

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm



Summer Escape @ the WDM Library!

May 23 - July 30, 2022

Our annual Summer Reading Club is back and bigger than ever this year! Everyone who registers (yes, adults, too!) will get an exclusive WDM Library Summer Reading tote bag or reading journal, a fine forgiveness coupon AND a coupon for a free item from our year-long Book Sale. You'll track your reading through the handy Beanstack app. Readers of any age who log more than 30 reading days will be entered to win exciting raffle prizes at the end of the summer! For information on registering groups (such as classes or daycares) please send a message to youthservices@wdm.iowa.gov



Sign up online today!

<https://wdmlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>

Or download the Beanstack app



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Remembering Karen Lane

Dedicated and beloved WDM Library staff member since 1988.

July 31, 1951 - April 11, 2022

New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



Summer Hours Start May 31!

Mon - Thu....9AM - 9 PM
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 Sun.....CLOSED



How do I...



Q: Get recommendations on what to read next?

A: When you use our "Find Your Next Read" tool a friendly West Des Moines librarian will work with you to find your next best read! You'll tell us about the books you love (and hate!), which genres you tend to gravitate towards, and what format you'd like the book in and we'll get back to you soon with a list of suggestions along with instructions on how to access these titles digitally or pick them up from the library based on your preference.

[Use Find My Next Read Now](#)

Additionally, you can do your own comprehensive searching using the tool **Novelist Plus**. Novelist Plus is reader's advisory tool for finding a great book to read! You can search by title, author, genre (mystery, sci-fi, romance) or series. Includes both Fiction and Non-Fiction (you can limit your search to either or both).

[Access Novelist Plus](#)

Respond to our Planning Survey by May 8

We're asking for five minutes of your time to complete this survey and help guide the future of our public library.

None of questions require a response but it would help the library if you would answer each question. Your responses to this survey are confidential.

[Take Survey](#)

New Policy Changes Take Effect April 20

The Board of Trustees has approved changes to the Library's Policy Manual. Some highlighted changes include:

- Raising the age for minors who may be at the library unaccompanied from 8 to 10 years old.
- Covered drinks and pre-packaged snacks allowed in study rooms - all other food must be eaten in the Library Living Room or in the Teen Center.
- Maximum fines before borrowing and computer privileges are suspended is increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

[View Updated Policy Manual](#)

In order to maintain a **safe** working environment for all library users, **minors** who wish to access the library must either:

- Be accompanied and supervised by an **adult**

OR

- Present their **school ID** and **sign in** with library staff upon entering the building

This will be in effect until June 2

May 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.



LGBTQ 101

Wednesday, May 11 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Come and learn about the definitions of basic LGBTQ identities, pronouns and how to use them, health disparities within the LGBTQ community, and much more with Onelowa!

Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Tuesday, May 3 & May 17 - 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.



Voter Registration Drive

Thursday, May 12 - 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Come see the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Des Moines from 1pm-6pm in the library lobby to get registered to vote!



Library Opens Late

Thursday, May 5 - Open 1:00 - 9:00 PM

The Library will open late, at 1:00 PM on Thursday, May 5th so that staff may attend strategic planning meetings.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, May 12 - 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 Labyrinth Lost by Zoraida Cordova.

Tech Help with Teens

1st Saturday of the Month - 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.



Scott Eggleston: Storytelling and Blues

Saturday, May 14 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Please join us for a fantastic program of storytelling and music from Scott Eggleston. A Des Moines resident and Roosevelt graduate, Scott has made significant contributions in performing, supporting and promoting blues music in Iowa for over 30 years



Library Closed

Sunday, May 8 - ALL DAY

The Library is closed on Sunday, May 8 for Mother's Day. We will reopen at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 9.



Lost Summers: Riverview Park

Sunday, May 15 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

If you grew up in Central Iowa in the 1950s-1970s, you probably have memories of Riverview Park. Speaker Bill Kooker was the 3rd generation of his family to manage Riverview Amusement Park.

Voter Literacy

Monday, May 9 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Election season is right around the corner - are you ready to make your voice heard? Join us for a presentation covering how to register to vote, why participating in elections is important, and how to use absentee ballots.



Adult Craft Night: Watercolor Moon

Thursday, May 19 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come join us to create a fun craft for the adult crowd! We will guide attendees through the craft and provide the materials. This month's craft is a loose watercolor crescent moon.



Club Read & Club Read Social: Hybrid Edition

Monday, May 9 & May 23 - 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 Plot by Jean Hanff Korelitz. Join us for Book Club social on May 23 to discuss what we've been reading and watching.

Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

Tuesday, May 10 - 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.



Author Event: Sara Ennis (Rescheduled)

Tuesday, May 24 - 6:45 - 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.



Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom

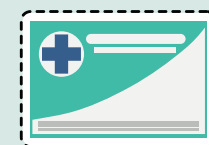
Tuesday, May 10 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

We are very happy to host a first-person presentation of President Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln, portrayed by Kevin Wood, will be joining us in period dress and speaking about Mr. Lincoln's life.

Welcome to Medicare

Wednesday, May 25 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Please join us for a free Welcome to Medicare seminar alongside the State of Iowa's Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP).



Library Closed

Sunday, May 29 & Monday, May 30 - ALL DAY

Library Closed Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend. We reopen at 9 AM on Tuesday, May 31.

English Conversation Practice

Every 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday - 10:00 AM

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.



Register: wdmlibrary.org/events

Children & Teen May Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

ALL youth programs now require registration.



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Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: This Was Our Pact

Thursday, May 12 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM
(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews. Register anytime by calling 222-3405 or stop in to the Children's Desk.

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First Day of Summer Escape @ the Library!

Monday, May 23

(All ages)

Registration begins May 23 for our 2022 Summer Escape at the library! This year we are expanding our traditional reading program to include a series of fun "escapes" for all ages. Sign up today online or via the Beanstack app (for iOS or Android).



Kids Club Read: Ways to Make Sunshine

Tuesday, May 10 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson! If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy!



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Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, May 11 - 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.



SUMMER ESCAPE

Summer Reading Club 5/23-7/30 at the Public Library