

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



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Upcoming Holiday Closures

The WDM Library will be closed on the following days:



- Sunday, December 5 - CLOSED (All-Staff Event)
- Thursday, December 23 - CLOSED (Christmas)
- Friday, December 24 - CLOSED (Christmas)
- Saturday, December 25 - CLOSED (Christmas)
- Friday, December 31 - CLOSED (New Years Eve)
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Database Spotlight: Hobbies and Crafts

You may already take advantage of our 1000s of crafting how-to books for crafts of all kinds – look in the 745s and 746s for knitting, crocheting, applique, leatherwork and more!

But did you know you can access how-to articles, books and videos from home via our EBSCO Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center? This database offers detailed "how-to" instructions and creative ideas for nearly every hobby. Not just crafts, but also recipes, step-by-step videos, even video game cheats!



- Arts and crafts
- Collecting
- Home and garden
- Indoor recreation
- Kids' crafts
- Model building
- Needlecrafts and textiles
- Outdoor recreation
- Performing arts
- Science and technology
- Scrapbooking and papercrafts

Whatever you're interested in – or whatever your gift recipient likes to do – Hobbies and Crafts has something to help you this holiday season.

View database here: wdmlibrary.org/hobbies

How Do I... ?

New Titles Added

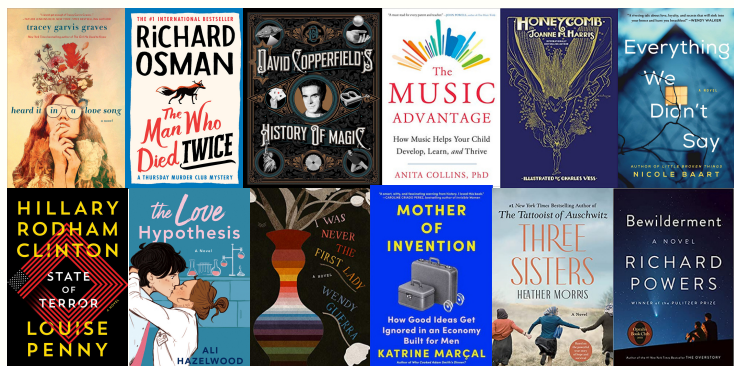
Children's



Young Adult



Adult



Q: Make my job search less stressful?

A: Are you feeling a bit overwhelmed with your job search? Do you want to polish up your resume or write a cover letter but aren't sure where to start? Wondering how you can build some computer skills without figuring out where to take a class? The Library can help you with all of this and more with help from our wonderful [Databases](#)!

[Brainfuse JobNow](#) and [Job and Career Accelerator](#) are built especially for job seekers and contain tools to build your resume and cover letter, prepare for interviews and much more. Even if you aren't a whiz at Microsoft Word, you can create and save a resume and cover letter to access from anywhere via the Internet. You can also explore occupations, as well as search for jobs and internships and apply on the spot. There's even a tutorial to guide you through every step of the job search process.

[LearningExpress Library](#) has a wealth of resources to prepare for a new career and build core skills such as writing and math. You can also access test preparation for Civil Service exams, EMS and Firefighting exams, and many more. [Infobase Learning Cloud](#) has self-paced learning modules for Microsoft Office products, Adobe Creative Cloud, Zoom and much, much more – and all of it is self-paced learning that you can do on your own time, when it's most convenient for you. Infobase also has online courses on topics like Google Classroom Essentials, How to build an effective leadership team, and even Successful Time Management.

All of these products are easy to access and very user-friendly. And you don't even need a Library card to access them if you're in the Library (although to access from home, you do need a valid Library card).

We're happy to give you a "tour" of these resources. Just stop in the Library and ask at the Reference Desk.

December Adult Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)



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.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, December 8 - 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 the books that were handed out during last month's meeting.

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.



Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, December 13 - 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.



Beginner's Yoga & Mindfulness

Saturdays 10:00 - 11:00 AM (12/4, 12/11, 12/18)

This gentle introduction to classical yoga will teach you basic asanas (poses) and introduce you to mindful breathing techniques. You will spend an hour each week in a relaxing, phone-free environment. This class is designed to be flexible to all body types and abilities. Please register for the four week series, as each class builds on the last.



Adult Craft Night

December 16- 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come join us to create a fun takeaway craft for the adult crowd! We will be making Macramé Snowflakes for this week's craft.

Library CLOSED for All-Staff Event

Sunday, December 5

The library will be closed to the public on Sunday, December 5 for an All-Staff Event.



Creative Space Saturday

Saturday, December 18- 1:00 - 4:00 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.



Lessons of the Holocaust

Monday, December 6 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Please join us for Lessons of the Holocaust, an informative and compelling program from Iowa teacher-turned-historian, Brad Wilkening. Wilkening uses this grim period in human history to show how we can build the more compassionate and kind world we wish to live in.



Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 21 - 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.

Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Tuesday, December 7 - 5:30 - 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.



Christmas Closure

Thursday December 23 - Saturday December 25

The Library will be closed December 23rd - December 25th. Happy Holidays!



English Conversation Practice

Every 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday

English language learners welcome for this informal, fun, and free program! English Conversation Practice is perfect for people who speak English but would like to practice both speaking and listening with others. The group meets for about one hour and is led by a facilitator. Native English speakers are invited to join us for conversation and friendship too. No registration is required.



New Years Holiday Closure

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Children & Teen December Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

ALL youth programs now require registration.



Lapsit Storytime

Monday Mornings (12/6 & 12/13)

(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!



After School Adventures: Lego Club

Wednesday, December 15- 3:45 - 4:30 PM

(Ages 5-12)

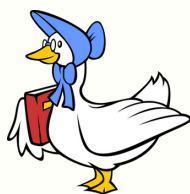
Join us in the Community Room after school to embark on an adventure! For ages 5-12.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesday Mornings (12/7 & 12/14)

(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.

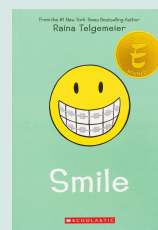


Kids Graphic Novel Club Read

Thursday, December 16 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Smile by Raina Telgemeier. 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 (12/8 & 12/15)

(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!



Christmas Storytime

Monday, December 20 & Tuesday, December 21- 10:30 - 11:15 AM

(Ages 0-6)

Join us for a special Christmas story time including a puppet show, stories, rhymes, and songs!

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Dates: 12/8, 12/9, 12/10, 12/15, 12/16, 12/17

(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!



Family Night at the Library: Trivia Night!

Monday, December 20- 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All ages)

Come one, come all to a fun family night at the library! This month we're going to be putting your brain to the test with a trivia competition using Kahoot! Please register each person attending (children and adults)



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, December 8 - 3:00 -4:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)

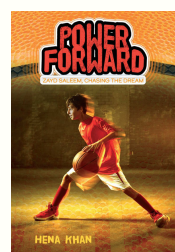
Are you interested in making the library a better place for teens? Then the WDM Public Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is for you! By becoming a member of TAB you can take a leadership role in your community, give input in teen activities, and help develop the collection of young adult materials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



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Kids Club Read

Tuesday, December 14 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book Power Forward by Hena Khan! 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.

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