

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



Library Celebrates Renovation

On June 12, the West Des Moines Public Library hosted an open house to commemorate the \$3 million renovation that wrapped up in April 2021. The celebration also marked the 25-year anniversary of the building at 4000 Mills Civic Parkway which broke ground in 1996.

Patrons stopped in to participate in a ribbon cutting, get tours of the building, and compete in scavenger hunt and Haiku writing competitions!

View the coverage from WHO13 on the renovations [here](#).

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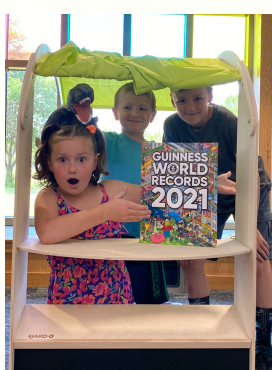
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Library Service: Homebound Patron Outreach



Betsy Richter next to the Homebound Delivery Van.

How does it work?

- No West Des Moines Library card needed.
- Choose Large Print Best Sellers, DVDs, Audiobooks, and Playaways.
- Use these items at your leisure (a day, week, month, or longer).

Interested patrons should fill out our [Request Homebound Delivery Form](#).

Contact [Betsy Richter](#) (515-222-3574).

Two of our most regularly used programs at the WDM Library are the Senior Outreach and Homebound Delivery services. These programs were created to give WDM residents who have difficulty coming into the library access to library materials - no matter what their living situation.

The Homebound Delivery service has been around for over twenty years and has been utilized by hundreds of patrons. In 2020, library staff and volunteers selected and delivered materials monthly to an average of 60 patrons in individual homes.

For our Senior Outreach program, the library partners with 14 local elder care facilities to provide library access for its residents. These care facilities include Arbor Springs, Bickford Cottage, Cedar Ridge Village, Crestview Terrace, Edgewater, Fairmeadows Village, Fountain West, Manorcare, Valley West Apartments, Wesley Acres, and Western Village. This service has allowed over 1,300 West Des Moines residents to browse for their own library materials from the comfort of their senior living community.

"I have always felt very fortunate that West Des Moines Library offers the homebound service, but this past year and a half when I have been recovering from two surgeries it has been a huge blessing as I am able not only to continue reading my favorite books, but try new things such as learning foreign languages."

-Kathi, a longtime patron of the library.

Summer Reading Club+

The WDM Library's Summer Reading Challenge, "Summer Escape," continues through August 24, 2021. This year we've expanded our traditional reading program to include a series of fun "escapes" for all ages. This year, our reading and learning efforts will work together to earn food for our new animal neighbors at Furry Friends Refuge through local partner Iowa Pet Foods!

- 1 Sign up for our challenge on the Beanstack app (iOS and Android) or by visiting: <https://wdmlibrary.org/events/reading-challenges>
- 2 Track your participation in reading, events and challenges in the Beanstack app.
- 3 Submit your completed reading log to earn a donation of one pound of food to Furry Friends Refuge in your honor!



JULY EVENTS

Read-Out on the Lawn

July 7 @ 4pm-7pm
(all ages) No registration. Do you love books and reading as much as we do? Join us outside for a Read-Out on the Lawn! Bring your favorite picnic blanket or lawn chair, a good book or two, and your sunglasses and enjoy some time reading together in the library's "backyard."

Window Painting

July 15 @ 10am-2pm
(all ages) Registration required.
Have you ever had a chance to paint on glass? It's fun! Come and help us create beautiful, temporary "stained glass" on the library windows around the Youth Services Department. We'll meet outside on the trail between the library building and the pond.

Learn to Hoop with Sparkle Hoop Dance

July 22 @ 9:30am or 10:45 am
(Ages 7-12) Registration required.
Join us for a fun afternoon of learning to hula hoop with Mary Boyvey of Sparkle Hoop Dance!

Summer Finale featuring The Martika Show

July 31 @ 10am-12pm
(Ages 5-12) Registration required. Celebrate the end of the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge! Enjoy games and activities and a featured show at the Jamie Hurd Amphitheater with Martika Daniels (performance @ 10:30am)! Location: Jamie Hurd Amphitheater plenty of challenges to do at home as well.

View all events here:

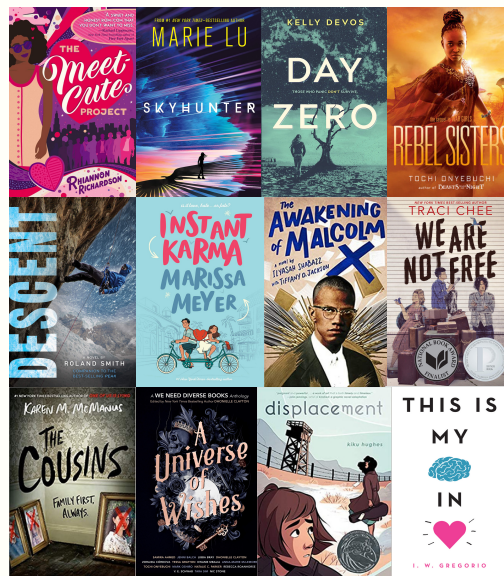
<https://www.wdmlibrary.org/events/upcoming>

New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



How do I...



Q: Check out a HotSpot?

A: Library Card holders who are West Des Moines residents have the ability to check out a free wireless hotspot. Hotspot loan periods are for up to fourteen (14) calendar days and can be renewed up to twice if available. Hotspots must be physically brought back to the library to be renewed. Overdue fees will be charged for hotspots not returned by their due date in the amount of \$10.00 per day. Maximum fine is \$100.00. This maximum fine does not include any and all equipment replacement costs, which are billed separately.

If a hotspot is not returned by the due date, the library will deactivate it remotely and seek to recover it. The hotspot Borrowing Agreement must be completed with each checkout, acknowledging financial responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged equipment.

[View the full Wireless HotSpot Borrowing Policy here.](#)

New Tool: Early Learning Program ABCmouse.com

The WDM Public Library is thrilled to now offer [ABCMouse.com](https://www.abcmouse.com), an online early learning resource, to our patrons. The award-winning ABCmouse curriculum is designed to help young children (ages 2-8+) build a strong foundation for future academic success. ABCmouse is 100% educational, with more than 10,000 learning activities (books, puzzles, educational games, art activities, songs, etc.) across all major subject areas—reading, math, science, social studies, art, and music. Over 1,000 of these learning activities are in Spanish.

Patrons can access this tool in the library and remotely from home—all you need is your library card number!

To start building your account and exploring everything ABCmouse has to offer, [follow this link](#). There is also a [helpful summary](#) including screenshots to help you navigate through the site.

