

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



Library staff members pose while out at Valley Junction's Jingle in the Junction.

Adventure Pass on Pause Starting December 31, 2024

Due to losing our reservation software vendor, the Iowa Libraries Adventure Pass will be put on pause starting December 31st. The calendar is still open for new reservations thru December 31.

Reservations that were previously made for dates past December 31st will still be honored. However, new reservations are not being taken for dates after December 31. Be sure you have Printed Out any already-booked pass, as access to the booking system will be blocked for both patrons and library staff by December 31.

We know you all love the Adventure Pass, and we are working on finding a new reservation software to get it back up and running as soon as we can.

This will affect all libraries that participate in the Adventure Pass program. [Learn more about this change.](#)



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Closed All Day - Christmas

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Early Close at 12:00 PM - New Year's

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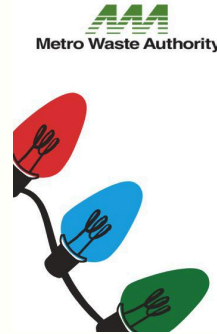
Drop Off Old Holiday Lights at WDM Public Library (11/12/24 - 1/31/25)

We've teamed up with Metro Waste Authority to be a convenient drop-off location for your old holiday lights! Just drop them in the bin near our Accounts and Checkouts Desk through January 31 and we'll take care of the rest.

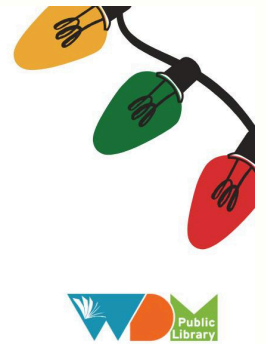
Accepted lights: LED, classic, plastic & glass bulbs, net lights, icicle lights, and even battery-powered strands.

Please drop lights loose, not bagged. Holiday lights are NOT regular recyclables and should not go in your curbside recycling bin. They can damage the sorting equipment at the Metro Recycling Facility.

Learn more about the program [here](#).



HOLIDAY LIGHTS
RECYCLING
11.12.24 - 1.31.25



New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



We're Pausing Material Donations

Thanks to your generosity, we are currently processing a lot of donations. To help us catch up, we will be putting a pause on accepting new donations of all materials. We anticipate this pause continuing through the end of 2024.

Our Book Sale area will still very-much be active! We have lots of materials waiting in the wings to put up for the Book Sale through the end of the year.

Some other places that currently accept book donations include:

- [Many Hands Thrift Market](#)
- [Animal Lifeline Thrift Shop](#)
- [Help a Mind Thrive, Keep a Book Alive](#)
- [Goodwill of Central Iowa](#)
- [Des Moines Public Library](#)
- [Urbandale Public Library](#)
- [Johnston Public Library](#)
- [Waukee Public Library](#)

Thank you for understanding. We will announce when we are accepting donations again in the new year.



[Find our full event calendar](#)

December Adult Events at the WDM Library

Brick by Brick: Building Home Knowledge: Renovations/ Prep for Spring

Monday, December 2 - 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 focused on renovations and prepping for Spring, presented by Martha Lebron-Dykeman. No reg.



WDM Writer's Group

Saturday, December 14 & 28 - 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.



Holiday Music by Central Iowa Wind Ensemble

Thursday, December 5 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

We are very excited to welcome the Central Iowa Wind Ensemble to the Library to perform some holiday music. No registration required.



Learn to Control Your Money

Tuesday, December 17 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

This workshop is a budgeting and cash management workshop that aims to teach you how to understand your source(s) of income and also how to capture that income for your highest and best use. No registration required.

Tech One-On-One

Saturday, December 7 & 21 - 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.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, December 19 - 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 our favorite books of the year. Reg required.



Adult Craft Day: Desk Calendar

Saturday, December 7 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

You'll be shown the steps and given hands on help as you create a desk calendar to take home. All materials are provided, and the program is free! Registration is required and spots fill fast.



Library Closed: Christmas

Monday, December 23 - Early Close at 5:00 PM

Tuesday, December 24 - Closed All Day

Wednesday, December 25 - Closed All Day

We will close at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 23 and will be closed all day on Thursday and Friday of Christmas. We reopen with regular hours on Thursday.



Book Club Social: Holiday Edition!

Monday, December 9 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

First we'll play a trivia style game based on the books Club Read has read in 2024. Then, we'll share some sweet and savory treats with everyone while we talk about books, movies, and life. Reg required.



Library Closed: New Year's

Tuesday, December 31 - Early Close at 12:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1 - Closed All Day

We will close at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, December 31 and will be closed all day on Wednesday, January 1. We reopen with regular hours on Thursday.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, December 12 - 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 Disappearing Act by Jordan Castle. 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.



Ready, set, READ! We encourage readers of all ages to challenge themselves to become reading machines this winter. Registration opens on January 1. You'll track your reading through the handy Beanstack app. Readers of any age who log more than 10 reading days during the month of January will be entered to win a Valley Junction gift card! Register at wdmlibrary.org/winter

Children & Teen December Events at the WDM Library

Christmas Closing: Monday, December 23 at 5:00 PM & ALL DAY Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25.
New Year's Closing: Tuesday, December 31 at 12:00 PM & ALL DAY Wednesday, January 1.

Tween Club Read: Among the Hidden Tuesday, December 3 - 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 Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix. Register online or at the Children's Desk.



Baby Doll Storytime Wednesdays (12/11 & 12/18) - 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: Interactive Movie Featuring Home Alone! Wednesday, December 4 - 3:45 - 5:30 PM

(Ages 5-12)
 I'll make sure we get an accurate head count and have our passports packed as we watch Home Alone (PG 1h 43m)! We'll also enjoy popcorn and fun activities throughout the movie as we watch. Registration required.



Family Storytime

Wednesdays (6:30 - 7:30 PM) Thursdays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) and Fridays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) Dates: 12/11, 12/12, 12/13, 12/18, 12/19, 12/20
(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.



Saturday Storytime Saturdays (12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28) - 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.



Family Night at the Library: Lego Derby! Monday, December 16 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All Ages)
 Get your family together and build the fastest (Funniest? Most creative?) Lego car you can! Build one car as a family or have everyone build their own car. We'll race them down the library's new track and see who can cross the finish line first! Reg required.



Lapsit Storytime Mondays (12/9 & 12/16) - 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.



Group Service Project (Teens) Wednesday, December 18 - 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 (12/10 & 12/17) 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.



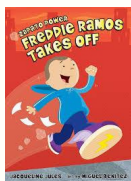
Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: Queen of the Sea Thursday, December 19- 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)
 Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Queen of the Sea by Dylan Meconis. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Reg required.



Kids Club Read: Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off Tuesday, December 10- 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)
 Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off by Jacqueline Jules. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Registration required.



Christmas Storytime Monday, December 23 - 10:30 - 11:15 AM

(Ages 0-6)
 Join us for a special Christmas story time including a puppet show, stories, rhymes, and songs! For ages 0-6. No registration required.



Teen DIY Self-Care Crafts Tuesday, December 10 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)
 Join us in the Teen Center for an evening of crafting! Materials will be provided for participants to make their own stress balls, sleep masks, and mini essential oil sprays. Create a craft for yourself or as a gift! Registration encouraged but not required.



Noon Year's Eve Party Tuesday, December 31 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

(Ages 2-6)
 We'll have a fun celebratory storytime starting at 11:00AM and we'll finish with a countdown and a streamer drop right at noon. The library closes at 12PM on New Year's Eve, so this will be the last hurrah as we go out and into 2025. No registration required.

