

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

Illumifest attendees ride the kiddie train sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation!

Where is the WoW? (Words on Wheels)

Thanks to generous community support and donations through the West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation, the library has been able to utilize our new Words on Wheels outreach vehicle to reach children and their families beyond the walls of the physical library building. The Words on Wheels (or WoW for short) can hold over 200 items and makes trips around the city of West Des Moines and the library's contract city of Cumming to deliver materials. Patrons can check out materials, get a library card, and connect with library staff members all on-the-go! This summer the WoW attended 51 events and served over 2,500 patrons outside the bounds of our physical building.

Want to know where the Words on Wheels is headed next? Check out our Outreach calendar at wdmlibrary.org/outreach



The WoW out at Illumifest 2024.



The WoW at our Ice Cream Party at the Valley Junction Kiosk.

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The Library will be Closed on Monday, October 14 for a staff training day. We will reopen at 9 AM on Tuesday October 15.

Reminder: WDM Library is a Free Gun Lock Pick-Up Location

Now that the school year is in full swing, we wanted to remind our patrons about an important partnership the library has with the Polk County Health Department. Last year, we partnered with the Polk County Health Department to be a pick-up location for free gun locks. Patrons do not need to have a library card in order to pick up a free gun lock at the Accounts and Checkout Desk or Children's Desk.

These free locks are provided thanks to the Polk County Health Department's [Talk It Up, Lock It Up](#) campaign which educates Polk County residents about gun safety. According to the Polk County Health website, guns are the leading cause of death for children and young adults in the U.S. and are the second leading cause of death for children and young adults in Polk County.

There are many places around Polk County (including the WDM Library) that you can get a free gun lock. [See the full list here.](#)



New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



How do I...



A: Our library staff is happy to assist you with any questions you might have regarding the upcoming general election on November 5, 2024. The library will be an Early Voting site for POLK COUNTY voters only from Tuesday, October 22 - Saturday, October 26 between the hours of 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM in our Community Room. Paper ballots are available at this site only for those who live in West Des Moines precincts, but computerized voting machines are available for all Polk County voters.

We will NOT be a voting site on Election Day, November 5. Here is a full list of other early voting locations for [Polk County](#) and [Dallas County](#).

Need to [register](#)?

We have paper applications that can be mailed to your county auditor in time for November 5th. You can also register at your county auditor's office. Find your county auditor's office [here](#).

Not sure if you are registered?

The Adult Services Desk staff can help you [verify your registration online](#).

Has your polling location changed?

We can also help you [find your polling site](#). Your site may have changed for this election, so check before you go to vote!

Planning to vote via Absentee Ballot?

Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained [online](#) in a PDF format, or mailed upon request from the Secretary of State. You can also request a ballot by mailing the application to the [county auditor/commissioner of elections](#) in the county where you are registered.

Full information on voting in the state of Iowa can be found at [VoterReady.Iowa.gov](#).

Q: Get prepared for the upcoming election on November 5?

[Find our full event calendar](#)

October Adult Events at the WDM Library

Brick by Brick: Building Home Knowledge: Future Planning

Tuesday, October 1 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Please join us for a series of programs to learn the ins-and-outs of real estate! Tonight's program is: Future Planning, presented by Martha Lebron-Dykeman. No reg.



Adult Craft Night: Mod Felt Art

Thursday, October 17 - 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 mod felt art. Registration is required and spots fill fast. Note that this is the same craft as Adult Craft Day!



Pointed Pen Calligraphy

Thursday, October 3 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

In this class you will learn the basics of pointed-pen calligraphy. We'll start with a traditional style that you can use to develop your own modern style. Pen, ink, and handouts are yours to take home. Registration required.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, October 17 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Hosted at the Jordan House (2001 Fuller Road)

This group discusses titles from a wide variety of time/places/people. Please join us for a discussion of The Dressmaker of Prospect Heights by Kitty Zeldis. Reg required.



Tech One-On-One

Saturday, October 5 & 19 - 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 AM

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



Adult Craft Day: Mod Felt Art

Friday, October 18 - 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 mod felt art. Registration is required and spots fill fast. Note that this is the same craft as Adult Craft Night!



"Freedom Will Be Theirs by the Sword:" The Battle of New Market Heights

Tuesday, October 8 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Join author and historian Jeff Kluever as he tells the stories of former slaves and freemen who fought valiantly for a country that did not yet consider them citizens and inspired his new book "Freedom Will Be Theirs by the Sword." No reg.



Iowa Files: Taste of the Junction

Sunday, October 20 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Learn more about the storied past of Historic Valley Junction. No registration required, and it can be streamed online on the West Des Moines Historical Society's Facebook page if you are not able to attend in person.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, October 10 - 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. This month we'll be discussing She is a Haunting, by Trang Thanh Tran. Reg required.



Final Friday Fiber Club

Friday, October 25 - 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.



WDM Writer's Group

Saturday, October 12 & 26 - 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. No reg.



How to Read a Cemetery

Monday, October 28 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join us for an entertaining and informative presentation exploring common cemetery iconography. You'll learn about how even though there are multiple points of views and facets to these images, the symbolism is represented across many cemeteries. No registration required.



Library Closed: Staff Training Day

Monday, October 14 - All Day

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Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, October 28 - 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. Note: there is NO Club Read this month, just Book Club Social!



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 515-222-3405.

Children & Teen October Events at the WDM Library

Tween Club Read: *The Nightmare House*

Tuesday, October 1 - 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 and activities related to this month's book *The Nightmare House* by Sarah Allen. Register online or at the Children's Desk.



Saturday Storytime

Saturdays (10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26) - 9:30 - 10:00 AM OR 10:30 - 11:30 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.

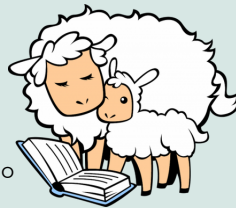


Lapsit Storytime

Mondays (10/7 & 10/21) - 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 registration required.



Family Night at the Library: Learning Kit Exploration!

Monday, October 7 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All Ages)

Did you know that we have Learning Kits available for checkout? Explore them and check them out at this event! Please register each person attending (children and adults).



Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays (10/8 & 10/22)

9:30 - 10:00 AM OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 6 mo. - 2 yrs w/ adult)

Simple stories, gentle tunes, flannel boards, and nursery rhymes. Each week we will incorporate activities that emphasize and reinforce body part identification, counting, rhythm, sensory stimulation, fine and gross motor skills, and animal sounds. No registration.



Kids Club Read: *Ugly Cat and Pablo*

Tuesday, October 8 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, *Ugly Cat and Pablo* by Isabel Quinero. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Registration required.



Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesdays (10/9 & 10/23) - 9:30 - 10:00 AM OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 18 mo. - 3 yrs w/ adult)

Bring a favorite doll or stuffed animal and join us for Baby Doll Storytime. Children will participate in songs, rhymes, and stories while interacting with their baby doll. An opportunity for social, emotional and literacy learning through play! No registration.



After School Adventures: Halloween Lanterns!

Wednesday, October 9 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM

(Ages 5-12)

Join us in the Community Room after school to embark on an adventure! This month, we'll decorate pumpkins that you can take home or leave with us to decorate the library for Fall! Registration required.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays (6:30 - 7:30 PM) Thursdays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) and Fridays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) Dates: 10/9, 10/10, 10/11, 10/23, 10/24, 10/25

(Ages 0-6 w/ adult)

Join us for this class featuring stories, songs, and rhymes followed by gross and fine motor play all with an early literacy focus! No registration.



Library Closed: Staff Training Day

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Preschool Halloween Storytime

Wednesday (10/16) - 6:30 - 7:00 PM OR

Thursday (10/17) and Friday (10/18) 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 2-6 w/ adult)

Put on your favorite costume and join us in the community room for not-too-scary stories and Halloween fun at the library. We'll also show off our costumes with a short parade around the first floor of the library. Registration required.



Teen Halloween: Laser Tag!

Friday, October 18 - 5:30 - 8:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Teens--Are you ready for a pizza party and a night of laser tag? Then this is the program for you! Signed permission slips are REQUIRED for a teen to participate in this after-hours program.



Group Service Project (Teens)

Wednesday, October 23 - 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. No experience or training necessary! Registration required.



Teen Collage and Chat

Thursday, October 24 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Join us in the Teen Center to collage and chat! Collaging materials will be provided. Program intended for grades 6-12. No registration required.



Halloween Connect Four!

Monday, October 28 - Thursday, October 31 - ALL DAY

(All Ages)

Visit the Children's Department between October 28-31 and pick up a card full of eerie activities. Connect four and then stop by the desk, and you'll get a Halloween treat!



Kids Graphic Novel Club Read:

My Aunt is a Monster

Thursday, October 31 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, *My Aunt is a Monster* by Reimena Yee. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Reg required.