

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 Jen attend Iowa Library Association's Legislative Day at the Capitol.

Meet Traci Glass, the West Des Moines Public Library's New Director

The West Des Moines Public Library Board of Trustees is happy to announce that Traci Glass has been named the new Director of the West Des Moines Public Library. She comes by way of the Lincoln City Libraries system in Lincoln, Nebraska and was the unanimous choice after a months-long, nationwide search to fill the position.

Traci has worked in public libraries for over 25 years in systems around the country, including Arizona, Oregon, Tennessee, and Nebraska. In her latest position as Assistant Director of Lincoln City Libraries, she supervised over 100 employees while overseeing library operations for all eight branch locations and their bookmobile.

"Traci's robust and diverse experiences from other library systems have uniquely prepared her to provide leadership, operations expertise, and support for our excellent Library staff," said WDM Library Board President Ray Seidelman. "Her positive energy and leadership style will represent the West Des Moines Public Library well as she forms relationships with the community, library patrons, and other partners. We look forward to a bright future with Traci."

"I feel so lucky to be welcomed into the West Des Moines Public Library family," said Glass. "I was originally drawn to them as an organization because of the emphasis that was put on staff and their enrichment in the library's strategic plan. And, as I learned more, I saw an intense dedication to providing robust and inclusive library services across all levels of the Library and City Government. I am thrilled to be joining this fabulous team and being able to work alongside staff, the Library Board, and the Friends Foundation in order to best serve the diverse communities of West Des Moines."

The WDM Library Board of Trustees and the City of West Des Moines' Human Resources team completed a thorough search to narrow down a pool of incredibly qualified candidates. Of that narrowed-down search, four finalists, including Traci, were invited to interview in-person at the Library. Traci's appointment was a unanimous decision. She will begin in her new role on May 13, 2024. Plans for a public welcome event are in the works - more details will be announced soon.

[Read the full press release here.](#)



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Get Free Eclipse Glasses!

Who else is excited for the total eclipse on Monday, April 8? We're partnering with SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) to provide a limited amount of FREE eclipse glasses while supplies last.

To make the process fair for everyone, we will be handing out tickets for glasses during normal library hours between Monday, April 1 and Thursday, April 4.

You may request a ticket at any service desk. Limit one ticket per person. We will update our social media and website once all tickets have been claimed.

Eclipse glasses can be claimed only by ticket holders on Friday, April 5 from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM in the Community Room. You must have a ticket to claim your glasses.



New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



WDM Library Friends Foundation Beer, Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

The West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up on April 18 at the Raccoon River Nature Lodge.

This year's theme is "Books Under the Big Top" and you'll be able to support the library while tasting wine, beer and cheese; playing carnival-style games; and exploring the new Words on Wheels truck. The event is free to attend, but a free-will donation is encouraged. Donations will be accepted at the door or you can pay ahead of time here: [Donate now to attend.](#)

Words on Wheels Celebration and Ribbon Cutting

We're happy to officially introduce the public to our new Words on Wheels vehicle! Stop by the library's front parking lot between 2 – 6 PM on Friday, April 26th for vehicle tours and giveaways of library swag. The *Kates Kookies Cookie-Mobile* will also be in attendance selling cookies. A ribbon cutting will be hosted at 4:00 PM.

[RSVP on Facebook!](#)



April Adult Events at the WDM Library

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors

Monday, April 1 - 6:30 - 7:45PM

Join us as Becky Montgomery, an Alzheimer's Association educator presents a program on how to understand and respond to dementia related behaviors. No reg.



Adult Craft Night & Day: Book Folding

Thursday, April 18 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM OR

Friday, April 19 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM

We will have a variety of supplies to make folded book artwork. Note that this is the same craft offered in the evening and morning. Registration required.



Working with the Enemy: German, Italian & Japanese POWs in Iowa During WWII

Tuesday, April 2 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Please join us for a program on Iowa's World War II history given by Chad Timm. Chad will focus on the creation of POW camps in Algona and Clarinda. No registration.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, April 18 - 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 The Librarian of Burned Books by Brianna Labuskes. Reg required.

Tech One-On-One

Saturday, April 6 & 20 - 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 AM

Do you have a specific computer, mobile device, or other technology-related questions? We can help! Reg requested.



Nature Journaling for Adults

Saturday, April 20 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Kathy E. Esch, BFA, will bring several natural objects as reference to draw from, including branches, feathers, cones, stones, leaves and dried natural matter. Reg required.



Learn to Play the Harmonica w/ Malcolm Wells

Saturday, April 6 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Join us for a fun program for ages 8 and up with blues musician Malcolm Wells, where you can not only hear some great music, but learn how to play the harmonica! Everyone gets their own harmonica! No reg.



Des Moines BINGO

Saturday, April 20 - 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Join Erin Huiatt, local author of the book "100 Things to Do in Des Moines Before You Die" for a special BINGO style program highlighting the Metro's top attractions and hidden gems. No registration.



Club Read & Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, April 8 & 22 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM

On March 11, join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting discussing Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano. On April 22, join them for Book Club Social to talk about books you read this month. Reg required for both programs.



Iowa Files: Celina Biniarz: Saved by Schindler's List

Sunday, April 21 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Celina Karp Biniarz is one of the last living survivors from Schindler's List—and the only one who graduated from North High School and Grinnell College. Sandi Yoder will share Celina's personal story. No registration.



Cutting the Cord from Cable

Tuesday, April 9 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM

With so many streaming options available, cutting your cable cord is easier than you may think. We'll present the basics to help make your decision. Reg required.



Author Event: Sarah Noll Wilson

Tuesday, April 23 - 6:45 - 8:00 PM

The Friends Foundation is proud to present local author Sarah Noll Wilson. Her book, Don't Feed the Elephants! is a deep dive into avoidance in relationships, and in doing so creating a harmful barrier to success. No reg.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, April 11 - 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 Dear Medusa by Olivia A. Cole. Registration required.



Just Before the Battle, Mother

Thursday, April 25 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Please join us for a first-person experience of an Iowa soldier's Civil War Experience portrayed by OJ Fargo. No reg.



WDM Writer's Group

Saturday, April 13 & 27 - 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. No reg.



Final Friday Fiber Club

Friday, April 26 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM

All fiber artists are invited to join us for Final Friday Fiber Club, an informal opportunity to get together with other fiber artists to make new friends while creating your own handmade masterpieces. Reg required.



National Scrabble Day Celebration

Saturday, April 13 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Come join us to celebrate National Scrabble Day with a game of Scrabble! Grab a friend or family member and come play a game or two. Game boards and a dictionary will be provided. No reg.



Words on Wheels Celebration & Ribbon Cutting

Friday, April 26 - 2:00 - 6:00 PM (4:00 Ribbon Cutting)

Stop by the library's front parking lot between 2 - 6 PM on April 26th for vehicle tours and giveaways of library swag. The Kates Kookies Cookie-Mobile will also be in attendance selling cookies. No reg.



Lady Bug Love!

Monday, April 15 - 6:30 - 7:45 PM

The ladybug is often seen as the "fairy godmother for plants." Learn what steps to take to protect this vital component of our ecosystem. No reg.



Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances

Monday, April 29 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join us as Becky Montgomery, an Alzheimer's Association educator, presents information on how to manage money as the caregiver of a dementia patient. Reg required.



Friends Foundation Fundraiser: Beer, Wine & Cheese

Thursday, April 18 - 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Hosted at Raccoon River Nature Lodge (2005 Grand Ave.)
Enjoy beer, wine and cheese at the Friends' biggest fundraiser of the year! Free-will donations will be accepted at the door or ahead of time. This year's theme is Books Under the Big Top.



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 April Events at the WDM Library

Tween Club Read: Haven Jacobs Saves the Planet

Tuesday, April 2 - 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 Haven Jacobs Saves the Planet by Barbara Dee! Register online or at the Children's Desk.



Teen Poetry Program

Thursday, April 4 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Join us in the Community Room for a mini-poetry workshop! Participants will write their own poems and collaborate with other attendees using various writing prompts and timed activities. Registration required.



Friendship Bracelets for Teens

Friday, April 19 - 3:30 - 5:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Friendship bracelets "never go out of style!" Join us in celebrating Taylor Swift's launch of her new album, The Tortured Poets Department, by making friendship bracelets, snacking, and listening to TPD (of course!) No reg.



Des Moines BINGO

Saturday, April 20 - 1:30 - 2:30 PM

(All Ages)

Join Erin Huiatt, local author of the book "100 Things to Do in Des Moines Before You Die" for a special family-friendly BINGO style program highlighting the Metro's top attractions and hidden gems. No registration.



Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesdays (4/10, 4/17, 4/24) - 9:30 - 10:00 AM

OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 18 mo. - 4 yrs w/ adult)

Bring a favorite doll or use one of yours and join us! Children will participate in songs, rhymes, and stories while interacting with their baby doll. No reg.

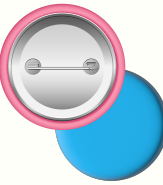


Family Night at the Library: Buttons!

Monday, April 22 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All ages)

Come one, come all to a fun family night at the library! This month we'll be making CUSTOM buttons to personalize your bags, backpacks, and clothes. Please register each attendee (parents and children).



Family Storytime

Wednesdays (6:30 - 7:30 PM) Thursdays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) and Fridays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) Dates: 4/10, 4/11, 4/12, 4/17, 4/18, 4/19, 4/24, 4/25, 4/26

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.



Kids Club Read: Dragons in a Bag

Tuesday, April 23 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book Dragons in a Bag. (#1 in the series) by Zetta Elliott. Registration required.

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays (4/13, 4/20, 4/27) - 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.



Group Service Project (Teens)

Wednesday, April 24 - 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.



Lapsit Storytime

Mondays (4/15, 4/22) - 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.



After School Adventures: Lego Club!

Wednesday, April 24 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM

(Ages 5-12)

This month, you'll participate in challenges using your favorite interlocking brick system. Registration required.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays (4/16, 4/23) 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.



Friday Flicks: Wonka

Friday, April 26 - 1:30 - 3:00 PM

(Rated PG)

Today's movie will be Wonka (Rated PG, 1h 52min). Popcorn and water will be provided, or you may bring your own snack and covered drink (please avoid bringing peanut products to protect our patrons with allergies). No registration.



Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: Invisible

Thursday, April 18 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez. Reg required.



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