

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



Patrons attend one of three Halloween Parades.

REGULAR HOURS

Labor Day - Memorial Day

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

Spotlight on Library Databases

The Library has much more to offer than just the physical books inside our building! We'd like to highlight some of our databases and resources you might not be aware that we have.



Online, interactive curriculum for children ages 2-8+, including reading and language arts, math, beginning science, social studies, art and music.



Specialized Adult Learning Center – GED, resume help, live coaching, practice tests and more.



Do practice tests on a wide variety of skills: SAT, ACT (college prep), civil service, postal, AP tests, general skills, elementary and middle school skills, real estate, and more.



Points of View Reference Center provides a balance of materials from all viewpoints with main essays, leading political magazines from all sides of the political spectrum, newspapers, radio and television news transcripts, primary source documents and reference books.



Transparent Language is a personal language-learning system that uses a multi-format process for learning over 110 languages.

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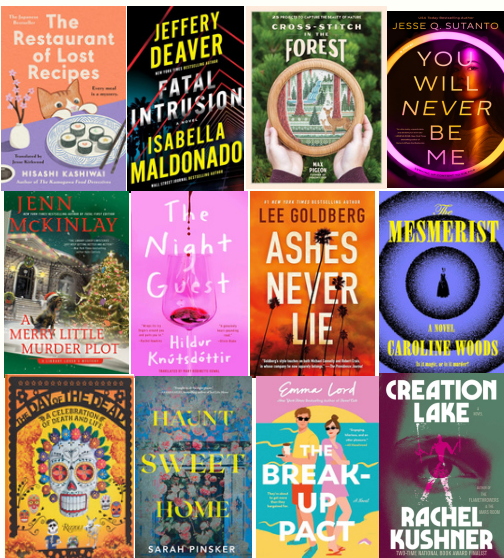
Children's



Young Adult



Adult



Halloween Parade Highlights!



WDM Library Friends Foundation Board Elects New Members



The West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation Board includes, seated: Mary Fratianni, Kristin Sunde, Kathryn Greenfield, Bridget Johnson, Ed O'Neill, Brandon Denner, Abby Draisey, Jennifer Hochberger; and standing: Heather Martin, Laura McCall, Deb Guntly, Laura Hassebrock, Dan Wakefield, Ellie Wakefield, Roxanne Nikkel, Jim Rasmussen, Angie Arthur, and Savannah Minnick. Absent from the picture are Chinmay Bajikar, Matthew Oberreuter, and Andrea Solomon.

Are you interested in serving on the WDM Library Friends Foundation Board? Send an email to library_wdmilibraryfriends@gmail.com for more info.

Reminder: Blood Pressure Monitors Available for Checkout

The WDM Public Library is proud to partner with the [American Heart Association](http://www.americanheart.org) on their "Libraries with Heart" initiative. Through this program, patrons can now check out one of three Blood Pressure Monitor kits to track their heart health.

Each kit includes:

- 1 Blood Pressure Monitor
- 1 Blood Pressure Cuff
- 1 Instruction Manual
- 1 American Stroke Association Pamphlet
- 1 Quick Start Guide



These kits can be checked out at the 2nd Floor Adult Services Desk for three (3) weeks with your WDM library card. Additionally, there will be a model on display to try out at the desk. [Check one out now.](#)

[Find our full event calendar](#)

November Adult Events at the WDM Library

Tech One-On-One

Saturday, November 2 & 16 - 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.



Iowa Files: Woodland Cemetery

Sunday, November 17 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Volunteers Mary Christopher and Mike Rowley share fascinating stories of the departed residents of Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines. No registration.



Introduction to Astrology Basics

Monday, November 4 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Are you curious to know how the stars and planets can have an impact on your life? Come learn from Nancy Barnett about the basics of horoscopes and birth charts, as well as the language of astrology. No registration required.



Brick by Brick: Building Home Knowledge: Right Sizing

Monday, November 18 & 25 - 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: Right Sizing, presented by Martha Lebron-Dykeman. No reg.

Adult Craft Supply Swap: DROP OFF

Friday, November 8 - 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Any individual who donates craft supplies for our Adult Craft Supply Swap on Friday will receive a VIP ticket for Early Bird entrance at 10:00 AM on Saturday.



Adult Craft Night: Painted Ornaments

Thursday, November 21 - 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 painted ornaments. Registration is required and spots fill fast.



WDM Writer's Group

Saturday, November 9 & 23 - 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.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, November 21 - 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 Libertie by Kaitlyn Greenidge. Reg required.



Adult Craft Supply Swap: OPEN FOR ALL!

Saturday, November 9 - 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Do you love arts and crafts? Do you have extra supplies taking up space in your home? You won't want to miss our supply swap. You can participate with or without donating supplies first. No registration required.



Final Friday Fiber Club

Friday, November 22 - 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.



Club Read & Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition

Monday, November 11 & 25 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM

Join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting. We will be discussing Earth's the Right Place for Love by Elizabeth Berg. Join them on 9/23 to discuss what you've been reading for the month. Registration required.



Friends Foundation + CandleBarDSM Fundraiser

Friday, November 22 - 5:30 - 8:00 PM

This fundraising event for the West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation will include wine and light snacks. Invite a friend to make a custom candle with us! Registration is required and spots are limited.

Author Event: Kimberly Stuart

Tuesday, November 12 - 6:45 - 8:00 PM

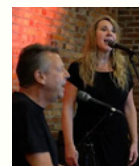
The Friends Foundation is proud to present local author Kimberly Stuart. Stuart is the author of nine books, including the Heidi Elliott series, and, most recently Star for Jesus (And Other Jobs I Quit). No reg.



Music by Serenade

Sunday, November 24 - 3:00 - 4:00 PM

The Library is very happy to welcome Serenade for an afternoon of enchanting music! Featuring the unique musical pairing of Denise Schmitz and Tim Cooper, Serenade will perform beautiful ballads and more.



NaNoWriMo Write-In (Sponsored by the Friends)

Thursday, November 14 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Are you participating in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) this year? Join us for a write-in with fellow writers! We'll have snacks, provide writing prompts, and provide great writing vibes.



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YA Not Club Read

Thursday, November 14 - 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 The Do-Over by Lynn Painter. Reg 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 or call 515-222-3405.

[Find our full event calendar](#)

Children & Teen November Events at the WDM Library

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays (11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30) - 9:30 - 10:00 AM OR 10:30 - 11:00 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.



Kids Club Read: Leave It To Plum

Tuesday, November 12- 4:15 - 5:00 PM
(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Leave it to Plum by Matt Phelan. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Registration required.



Tween Club Read: A Rover's Story

Tuesday, November 5 - 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 A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga. Register online or at the Children's Desk.



Teen Play-Doh Pottery

Tuesday, November 12 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM
(Grades 6-12)

Join us in the Teen Center to build mini-sculptures and other creations... out of Play-Doh! Experiment with color, shape, and textures and create your own unique mini-structure! No registration required.



After School Adventures: DIY Donut Plush

Wednesday, November 6 - 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 be doing some simple sewing and making a sweet plush treat! Registration required.



Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesdays (11/13 & 11/20) - 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.



Lapsit Storytime

Mondays (11/11 & 11/18) - 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 Storytime

Wednesdays (6:30 - 7:30 PM) Thursdays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) and Fridays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) Dates: 11/13, 11/14, 11/15, 11/20, 11/21, 11/22
(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.



Family Night at the Library: Cardboard Box Building

Monday, November 11 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
(All Ages)

This month, we'll put our cardboard engineering skills to the test as we build whatever our heart desires out of cardboard! Please register each person attending (children and adults).



Group Service Project (Teens)

Wednesday, November 20 - 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.



Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays (11/12 & 11/19) 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 Graphic Novel Club Read: Global

Thursday, November 21- 4:15 - 5:00 PM
(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Global by Eoin Colfer. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Reg required.

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