

# WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



## Try Out the WDM Library's FREE Adventure Pass!

Looking for something fun to do with your kiddos as the weather gets colder? Try Adventure Pass! This program lets WDM and Cumming residents with a WDM Library Card get free access to places like Science Center of Iowa, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, Des Moines Children's Museum, and more! You must reserve your pass online AND print out your confirmation in order to use this program.

[Reserve an Adventure Pass.](#)



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## Check Out Items 24-Hours-a-Day at our Valley Junction Kiosk!

If you and your family are looking for a new book or movie to explore while we're closed for the holidays, you can always access materials at our [24-Hour Library Kiosk in Valley Junction!](#) The kiosk is a fun, user-friendly vending machine for books. All you need is a WDM Library Card in good standing to check out one of the 235 carefully selected books and DVDs inside. You can also return items to the kiosk even if you check them out at our main building!

To get to the kiosk, turn off 4th Street into the parking lot behind the Valley Junction Activity Center (217 5th Street is its official address); you'll see the machine just to the south of the rear entrance.

The kiosk, the first of its kind in Iowa, results from a generous gift of over \$100,000 from the [West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation](#), a non-profit organization that raises money to support the library's services and programs.



## New Titles Added to the Collection

### Children's



### Young Adult



### Adult



## Curbside Pickup Available

While we're in the thick of cold and flu season, we wanted to remind our patrons that curbside hold pickup is still available. Once you get a notification telling you your holds are ready, pull up outside of the building and call 515-222-3404 and someone will deliver your holds right to your car. Only available during open library hours.



## Sadagat Aliyeva's Art Featured on The Annals of Iowa Cover

Our very own Circulation Clerk, Sadagat Aliyeva, had a piece of her artwork chosen to be on the cover of the State Historical Society of Iowa's magazine, The Annals of Iowa. Her chosen piece is titled "Lady of the Fall" and can be found on the cover of the Fall 2023 edition of the magazine.

[Learn more about Sadagat and her artwork here.](#)

[Get a copy of The Annals of Iowa here.](#)



# December Adult Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

## Tech One-On-One

**Saturday, December 2 & 16 - 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.



## Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

**Tuesday, December 12 - 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.



## Creative Space Saturday

**Saturday, December 2 - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Looking for a space and tools to finish your craft project? Join us for Creative Space Saturday! Bring your own project and supplies and we will provide a variety of tools and lots of space.



## YA Not Club Read

**Thursday, December 14 - 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 our favorite books that we read throughout the year. Registration required.



## Cutting the Cord from Cable

**Monday, December 4 - 6:00 - 7:00 PM OR Tuesday, December 5 - 10:30 - 11:45 AM**

With so many streaming options available, cutting your cable cord is easier than you may think. We will present the basics you need to know to help make your decision and show you the many options that the Library offers for streaming on mobile devices, computers and smart TVs - all free with your library card! Registration encouraged.



## Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

**Thursday, December 21 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM**  
*Hosted at the Jordan House (2001 Fuller Rd)*

This group discusses titles from a wide variety of time/places/people. Please join us for a discussion of our favorite reads this year. Registration required.



## Mindfulness and Meditation for Seniors

**Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20 - 10:30 - 11:30 AM**

In each session, you will learn meditations to help de-stress from your week and prepare for a relaxing weekend. Each session will include some teaching on mindfulness themes followed by 30 minutes of practice. Registration required.



## Library Closed: Christmas

**Saturday, December 23 - Tuesday, December 26**

The Library will be closed Saturday December 23rd - Tuesday, December 26th, due to how the Christmas holiday falls. We will reopen at 9 AM on Wednesday the 27th.



## WDM Writer's Group

**Saturday, December 9 - 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.



## Library Closed: New Years

**Sunday, December 31 - Closed All Day**

**Monday, January 1 - Closed All Day**

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## Book Club Social: Holiday Edition!

**Monday, December 11 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Join us for this special holiday book club social event in the Community Room. We'll play a trivia style game based on the books Club Read has read in 2023. Then, we'll share some sweet and savory treats with everyone while we talk about books, movies, and life. Registration 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](mailto:library@wdm.iowa.gov) or call 515-222-3403.**

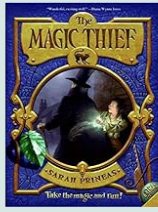
# Children & Teen December Events at the WDM Library

## Tween Club Read

**Tuesday, December 5 - 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 The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas! Register online or at the Children's Desk. Get a copy at the Children's Desk.



## After School Adventures: Card Making

**Wednesday, December 6 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM**

(Ages 5-12)

Join us in the Community Room after school to embark on an adventure! With the holidays just around the corner, we'll make some cards to share with family and friends! Registration required.

## Lapsit Storytime

**Mondays (12/11 & 12/18) - 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.



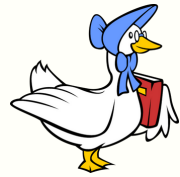
## Toddler Storytime

**Tuesdays (12/12 & 12/19) 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.



## Kids Club Read: White Fur Flying

**Tuesday, December 12 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM**

(Ages 7-10)

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



## Baby Doll Storytime

**Wednesdays (12/13 & 12/20) - 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.



## Family Storytime

**Wednesdays (6:30 - 7:30 PM) Thursdays (10:30 - 11:30 AM)**

**and Fridays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) Dates: 12/13, 12/14, 12/15, 12/20, 12/21, 12/22**

(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 reg.



## Teen DIY Cards and Mini Gifts

**Thursday, December 14 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

(Grades 6-12)

Make your own cards and crafts perfect for gift giving! Materials will be provided to make cards, bracelets, suncatchers, and other small crafts. Attendees are welcome to bring materials. Registration required.



## Saturday Storytime

**Saturday, December 16 - 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.



## Family Night at the Library: BINGO

**Monday, December 18- 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

(All Ages)

Join us this month to play BINGO as a family! If you've never played BINGO at the library before, you can be sure everyone leaves a winner! Please register each person attending (children and adults).

## Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: Chunky

**Thursday, December 21 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM**

(Ages 8-12)

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



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## Babies on the Move: Playtime!

**Wednesday, December 27 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

(Ages 1mo-18mos w/ adult)

Join us for a special playtime just for ages 1month-18 months. This program will offer multiple stations for active and sensory play. Crawl, roll, grab, explore-come play with us! Registration required.



## Winter Take Home Craft

**Wednesday, December 27 - Friday, December 29**

**- All Day**

(All Ages)

Come to the library and pick up your winter take-home craft. Available at the Children's Desk during library hours while supplies last.

## Kindness Rock Painting

**Friday, December 29 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

(All Ages)

Drop in any time during this program to paint Kindness Rocks with us. You can stay for a while and donate your rocks, or you can take home one of our DIY kits! This program will be hosted by Cece Thompson, a Girl Scout Ambassador who is working on completing her Gold Award Project. No reg.



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