

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



Stilwell Refugee Voices Project Goes into WDM Library Collection

This school year, the 2021-2022 class of 7th Graders at Stilwell Jr. High School completed an extensive project-based learning course that resulted in the creation of 26 children's books highlighting the stories of local refugees.

The students worked to interview each of the refugees, work on a storyboard, write, and then illustrate the children's books based off of their lives. Each book can be found in the West Des Moines Public Library's [Meet Your Neighbors Story Boxes](#).

We spoke with the teachers and students about the importance of this project in our latest podcast episode.

[Listen to the podcast episode here.](#)



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The Library will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, July 5.



Join us for our Summer Reading Finale on July 30!

Come and celebrate the end of our 2022 Summer Reading Challenge from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on July 30! This year's finale will feature a variety of water-based games and activities, from a foam machine to a giant inflatable slip-n-slide to a dunk tank and more! Come ready to get wet and have a blast. For all ages, no registration required. We'll meet in the library's backyard.



How do I...



Q: Check out a set of books for my Book Club?

A: We have sets of titles, mostly fiction, previously read in one of our four book clubs (Adult Club Read, YA Not Club Read, Kids Club Read and Kids Graphic Novel Club Read). Requests must be placed at least 24 hours before your desired pick-up time. We process book club requests Mon-Fri – if you would like to pick up on a weekend, please ensure that your request is placed prior to Friday. Each set of books is due back 8 weeks from the time they are shipped from or leave our library.

To see a list of our available book club kits and reserve your kit for pick up, [visit our website here.](#)

Two New Libby Additions Available Starting July 1



For over six decades, collectors have been turning to antiques expert Kovels for identification guides, histories and prices. Now, you can access Kovels from home. You'll gain access to Kovels.com articles, identification guides, histories, prices, marks, how-to guides on buying and selling antiques, and much more!

[Explore Kovels](#)



With Stingray Classica, you can watch prestigious productions filmed at the grandest venues throughout the world — all from the comfort of your home. Stingray Classica delivers premium programming ideal for both classical music experts and those new to the genre.

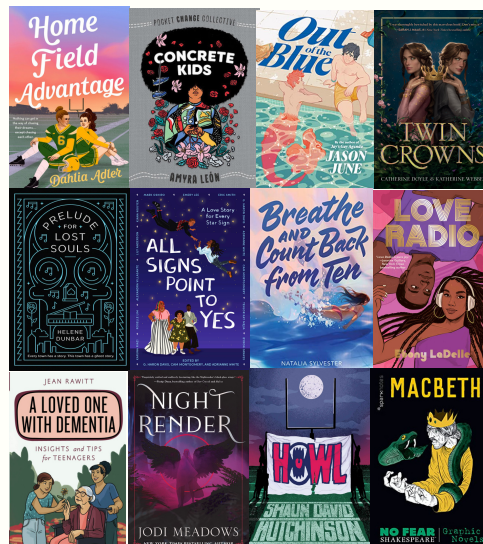
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New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's



Young Adult

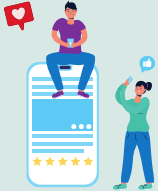


Adult



July Adult Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)



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 .



Get Recc'd: How to find your next great book at the Library

Monday, July 18 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Are you wondering what to read next? Join us for "Get Recc'd," a fun and interactive presentation about some of the tools that the Library offers to help you find your next great book.

Library Closed for Independence Day

Monday, July 4 - ALL DAY

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WDM Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 19 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM

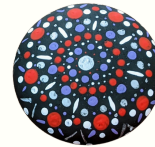
If you are interested in attending the meeting but would prefer to attend virtually, Library staff can arrange for virtual access to the meeting. Please email susan.greenwood@wdm.iowa.gov or call 515-222-3408, at least 48 hours in advance.



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.



Adult Craft Night: Painted Mandala Stones

Thursday July 21 - 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 creating painted mandala stones.

Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Tuesday July 5 & July 19 - 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.



Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, July 25 - 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.



Club Read: Hybrid Edition

Monday, July 11 - 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 Guncle by Steven Rowley. Join us for Book Club social on July 25 to discuss what we've been reading and watching.



Great Books Showcase

Thursday, July 28 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

During this fun program we'll be highlighting books across several genres, cake-walk style! Learn about books while enjoying some lemonade and cookies at our Great Books Showcase.

Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

Tuesday, July 12 - 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.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, July 14 - 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. This month is a Bring Your Own Book event where you'll share what you've read this summer and play a game!



Children & Teen July Events at the WDM Library



Friday Flicks: Sing 2
Friday, July 1 - 1:30 - 3:30 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 Sing 2 (Rated PG, 1h 50min).



Family Storytime
Wednesdays and Thursdays
Dates: 7/13, 7/14, 7/20, 7/21, 7/27, 7/28
(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!

Summer Survivor

Tuesday, June 5 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM OR 1:30 - 2:30 PM
(Ages 7-12)

Join us outside for some amazing summer challenges. We'll see if you and your team have what it takes to survive. Registration required.



Friday Flicks: Raya and the Last Dragon
Friday, July 15 - 1:30 - 3:30 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 Raya and the Last Dragon (PG, 1h 54min).



Learn to Hoop with Sparkle Hoop Dance
Wednesday, July 6 - 1:30 - 2:30 OR 3:00 - 4:00 PM
(Ages 7-12)

Join us for a fun afternoon of learning to hula hoop with Mary Boyvey of Sparkle Hoop Dance! Each participant will receive a hoop to take home, courtesy of the Friends of the Library Foundation. Registration required.



Kids Club Read: Mash Up!
Tuesday, July 19 - 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.



Friday Flicks: Ghostbusters: Afterlife
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 Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG-13, 2h 4min).



Friday Flicks: Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings
Friday, July 22 - 1:30 - 3:45 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 Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings (PG-13, 2h 12min).



ISU Insect Zoo
Monday, July 11 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM
(All Ages)

Bring Those Bugs Inside with the Iowa State University Insect Zoo! Get up close and personal with 100 species of our multi-legged friends, beetles, millipedes, walking sticks, roaches, scorpions, tarantulas and more!



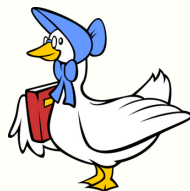
Babies on the Move: Water Fun!
Wednesday, July 27 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM
(Ages 1 mo. - 18 mos)

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.



Toddler Storytime
Tuesday Mornings (7/12, 7/19, 7/26)
(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.



Teen Pottery Event
Wednesday, July 27 - 2:00 - 3:00 PM
(Grades 6-12)

Join your WDMPL librarians and Dina from Five Monkeys Inc. in Valley Junction for pottery painting in the teen center. Registration required. Teens only.



Babies on the Move: Treasure Basket Playtime
Wednesday, July 13 - 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.



Friday Flicks: Spider-Man: No Way Home
Friday, July 29 - 1:30 - 4:00 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 Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13, 2h 28min).

Super Smash Bros Ultimate (Teens)
Wednesday, June 13 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM
(Grades 6-12)

You asked, we listened! Join us for Super Smash Bros free-play on the Nintendo Switch. Teens only. No registration required.



Summer Finale: Water Party!
Saturday, July 30 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
(All Ages)

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