

# WDM LIBRARY

## West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



**SUMMER HOURS**

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday CLOSED

*We welcome Traci Glass, the West Des Moines Public Library's new Director!*

### “Hello!” from the New Director

I'm happy to be able to introduce myself to all of you! My name is [Traci Glass](#), and I am proud, excited, and just beyond thrilled to be your new Library Director working alongside the passionate, dedicated, and incredibly talented staff of the West Des Moines Public Library. This staff really does feel like a family to me, and I am so lucky to be a part of such a wonderful group of staff as well as the welcoming and kind community of West Des Moines.

I have worked in libraries for 25 years, and I have loved every minute of it. I started as shelver when I was in college, and then worked up through Circulation to become a lead circulation clerk checking in and out materials and working with patrons and their accounts. During that time, I received my master's degree in Library and Information Science (MLIS) from the University of Arizona and have worked as a Children's Librarian, Teen Services Librarian, Youth Services Manager, and most recently the Assistant Director of the Lincoln City Libraries in Lincoln, Nebraska. I've been fortunate to work in libraries my whole working life, save for the two years I worked in a record store – but, since that was alphabetizing cassettes and albums, I count that as library work, too!

As a librarian with a background in Youth and Teen Services, it is especially fun to be starting at a new library right at the beginning of [Summer Reading](#)! We have so many special programs planned, prizes to be given away, and of course, a Spotty to find! I hope everyone who is reading this has already signed up for Summer Reading, but if you haven't, be sure to sign up right away - either in person or through our [Beanstack app](#). Our Summer Reading program is open to all ages – because what goes better than lazy summer days than reading or listening to something fabulous you checked out from your library! Plus, make sure to check out our website to find out where our Words on Wheels vehicle will be all summer long. Our WoW vehicle is stocked with books, games, and your friendly neighborhood library staff to help you find your next great read!

For those of you who regularly visit our library or kiosk – thank you! I hope to see you soon! For those of you who don't spend as much time here as you'd like to, please come back and see everything we have to offer. I know that we will have something that will make you glad you visited. Please feel free to reach out over the phone at 515-222-3409 or stop by the 2nd floor reference desk and ask for Traci. I can't wait to meet you!

Fondly,  
Traci Glass  
West Des Moines Library Director

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## WDM Library Adds Nelson Pioneer Museum to Adventure Pass Program



The library is happy to announce that we have added the Nelson Pioneer Farm & Museum in Oskaloosa to the offerings of locations through the Adventure Pass program. Adventure Pass allows WDM Library card holders that are West Des Moines (or Cumming) residents to check out a family pass to six local venues: Blank Park Zoo, Des Moines Children's Museum, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, Reiman Gardens, the Science Center of Iowa, and now Nelson Pioneer Farm & Museum. Patrons can reserve passes to each venue once every 365 days.

Learn more at [wdmlibrary.org/advpass](http://wdmlibrary.org/advpass).

## Find the WDM Public Library at the Valley Junction Farmers Market

July 11 & August 1 - 4:00 - 8:00 PM

One of our favorite outreach events that we attend each summer is the [Valley Junction Farmers Market](#)! We set up right outside Hinge on 5th Street with our tall blue tent, balloon animals, Summer Reading prizes, and lots of library information. We love to show visitors who stop by how to use our 24-Hour Kiosk located behind the Valley Junction Activity Center. We hope to see you there!



## Thank You to our Community Sponsors for Weekly Drawing Prizes!

Summer Reading is in full swing (and you still have plenty of time to register and participate!) Be sure to visit [wdmlibrary.org/summer](http://wdmlibrary.org/summer) for full details or visit the Children's or Adult Services Desks to get signed up while you're in the building.

Did you know there's another fun way to win prizes during the summer? Every day that you visit us in the building, you can fill out a "Weekly Drawing" slip that will enter you to win gift cards and coupons from local establishments. We'll draw winners the following Mondays and contact the winners by email.

Check out the establishments who are sponsoring Weekly Drawing this summer to the right!

Are you signed up for Summer Reading? There is still plenty of time to get your 30 days of reading in! Register below!



[Register for Summer Reading now.](#)

[Find our full event calendar](#)

# June Adult Events at the WDM Library

### Tech One-On-One

**Saturdays (June 1 & 15) - 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 AM**  
**OR Tuesdays (June 4, 11, 18, 25) - 4:00, 4:30 PM**  
 Do you have a specific computer, mobile device, or other technology-related questions? We can help! Registration requested.



### Adult Craft Night: Modular Origami w/ Comics

**Thursday, June 20 - 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 your own Origami creations with comics. Skills required for this craft include repetitive fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Prior origami experience is helpful but not required. Registration required. Note this is the same craft as Adult Craft Day!



### Reading Nature: A Forest Therapy Walk & Book Discussion

**Saturday, June 1 - 1:00 - 3:30 PM**  
 Join Brandy Case Haub of Intertwined Nature + Forest Therapy in an easy 2+ hour meander around our pond, followed by a discussion and sharing of a few short readings. Registration required.



### Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

**Thursday, June 20 - 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 Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict. Registration is required.

### The Political Lincoln: Honest Abe on Campaigns and Elections

**Monday, June 3 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
 Come hear Mr. Lincoln himself describe his many interesting campaign and election experiences over a long and eventful career, during a time of political intrigue and tumult when the very destiny of our nation was at stake. No registration.



### Adult Craft Day: Modular Origami w/ Comics

**Friday, June 21 - 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 your own Origami creations with comics. Skills required for this craft include repetitive fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Prior origami experience is helpful but not required. Registration required. Note this is the same craft as Adult Craft Night!



### WDM Writer's Group

**Saturday, June 8 & 22 - 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.



### Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

**Monday, June 24 - 7:00 - 8:45 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. Reg required.

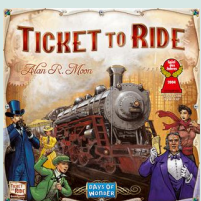
### Club Read: Hybrid Edition!

**Monday, June 10 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM**  
 On June 10, join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting discussing Happy Place by Emily Henry. You may join on Zoom or in-person. Registration required.



### Sarah J. Maas Trivia: Throne of Glass

**Thursday, June 27 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
 Test your knowledge of the Throne of Glass series against other "victims of Maas destruction" in the first of our three-part Sarah J. Maas trivia series! Join us on June 27th from 6-8pm in the Community Room and compete as individuals OR teams for the title of Throne of Glass Champion. Please register all players!



### Ticket to Ride Competition

**Saturday, June 15 - 1:00 - 3:30 PM**  
 Join fellow Ticket to Ride fans for an afternoon of friendly gaming. Come solo or as a group and play with others who enjoy Ticket to Ride. The highest scoring player of all games will win a coupon for an item of their choice from our Book Sale. Please register each player.



### Final Friday Fiber Club

**Friday, June 28 - 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 June Events at the WDM Library

## Storytime at Legion Park!

**Mondays - June and July - 11:00 - 12:30 PM**

Legion Park, 301 Vine St., WDM, IA 50265  
Stop by Legion Park to check out books from our Words on Wheels vehicle and see a storytime!



## Toddler Storytime

**Tuesdays (6/11, 6/18, 6/25) - 9:30 - 10:00 OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM**

(Ages 6 mo. - 2 yrs w/ adult)  
Simple stories, gentle tunes, flannel boards, and nursery rhymes. Registration required.

## Teen Nintendo Switch Free-Play

**Monday, June 3, 10, 17, 24 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM**

(Grades 6-12)  
Teens! We're bringing out the Nintendo Switch for free-play on select Mondays during the summer. No registration required.



## Mini Terrarium Crafternoon for Teens

**Wednesday, June 12 - 1:30 - 3:00 PM**

(Grades 6-12)  
Design your own lush, miniature garden to take home and enjoy! Participants will be provided with glass jars, soil, moss, and small-scale decorations to create a mini-terrarium. Registration required.



## Egg Drop!

**Tuesday, June 4 - 1:30 - 2:30 PM**

(Ages 5-12)  
Build an enclosure for Humpty Dumpty and see if you can keep him from breaking! Construction begins at 1:30 PM and we will move outdoors to test our creations starting at 2:00 PM. Registration required.



## Family Storytime

**Wednesdays (6:30 PM) & Thursdays (10:30 AM)**

**Dates: 6/12, 6/13, 6/19, 6/20, 6/26, 6/27**  
(Ages 2-6 w/ adult)  
Join for this class featuring stories, songs, and rhymes followed by gross and fine motor play all with an early literacy focus! Registration required.



## Babies on the Move: Playtime!

**Wednesday, June 5 & 19 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

(Ages 1 mo. - 18 mos)  
Join us for a special playtime just for ages 1month-18 months. This program will offer multiple stations for active and sensory play. Registration required.



## Kids & Tween Club Read: Mash Up!

**Thursday, June 13 - 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

(Ages 7-14)  
Join us as our three book clubs join forces! Instead of us telling you which book to read, you get to read ANY book that fits our theme: Heroes! Reg required.



## Summer Survivor

**Thursday, June 6 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM OR 1:30 - 2:30 PM**

(Ages 7-12)  
Join us outside for some amazing summer challenges. We'll see if you and your team have what it takes to survive. Registration required.



## Adventures in Outer Space with Dino O'Dell

**Monday, June 17 - 1:30 - 2:15 PM**

(All Ages)  
this interactive music and storytelling program teaches us all about Space! Dino brings outer space to life and audiences to their feet with his educational and humorous programs. Reg required.



## Storytime at Mayor Tom Becker Park!

**Fridays - June and July - 1:30 - 2:30 PM**

Mayor Tom Becker Park, 300 N Brier Ln, Cumming, IA 50061

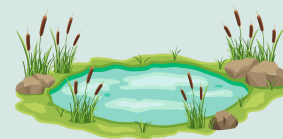
Stop by Mayor Tom Becker Park to check out books from our Words on Wheels vehicle and see a storytime!



## Life Around the Pond

**Tuesday, June 18 - 1:30 - 2:15 PM OR 2:30 - 3:15 PM**

(Ages 5-12)  
Join Jess Lancial, WDM naturalist as we discover the mysteries of the library pond. Please be sure to wear sunscreen and be ready to go outside! Reg required.



## Friday Flicks

**Friday, June 7, 14, 21, 28 - Start at 1:30 PM**

(All movies shown are rated PG)  
No registration is needed, though space is limited.  
June 7: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG), June 14: Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG), June 21: Trolls Band Together (PG), June 28: DC League of Super-Pets (PG).



## Diamond Art Crafternoon for Teens

**Wednesday, June 19 - 2:00 - 5:00 PM**

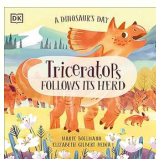
(Grades 6-12)  
Make your own diamond art with us! Decorate a coaster using various colored diamonds to take home and enjoy! Registration required.



## Dino Days with Elizabeth Bedia

**Saturday, June 8 - 10:30 - 11:30 AM**

(All Ages)  
Enjoy a storytime and craft project with local author Elizabeth Bedia! For all ages, no registration required.



## The Avengers Interactive Movie for Teens

**Wednesday, June 26 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM**

(Movie is rated PG-13)  
Join us for a special showing of The Avengers, where teens will get a bag of goodies to interact with throughout the movie! (Rated PG-13, 2hr, 23min). Reg required.



## Family Night at the Library: Bike Safety

**Monday, June 10 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

(All Ages)  
WDM Police will join us to talk about bicycle safety and show off their custom police bike. Bring (or ride) your bike to the program, and we'll go on a short ride. 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 515-222-3405.**