the Annual Build-A-Basket Fundraiser! 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 1 –24. Bidding ends promptly at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 24. All funds raised are used to support library programs, collections, and services.

Euchre Card Party & Games: Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Join us Friday afternoons for cards, dominoes, or other games in the Hoffman Room. Come meet, teach, and play with other players. The library has some games or you are welcome to bring your own.

Building Creativity One Block at a Time: a LEGO® program: Saturday, March 2 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. This month's theme is "Spring is Here!". This program is for all ages but children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult or older partner. This LEGO® program is part of a monthly LEGO® building block program at the library sponsored by DuTrac Community Credit Union. Each month there is a theme to help inspire creativity. Photos of the creations are displayed in the children's area of the library and on the library's social media pages. All children who participate have their names entered into a quarterly drawing for a special LEGO® related prize provided by DuTrac.

Scrapped Crafting: Saturday, March 2 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. March is National Craft Month so we are celebrating with a crafting and upcycling event! Guests of all ages are invited to challenge their imagination by creating a piece of art using various craft supplies and upcycled items. Participants may use any media or supplies they like. Participants can make their projects during this in-person program at the library or create their own Make-and-take kits by selecting from the variety of items the library has available and create at home. Everyone is encouraged to bring their finished projects back to the library by March 24. Projects will be displayed in the library during March and visitors will be able to vote for their favorite from March 25-31. The creator of the project with the most votes will receive an arts and crafts supplies basket.

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Strength Training for Older Adults: Mondays and Thursdays, March 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 @ 10:00 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 4 @ 12:00 noon. This group gathers on the first Monday of each month at noon. This month the group will discuss the 2024 All Iowa Read selection for adults, *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. Copies of the book are available to borrow from the library. Participants are welcome to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you need a link to the Zoom room, 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.

Adult Crafternoon: Paint a 4x4 canvas: Monday, March 4 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Join us this month to paint a 4 x 4 canvas. Stop in the library to create and take home your finished project. If you prefer, you can pick up a take-and-make kit and craft on your own at home. The instructional video for how to do the craft will be posted on both the library's Facebook and YouTube pages starting March 6th and kits will be available while supplies last.

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Family Storytime: Wednesday, March 6 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring their children to this once-monthly Family Storytime. Family Storytime is for children ages infant to five years old and their caregiver. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

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Upcycled Greeting Cards: Thursday, March 7 from 1:00-2:00 pm. Want a unique card for someone special? Library staff member Ann B. will be on hand to show you how to 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. There are some kits ready to pick up at the circulation desk. Kits available while supplies last.

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Movies @ Your Library presents "The Marvels": Saturday, March 2 @ 1:00 pm. The extremely powerful Carol Danvers finds her fate inexplicably intertwined with two younger women, Kamala Khan and Monica Rambeau. The three headstrong and independent women must then learn to work together and overcome their personal shortcomings to protect the universe from harm. Rated PG-13 (105 minutes).

Dungeons and Dragons Players Club: Saturday, March 9 @ 4:00 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.

Serenity Cards: Creativity with Pen and Ink: Monday, March 11 @ 6:00 pm. Join us for this art class with Dianne Kramer as we blend special words of comfort and relaxation with easy-to-draw images. With inspiration from artist Diane Harpster, participants will design their own serenity cards. The resulting class projects will be a blend of beautiful pen-and-ink images and favorite words of serenity (i.e., peace, joy), a Bible verse, or lines from a favorite song or poem. No art experience is necessary! Each image will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is designed for adults and registration is required as space is limited to 20. Due to the high demand for this class, 5 of the 20 slots will be reserved for those who have not previously attended one of Dianne's classes, or who have not attended since before October 2023. If not filled, these spots will be opened up to all. Registration begins February 15. Participants will need to bring the following supplies: pencil, eraser, fine black felt-tipped pen, and colored pencils. All other supplies will be provided. Come to the library to see a display of the types of drawings to be done in class!

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

Genealogy with Ann: Wednesday, March 13 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Staff member Ann will be on hand to help you start, or continue to work on, your five-generation ancestor chart. Ann will also share information on free websites good for genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop, if they have one. Some library laptops will be available for use. If this time does not work for you, you are welcome to call and schedule an appointment.

Native Landscaping: Thursday, March 14 @ 6:30 pm. Looking for a way to give back to the environment but don't have the means or time to volunteer at conservation areas and want to bring nature home to you? Join Dubuque County Conservation staff as we share little ways of how to take your own property, no matter how small or large, and turn it into a rest area for native species. Walk away with resources from the Mowing to Monarchs program, best places to buy native plants, and other information to take with you as you start transforming the land around you one plant at a time. The JKPL has partnered with Dubuque County Conservation to present this program. Registration is requested to ensure adequate supplies, walk-ins welcome as space and supplies allow. This program

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St. Patrick's Day Parade: Saturday, March 16 @ 1:30 pm. (JKPL may stay open later to accommodate guests.)

Bingo Party: Monday, March 18 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come enjoy bingo at the JKPL! There is a two card limit, there is no cost to play, and there are prizes! Registration is recommended as space is limited. Bring your friends!

Cricut with Christopher presents Glass Easter Bunnies: Monday, March 18 @ 6:00 pm. Come learn about the Cricut Maker from local expert Lisa Christopher and create a glass Easter Bunny. Participants should be 14 or older but children age 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Please bring a pair of scissors! Registration is recommended as attendance is limited to 10. Walk-ins welcome if space and materials allow. Cricut with Christopher will typically be held monthly on the third Monday of each month.

Music and Movement: Wednesdays, March 20 and 27 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm. On select Wednesdays in March, bring your children to the library to wiggle, dance, play and shake their energy out! This program is designed for children ages 6 months to 6 years, but all children are welcome to participate. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary for either session.

Game Night @ Your Library: Friday, March 22 from 6:00 - 9:00 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.

Bear Creek Carvers Open House and Demo: Saturday, March 23 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.

Teen Trivia Showdown: Saturday, March 23 @ 4:00 pm. Want to test your knowledge and have some fun with your friends? Join us for our Teen Trivia Showdown! The theme of the night will be "Fandoms", focusing on topics such as Harry Potter, anime, music and more! Participants can sign up to be on one of five teams (Max 4 players per team). Registration is requested and walk-ins are welcome if there is space on a team. For ages 13-18 only. Spectators are welcome! This program is sponsored by TACKL.

Sunday, March 24: Build-A-Basket Fundraiser Closing Reception 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! 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. Community poster.

Strings Club: Monday, March 25 @ 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 Sue Engelbrecht and Gary Bramel. This group typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Registration requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

JKPL Writing Group: Tuesday, March 26 @ 6:30 pm. Join us this month in person at the library, or remotely via Zoom, for a sharing session with writers of all types including poetry, memoir,

fiction, or nonfiction. New members are welcome to join at any time. If you want to participate via Zoom, please call by 5:30 pm on the day of the event.

Health & Wellness 365 with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging: Thursday, March 28 @ 11:00 am. Presented by Nutrition Specialist Colleen Lawler. Topic TBA. There will be food samples to try! All are welcome.

Family Movies @ Your Library presents “Wish”: Saturday, March 30 @ 1:00 pm. After making a wish on a starry night, Asha is surprised when Star, a ball of cosmic energy, comes down to accompany her. Asha and Star must work together to defeat the ruthless ruler, King Magnifico, who threatens the safety of her local community. Rated PG (92 minutes).

Sunday, March 31: Library closed for Easter

Dubuque County Extension Free Pepper Plant Program! The James Kennedy Public Library has partnered with the Dubuque County Extension Office for their Free Pepper Plant Program! Details TBA.

Yard Sign Fundraiser: April 1-30. To celebrate National Library Week, April 7-13, 2024, the JKPL has yard signs that say “I Love My Library” available. Signs are 18” x 24”, vinyl, reusable, and come with a ground stake. Yard signs can be purchased by making a donation of any size to the library and 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!

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 DEAR 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. Match the book with the business then turn your completed forms into the library by April 30 to get entered into the prize drawing for one of four gift baskets. You get to choose which basket! Entries with at least ½ of the books / businesses identified 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! 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? Feel free to share in the comments what book you dropped everything to read!

Children’s D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Month: April 1 - 30. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer...in spaceship play! First, check out our new installation at our pretend-play station with this month’s theme, Spaceship and Ground Control. Next, participate in our “Planets” scavenger hunt to earn a small prize. Finally, check out our display of space-themed books and take one home to read!

Kids Can Craft: Space-Themed Puzzle Frame: April 1-30. Kids age 9 and up are invited to stop in the library and make a space-themed puzzle frame. All materials necessary for this craft are available at the Creation Station. Children can choose to craft at the Creation Station, or they may gather materials for the craft in a take-home bag and craft at home.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “A Few Beautiful Minutes: Experiencing a Solar Eclipse” by Kate Allen Fox: April 1-30.

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

Ready, Set, Library! National Library Week: April 7-13, 2024 – Activities to be decided. The theme for National Library Week 2024, “Ready, Set, Library!,” promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. Find your crew at your library’s author talks, workshops, and book clubs. No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life’s journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—your library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs. Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library this National Library Week. Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line.

Monday, April 8: Eclipse of the Sun! Activities to be decided.

Meet Iowa Author Sara Broers: Monday, April 8 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Iowa Author Sara Broers, will be signing her latest book *Perfect Day Iowa* at Savvy Salvage. Sara is also the author of *100 Things to Do in Iowa Before You Die*. Stop in to meet Sara and bring your travel questions. This visit is a partnership between JKPL and Savvy Salvage.

National Library Week Trivia Night Fundraiser at O So Good Winery Date and details TBA.

Cricut with Christopher presents Etched Nightlights: Monday, April 15 @ 6:00 pm.

Egyptomania! Unraveling America's Jazz Age Craze for Ancient Egypt with Author Jocelyn Green: Saturday, April 20 @ 11:00 am. After King Tut’s tomb was discovered and opened in the early 1920s, America’s craze for all things Egypt reached a fever pitch. This program will take you inside the famous pharaoh’s tomb with photos of some of the highlights, and then sweep you into Jazz Age America to see the broad-reaching influence Egyptomania had on art, fashion, jewelry, architecture, music, and product advertising. Enjoy a romp through the art deco era and explore why ancient Egypt was such a hit with Americans careening into modernity. Sponsored by the Friends of the James Kennedy Public Library.

Petal Boxes: Creativity with Pen and Ink: Thursday, April 25 @ 6:00 pm. Serenity Cards: Creativity with Pen and Ink. Join Dianne Kramer for this special program. No art experience is necessary! Each image will be broken down into easy-to-follow steps. This class is designed for adults and registration is required as space is limited to 20. Due to the high demand of this class, five of the twenty slots are allotted for those who have not attended one of Dianne’s classes before, or has not attended since October 2023. Registration begins March 25. Participants will need to bring the following supplies: pencil, eraser, fine black felt-tipped pen, and colored pencils. All other supplies will be provided. Come to the library to see a display of the types of drawings we’ll do in class!

Youth Mental Health First Aid: Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The JKPL has partnered with the Meraki Institute of Learning to offer this mental health first aid training course. This will be a blended course with participants completing a 2-hour self-paced online course before attending the in-person instructor-led training on April 27. Youth Mental Health First Aid is an early

intervention public education program that teaches adults how to recognize the signs and symptoms that suggest a potential mental health challenge, how to listen non-judgmentally and give reassurance to a youth who may be experiencing a mental health challenge, and how to refer a person to appropriate professional support and services. This course teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people both in crisis and non-crisis situations. Registration by April 12 is required as space is limited.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Meet the Super Duper Seven” by Tim Hamilton: May 1-31.

Children’s Monthly Theme: Floral Shop!: May 1 - 31. Area families are invited to come to the library and explore what it has to offer...in floral shop play! First, check out our newest installation in the revolving pretend-play station with this month’s theme, Floral Shop. Next, participate in our “Flower” scavenger hunt to earn a small prize. Finally, check out our display of flowers and gardening books and take one home to read!

Movies @ Your Library presents “Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom”: Saturday, May 4 @ 1:00 pm. Having failed to defeat Aquaman the first time, Black Manta, is still driven by the need to avenge his father’s death and to take Aquaman down once and for all. To defeat him, Aquaman will turn to his imprisoned brother Orm, the former King of Atlantis, to forge an unlikely alliance. Together, they must set aside their differences in order to protect their kingdom and save Aquaman’s family, and the world, from irreversible destruction. Rated PG-13 (120 minutes).

May 12: Library closed for Mother’s Day

If Buildings Could Talk - A History of Downtown Dyersville: Thursday May 16 at 6:30 pm and Saturday, May 18 at 10:00 am. The James Kennedy Public Library is thrilled to welcome Judy Weber for two presentations on the history of the buildings on the south side of the 300 block of 1st Ave. Judy will present the same program twice, so be sure to make it to one of her presentations! Each presentation will last 2 hours with a short intermission. Refreshments provided.

Saturday, May 18: Plant Sale Fundraiser from 8:00—10:00 am. Date to be confirmed.

National Public Works Week: May 19–25, 2024. Activities to be decided.

May 26 & May 27: Library closed for Memorial Day

Saturday, June 1: Adult Summer Library Program Begins! Everyone 18 and older is encouraged to participate in the 2022 program that runs June 1-August 31. This year’s theme is READ, RENEW, REPEAT / LEER, RENOVAR, REPETIR and will feature the idea and practice of conservation. Conservation as a movement focuses on protecting species from extinction, maintaining and restoring habitats, enhancing ecosystem services, and protecting biological diversity. Activities and details to be decided.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: “Life-Sized Candyland: Fun with Sight Words” by James Kennedy Public Library: June 1-30..

Saturday, June 8: Kids and Teens SRP begins. Details to come.

Quest Kakapo: June 8 at 10:00 am. This children’s SRP Kickoff event features an interactive theater performance from children’s theatre troupe Traveling Lantern. Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

Art class with Dianne Kramer: Tuesday, June 11 @ 6:00 pm

Dinosaur O'Dell and the Heroes from Outer: June 14 @ 1:00 pm. This SRP event features perform Dino O'Dell. Sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

Sunday, June 16: Library closed for Father's Day

Makayla Oz, Magician: June 20 @ 10 am. Mikayla Oz is a young female magician with plenty of fun up her sleeves. This SRP event is sponsored by the Friends of the JKPL.

Bubbles @ the Downtown Market: June 29 from 8 to 12 am. This SRP event is funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "The Stuffy Sleepover" by Christa Palm: July 1-31.

Wednesday, July 3: Library closes at 5:00 pm for Independence Day holiday

Thursday, July 4: Library closed for Independence Day holiday

Country Mouse and City Mouse: July 16 @ 10 am. This Climb Theatre performance is the SRP finale and is funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

Butterflies @ the Downtown Market: July 27 from 8 to 12 am. This event is funded by the Friends of the JKPL.

STEAM Trailer: July 30 - August 9. Stop in at the library for STEAM fun

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Story County: Here We Come" by Derek Anderson: August 1-31.

Stuffy Sleepover: Wednesday, August 7 from 6:30 - 7:30. Wear your favorite pajamas and bring your stuffy for fun stories, games, and snacks with your stuffy! When the program ends, the fun is just beginning for the stuffed animals. Give them a big hug and leave them at the library for an overnight adventure with their new stuffy friends, where the stuffed animals will do everything sleepover related...and maybe cause a little trouble. Return to pick up your stuffy the next day, and in a few weeks, collect your copy of a special children's book written all about the JKPL stuffy sleepover!

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Over, Under, In and Ouch" by Trudy Harris: Sept 3-30.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Grumpy Monkey" by Suzanne Lang: October 1-31.

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "It's a Tiger" by David LaRochelle: November 1-30.

Wednesday, November 27: Library closes at 5:00 pm

Thursday, November 28: Library closed

Westside Park StoryWalk®: "Woodland Christmas" by Frances Tyrrell: December 1-31.

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25: Library closed for Christmas.

Tuesday, December 31: Library closes at 5:00 pm

Notes from Friends Meeting – February 8, 2024

As of January 29, 2024, the Friends have \$31,793.84 in their checking account and a CD value of \$11,678.32.

The Friends membership drive began January 8, 2024. As of 2/7/24 they have a total of 139 paid members. The membership drive has brought in \$2,470 in dues and \$5,500 in donations.

The January used book sale was very successful. It brought in \$1,258.15 – the most income at one sale ever.

The 2024 Bus Trip fundraiser will be on May 8, 2024 to Jersey Boys, with a stop at the Tycogo Winery. Price per ticket is \$115.00. Tickets are already sold out.

The Friends Bylaws were reviewed and updated to reflect the change in membership fees and increasing the length of the officer terms from 2 years to 4 years.

The Friends approved \$350.00 for an Egyptology presentation by author Jocelyn Green in April. They also approved \$5,000.00 for programs, books, and incentives for children's summer programs as follows: Quest Kakopo - \$495; Dino O'Dell - \$450; Makayla Oz, Magician - \$450; Absolute Science: Bubbles (at Downtown Market) - \$525; Blank Park Zoo - \$250; Climb Theatre: Country Mouse and the City Mouse - \$600; Absolute Science: Butterflies (at Downtown Market) - \$525; Squishies and food snacks for prizes - \$250; Books for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten - \$300; Books as sign up incentives for Children's SRP- \$1,155.

The Friends also discussed funds available concerns about potential budget shortfalls. They are potentially willing to help fill in gaps if there are budget shortfalls. Specific requests and needs should be brought to the group when the JKPL knows more about the city budget appropriation.

The next Friends meeting will be Wednesday, May 22 at 9:30 am.

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

Fund Statement: 12/1/2023 through 12/31/2023

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

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	15,682.53
Gifts	300.00
Interest/Dividend Income	226.81
Realized Gains (Losses)	4.25
Unrealized Gains (Losses)	713.81
Other Income	0.00
Grants Approved	0.00
Investment & Admin Fees	(23.05)
Credit Card Fees	(6.90)
ENDING FUND BALANCE	16,897.45

Gift Detail

Donor:	Date:	Amount:
Joseph Kennedy Mem James and Ellen Kennedy	12/22/23	300.00

Grant Detail

Grantee:	Date:	Amount:
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Notes from the February 9-12, 2024 Fundraising Committee email discussion

Members of the JKPL Fundraising committee discussed fundraising projects via email February 9-12, 2024. Participants were Alex Wiezorek, Kami Boffeli and Shirley Vonderhaar. Brenda Ingles was excused.

Soup Fundraiser: This event was very successful. Proceeds were \$1026 and all soup was sold at the event. We did not have any quarts left to sell – and there were people interested in purchasing.

Comments to consider for 2024:

- We gave out 2 gift certificates (1 free meal) and at least one was brought in. This seems an easy way to market.
- Some people did opt to eat at the library and appreciated this option. Suggestion was to provide some kind of beverage for those eating in. Decision on this will be made when planning for 2025
- If we had more soup, we could have sold more after the event so as part of planning will consider finding more donors (former Board members, staff members, community members) and / or asking people to donate more soup.

Love My Library Giving Tree: This event started officially on January 8 and runs until February 29. Since the kick-off wasn't tied to Soup Fundraiser there was discussion that in the future we just plan this for all of January and February. A decision on this will be made when planning for 2025. Response this year so far has been lower than recent years but hopefully donations will continue to come in.

Mystery Dinner Theater: This event is coming up on February 24. Last day to sell tickets if 2/17. AS of 2/12 we have sold 7 tables and 2 individual tickets. Last year we sold 10 tables and 10 additional tickets. We are hoping there will be more sales this week.

Build-a-Basket Fundraiser: This event started February 1 and the silent auction will run March 1 to March 24. Some baskets have already been donated and we will start putting them out the week of 2/12.

Garage Sale Fundraiser: This new event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 1 - the Saturday of the city-wide garage sales. Current plan is to accept donations the week of May 27 and use the Hoffman Room for sorting and organizing. We may wish to request the City close the parking lot for the event and may need to reduce programming in the Hoffman Room for the week of May 27 – for storing and sorting donated items. Two to three volunteers will be needed for sorting and pricing as well as to manage sales the day of the event. Alex is taking lead for this and additional details will be determined over the next few months.

NWL Trivia Event: This event is typically held at O So Good Winery in connection with National Library Week. April 7 – 13, 2024 is NLW. Shirley has reached out to the owners of O So Good but hasn't heard back yet about their interest and scheduling.

Breakfast Burrito Carry Out Fundraiser: This event is typically held in connection with National Library Week from 9 to 11 (or sold out.) Potential Days would be Saturday, April 6 or 13. Brenda Ingles has stated she is again willing to make the burritos for this event. Other committee members will assist as needed. The date for this will be decided after we have heard from O So Good about the trivia event.

We will again ask Fareway to sponsor by donating the ingredients. Alex is likely available to manage sales.

Yard Sign Sales: We still have signs in storage so will make these available in April and May (for NLW) for a donation. These may also be available to purchase at the Garage Sale.





Spring Plant Sale: This event is typically held a Saturday morning, from 8 to 10 am, in May - not a holiday weekend. Potential dates are May 4 and May 18. Shirley has contacted Karen Kramer to see if she has a recommendation and if she is available to assist.

Sales at Pop-Up Library at DTSN and Downtown Market: The committee typically take a pop-up library and sell freezer pops at the Downtown Summer Night events and TACKL sells library swag at the Downtown Market. We have supplies on hand for these events so will continue this summer. Volunteers to work each event will be discussed at the next meeting.

Book Art Fundraiser: 2023 was our first year for this event. It didn't bring in a lot of income but was fun and has a lot of potential to grow. The committee will discuss this event at their next meeting and decide how to proceed. If following the 2023 pattern, Kickoff will be at the June Downtown Market with the donation event at the July Downtown Market. Last year 7 Hills donated a bowling party to the library – which was used for the prize. Committee will discuss requesting a similar donation or alternative prizes.

The committee will meet before the March Board meeting.

FY25 Budget Work Session Schedule

February	5	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
February	12		
February	19	Council Meeting followed by Budget Work Session ✓ Public Safety - Fire, Emergency Management & Bi-County Ambulance ✓ Culture & Recreation - Library ✓ Health & Social Services ✓ General Government - Policy & Administration / Economic Development	6:00 PM
February	26	Budget Work Session ✓ Public Safety - Police ✓ Culture & Recreation - Parks & Recreation ✓ Debt ✓ Capital Improvements	6:00 PM
March	4	Council Meeting  Set Date for Proposed Property Tax Hearing for March 25, 2024	6:00 PM
March	5	Must have Property Tax Levy Hearing uploaded in Budget System	
March	11	Budget Work Session ✓ Public Works ✓ Water, Sewer & Solid Waste ✓ Revenue	6:00 PM
March	18	Council Meeting	6:00 PM
March	20	County Auditor mails the Budget Notice	
March	25	 Special Council Meeting Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Hearing for FY25 Budget Budget Work Session - Complete Budget Review	6:00 PM 6:15 PM
April	1	Council Meeting  Set Date of Public Hearing for FY25 Budget for April 15, 2024	6:00 PM
April	8		
April	15	Council Meeting  Public Hearing Resolution to Approve FY25 Budget	6:00 PM
April	22		
April	29		
April	30	Budget DEADLINE!	