

# WDM LIBRARY

*West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter*



## Summer Events in Full Swing

Some of the major highlights of our Summer Reading Club+ have included our outdoor events. We switched to all outdoor family storytimes, hosted Beach Ball Yoga with GoGo Yoga Kids, held an outdoor Babies on the Move, learned to hula hoop with Sparkle Hoop Dance, and painted the outside windows of the library.



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## STEM Kits Available for Checkout

As you start to think about heading back to school, we wanted to highlight some of the hidden gems that can be checked out at the library. One of these gems is our collection of children's STEM kits as part of our Library of Things.

When the library made the decision to invest in STEM Kits, we first reached out to the West Des Moines Community School district to ensure the kits aligned with the curriculum. The STEM kits are fun for all ages, but we do list recommended ages for each kit in our catalog.

Some of our most highly checked-out kits include:

- The Electricity Lab (ages 8+)
- Beginner Chain Reaction (ages 4-7)
- Heart (ages 8+)
- Ramp Set (ages 18 months – 6 years)
- Robots (ages 5 -10)

Patrons can check out the STEM kits like any other material in our collection. Kits can be checked out for 14 days and cannot be renewed. A \$.50 charge will be added for each day that the kit is returned late.



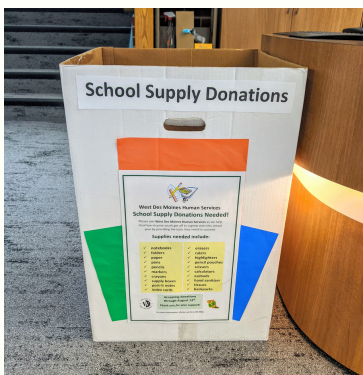
Hazel measures using the STEM Kit: Monster Math Scale.

## Library Launches New Podcast

[In This Day and Page](#) is a new podcast created by the West Des Moines Public Library with the goal of sharing all the different library resources, services, and programs we offer! Through staff and community member interviews, join us as we explore the ins and outs of the library world. Look out for a new episode every Monday on all major podcast platforms.



## School Supply Drive Drop Zone



Through August 13, support West Des Moines Human Services' school supply drive! We have a bin by the Accounts and Checkout desk for you to drop your items. Or, if you'd rather, purchase directly off of their Amazon wishlist: <https://amzn.to/2ChU6ay> or donate directly: <https://bit.ly/2ZySwdv>.

## AUGUST EVENTS

### Babies on the Move: Treasure Basket Playtime

August 5 @ 10am-11am

(Ages 1 month - 18 months) Join us for a special outdoor playtime using treasure baskets. Treasure baskets are containers with everyday household and nature items for babies to explore. Great for sensory exploration, fine motor development and open-ended play.

### Book Club: Zoom Edition!

August 9 @ 7pm - 9pm

(Adults) Registration required. Join Alana and Amy on Monday at 7:00 p.m. for a virtual book club. We will be discussing [Libertie](#) by Kaitlyn Greenidge. This title is available in eBook and eAudio in Hoopla.

### YA Not Club Read

August 12 @ 6:30pm - 8pm

(Adults) Registration required. Are you a "Grown Up" but you like to read Young Adult books? Are you looking for a book club that doesn't take itself too seriously? Then YA Not join us for YA Not Club Read! We'll be reading [Stargirl](#) by Jerri Spinelli.

### Outdoor Storytime with Miss Iowa

August 17 @ 10:30am - 11:00am

(All Ages) Join us for an outdoor storytime with the 2021 Miss Iowa, Grace Keller! This program will be held outdoors. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair and meet us in the library's "backyard."

### Outdoor Storytime with COVID Recovery Iowa

August 19 @ 10:30am - 11:00am

(All Ages) Join us for an outdoor storytime with the Ben Nystrom from COVID Recovery Iowa. This program will address emotions that may be felt today or tomorrow and also focus on the ups and downs of this past year.

**View all events here:**

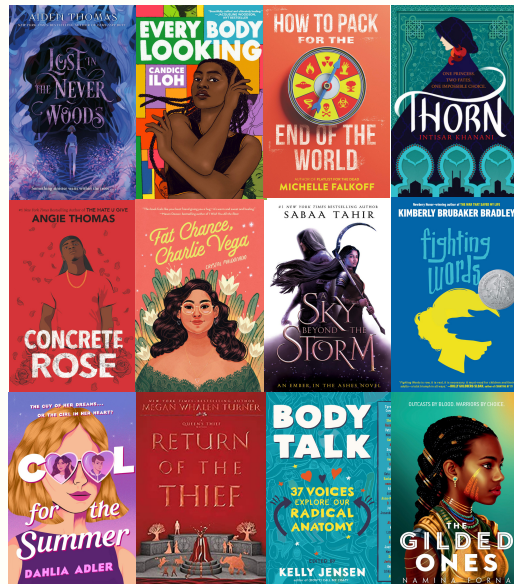
<https://www.wdmlibrary.org/events/upcoming>

# New Titles Added to the Collection

## Children's



## Young Adult



## Adult



## How do I...



### Q: Look for jobs?

A: The West Des Moines Library has numerous resources to assist you in job searching, career changes, skill improvement and more. If you have further questions that cannot be answered through our databases, please ask a librarian at the second-floor reference desk.

#### View our databases:

<https://www.wdmlibrary.org/resources/job-searching>

### Q: Write a Resume?

A: Use our offered tool, Resume Builder. The tool helps you create and format resume content with step-by-step resume writing guide. After it's complete, you can download and print off your resume for free.

#### Use the resume builder:

<https://www.wdmlibrary.org/web-resources/resume-builder>



## MEDICARE BASICS EDUCATION SEMINARS

FREE SESSIONS EVERY MONTH

If you are turning 65 or approaching retirement, you are invited to a FREE Medicare Education seminar. This seminar will provide you with the following:

- Background on Medicare.
- Overview of what Medicare covers and does not cover.
- Provide information on Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans.
- How to help protect your savings from out-of-pocket Medicare expenses.

This free program is provided by Alan Hansen from American Republic Insurance Services.

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## New Library Cards!

Replace your existing card for only \$1!

