

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

WDM Public Library Begins New Five-Year Strategic Plan

This year, the WDM Public Library embarked on a new strategic planning cycle to best position the library for community engagement and innovation from 2022 – 2027. With the help of local strategic planning firm, Bâton Global, we were able to develop a robust and thoughtful roadmap for the next five years that we are proud to share with our community.

Our strategic plan focuses on six areas of importance: Collections, Programming, Outreach, Spaces, Culture, and Stewardship. Bâton Global and the library worked through extensive surveys of the community, key stakeholder interviews, data from peer public libraries, and critical feedback from library staff to develop this plan. We extend a warm thank you to everyone who participated in the research process to ensure we were setting goals that meet the needs of West Des Moines residents.

Please take a moment to explore our 2022 – 2027 Strategic Plan by visiting wdmlibrary.org/strategy.

<p>COLLECTIONS</p> <p>The Library provides the materials and resources the community wants and needs.</p> <p></p> <p>Provide the books, information, and materials that reflects community wants & supports lifelong learning.</p> <p>KEY METRIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Circulation per Capita 	<p>PROGRAMMING</p> <p>The Library is a place of connection and learning.</p> <p></p> <p>Provide varied programming that engages thought, fosters understanding and/or entertains for all ages.</p> <p>KEY METRIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total Programming Attendance 	<p>OUTREACH</p> <p>The Library meets residents out in their world and connects them with service and offerings.</p> <p></p> <p>Provide library services to those with mobility or transportation limitations.</p> <p>Have a library presence at community events year-round.</p> <p>KEY METRIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # OffSite, Community Contacts 	<p>SPACES</p> <p>The Library offers an environment where patrons are comfortable pursuing their interests.</p> <p></p> <p>Provide library services to as much of the community as possible.</p> <p>KEY METRIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library Visits 	<p>CULTURE</p> <p>The Library brings out the best in everyone.</p> <p></p> <p>Staff are empowered and allowed to improve the Library and its offerings.</p> <p>Staff participate in professional enrichment.</p> <p>KEY METRIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of Staff-Driven Initiatives 	<p>STEWARDSHIP</p> <p>The Library makes the best possible use of public resources.</p> <p></p> <p>Community satisfaction with the Library.</p> <p>Be good stewards of taxpayer resources.</p> <p>KEY METRIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditures per Capita
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How do I...

Q: Get my exam proctored at the library?



A: Under defined circumstances (see below), Library staff may proctor exams. There are some important things to know before we proctor an exam for you or your student:

- The student or instructor is required to make arrangements for the exam by filling out [this form](#). Library staff will then contact you via email to finalize scheduling.
- Proctoring is conducted by the librarian staffing the Reference Desk at the time of the exam.
- Library staff proctor exams from the Reference Desk; the librarian observes the student while performing other tasks and assisting other patrons. If your institution requires that the student receives constant, uninterrupted observation, the West Des Moines Public Library cannot proctor your exam.
- Exams must be completed by a half-hour before the Library closes. We do not proctor on Sundays.
- If your school/institution requires that we return your exam via postal mail, we ask students to reimburse the library for that postage and materials. You will be notified of this prior to your exam.
- Any questions not addressed in the [Exam Proctoring Guidelines](#) can be addressed by calling 515-222-3403 or emailing exams@wdm.iowa.gov.

[Fill out our Exam Proctoring form to get your proctored exam scheduled.](#)

Iowa Arboretum & Gardens Added to Adventure Pass

We are happy to have added a sixth location to our Adventure Pass offerings: Iowa Arboretum and Gardens. West Des Moines and Cumming residents with library card in good standing may check out passes to six local attractions including: The Blank Park Zoo, DSM Children's Museum, Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens, Iowa Arboretum and Gardens, Reiman Gardens, and the Science Center of Iowa.

[Reserve your Adventure Pass now.](#)



Upcoming WDM Library Friends Foundation Author Events (Register to Attend via Zoom)

Author Event: John Mahoney

Tuesday, November 22 | 6:45 - 8:00 PM



Author Event: Kali White VanBaale

Tuesday, February 28 | 6:45 - 8:00 PM



Author Event: Denise Williams

Tuesday, March 28 | 6:45 - 8:00 PM



October Adult Events at the WDM Library

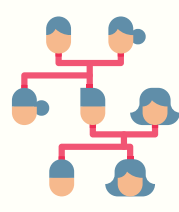
[Find our full event calendar](#)



Effective Communication for Caregivers

Monday, October 3 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

This program for caregivers explains the communication changes that take place throughout the course of Alzheimer's disease, how to decode and respond to the verbal and behavioral messages, and strategies to connect and communicate at each stage of the disease. No registration required.



Genealogy Basics with Kevin Spire

Tuesday, October 11 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

This presentation will provide an overview and guidance in researching your genealogy project. We'll look at the essential research records, common problems and review paper versus computer organization. No registration.

Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Tuesday October 4 & 18 - 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.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, October 13 - 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 This Will Be Funny Someday by Katie Henry. This is also available on Libby. Registration required.



Fire Safety with WDM Fire Department

Wednesday, October 5 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

West Des Moines Fire Department will present a program with tips on fire safety for your home. Tips on smoke alarms, cooking, heating, etc. You can also honor your inner child by exploring a fire truck! No registration required.



Fore! The History of Waveland Golf Course

Sunday, October 16 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Waveland Golf Course in Des Moines celebrated 100 years in 2001, and is the oldest municipal golf course west of the Mississippi. Learn more about the design and history from Joe Wandro. No registration required.

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

Thursday, October 20 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

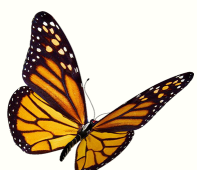
Come join us to create a fun craft for the adult crowd! We will guide attendees through the craft and provide the materials. Registration required.



How to "Read" a Cemetery

Thursday, October 6 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Please join us for an entertaining and informative presentation exploring common cemetery iconography. You'll learn about how even though there are multiple points of views and facets to these images, the symbolism is represented across many cemeteries. No registration.



All About Monarch Butterflies

Saturday, October 22 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Did you know that the migratory Monarch Butterfly was recently added to the endangered species list? Come learn the importance of this beloved butterfly to our ecosystem and the many ways you can help protect and restore the monarch population right in your own backyard! No registration.

Club Read: Hybrid Edition

Monday, October 10 - 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 This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub. Registration required.



Learn How to Fight Fraud!

**Monday, October 24 - 10:30 - 11:30 AM
OR 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

The Fraud Fighters from United Way are trained by the Iowa Insurance Division and in this presentation, they'll talk about a variety of common scams and how you can arm yourself with the tips and tools to prevent fraud from happening to you. No registration.



Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

Tuesday, October 11 - 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.



Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, October 24 - 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. Registration required.

Children & Teen October Events at the WDM Library

Group Service Project (Teens)

Wednesday, October 5 & 26 - 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. No experience or training necessary! Registration required.



After School Adventures: SLIME!

Wednesday, October 12 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM
(Ages 5-12)

Join us in the Community Room after school to embark on an adventure! This month, we'll get gross and make slime to creep out your friends and family! For ages 5-12, registration required.



Lapsit Storytime

Mondays (10/10, 10/17) - 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. 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: 10/12, 10/13, 10/14, 10/19, 10/20, 10/21

(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: Halloween Balloon Workshop

Monday, October 10 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All Ages)

This month we'll be hosting Christine Carroll of Pink Stew Entertainment as she leads us in a Halloween themed balloon art workshop! For all ages. Please register each person attending (children and adults).



Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: Salt Magic

Thursday, October 20 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Salt Magic by Hope Larson and Rebecca Mock. Register anytime by calling 222-3405 or stop in to the Children's Desk.



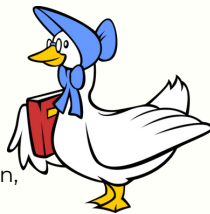
Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays (10/11, 10/18) 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.



Teen Book Club and Writing Group: Monsters and Spooks!

Monday October 24- 4:00 - 5:00 PM

(Grades 9-12)

COME TEEN READERS! Bring a spooky book of your choice--one you've read lately, an old favorite, whichever one you choose! For the second half hour, we'll talk about writing our own stuff! Come meet up with fellow teens who are as interested in writing as you are, and learn how to hone your craft! No registration.



Kids Club Read: I Survived Hurricane Katrina

Tuesday, October 11 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005 by Lauren Tarshis! If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy!

Preschool Halloween Storytime

Wednesday (10/26) - 6:30 - 7:00 PM OR

Thursday (10/27) and Friday (10/28) 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 2-6 w/ adult)

Put on your favorite costume and join us in the community room for not-too-scary stories and Halloween fun at the library. We'll start the program by showing off our costumes with a short parade around the first floor of the library. Registration required.



Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesdays (10/12, 10/19) - 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.



Live-Action Clue

Friday, October 28- 6:00 - 8:00 PM

(Grades 9-12)

Teens are invited to attend Mr. Boddy's Halloween dinner. Navigate the library with clues for blackmail, receive help from Clue characters, and compete in an escape room with other teams! Plan to stay for the full 2 hours, so you can get the best experience at the WDMPL manor. Teens only. Registration required.



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, October 12 - 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.

