

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

Maggie and Jenna pose by the library's new "Words on Wheels" outreach vehicle.

A Message from the Interim Library Director: Jen Ohzourk



Greetings! I'm Jen Ohzourk and am happy for this opportunity to support the Library team, the community and the City in serving as Interim Director (beyond my typical role as Head of Adult Services). I have worked in public libraries for almost 18 years and enjoy how every day in a library is an opportunity to learn something new! I've been with our Library for about 2 ½ years and came here from St. Louis City Library, although I'm originally from Chicago. So, I am no stranger to winter weather. My husband and I were excited to

relocate to West Des Moines and love living in our community and taking advantage of everything it has to offer. It's also fun to live in a new state, so we've enjoyed getting on the road and exploring. We now have some favorite places, favorite restaurants (and are always on the lookout for more).

In this this interim period, there won't be any big or drastic changes in anything here at the Library but I am excited about the projects the Library has in progress. We have great programs planned, loads of new materials arriving on our shelves, and we're even working on planning Summer Read! I welcome your feedback, questions and thoughts, so please don't hesitate to contact me. You may find me in the Library (ask at the Adult Services Desk on the 2nd floor), or email me: jen.ohzourk@wdm.iowa.gov. You're also welcome to call the Library at 515-222-3400.

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LIBRARY CLOSED
February 19, 2023
For Staff Training

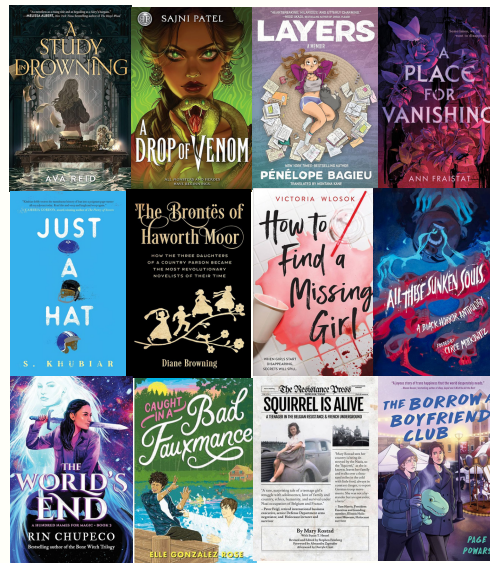


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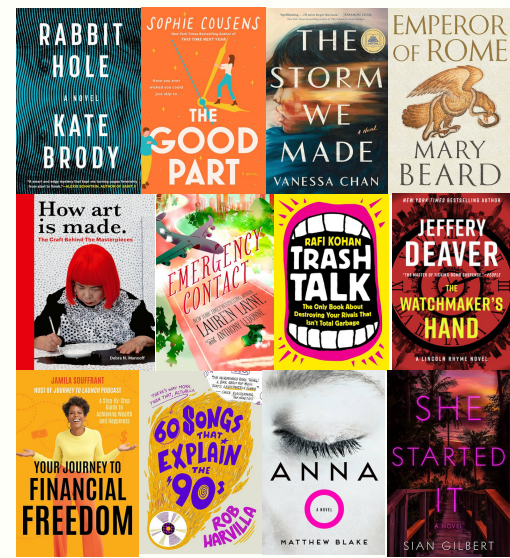
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Young Adult



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Q: Get help from the library while filing my taxes?

How do I...



A: We are happy to help you find the documents that you need to print in order to file your taxes. Please call ahead to the Adult Services Desk (515-222-3403) to make sure we have what you need. You can always use our Internet stations to print from the IRS and State of Iowa tax sites (printing/copying = 20 cents/page). We also have books to check out with hints, tips and steps for preparing your own tax return and related topics.

Federal Taxes: The WDM Library does NOT carry loose forms or booklets. The Library makes some masters of major forms, instructions and tables, which can be photocopied at 20 cents/page. You can also find them [online](#).

State Taxes: The State no longer provides any forms to libraries, and most forms are online-only. We will make a few masters of major forms for you to photocopy (20 cents/page) once the forms are published (usually by mid-February) – anything else can be found on the [State of Iowa tax site](#).

For more information on where to get tax help, where to send in completed tax forms, and how to track when your refund will come to you, visit wdmlibrary.org/tax.

Dementia Care Items Added to Collection through Generous Donation

Thanks to a generous donation from the Bell family, we were able to add all of these Dementia and Alzheimer's care items to our outreach library collection! According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's. By 2050, this number is projected to rise to nearly 13 million. We want to continue to support and connect with these patrons in our community, and providing library materials specifically for patrons experiencing memory loss is an important way to do so.



**HOW TO WATCH:
2024 OSCAR
NOMINATED FILMS**

February Adult Events at the WDM Library

Tech One-On-One

Saturday, February 3 & 17 - 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.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, February 15 - 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 Factory Girls by Michelle Gullen. Registration required.



Writing From Your Roots w/ Author Carol Roh Spaulding

Tuesday, February 6 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Carol Roh Spaulding is an Iowa-based author, whose new book, Waiting for Mr. Kim and Other Stories spans 4 generations of a Korean-American family. She will talk about her own roots and her process of writing herself into her own cultural self-understanding. No reg.



The Underground Railroad in Iowa

Sunday, February 18 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Barry Jurgensen, Midwest Regional Manager of the National Park Services' Network to Freedom shares the stories of Freedom Seekers and the men and women who helped them travel through Iowa to Canada. No registration required.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, February 8 - 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. We will be discussing The Wishing Game by Meg Shaffer. Registration required.



Library Closed: Staff Development

Monday, February 19 - ALL DAY

The Library is closed on President's Day for all-day staff training. We will reopen on Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM.



Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday February 10, 17, 24 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for three sessions that will introduce you to the social, exciting and imaginative experience of D&D. Attendees will not only learn the basic rules, but also how to create a character – and then play through a game. Content will also be offered to help new Dungeon Masters get started running their own games. Registration required.



Exploring Our Past: West Des Moines

Tuesday, February 20 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

In this program, Gale Brubaker, Executive Director of WDM Historical Society, will talk about the immigrant and refugee history of West Des Moines. She'll be highlighting a part of our community's heritage that may not be familiar to everyone, but which celebrates the diverse roots of West Des Moines.

WDM Writer's Group

Saturday, February 10 & 24 - 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.



Our Present and Future: West Des Moines

Thursday, February 22 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Please join us in welcoming CultureAll for their engaging Open Book program! The program will begin with a warm-up game about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and then participants will learn from Open Book presenters about their experiences. Pre-registration requested.



Club Read & Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, February 12 & 26 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM

On Feb. 12, join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting. We will be discussing Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult. On Feb. 26, join them for Book Club Social to talk about books you read this month. Registration required for both programs.

Final Friday Fiber Club

Friday, February 23 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Do you embroider, cross-stitch, crochet, or knit? You'll have the opportunity to do a simple embroidery project – we'll provide the supplies and basic instructions. You're also welcome to bring your own project from home. Reg required.



Where to Start to Love Your Heart

Tuesday, February 13 - 6:30 - 7:45 PM

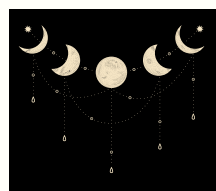
Taking care of your heart doesn't have to be complicated. You can start by uncovering some common heart care myths and then begin your journey toward heart health with 3 simple dietary strategies and 3 supplements to pump up your heart health. No registration.



21 Days to Health: Eat for Your Health

Monday, February 26 - 6:30 - 7:45 PM

Amelia Pickhinke will unpack what healthy eating means and provide the foundation for building balanced and delicious meals to help regenerate the world. You'll discover how to read food labels and use supplements to propel vibrant health. Following this program, you can turn education into action with a 7-day challenge of eating! No registration.



Adult Craft Night: Moon Wall Hanging

Thursday, February 15 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come join us to create a fun craft for the adult crowd! We will have a variety of supplies to make moon wall hangings. 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 or call 515-222-3403.

Children & Teen February Events at the WDM Library

Homey Hibernation: Iowa's Hibernators!

Saturday, February 3 - 10:30 - 11:15 AM

(Ages 5-10)

Join the Waukee High School Environmental Club for a fun morning learning about the basics of hibernation and some of the hibernators in our community, plus a hands-on craft activity! No reg.



Family Night at the Library: Valentine's!

Monday, February 5 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All ages)

We'll get out lots of paper, stamps and other craft materials to make some amazing valentines for all the lovely people in your lives! For all ages. Please register each person attending (children and adults).

Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesdays (2/14, 2/21, 2/28) - 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! Children will participate in songs, rhymes, and stories while interacting with their baby doll. No reg.



After School Adventures: Perler Art

Wednesday, February 14 - 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 be using colorful beads that fuse together with heat to make beautiful designs. Registration required.



Valentine's Day Storytime

Wednesday 2/14, (6:30 - 7:30 PM) Thursday 2/15

(10:30 - 11:30 AM) and Friday 2/16 (10:30 - 11:30 AM)

(Ages 2-6 w/ adult)

Join us for a Valentine story time including a puppet show, stories, rhymes, and songs! All you need is love...and stories! Registration is required.



Tween Club Read: The Lightning Thief

Tuesday, February 6 - 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 about The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan! Register online or at the Children's Desk.



Babies on the Move

Wednesday, February 7 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 1mo. - 18 mos. 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.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, February 17, 24 - 9:30 - 10:00 AM OR 10:30 - 11:00 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.



Teen Valentine's Crafting

Thursday, February 8 - 3:00 - 5:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Join us in the Teen Center to create Valentine's Day cards and small DIY gifts! Materials will be provided for handmade cards and crafts, such as bracelets. Registration required.

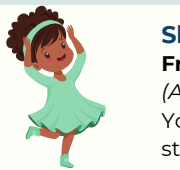
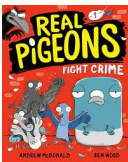


Kids Club Read: Real Pigeons: Fight Crime

Tuesday, February 20 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book Real Pigeons - Fight Crime (#1 series) by Andrew McDonald. Registration required.



Shake, Rattle & Roll (Ages 1 - 3)

Friday, February 9 - 9:30 - 10:15 AM

(Ages 1-3)

You'll be movin' and groovin' on this hand-clappin', foot-stompn' morning! For ages 1-3. Registration required.

Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: The Tryout

Thursday, February 22 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, The Tryout by Christina Soontornvat. Registration required.



Shake, Rattle & Roll (Ages 3-6)

Friday, February 9 - 10:30 - 11:15 AM

(Ages 3-6)

You'll be movin' and groovin' on this hand-clappin', foot-stompn' morning! For ages 3-6. Registration required.



Family Storytime

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

and Fridays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) Dates: 2/21, 2/22, 2/23, 2/28, 2/29, 3/1

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.



Lapsit Storytime

Mondays (2/12, 2/26) - 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. No reg.



Teen After-Hours Mini Golf

Friday, February 23 - 5:35 - 8:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Teens: have you ever wondered what the library is like after hours? We host pizza parties and mini golf! Putt your way through non-fiction, puppets, displays and more! Signed permission slips & registration required.



Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays (2/13, 2/20, 2/27) 9:30 - 10:00 AM

OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM

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

We incorporate activities that reinforce body part identification, counting, rhythm, sensory stimulation, fine and gross motor skills, and animal sounds. No reg.



Group Service Project (Teens)

Wednesday, February 28 - 3:00 - 5:00 PM

(Grades 9-12)

Are you looking for a few Silver Cord, Community Service, or other volunteer hours? The Library is looking for volunteers to help with a monthly group service project. Registration required.

