

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday CLOSED

Patrons participate in Summer Survivor!

We're Hosting TWO Summer Reading Parties!

Adult Summer Reading Wrap-Up

Friday, July 28 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

This party is for adults only and will be hosted after hours on Friday, July 28 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The Adult Summer Read Wrap-Up Party will include fun bookish games, free books, and ice cream treats! Registration is required for the adult-only event. [Register now.](#)



Family-Friendly Summer Finale

Saturday, July 29 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The family-friendly celebration will be the next day, Saturday, July 29, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The Summer Finale is a giant party in the library's backyard where we'll have our foam machine, inflatables, a dunk tank, balloon animals, and more! No registration required.

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How do I...

Q: Check out a set of books for my book club?

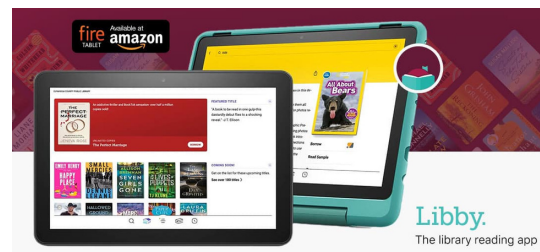
A: We have sets of titles, mostly fiction, previously read in one of our four book clubs (Adult Club Read, YA Not Club Read, Kids Club Read and Kids Graphic Novel Club Read). Requests must be placed at least 24 hours before your desired pick-up time. We process book club requests Mon-Fri – if you would like to pick up on a weekend, please ensure that your request is placed prior to Friday. Each set of books is due back 8 weeks from the time they are shipped from or leave our library.

To see a list of our available book club kits and reserve your kit for pick up, [visit our website here.](#)



Libby App Now Available on Amazon Fire Tablets

Great news! The Libby App is now available for download from the Amazon Appstore. Going forward, users with Amazon Fire tablets should download Libby directly from the Amazon Appstore instead of manually sideloading. Ready to make the switch? Follow these steps: <https://help.libbyapp.com/en-us/6277.htm>



Check out the Library's Adult Book Clubs!

Meets Every 2nd Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM



Adult Club Read is West Des Moines Public Library's adult book discussion group. Adult Club Read allows patrons to choose whether they want to join the group in person at the library or through Zoom from home.

[Register for Adult Club Read now.](#)

Meets Every 2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:30 PM



For Grownups who like to read Young Adult books

YA Not Club Read is our non-traditional book club for "Grown ups" who like to read and talk about Young Adult books. Copies of each month's book will be available at the Checkout Desk.

[Register for YA Not Club Read now.](#)

Meets Every 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM



Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group discusses titles from a wide variety of time/places/people. This group meets at The Jordan House (2001 Fuller Road).

Books may be picked up at the Adult Services desk. Please register at the Adult Services desk.

Meets Every 4th Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM



Book Club Social - Hybrid Edition started in spring of 2020 to help connect with patrons at home. Now, patrons can choose to join the group in person at the library or through Zoom to talk about the books/ movies/ shows you've been enjoying throughout the month.

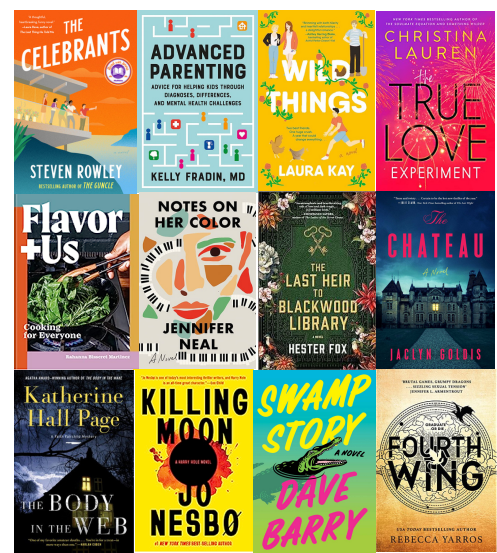
[Register for Book Club Social now.](#)

New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's

Young Adult

Adult



July Adult Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

Library Closed for Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4 - ALL DAY

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Puzzle Competition

Saturday, July 15 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

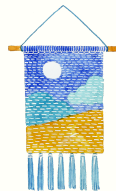
Put together a team of up to 4 people to join us on July 15 at 1:00 p.m. to test your team's puzzling prowess against 5 other teams. Teams will work to complete a 500-piece puzzle. Please only register team captains!



Tech One-On-One

Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 AM

Do you have a specific computer, mobile device, or other technology-related questions? We are here to help! Registration requested.



Adult Craft Night & Day: Mini Scrapstry

Thursday, July 20 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM OR

Friday, July 21 - 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 a mini scrapstry. Note that this is the same craft offered in the evening and morning. Registration required.

Christmas in July Craft Night

Thursday, July 6 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

It's Christmas in July! Come join staff from Five Monkeys Pottery for a fun craft night! Participants will paint a Christmas ornament. Five Monkeys will fire it at their store and return it to the library for pickup at a later date. Registration required.



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Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, July 20 - 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 Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis. Registration required.



WDM Writer's Group

Saturday, July 8 & 22 - 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.



Was the Book Better Than the Movie: Old

Saturday, July 22 - 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 we will watch "Old", based on the graphic novel Sandcastle by Frederik Peeters and Pierre Oscar Lévy. The library will provide popcorn. No registration.

Club Read: Hybrid Edition

Monday, July 10 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM

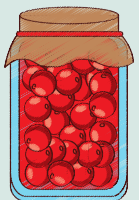
Join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting. We will be discussing Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn. Registration required.



Preserve The Taste of Summer 101

Monday, July 24 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Home food preservation is not difficult, but it does require following specific directions to keep you, your family, and friends safe. Preserve the Taste of Summer 101 will teach you the researched-backed basics of canning, freezing, and drying foods safely at home. Registration requested.



Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

Tuesday, July 11 - 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.



Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, July 24 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Please join Alana and Amy to discuss what we have been reading and watching this month. You may join through Zoom or in person at the library.

YA Not Club Read

Thursday, July 13 - 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 Lesbian's Guide to Catholic School by Sonora Reyes! Registration required.



Adult Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party!

Friday, July 28 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Join us for an adults-only end of summer celebration! We will play a game, everyone will receive a free book, and refreshments will be provided (ice cream bars!) Open only to those who complete the Summer Reading Challenge. Registration required.



Children & Teen July Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)



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Kids Club Read: Mash Up!
Tuesday, July 11 - 2:00 - 3:00 PM
 (Ages 7-12)

Join us this summer as our two book clubs join forces! Instead of us telling you which book to read, you get to read ANY book that fits our theme: Family!

Teen Take and Make Craft
Wednesday, July 5 & 19 - ALL DAY
 (Grades 6-12)

Stop by the teen center the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month for a take-and-make craft. Available while supplies last. Tag us on Instagram to show your awesome creations @wdmlibraryteen. No registration.



Christmas in July!
Wednesday, July 12 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM OR 2:30 - 3:30 PM
 (Ages 5-12)

Take a break from the heat and join us in the Community Room to celebrate Christmas in July! Bring your imagination and we will supply the goodies to make a mini gingerbread house! Registration required.



Babies on the Move: Playtime
Wednesday, July 5 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM
 (Ages 1 mo. - 18 mos)

Join us for a special playtime just for ages 1month-18 months. This program will offer multiple stations for active and sensory play. Crawl, roll, grab, explore- come play with us! Registration required.



Family Storytime
Wednesdays (6:30 PM) & Thursdays (10:30 AM)
Dates: 7/12, 7/13, 7/19, 7/20, 7/26, 7/27
 (Ages 2-6 w/ adult)

Join for this class featuring stories, songs, and rhymes followed by gross and fine motor play all with an early literacy focus! Registration required.



Toddler Prom!
Thursday, July 6 - 9:30 - 10:30 AM OR 11:00 - 12:00 PM
 (Ages 2-5 w/ Adult)

Join us for a summer toddler costume dance party! Everyone is invited to wear a favorite outfit or costume for a "grand march." Then show off your dance moves and join us for some epic dancing! Registration required.



Owls of Iowa w/ Polk County Conservation
Monday, July 17 - 1:30 - 2:15 PM
 (Ages 5-12)

Meet Jester Park's newest education ambassador Luna the Great Horned Owl. Learn about Iowa owls and their special adaptations that allow them to function and survive. Registration required.



Friday Flicks
Friday, July 7, 14, 21, 28 - Start at 1:30 PM
 (Some movies shown are PG-13)

No registration is needed, though space is limited. July 7: Trolls (PG), July 14: Lightyear (PG), July 21: Spies in Disguise (PG), July 28: Captain Marvel (PG-13).



Family Night at the Library: Bees and Seeds
Monday, July 17 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
 (All Ages)

This month, we'll buzz about bees (and other pollinators). Then, we'll make seed bombs with pollinator friendly plants. Please register each person attending (children and adults).



Teen Nintendo Switch Free-Play
Monday, July 10, 17, 24, 31 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM
 (Grades 6-12)

Teens! We're bringing out the Nintendo Switch for free-play on select Mondays during the summer. No registration required.



Babies on the Move: Water Play
Wednesday, July 19 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM
 (Ages 1 mo. - 18 mos)

Join us for a special outdoor playtime with water. Great for sensory exploration, fine motor development and open-ended play. Each baby/adult group will be provided materials to use. Please bring a blanket or towel. Registration required.



Dance with Tippi Toes
Monday, July 10 - 5:00 - 5:30 PM
 (Ages 2-6)

Join us as we partner with Tippi Toes for this fun, high-energy dance class! Music, movement, balance and the basic dance steps will be introduced in a friendly and positive way. Registration required.



Teen Terracotta Pot Art & Plants
Wednesday, July 19 - 2:00 - 3:30 PM
 (Grades 6-12)

Join us for worms in dirt, and an afternoon of art! Participants will decorate their own planter to take home. Potting soil and plants will be available to take home in your new planter!



Toddler Storytime
Tuesday Mornings (7/11, 7/18, 7/25)
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. Registration required.



Summer Finale!
Saturday, July 29 - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 (All Ages)

Come and celebrate the end of our 2023 Summer Reading Challenge! For all ages, no registration required.

