

# WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

## Most Popular Books of 2021

Below are the top 5 most circulated books during 2021 in the categories of Adult Fiction, Young Adult Fiction and Children's Fiction.

Adult



Young Adult



Children's



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# Read for a Better World

Winter 2022

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From January 1 to January 31, West Des Moines Library is participating in Beanstack's Fifth Annual Winter Reading Challenge. "Read for a Better World" encourages readers of all ages to explore diversity, empathy, and action through literature. Our community has unlimited access to "Read for a Better World" themed books for the month of January through the challenge activities!

We challenge our patrons to read at least 15 days during the month and keep track of their reading on our Beanstack site.

Thousands of libraries and schools across the nation are encouraging their communities to read a target number of minutes and books. Top-performing libraries and schools will earn prizes from Lerner Publishing Group, including book collections, signed books, and virtual author visits. Happy reading, West Des Moines!

[Join the Challenge!](#)

## Visit our 24-Hour Valley Junction Kiosk

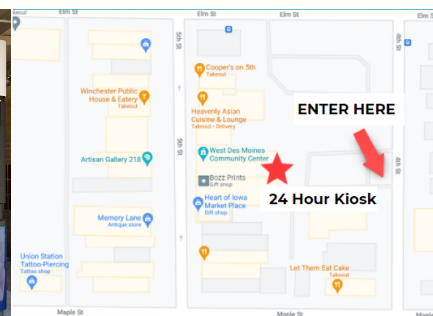
To use our [24-Hour Valley Junction Kiosk](#), you need a West Des Moines Public Library card in good standing to check out one of the 235 carefully selected books and DVDs in the kiosk. There is a borrowing limit of ten (10) items per cardholder. Library cards are free, but you will need to visit the main WDM Library to get one.

The kiosk, the first of its kind in Iowa, results from a generous gift of over \$100,000 from the [West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation](#), a non-profit organization that raises money to support the library's services and programs.

To get to the kiosk, turn off 4th Street into the parking lot behind the Valley Junction Activity Center (217 5th Street is its official address); you'll see the machine just to the south of the rear entrance.



[Watch](#) Maggie demonstrate how to use the kiosk!



## Database Spotlight: TumbleBookLibrary

Our Library has a subscription to TumbleBookLibrary, and your family can access it from home! It's unlimited, and it's free for you to use.

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of e-books for children. They are a great way to encourage tech-savvy kids to enjoy reading.

There are over 250 animated, talking picture books. The site also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, and exciting games and puzzles.

We hope that you will get the chance to check out the collections with your child!

[Visit TumbleBookLibrary](#)



# How Do I... ?

## Q: Reserve an Adventure Pass?

A: Iowa Libraries provide free passes to area attractions for a day of family fun! Passes allow entrance for two (2) adults and two (2) children. Exception: DSM Children's Museum is four (4) children - adult admission is free with children. Additional tickets can be purchased at the venue.

For WDM Library: WDM and Cumming residents, 18 years of age and older, with a valid library card that is non-expired and in good standing may reserve passes by using TixKeeper - click on Reserve Your Adventure Pass below. We currently have passes available for Blank Park Zoo, Brenton Skating Plaza (reservations start January 3), DSM Children's Museum, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, Reiman Gardens, and the Science Center of Iowa.

Cardholder must present a valid photo ID and printed pass (email on phone not accepted) before admission into the venue is allowed.

One pass per venue may be reserved once every 365 days. Passes cannot be used for any special member events (e.g. Zoo Brew or Night Eyes)

Please cancel your reservation if you cannot use the pass at the reserved time. To cancel a reservation, call the Reference Desk at 515-222-3403.

Check open dates of any venue before you reserve your pass.

[Reserve Your Adventure Pass](#)

# January 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.



### Doors to the Past: Sherman Hill

#### Sunday, January 16 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Des Moines' oldest neighborhood, Sherman Hill, was named a historic district in 1979. Original residents, Hoyt Sherman and James Savery were contemporaries of the Jordan family, and the area is home to amazing architecture and a story of the journey from blight to beauty.

### Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

#### Tuesday, January 4 - 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.



### MLK Day Closure

#### Monday, January 17

The Library will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



### Club Read: Hybrid Edition!

#### Monday, January 10 - 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 We Begin at the End by Chris Whitaker. This title is also available in eBook and eAudio in Bridges Overdrive.



### Tech Help with Teens

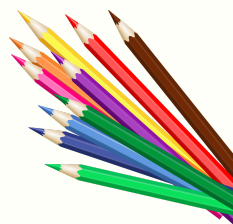
#### 1st Saturday and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month

Register 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.

### Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

#### Tuesday, January 11 - 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Relax, unwind and color your stress away! Studies show that coloring can have a calming effect on the mind and help promote wellness. It's also a way to connect with others, even if it's in a quiet environment.



### Adult Craft Night: Holiday Card Ornaments

#### Thursday, January 20 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come join us to create a fun takeaway craft for the adult crowd! We will be making ornaments out of holiday cards! Please bring 2-3 cards from home for this craft.



### 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.



### Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

#### Monday, January 24 - 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.

### YA Not Club Read

#### Thursday, January 13 - 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 I Hope You Get This Message by Farah Naz Rishi. It is available on Hoopla in eBook and eAudio.



### Author Event: Sara Ennis

#### Tuesday, January 25 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

The Friends Foundation is proud to present local author Sara Ennis. Sara is the author of two psychological thrillers: The Dollhouse and The Hunted: Sins of the Father.



### Creative Space Saturday

#### Saturday, January 15 - 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.



### Ending the Silence

#### Thursday, January 27 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Please join us for an engaging presentation that helps audience members learn about the warning signs of mental health conditions and what steps to take if you or a loved one are showing symptoms of a mental health condition. Presented by NAMI.

# Children & Teen January Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

**ALL youth programs now require registration.**

### Model Trains!

**Saturday, January 8, 9:00 - 5:00 PM & Sunday, January 9, 2:00 - 4:00 PM**  
(All ages)

Stop by the WDM Library to see the DesMoinNTrak's N-scale working layout. This event is open to adults and children of all ages. Make sure to stop by the Children's Department for a fun train craft before you leave! No registration needed.



### Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

**Wednesday, January 12 - 3:00 -4:00 PM**  
(Grades 6-12)

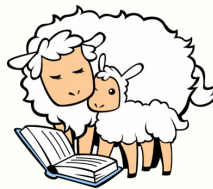
By becoming a member of TAB you can take a leadership role in your community, give input in teen activities, and help develop the collection of young adult materials at the Library.

### Lapsit Storytime

**Monday Mornings (1/10 & 1/24)**

(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!



### Family Storytime

**Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays**

**Dates: 1/12, 1/13, 1/14, 1/19, 1/20, 1/21, 1/26, 1/27, 1/28**

(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!

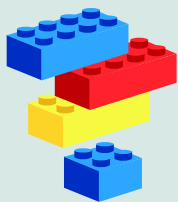


### Family Night at the Library: Lego Club!

**Monday, January 10 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

(All ages)

Why should kids get to have all the fun? Join us this month to take on a fun building challenge as a family using the library's Lego. Will your skills stack up or fall flat? Please register each person attending (children and adults).



### Family Friendly Creative Space

**Saturday, January 15 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM**

(Ages 8+ w/ adult)

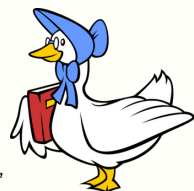
Looking for a space and tools to finish your craft project? Join us for Family Friendly Creative Space! Bring your own project and supplies and we will provide a variety of tools and lots of space. We will also provide a drop in craft.

### Toddler Storytime

**Tuesday Mornings (1/11, 1/18, 1/25)**

(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.

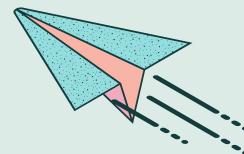


### After School Adventures: Paper Airplanes

**Wednesday, January 19 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM**

(Ages 5-12)

Join us in the Community Room after school to embark on an adventure! This month we'll be earning our pilot's license as we learn to fold and fly paper airplanes. For ages 5-12.

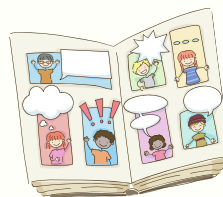


### Kids Club Read: Bring Your Own Book

**Tuesday, January 11 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM**

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to your favorite book or most current book read! Register anytime by calling 222-3405 or stop in to the Children's Desk.



### Kids Graphic Novel Club Read:

**Bring Your Own Book**

**Thursday, January 20 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM**

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to your favorite graphic novel or most current graphic novel you've read! Register anytime by calling 222-3405.

### Baby Doll Storytime

**Wednesday Mornings (1/12, 1/19, 1/26)**

(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!



### Teen After School Movie

**Wednesday, January 26 - 3:00 - 5:00 PM**

(Grades 6-12)

Meet in the Library Community Room and enjoy a movie with popcorn! We'll have movie options to vote on the day of the event. Great way to connect with friends and teens from other schools!

