

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



REGULAR HOURS
Labor Day - Memorial Day

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

Patrons pose with their ghost wall hangers created at Adult Craft Night.

Our STEM Kits Have Expanded! Introducing WDM Library Learning Kits

The WDM Public Library’s collection of STEM Kits for learning have always hovered around 60 items to check out. Now, we’ve been able to expand our offerings to over 130! Not only are the Learning Kits fun for kids to play with, but they are curated to focus on ‘sneaky learning’ objectives such as early literacy skills, dramatic play, fine and gross motor skills, and early math concepts.

New learning kits have been added in conjunction with the Simple Steps Program that we partner with Des Moines Public Library on. These kits have a specific early literacy focus.

We’ve also added some new interactive doll sets featuring Our Generation dolls with different hobbies. For instance, we have a Theodore Doll Kit available that includes Theodore’s skateboarding gear and items from the Happy Camper set.



Patrons can check out Learning Kits like any other material in our collection. Kits can be checked out for 14 days and cannot be renewed. A \$.50 charge will be added for each day that the kit is returned late.

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We will close at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 22 and will be closed all day on Thursday the 23rd and Friday the 24th. We reopen with regular hours on Saturday the 25th. Happy Thanksgiving!



New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



Halloween Parade Highlights!



West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation

Thursday, November 16, 2023 • 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Come support the library and the Words on Wheels Library Vehicle. Do not forget to use the Chick-fil-A® App or let the Team Member know you are there in support. Like the original Facebook post for .10/like.



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Betsy Richter Awarded Iowa Library Association's Library Philanthropy Award

Betsy Richter, Homebound and Outreach Assistant, earned the Iowa Library Association's Library Philanthropy Award. This award recognizes an Iowa librarian for their exceptional efforts made, outside the library's typical mission, to create a better world. Congratulations, Betsy, and thank you for all that you do to make our community stronger!

"I was surprised and honored to receive this award," Betsy said. "I couldn't do this work without the support of our hard working West Des Moines Public Library staff, volunteers, and the WDM Library Friends Foundation. The Friends Foundation funds our outreach collection that provides browsable library materials to Seniors in their living communities. Becoming a friend of your local library is something we can all do to help libraries better serve their communities. Thank you."



November Adult Events at the WDM Library

Dungeons & Dragons One Shot Series

Thursday, November 2 - 5:45 - 9:00 PM

This session will be using D&D 5th edition rules and materials. Characters will be provided. Dice and books are also available if needed. Registration required.



Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

Tuesday, November 14 - 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Relax, unwind and color your stress away! Studies show that coloring can have a calming effect on the mind and help promote wellness. No registration.



Tech One-On-One

Saturday, November 4 & 18 - 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 AM

Do you have a specific computer, mobile device, or other technology-related questions? We are here to help! Registration requested.



Welcome to Medicare

Tuesday, November 14 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Please join us for a free Welcome to Medicare seminar alongside the State of Iowa's Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP). Registration is requested, please.

Settlers of Catan Unofficial Tournament

Saturday, November 4 - 12:30 - 4:00 PM

Join us for a friendly, unofficial* Settlers of Catan event. We will be playing the base game of this perennial board game favorite. The grand prize will be a gift card to Mayhem Comics and Games. Please register each player.



Adult Craft Night & Day: Quilled Paper Snowflakes

Thursday, November 16 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM OR

Friday, November 17 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Come join us to create a fun craft for the adult crowd! We will have a variety of supplies to make quilled paper snowflakes. Note that this is the same craft offered in the evening and morning. Registration required.



Generation Rx: Keeping Your Prescription Medication Safe

Monday, November 6 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Generation Rx is an educational program originally created by Ohio State University that is designed to address general medication safety and safe medication practices. No registration.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, November 16 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Hosted at the Jordan House (2001 Fuller Road)

This group discusses titles from a wide variety of time/places/people. Please join us for a discussion of *In The Time of Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. Registration required.

NaNoWriMo Workshop

Thursday, November 9 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

The Friends Foundation is proud to host a National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) workshop and write-in! Snacks and drinks will be provided. No registration.



Iowa Files: Unconditional Surrender with Ulysses S. Grant

Sunday, November 19 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Pete Grady presents this one-man show about the life and times of the Civil War General and 18th President of the United States. No registration required.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, November 9 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

YA Not Club Read is our non-traditional book club for "Grown ups" who like to read and talk about Young Adult books. This month we'll be discussing *Elatsoe* by Darcie Little Badger. Registration required.



Library Closed: Thanksgiving

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Thursday, November 23 - Closed All Day

Friday, November 24 - Closed All Day

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WDM Writer's Group

Saturday, November 11 & 25 - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Open to aspiring authors of all experience levels. Each participant brings an approximately 1500-word excerpt of their work-in-progress to read aloud. Constructive critique follows each writer's turn. No reg.



Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, November 27 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

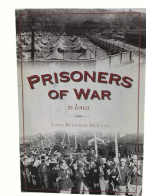
Please join Alana and Amy to discuss what everyone has been reading and watching this month. You may join us in the Millie Knee Classroom upstairs at the library or in Zoom. Registration is required.



Iowa History: POW Camps

Saturday, November 11 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us for a program from author Linda Betsinger McCann about her research for her book, *Prisoners of War in Iowa*. She will talk about how she first started writing her books about Iowa history, as well as the research that went into this book. No registration.



Lincoln on Leadership

Thursday, November 30 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

In this presentation Mr. Lincoln (portrayed by Kevin Wood) discusses his leadership values and style by sharing "16 precedents from the 16th President," that is, 16 ways in which he strove to lead our nation and our people in his day. No registration required.

Club Read: Hybrid Edition

Monday, November 13 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM

Join us for a book club discussion on September 11. We will be discussing *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. You may join us in the Millie Knee Classroom upstairs at the library or in Zoom. Registration is required.



The WDM Library works hard to make every program enjoyable to all patrons. If you have specific accessibility or accommodation questions for an upcoming event, please email library@wdm.iowa.gov or call 515-222-3403.

Children & Teen November Events at the WDM Library

DINovember!

All month long!

(All Ages)

Join us this November as we celebrate our favorite prehistoric turkey relatives! We'll have activities in the children's area all month, a dinosaur hunt to track down some fearsome beasts, and a take home craft the week of November 20.



Kids Club Read: King of the Ice (#1 Miles Lewis)

Tuesday, November 14 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, King of the Ice by Kelly Starling Lyons. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Registration required.



Lapsit Storytime

Mondays (11/6 & 11/13) - 9:30 - 10:00 AM

OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 1 mo. - 18 mo. w/ adult)

Using puppets, rhymes, songs, and short stories, we will engage baby and caregiver in language-rich activities designed for pre-walking babies. Registration is required.



Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: Mamo

Thursday, November 16 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Mamo by Sas Milledge. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Registration required.



Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays (11/7 & 11/14) 9:30 - 10:00 AM

OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 6 mo. - 2 yrs w/ adult)

Each week we will incorporate activities that emphasize and reinforce body part identification, counting, rhythm, sensory stimulation, fine and gross motor skills, and animal sounds. Registration is required.



Teen Tiny Art Program

Thursday, November 16 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Join us to create a small-scale art piece! Attendees will be provided with a small canvas and materials to create their own artwork. Each work will be hung in the Teen Center for voting. The three pieces that receive the most votes will earn a prize! Registration required.

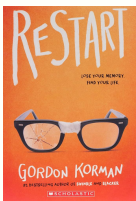


Tween Club Read

Tuesday, November 7 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 11-14)

If you like to talk about books (but you're getting too old for our other book clubs), this club is for you. Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book Restart by Gordon Korman! Register online or at the Children's Desk. Get a copy at the Children's Desk.



Family Night at the Library: NERF War!

Monday, November 20 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All Ages)

This month we'll put our building and shooting skills to the test as we build bases and defend them in an epic NERF battle! Please register each person attending (children and adults).



Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesdays (11/8 & 11/15) - 9:30 - 10:00 AM

OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 18 mo. - 3 yrs w/ adult)

Bring a favorite doll or stuffed animal and join us for Baby Doll Storytime. Children will participate in songs, rhymes, and stories while interacting with their baby doll. Registration required.



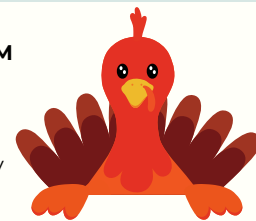
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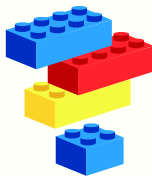


After School Adventures: LEGO Club

Wednesday, November 8 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM

(Ages 5-12)

Join us in the Community Room after school to embark on an adventure! This month we'll host a building challenge with everyone's favorite interlocking brick system! Registration required.



Shake, Rattle, and Roll: Trolls Edition

Tuesday, November 28 - 9:30 - 10:15 AM

(Ages 12 mo. - 3 yrs w/ adult)

You'll be movin' and groovin' on this hand-clappin', foot-stompin' morning- with a TROLLS theme! For ages 1-3. Registration required.



Family Storytime

Wednesdays (6:30 - 7:30 PM) Thursdays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) and Fridays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) Dates: 11/8, 11/9, 11/10, 11/15, 11/16, 11/17

(Ages 0-6 w/ adult)

Join us in the Community Room for this class featuring stories, songs, and rhymes followed by gross and fine motor play all with an early literacy focus! No registration.



Shake, Rattle, and Roll: Trolls Edition

Tuesday, November 28 - 10:30 - 11:15 AM

(Ages 3-6 w/ adult)

You'll be movin' and groovin' on this hand-clappin', foot-stompin' morning- with a TROLLS theme! For ages 3-6. Registration required.



Saturday Storytime

Saturdays (11/11 & 11/18) -

9:30 - 10:00 AM OR 10:30 - 11:30 AM

(Ages 0-6 w/ adult)

Drop in and join us in the storyroom for Saturday Storytime! Build a lifetime love of books and reading as we share stories, songs, and interactive rhymes with an early literacy focus. No registration.



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