

February/ March

East 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

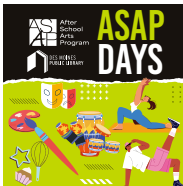
Mondays, 3:30 PM and Wednesdays, 10 AM

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

ASAP Tuesdays

Tuesdays in February, 3:30 PM – Painting Party

Tuesdays in March, 3:30 PM – Culinary Kids



Try your hand at a new project after school each week! After School Arts Program teaching artist will provide instruction. In February, we'll have a group painting party. In March, we'll dabble in cooking. Come to one or all sessions. No registration required; snacks provided.

Olympic Kickoff Night

Thursday, February 5, 6 PM

Gear up for the Games with a fun evening of crafting Olympic ring bracelets, mini torches, and gold medals. A perfect pre-Olympics celebration for all ages!

STEAM Cart Challenge

Thursday, February 12, 6 PM – Penny Spinners

Thursday, March 5, 6 PM – Sail Cars

Get a hands-on lesson in science and engineering by creating machines and gadgets with our STEAM Cart! In February, learn about motion and balance by building a penny spinner. In March, experiment with sails, wind, and wheels while creating a sail-powered car.

Paws and Read with ARL Therapets

Thursday, February 19 and March 19, 5-7 PM

Relax, read, and spend time with friendly therapy animals from the ARL! Drop in to meet our cuddly visitors and enjoy a calm, cozy evening at the library. For all ages.

Anime Watch Party

Wednesday, February 25, 3:30 PM – *The Cat Returns* (G)

Wednesday, March 18, 3:30 PM – *Dragon Ball Super: Broly* (PG)

Join us after school anime watch party. Snacks will be provided.



Poké Ball Suncatcher

Thursday, February 26, 6 PM

Create a bright and colorful Poké Ball suncatcher to hang in your window! A quick, fun craft for Pokémon fans of all ages.



STORYTIMES

Toddler Storytime

Mondays, 10 AM

Toddlers and their caregivers are invited to enjoy introductory stories, songs, music, and movement. This program is designed for children ages 18 to 36 months.

Baby Rhyme Time

Tuesdays, 10 AM

Join us for rhymes, songs, bounces, stories, and playtime! This program is designed for caregivers and babies ages 0–18 months to enjoy together in a fun and nurturing environment.

Teens



Silent(ish) Book Club + Crafts

Thursday, March 12, 3:30 PM

A book club with no reading assignments — just books and good vibes! Bring any book (or grab one from our display), get cozy, and read for the first half. Then, stick around for snacks and crafts.

This month, we'll make clay magnets. For middle and high schoolers.

Gardening 101

Thursday, March 26, 6 PM

Join Community Youth Concepts for a hands-on Gardening 101 workshop. Middle and high schoolers will plant their own seeds and learn the basics of starting and caring for a garden. Discover what plants are great for Iowa's climate and pick up some eco-smart growing tips.

Adult

Postcrossing Meetup



Tuesday, February 3, 6 PM

Join fellow postcard lovers for a cozy Postcrossing meetup at the library! Bring your cards and enjoy light refreshments while chatting with other Postcrossers. Whether you're a longtime participant or just getting started, all are welcome.

Book Discussion

Monday, February 9 and March 9, 2 PM

Enjoy good books, great discussions, and meet fellow book lovers. Snacks and coffee are provided! Books will be available to borrow from the front desk about a month prior to the program. Check the calendar for the upcoming titles

Make-N-Mend Meetup

Wednesday, February 11 and March 11, 5-7 PM

Drop in for a couple hours to work on your latest craft or mending project. **Please bring your own supplies and projects with you.** *Please note: No formal instruction is provided. Children ages 8+ are welcome but must come with a parent/guardian.*

DIY Mini Bookshelves



Tuesday, February 24, 6 PM

Calling all craft lovers and bookworms! Decorate your own 3D-printed mini bookshelf in this hands-on program. Materials and tiny trinkets are provided, and you're welcome to bring your own for a personal touch. **Registration required.**

Drop In Puzzle Swap

Saturday, February 28, 10 AM-1 PM

Join fellow puzzle enthusiasts to swap, share, and discover fresh puzzles to enjoy at home. All ages are welcome!

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iPhone Workshop

Monday, March 9, 6 PM

This program introduces the iPhone and its key functions and features. It's designed for patrons who want to learn the basics. We'll explore common apps and help participants build confidence in using the device safely. **Registration required.**

Perimenopause and Menopause: Rewriting the Narrative

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 PM

We'll explore perimenopause and menopause, uncover the challenges that might appear in these chapters, and share practical tools to help you thrive as you write your next chapter with confidence. This program is facilitated by a Health Educator from Planned Parenthood.

Seed Starting Workshop

Wednesday, March 18, 6 PM

Learn the basics of starting seeds indoors at this workshop! Choose from a nice variety of tomatoes, peppers, herbs and flowers. Local non-profit Nine Square Feet will provide soil, containers and seeds, along with favorite tips for your success.

Identity Theft Prevention

Tuesday, March 24, 6 PM

Wednesday, March 25, 10:30 AM

This free program will help you recognize the warning signs of identity theft and fraud, explore the different ways these crimes occur, and learn practical strategies to safeguard yourself. Each session will cover the same material. This program is facilitated by BMO.

The Night We Met Release Party

Tuesday, March 31, 6 PM

Celebrate the launch of Abby Jimenez's newest novel with a fun night at the library. Sip on themed mocktails and strike a pose in our photo booth with playful props. **Shelf Love DSM** will be also be on hand with Abby's new novel and more great romance books.

Register at dmpl.org/events