

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter

The Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group meeting at the Jordan House Museum.



REGULAR HOURS

Labor Day - Memorial Day

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

Blind Date with a Book is Back!

This Valentine's, why not snuggle up with a loyal companion - a good book?

Find our Blind Date with a Book display on the second floor near the new books. Each wrapped book is a mystery - choose one based on the information we've given and take it home to unwrap and meet your date.

Inside, you'll find a bookmark asking you how you enjoyed your date! Fill it out and return it to the Valentine's boxes you'll find and Accounts and Checkout and Adult Services. Turn it in by noon on February 17 for a chance to win an amazing prize basket.

The grand prize includes:

- An audiobook
- An Advanced Reader Copy of a contemporary romance
- A mug with delicious beverages
- Sweet treats
- A \$25 gift certificate to Reading in Public, Valley Junction's new bookstore



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February 20, 2023 For Staff Training



New Titles Added to the Collection

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Q: Get help from the library while filing my taxes?

How do I...



A: We are happy to help you find the documents that you need to print in order to file your taxes. Please call ahead to the Adult Services Desk (515-222-3403) to make sure we have what you need. You can always use our Internet stations to print from the IRS and State of Iowa tax sites (printing/copying = 20 cents/page).

Federal Taxes: The WDM Library does NOT carry loose forms or booklets. The Library makes some masters of major forms, instructions and tables, which can be photocopied at 20 cents/page. You can also find them [online](#).

State Taxes: The State no longer provides a master form book to Libraries for copying. We will make a few masters of major forms for you to photocopy (20 cents/page) once the forms are published (usually by mid-February) – anything else can be found on the State of Iowa tax site.

For more information on where to get tax help, where to send in completed tax forms, and how to track when your refund will come to you, visit wdmlibrary.org/tax.

Sensory Spaces at Metro Libraries

The West Des Moines Public Library is excited to be participating in Sensory Spaces with other Metro area libraries. During these designated times, each Sensory Space library will offer special hours for members of the public who appreciate a sensory-friendly environment. The next Sensory Space time at the West Des Moines Public Library will be on Sunday, March 5 from 1:00 - 2:00 PM.

While individuals and families with special needs are welcome at our libraries during regular hours, these sensory times will offer quiet browsing, special programming, and other adaptive services that will vary by location. Please contact each location to find out what will be offered at that library.

In addition to these Sensory Spaces times, patrons of the West Des Moines Public Library are always welcome to ask for noise-cancelling headphones (Adult Services Desk) and various fidget devices (any service desk) to make each visit to the library as enjoyable as possible. On the first floor we also have a Health Room with dimmable lights. Visit the Children's Desk to access the key for this room.



Upcoming Sensory Spaces:

- February 4 from 4-5 PM | Waukee Public Library
- February 26 from 11 AM-12 PM | Urbandale Public Library
- March 5 from 1-2 PM | West Des Moines Public Library
- March 12 from 12-1 PM | Johnston Public Library
- April 2 from 12-1 PM | Johnston Public Library
- April 29 from 9-10 AM | Grimes Public Library
- May 12 from 9-10 AM | Grimes Public Library
- May 21 from 5-6 PM | Urbandale Public Library
- June 3 from 4-5 PM | Waukee Public Library

February Adult Events at the WDM Library



Dungeons & Dragons One Shot Series

Wednesday, February 1 - 6:00 - 9:00 PM

This session will be using D&D 5th edition rules and materials. Characters will be provided. Dice and books are also available if needed. Registration required.



Club Read & Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition

Monday, February 13 & 27 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM

Join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting. We will be discussing Our Missing Hearts by Celest Ng on February 13. Book Club Social will meet on Monday, February 27. Registration required.

New Device Tech Help

Saturday, February 4 & 18 - 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.



Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

Tuesday, February 14 - 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. No registration.



Puzzle Competition

Saturday, February 4 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Put together a team of up to 4 people to join us on February 4th at 1:00 p.m. to test your team's puzzling prowess against 5 other teams. Teams will work to complete a 500-piece puzzle. Please only register team captains!



Adult Craft Night: Painted Mandala Stones

Thursday, February 16 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come join us to create a fun craft for the adult crowd! We will have a variety of supplies to make your own painted mandala stones. Registration is required and opens up on the 1st of each month.

Welcome to Medicare

Monday, February 6 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Please join us for a free Welcome to Medicare seminar alongside the State of Iowa's Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP). Registration is requested, please.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, February 16 - 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 Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict at The Jordan House (2001 Fuller Road). 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.



Scraps of African Heritage Workshop

Sunday, February 19 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Historical researcher and fiber artist Kyna Clemons will lead participants on a Sankofa journey through quilting traditions. After a brief lecture on these traditions, the audience will construct a small quilt block with colorful African fabrics and mixed-media supplies (provided). No registration.



YA Not Club Read

Thursday, February 9 - 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 Loveless by Alice Oseman. Registration required.



Library Closed: Staff Training Day

Monday, February 20 - ALL DAY

The Library is closed on President's Day for all-day staff training. We will reopen on Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM.



Nerf Night! (Adults)

Friday, February 10 - 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Join us for an anti-Valentine's Day themed Nerf battle after hours at the library. The night will begin with pizza and team formations from 7:30-8pm in the Community Room. Please arrive before 8pm to ensure that you're able to participate. Registration and signed waiver required.



Early Childhood Speech/Language Development Informational Session and Q&A

Monday, February 27 - 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Please join us in discussing typical developmental milestones along with ideas for how to support speech and language skills. Presented by Rachel Tenold, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist. No registration.

2022 Iowa Blues Challenge Winner:

Tom Spielbauer

Saturday, February 11 - 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Tom Spielbauer is a guitarist who plays a foot drum and slide guitar in the style of musicians such as Elmore James and R.L. Burnside. He recently won the 2022 Iowa Blues Challenge. No registration.



Author Event: Kali VanBaale

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

The Friends Foundation is proud to present local author Kali VanBaale. Kali is the recipient of the American Book Award and the Iowa Arts Council major artist grant. Her latest acclaimed work is The Monsters We Make. No registration.

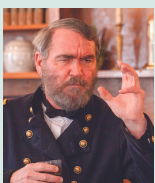


Unconditional Surrender: A Visit with

Ulysses S. Grant

Sunday, February 12 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Come learn about the life and times of the Civil War General and 18th President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, in this first-person performance from performer Pete Grady. No registration.



Children & Teen February Events at the WDM Library

Group Service Project (Teens)

Wednesday, February 1 & 22 - 3:00 - 5:00 PM
(Grades 9-12)

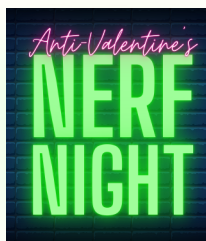
Are you looking for a few Silver Cord, Community Service, or other volunteer hours? The Library is looking for volunteers to help with a monthly group service project. No experience or training necessary! Registration required.



Nerf Night! (Teens)

Friday, February 10 - 5:30 - 7:00 PM
(Grades 6 - 12)

Join us for an anti-Valentine's Day themed Nerf battle after hours at the library. The night will begin with pizza and team formations from 5:30-6pm in the Community Room. Please arrive before 6pm to ensure that you're able to participate. Registration and signed waiver required.



Lapsit Storytime

Mondays (2/6 & 2/13) - 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.



Saturday Storytime

Saturdays (2/11, 2/18, 2/25) - 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.



Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays (2/7, 2/14, 2/21) 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: Mini Golf!

Monday, February 13 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
(All Ages)

Put your design and putting skills to the test as we work together to design and then play a miniature golf course. We'll use cardboard, paper, scissors, tape, glue and anything else Nate can find to create the holes. For all ages. Please register each person attending (children and adults).



Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesdays (2/8, 2/15, 2/22) - 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.



Kids Club Read: The Mysterious Moonstone

Tuesday, February 14 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM
(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, The Mysterious Moonstone (Key Hunters #1) by Eric Luper. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Registration required.



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, February 8 - 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.



Family Storytime

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

Dates: 2/15, 2/16, 2/17, 2/22, 2/23, 2/24
(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.

After School Adventures: Perler Art!

Wednesday, February 8 - 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 these colorful beads that fuse together with heat to make beautiful designs. Registration required.



Kids Graphic Novel Club Read: El Deafo

Thursday, February 16 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM
(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, El Deafo by Cece Bell. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Registration required.



Valentine's Day Storytime

Wednesday, February 8 - 6:30 - 7:00 PM,
Thursday, February 9 & Friday, February 10 - 10:30 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 2-6 w/ adult)

Join us for a Valentine story time including a puppet show, stories, rhymes, and songs! All you need is love...and stories! Please only register for ONE of the sessions!



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