

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



Patrons participate in "NERF Night" at the library!

REGULAR HOURS
Labor Day - Memorial Day

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

Summer Escape @ the Library!

May 22 - July 29, 2023

Our annual Summer Reading Club is back and bigger than ever this year! Everyone who registers (yes, adults, too!) will get an exclusive WDM Library Summer Reading journal and a fun, library-themed sticker sheet. You'll track your reading through the handy Beanstack app. Readers of any age who log more than 30 reading days will be entered to win exciting raffle prizes at the end of the summer! For information on registering groups (such as classes or daycares) please send a message to youthservices@wdm.iowa.gov



Sign up online today!

<https://wdmlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>

Or download the Beanstack app



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Upcoming Closures:

Sunday, May 14
(Mother's Day)

Sunday, May 29
Monday, May 30
(Memorial Day)

Summer Hours Start May 30!



Mon - Thu....9AM - 9 PM
Fri9AM - 6PM
Sat.....10AM - 4PM
Sun.....CLOSED

New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



How do I...



Q: Find out about events happening on the WDM City Campus?

A: Have you ever been curious about what's going on over at the Jamie Hurd Amphitheater? Maybe wanted more details about the Moonlit Movies series? The best place to find upcoming events is over on the WDM Parks and Recreation website. The general calendar for Parks and Rec events and program registration can be found [here](#). The calendar for all things happening at the Jamie Hurd Amphitheater can be found [here](#). Looking for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion events happening on campus? Subscribe to their [monthly newsletter](#) to learn more about what is coming up.

Volunteer Opportunities at the WDM Public Library

We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities for patrons in their teens and beyond. Let us know your skills, interests, and talents and we will match you up with the best option that suits your talents and schedule.

Please contact us with questions:
wdmlibraryvolunteers@wdm.iowa.gov

Teen Summer Volunteers

Student volunteers should be at least 13 years old and have completed 7th grade. Volunteers should be able to work independently without supervision as well as collaboratively with a team.

Summer applications will be accepted until all positions have been filled. Potential volunteers will be contacted for an interview and training session, held in May. Volunteer schedules will be sent after volunteer training.



[Apply to be a Teen Volunteer](#)

Adult Volunteers

Circulation Volunteer: This volunteer pulls materials from the shelves that have been requested by patrons, including books, DVDs, audiobooks, and other materials. The process can take between half an hour to about two hours, depending on the time of day and day of the week.

Adult Services Volunteer: This volunteer helps to prepare program supplies including copying, cutting, folding, organizing, sorting, etc. This volunteer must be willing to make a six-month commitment and will be asked to serve for 6-8 hours per month.

Homebound and Elder Care Volunteer: Do you enjoy spending time with seniors and other community members who may need assistance getting their library materials? If you are patient, kind, upbeat, and a great listener, you may find this position rewarding. Volunteers will deliver library materials to WDM residents in their homes or care facilities and provide socialization, which is critical in preventing cognitive decline. We aim to match applicants with someone who has similar interests.

[Apply to be an Adult Volunteer](#)

May Adult Events at the WDM Library



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! Registration requested



Library Closed - Mother's Day
Sunday, May 14 - ALL DAY
 The Library is closed on Sunday, May 14 for Mother's Day. We will reopen at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 15.

Welcome to Medicare

Thursday, May 4 - 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.



Adult Craft Night & Day: Macrame Jar Hanger

Thursday, May 18 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM OR
Friday, May 19 - 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 macrame jar hangers. Note that this is the same craft offered in the evening and morning. Registration required.



New Device Tech Help
Saturday, May 6 & 20 - 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.



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group
Thursday, May 18 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Hosted at the Jordan House (2001 Fuller Road)
 This group discusses titles from a wide variety of time/places/people. Please join us for a discussion of The Call of the Wrens by Jenny L. Walsh. Registration required.

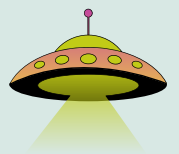
Crossroads: A Journey with the Blues

Saturday, May 6 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM
 The Library is very happy to welcome vocalist extraordinaire Tina Haase Findlay and Iowa blues legend & guitarist Rob Lumbar for a great afternoon of jazz & blues. No registration.



Iowa Files: UFOs in Iowa

Sunday, May 21 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM
 Join Greg Anderson, Iowa MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) State Director, for a discussion of unidentified aerial phenomenon, both historic and modern throughout the state of Iowa. No registration.



Club Read & Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition
Monday, May 8 & 22 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM
 Join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting. We will be discussing *If I Survive You* by Jonathan Escoffery. Join them on 5/22 to discuss what you've been reading for the month. Registration required.



Summer Reading Club Begins!
Monday, May 22 - ALL DAY
 Registration begins May 22 for our 2023 Summer Escape at the library! Readers of any age who log more than 30 reading days will be entered to win exciting raffle prizes at the end of the summer!

Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

Tuesday, May 9 - 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.



Folk Duo Hungrytown

Monday, May 22 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
 We are very excited to welcome back internationally known folk duo Hungrytown for a performance! Rebecca and Ken perform a range of original tunes, classic folk songs and share fun stories, as well.



Great Books Showcase
Wednesday, May 10 - 7:00 - 8:30 PM
 "Can you suggest a great book?" This is a question librarians get all the time. Consider this event our answer! We will highlight some new titles you might like to gift, or enjoy yourself. Light refreshments will be provided. No registration.



Japanese Holidays Throughout the Year
Thursday, May 25 - 6:00 - 7:00 PM
 During this presentation you'll learn about the different holidays and celebrations of Japanese culture, which took place thousands of years ago in ancient Japan and are now held annually throughout the year. Hosted by Miki Takayama and CultureAll. No registration required.

Journaling to Heal (Ages 55+)

Thursday, May 11 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Journaling to Heal® supports participants on their path to healing and recovery from life's challenges, even difficult situations. Participants should bring their own notebook/ journal, along with a photograph, image or object that has special meaning for them. Registration required.



Library Closed - Memorial Day

Sunday, May 28 & Monday, May 29 - ALL DAY
 Library Closed Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend. We reopen at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 30. Summer Hours will begin on that day.



YA Not Club Read
Thursday, May 11 - 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 discussing the books everyone has been reading this month! Registration required.



LGBTQ 101
Wednesday, May 31 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM
 Come and learn about the definitions of basic LGBTQ identities, pronouns and how to use them, health disparities within the LGBTQ community, and much more with Onelowa!

WDM Writer's Group

Saturday, May 13 & 27 - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Open to aspiring authors of all experience levels. Each participant brings an approximately 1500-word excerpt of their work-in-progress to read aloud. Constructive critique follows each writer's turn.



[Find our full event calendar](#)

Children & Teen May Events at the WDM Library



Kids Club Read: The Candy Caper (#1)

Tuesday, May 9 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book The Candy Caper: Trouble at Table 5 by Tom Watson! If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy!



First Day of Summer Escape @ the Library!

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(All ages)

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Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, May 10 - 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.



Kids Graphic Novel Club Read:

Tom's Midnight Garden

Thursday, May 12 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

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



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