

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter

Patrons shop the WDM Library Friends Book Sale Dec. 1-3.



REGULAR HOURS
Labor Day - Memorial Day

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

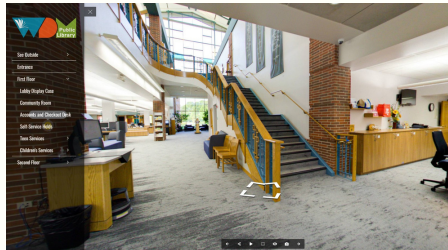
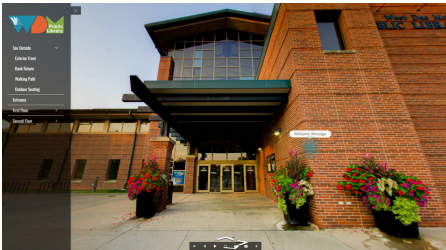
Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

Take a Virtual Tour of the Library

The West Des Moines Public Library recently worked with Midwest Pano, LLC to create a virtual tour of our building. Take a virtual walk around our Library and explore everything there is to offer. Be sure to check out "hotspots" like the welcome message below located throughout the tour. Click to find key areas and learn more about the programs and services offered to the community. You can also use the menu on the side panel to direct your search to specific areas of the building. We hope you enjoy this new resource to get to know our library even better!

[Take virtual tour.](#)



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CLOSE AT 12:00 PM
Saturday, December 31
New Year's Eve

Sunday, January 1
Monday, January 2
New Year's Day





Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Furry Friends Refuge Donation Drive

January 3 - January 31, 2023

Sadly, January is a month with one of the highest surrender rates at shelters. To help these animals in our community, we will be hosting a donation drive.

Most Requested Items:

-  Towels
-  Clay Cat Litter
-  Dog Treats
-  Dog/Cat Food without Red Dye
-  Critter Toys and Snacks



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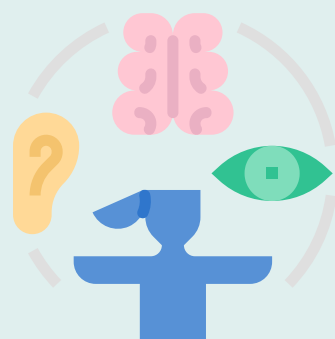


Model Trains Return January 14 & 15

Stop by the West Des Moines Library to see the DesMoinNTrak's N-scale working layout on January 14 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM or January 15 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. This event is open to adults and children of all ages. Make sure to stop by the Children's Department for a fun train craft before you leave! No registration needed.



Sensory Spaces @ WDM Library



**Sunday, January 29
1:00 - 2:00 PM**


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January Adult Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)




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!





Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons
Saturday, January 14 & 21 - 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 Join us for two sessions that will introduce you to the social, exciting and imaginative experience of Dungeons and Dragons. Attendees will learn the basic rules and how to play, how to create a character, and then play through a game. Please register for both sessions! Teens ages 15+ may attend.

Furry Friends Donation Drive
Tuesday, January 3 - Tuesday, January 31
 Sadly, January is a month with one of the highest surrender rates at shelters. To help these animals in our community, we will be hosting a donation drive to support Furry Friends Refuge throughout the month. We'll be collecting towels, clay cat litter, dog treats, dog/cat food without red dye and critter toys.




Furry Friends Refuge

Library Closed: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 16 - ALL DAY
 The Library is CLOSED for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. We will reopen at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, January 17.





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 & Day: Mini Book of Books
Thursday, January 19 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM OR
Friday, January 20 - 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.


New Device Tech Help!
Saturday, January 7 - 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.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group
Thursday, January 19 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Hosted at the Jordan House (2001 Fuller Road)
 Our new Historical Fiction book group discusses titles from a wide variety of time/places/people. Please join us for a discussion of The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson at The Jordan House (2001 Fuller Road). Registration required.





Club Read: Hybrid Edition
Monday, January 9 - 7:00 - 8:45 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 Henna Artist by Alka Joshi. Registration required.





State v. Novak: Murder & Arson in Walford, IA
Sunday, January 22 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM
 February, 1897. The general store in Walford burns down, and in the ashes is found a body presumed to be that of Frank Novak, store owner. But was it? Hear about this story of murder, insurance fraud and one of the earliest cases that tested the legitimacy of circumstantial evidence. No registration.


Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club
Tuesday, January 10 - 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, January 23 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM
 Please join Alana and Amy to discuss what everyone has been reading and watching this month. You may join us in the Millie Knee Classroom upstairs at the library or in Zoom. Registration is required.

YA Not Club Read
Thursday, January 12 - 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 Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley. This is also available on Libby. Registration required.



Was the Book Better Than the Movie?
Saturday, January 28 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM
 Read the book beforehand (if you like), and then come and enjoy a good movie, followed by some lively discussion about the differences between the two. This month's movie selection is Death on the Nile (the book is by Agatha Christie). No registration.

Children & Teen January Events at the WDM Library

Group Service Project (Teens)

Wednesday, January 4 & 25 - 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.



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, January 11 - 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.



Music Together

Friday, January 6 - 9:30 - 10:15 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.



After School Adventures: Lego Club!

Wednesday, January 11 - 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 be using everyone's favorite interlocking bricks to build some fun! Registration required.



Lapsit Storytime

Mondays (1/9 & 1/23) - 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: 1/11, 1/12, 1/13, 1/18, 1/18, 1/20, 1/25, 1/26, 1/27

(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: Game Night!

Monday, January 9 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All Ages)

This month we're hosting The Rook Room! They'll bring a variety of family friendly games and be on hand to explain rules and get you started. For all ages. Please register each person attending (children and adults).



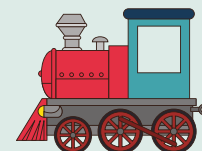
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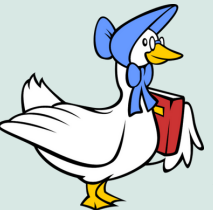
Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays (1/10, 1/17, 1/24) 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.



Saturday Storytime

Saturdays (1/14, 1/21, 1/28) - 10:30 - 11:30 AM

(Ages 0-6 w/ adult)

Drop in and join us in the storyroom for Saturday Storytime! Build a lifetime love of books and reading as we share stories, songs, and interactive rhymes with an early literacy focus. For ages 0-6 w/adult. No registration.



Kids Club Read: Bring Your Own Book!

Tuesday, January 10 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

This month, we want you to bring your own book to talk about! Bring your favorite book. Bring the book you currently reading. Bring your LEAST favorite book. Just bring a book and be ready to tell us a little bit about it! Registration required.

Bring Your Own Book!

Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: BYO Book!

Thursday, January 19 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

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Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesdays (1/11, 1/18, 1/25) - 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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