

WDM LIBRARY

West Des Moines Public Library Monthly Newsletter



Photo: Staff wears purple for International Women's Day.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9am - 9pm

Friday 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 2pm - 5pm

OverDrive Switching Fully to Libby App

Some of our patrons who utilize our eContent services may have noticed some changes to OverDrive. This is because, as of February 23, OverDrive has started to transition all users to the Libby app.

Patrons who currently have the OverDrive app downloaded to their devices will still be able to use the app until a later date in 2022 (yet to be announced). BUT, we recommend making the switch over to the Libby app now so you can walk through the transition with library staff before the OverDrive app is completely discontinued.

Below are some of the benefits that the Libby app brings:

- A unified bookshelf for all loans and holds
- Support for multiple library cards
- Direct user support from OverDrive
- A best-in-class ebook reader that supports comics, magazines, and read-alongs
- Push notifications for ready holds, new magazine issues, and more
- Ability to export notes and highlights
- Tags to track favorite reads, wish lists, and more
- Compatibility with Apple CarPlay
- Sonos speaker integration

Our library is part of the OverDrive Bridges Iowa consortium – you can manage your account via the Libby app or by visiting [this web page](#).

Have a specific question about the transition from OverDrive to Libby? [Check out their robust FAQ here](#).

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Children's



Young Adult



Adult



LITERACY AT THE LIBRARY
PRESENTED BY THE WDM LIBRARY

NEW! Literacy at the Library Series

While we might think of “literacy” as simply knowing how to read, literacy also means knowledge on a particular subject or field. Would you like to become literate in certain music genres? Learn how to “read” a prairie? Become a craft beer expert?

Once a month, our series of events will explore interesting new topics or work to deepen your understanding. We'll have a lineup of presenting speakers who know their topic inside and out while staying engaging (and fun!) Many topics will also include a follow-up, hands on portion where you can try a new skill or get more in-depth learning.

We'll kick off the series on Monday, April 4 with Financial Literacy! We're partnering with the Evelyn K. Davis Financial Empowerment Center to bring an informative session followed by one-on-one financial counseling appointments.

Other upcoming monthly topics include: Voter Literacy, Prairie/ Environmental Literacy, Book Literacy, Music Literacy, Astronomical Literacy, and much more!

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 Library's summer reading program and 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 of The West Des Moines Library would like to acknowledge the extraordinary generosity of the following Friends whose donations to the 21/22 membership campaign were \$500+.



Individuals

- Andrew Behrens
- Sally Rapp Beisser
- Jeremy and Shannon Bielski
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- John and Ann Christ
- Boyd Granberg
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- Shirley Harris
- Katherine Hauser
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- Theodore and Susan Hutchison
- John and Ellen Lamale
- John Loughry

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- Elizabeth Nelson
- The O'Neill Family
- Abby Rogers
- Lon Smallridge
- Diane Thompson
- Dan and Carol Werner
- Sue and John Windheuser

Businesses

- Farm Bureau Financial Services
- Francis & Associates
- Great Western Bank
- NCMIC Insurance

April Adult Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

Drop-in Activity: Poetry Terrariums

April 1 - 16

In April, we invite you to make your own Poetry Terrarium. Just what is a Poetry Terrarium? It combines snips of words and poetry in a small, clear box with tiny found objects. We supply the box, tiny objects and images, along with some selections of poetry (or you can write your own). Stop at the Adult Services Desk to pick up a box and supplies.



Club Read: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, April 11 - 7:00 - 9:00 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 Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell. This title is also available in eBook and eAudio in Bridges Overdrive.

Tech Help with Teens

1st Saturday of the Month - 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Register for one-on-one help with one of our teen assistants! Our teen assistants have been trained to help with a variety of technical questions on smart phones, tablets, and laptops. Please register on our calendar.



Color Connection: Adult Coloring Club

Tuesday, April 12 - 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. It's also a way to connect with others, even if it's in a quiet environment.



Financial Literacy

Monday, April 4 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Do you find yourself wondering where all your money goes by the end of the month? Confused by the differences in credit cards? Do you want to start saving money for the future but don't know where to start? Join us at the Library for a program on Financial Literacy, presented by the Evelyn K. Davis Financial Empowerment Center.



English Conversation Practice

Every 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday - 10:00 AM

English language learners welcome for this informal, fun, and free program! English Conversation Practice is perfect for people who speak English but would like to practice both speaking and listening with others.

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, April 14 - 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. We will be discussing Frankly, in Love by David Yoon. It is available on Hoopla in eBook and eAudio.



Financial Counseling with the Evelyn K. Davis Financial Empowerment Center

Tuesday, April 5 - 4:00 - 8:00 PM AND

Wednesday, April 6 - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Do you have a specific question about your finances? A counselor from the Evelyn K. Davis Financial Empowerment Center is here to help! Sign up for a 60-minute private session.



Library Closed

Sunday, April 17 - ALL DAY

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Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Tuesday, April 5 & April 19 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Are you curious about the game Dungeons and Dragons? Have you played D&D before, but need a new group? Hang out with a fun, open group of people as we adventure our way through campaigns and one-shots.



Adult Craft Night: Folded Book Bursts

Thursday, April 21 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come join us to create a fun takeaway craft for the adult crowd! We will guide attendees through making folded book bursts this evening.



Iowa One-Room Schools

Sunday, April 10 - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

The first Iowa schoolhouse was built in 1830 in Lee County. After that, country schools popped up in the thousands in Iowa. Bill Sherman is an expert researcher and author of "Iowa's Country Schools: Landmarks of Learning", a groundbreaking look at the history and impact of country schools on education in Iowa.



Book Club Social: Hybrid Edition!

Monday, April 25 - 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.

Children & Teen April Events at the WDM Library

[Find our full event calendar](#)

ALL youth programs now require registration.

Group Service Project (Teens)

Wednesday, April 6 & April 27 - 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. We will be performing a variety of tasks. No experience or training necessary!



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, April 13 - 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.



Lapsit Storytime

Monday Mornings (4/11, 4/18, 4/25)

(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. We will spotlight sensory stimulation, fine and gross motor skills, early literacy skills and of course FUN!



Family Storytime

Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Dates: 4/13, 4/14, 4/15, 4/20, 4/21, 4/22, 4/27, 4/28, 4/29

(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!



Family Night at the Library: Paper Airplanes!

Monday, April 11 - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

(All ages)

Come one, come all to a fun family night at the library! This month we'll be earning our pilot's license as we learn to fold and fly paper airplanes. For all ages. Please register each person attending (children and adults).



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Toddler Storytime

Tuesday Mornings (4/12, 4/19, 4/26)

(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.



After School Adventures: Lego Club!

Wednesday, April 20 - 3:45 - 4:30 PM

(Ages 5-12)

Join us in the Community Room after school to embark on an adventure! Sign up these month and participate in a vehicular building challenge using everyone's favorite interlocking brick system. For ages 5-12, registration required.

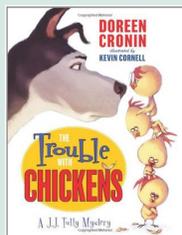


Kids Club Read: The Trouble with Chickens

Tuesday, April 12 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 7-10)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin! If you need a copy of the book, please come to the Children's Desk and check out a book club copy!



Kids Graphic Novel Club Read:

Roller Girl

Thursday, April 21 - 4:15 - 5:00 PM

(Ages 8-12)

Join us for discussion and activities related to this month's book, Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson. Register anytime by calling 222-3405 or stop in to the Children's Desk.



Baby Doll Storytime

Wednesday Mornings (4/13, 4/20, 4/27)

(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!



Stranger Things Weeklong Fun (Teens)

April 25 - 29

(Grades 6-12)

We're looking forward to the summer release of Stranger Things. To get us ready, we have coloring sheets starting Monday, a "Can You Find Hopper?" riddle challenge Wednesday, and shrinky dinks on Friday (from 3:30-5:30). No registration required.

