

# WDM LIBRARY

## West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter

Valentine's Day Storytime with Miss Amy and Jenna!



### REGULAR HOURS

Labor Day - Memorial Day

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

## WDM Public Library Joins Simple Steps Early Literacy Program

West Des Moines Public Library is proud to partner with [Des Moines Public Library](#) and [Polk County Early Childhood Iowa](#) to bring the Simple Steps early literacy program to West Des Moines. Patrons of the WDM Public Library will notice the incorporation of Simple Steps in our storytime events and see Simple Steps Early Literacy Stations popping up around the WDM community.

What is Simple Steps to Success? It is a program designed to utilize things and activities you already have at home or while you're on the go to help your child prepare for school!

- **READ:** Creating a love of reading will help your child learn for the rest of their lives.
- **WRITE:** Scribbling, drawing and using those finger muscles will help prepare your child to write.
- **TALK:** Asking questions and talking with your child will help them learn new words.
- **SING:** Singing helps your child hear the sounds of words and helps build vocabulary.
- **PLAY:** Playtime allows your child to develop their creativity, vocabulary and social skills.



Simple Steps Activity sheets are available in English, Español, Arabic, Burmese, Karen, Swahili, Vietnamese, Somali, Dari, and Pashto for you to [download](#) and complete at home. Additionally, the library will be adding specialized Simple Steps Literacy Kits to our existing [STEM Kit](#) collection.

Simple Steps launched in 2017 by the Des Moines Public Library and was made possible through a grant provided by Polk County Early Childhood Iowa.

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# New Titles Added to the Collection

## Children's



## Young Adult



## Adult



### Author Event: Denise Williams

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



WDM Library Community Room  
or Zoom ([register for link](#))



**BOOK MADNESS**  
WEST DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Vote for your favorites!  
May the best book win!

**VOTE**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Wine, Beer and  
Cheese Fundraiser

Thursday, April 13  
5:30 - 7:00 PM

A free-will donation will be requested of attendees.



## Thank You, Friends Foundation Donors

The [West Des Moines Library Friends Foundation](#) supports the West Des Moines Public Library and the many services, materials, and programs it provides to our community through promotion, fundraising and volunteering.

The Friends Foundation helps the library purchase new books, electronic materials, technology, and library artwork. The Foundation provides matching funds to bolster the budget for renovations and updating the facility. It also supports essential programs for all ages, such as the summer reading program, elder care facility outreach program and homebound delivery service. Our annual membership drive allows us to continue to fund these initiatives and strengthen our community.

The Friends Foundation would like to thank ALL of our generous 22/23 campaign supporters with special recognition for our Best Seller and First Edition Level donations. And we're not done yet! [Donations](#) are accepted through June 30, 2023, for this fiscal year.

### First Edition (\$1,000+)

- Andrew Behrens
- John and Ann Christ
- Katherine Hauser
- Wayne & Janet Schneider
- Farm Bureau Financial Services
- NCMC
- Wright Service Corporation

### Best Seller (\$500+)

- Sally Rapp Beisser
- Jeremy and Shannon Bielski
- Paul and Susan Bishop
- Mindy Bylund

- Jerry and Jean Caster
- Jean and Bill Fajen
- Boyd Granberg
- Jennifer Hahn
- Molly Holck-Nolin
- Tim and Laurie Howland
- Joni Hunter
- Joe and Phyllis Hutchinson
- Deborah Miller
- Ed O'Neil
- Susan Skold
- Randal and John Stern
- Sue and John Windheuser

# March Adult Events at the WDM Library



## Dungeons & Dragons One Shot Series

**Wednesday, March 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.

## Adult Craft Night with Five Monkeys

**Thursday, March 2 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

Looking for a fun way to spend a Thursday night and create something nice for yourself? Come join staff from Five Monkeys Pottery for a fun craft night! Participants will paint a small sauce dish that Five Monkeys will fire in their studio. Registration required.



## New Device Tech Help



**Saturday, March 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.

## National Day of Unplugging Game Night with The Rook Room

**Monday, March 6 - 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

The Rook Room will have a wide array of games that you can come and play (and even learn to play) – and will also host an UNO tournament for anyone who would like to play. Ages 18+. Registration requested.



## 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.

## YA Not Club Read

**Thursday, March 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 Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng. Registration required.



## Music with Scott Eggleston

**Saturday, March 11 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM**

Please join us for a fantastic program of storytelling and music from Scott Eggleston. A Des Moines resident and Roosevelt graduate, Scott has made significant contributions in performing, supporting and promoting blues music in Iowa for over 30 years. No registration.



## Club Read: Hybrid Edition

**Monday, March 13 - 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 Bewilderment by Richard Powers. Registration required.



## Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

**Tuesday, March 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.



## Trees for Bees

**Tuesday, March 14 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

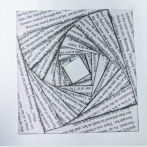
Did you know that trees play an important role in supporting these vital insects? Melissa Burdick, Executive Director of The Brenton Arboretum, will review a broad selection of trees that bees love and are beautifully suited to Midwest landscapes. No registration.

## Adult Craft Night & Day: Folded Paper Art

**Thursday, March 16 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM OR**

**Friday, March 17 - 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 folded paper art. Note that this is the same craft offered in the evening and morning. Registration required.



## Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

**Thursday, March 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 Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue at The Jordan House (2001 Fuller Road). Registration required.

## Iowa Files: Rural Cathedrals; Iowa Barns

**Sunday, March 19 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM**

Barns symbolize the agricultural heritage of those who founded the state of Iowa. As barns are abandoned and destroyed, we lose an important tie to our past. Iowa Barn Foundation Board Member Ober Anderson will share information, photos of classic and beautiful Iowa barns, inside and out. No registration.



## Good Nutrition on a Budget

**Thursday, March 23 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Tom Keinert will talk about the basics of meal planning, food safety, smart shopping and much more. He'll even be bringing a delicious dish for attendees to try! Registration required.



## Houseplant Swap & Propagation Talk

**Saturday, March 25 - 12:00 - 2:00 PM**

To participate in the Houseplant Swap, please bring a pest-free, healthy houseplant or cuttings (or two or three) to trade. The Propagation Talk will be presented by Megan Will, Dallas County Master Gardener.



## Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

**Monday, March 27 - 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.



## Author Event: Denise Williams

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

The Friends Foundation is proud to present local author Denise Williams. Denise is the author of "touching, funny, steamy romance novels" including How to Fail at Flirting, Do You Take This Man, and her latest, The Sweetest Connection. No registration.



# Children & Teen March Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)



**Group Service Project (Teens)**  
**Wednesday, March 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.



**Kids Club Read: On Point #2**  
**Tuesday, March 14 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM**  
*(Ages 7-10)*  
 Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, On Point (#2 Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream), by Hena Khan. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Registration required.

**Sensory Spaces @ WDM Library**

**Sunday, March 5 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM**  
*(All ages)*  
 Sensory Spaces are Metro area libraries offering special hours for members of the public who appreciate a sensory friendly environment. These sensory times will offer quieter browsing, special programming, and other adaptive services that will vary by location.



**After School Adventures: Fairy Golf!**

**Wednesday, March 15 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM**  
*(Ages 5-12)*  
 This month, we're doing After School Adventures in the afternoon when there ISN'T school! What's smaller than mini-golf? Fairy golf! Everyone will get to design their own ultra-miniature golf hole. Once everyone is done, we can play a round on the holes we created. Registration required.



**Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 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: 3/15, 3/16, 3/17, 3/22, 3/23, 3/24**  
*(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.

**Lapsit Storytime**  
**Mondays (3/13, 3/20 & 3/27) - 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 (3/18 & 3/25) - 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 (3/14, 3/21 & 3/28) 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: Bingo Night!**  
**Monday, March 20 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM**  
*(All Ages)*  
 There was a farmer had a dog and Bingo was his name-o! B-I-N-G-O! Join us this month to play bingo as a family. If you've never played bingo at the library before, you can be sure everyone leaves a winner. For all ages. Please register each person attending (children and adults).

**Baby Doll Storytime**  
**Wednesdays (3/15, 3/22 & 3/29) - 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 Graphic Novel Club Read: Borders**  
**Thursday, March 23 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM**  
*(Ages 8-12)*  
 Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Borders by Thomas King. If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy! Registration required.

