

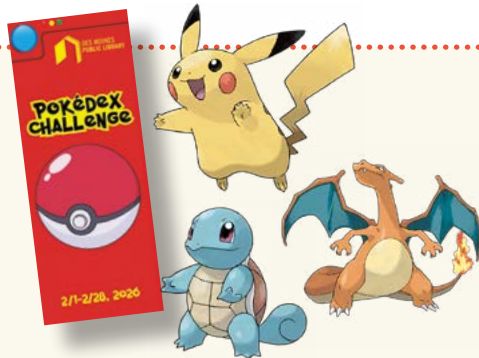
# February/ March

## 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.

## 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!

### 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.**



# 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**

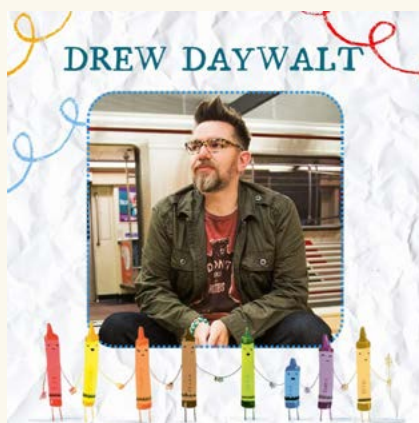
Roll the dice to create charming, cheerful, friendly, or goofy monsters using the provided art materials. All ages.

## 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 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 Willson Exhibit

**March 2-30**

Explore the entertainment career of Meredith Willson (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.



## DMPL Digital Drop-In

## Retirement University

## Tarot Journaling Workshop

## Swedish Death Cleaning 101

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