

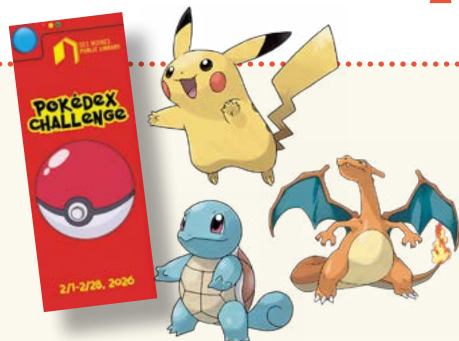
# February/ March

## South Side 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**

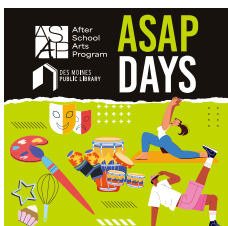
Become a Pokémon master at the Des Moines Public Library! We're celebrating the 30th anniversary of Pokémon with a systemwide scavenger hunt! Grab a library Pokédex while visiting the library and head to all six library locations, finding all the Pokémon in the Pokédex along the way. Turn in your completed 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!

### Park-N-Play

**Tuesdays, 10-11:30 AM**

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

### ASAP Thursdays



**Thursdays in February, 4 PM – Sticker Factory**  
**Thursdays in March, 4 PM – Watercolor Painting**

Join other creative types and take up a new project each week, led by an After School Arts Program teaching artist. Snacks will be provided. In February, design and build your own stickers. In March, learn watercolor basics and other watercolor techniques.

### Kid's Craft Day: Mini Books

**Saturday, February 7, 10 AM-5 PM**

Drop in at South for Kid's Craft Day in the Children's Area! For kids ages 5-12. Crafts will be available all day while supplies last.

### Sensory Play Hour



**Tuesday, February 17 and March 17, 4-5 PM**

Come to South Side for an hour of sensory exploration! From cool textures to fun activities, kids can have a great time learning while doing what they do best: playing! This is a drop-in program – come in when you can. No registration required!



# STORYTIMES

## Family Storytime

**Mondays, 6:30 PM**

Join us for Family Storytime at 6:30 PM! Children and caregivers can enjoy songs, stories, and activities together. Pajamas are welcome for a cozy evening of fun. This program is best for ages 6 and under, but all families are invited to attend.

## Preschool Storytime

**Thursdays, 10 AM**

Children ages 3–5 and their caregivers can join us Thursdays at 10 AM for a 30-minute storytime filled with engaging stories, music, and fun activities.

## Magical Winter Ball

**Saturday, February 28, 2-3:30 PM**

Hear ye, hear ye! You are invited to South Side's Magical Winter Ball! Put on your favorite outfit or costume and come to the library, where you'll have the chance to meet a princess, do fun crafts and activities, and listen to a story!

## Catapult Launchers with STEAM STARZ

**Tuesday, March 10, 4 PM**

Explore forces, motion, and energy transfer in action as families design, build, and launch their own mini catapults. For the grand finale, we'll bring out the full-size catapult to launch "fake snowballs" across the room! Ages 5+.

# Teen



## VolunTeen Drop-in Hour

**Wednesday, February 4, 11, and 25, 4-5 PM**

Earn volunteer hours by assisting with library programs and projects! Teens ages 12 to 18 can drop in any open Wednesday and volunteer for one hour. A volunteer application and parent/guardian-signed waiver must be submitted to South Side Library to participate.

# Adult

## Puzzle Exchange

**Saturday, February 7, 2 PM**

We're having a good old fashioned puzzle swap! Come to the South Side Library Meeting Room and exchange your beloved puzzles for new-to-you ones. It's the best way to discover new puzzles and new challenges while discussing puzzles with other puzzle lovers!

## Mah Jongg 101



**Saturday, February 21, 1:30-4:45 PM**

**Thursday, March 19, 5:30-7:45 PM**  
Join the Dealt Hand and learn to play American Mah Jongg! This program is designed to give you the basics of how to play and learning how to interpret the scoring card. Then, we'll start playing! Participants will also get a reference sheet to take home.

## DIY Zen Garden

**Wednesday, February 25, 6 PM**

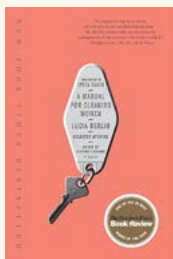
Beat back the doldrums of winter with a calming evening of zen. Design and create your very own mini zen garden. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Introduction to Reiki

**Wednesday, March 25, 6 PM**

Discover the gentle, powerful practice of Reiki energy healing in this engaging and interactive presentation. Join certified Usui Reiki Master/Teacher Sheena Green as she explores the ancient Japanese healing art founded by Mikao Usui in the early 1900s.

## South Side Book Discussion



**Thursday, February 19, 2 PM –**  
*Happy Land*, by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

**Thursday, March 19, 2 PM –**  
*A Manual for Cleaning Women*, by Lucia Berlin

Enjoy a good book and great conversation each month with other book lovers. Copies of the

next month's book are available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at the prior month's program.