

Meet the 2020 AViD speakers

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



public libraries have and always will be centered around books, but the Des Moines Public Library has so much more to offer — as you'll see on the following pages of our new bimonthly magazine.

The library is your space. It's a place where we invite the community to share stories, learn new things, and engage with one another.

We invite you to read through these pages to discover the many programs, storytimes, and learning activities our library has to offer. For families, we offer rich literacy experiences, STEAM-centered activities, and even popular movies to stream or watch in our buildings. For readers, learn more about our 2020 AVID speaker series, our annual reading challenge, and see a list of book club opportunities across all six of our library buildings.

Learn about your community, too, as we collaborate with partners ranging from Living History Farms to Blank Park Zoo to the Science Center of Iowa to CultureALL, and more.

Also, the library is a place for lifelong learning. Whether you need help searching for a new job or just want to learn how to play the ukulele — we've got you covered!

Beyond books and programs, discover the many services our library has available to you – for free! Download an eBook or eMagazine in just minutes, or stream a film or TV show on your phone, tablet, and even your smart TV. All of our digital resources and services bring a wide range of entertainment and learning to you wherever you are.

So, whether you walk through our doors, attend a program, check out a book, use our public computers, or download books and movies – there are so many ways to engage with Des Moines Public Library! Let us help you find the ways our library can best serve you and your unique needs.

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Azul Martinez of Des Moines. Photo by Joe Crimmings (joecrimmingsphoto.com)



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CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF AV

The 20th season of the Des Moines Public Library's Authors Visiting in Des Moines (AViD) speaker series kicks off on Saturday, March 28 with Tayari Jones at the DSM Book Festival.

Jones, the author of the runaway 2018 bestseller An American Marriage, is one of seven acclaimed authors who will speak at free AViD events this spring. The full lineup for the 20th anniversary of AViD, which is funded by the Des Moines Public Library Foundation, features the authors of some of the most acclaimed works of fiction and nonfiction in recent years.



TAYARI **Jones**

Saturday, March 28, 3:00 PM, Capital Square



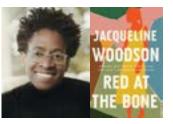
Jones is the author of four novels, including the 2018 bestseller An American Marriage. The novel was awarded the Women's Prize for Fiction, Aspen Words Prize, and an NAACP Image Award, and was an Oprah Book Club choice.



KATE QUINN

Thursday, April 23, 7:00 PM, Central Library

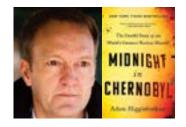
Quinn is a best-selling historical fiction author. She's written several novels, including The Huntress, which was published last year. Her 2017 novel, The Alice Network, was the third-most requested novel at the Des Moines Public Library in 2019.



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Thursday, April 9, 7:00 PM, Central Library

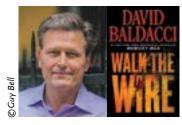
Abdurragib is a poet, essayist, and cultural critic. His book, Go Ahead in the Rain, chronicles A Tribe Called Ouest, the seminal 1990s rap group. It was named one of the best books of 2019 by Library Journal, the Chicago Tribune, and others.



ADAM **HIGGINBOTHAM**

Wednesday, May 6, 7:00 PM, Central Library

Higginbotham is a British author whose 2019 book, Midnight in Chernobyl, examines the Chernobyl nuclear plant disaster in 1986. It was one of The New York Times' 10 best books of 2019, and earned Higginbotham the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence.



DAVID **BALDACC**

Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 PM, Franklin Jr. High

Baldacci is a global #1 best-selling author and one of the world's most popular storytellers. His books have been published in more than 80 countries and have sold more than 130 million copies worldwide. His newest thriller. Walk the Wire, will be released on April 21.



BRAD MELTZER

Thursday, May 14, 7:00 PM, Central Library

The author and television host released his first nonfiction book, The First Conspiracy, last year. His new nonfiction book, The Lincoln Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill America's 16th President — and Why It Failed, will be released in early May.

JACQUELINE WOODSON

Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 PM, Sheslow Auditorium at Drake University

Woodson is the bestselling author of more than two dozen award-winning books, a four-time National Book Award finalist (and one-time winner), and a two-time NAACP Image Award winner. Her newest novel, Red at the Bone, was an instant bestseller and named one of the best books of 2019 by Oprah Magazine.

All AVID events are free. Seating is first come, first served. Free parking is available at Central Library, Franklin Jr. High, and free parking is first come, first served at Drake University.

Go to dmpl.org/AVID for more information on the authors and events.



NEW AT THE LIBRARY



Accomplish your 2020 goal of learning a new language with Mango, the Des Moines Public Library's new digital language learning service. Mango offers courses in more than 70 different languages, including Spanish, Mandarin, French, German, and even Pirate! Mango creates a streamlined lesson plan that helps you build skills and knowledge as you learn, and it includes a review system that adapts to your progress and learning behaviors.

In addition to full language courses, Mango offers specialty courses for specific situations. So if you're planning on doing business in a Spanish-speaking country or are traveling to Germany for Oktoberfest, Mango offers less-intensive lesson plans with specific learning goals.

Mango also offers courses to English language learners, with more than 20 source languages that can help people get started, including Spanish, Somali, Arabic, and Vietnamese.

Anyone with an active Des Moines Public Library card can access Mango at dmpl.org/mango, or by downloading the app for your phone or tablet.

> Find dozens more digital resources and databases like Manga online at

> > dmpl.org

Storytimes

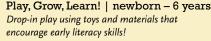
Baby Rhyme Time | newborn - 18 months Social storytimes for babies and their caregivers with rhymes, songs, movement, and a story!

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

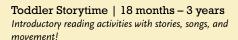
Mother Goose on the Loose | newborn - 3 years

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



- Mondays, 10:15 AM | Forest Avenue Library
- Thursdays, 10:15 AM | Forest Avenue Library
- Thursdays, 1:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library
- Fridays, 10:30 AM | East Side Library



- 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, 10:30 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

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
- 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:30 AM | Franklin Avenue Library

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.

















Iowa Honey Queen Abigail Kelly



Monday Night Craft: Beeswax

East Side Library

Monday, March 2 • 6:00-7:00 PM

Iowa Honey Queen Abigail Kelly will demonstrate a few crafting uses for beeswax, and participants will make their own rolled beeswax candle.

Honey Bee Storytime

South Side Library

Abigail Kelly will join us for two special storytimes. Listen to stories about bees and learn about beekeeping, plus create a take-home craft.

Family storytime: Monday, March 30 • 6:30-7:00 PM

Preschool storytime: Thursday, April 2 • 10:00-10:30 AM

Pollinators with the lowa Honey Queen

East Side Library

Tuesday, April 21 • 4:30 PM

Celebrate Earth Day by learning why pollinators play an important role in protecting our planet.

Break or Make Lab

East Side Library

Wednesday, March 4 and April 1 • 4:00-5:00 PM

A monthly deconstruction lab where we take apart common objects, see what parts they contain, and create something new from the pieces for you to take home.

Science Wednesdays

Franklin Avenue Library

Each month features a new science-themed activity. Registration

Wednesday, March 4 • 4:00-4:45 PM: Science is Magic. Explore science experiments and activities that are almost like magic.

Wednesday, April 1 • 4:00-4:45 PM: Float Your Boat. Design and construct your own mini boat and see how much cargo it can hold.

B.A.M. (Books, Art, Make)

Central Library

Every other Wednesday • 4:00-5:00 PM

Make your own themed crafts in the library's Imagination Station room.

March 4: Magic paper cubes

March 18: Magic paper and rock fairies

April 8: Folded paper bracelets

April 22: Earth Day owls

Power Play

Adults and children play together in an environment set up to promote all areas of development. Open-ended active play focuses on the 5 Simple Steps to Success strategies of read, write, sing, play, and talk. Each Power Play program also features a mini storytime.

South Side Library: Wednesdays • 10:30-11:30 AM

Central Library: Thursdays • 10:30-11:30 AM

Traditional, Folk, and Bollywood Dance of India with CultureALL

North Side Library

Friday, March 6 • 4:30-5:30 PM

CultureALL Ambassador Pragnya Yogesh will teach some of India's most popular dances. Space is limited, registration encouraged.

A Little Prom: Baby and Toddler Dance Party **East Side Library**

Monday, March 9 • 5:30-7:00 PM

Dance, play, and enjoy fun activities for little ones at this special prom party. Wear your finest attire and take a photo in our photobooth.

Dinosaur Party

South Side Library

Monday, March 9 • 6:30-7:30 PM

Explore the world of dinosaurs with STEM activities, like digging for fossils, creating your own fossil, and more. Be ready to get a little dirty.

Special Family Storytimes at Central

Central Library

Join us for the following special 6:30 PM family storytimes:

Tuesday, March 10: The Foye School of Irish Dance will read stories and teach a few moves.

Tuesday, March 17: Join the dancers of Ballet Des Moines and learn about their upcoming Wizard of Oz performance.

Tuesday, March 24: Meet an Animal Rescue League TheraPet duck.

Tuesday, March 31: Learn about healthy snacks from a SNAP educator.

Tuesday, April 21: Meet Ozzy, the Animal Rescue League TheraPet pigeon.





Police Officer Storytime

North Side Library

Tuesday, March 10 • 10:30-11:00 AM

Des Moines Police Officer Stephanie Swartz will be a guest reader for this special storytime.

Discovery Day

East Side Library

A monthly event that encourages exploration and fun.

Wednesday, March 11 • 4:00-5:00 PM: Kitchen Science. Listen to the story Ada Twist by Andrea Beaty and explore kitchen science stations.

Wednesday, April 8 • 4:00-5:00 PM: 3D Pens. Listen to the book What Can You Do with an Idea? by Kobi Yamada and try out a 3D pen.

5-2-1-0 Storytime

East Side Library

Thursday, March 12 • 10:30 AM

Learn more about healthy snacks and the 5-2-1-0 campaign from guest Lyn Jenkins with EveryStep.



Pioneer Crafts with Living History Farms

Central Library

Friday, March 13 • 4:00-5:00 PM Families on the prairie made use of the environment around them for their daily

needs. Learn from a Living History Farms educator and try your hand at some era-specific crafts. Registration required.

Ruby Reads Storytime

Franklin Avenue Library

Saturday, March 14 • 10:30-11:00 AM

Ruby is a red panda who loves to read. Join her and meet some live animal friends from Blank Park Zoo.

Free Play Saturdays with Blank Park Zoo

Zoo educators will offer nature exploration opportunities. Programs will be outside, weather permitting.

Saturday, March 14 • 12:00-1:30 PM: South Side Library Saturday, April 11 • 12:00-1:30 PM: East Side Library

Bake Shop Squishies

Central Library

Monday, March 16 • 2:30-3:30 PM

Sponge paint your own take-home Kawaii Squishies and feast on tasty treats. You'll also learn the science behind the making of Squishies.

Free Flicks at North: Paddington 2

North Side Library

Monday, March 16 • 10:30 AM Popcorn provided. Rated PG.

Kindness Week at East Side Library

Four activities to celebrate Kindness Week:



Monday, March 16 • 6:00 PM: Watch the movie, Wonder, about a boy with a facial deformity who attends school for the first time, and enjoy snacks and quiet activity stations. Rated PG.

Tuesday, March 17: Letter Writing Day. Drop in all day and write a letter, draw a card, or make art.

You create it and we will mail it to military, veterans, first responders, and more via Operation Gratitude.

Wednesday, March 18 • 3:45-5:00 PM: Rock Painting. Paint a kindness rock with a special picture or message to pass on.

Thursday, March 19 • 10:30 AM: Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Storytime Celebration. Celebrate kindness and Mister Rogers' Neighborhood with stories, songs, and crafts.

STEM Spring Break

Forest Avenue Library

Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20 • 4:00-5:00 PM

Explore STEM concepts during Spring Break with a week full of activities. Monday: Slime Time; Tuesday: Level Up!; Wednesday: Youth Makerspace; Thursday: Carrot Music-Makers; Friday: Ice Sculptures. (Registration required for Monday and Thursday programs)

Family STEM Night

South Side Library

Monday, March 16 • 6:30-7:30 PM

Engage in hands-on STEM activities at several activity stations, including: Making a sail car, exploring circuitry, learning coding and making a robot move, and more.

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Franklin Avenue Library

March: Kenyan Beading

Wednesday, March 18 • 4:00-4:45 PM

CultureALL Ambassador Josie Shaw will share the traditions and meanings behind beaded jewelry in Kenya. Registration required.

April: Reverse Oil Pastels

Wednesday, April 22 • 4:00-4:45 PM

Make your own oil pastel artwork – in reverse! Registration required.



Family Dance Party

South Side Library

Wednesday, March 18 • 10:00-10:30 AM

Bring the family to dance to kid-friendly tunes under the disco ball, with scarves, egg shakers, dance games, and more.

Mammal Mania with **Polk County Conservation**

South Side Library

Wednesday, March 18 • 2:30-3:30 PM

Learn all about the types of mammals that live in Iowa from Polk County Conservation educators, and view and touch real animal pelts.

Book Character Bingo

Franklin Avenue Library

Thursday, March 19 • 4:00-5:00 PM

Play Bingo with characters from everyone's favorite children's books.

Spring Break Slime

East Side Library

Thursday, March 19 • 4:30 PM

Enjoy bilingual fun with materials to make slime! ¡Disfruten de diversión bilingüe con materiales para crear slime!

Paper Plate Hovercrafts

North Side Library

Friday, March 20 • 4:30-5:30 PM

Create a flying machine with a paper plate, balloon, and straw.

Friday Morning Fever **Dance Party**

Central Library

Friday, March 20 • 10:00-11:00 AM

Dance under the lights of a disco ball, play with beach balls, and create a special craft.



Sensory Saturdays with an ARL Therapet

East Side Library

Saturday, March 21 • 9:30 AM

Families and children with special needs can borrow materials and enjoy the library before it opens. A special guest from the Animal Rescue League TheraPet program will be on hand.

Roblox Studio

Central Library computer lab

Saturday, March 21 • 1:15-2:30 PM and 3:00-3:45 PM

Learn how to design and create your own Roblox game and enjoy open play. Two sessions, registration required. Snacks provided.

Furry Tales

South Side Library

Saturday, March 21 and Saturday, April 11 • 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Read to Caper, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi Animal Rescue League TheraPet.

North Side Library

Friday, March 27 and Friday, April 24 • 3:30-4:30 PM

Join us on the last Friday of every month to read to an Animal Rescue League TheraPet.

Family Crafternoon

North Side Library

Monday, March 23 • 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Create process-based art for the whole family. All materials provided.

Family Sensory Day

South Side Library

Tuesday, March 24 • 10:00-11:30 AM

Parents and children can discover and learn at several sensory stations, including a sand and water table, Kinetic Sand, Play-Doh, coding with a Code Hopper game, and more.

Oregon Trail Escape Room

Central Library

Friday, March 27

Battle food scarcity, dysentery, and other dangers of the great outdoors as you try to keep your oxen (and yourself) alive in this IRL escape room based on the classic game.

Three sessions: 3:30-4:00 PM, 4:15-4:45 PM, 5:00-5:30 PM

Stories, Songs, and Stretches®, Yoga de Cuentos y Canciones Bilingües

East Side Library



Thursday, March 26 • 4:00 PM Thursday, April 23 • 4:00 PM

Join us for a fun bilingual program that is inspired by yoga and informed by science. We will focus on basic yoga poses, as well as yoga-inspired movement and stillness to support your child's early learning. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle. Yoga mats will be provided. Registration required.



Acompáñennos para un programa bilingüe divertido que es inspirado por yoga, e informado por ciencia. Nos enfocaremos en posiciones de Yoga básicas, tanto como movimiento y quietad inspirado por yoga para apoyar el desarrollo de su hijx. Favor de ponerse ropa cómoda y traer una botella de agua. Colchonetas de yoga serán proveídas. ¡Se requiere registración!







Join us for a special storytime with Iowa PBS and meet Daniel Tiger! There will be stories and songs, followed by an opportunity to have your picture taken with Daniel.

Acompáñenos para un programa de Cuentos y Canciones con Iowa Public Television para una oportunidad de conocer a Daniel Tigre! Tendrán la oportunidad de tomarse fotos con Daniel después del programa.



March 30 • 10:15 AM: Franklin Avenue Library

March 31 • 6:00 PM: East Side Library (bilingual)

April 1 • 10:00 AM: South Side Library

April 1 • 6:30 PM: North Side Library

April 2 • 10:30 AM: North Side Library

April 3 • 10:00 AM: Central Library

Friday Family Gaming

North Side Library

Friday, April 3 • 4:30-5:30 PM

Stop in and enjoy the library's large game collection. Snacks provided.

Clay Cosplay

Central Library

Friday, April 10 • 4:00-5:00 PM

Celebrate your fandom through cosplay. Use colorful clay and plastic models to create costumed characters to take home.

Storytime with Herc

East Side Library

Saturday, April 11 • 11:00 AM

Join us for a special storytime with Herc, a therapy dog.

Calle Sur Concert and Family Storytime

Franklin Avenue Library

Saturday, April 11 • 10:30-11:15 AM

Learn about the journey butterflies make each year to Mexico, read the bilingual book *Señorita Mariposa*, and listen to a song from the band Calle Sur. Children will get to join in and play instruments.

Des Moines Art Center Painting

East Side Library

Wednesday, April 29 • 4:30 PM

Learn about art and create your own painting.



Week of the Young Child 2020

WOYC is an annual event to spotlight early learning, young children, teachers and families, and more. The Iowa PBS STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) trailer, packed with math and science materials, will be part of the celebration.

April 13: Music Monday at South Side Library. Check out the IPTV STEAM trailer from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Watch a world music concert by Frank Strong at 6:30 PM.

April 14: Tasty Tuesday at East Side Library and Franklin Avenue Library. At East, listen to stories about fruits and vegetables and try new foods at 10:30 AM, and see the STEAM trailer from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM. At Franklin, listen to a storytime and make healthy snacks at 4:00 PM. The STEAM trailer will be there from 4:00-5:00 PM.

April 15: Work Together Wednesday at Forest Avenue Library.

A 10:15 AM storytime will focus on teamwork, then build a super-structure using recyclable materials. See the STEAM trailer from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM.

April 16: Artsy Thursday at Central Library. Paint a watercolor masterpiece with a Des Moines Art Center educator at 4:00 PM. STEAM trailer on hand from 12:00-6:00 PM.

April 17: Family Friday at North Side Library. Explore how recycled materials can be used for crafting at 4:45 PM.

DIY Superhero Mask

Franklin Avenue Library

Saturday, April 18 • 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Prepare for the third annual MyDMPL Con in May by making your own superhero mask. Supplies provided.

Japanese Masks

East Side Library

Saturday, April 18 • 11:00 AM

The Japan America Society of Iowa will share information on Japanese folklore and iconic characters with traditional and Anime masks found in festivals and plays. After the presentation, decorate a mask to take home. Displays available until 3:00 PM.

Family Watercolors with Lisa Christensen

North Side Library

Friday, April 24 • 4:00-5:30 PM

Join local artist Lisa Christensen at this family event and create a simple watercolor motif.

Pippi Longstocking Preview

Franklin Avenue Library

Saturday, April 25 • 10:30-11:00 AM

Catch a preview of the Des Moines Community Playhouse production of *Pippi Longstocking*, and register for a chance to win free tickets.



Manga 101 Forest Avenue Library

Monday, April 27 • 4:00-5:00 PM



Love Naruto, Fruits Basket, or My Hero Academia? Then learn to draw your own manga character with help from the Des Moines Art Center. Space is limited. Register online in advance, as only a limited number of seats will be open up on a first-come, first-served basis at the event.

Family Fort Night

South Side Library

Monday, April 27 • 6:30-7:30 PM Listen to a story about forts and then build your own fort with your family. All materials provided.

El Día del Niño / Children's Day



Originally held on April 30, 1923, El Día del Niño (Children's Day) originated in Mexico and is now celebrated in many Latin American countries as well as other areas of the world. Join the library as we extend this celebration of children and books to a special week of programs showing the importance of literacy, as well as activities that honor the heritage of El Día del Niño. Don't miss this celebration of the beauty of bilingualism and cultural roots in our communities!

Originalmente celebrado en el 30 de abril del 1923, el Dia del Nino originó en México y hoy es celebrado en muchos países Latinoamericanos, ¡además de otros áreas del mundo! Acompaña a la biblioteca mientras extendemos esta celebración de niños y libros a una semana especial de programas mostrando

la importancia de lectura, además de actividades que honran la herencia del Día del Niño. No se pierdan esta celebración de la belleza de bilingüismo y las raíces culturales en nuestra comunidad!

East Side Library

Tuesday, April 28, 4:00-5:30 PM

Join us at this event where children can embrace their roots and celebrate bilingualism. Enjoy food, face painting, and games for the whole family.

¡Acompáñennos para este evento donde niñxs pueden aceptar y celebrar sus raíces y bilingüismo! Disfruten de comida, pintar caritas, y juegos para toda la familia.

Forest Avenue Library

Wednesday, April 29 • 10:15 AM: El Día del Niño Storytime (English/ingles)

Thursday, April 30 • 6:30 PM - El Día del Niño Bilingual Storytime (español e ingles)

Friday, May 1 • 4:00 PM - Folk Dancing with Nuestra Danza sin Fronteras

We will share some of our favorite 5 Simple Steps tips and tricks during storytime and end the week by learning traditional folk dances with Nuestra Danza sin Fronteras!

Ven a escuchar un cuento y compartiremos algunos de nuestros trucos favoritos y sugerencias de los 5 pasos simples para el aprendizaje. Terminaremos la semana aprendiendo algunos pasos folclóricos con nuestro invitado especial, Nuestra Danza sin Fronteras!

South Side Library

Thursday, April 30 • 10:00-10:30 AM

Join us for a special Bilingual Storytime and celebrate el Día del Niño (Day of the Child) with Play-Doh fun. We'll read the story *Round is a Tortilla* by Roseanne Greenfield Thong. Afterwards, kids and parents can make their own Play-Doh to take home!

¡Únase a nosotros para un cuento bilingue especial y celebre el Día del Niño / Día del Niño con Play-Doh fun. Leeremos la historia Round is a Tortilla de Roseanne Greenfield Thong. ¡Después, los niños y los padres pueden hacer su propia plastilina para llevar a casa!

Franklin Avenue Library

Thursday, April 30 • All day

Celebrate children and their diverse cultural roots during our week-long celebration! Enjoy self-guided activities, including a scavenger hunt and craft that emphasize the importance of literacy for children of all cultural backgrounds.

¡Acompañen a Franklin Avenue Library en nuestra celebración de niños y sus raíces culturales diversas durante nuestra celebración! Disfruten de actividades autoguiadas, incluyendo un juego de búsqueda que enfatiza la importancia de lectura para niños de todas orígenes.

Central Library

Thursday, April 30 • All day

Stop by the children's area and create your own mini piñata to take home.

Pasa por el área infantil y haz tu propia mini piñata para llevarte a casa.

Comics Creators

Forest Avenue Library

Every Monday • 3:00-5:00 PM

Love Raina Telgemeier, superheroes, manga, graphic novels, and cartoons? Then join us each Monday to create your own creative works. All materials provided. Children under 10 must be accompanied by someone over the age of 12.



National Poetry Month at DMPL

Creation Station at Franklin Avenue Library

All April long

Stop by the Poetry Creation Station and use magazine cutouts, glue, paper, and more to construct your own poem to take home or post on the teen bulletin board.

Teen Blackout Poetry

Central Library

Monday, April 13, all day

Come to the teen area and create your own poem. All you need is a marker, a book page, and the creativity to put together a work of

Magnetic and Blackout Poetry

North Side Library

Saturday, April 11 • All day

Drop into the North Side Library's children's area and use our art supplies to create a blackout or magnet poem.

Rainbow Meet-Up

East Side Library

Thursday, March 5 and Thursday, April 2 • 5:00-7:30 PM

Celebrate LGBTQ+ with an all-ages meetup 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 featuring Queer characters. Snacks and refreshments provided. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

After-School Switch Gaming

North Side Library

Mondays, March 9, 23 and April 13, 27 • 4:00-5:30 PM

Hang out at North Side Library and play Nintendo Switch. Snacks provided.

Try It Out Tuesdays

South Side Library

Every other Tuesday 4:00-5:00 PM

Learn to make something new at this biweekly program:

March 10: 3D pens and Cray-Pens

March 24: Fandom buttonmaking and Pokémon figures

April 14: Sharpie coasters

April 28: LED light-up twirly copters



Central Library

March 11 and April 15 • 4:00-5:00 PM

Come make a difference at the library and meet other teens interested in helping their community. Work together to plan youth activities, assist with programs, and more to bulk up your resumes. No walkins – teens must submit their volunteer applications, signed by a guardian, and receive approval prior to program*.

South Side Library

March 9, 11 and April 27, 29 • 4:00-5:00 PM

Become a VolunTeen at South Side Library. Teens can volunteer and complete library projects. All teens must complete an application and return it before volunteering. Applications can be picked up at the South Side Library information desk or online*.

*Download a teen volunteer application at dmpl.org/teens.

DIY Jewelry / Crea tu propia jovería

East Side Library

Thursday, March 12 • 5:00-6:00 PM

Create your own jewelry or keychain. While supplies last. Crea tu propia joyería ó llavero. Mientras queden researvas.

Minecraft Club

North Side Library

Monday, March 16 and Monday, April 20 • 4:30-5:30 PM

Come use your imagination and build with us! Computers and iPads provided. Ages 7-18.



Painting Class/Clase de Pintura

East Side Library

Thursday, April 16 • 4:00-5:00 PM

Join us for some bilingual family fun! Learn Spanish while painting an Iowa spring scene. While supplies last.

¡Acompáñennos para iversion bilingüe para la toda familia! Aprenderemos un poco de inglés mientras pintamos un paisaje Iowense durante la primavera. Mientras queden reservas.

Anime Club

Central Library

Thursday, March 19 • 3:00-5:00 PM

Join us at the kickoff celebration for our all-new Anime Club. Learn about joining the club and enjoy food, games, prizes, and of course, anime.

Thursday, April 23 • 4:00-5:00 PM

Once a month, we'll get together to watch anime, talk about all things anime and manga, and do crafts and activities.

Virtual Vacation

Franklin Avenue Library

Friday, March 20 • 2:00-3:00 PM

Take a virtual vacation and ride roller coasters, catch fish, explore outer space and more using Oculus Go virtual reality headsets. Plus, play Wii games.



Move & Make Hula Hoop Workshop

Central Library

Friday, March 20 • 3:30-5:00 PM

Local hula hoop artists will teach you the basics of hula hooping and hoop tricks using a hula hoop you'll make yourself to take home.



Healthy Teen Snacks with Southridge Hy-Vee

South Side Library

Monday, March 23 • 2:30-3:30 PM

Hy-Vee registered dietician Emily Ring will show you how to make a mango strawberry smoothie, avocado black bean lettuce wraps, and a spring snack mix. Space is limited; online registration required.

Pokémon Card Swap

Franklin Avenue Library

Wednesday, March 25 and Wednesday, April 29 • 4:00-5:00 PM Looking for a place to trade Pokémon cards? Head to Franklin Avenue Library on the last Wednesday of the month to join other Pokémon fans.

Share Your Smile: A Raina Telgemeier Celebration

East Side Library

Wednesday, March 25 • 3:45-5:45 PM

Love books like Drama, Smile, and Guts? Celebrate the graphic novels of Raina Telgemeier with a drop-in afternoon of games, activities and a photobooth.

Upcycled T-Shirts and Totes

North Side Library

Monday, March 30 • 4:30-5:30 PM

Bring your own plain T-shirt from home or decorate one of our tote bags. Supplies, including fabric markers and iron-on patches, will be provided.

DIY Pop Sockets

Central Library

Friday, April 3 • 4:00-5:00 PM

Design your own pop socket. Supplies provided.

Animal Assisted Stress Relief

Franklin Avenue Library

Monday, April 6 • 5:00-6:00 PM

Need a break from studying? Destress and spend time with registered therapy pets from the Iowa Human-Animal Bond Society.

Macramé Plant Hangers / Colgador de plantas macramé

East Side Library

Thursday, April 9 • 5:00-6:00 PM

Create your own macramé hanger for a houseplant. While supplies last.

Crea un colgador al estilo macramé para una planta. Mientras queden reservas.

Peeps Diorama Contest

Franklin Avenue Library

Monday, April 13 • 4:00-5:30 PM

Recreate a scene from your favorite book or movie using Peeps. All supplies provided. Online registration required.

Percy Jackson Escape Room

Central Library

Friday, April 24 • 3:30-4:00 PM and 4:15-4:45 PM

Mythological gods and monsters are waking from a deep slumber and it's up to you and your friends to stop them from causing chaos and destruction. Solve puzzles to keep powers from Asgard, Olympus, and Ancient Egypt from taking over the world. Online registration required.

Bad Art Night: Trashion Fashion Show

East Side Library

Monday, April 27 • 6:00 PM

Use your design skills while recycling materials to create an outfit. At the end of the program, show off your creation and vote on the winning design.



CHOOSE A BOOK...

- ☐ BY A 2020 AVID AUTHOR
- ☐ THAT TAKES PLACE SOMEWHERE YOU WANT TO TRAVEL
- ☐ FROM YOUR FAVORITE GENRE
- BY AN AUTHOR THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU
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- THAT CAME OUT THE YEAR YOU WERE BORN
- THAT'S BEEN TRANSLATED
- THAT HAS WON A NATIONAL BOOK AWARD
- ABOUT GOING ON A QUEST OR ADVENTURE
- BY A DEBUT AUTHOR
- **■** WRITTEN IN A NON-TRADITIONAL FORMAT

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Basic Computer Skills

North Side Library

Every Monday • 2:00 PM

Each week will focus on one topic, with time for questions and personalized help. First Monday of the month: Mouse and Keyboard Basics. Second Monday: Computer Basics. Third Monday: Internet and email. Fourth Monday: File Management. Fifth Monday: TBA

Drop-In Computer Help

Central Library computer lab

Wednesdays • 2:00-3:00 PM

Library staff will answer your questions about computer basics, online library resources, email, and more.

A History of Modern Art

Franklin Avenue Library

Monday, March 2, and Monday, March 9 • 6:30 PM



Dr. Natalie J.A. Benson, a Drake University professor who received an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Modern French Art and Literature at the University of Iowa, will continue her series on modern art. She will discuss the movements of artists most

identified with the era roughly covering 1850-1950.

Writers' Workshop

Central Library

Monday, March 2 and Monday, April 6 • 5:00-7:00 PM

Join other area writers for an informal writers' workshop the first Monday of each month. Share samples of your work and get feedback from others in the group.

Finanzas para Familias

East Side Library

Tuesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24 • 6:30-7:45 PM

¡Disfruten de diversión bilingüe para niñxs mientras usted aprende sobre cómo manejar su dinero mejor, crear ahorros, pagar sus deudas, y hasta comprarse una casa! Quienes completen todas las clases (4 en total) recibirá en certificado de graduación.

AARP Tax Preparation Assistance

East Side Library

Every Wednesday and Saturday March 4-April 15 • 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Get tax preparation assistance from the American Association of Retired Persons. Help available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Make a Motion! **All About Parliamentary Procedure**

North Side Library

Thursday, March 5 • 6:00 PM

Bring your questions about parliamentary procedures for your business and organizational meetings. Cleon Babcock, a certified Parliamentary Consultant, will lead the program.

Free Friday Flicks at Franklin

Franklin Avenue Library

Friday, March 6 • 1:30 PM: Yesterday, rated PG-13 Friday, April 3 • 1:30 PM: Downton Abbey, rated PG

Fall into Spring Book Sale

Central Library

Thursday, March 5-Saturday, March 7

Shop Central Library's book sale and back room for great deals on books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and more.

DSM Counts: The 2020 Census and You



mandates a count of every person in the United States. Come learn how

this count will affect you, your community, and your city for the decade to come. Census staff will be in attendance to answer questions and Spanish translators will be available.

Cada diez años, la Constitución exige un recuento de cada persona en los Estados Unidos. Ven y aprende cómo este conteo te afectará a ti, a tu comunidad y a tu ciudad en la próxima década. El personal del censo estará presente para responder preguntas y habrá traductores de español disponibles.

Central Library: Monday, March 16-Friday March 20 • 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Franklin Avenue Library: Thursday, March 5, and Thursday, March 26

6:30 PM

Forest Avenue Library: Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 31 • 6:00-7:30 PM

Sit 'n' Stitch

North Side Library

Saturday, March 7 and Saturday, April 4 • 1:30-3:30 PM

Work on your knit, crochet, or needle craft projects. Bring supplies and projects. Snacks provided. No formal instruction provided. Children age 8 and older are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Social Security Explained with SOFA

Central Library computer lab

Wednesday, March 11 • 6:30 PM and Saturday, March 14 • 10:30 AM Join us for an informative, free session with Ryan Biniak from the Society for Financial Awareness.

Spark Stories

Central Library

Wednesday, March 11 • 12:15-12:45 PM



Dawn Martinez Oropeza, Executive Director of Al Exito, will share her "spark story." Al Exito provides Latinx students with opportunities to develop leadership skills and college/career readiness.

Wednesday, April 15 • 12:15-12:45 PM

Joshua Barr, Director of the Des Moines Civil & Human Rights Commission, will share his "spark story." Barr works to improve opportunities for the impoverished and to curb discrimination.



Ukelele Refresher Course

North Side Library

Tuesday, March 10 • 6:00 PM Tuesday, April 14 • 6:00 PM

Natalie Steenson will review some of the basics she has taught in previous ukulele sessions at North Side Library. All skill levels welcome.

Libby Basics

North Side Library

A two-part class to walk through how to use Libby, the Des Moines Public Library's eBook and eAudiobook app.

Friday, March 13 • 2:00-3:00 PM: Learn how to install the app and check out materials.

Friday, March 20 • 2:00-3:00 PM: Learn how to search for items and use search filters.



Goodfoot

Franklin Avenue Library

Monday, March 16 • 6:30 PM Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a night of Irish music. Goodfoot members include harpist Erin Brooker-Miller.

who has competed in and won awards in traditional Irish music competitions, and percussionist Andy Miller, the music director in the Dance Department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

History of Buttons

South Side Library

Thursday, March 19 • 2:30-3:30 PM

Collector Mona Abrahamson will share the history and mystery of sewing buttons from around the world. Abrahamson is a member of the National Button Society, Iowa State Button Society, and Central Iowa Button Club.

We the Interwoven: **An Evening with Antonia Rivera**

East Side Library

Monday, March 23 • 6:00-7:00 PM

Antonia Rivera, an author featured in We The Interwoven: An Anthology of Bicultural Iowa, will share her story of coming to America from Mexico as a young child in a family seeking refuge. Rivera will discuss the challenges she faced growing up in Iowa.

Let's Draw Des Moines!

Central Library

Monday, March 23 and Monday, April 27 • 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Artists of all skill levels (age 16 and over) will venture outside to draw at nearby downtown Des Moines locations. Easels, paper, and basic drawing supplies will be provided.

DART: How to Ride

Central Library

Tuesday, March 24 • 1:00-2:30 PM

Learn how to plan a trip, read maps and schedules, recognize bus stops, pay fares, practice rider safety, and more.

Book Discussions

Book Club on the Go: Central Library's new monthly book club for those on the go. Pick up your book at Central Library on the first Tuesday of the month, then join the discussion on the library's Facebook group page. The group does NOT meet in person.

March: Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders

April: Being Mortal by Atul Gawande

Monday, March 2 • 1:00 PM, Franklin Avenue Library: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood

by Trevor Noah

Tuesday, March 3 • 5:30 PM, Great Americana Book Club, Americana, 1312 Locust St.: In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende

Thursday, March 5 • 1:00 PM, South Side Library: Educated by Tara Westover

Tuesday, March 10 • 6:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Monday, March 16 • 2:00 PM, East Side Library:

Three Things About Elsie by Joanna Cannon

Monday, March 16 • 7:00 PM, Forest Avenue Library: Red at the Bone by Jacqueline Woodson

Tuesday, March 17 • 2:00 PM, North Side Library: The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Waxman

Thursday, April 2 • 1:00 PM, South Side Library: The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

Monday, April 6 • 1:00 PM, Franklin Avenue Library: Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

Tuesday, April 7 • 5:30 PM, Great Americana Book Club, Americana, 1312 Locust St.: The Huntress by Kate Quinn

Tuesday, April 14 • 6:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library: This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

Monday, April 20 • 2:00 PM, East Side Library:

A "Roundtable Favorites" discussion. Members are encouraged to bring a favorite book to share with the group.

Monday, April 20 • 7:00 PM, Forest Avenue Library:

There There by Tommy Orange

Tuesday, April 21 • 2:00 PM, North Side Library: Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward



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The Missouri Compromise and Its Impact on Iowa History

Forest Avenue Library

Tuesday, March 24 • 6:30 PM

To acknowledge the 200th anniversary of the Missouri Compromise, learn about the impact it had on Iowa's African American history. Sponsored by Humanities Iowa.

Autism 101

North Side Library

Tuesday, March 24 • 6:00-7:00 PM

Kris Steinmetz and Erin Enyart of the Autism Society of Iowa will talk about autism, discuss funding programs, and share practical tips for interacting with and supporting individuals with autism.

Stagecoach Women: An Evening with Cheryl Mullenbach

South Side Library

Wednesday, March 25 • 6:00-7:00 PM

Author Cheryl Mullenbach shares her newest book, Stagecoach Women, an overview of stagecoach history, enriched by stories of women who contributed to this captivating period of history.

Pre-registración para Clases de Ciudadanía **East Side Library**

Wednesday, March 25 • 5:00-7:45 PM, Saturday, March 28 • 12:00-3:00 PM LSI proveerá clases de ciudadanía en Inglés. Taller de 10 semanas, 2.5 horas-dos veces a la semana. Costo es \$20. Libros requeridos patrocinados por la biblioteca de East Side. Pre-registro y examen requerido. Para fechas de registración adicionales, visite www.lsiowa.org/refugee/citizenship-education

Social Media and Human Trafficking: What You Need to Know

East Side Library

Monday, March 30 • 6:00 PM

The Set Me Free Project will share information on how human trafficking impacts our communities, along with conversations on social media safety and human dignity. A Q-and-A session will follow.



House Planting with Art Terrarium

Central Library

Tuesday, March 31 • 12:00-1:00 PM Learn about house plants with Art Terrarium, who will show participants how to plant and take care of a small house plant.

Watercolor Painting

North Side Library

Thursday, April 2 • 4:00-5:00 PM

Learn basic watercolor painting techniques and create beautiful backgrounds for stamped cards in a class led by Lisa Christensen. Space is limited, register online.

Staying Safe Online with Trooper Rod Larson **East Side Library**

Monday, April 6 • 6:00 PM

Iowa State Patrol Trooper Rod Larson will discuss the dangers children face online - including predators, sexting, and cyberbullying - and ways parents can help protect them.

An Introduction to Overnight Oats



East Side Library

Monday, April 13 • 6:00-7:00 PM Learn about the nutritional benefits of overnight oats, then build your own to take home. Supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, firstserved basis.

Iowa Poet Caleb "The Negro Artist" Rainey

Forest Avenue Library



Celebrate National Poetry Month with Caleb "The Negro Artist" Rainey, former winner of the Des Moines Poetry Slam. Rainey has performed his spoken word poetry all over the United States. Forest Avenue Library will host Rainey for two events:

Wednesday, April 15 • 7:00 PM: A live performance by Rainey

Wednesday, April 22 • 7:00 PM: An interactive writing workshop

Our Hospitality with Pianist Bruce Martin

Franklin Avenue Library

Monday, April 20 • 6:30 PM

Watch Buster Keaton lampoon the infamous Hatfield-McCoy feud in this 1923 silent film. Local keyboardist Bruce Martin will provide live accompaniment.

Career Fair

Central Library

Wednesday, April 22 • 12:00-2:00 PM

Looking for a job? This career fair, hosted by IowaWORKS Central Iowa, is a great opportunity to talk directly to a wide variety of local employers. Dress appropriately and bring copies of your resume.

Retirement Planning and Becoming Fiscally Fit with SOFA

Central Library computer lab

Wednesday, April 22 • 6:30 PM and Saturday, April 25 • 10:30 AM Learn how to build the proper budget and maximize you retirement funds in this free, informative session with Ryan Biniak from the Society for Financial Awareness.



Gratitude Journaling

South Side Library

Thursday, April 23 • 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn how to get started creating your own gratitude journal, a great way to keep yourself in a thankful and positive state of mind.

National DNA Celebration Day with DCI Crime Lab

Central Library

Saturday, April 25 • 1:00-2:00 PM

Learn about DNA and how it is used in crime scene investigations.



CROSSROADS: A Journey with the Blues

Franklin Avenue Library

Saturday, April 25 • 3:00 PM
Hear music from Kevin Burt, a
2018 International Blues Challenge
champion who is the first artist in

the festival's 34-year history to sweep the solo categories for acoustic guitar and harmonica performance.

Giant Board Games: Bananagrams

Central Library

Thursday, April 30 • 6:30-7:30 PM

Do you have what it takes to be Top Banana? Test your skills at a giant version of this high-speed race to see who can put all their letters into a word grid first. Snacks provided.

Job Seekers

North Side Library

Every Thursday • 2:00-3:00 PM

Job Seekers is a weekly program funded by a grant from Libraries Lead with Digital Skills. Each week will focus on a different topic, with time for questions and personalized help.

First Thursday: Job searching with Google

Second Thursday: Job applications

Third Thursday: Build a resume

Fourth Thursday: Personalizing your resume

Fifth Thursday (April): Interview practice session





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Spring at the DMPL Foundation

Trivia Smackdown

What it is: The annual fundraiser that is "so much fun, you won't know you're at a fundraiser!" Teams compete to win great prizes and support the foundation's efforts.



When: Friday, April 3, 2020, 7:00-9:00 PM

Where: Noce Backstage: 1326 Walnut Street, Des Moines

Cost: \$150/team. Teams may consist of 2-6 members. Registration info available at **dmpl.org/foundation**.

Library After Dark Scavenger Hunt

What it is: The Foundation's Next Chapter young professional organization is hosting a team scavenger hunt after the Central Library closes. Participants will also get a free drink token to use at Americana after the event.

When: Friday, March 6, 6:00-7:00 PM

Where: Central Library, followed by Americana, 1312 Locust St.

Cost: \$20 for a team of four. Go to dmpl.org/foundation for

more details

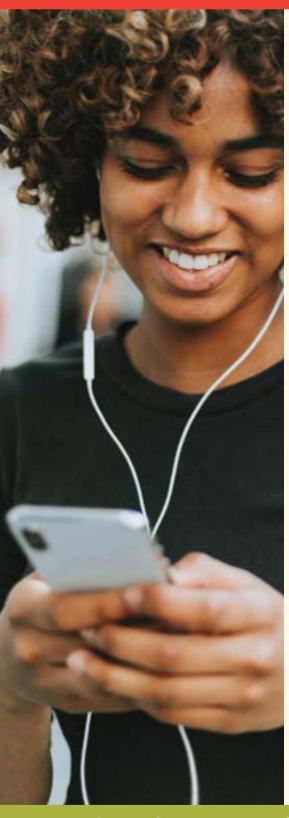


Library Giving Day

Library Giving Day is April 23, 2020. Your gift supports programming and new technology for all ages. You may give online by visiting the Foundation's website: **dmpl.org/foundation**. You may also give gifts of cash and checks.

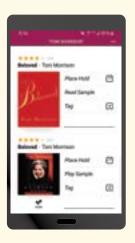


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