

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter

SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday CLOSED



City of WDM Naturalist Jess Lancial leads young patrons in "Life Around the Pond" event.

We're Hosting TWO Summer Reading Parties!

Family-Friendly Summer Finale

Saturday, July 27 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This year's family-friendly finale celebrates all things comics, graphic novels, and heroes of all kinds. Enjoy indoor and outdoor hero-themed activities and fun, no registration required.



Adult Summer Reading Wrap-Up: The Best Trivia Game Ever!

Saturday, July 27 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM

That evening, July 27 at 6:30 PM, is the adults' turn to celebrate! The Adult Summer Reading Party: The Best Trivia Game Ever is part trivia game, part game show, all fun! Prizes and refreshments will also be provided. The Adult Summer Reading Party will be open to all adults who complete the Summer Reading Challenge. [Please do register for the adult party.](#)



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How do I...

Q: Check out a set of books for my book club?



A: We have sets of titles, mostly fiction, previously read in one of our four book clubs (Adult Club Read, YA Not Club Read, Kids Club Read and Kids Graphic Novel Club Read). Our book club sets are now in the catalog! Now you can see which sets are available right now. Use the search terms below to locate them by age group, or click one of the links below to see them in the catalog.

- [Juvenile Book Club](#)
- [Adult Book Club](#)
- [Baby/Toddler Board Book Sets](#)

You can place holds directly through our catalog, or you can ask staff for assistance. You MUST place a hold and be notified that the set is ready before you can pick them up. Each set of books is due back 10 weeks from the time they are checked out. The borrower is responsible for replacing any lost or damaged books and notifying our library in the event that this occurs.

For more information, see [this FAQ](#).

Join the Library's Adult Book Clubs!

Meets Every 2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM



Adult Club Read is West Des Moines Public Library's adult book discussion group. Adult Club Read allows patrons to choose whether they want to join the group in person at the library or through Zoom from home.

[Register for Adult Club Read now.](#)

Meets Every 2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:30 PM



For Grownups who like to read Young Adult books

YA Not Club Read is our non-traditional book club for "Grown ups" who like to read and talk about Young Adult books. Copies of each month's book will be available at the Checkout Desk.

[Register for YA Not Club Read now.](#)

Meets Every 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group discusses titles from a wide variety of time/places/people. This group meets at The Jordan House (2001 Fuller Road).

Books may be picked up at the Adult Services desk. Please register at the Adult Services desk.

Meets Every 4th Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM



Book Club Social - Hybrid Edition started in spring of 2020 to help connect with patrons at home. Now, patrons can choose to join the group in person at the library or through Zoom to talk about the books/ movies/ shows you've been enjoying throughout the month.

[Register for Book Club Social now.](#)

New Titles Added to the Collection

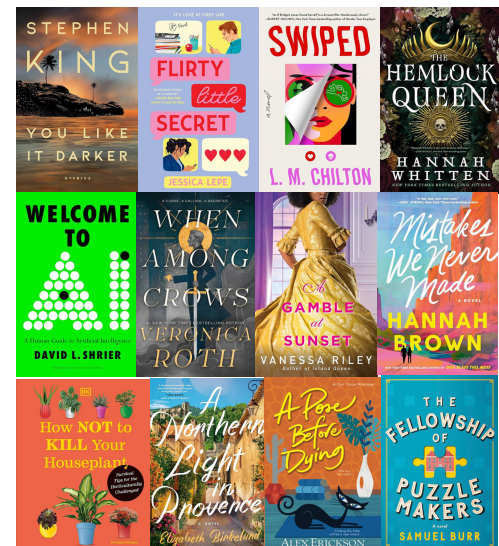
Children's



Young Adult



Adult



July Adult Events at the WDM Library

Tech One-On-One

Tuesdays (July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30) - 4:00 , 4:30 PM OR Saturdays (July 6 & 20) - 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 AM

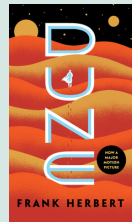
Do you have a specific computer, mobile device, or other technology-related questions? We can help! Registration requested.



Adult Craft Night: Giant Paper Flowers

Thursday, July 18 - 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 giant paper dahlias. Registration is required and spots fill quickly.



The Spice is Right: The Legacy of Dune

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

Frank Herbert's Dune series of novels inspired an entire cultural phenomenon. Beyond the most recent Dune movies join our presenter for a fun and fascinating dive into the touchpoints of an epic world that inspired Star Wars, the Alien movie series, ecology, AI, terraforming, neo feudalism, and what it means to be human. No reg.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, July 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 Museum of Extraordinary Things by Alice Hoffman. Registration is required.

Library Closed for Independence Day

Thursday, July 4 - ALL DAY

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Puzzle Competition

Saturday, July 20 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Teams will work to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The first team to finish will win a 1000-piece puzzle for their team to take home. All teams get to keep the puzzles they worked on. There are no entry fees. Team captains, please register.



Club Read: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, July 8 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM

On July 8, join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting discussing Horse by Geraldine Brooks. You may join on Zoom or in-person. Registration required.



Brick by Brick: Building Home Knowledge - Selling Your Home

Monday, July 22 OR July 29 - 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Are you a first-time homebuyer and feeling overwhelmed by how much information is out there? Maybe you have a house and want to sell, but don't know what steps to take or how to get the best price. Please join us for a series of programs to learn the ins-and-outs of real estate! No registration.

The British Invasion!

Tuesday, July 9 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

The term "British Invasion" represented the fast paced rise to fame and popularity of UK based bands in the United States. Joey Leon and his band highlights the phenomenon of these British bands and how they reshaped the landscape of not only American music, but of pop culture as well. No reg.



Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, July 22 - 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.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, July 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 a book you DNF'd (Did Not Finish). Share a brief review of the book, why you initially DNF'd, and what you think about it now. Registration required.



Adult Summer Reading Party: The Best Trivia Game Ever!

Saturday, July 27 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Join us for our adults-only, after-hours, end of summer celebration! We will play The Best Trivia Game Ever - part trivia game, part game show, all fun! Prizes and refreshments will also be provided. The Adult Summer Reading Party will be open to all adults who complete the Summer Reading Challenge. Reg required.



WDM Writer's Group

Saturday, July 13 & 27 - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

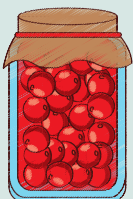
Open to aspiring authors of all experience levels. Each participant brings an approximately 1500-word excerpt of their work-in-progress to read aloud. Constructive critique follows. No reg.



Preserve The Taste of Summer 101

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

Home food preservation is not difficult, but it does require following specific directions to keep you, your family, and friends safe. Preserve the Taste of Summer 101 will teach you the researched-backed basics of canning, freezing, and drying foods safely at home. Registration requested.



Ronley King, Blues Guitar with Storytelling

Saturday, July 13 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM

King is a guitar player and singer based out of Gowrie, Iowa and while he has played for many different types of acts, and brings a variety of musical influences to the table, his heart belongs to the Blues! No registration.

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 July Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

WoW 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 get a library card.



Tote Decorating & Stencil-Making for Teens

Wednesday, July 10 - 2:00 - 4:30 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Join us in the Community Room to design your own stencils and decorate a tote bag to take home! Registration required.

Teen Nintendo Switch Free-Play

Monday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 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.



Family Storytime

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

Dates: 7/10, 7/11, 7/17, 7/18, 7/24, 7/25

(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! No registration.



Babies on the Move: Water Play!

Wednesday, July 3 & 17 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 1 mo. - 18 mos)

Join us for a special outdoor playtime with water. Each baby/adult group will be provided materials to use. Please bring a blanket or towel. Registration required.



Family Night at the Library: Water Tag!

Monday, July 15 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All Ages)

July is always HOT! So, we're going to head out back on the library lawn and have an old fashioned water fight! We'll have obstacles, bases, and teams! Think laser tag but with water. Please register each person.



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Kids & Tween Club Read: Mash Up!

Tuesday, July 16 - 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: True, based on true events! Reg required.



WoW 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 get a library card.



Artist Talk with Q&A

Wednesday, July 24 - 2:00 - 4:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Join us in the Community Room to chat with Ethan Edvenson, an emerging fine artist living in Des Moines, Iowa who creates mixed media drawings, digital collages, and videos. Ethan will speak about his career path and workflow as an artist and answer questions from participants.

Friday Flicks

Friday, July 5, 12, 19, 26 - Start at 1:30 PM

(All movies shown are rated PG)

No registration is needed, though space is limited. July 5: Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG), July 12: Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG), July 19: The Little Mermaid (PG), July 26: Elemental (PG).



Zoo to You with Blank Park Zoo

Thursday, July 25 - 1:30 - 2:30 PM

(Ages 2-12)

Learn about amazing animals with an educator from the Blank Park Zoo and an Animal Ambassador! Registration required.



Reptiles with Polk County Conservation

Tuesday, July 9 - 1:30 - 2:15 PM

(Ages 4-12)

Join a Polk County Conservation Naturalist to discuss the fears and myths about these scaly critters people love to hate. Find out how reptiles smell, see, and move and even meet a live reptile! Registration required.



Summer Finale!

Saturday, July 27 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

(All Ages)

Come and celebrate your reading with our family-friendly Summer Reading Finale! This year's finale celebrates all things comics, graphic novels, and heroes of all kinds. No registration required.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays (7/9, 7/16, 7/23) - 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. No registration.



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