

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

Iowa Files History Series Continues

For the past four months, the library has been proud to present the Iowa Files History Program with the West Des Moines Historical Society. We've seen a great turnout both in-person and via livestream. This joint library-Historical Society event is free and open to the public thanks to the support of West Des Moines Historical Society Members, EMC Insurance Foundation, the West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation and the Iowa Arts Council.

Catch up on any of the programs you might have missed here:

- [Bonnie & Clyde After Dexfield Park](#)
- [Off the Map: Vanished Villages in Iowa](#)
- [Latino Lives in Valley Junction](#)



The next program, "A Story of Fort Des Moines: Charles Hamilton Houston" takes place on Sunday, February 20 from 2:30 - 3:30 PM.

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Let Your Voice Be Heard!



PATRON NEEDS SURVEY

Developed in partnership with the University of Iowa.

The library wants to know what you need and how they can help! Please complete this quick, anonymous survey to let your voice count.

[Take Survey](#)

Databases for Lifelong Learning

One of the key components of the West Des Moines Public Library's vision is to "promote the sharing of ideas, the love of learning and the joy of reading by providing equal access to information and knowledge." We help foster the love of learning not only in our young patrons, but in our adult patrons as well. Our research and learning databases available through the library are hugely popular and we pride ourselves on being able to offer this FREE access to our community!



Infobase Learning Cloud offers online how-to training on hundreds of common

software applications and devices, including Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Google Docs, and iPad. Each online training course is made up of short one- to three-minute video segments, so you can learn at your own pace. All training is online and on-demand, available anywhere with internet access, with no need to download software.



LearnItLive gives our patrons access to live and on-demand classes, quick tip videos, and

and virtual reality wellness. Find and interact with top authors, experts, and teachers in live online and on-demand classes. Discover hundreds of expert-led programs covering topics on cooking, nutrition, childcare, financial wellness, fitness, yoga, mindfulness, stress reduction, and much more!



Universal Class offers lifelong learning courses in over 30 subject areas, many of which

which offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs). More than 500 courses are available, and all are designed and led by professional instructors to build deeper understanding and mastery of subject matter. This platform includes videos, assignments, quizzes, tests, and options for social media interaction with other learners.

New Titles Added

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



Q: Learn a new language at the Library?

How do I...



A: If learning a new language is one of your goals for 2022, you're in luck! The library has subscriptions to many online language-learning databases that our patrons can access for FREE.

Transparent Language Online supports learners anytime, anywhere in 110+ languages. This personal language-learning system uses a multi-format process for a robust experience.

Read It!™ is designed to support learners who are developing English language proficiency and need adapted reading material for many subjects. It is a great fit for middle and high school students and adults who have a foundation in English grammar and reading but need resources to help build knowledge, conduct research and improve study skills.

KidSpeak™ is a fun, age-appropriate online language course designed for children ages 6 and up! Patrons get unlimited access to online language courses, packed with pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing and vocabulary-building lessons. All you need to get started is your library card number.

You can view all of the library's language-learning databases by visiting wdmlibrary.org/language.

February 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.



2021 Iowa Blues Challenge Winners

Sunday, February 13 - 3:00 - 4:00 PM

The Library is very excited to present the winners of the 2021 Iowa Blues Challenge! The Buckmiller/Schwager duo have been busy playing shows all over the Des Moines Metro including the 2019 Winter Blues Fest sponsored by the Central Iowa Blues Society.

Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Tuesday, February 1 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM

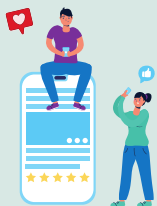
Are you curious about the game Dungeons and Dragons? Have you played D&D before, but need a new group? Hang out with a fun, open group of people as we adventure our way through campaigns and one-shots.



Club Read: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, February 14 - 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 Infinite Country by Patricia Engel. 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.



Adult Craft Night

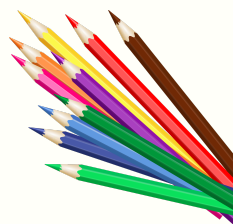
Thursday, February 17 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come join us to create a fun takeaway craft for the adult crowd!

Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

February 8 - 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.



Creative Space Saturday

Saturday, February 19 - 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.



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.



A Story of Fort Des Moines; Charles Hamilton Houston

Sunday, February 20 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

On May 1917, the United States opened the very first Officers Training Camp for Black men in military history. The location-Fort Des Moines. Over the next 6 months, 1,200 Black men are trained to lead segregated commands in World War I, all the while knowing that their success or failure as leaders will be used by others as evidence of the abilities of their race.

Ending the Silence: For Parents & Caregivers

Thursday, February 10 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

This is a 1-hour presentation for adults with middle or high school-aged youth that includes warning signs, facts and statistics, how to talk with your child and how to work with school staff. Audience members can ask questions and gain understanding of an often-misunderstood topic.



Library Closed: Staff Training Day

Monday, February 21

The Library is closed on President's Day for all-day staff training. We will reopen on Tuesday morning at 9 AM.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, February 10 - 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 House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune. It is available on Hoopla in eBook and eAudio.



Author Event: Aaron Putze

Tuesday, February 22 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

The Friends Foundation is proud to present local author Aaron Putze. Aaron is the author of two books: Destined for Greatness: The Story of Chuck Long & Resurgence of Iowa Hawkeyes' Football and YOU Are Destined for Greatness.

Children & Teen February Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

ALL youth programs now require registration.

Lapsit Storytime

Monday Mornings (2/7 & 2/14)

(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!



Valentine's Day Storytime

Wednesday, February 9 - 6:30 - 7:00 PM, Thursday February 10 & Friday February 11 - 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 2-6 w/ adult)

Join us for a Valentine story time including a puppet show, stories, rhymes, and songs! All you need is love...and stories! Please, only register for ONE day and time per week to allow others the opportunity to attend.



Family Night at the Library: Game Night!

Monday, February 7 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All ages)

Is your family a big fan of board games or maybe just curious about them? Join us this month and enjoy a night of board games as a family! We'll have our selection of board games for all ages and skill levels and staff on hand to help navigate rules and setup! Please register each person.



After School Adventures: Lego Club

Wednesday, February 16 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM

(Ages 5-12)

Join us in the Community Room after school to embark on an adventure! Sign up these month and participate in a building challenge using everyone's favorite interlocking brick system. For ages 5-12.



Toddler Storytime

Tuesday Mornings (2/8, 2/15, 2/22)

(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.



Family Storytime

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Dates: 2/16, 2/17, 2/18, 2/23, 2/23, 2/25

(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!



Kids Club Read: Love That Dog

Tuesday, February 8- 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book Love that Dog by Sharon Creech! 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.



Kids Graphic Novel Club Read:

Turtle in Paradise

Thursday, February 17 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer Holm. Register anytime by calling 222-3405.



Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesday Mornings (2/9, 2/16, 2/23)

(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!



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Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, February 9 - 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.



Teen 3D Pen Basics

Wednesday, February 23 - 3:00 - 5:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Have you tried a 3D pen before? This beginner-friendly program allows you to make a 3-dimensional heart in belated celebration of Valentine's Day this month. Give it a try! Space is limited, so please reserve your spot ahead of time. Limit one time slot per patron.

