

# WDM LIBRARY

## West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter

Library staff dress up as CLUE characters for teen event.



**REGULAR HOURS**  
*Labor Day - Memorial Day*

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

## WDM Library Friends Foundation Book Sale (December 1-3)

The West Des Moines Public Library Friends Foundation is proud to host the library's biggest book sale of the year! Choose from hundreds of books at extremely affordable prices!

Join us on:

- **Thursday, December 1 - 4:00 – 7:00 PM**  
(Friends Foundation Members only! You can become a Friend that evening to shop).
- **Friday, December 2 - 4:00 – 7:00 PM**
- **Saturday, December 3 - 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**



Cash and card will be accepted with a \$10 minimum purchase to use card. All proceeds benefit the WDM Library Friends Foundation.

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**WINTER READING CHALLENGE**  
December 15 - January 15

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Do you have a stack of good books you've been meaning to dig into? Looking for something to do inside on a cold day? We invite you to curl up with some good books this winter! Readers of all ages may log their reading online during our Winter Reading program that runs December 15, 2022 through January 15, 2023. You don't need to log books or minutes – just log if you read something! Readers who complete 12 days' worth of reading will be entered into a drawing for a prize basket.

You may sign up online, the Beanstack app from the App store or Google Play, or by stopping by the Children's or Adult desks at the library.

Sign up now: [wdmlibrary.org/winter](http://wdmlibrary.org/winter)

## New Titles Added to the Collection

### Children's



### Young Adult



### Adult



## "Step Back in Time" Historical Fiction Book Group Starts in January

Historical fiction is a great way to learn about people and events through stories that bring history to life. Our group discusses titles from a wide variety of time/places/people. Please join us every 3rd Thursday for a book discussion at The Jordan House (2001 Fuller Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50265).

**Books may be picked up at the Adult Services desk. Registration is requested, please. Staff will register you for this program when you pick up a book. If you are not getting the book from the Library, please contact Jen at 515-222-3413 to register.**

The Library is very happy to partner with the West Des Moines Historical Society for these book group meetings. One of the oldest structures in Polk County, The Jordan House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a member of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program.

January 19	February 16	March 16
April 20	May 18	June 15

# December Adult Events at the WDM Library

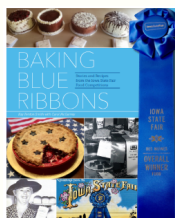
[Find our full event calendar](#)



### 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.



### Baking Blue Ribbons: Iowa State Fair Food Contests

#### Sunday, December 11 - 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Join us for a program with Kay Fenton Smith, the author of Baking Blue Ribbons. She will talk about this unique slice of Iowa and women's history, along with winning recipes from 1854 to today and how she researched and wrote the book. No registration.

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### Book Club Social: Holiday Edition!

#### Monday, December 12 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Join us for this special holiday book club social event. We'll share some sweet and savory treats with everyone while we talk about books, movies, and life. Then, we'll wrap things up with an optional book exchange. Please bring a wrapped book for the exchange. Registration required.



### New Device Tech Help!

#### Saturday, December 3 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Register for a 30 minute session for one-on-one help with your new device! Our assistants have been trained to help with a variety of technical questions on smart phones, tablets, and laptops. Please register on our calendar.



### Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

#### Tuesday, December 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.

### Tea: The Basics and Beyond

#### Monday, December 5 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Ryan and Mary from Red Dragon Herbs and Teas will be presenting an entertaining and informative session that covers not only herbs (including the ones you may have in your own garden), but how to make herbal blends and teas. Registration is required.



### Adult Craft Night & Day: Holiday Card Ornaments

#### Thursday, December 15 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM OR

#### Friday, December 16 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Come join us to create a fun craft for the adult crowd! We will have a variety of supplies to make your own holiday card ornaments. Note that this is the same craft offered in the evening and morning. Registration required.



### Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

#### Tuesday, December 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.



### Winter Reading Challenge

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### Coffee: Beans and Beyond

#### Tuesday, December 6 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Please join us for an entertaining and informative presentation about coffee from Nate Peterson, owner of local organic coffee roaster Corazon Coffee. Nate will explain the differences in types of beans, types of roasts and more. Registration is required.



### Library Closed: Christmas

#### Friday, December 23 - Monday, December 26

The Library will be closed Friday December 23rd - Monday, December 26th, due to how the Christmas holiday falls. We will reopen at 9am on Tuesday the 27th.



### YA Not Club Read

#### Thursday, December 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. Bring your own book to discuss this month! We'll also play a bookish game. Registration is required.



### Library Closed: New Years

#### Saturday, December 31 - Closed Early at 12:00 PM

#### Sunday, January 1 - Closed All Day

#### Monday, January 2 - Closed All Day

The Library will close at 12:00 PM on December 31st for New Year's Eve. The Library is closed on January 1st and 2nd (Sunday/Monday). Happy New Year!

# Children & Teen December Events at the WDM Library



### Music Together

**Wednesday, December 7 & December 30 - 8:30 - 10:15 AM OR 10:30 - 11:15 AM**

*(Ages 1 mo. - 5 years w/ adult)*

Music Together is an award-winning program for infants, toddlers and preschoolers—and the grownups who love them. Join us for 45 minutes of PURE FUN as you sing, dance, play and learn along with your child or children. Registration required.



### Family Storytime

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

**Dates: 12/14, 12/15, 12/16, 12/21, 12/22**

*(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.

### Group Service Project (Teens)

**Wednesday, December 7 - 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.



### Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: Guts

**Thursday, December 15 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM**

*(Ages 8-12)*

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



### Lapsit Storytime

**Mondays (12/12, 12/19) - 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.



### Teen Book Club and Writing Group: COZY!

**Monday, December 19 - 4:00 - 5:00 PM**

*(Grades 9-12)*

For December we'll be reading books that are COZY! Bring a COZY book of your choice! 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.

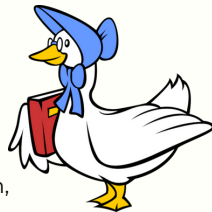
### Toddler Storytime

**Tuesdays (12/13, 12/20) 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.

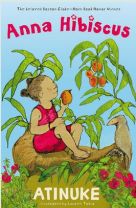


### Family Night at the Library: Holiday Cards

**Monday, December 19 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

*(All Ages)*

Come one, come all to a fun family night at the library! This month, we'll be making some easy holiday cards that are great for last minute sending. Please register each person attending (children and adults).

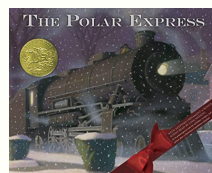


### Kids Club Read: Anna Hibiscus

**Tuesday, November 8 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM**

*(Ages 7-10)*

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke! If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy!



### After School Adventures: Polar Express!

**Wednesday, December 21 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM**

*(Ages 5-12)*

Join us in the Community Room after school to embark on an adventure! With the holidays just around the corner, we'll read The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg, play a game, and enjoy a snack. Registration required.

### Baby Doll Storytime

**Wednesdays (12/14, 12/21) - 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.



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### Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

**Wednesday, December 14 - 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.



### Dance Sampler: An Intro to Dance

**Wednesday, December 28 - 10:30 - 11:15 AM**

*(Ages 5-10)*

Try some basic moves from different dance styles, learn a little history behind dance, and watch short performances. Dancers from Yaro Dance Company will be there to show their shoes and costumes and talk about their love of dance! Registration required.