

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

Hailey, Megan, and Amy show off some new puppets recently added to the collection!

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May 20 - July 27, 2024

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CHILDREN & TEENS MAY EVENTS

Upcoming Closures:

Sunday, May 12

(Mother's Day)

Sunday, May 26

Monday, May 27

(Memorial Day)

Summer Hours Start May 28!



Mon - Thu....9AM - 9 PM

Fri9AM - 6PM

Sat.....10AM - 4PM

Sun.....CLOSED



Support the WDM Library in Style!

SHOP NOW

All proceeds directly support the library.

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Thank You, Friends Foundation Donors!

The West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation supports the West Des Moines Public Library and the many services, materials, and programs it provides to our community through promotion, fundraising and volunteering.

The Friends Foundation helps the library purchase new books, electronic materials, technology, and library artwork. The Foundation provides matching funds to bolster the budget for renovations and updating the facility. It also supports essential programs for all ages, such as the Library's summer reading program and elder care facility outreach program and homebound delivery service. Our annual membership drive allows us to continue to fund these initiatives and strengthen our community.

The Friends of The West Des Moines Library would like to acknowledge the extraordinary generosity of the following Friends whose donations to the 23/24 membership campaign were \$500+.

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- Anne Pitts and Jared Abbott
- Andrew J. Behrens
- Margaret Brenna
- Mary Brooks
- Jerry and Jean Caster
- Boyd Granberg
- Siri Granberg
- Scott Griese
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- Jennifer Hochberger
- Tim and Laurie Howland
- Joni Hunter
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- Michael Martin

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May 20 - May 31, 2024

Did you know that May is National Pet Month? In that spirit, we are offering fine forgiveness when WDM Library card holders show us their pet photos between Monday, May 20 and Friday, May 31! Each photo counts as a \$1.00 off of fines. Bonus: if you'd like for your adorable pet to be added to our Pet Wall throughout the month, please email your photo to library@wdm.iowa.gov. One lucky person who submits their photo will be entered to win a WDM Library tote bag!

The maximum amount of photos per account is 4, so \$4.00 of forgiveness is the limit for this special engagement. Pet Photos for Fine Forgiveness will only waive fines, not fees. Collection Agency fees and replacement copy fees cannot be waived during this event.

If you have any questions about Pet Photos for Fine Forgiveness at the West Des Moines Public Library or want more information about any outstanding fines or fees you might have, please contact library@wdm.iowa.gov.

PET PICTURES

FOR

FINE FORGIVENESS

May 20 - May 31

\$1.00 fine forgiveness per photo. Max \$4.00 per account.
Send to library@wdm.iowa.gov to be added to our pet wall!

May Adult Events at the WDM Library



Creating Theme Gardens

Wednesday, May 1 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

From Culinary to Obscure, Miniature to Sensory, theme gardens are having a revival. Come learn how to tap into your creative side, so you can get growing! No reg.



Welcome to Medicare

Tuesday, May 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.

Social Security and Retirement Planning Basics

Thursday, May 2 OR Monday, May 6 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

You'll learn factors to consider when determining what age to file for Social Security, ways to avoid higher taxation on those benefits, how to avoid retirement threats, income creation in retirement and also about wealth-eroding factors and how to avoid them. Reg requested.



Adult Craft Night: Garden Stones

Thursday, May 16 - 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 garden stones. Registration required.



Tech One-On-One

Saturday, May 4 & 18 - 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.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, May 16 - 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 Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco. Reg required.



Paint a Watercolor Chicken

Saturday, May 4 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

With watercolor paint and easy techniques that simplify feather patterns, participants will capture a colorful chicken. No experience necessary. All supplies and materials will be provided. Registration required.



Iowa Files: Nothing Compares!

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

The Iowa State Fair is one of the oldest & largest agricultural expositions in the country! It began in 1854 and has been held on the Iowa State Fairgrounds since 1886. Mindy Williamson will share stories and photos of this celebration of all things Iowa! No registration.



Forest Bathing 101

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

Have you heard of Shinrin-yoku: the Japanese Art of Forest Bathing? If you'd like to learn what it's all about, join us for a one-hour presentation from WDM's own Certified Nature + Forest Therapy Guide, Brandy Case Haub. No registration.



Summer Reading Club Begins!

Monday, May 20 - ALL DAY

Registration begins May 20 for our 2024 Summer Escape at the library! Readers of any age who log more than 30 reading days will win exciting prizes at the end of the summer! Sign up today online or via the Beanstack app.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, May 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. We will be discussing Where You See Yourself by Claire Forrester. Registration required.



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WDM Writer's Group

Saturday, May 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. No reg.



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Baking Blue Ribbons: Stories, Recipes and more about the Iowa State Fair Food Competitions

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

Kay Fenton Smith and Carol McGarvey, the authors of Baking Blue Ribbons will talk about their book and what makes the Iowa State Fair Food Department #1 in the nation. No reg.



Club Read & Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, May 13 & 20 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM

On May 13, join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting discussing The Librarianist by Patrick DeWitt. On May 20, join them for Book Club Social to talk about books you read this month. Reg required for both programs.



Final Friday Fiber Club

Friday, May 31 - 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.



Children & Teen May Events at the WDM Library



Tween Club Read: *The Last Cuentista*

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

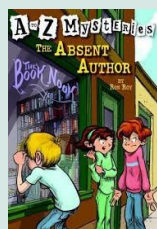
(Ages 11-14)

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 about *The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera! Register online or at the Children's Desk.

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Kids Club Read: *The Absent Author* (#1 in the A to Z Mysteries)

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

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book *The Absent Author* (A to Z Mysteries #1) by Ron Roy! If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy!

Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: *Frizzy*

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

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, *Frizzy* by Claribel A. Ortega. Register anytime by calling 222-3405 or stop in to the Children's Desk.



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