

# WDM LIBRARY

*West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter*



### SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday CLOSED

## Raising Our Unattended Minor Age from Eight to 10 Years Old

At the April 19 meeting of the West Des Moines Public Library Board of Trustees, the Board voted to raise the age at which children may be alone at the library from eight years of age to 10 years of age. The Board also decided that those acting as caregivers for younger patrons must be 14 years or older.

Library staff will only intervene with unattended children if problems of safety, disruptive behavior, or well-being arise.

"The safety and well-being of patrons is a top priority for the West Des Moines Public Library Board of Trustees, Administration and staff," says Darryl Eschete, library director. "These changes were made to ensure safe and pleasant library visits for everyone."

[View the entirety of our updated Policy Manual here.](#)



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### Summer Hours are Back

Mon - Thu....9AM - 9 PM

Fri .....9AM - 6PM

Sat.....10AM - 4PM

Sun.....CLOSED



### Library Closed for Staff Training



Thursday, June 23 & Friday, June 24

## Summer Escape Continues

Our Summer Reading Club is in full swing until July 30! You can still sign up to participate and receive your registration prizes by visiting [www.wdmlibrary.org/summer/](http://www.wdmlibrary.org/summer/)!

You can pick up your prizes at our special summer reading table under the stairs, at the Children's desk and upstairs at the Adult Services desk.



## Explore your city for FREE with Adventure Pass

WDM and Cumming residents with a WDM library card in good standing may check out passes to five local attractions: The Blank Park Zoo, DSM Children's Museum, Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens, Reiman Gardens, and the Science Center of Iowa.

Start your adventure by reserving your passes today!



## New Titles Added

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



### How do I...



### Q: Support the library through planned giving?

A: A planned gift to a charitable organization like The WDM Public Library allows you to make a positive difference in our community while also making a wise financial decision. With some strategy and planning, you may be able to:

- Reduce income, gift and estate taxes
- Secure a source of cash flow for the rest of your life
- Reduce or eliminate capital gains taxes

If you want to be a supporter of the Library for years to come, planned giving may be a way to achieve that. When you honor your community by putting The Library in your will or estate plan, there are benefits to you and your family beyond just giving to a good cause.

Explore ways to give here.



Imagine a pop-up library truck, like an ice cream truck but loaded with books and librarians instead! A pop-up bookmobile will allow the Youth Services Team to easily transport staff, library items and event materials. This vehicle which is specifically designed for outreach events has visual appeal and includes unique features such as a built-in PA system and digital screens for offsite gaming, digital storytelling, video demonstrations, and program announcements.

Make a donation today to help us reach our goal of \$75,000.

# June 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.



### Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

**Tuesday, June 14 - 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.

### 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 .



### Adult Craft Night

**Thursday June 16 - 6:00 - 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.



### Gardening with Native Plants

**Monday June 6 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Please join Kelly from the Iowa Prairie Network on June 6th to learn more about gardening with native plants. This program will highlight how adding hardy, low maintenance native plants in our yards can add curb appeal and attract pollinators like bees, birds, and butterflies, all while benefiting the environment.



### Play and Sing Along w/ Heath Alan

**Saturday, June 18 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM**

We are happy to welcome musician Heath Alan for an all-ages, family friendly musical Blues performance! Heath Alan (Pattschull) is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from Des Moines, Iowa.

### Learn How to Fight Fraud!

**Tuesday, June 7 - 10:30 - 11:30 AM & 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Do you sometimes wonder if an email request is legitimate? Does an insurance offer seem too good to be true? And how do you figure out what's for real and what's a scam? The Fraud Fighters are here to help!



### WDM Library Board of Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday, June 21 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

If you are interested in attending the meeting but would prefer to attend virtually, Library staff can arrange for virtual access to the meeting. Please email [susan.greenwood@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:susan.greenwood@wdm.iowa.gov) or call 515-222-3408, at least 48 hours in advance.



### Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

**Tuesday June 7 & June 21 - 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.



### Library Closed for Staff Training

**Thursday June 23 & Friday June 24 - ALL DAY**

The Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, June 23 and 24, 2022 for special staff training with community groups. We will reopen as usual at 10am on Saturday, June 25th.

### Prairie Walk

**Saturday June 11 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

Did you know there is a diverse environment right in our own neighborhood? Join Kelly from the Iowa Prairie network for a prairie walk through the short paved loop in Southwoods Park here in West Des Moines.



### Tom Buckmiller presents The History of The Blues

**Saturday, June 25 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM**

Do you think all Blues music sounds the same? Think again! Local Blues artist and Drake University professor Tom Buckmiller will be presenting a History of the Blues program at the Library.



### Club Read: Hybrid Edition

**Monday, June 13 - 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 Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis. Join us for Book Club social on June 27 to discuss what we've been reading and watching.



### Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

**Monday, June 27 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 June Events at the WDM Library



### Friday Flicks: Encanto

**Friday June 3 - 1:30 - 3:15 PM**

*(All Ages)*

All movies are shown at 1:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room. No registration is needed, though space is limited. Today's movie will be Encanto (Rated PG, 1h 39min).



### Volunteer Opportunity: Window Cleanup

**Wednesday June 15 - 12:00 - 2:00 PM**

*(Grades 6-12)*

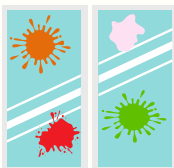
Did you help paint our windows last week? Come and help with the cleanup this week and earn silver cord hours! Meet at the teen center desk at 12 PM. For teens only. Registration required.

### Window Painting

**Tuesday June 7 - 12:00 - 2:00 PM**

*(All Ages)*

Come and help us create beautiful, temporary "stained glass" on the library windows around the Youth Services Department. This is a painting event, so please wear clothing that can get messy.



### Family Storytime

**Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays**

**Dates: 6/15, 6/17, 6/18, 6/22, 6/29, 6/30, 7/1**

*(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!



### Storytime with DART

**Wednesday June 8 - 10:30 - 11:30 AM**

*(All Ages)*

Join the West Des Moines Library and DART in an interactive Storytime on June 8. Kids will hear the story "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus". Following Storytime everyone will be invited to take a ride on the bus with the pigeon.



### Friday Flicks: Space Jam

**Friday June 18 - 1:30 - 3:15 PM**

*(All Ages)*

All movies are shown at 1:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room. No registration is needed, though space is limited. Today's movie will be Space Jam (PG, 1h 28min).

### Beachball Yoga for Kids!

**Thursday June 9 - 10:00 - 10:30 OR 10:45 - 11:15 AM**

*(Ages 5-12)*

Kids will have fun getting fit and flexible with yoga through poses, games, mindfulness and more. Led by Sara Weis, author of the Go Go Yoga Kids book series. Registration required. Each participant should bring a towel or yoga mat for this event.



### Magician Mikayla Oz

**Monday June 20 - 1:00 - 1:45 PM**

*(Ages 3-12)*

Mikayla's show is highly interactive and features Bubbles the Bird, a professional magic bird that appears, vanishes, and even gives high fives!



### Friday Flicks: Shazam!

**Friday June 10 - 1:30 - 3:15 PM**

*(Ages 13+)*

All movies are shown at 1:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room. No registration is needed, though space is limited. Today's movie will be Shazam! (PG-13, 2h 12min).



### Kids Club Read: Mash Up!

**Tuesday June 21 - 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

*(Ages 7-12)*

Join us this summer as our two book clubs join forces! Instead of us telling you which book to read, we decide on a theme, and you get to read ANY book that fits.

### Summer Escape Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday June 11 - ALL DAY**

*(All Ages)*

Join us on a GooseChase across our city! We'll be issuing challenges all day via the GooseChase app to take you on an adventure across West Des Moines. There will be plenty of challenges to do at home as well.



### Teen Center Pride Celebration

**Wednesday June 22 - 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

*(Grades 6-12)*

Celebrate pride at the teen center. Bracelet supplies, button-making, rainbow craft, and cupcakes! Teens only. No registration required.

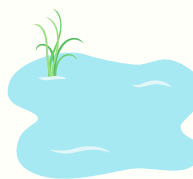


### Toddler Storytime

**Tuesday Mornings (6/14, 6/21, 6/28)**

*(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.



### Life Around the Pond

**Monday, June 27 - 1:30 - 2:15 OR 2:30 - 3:15 PM**

*(Ages 5-12)*

Join Melanie Perry, West Des Moines naturalist as we discover all the mysteries of the library pond. Please be sure to wear sunscreen and be ready to go outside! Registration required.

### Babies on the Move: Treasure Basket Playtime

**Wednesday June 15 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

*(Ages 1 mo. - 18 mos)*

Join us for a special outdoor playtime using treasure baskets. Treasure baskets are containers with everyday household and nature items for babies to explore. Great for sensory exploration, fine motor development and open-ended play.



### Babies on the Move: Water Fun!

**Wednesday June 29 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

*(Ages 1 mo. - 18 mos)*

Join us for a special outdoor playtime with water. Great for sensory exploration, fine motor development and open-ended play. Each baby/adult group will be provided materials to use. Please bring a blanket or towel.

