

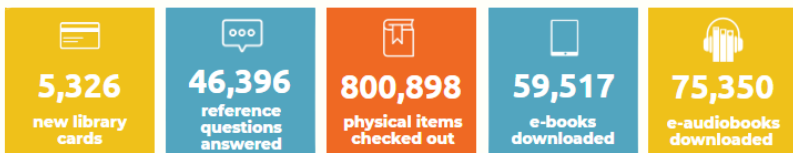
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West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



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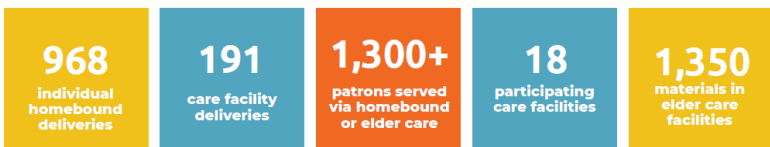
We rounded out the end of our Fiscal Year in June 2023. Looking back on the year, we wanted to share some of the highlights, including all of the fabulous things we were able to accomplish with the help of our dedicated patrons.



Not only did our digital and physical circulation numbers go up this year, we were also proud of serving over **1,300** patrons through our Homebound and Elder Care Outreach programs, having **2,900** volunteer hours served in the library, and having **21,931** event attendees!

If you'd like to read the full FY2023 Annual Report, you can do that by clicking the link below.

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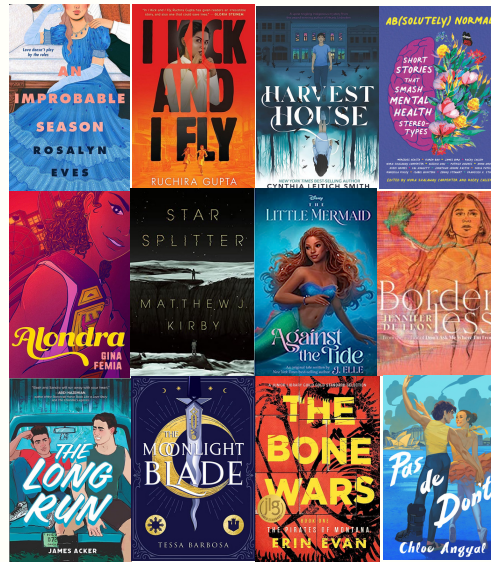
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New Titles Added to the Collection

Children's



Young Adult



Adult



How do I...

Q: Apply for Homebound Delivery Service from the Library?



A: Love to read? Having trouble getting to the library for health reasons? The West Des Moines Public Library has a service that can help!

In 2022, library staff and volunteers made over 960 homebound deliveries to people in their individual homes. This program allow WDM residents who have difficulty coming into the library access to library materials - no matter what their living situation.

A WDM library card is required. All materials checkout for one month.

If you or someone you know is interested in this service, please call Library at 515-222-3404 or email library@wdm.iowa.gov. You can also fill out our [request form here](#).

Get to Know our Summer Intern



Name: Ben Siegel
Department: Youth Services

"My favorite part of this internship has been interacting with the kids, especially when there starts to be a relationship with a kid or with their family."

Listen to his full interview on the library's podcast, In This Day and Page below.



Return Overdue Items FREE of Charge August 18 & 19!

Do you have a backpack or suitcase that you haven't peeked in this summer? Maybe you have a stack of books hiding in your car somewhere that you might have forgotten about? Have no fear! You can return these overdue WDM Library items on Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19 and all fines will be waived!



Please note that the amnesty weekend will only waive fines, not fees. Collection Agency fees and replacement copy fees cannot be waived during this event.

If you have any questions about amnesty weekend or want more information about any outstanding fines or fees you might have, please contact library@wdm.iowa.gov.

August Adult Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

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.



Intro to Rain Gardens & Functional Landscaping

Wednesday, August 16 - 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Come and learn about how adding a rain garden is one functional landscaping strategy that may be able to help you capture the rain on your property while providing food and shelter for pollinators and birds. You'll also learn about WDM's own Stormwater Assistance Program (SWAP). No registration.



Iowa Cubs Homerun Reader Game

Tuesday, August 1 - 6:30 - 9:30 PM
When you finish the summer reading goal of 30 days of reading, you will receive a general admission ticket to the Iowa Cubs game on Tuesday, August 1 at 6:38pm. Bring your reading logs to the library before August 1 to receive your prize.



Adult Craft Night: Hobbit/ Fairy Doors

Thursday, August 17- 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 a mini hobbit/ fairy door! Registration is required and spots fill quickly.

A Public Health Approach to Alzheimer's and Dementia

Monday, August 7 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
This program highlights the growing focus of Alzheimer's and dementia in public health; what causes memory loss; what the latest research shows in our fight against these conditions; what can be done to decrease one's risk; what resources exist and what Iowa HHS is doing to help. No reg.



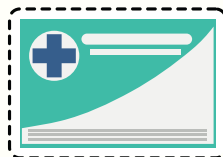
Step Back in Time: Historical Fiction Book Group

Thursday, August 17 - 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 *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Registration required.



Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

Tuesday, August 8 - 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.



Welcome to Medicare

Monday, August 21 - 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.

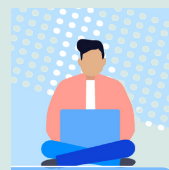
YA Not Club Read

Thursday, August 10 - 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 Wild Ones* by Nafiza Azad. Registration required.



The History of Digital Literacy & The Value Within a Democracy

Thursday, August 24 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM
In this first of two presentations, Drake STEM Librarian Dan Chibnall will talk about the need for citizens to be more digitally literate to help maintain democracy. No registration required.



WDM Writer's Group

Saturday, August 12 & 26 - 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.



Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, August 28 - 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.

Club Read: Hybrid Edition

Monday, August 14 - 7:00 - 8:45 PM
Join Alana and Amy for a hybrid book club meeting. We will be discussing *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Registration required.



Social Media, Misinformation, & How to Better Connect to Neighbors & Local Ideas

Thursday, August 31 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM
In his second presentation, Drake STEM Librarian Dan Chibnall will focus on how misinformation has become a larger problem, how social media can truly help connect us & learn, and how libraries can be more essential than ever to this entire process. No registration required.



Children & Teen August Events at the WDM Library

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Teen Take and Make Craft

Wednesday, August 2 - 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.



Friday Flicks

Friday, August 4 - Starts at 1:30 PM

(Movie rated PG)

No registration is needed, though space is limited. This is the final Friday Flicks of the summer. We will be watching Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG, 1h 42min).



Preschool Playtime w/ Heartland AEA

Wednesday, August 16 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 2-6)

Early Childhood Interventionists from Heartland Area Education Agency will be available to provide information on meeting milestones and development while children explore a variety of centers. Registration required.

Explore Robotics & FIRST Competitions

Saturday, August 26 - 2:00 - 3:30 PM

(Ages 5 - 18+)

Are you wondering what it takes to build a robot and compete in FIRST competitions? The Aztechs, a high school FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics team with 7+ years of experience, will share their knowledge and enthusiasm for robotics and help you choose the right path for your robotics journey. Registration required.



Friday Crafts for Kids

Each Friday we will provide a different fun, hands-on, screen-free craft project or activity to take home and enjoy! Available at the Children's Desk during library hours while supplies last.

Teen Nintendo Switch Free-Play

Monday, August 7 - 1:00 - 4:00 PM

(Grades 6-12)

Teens! This is the final Monday we're bringing out the Nintendo Switch for free-play during the summer. No registration required.



Shake, Rattle & Roll (Ages 1 - 3)

Tuesday, August 8 - 9:30 - 10:15 AM

(Ages 1-3)

You'll be movin' and groovin' on this hand-clappin', foot-stompin' morning! For ages 1-3. Registration required.



Shake, Rattle & Roll (Ages 3-6)

Tuesday, August 8 - 10:30 - 11:15 AM

(Ages 3-6)

You'll be movin' and groovin' on this hand-clappin', foot-stompin' morning! For ages 3-6. Registration required.



Babies on the Move: Playtime w/ Heartland AEA

Wednesday, August 9 - 10:00 - 11:00 AM

(Ages 1 mo. - 18 mos)

This program will offer multiple stations for active and sensory play. Crawl, roll, grab, explore- come play with us! Early Childhood Interventionists from Heartland Area Education Agency will be available to provide information on meeting milestones and development. Registration required.



Ice Cream Cone Handprint

Friday, August 4

What's better than an ice cream cone? An ice cream cone made out of your own handprint! Stop in this week and pick up supplies to make your own.

Popsicle Stick Puppets

Friday, August 11

This week you can get creative and make your own puppets made from popsicle sticks! Stop in this week and pick up supplies to make your own.



Fire Engine

Friday, August 18

Stop in this week for our last Friday craft of the summer - a Fire Engine! Thanks for making such fun crafts with us this summer!