

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

5th Annual Friends Foundation Fundraiser

The Friends of the West Des Moines Library are hosting the 5th Annual Wine, Beer and Cheese Fundraiser. During this unique event, you will experience professionally curated wine, beer, and cheese selections from many regions of the country.

In support of our exciting next Friends-funded project, be sure to visit our Donation Wall at the event, which will highlight our efforts to raise \$75,000 to purchase a Pop-Up Library Vehicle for the Children's Department. This unique vehicle will allow us to reach more residents and is sure to become a West Des Moines Library icon for adults and kids alike. More information will be revealed at the event!

- Where: Raccoon River Nature Lodge
- When: April 7, 2022 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM



We are requesting a free will donation to the West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation at the door or [on our website](#) ahead of the event to attend the Wine, Cheese and Beer fundraiser.

Show your WDM Library Card and Get a FREE Ride on DART!

Sunday, February 27 - Saturday March 5, 2022

In celebration of Read Across America Day, DART (Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority) is partnering with the WDM Library to give patrons free rides! All you have to do is show your WDM Library Card (physical card or card on the mobile app) between February 27 and March 5, 2022 to ride any DART line for free!



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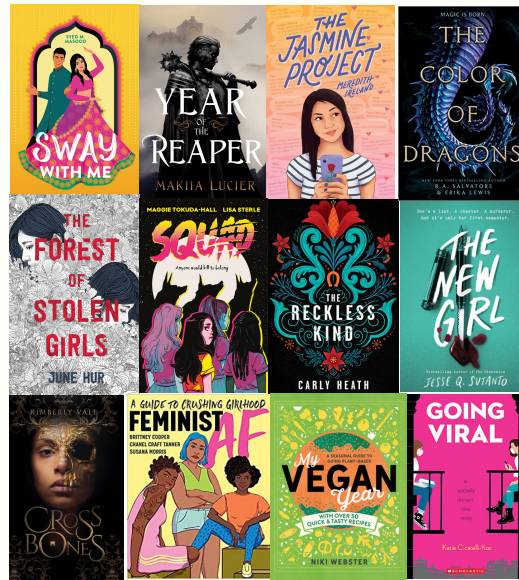
CHILDREN & TEENS MARCH EVENTS

New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



Q: Get help from the library while filing my taxes?

How do I...



A: We are happy to help you find the documents that you need to print in order to file your taxes. Please call ahead to the Reference Desk (515-222-3403) to make sure we have what you need. You can always use our Internet stations to print from the IRS and State of Iowa tax sites (printing/copying = 20 cents/page).

Federal Taxes: The WDM Library does NOT carry loose forms or booklets. The Library makes some masters of major forms, instructions and tables, which can be photocopied at 20 cents/page. You can also find them [online](#).

State Taxes: The State no longer provides a master form book to Libraries for copying. We will make a few masters of major forms for you to photocopy (20 cents/page) once the forms are published (usually by mid-February) – anything else can be found on the State of Iowa tax site.

For more information on where to get tax help, where to send in completed tax forms, and how to track when your refund will come to you, visit wdmlibrary.org/tax.



Calling All Creatives!

The library offers access to [Craftsy](#), an online resource for all creative makers, where you can find everything you need – from basic instruction to advanced techniques. There are over 1,400 courses taught by experts in drawing, knitting, photography, quilting and more available 24/7!


[Use Craftsy now!](#)



Tuesday, March 8 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM



Do you ever look around your house and wonder what life would be like without some of the things we take for granted? Did you know that many of those things, like the electric refrigerator and flat-bottom paper bags were invented by women? Join us for an entertaining and informative presentation about women inventors.

March Adult Events at the WDM Library





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.

Dungeons & Dragons for Adults
Tuesday, March 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.

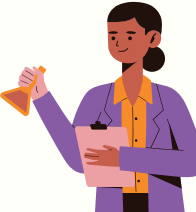

Create a Great Resume
Wednesday, March 2 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
 Are you applying for jobs but not getting the results you want? Maybe you'd like to get some ideas about how to make your resume stand out to potential employers? Learn how to get the interviews you want by preparing a resume that appropriately sells you to prospective employers. Presented by IowaWORKS.

Tech Help with Teens
Saturday, March 5 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM
 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, March 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.

Mothers of Invention
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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.

Job Training with Library Resources
Wednesday, March 9 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
 Did you know you can get free job training, take practice tests and even connect with live writing help through library databases? Join us for an overview of Brainfuse and LearningExpress, powerful resources that can improve your writing and give you an edge in your job search.


YA Not Club Read
Thursday, March 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 What I Carry by Jennifer Longo. It is available on Hoopla in eBook and eAudio.

Club Read: Hybrid Edition!
Monday, March 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 The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams. This title is also available in eBook and eAudio in Bridges Overdrive.



How to Interview and Negotiate
Wednesday, March 16 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
 Make your interview memorable by avoiding interview pitfalls and answering the tough questions correctly. Join an expert from IowaWORKS and learn how to make the most of your interview opportunity. IowaWORKS is a partnership from Iowa Workforce Development, a state agency committed to providing employment services for individual job seekers.

Adult Craft Night
Thursday, March 17 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM
 Come join us to create a fun takeaway craft for the adult crowd!





Creative Space Saturday
Saturday, March 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.

Tombstones & Tales: Woodland & Jordan Cemeteries
Sunday, March 20 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM
 Local historian Kate Levasseur has researched the lives of some of the famous and not-so-famous residents of two of Central Iowa's historic cemeteries. Kate will tell the stories of Civil War soldiers, groundbreaking female activists and those who were part of the fight for freedom as part of the Underground Railroad.

Job Searching: Tips on What NOT to Do
Wednesday, March 23 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
 Are you not getting the results you want from your job search? Join us for a presentation on some tips on how to make your resume and cover letter stand out in a positive way, as well as some tips on what NOT to do when applying for a job.

Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!
Monday, March 28 - 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.



Children & Teen March Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

ALL youth programs now require registration.

Group Service Project (Teens)

Wednesday, March 2 & March 23 - 3:00 - 5:00 PM
(Grades 9-12)

Are you looking for a few Silver Cord, Community Service, or other volunteer hours? The Library is looking for volunteers to help with a monthly group service project. We will be performing a variety of tasks. No experience or training necessary!



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, March 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.



Lapsit Storytime

Monday Mornings (3/7, 3/14, 3/21)

(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: 3/9, 3/10, 3/11, 3/16, 3/17, 3/18, 3/23, 3/24, 3/25

(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!



Family Night at the Library: Make a Tote Bag!

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

(All ages)

What does everybody need to bring when they visit the library? A tote bag to carry your books home! This month, we will be customizing a reusable tote that you get to keep. For all ages. Please register each person attending (children and adults).



After School Adventures: Spring Break Edition! Game Day!

Wednesday, March 16 - 1:30 - 2:30 PM

(Ages 5-12)

This month, we're doing After School Adventures in the afternoon when there ISN'T school! We'll pull out board and video games to entertain everyone for an afternoon during spring break. Challenge a friend to a familiar game or learn a new one.



Toddler Storytime

Tuesday Mornings (3/8, 3/15, 3/22)

(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.



Mario Madness Tournament (Teens)

Wednesday, March 23 - 3:00 - 6:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Mario Kart is back! This time, we challenge you to play against one another in a bracket-style tournament. If you want to enter, head to the teen desk to get your name put into the bracket the day of the event. Of course, there will be snacks for all participants and prizes for our top 3 winners.



Kids Club Read: Sasha and Puck and the Potion of Luck

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

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book Sasha and Puck and the Potion of Luck by Daniel Nayeri! If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy!



Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: The Cardboard Kingdom

Thursday, March 24 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell. Register anytime by calling 222-3405 or stop in to the Children's Desk.



Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesday Mornings (3/9, 3/16, 3/23)

(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!

