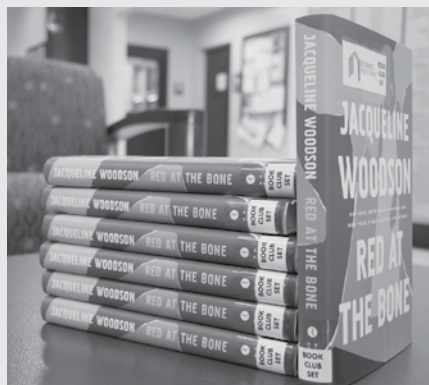


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NOW AVAILABLE: BOOK CLUB SETS

Everyone loves a good book club. It's a great excuse to get together with friends, socialize, and enjoy some delicious refreshments. The Des Moines Public Library is now offering dozens of book club sets, ensuring your group will never run out of fun reads. Best of all, these book sets are free! You don't have to buy a book just for the book club.

Some things to know about book clubs sets:

- Each set contains 10 books and discussion notes in a clear tote bag.
- Each set checks out for 60 days.
- You may reserve sets in advance online at dmpl.org/bookclubsets.
- Sets will be shipped to the branch of your choice, and may be returned to any branch.
- You may also browse sets at the Franklin Avenue Library, where they are housed.

Several dozen different books are available, from Margaret Atwood's latest release, *The Testaments*, to Jacqueline Woodson's new novel, *Red at the Bone*, to classics like *Fahrenheit 451*. To view a full list of books, go to dmpl.org/bookclubsets.

"IT'S A VISIT"

Tuesday, December 3, 12:00–1:15 PM, Central Library



Elaine Estes, former Des Moines Public Library Director, presents a history of Clement Clark Moore's poem "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" later called "The Night Before Christmas." A favorite book, it has been illustrated by almost every major illustrator.

Estes will display her large collection of "The Night Before Christmas" books. The Library Foundation will host a holiday tea. For more information call Dory Briles at 515-412-0180.

WARM READS FOR WINTER BOOK SALE



Thursday–Saturday,
December 5-7, Central Library

We're opening our back room for you to explore! Come to the Central Library and find hundreds of items available for purchase. We're selling donated and withdrawn books for all ages, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks,

and many more items. It's the perfect opportunity to find a heart-warming book during the chilly winter. There's bound to be a treasure for you or a loved one!

BAD ART NIGHT: WINTER GIFT EDITION

Monday, December 9, 6:00 PM, East Side Library



Join us for an evening of winter-themed bad art at the East Side Library. This all-ages event will showcase your creativity. Materials will be provided for you to make a "bad" piece of art—use your creativity to make your best winter-themed Pinterest fail or "messterpiece." Each team will have about 30 minutes to create their work, then each piece of art will

be put into our exhibition for all to vote. Three "winners" will receive fun prizes. Light refreshments will be provided. Make some art and gift to a friend!

FAMILY STORYTIME: GINGERBREAD DECORATING



Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 PM, Central Library

Listen to cookie-themed stories while you decorate and devour your own gingerbread men.

FRIDAY MORNING FEVER: TODDLER/PRESCHOOL DANCE PARTY

Friday, December 27, 10:00 AM, Central Library



Come to the Central Library to dance under the lights of a disco ball, play with beach balls, and do a special craft. Put on those boogie shoes and bring a friend.

Note to our patrons: Macmillan Publishers has placed an embargo on eBooks for its new releases. As a result, the Des Moines Public Library will no longer purchase any Macmillan materials that are part of the embargo, and will instead use those funds to purchase unembargoed materials from Macmillan and other publishers. Go to dmpl.org/ebook-embargo for more information.

RESOURCES TO HELP GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Tuesday, December 3, 4:00 PM, North Side Library



Claire and Jenica, from the Iowa Center for Economic Success and the Mid-Iowa Regional Small Business Development Center, will enlighten attendees about community resources to help your business grow. Light refreshments will be served. This program

is part of the Main Street 101: DMPL Small Business Workshops series sponsored by American Enterprise.

SNAIL MAIL SOCIAL

Wednesday, December 4, 6:00 PM, East Side Library

Wednesday, December 11, 11:30 AM, South Side Library



Do you remember the excitement of receiving a beautifully addressed letter in the mailbox? Take an hour away from email and texting to join us for an evening of old-fashioned letter and card writing. All the supplies you'll need to create a beautiful piece of

correspondence will be available, including the stamps to mail them (two per attendee). We'll have some hot apple cider to sip as well. Supplies are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

MEET THE NORTH SIDE STAFF!

Thursday, December 5, 11:00 AM, North Side Library



Meet the North Side Library staff during a cheery morning program. We'll have a light breakfast set up during a meet-and-greet. Musical entertainment will be provided by Clear Joy Music Ensemble, a musical

duo consisting of sisters Elaina and Anna Steenson. It'll be a great chance to meet your neighborhood library staff in a casual environment.

RAINBOW MEETUP!

Thursday, December 5, 5:00-7:30 PM, East Side Library



Join us for an all-ages meet-up to connect with LGBTQ community members and allies! Learn about upcoming events, listen to music by Queer artists, and check out LGBTQ Books by Queer authors and about Queer characters. Coloring

sheets, snacks, and beverages available while supplies last. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON



Thursday, December 5, 6:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library

Enjoy our annual concert of holiday cheer. Two groups from Roosevelt High School will perform during the night. The Roosevelt High School Chamber Choir will be under the direction of Devon Steve, and the Da

Capo A Cappella Jazz Choir will be under the direction of Rose Dino. This production of holiday-themed music is always delightful and fun!

GIANT BOARD GAMES: CODENAMES

Thursday, December 5, 6:30 PM, Central Library

If you enjoy the table-top version of board games, you'll love the life-sized version. This month, come play a giant version of Codenames! Give one-word clues that bring your teammates closer to cracking the code, but be careful so you don't accidentally help the enemy. Snacks will be provided. For adults.



FREE FRIDAY FLICKS AT FRANKLIN

Aladdin (2019)



Friday, December 6, 1:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library (Rated PG)

Join us at the Franklin Avenue Library during our monthly movie series. This winter, we'll be showing the new version of *Aladdin*, starring Will Smith, Mena Massoud, and Naomi Scott.

STAR WARS BINGO

Thursday, December 12, 4:00 PM, Franklin Avenue Library



Prepare for *The Rise of Skywalker* by playing Star Wars Bingo at the library! Whether you are a brand-new fan or you know the details of every character, you'll have a ton of fun playing this game. Feel free to wear a costume as well! Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

THE GIFT OF STORY

Saturday, December 14, 2:00 PM, North Side Library



Irish-American storyteller Maureen Korte is commonly seen at Des Moines Public Library branches across the city, sharing folk tales, myths, and anecdotes from around the globe during special storytimes. Now, she's coming to the North Side Library with a special seasonal program

that's perfect for all ages. Come hear her as she tells cheery and heart-warming winter-themed and Christmas-themed stories and learn what makes stories as important a gift as anything else this holiday season.

KUNG FU PANDA KICKIN' OFF THE NEW YEAR

Tuesday, December 31, 10:30 AM-4:30 PM, East Side Library



What's the best way to wind down 2019? Spending time with Po, Li Shan, Master Tigress, and all your favorite Kung Fu Panda friends. We're airing a Kung Fu Panda marathon by showing all three movies beginning at 10:30 AM (all are rated PG). We'll also be creating panda masks and playing with foam as we enjoy light refreshments all day. 2019 will be history and 2020 is a mystery, but it's always a gift to have fun with Kung Fu Panda!

LEAP HERE: SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING WORKSHOP

Monday, December 2, 9, 16, & 30, 4:30-6:00 PM, Central Library



Learn more about how to build and grow a social media presence for your organization. The United Way of Central Iowa and LeapHere, LLC will be presenting this four-week workshop as they work to positively impact the digital skills gap.

Get answers to questions such as: "How do I create a page?", "What are some best practices for creating engaging content?", and "How do I create an ad and measure the impact of it?"

United Way of Central Iowa with Central Iowa Works and LeapHere, LLC, are working to positively impact the digital skills gap. Participants should plan on attending all four sessions and must be a resident of Dallas, Polk, or Warren County. No registration required. If you have questions or would like more information, please reach out to presenter Sam Reed by calling 515-447-0379, or emailing sam.reed@leapherellc.com.

SCHEDULE:

- Monday, December 2: Social Media Marketing Basics
- Monday, December 9: Marketing with Facebook
- Monday, December 16: Marketing with Facebook Ads
- Monday, December 30: Marketing with Instagram Ads



A CHRISTMAS STORY: THE MUSICAL SNEAK PREVIEW

Saturday, December 7, 10:30 AM, Franklin Avenue Library

Come to the library for a special sneak preview of the Des Moines Community Playhouse production of *A Christmas Story: The Musical*. Enjoy the performance, meet the cast, and register to win free tickets to the play!

STAR WARS SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday, December 13, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, South Side Library

Kids! Get ready to explore the galaxy at South with our "Star Wars" Scavenger Hunt! Drop in from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM to search the library for "Star Wars" characters and win a prize! May the Force be with you! For youth ages 5-12. Parent or guardian must be present with children.



GINGERBREAD ZOMBIES / ZOMBIS DE JENGIBRE

Thursday, December 19, 4:30 PM, East Side Library

It's never too late to be spooky! Join us at the East Side Library for a fun twist on a classic holiday cookie: gingerbread zombies! Cookies and crafts available while supplies last. Instruction available in both English and Spanish!

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Tuesday, December 31, 11:00 AM, Franklin Avenue Library

Tuesday, December 31, 11:15 AM, North Side Library

Count down to 12:00... in the afternoon during our Noon Year's Eve Parties! Enjoy games, crafts, activities, and much more. This family-friendly party is the perfect way to get everyone in on the New Year's fun.



ONGOING PROGRAMS

BOOK DISCUSSIONS



Monday, December 2, 1:00 PM, Franklin Avenue Library: *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth*, by Sarah Smarsh

Tuesday, December 3, 5:30 PM, Americana (1312 Locust St.): *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library: Share your favorite book of 2019.

Monday, December 16, 2:00 PM, East Side Library: *Educated*, by Tara Westover

Tuesday, November 17, 2:00 PM, North Side Library: Share your favorite book of 2019

WRITERS WORKSHOP

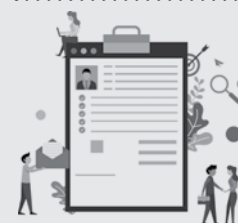


Monday, December 2, 5:00 PM, Central Library



CONVERSATIONS AND COFFEE

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17, & 31, 12:30 PM, Forest Avenue Library



JOB SEEKERS

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2:00 PM, North Side Library



BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2:00 PM, North Side Library



SIT N' STITCH

Saturday, December 7, 1:30 PM, North Side Library

NEW RELEASES: DECEMBER

Raising Good Humans, by Hunter Clarke-Fields

Genesis, by Robin Cook

Tiny Habits: The Small Changes that Change Everything, by B.J. Fogg

Napkin Finance, by Tina Hay

The German House, by Annette Hess

Body Love Every Day, by Kelly Leveque

Such a Fun Age, by Kiley Reid

A Madness of Sunshine, by Nalini Singh

Dead Astronauts, by Jeff Vandermeer

Would Like to Meet, by Rachel Winters



CLOSING: All six locations of the Des Moines Public Library will be CLOSED on December 24 and 25. All locations close at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 31.

HOURS AND LOCATIONS

Always open 24/7 at dmpl.org

CENTRAL LIBRARY 1000 Grand Avenue

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Pick-Up Window Hours

Monday - Friday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

EAST SIDE LIBRARY 2559 Hubbell Avenue

Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FOREST AVENUE LIBRARY 1326 Forest Avenue

Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY 5000 Franklin Avenue

Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

NORTH SIDE LIBRARY 3516 Fifth Avenue

Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SOUTH SIDE LIBRARY 1111 Porter Avenue

Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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Free Storytimes

Baby Rhyme Time | newborn - 18 months

Social storytimes for babies and their caregivers with rhymes, songs, movement, and a story!

- Tuesdays, 10:15 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
- Wednesdays, 10:15 AM | Central Library

Mother Goose on the Loose | newborn - 3 years

Early literacy for babies and toddlers through songs, stories, movement, and music!

- Tuesdays, 10:30 AM | East Side Library
- Tuesdays, 10:30 AM | North Side Library
- Wednesdays, 9:30 AM | Central Library

Play, Grow, Learn! | newborn - 6 years

Drop-in play using toys and materials that encourage early literacy skills!

- Mondays, 10:15 AM | Forest Avenue Library
- Thursdays, 10:15 AM | Forest Avenue Library
- Fridays, 10:30 AM | East Side Library

Toddler Storytime | 18 months - 3 years

Introductory reading activities with stories, songs, and movement!

- Wednesdays, 10:00 AM | South Side Library
- Wednesdays, 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
- Fridays, 10:15 AM | Central Library

Storytime | 18 months - 6 years

Introductory reading activities and preliteracy skills to promote school readiness through stories, songs, movement, and activities!

- Wednesdays, 10:15 AM | Forest Avenue Library
- Thursdays, 10:30 AM | North Side Library

Preschool Storytime | 3 - 6 years

Preliteracy skills to promote school readiness through stories, songs, and activities!

- Mondays, 10:15 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
- Thursdays, 10:00 AM | South Side Library
- Thursdays, 10:15 AM | Central Library
- Thursdays, 10:30 AM | East Side Library

Creative Readers | 3 & up

Read a story, explore, and create with art and STEM activities!

- Tuesdays, 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library

Evening Family Storytime | entire family

Storytelling and activities to engage the entire family!

- Mondays, 6:30 PM | South Side Library
- Tuesdays, 6:15 PM | Franklin Avenue Library
- Tuesdays, 6:30 PM | Central Library
- Wednesdays, 6:30 PM | North Side Library

Saturday Storytime

A variety of storytimes with various themes and age groups.

2nd Saturday of the month, 10:30 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
Family Storytime | Entire family

Bilingual Storytime | Cuentos y Canciones entire family/toda la familia

Enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs in English and Spanish!
Disfruten cuentos, rimas, y canciones en inglés y español!

East Side Library:

- Tuesdays, 6:00 PM | Los martes, a las 6:00

Subject to change. Check
dmpl.org/storytimes for
current information.

