

ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD PRESIDENT, ALEX WIEZOREK

When someone thinks of a library, they often think of the entertainment they can acquire within: books, movies, magazines, audiobooks, games, and more. While the James Kennedy Public Library certainly offers those things, our library offers so much more! Between opportunities for self-improvement, activities inside and out, and a place to express your artistic side, our Library truly is the one-stop-shop for self-improvement!



Storytime helps children develop a love of reading and a desire to learn to read themselves. Kids Can Cook classes instruct children on the basics of food prep and kitchen safety. Brainfuse online database offers resources to students from elementary school to college and beyond with tutoring, study help, and test prep. Mango language learning is a free app allowing library patrons to learn languages at their own pace, on their own schedule. Programs such as Strength Training for Older Adults and Unlocking Brain Fitness, a program to help battle Alzheimer's, help to improve the golden years of area seniors. Our Genealogy Room and free Ancestry.com membership allows us to remember those who have come before us. As you can see, the JKPL has something to offer for all lifelong learners!

The library events page is the first place to stop the next time you are looking for something fun to do. Visit the mobile library or the Book Bike at Dyersville events such as Downtown Summer Nights or the Downtown Market at Legacy Square. Join Paul for a Nerf War or Mini Golf in the library or attend a Library fundraiser such as the Murder Mystery Dinner or trivia at O So Good Winery & Distillery. There is always something going on—the James Kennedy Public Library put on over 800 programs last year alone!

Lastly, find your creative side and express yourself through art. The Creation Station, located in the middle of the library, has art supplies for you to use during your visit; or take one of the craft-of-the-month kits with you to do at home; or join a class on the Cricut machine, guided drawing, and much more.

I hope by now you have realized the James Kennedy Public Library is much more than a building full of books. It is our community's hub for learning, entertainment, and expression. I hope upon your next visit to our library you find a new way for us to help you grow!

MISSION STATEMENT

The James Kennedy Public Library enriches the Dyersville community by providing equal access to creative resources for entertainment and education.

VISION STATEMENT

The James Kennedy Public Library helps create a thriving community to inspire curiosity, creativity, innovation, and connection.

DISCOVER: WITH MATERIALS

PRINT COLLECTION

- Books
- Large print books
- Magazines
- Newspapers

BOOKS: 46,358

MAGAZINES/NEWSPAPERS: 80



Physical Items (print, audio, video, games, etc.) added to the Library Collection (both purchased & donated): **3,327**

AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION

- Books on CD
- Books on Playaway

COLLECTION: 1,582

DVD & BLURAY COLLECTION

- Feature films for all ages
- Television series
- Documentaries, Exercise, & How-To

COLLECTION: 4,485

GAMING & LIBRARY OF THINGS COLLECTION

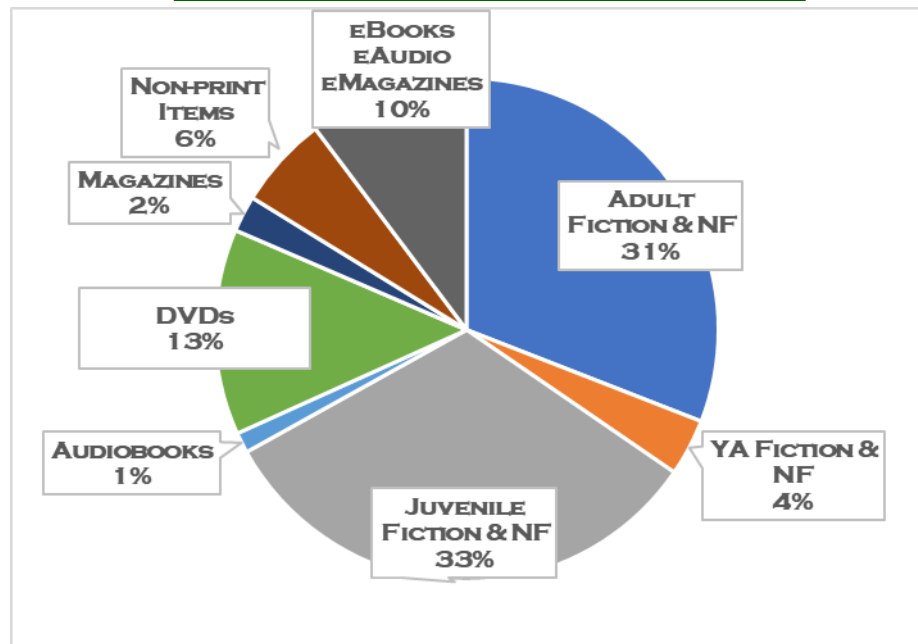
- Console Games: Xbox, XboxOne, Wii, WiiU, Nintendo Switch
- Board Games
- Puzzles
- Puppets
- S.T.E.A.M. Items
- Kitchen equipment, tools, arts & crafts, & more!

COLLECTION: 1,333

DOWNLOADABLE MATERIALS

- 103,155 eBooks
- 50,153 eAudiobooks

USAGE BY TYPE OF MATERIAL



Number of Items of all types checked out from the JKPL

94,202

Total VALUE of items checked out: **\$3.3 Million!**



Library card holders checked out an average of **22** items each. At a value of **\$35.00** per item, each library user saved **\$770!**

CONNECT: WITH SERVICES

DIGITAL COLLECTION / ELECTRONIC SERVICES

- eBooks and eAudiobooks: BRIDGES, Freading, & Hoopla
- eMagazines: BRIDGES
- Music: Hoopla
- Streaming Videos: Kanopy & Hoopla
- Language Learning: Mango
- Newspaper Archives & Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition & Dyersville Commercial Archives
- Databases: People's Law Library, Foundation Directory by Candid, Global Road Warrior, A to Z World Culture, A to Z World Food, Brainfuse, Niche Academy, G.O.L.D. Databases & more

Used 16,307 times!



SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook
- Instagram
- X
- YouTube
- Goodreads



SPACE & EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

- Meeting & study spaces
- Community spaces
- Gaming Equipment (Xbox & WiiU)
- Soft seating & fireplace
- Projection system
- Large screen TV & Bluray player
- Device charging station
- Train table

MEETING SPACE USE: 761 GATHERINGS

COMPUTER SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Public Access Computers with Internet
- Children's Computers
- Laptops, Tablets, & Hotspots
- WiFi
- Library website with online catalog and account access

COMPUTER USE

5,130
Individual Internet Sessions

2,361
Total Hours Used

2,208
WiFi Use

Number of People with Library Cards

4,267

Number of people entering the library

61,030

Number of Items Available (including electronic): 207,066

INSPIRE: WITH PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS INSIDE & OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

- Book Clubs and Author Visits
- Movie Showings
- Story Times and OutReads
- Gaming Activities
- Computer & Technology Programs
- Speakers & Presentations for Life-long learning
- Health & Wellness
- Senior Programs at MercyOne Dyersville & Ellen Kennedy Living Center
- Crafting
- Writing Events
- Seasonal Programs
- Storywalk®
- Pop-up Libraries
- STEAM Programs
- Take-and Make kits

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Programs offered to children, teens, adults & seniors.

Live programs (in-person & virtual):
767 offered
13,841 participants

Passive (Storywalk®, Scavenger Hunts, Trivia Contests, Reading logs, etc.):
4,531 participants

Take-and-Make kits & Coloring Sheets:
7,603 taken by patrons

At a value of \$15 per live program, JKPL users saved \$207,615 while learning & playing at the library!

Price is what you pay. **Value** is what you get.

Warren Buffett // Quotesian.com

Revenues:	
Dyersville	\$481,173
Library Agency	\$7,804
State Funding	\$11,531
Fees (copier, printer, etc.)	\$3,328
TOTAL	\$503,836
Expenditures:	
Wages & benefits	\$393,946
Building (utilities & contracts)	\$38,943
Supplies & marketing	\$9,745
Equipment & repairs	\$6,620
Programs	\$584
Books & materials	\$53,998
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$503,836

Operating Budget

GRANTS:

The JKPL was awarded **3** grants this year for a total of **\$13,977**.

FUNDRAISING & OTHER DONATIONS: Numerous businesses/people donated **\$10,111**. The JKPL Fundraising Committee raised **\$12,188** this year. All money was used to enhance the library's collections & services.



Trust Account

Income	\$45,001
Expenditures	\$32,210
Remaining	\$102,060

\$18,115

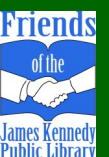


Endowment

97 Volunteers shared their time & talent at the library for **3,447 hours**.



Friends of the Library sponsored over **\$5,620** worth of special library services & programs. **THANK YOU!**



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