

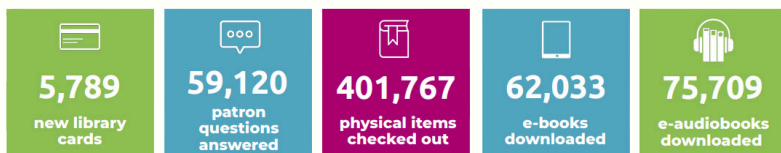
# WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



## FY2024 In Review

We rounded out the end of our Fiscal Year in June 2024. Looking back on the year, we wanted to share some of the highlights, including all of the fabulous things we were able to accomplish with the help of our dedicated patrons.



Not only did our wonderful new Library Director, Traci Glass, join us in May, but we also increased our event attendees to 31,994 people, opened a 20th deposit collection at a local senior living facility, tripled our impressions across social media, and so much more!

If you'd like to read the full FY2024 Annual Report, you can do that by clicking the link below.

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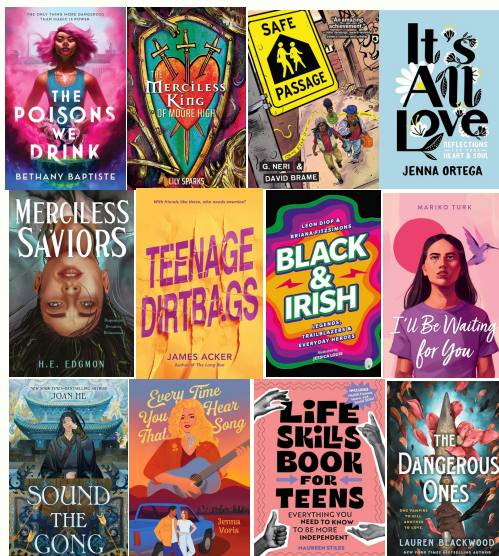
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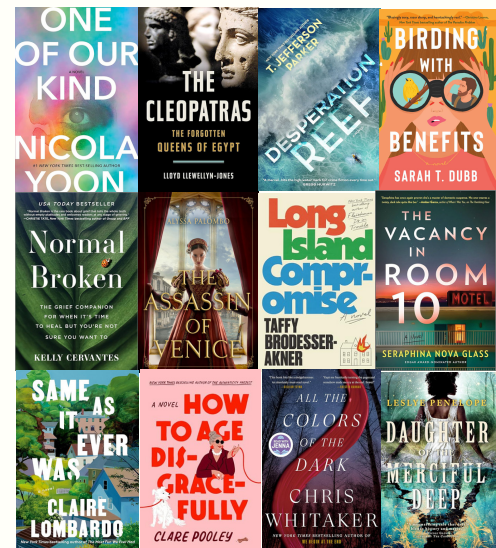
## Children's



## Young Adult



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## How do I...

## Q: Apply for Homebound Delivery Service from the Library?

A: Love to read? Having trouble getting to the library for health reasons? The West Des Moines Public Library has a service that can help!

In 2023, library staff and volunteers made over 990 homebound deliveries to people in their individual homes. This program allows WDM residents who have difficulty coming into the library to access library materials - no matter what their living situation.

A WDM library card is required. All materials checkout for one month.

If you or someone you know is interested in this service, please call Library at 515-222-3404 or email [library@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:library@wdm.iowa.gov). You can also fill out our [request form here](#).



## Model Trains are Back!

Friday, August 2 - 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday, August 3 - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Were you just as sad as we were to have to cancel the Model Trains display from DesMoiNTrak back in January? Well, we have great news to share... they'll be back at the beginning of August! Stop by the West Des Moines Library from 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM on Friday, August 2 and 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM on Saturday, August 3 to see DesMoiNTrak's N-scale working layout. This event is open to adults and children of all ages. Make sure to stop by the Children's Department for a fun train craft before you leave! No registration needed.



## We're Taking An Inter-Library Loan Break

We know how much our patrons value the service of Inter-Library Loan (ILL), and how you all appreciate an easy, accurate system to make these requests. With this in mind, we are taking a break from using MOBIUS and all other ILL systems to give us time to find a process and products that better meet the needs of our patrons and staff. Effective Friday, July 12, we discontinued ILL service due to ongoing issues with placing, receiving, and tracking these requests. Outstanding requests will be processed. We will update you on our progress by August 8 or before.

This is a temporary measure—we are working hard behind the scenes to find a great solution that will be effective and easy to use. During this transition period, we ask our patrons to have patience and grace with us.

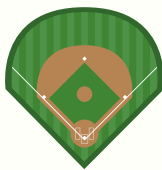
Follow along [on our website](#) for further updates on ILL. Questions? Reach out to us at [library@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:library@wdm.iowa.gov) or give us a call at 515-222-3403.

# August Adult Events at the WDM Library

## Iowa Cubs Homerun Reader Game

**Thursday, August 1 - 6:30 - 9:30 PM**

When you finish the summer reading goal of 30 days of reading, you will receive a general admission ticket to the Iowa Cubs game on Thursday, August 1 at 6:38pm. Bring your reading logs to the library before August 1 to receive your prize.



## Brew Your Own Kombucha

**Wednesday, August 14 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Come learn how to home-brew your own kombucha! In this workshop, Carissa Thoma of Down to Earth Living will explain the process, ingredients, flavoring, health benefits and safety tips. Registration is requested.



## Tech One-On-One

**Tuesday (August 6) - 4:00 , 4:30 PM OR Saturdays (August 3 & 17) - 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 & Day: Mini Accordion Folders

**Thursday, August 15 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM OR Friday, August 16 - 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 mini accordion folders. Note that this is the same craft offered in the evening and morning. Reg required.

## The Thankful Band Jazz Trio

**Monday, August 5 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Jazz trio The Thankful Band will be here to swing you through different styles of jazz in this family-friendly music appreciation event. With lots of upbeat selections, this will be a fun, toe-tapping evening sure to get you excited about this truly American art form. No reg.



## Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

**Thursday, August 15 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

*Hosted at the Jordan House (2001 Fuller Rd)*

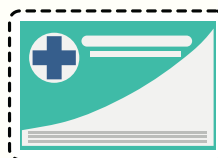
This group discusses titles from a wide variety of time/places/people. Please join us for a discussion of The Engineer's Wife by Tracey Enerson Wood. Reg required.



## YA Not Club Read

**Thursday, August 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 Davenport by Krystal Marquis. Registration required.



## Welcome to Medicare

**Monday, August 19 - 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.

## WDM Writer's Group

**Saturday, August 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. No reg.



## Secret Iowa: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure!

**Monday, August 26 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

We welcome you to join us for a presentation from author Megan Bannister, who wrote Secret Iowa: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure, which features 84 offbeat places around our wonderful state. No registration.



## A Journey with the Blues: Music from Matt Woods and Rob Lumbard

**Saturday, August 10 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM**

The Library is very happy to welcome two great musicians, Matt Woods and Rob Lumbard, for a great afternoon of jazz & blues. No registration.



## Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

**Monday, August 26 - 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, August 12 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM**

On August 12, join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting discussing The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. You may join on Zoom or in-person. Registration required.



## Final Friday Fiber Club

**Friday, August 30 - 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.



## Brick by Brick: Building Home Knowledge - Buying a Home

**Tuesday, August 13 OR Thursday, August 29 - 6:30 - 8:00 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.



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[Find our full event calendar](#)



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## Friday Craft for Kids: Tissue Paper Flowers

**Friday, August 9 - All Day**

*(All Ages)*

Each Friday we will provide a different fun, hands-on, screen-free craft project or activity to take home and enjoy! Available at the Children's Desk during library hours while supplies last. This week you can make tissue paper flowers.

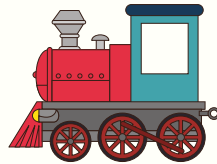
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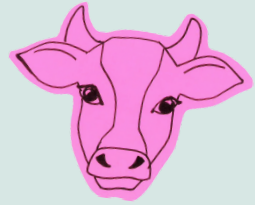


## Iowa State Fair Scavenger Hunt!

**Monday, August 12 - Saturday August 17 - ALL DAY**

*(All Ages)*

During library hours, come solve our state fair themed puzzle in the children's department! This is a drop-in program that is completed at the library. No registration is required.



## Family Night at the Library: Water Tag! (RESCHEDULED from July)

**Monday, August 5 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

*(All Ages)*

August 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. If you registered in July, you are still registered.



## Artist Talk, Q&A, and Art Activities!

**Wednesday, August 14 - 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.



## Babies on the Move: Playtime w/ Heartland AEA

**Wednesday, August 7 - 9:30 - 10:15 AM**

*(Ages 1 mo. - 18 mos)*

This program will offer multiple stations for active and sensory play. Crawl, roll, grab, explore- come play with us! Early Childhood Interventionists from Heartland Area Education Agency will be available to provide information on meeting milestones and development. Registration required.



## Journal Decorating for Teens

**Friday, August 16 - 2:00 - 4:30 PM**

*(Grades 6-12)*

Interested in starting a journal, planner, or sketchbook? Join us in the Community Room and receive a blank notebook to decorate! Materials will be provided to accessorize the cover, design pages, or set-up your notebook as a planner for the school year. Registration required.



## Preschool Playtime w/ Heartland AEA

**Wednesday, August 7 - 11:00 - 11:45 AM**

*(Ages 2-6)*

Early Childhood Interventionists from Heartland Area Education Agency will be available to provide information on meeting milestones and development while children explore a variety of centers. Registration required.



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