

February/ March

Franklin 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.

Rids/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!

Little Explorers

Monday, February 2 and March 2, 10-11 AM

Bring your young ones to our Little Explorers program, designed for children ages 0-5, to discover, learn and play with different sensory activities. No Registration is Required. Please wear play clothes as some activities may be messy.

Art in the Library – Northern Lights Art

Wednesday, February 4, 4 PM

Visit the library to create beautiful artwork of the Northern Lights using oil pastels and paint. Art in the Library is for children ages 6-12. Younger siblings may attend if accompanied by an adult. **Registration required.**

Park-N-Play

Thursdays, 10 AM-12 PM

Join us for indoor Park-N-Play, hosted by the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation department on Thursday mornings in the Franklin Avenue Library meeting room. Drop in and enjoy toys, games, crafts, and activities for families at no cost. All ages welcome!



Winnie the Pooh Sneak Preview

Saturday, February 14, 10:30 AM

Visit the library for a special sneak preview of the Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre production of *Winnie the Pooh*. Learn about the show and get a chance to meet the cast!

Creative Readers

Tuesday, February 17 and March 17, 4 PM

Join us in celebrating the joy of reading and art as we explore materials and STEM activities inspired by a picture book. Ages 3 and up.

Epic Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, February 19 and March 19, 4 PM

We will have a brief discussion about this month's book followed by fun activities and crafts related to the book! You do not need to read the book beforehand to attend this program. For ages 7-11. **Registration required.**

SIMPLE STEPS TO EARLY LITERACY: READ WRITE SING PLAY TALK

STORYTIMES

Our DMPL Storytimes incorporate the five Simple Steps:
READ WRITE SING PLAY TALK

These easy steps help prepare your child for learning success.

Find a List of Storytimes at: dmpl.org/storytimes

STORYTIMES

Baby Rhyme Time

Tuesdays, 10:15 AM

Babies and their caregivers are invited to join Miss Jennifer on Tuesdays for a fun and engaging storytime. Enjoy rhymes, songs, bounces, and a story, followed by a short playtime. This program supports early learning and connection in a warm, welcoming environment. Ages 0-18 months.

Toddler Stories, Songs, and Movement

Wednesdays, 10:15 AM

Join Miss Donna for a fun-filled storytime designed for active toddlers. Enjoy stories, songs, and more, all carefully selected to engage children ages 18 months to 3 years. This interactive program encourages early learning in a playful and welcoming environment.

Kids Pokémon Card Swap

Thursday, February 26 and March 26, 4 PM

Bring your friends and come to this monthly program with any cards you want to trade. This event is open to children ages 6-18.

Science Wednesdays – Tech Take Apart

Wednesday, March 4, 4 PM

Take apart a piece of used technology and explore what it is made of. Science Wednesdays is a chance for kids ages 6-12 to explore different aspects of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Registration required.

The Lightning Thief Sneak Preview

Saturday, March 7, 10:30 AM

Visit the library for a special sneak preview of the Des Moines Community Playhouse production of *The Lightning Thief* based on the popular book by Rick Riordan. Enjoy the performance and enter to win free tickets to the play!

Roll a Monster Craft Game

Monday, March 16, 10 AM-4 PM

Roll the dice to create charming, cheerful, friendly, or goofy monsters using the provided art materials. All ages.

Super Mario Day at Franklin

Saturday, March 21, 10 AM-4 PM

Get ready for the release of the upcoming Super Mario Galaxy Movie with activities in the children's area. Join us for crafts, games, and a special scavenger hunt. Crafts will be available in the children's area while supplies last.

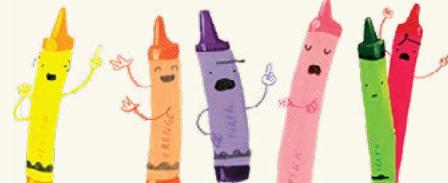


DREW DAYWALT

Drew Daywalt Author Visit

Thursday, March 5, 4 PM

Drew Daywalt, author of the bestselling children's book *The Day the Crayons Quit*, will be talking about his new book, *Forty the Fortune Teller*. Registration required.



Teen

Franklin VolunTeens

Monday, February 9 and March 9, 4 PM

Become a volunteer and help with library projects and programs. Teens ages 12-18 can pick up a teen volunteer application at the Franklin Avenue Library. Applications must be turned in and approved before attending this program.

Nintendo Switch Party

Wednesday, February 18, 4 PM

Join us for a Nintendo Switch Party! We will have games like Mario Kart 8 & Super Mario Bros. Ultimate. Feel free to bring your own Switch or share the library's controllers.

The Art of Expression: Stained Glass

Wednesday, February 25, 4 PM

The Art of Expression is a monthly program for teens to learn and create different types of art in a relaxed atmosphere. This month, create a gorgeous work of art using everyday materials that mimic stained glass. **Registration required.**



Teen Chef: Walking Tacos

Wednesday, March 18, 4 PM

Sharpen your kitchen knowledge and learn how to make delicious dishes. Join us over Spring Break to cook taco meat and chop up toppings to make walking tacos. **Registration is required.**

Nerf Challenge

Monday, March 23, 3 PM

Join us for our first ever Nerf Challenge! Bring your friends to compete in games and challenges that focus on strategy, teamwork, speed, and accuracy. All Nerf supplies provided. **Registration required.**

Adult



Ella Sings the Songbook Exhibit

February 2-27

Explore *Ella Sings the Songbook*, a traveling exhibit from The Great American Songbook Foundation. Discover how Ella Fitzgerald revitalized classic songs from Tin Pan Alley, Broadway, and Hollywood, cementing her legacy as one of jazz's greatest voices.



The Unsinkable Meredith Wilson Exhibit

March 2-30

Explore the entertainment career of Meredith Wilson (creator of *The Music Man*) from his humble beginnings in Mason City, Iowa to the lights of Broadway. This exhibit was created by the Great American Songbook Foundation.



Death Café

Wednesday, February 4, 6:30 PM

A Death Café is a relaxed, welcoming space where people gather to talk openly about death and dying over tea and conversation. All beliefs, questions, and quiet moments are welcome. The conversation is organized by Erika Hall, a certified death doula.

Franklin Afternoon Book Discussion

Monday, February 9, 1 PM – *The Book Club for Troublesome Women*, by Marie Bostwick

Monday, March 9, 1 PM – *The Fox Wife*, by Yangsze Choo

The Franklin Afternoon Book Discussion is a regularly scheduled book club meeting on the second Monday of the month. Copies of the next month's book are available at the end of each discussion or at the Help Desk. All patrons are welcome!

Franklin Cinema Club

Monday, February 9, 6:30 PM – *Parasite*

Monday, March 16, 6:30 PM – *Our Hospitality*

Discuss noteworthy films at the Franklin Cinema Club, a discussion series held each month. Participants view the selected film *prior* to attending the discussion. Titles are available through Kanopy (the library's free streaming service) and our DVD collection.

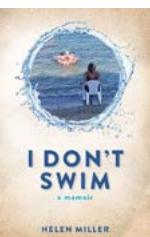
Reading on the Margins Book Discussion

Thursday, February 12, 6:30 PM – *Woodworking*, by Emily St. James

Thursday, March 12, 6:30 PM – *The Dream Hotel*, by Laila Lalami

Join us once a month to discuss books by underrepresented authors. Our goal is to amplify these voices and experiences while discussing social issues in the context of fiction and non-fiction books. Books are available to borrow about a month prior to the program.

I Don't Swim: An Author Visit with Helen Miller



Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 PM

Join author Helen Miller for a discussion of her memoir, *I Don't Swim*. Miller reflects on her family's experiences during the Great Migration and explores her life story within the broader context of the Civil Rights Movement and the history of Black Americans.

DMPL Digital Drop-In

Thursday, February 19 and March 19, 10-11 AM

Learn how to use DMPL's digital resources like Libby, Consumer Reports, Kanopy, and newspapers. Help will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Retirement University

Thursday, February 19, 6:30 PM – Social Security & Medicare

Thursday, February 26, 6:30 PM – Investment & Taxes

Thursday, March 5, 6:30 PM – Long-term Care and Legacy Planning

Join the library and the Society for Financial Awareness for a series of free programs to help you plan for retirement. Each session will cover different topics. Come to any or all programs. No registration required.

Tarot Journaling Workshop

Saturday, February 21, 2 PM

Dr. Susan Harper will lead you through the basics of Tarot and the art of Tarot journaling. Join us to deepen your practice and express your creativity. Supplies will be provided, but you may bring your own journal as well. **Registration required**.

Winter Puzzle Competition

Monday, February 23, 6 PM

Spend the night competing against the clock to complete a 300-piece puzzle. Teams will go head-to-head to see who can put their puzzle together the fastest. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams. For all ages; teams may consist of 2-4 people. **Registration required**.

Introduction to Herbal Medicine

Monday, March 2, 6 PM

This beginner-friendly program will cover the basics of herbalism. Instructor Sara 'Connell will explain terminology and cover the traditional uses of herbs. Each participant will walk away with herbal infused honey of their own creation. **Registration required**.

NFC's Journey to Homeownership (J2H)

Wednesday, March 4, 6 PM

This program provides educational tools and resources to support community members who are looking to become homeowners. We'll cover the homebuying process, real challenges first-time buyers face, and more.

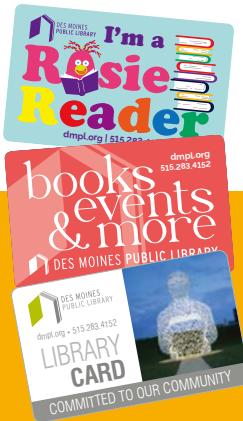
Swedish Death Cleaning 101



Monday, March 9, 6:30 PM

Join professional home organizer, Carrie Blackburn, for an introduction to Swedish Death Cleaning, as well as tips and tricks for decluttering and downsizing your own home. Blackburn is owner of Tidy Butterfly, LLC, a local business specializing in home organizing.

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