

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

Celebrating Banned Books Week

From September 26 - October 2, 2021, the library is celebrating Banned Books Week. Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. It brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular. [Learn more here.](#)

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Database Spotlight: Opposing Viewpoints

Opposing Viewpoints is a continually updated database that collects articles, essays, and opinion pieces to present analysis of all sides of trending issues. New material from publications like the New York Times, The Washington Post, and The American Conservative is added daily. The material presented often includes critical thinking questions and is helpful to teachers, students and life-long learners looking to hone and support arguments in papers and debates, or simply to prompt discussion. Recent issues include congressional redistricting resulting from the 2020 census, COVID mitigation policies on campuses in 2021, and the 2021-22 National Debate Topic exploring whether the federal government should increase the protection of water resources. Access is free to all in the library and limited to WDM library card holders when accessed remotely.

[Access the database](#)



Book Buy Book Program

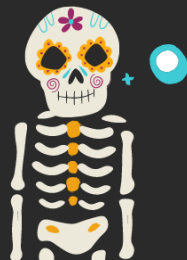
Through the years the West Des Moines Public Library's collection has been built book by book. Now the challenge is to keep it current, up-to-date and a vital community resource – Book Buy Book. We invite you to participate in our Book Buy Book program with a gift to the Library. Each \$25 contribution provides your library with another resource!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- Use the [online form](#) to start your request
- Send your check payable to the West Des Moines Library or return in person (check the box that your check will be delivered in person)
- OR use credit card payment over the phone or in person



HALLOW-READ AROUND THE WORLD



Halloween season is upon us! In the U.S., Halloween is a holiday full of merrymaking, magic, and mischief. Many cultures celebrate life and death through rituals and celebrations with their communities. Learn about the origins and practices of various Halloween-like traditions around the world. Read all month long and complete activities to earn badges.

Sign up today [online](#) or via the [Beanstack app](#) (available on iOS or Android).

New Titles Added

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



Adult October Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)



Tech Help with Teens

1st Saturday and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month

Register for a 15 minute session for one-on-one help with one of our teen assistants! Our teen assistants have been trained to help with a variety of technical questions on smart phones, tablets, and laptops. Please register on our calendar.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, October 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. We will be discussing To Be Honest by Maggie Ann Martin (a local YA author who works at the library!)

Fire Safety & Fire Extinguisher Training with the City of WDM Fire Department

Monday, October 4 - 5:30 - 6:00 PM

With cooler temperatures arriving, it's a good time to learn about fire safety. The West Des Moines Fire Department will present a program with tips on fire safety for your home. Please register on our calendar.



Creative Space Saturday

Saturday, October 16 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Looking for a space and tools to finish your craft project? Join us for Creative Space Saturday! Bring your own project and supplies and we will provide a variety of tools and lots of space.



Tech One-On-One

Tuesday Mornings & Thursday Afternoons

Do you have a specific computer, mobile device, or other technology-related questions? We are here to help! Sign up for a 30 minute private session, walk-in's also welcome.



Vanished Villages: Iowa Ghost Towns

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

Have you heard of Ashawa, Ortonville or McDivitt's Grove? All these are names of Ghost Towns in Central Iowa. Dave Baker, creator of "Iowa: the 29th State" website, will take us on a trip to some forgotten towns. Also available on Livestream.

Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Tuesday, October 5 - 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Are you curious about the game Dungeons and Dragons? Have you played D&D before, but need a new group? Hang out with a fun, open group of people as we adventure our way through campaigns and one-shots.



Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 19 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM

As of May 2021, the WDM Library Board of Trustees have returned to in-person meetings, if you're interested in attending the meeting but would prefer to attend virtually, Library staff can arrange for virtual access to the meeting.



Volunteering with United55+ Program

Wednesday, October 6 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Are you over the age of 55 and looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity? Come learn about the United Way's UNITED55+/AmeriCorps Seniors program!



Adult Craft Night

Thursday, October 21 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come join us to create a fun takeaway craft for the adult crowd! More details on the craft available on our online calendar.

Club Read: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, October 11 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting. You may join through Zoom or in person at the library. We will be discussing Of Women and Salt by Gabriela Garcia. This title is also available in eBook and eAudio in Bridges Overdrive.



Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, October 25 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Please join Alana and Amy to discuss what we have been reading and watching this month. You may join through Zoom or in person at the library.



How do I...

Q: Reserve the Front Display Case?

A: Groups, organizations and individuals may request to use the display cabinets by filling out the Display Consideration Form. As the display spaces are in public areas of the library building and accessible and viewable by patrons of all ages, materials or exhibits must be such that they would be considered suitable for viewing by a general audience congruent with the standards of the community served by the library.

[Display Consideration Form](#)



Children & Teen October Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)



Family Storytime

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

(Ages 0-6 w/ adult)

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



After School Adventures

Wednesday, October 13 3:45 - 4:30 PM

(Ages 5-10)

Show off your Halloween costume and come to the library for spooky fun!

Lapsit Storytime

Monday Mornings

(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. We will spotlight sensory stimulation, fine and gross motor skills, early literacy skills and of course FUN! Session two will ALSO be on Zoom. No registration required.



Family Friendly Creative Space

Saturday, October 16 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM

(Ages 8+ w/ adult)

Looking for a space and tools to finish your craft project? Join us for Family Friendly Creative Space! Bring your own project and supplies and we will provide a variety of tools and lots of space. We will also provide a drop in craft.

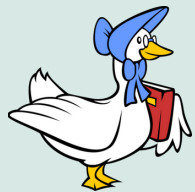


Toddler Storytime

Tuesday Mornings

(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 required. The second session will ALSO be available on Zoom!



Kids Graphic Novel Club Read

Thursday, October 21 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

If you like to read and talk about graphic novels, this club is for you. Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Catherine's War by Julia Billet. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Register anytime by calling 222-3405.



Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesday Mornings

(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! Registration required. Attendees can also tune in on Zoom!



Author Visit: Lydia Sigwarth

Monday, October 25 - 10:30 - 11:30 AM

(All Ages)

Welcome author and librarian Lydia Sigwarth for a very special storytime and book signing! Her book, Dear Librarian, offers a moving true story—first told on the critically acclaimed radio show, NPR's This American Life—about a child experiencing homelessness who finds a safe haven in her local library.

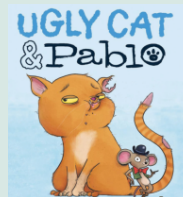


Kids Club Read

Tuesday, October 12 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

If you like to read and talk about books, this club is for you. Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book Ugly Cat and Pablo by Isabel Quintero! If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Register anytime by calling 222-3405 or stop in to the Children's Desk.



Halloween Family Night at the Library

Monday, October 25 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All Ages)

Come one, come all to a fun family night at the library! This month we'll be celebrating all things fall and getting one more use out of those costumes by wearing them to the library. For all ages. Please register each person attending (children and adults).



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, October 13 - 3:00 - 4:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Are you interested in making the library a better place for teens? Then the WDM Public Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is for you! By becoming a member of TAB you can take a leadership role in your community, give input in teen activities, and help develop the collection of young adult materials at the Library.



Lazer Tag at the Library

Friday, October 29 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

(Ages 12 -17)

Join us for laser tag and other games in the Library! This after hours program will feature laser tag using the whole library as your battle field! Snacks will also be provided. Please ONLY register if you are between the ages of 12 - 17!

