

# WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



### REGULAR HOURS

Labor Day - Memorial Day

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 9pm

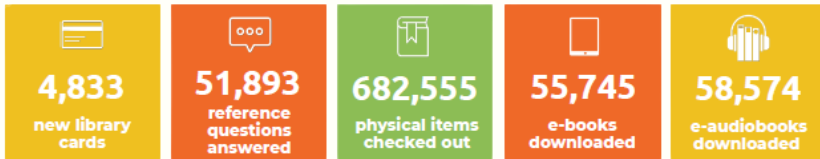
Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

## FY2022 In Review

We rounded out the end of our Fiscal Year in June 2022. Looking back on the year, we wanted to share some of the highlights, including all of the fabulous things we were able to accomplish with the help of our dedicated patrons.



Not only did our digital and physical circulation numbers go up this year, we were also proud of serving over **1,300** patrons through our Homebound and Elder Care Outreach programs, having **1,750** volunteer hours served in the library, and having **21,931** event attendees!

If you'd like to read the full FY2022 Annual Report, you can do that by clicking the link below.

[Read the FY2022 Annual Report](#)



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# New Titles Added to the Collection

## Children's



## Young Adult



## Adult



## Iowa Files Series Returns

For the past few years, the library has been proud to present the Iowa Files History Program with the West Des Moines Historical Society. We're excited to have them back again for a series running monthly from September 2022 - May 2023. 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.

All Iowa Files programs will be live streamed on the West Des Moines Historical Society's [YouTube channel](#) and all videos will be closed captioned.



**NEXT UP: The Only Free Road**  
 Sunday, September 18 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Local authors Patricia & Kevin Kimle's book The Only Free Road: an Underground Railroad Saga Unveiled (available for checkout), introduces readers to prominent historical figures such as John Brown, James Jordan, James Grimes and J.B. Grinnell in this historical fiction account of the Underground Railroad and John Brown's last trip through Iowa in 1859. The Kimles present a one act play as part of their program. The Only Free Road will be available for purchase that day.

[View all upcoming Iowa Files events](#)

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** at the **Teen Desk** upon entering the building

**This will take effect on Wednesday, August 24**



**Sunday, September 11 - Saturday, September 17**

**WDM Library patrons can ride any DART line for free when they show their library cards!**

## How do I...

### Q: Apply for Homebound Delivery Service from the Library?

A: Love to read? Having trouble getting to the library for health reasons? The West Des Moines Public Library has a service that can help!

In 2021, library staff and volunteers made over 930 homebound deliveries to people in their individual homes. This program allow WDM residents who have difficulty coming into the library access to library materials - no matter what their living situation.

A WDM library card is required. All materials checkout for one month.

If you or someone you know is interested in this service, please call Library at 515-222-3404 or email [library@wdm.iowa.gov](mailto:library@wdm.iowa.gov). You can also fill out our [request form here](#).



# September Adult Events at the WDM Library

## Tech Help with Teens

**Saturday, September 3 - 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 & Day: Folded Book Bursts

**Thursday, September 15 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM OR**

**Friday, September 16 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM**

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 we'll be making folded book bursts! We'll be offering this craft in the evening and morning! Registration required.



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## Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

**Tuesday September 6 & 20 - 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. Registration required.



## The Captivating World of Tarot

**Monday, September 19 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Local tarot reader Angel Vaughan from Ancient Ways will introduce attendees to the world of tarot and explain the history, symbolism and structure of the tarot. You'll discover how tarot can help you tap into your own intuition and self-awareness, and provide direction and personal growth. No registration.



## 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.



## Keys to a Healthy Budget

**Tuesday, September 20 - 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

Mikal Settle from the Evelyn K. Davis Center will present a program about how you can have a healthy budget. You'll learn how to differentiate different types of income, and how to monitor and manage expenses like housing, utilities and more. No registration.

## YA Not Club Read

**Thursday, September 8 - 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 we'll be reading *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo. This is also available on Libby. Registration required.



## Understanding Your Credit

**Thursday, September 22 - 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

Confused by your credit score? Wondering how you can get your number to go up? This session will explain the different types of credit, as well as how to understand a credit score and build positive credit habits. No registration.



## Club Read: Hybrid Edition & Book Club Social

**Monday, September 12 & 26 - 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 *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Registration required. Join them on Monday, September 26 to discuss what you've been reading and watching this month at Book Club Social.



## What's In Our Night Sky?

**Monday, September 26 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

The Des Moines Astronomical Society (DMAS) will present an evening of adventure with the night sky. A classroom program will begin at 7:00p.m. to reveal what's in our night sky and how we can see it. Following that we will move outdoors to look through telescopes. No registration.

## Learn About the Evelyn K. Davis Center and Financial Empowerment

**Tuesday, September 13 - 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

Come to this program to learn about the goals and services of the Evelyn K. Davis Center, services that they provide, and hear how they have helped many clients in the Des Moines area. No registration.



## Understanding Banking

**Tuesday, September 27 - 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

If you're not completely comfortable with setting up a bank account, or unsure if your bank is right for you, this program is for you. We'll cover how to understand and overcome barriers to starting a bank account, what to do before banking, and how to find a bank you can trust. No registration.



## Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

**Tuesday, September 13 - 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. No registration required.



## Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

**Thursday, September 29 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement. No registration required.

# Children & Teen September Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

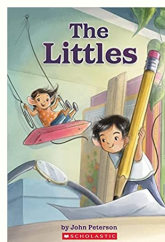


### The ABC's Storytime with Miss Iowa

**Friday, September 2 - 10:30 - 11:00 AM**

(Ages 2-6)

Join Bailey Hodson, Miss Iowa 2022, for a fun family storytime! Bailey will be reading her two published books about anti-bullying and what it means to be accepting, kind, and caring. Registration required.



### Kids Club Read: The Littles

**Tuesday, September 13 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM**

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book The Littles by John Peterson! 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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### Baby Doll Storytime

**Wednesdays (9/14, 9/21, 9/28) - 9:30 - 10:00 AM OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM**

(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! Registration required.



### Introduction to Coding and Building with Legos

**Wednesday, September 7 - 5:30 - 6:15 PM**

(Ages 9 - 13)

In this hands-on session led by students and coaches of C3 Robotics team, students will learn about robotics, programming concepts, and terminology focused on introduction to coding and LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robotics for students participating in FIRST® LEGO® League. Registration required.



### After School Adventures: Lego Club!

**Wednesday, September 14 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM**

(Ages 5-12)

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

### Lapsit Storytime

**Mondays (9/12, 9/19, 9/26) - 9:30 - 10:00 AM OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM**

(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! Registration is required.



### Family Storytime

**Wednesdays (6:30 - 7:30 PM) Thursdays (10:30 - 11:30 AM) and Fridays (10:30 - 11:30 AM)**

**Dates: 9/14, 9/15, 9/16, 9/21, 9/22, 9/23**

(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! Registration Required.

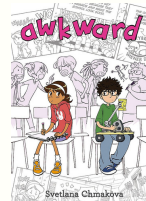


### Family Night at the Library

**Monday, September 12 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

(All Ages)

Join Nate for a fun family activity! We'll be doing something different each month. For all ages. Please register each person attending (children and adults).



### Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: Awkward

**Thursday, September 22 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM**

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova. Register anytime by calling 222-3405 or stop in to the Children's Desk.

### Toddler Storytime

**Tuesdays (9/13, 9/20, 9/27) 9:30 - 10:00 AM OR 10:30 - 11:00 AM**

(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. Registration is required.

