

# February/ March

## Forest Avenue Library

### Events

ALL LOCATIONS OF THE DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19. NO PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD ON THAT DAY.

## All Ages

### Crossroads: A History of the Blues



**Saturday, February 21, 2 PM**

Travel through the **History of the Blues** with Tom Buckmiller and Steve Vasquez at Forest Avenue Library. Journey from Mississippi Delta juke joints to electrified Chicago blues and enjoy an immersive musical experience. Blues CDs will be given as door prizes.

### Sew Social

**Saturday, March 7, 2-4 PM**

Kaitlyn, instructor for *Sewing for Beginners*, will cover mending basics this session. Bring your current sewing projects as well as items needing repair. Kaitlyn will walk you through the basics of mending and assist with sewing projects as needed.

### Board Game Open Play

**Friday, February 20 and March 20, 12-5 PM**

Join us for a drop-in event for all ages. Come in, get cozy, and choose from a variety of games or puzzles to play with friends!

## Kids/Families



### Pokémon Scavenger Hunt

**February 1-28**

Become a Pokémon master at the Des Moines Public Library! We're celebrating the 30th anniversary of Pokémon with a systemwide scavenger hunt! Grab a library Pokédex while visiting the library and head to all six library locations, finding all the Pokémon in the Pokédex along the way. Turn in your completed Pokédex before March 2, and you'll be entered into a drawing for a Pokémon prize pack. Good luck on catching em' all throughout the month of February!

# STORYTIMES



## Family Storytime

**Wednesdays, 10:15 AM**

Join Miss Emily for Family Storytime every Wednesday at 10:15 AM. Enjoy silly stories, songs, music, dancing, and art in a fun and welcoming environment. This program is designed for children ages 0–5, but all ages are welcome to join in the fun.

## Cuentacuentos: Bilingual Storytime

**4th Thursday of the month, 6:15 PM**

Join us at Forest Avenue Library for Bilingual Story Hour. Enjoy children's stories, rhymes, and arts and crafts presented in both English and Spanish. This program is fun and engaging for all ages and is designed especially for young children and their families.

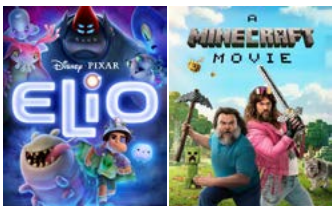
## ASAP Mondays

**Mondays in February, 4 PM – Cardboard Creations**

**Mondays in March, 4 PM – Bust a Move**

Try your hand at a new project after school each week! An After School Arts Program teaching artist will provide instruction. In February, we'll transform cardboard into art. In March, we'll learn all sorts of dance moves. No registration required; snacks provided.

## Movie Watch Party



**Tuesday, February 3, 3:30 PM –**

**Elio (PG)**

**Tuesday, March 3, 3:30 PM –**

**A Minecraft Movie (PG)**

Snack, craft, and watch a fun movie at the library during our monthly movie watch parties!

## Art Club

**Thursday, February 5, 6:30 PM – Paper Marbling**

**Thursday, March 5, 6:30 PM – Woven Tapestries**

Learn about artists, techniques, concepts, or art processes each month! Using the lessons you take part in, you will find inspiration to make your own art at the library with others in the class! This program is designed for ages 6–11. No registration required.

## LEGO Open Play

**Friday, February 6 and March 6, 12–5 PM**

Join us in the Forest Meeting Room where building blocks will be available for open play! Use your imagination to build your ideas or use the STEM-challenge prompts and building guides to bring ideas to life. Drop-in anytime between 12–5pm.

## Chess Club

**Tuesday, February 10 and 24 and March 10 and 24, 4 PM**

Join the fun at Chess Club! Chess is one of the world's most popular games and is played by millions of people worldwide. This is a drop-in program where resources will be available to learn to play or come to test your skills with other players. For kids and teens.

## Noche de Juegos | Game Night

**Tuesday, February 10 and March 10, 6 PM**

Join us at Forest Avenue Library for **Noche de Juegos**—a fun-filled game night for bilingual kids and language learners! For ages 6 and up.

*Únete a nosotros en la Biblioteca de Forest Avenue el segundo martes de cada mes a las 6:00 de la noche para una **Noche de Juegos**. Este programa está pensado para niños de 6 años en adelante*

## Book Club Pizza Party

**Thursday, February 12, 6 PM – Max in the House of Spies**

**Thursday, March 12, 6 PM – The Eyes and the Impossible**

Join us at Forest for a book club and pizza party just for tweens! Each month features a new book exploring different genres, formats, and topics. Participants must pick up a copy of the book from Forest before the event to keep. For ages 9–12. **Registration is required.**

## Play and Learn Group

**Friday, February 13 and 27, March 13 and 27, 10 AM–12PM**

Discover, learn, and play with other caregivers and young children during our play & learn group sessions! Drop-in when you can and take the opportunity to play with our fun equipment, toys, and sensory activities.

## Drop-In STEM Challenge

**Thursday, February 17, 2–5 PM – Build a Marble Run**

**Thursday, March 17, 2–5 PM – Magnetic Slime**



Test your science and building skills by taking part in our STEM challenges. Try your hand at building a marble run from LEGOs and paper towel tubes, then find out how magnetic slimes reacts to different environments. All materials provided.

## Pajama Storytimes

**Thursday, February 19, 6:30 PM – Polar Bears**

**Thursday, March 19, 6:30 PM – Hooray for Spring!**

Put on your coziest pajamas and join us for special storytime each month! We'll enjoy stories, a warm beverage, and a fun craft each month centered around a fun theme. Be sure to bring along your favorite stuffed animal to cuddle!

# Adult

## Abby Jimenez Trivia Night

Tuesday, February 3, 6 PM

Celebrate love and romance this month with Abby Jimenez trivia! Join us to test your knowledge on the *Abby-Verse*. Compete for the title of winner and decorate a cupcake before you leave. Teams may be 1-4 people. **Registration required.**

## Card Club

Wednesday, February 4 and March 4, 6 PM

Join us at Forest Avenue Library for Card Club. We will play trick-taking card games such as 500, Euchre, Hearts, Spades, Tién lén and others. It's a perfect opportunity to meet people, learn a new game, or join a group playing your favorite card games.

## Craft Night

Wednesday, February 18, 6 PM – Paper Flowers

Wednesday, March 18, 6 PM – Bookmarks

Craft Night is a great place to spend time with friends, meet new people, and enjoy a fun activity. In February, make paper flowers with a variety of colors and patterns. In March, create your own bookmarks! This craft is available while supplies last.

## Forest Avenue Library Book Discussion

Monday, February 23, 6 PM – *How to Stop Time*, by Matt Haig

Monday, March 23, 6 PM – *Good Night, Irene*, by Luis Alberto Urrea

Discuss good books with book lovers each month. You may pick up a copy of the book about a month prior to each program.

## Medicare Advantage 101



Saturday, February 28, 12:30 PM

Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment is January 1–March 31. Get clear, practical guidance on your Medicare options, learn how to spot and avoid fraud, and stay for one-on-one enrollment help. Presented by Marlú Abarca, SHIP-SMP Caseworker.

*Conozca sus opciones, aprenda cómo prevenir el fraude y reciba ayuda con la inscripción después de la presentación. Presentado por Marlú Abarca, trabajadora social de SHIP-SMP.*

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