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Author Nikole Hannah-Jones speaks at the November 22 Iowa Author Awards Dinner.

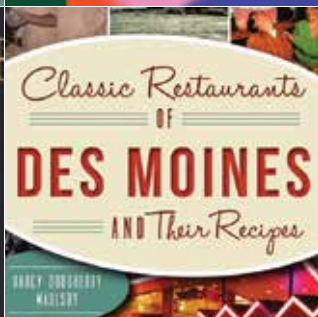
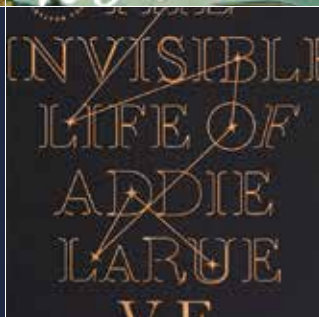
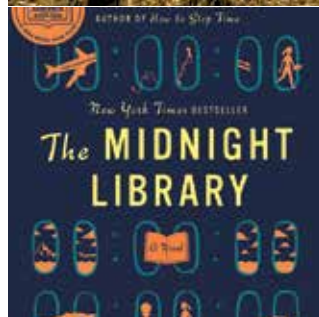
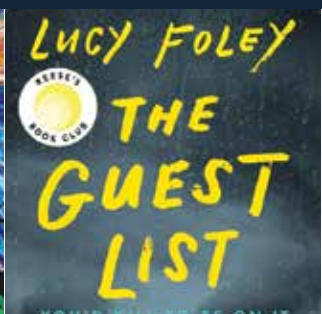
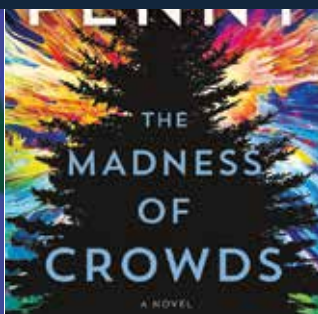
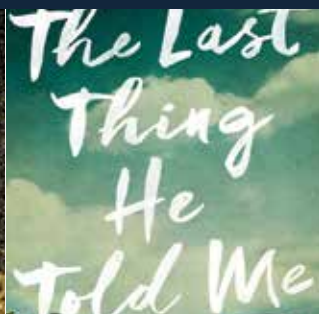
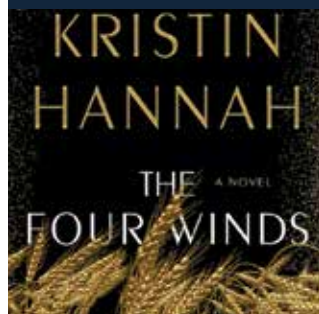
NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES WOWS AT IOWA AUTHOR AWARDS DINNER

Nearly 600 guests filled the Embassy Suites Des Moines ballroom on November 22 for the Des Moines Public Library Foundation's annual Iowa Author Awards Dinner and fundraiser. This year's honoree was Waterloo native Nikole Hannah-Jones, whose 1619 Project for *The New York Times* was turned into a book this fall. Hannah-Jones told the large crowd that "books and libraries saved my life ... books in the library helped me understand the options of what could be."

Turn to page 5 to see more photos from the event.

Most popular it

We've compiled a list of the most requested books and DVD



Adult Fiction

1. *The Four Winds*, by Kristin Hannah
2. *The Last Thing He Told Me*, by Laura Dave
3. *The Vanishing Half*, by Brit Bennett
4. *Malibu Rising*, by Taylor Jenkins Reid
5. *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*, by Taylor Jenkins Reid
6. *Apples Never Fall*, by Liane Moriarty
7. *Anxious People*, by Fredrik Backman
8. *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles
9. *State of Terror*, by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny
10. *While Justice Sleeps*, by Stacey Abrams

Mystery

1. *The Madness of Crowds*, by Louise Penny
2. *The Guest List*, by Lucy Foley
3. *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens
4. *21st Birthday*, by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
5. *The Silent Patient*, by Alex Michaelides
6. *The Sanatorium*, by Sarah Pearse
7. *A Slow Fire Burning*, by Paula Hawkins
8. *The Dark Hours*, by Michael Connelly
9. *Billy Summers*, by Stephen King
10. *A Gambling Man*, by David Baldacci

Nonfiction

1. *Atomic Habits: Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results*, by James Clear
2. *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family*, by Robert Kolker
3. *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson
4. *Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of a Life Interrupted*, by Suleika Jaouad
5. *Peril*, by Bob Woodward and Robert Costa
6. *A Promised Land*, by Barack Obama
7. *Untamed*, by Glennon Doyle
8. *Greenlights*, by Matthew McConaughey
9. *The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma*, by Bessel van der Kolk
10. *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Romance

1. *People We Meet on Vacation*, by Emily Henry
2. *The Paper Palace*, by Miranda Cowley Heller
3. *Verity*, by Colleen Hoover
4. *The Duke and I*, by Julia Quinn
5. *The Viscount Who Loved Me*, by Julia Quinn
6. *Red, White, & Royal Blue*, by Casey McQuiston
7. *The Wife Upstairs*, by Rachel Hawkins
8. *Seven Days in June*, by Tia Williams
9. *One Last Stop*, by Casey McQuiston
10. *In Five Years*, by Rebecca Serle

Sci-Fi/Fantasy

1. *The Midnight Library*, by Matt Haig
2. *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*, by V.E. Schwab
3. *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, by Anthony Doerr
4. *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, by TJ Klune
5. *Project Hail Mary*, by Andy Weir
6. *Under the Whispering Door*, by TJ Klune
7. *Dune*, by Frank Herbert
8. *A Court of Thrones and Roses*, by Sarah J. Maas
9. *Ready Player Two*, by Ernest Cline
10. *The Once and Future Witches*, by Alix E. Harrow

Best of the year!

at the Des Moines Public Library over the past 12 months.



Cooking

1. *Classic Restaurants of Des Moines and Their Recipes*, by Darcy Dougherty Maulsby
2. *Half-Baked Harvest: Super Simple*
3. *Snacking Cakes: Simple Treats for Anytime Cravings*, by Yossy Arefi
4. *Modern Comfort Food: A Barefoot Contessa Cookbook*, by Ina Garten
5. *Cook Once, Eat All Week*, by Cassy Joy Garcia
6. *The Secret Ingredient Cookbook*, by Kelly Senyei
7. *Salt Fat Acid Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking*, by Samin Nosrat
8. *Dessert Person: Recipes and Guidance for Baking with Confidence*, by Claire Saffitz
9. *The Tucci Table: Cooking with Family and Friends*, by Felicity Blunt and Stanley Tucci
10. *Flour Water Salt Yeast: The Fundamentals of Artisan Bread and Pizza*, by Ken Forkish

DVDs

1. *News of the World*
2. *Promising Young Woman*
3. *Black Widow*
4. *Minari*
5. *Wonder Woman 1984*
6. *The Father*
7. *A Quiet Place Part II*
8. *Soul*
9. *The Croods: A New Age*
10. *Judas and the Black Messiah*

Teen Fiction

1. *Shadow and Bone*, by Leigh Bardugo
2. *Firekeeper's Daughter*, by Angeline Boulley
3. *Dune*, by Frank Herbert
4. *Siege and Storm*, by Leigh Bardugo
5. *Pride*, by Ibi Zoboi
6. *Six of Crows*, by Leigh Bardugo
7. *Concrete Rose*, by Angie Thomas
8. *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*, by Suzanne Collins
9. *One of Us is Lying*, by Karen M. McManus
10. *Ruin and Rising*, by Leigh Bardugo

Book Chat's Favorite Books of 2021

The library's Book Chat team of expert librarians put together a list of their favorite books of 2021.

- *The Crown of Gilded Bones*, by Jennifer Armentrout
- *How the Word is Passed*, by Clint Smith
- *A Psalm for the Wild-Built*, by Becky Chambers
- *Broken (in the Best Way Possible)*, by Jenny Lawson
- *My Heart is a Chainsaw*, by Stephen Graham Jones
- *Wreckage of My Presence*, by Casey Wilson
- *Fight Night*, by Miriam Toews

For more expert book suggestions, go to dmpl.org/book-chat.

2021 SUCCESS: OUTREACH AT THE LIBRARY

Fall at the Des Moines Public Library saw a scaled-back emphasis on in-person programs due to the COVID-19 virus numbers in Central Iowa, but our staff has really embraced community outreach as a cornerstone of library service.

The Outreach Project at the Central Library has been a huge success. The program connects people with area organizations that provide community resources for those in need, including from Primary Health Care, Central Iowa Shelter & Services, and Hope Ministries. Those community partners gather for two hours, twice a week, in the Central Library gateway.

In the first three months of the program, our partners provided assistance and information to nearly 200 people. They helped people register for housing vouchers, set up medical appointments, find meal sites, helped with shelter intake, and handed out hygiene kits. The program continues to have success in assisting the community, and as the winter continues, we know our partners will continue to do good work.

The library partnered with Latinx Immigrants of Iowa to celebrate **The Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos)** at our branches. Many locations had ofrendas, the traditional altars with offerings for the dead. At the East Side Library, Latinx Immigrants of Iowa created a large ofrenda in the library's breezeway. Each ofrenda had information about the holiday and its cultural significance.

The library continues to have a strong partnership with **Des Moines Public Schools**. Each of the four pre-K sites has a book deposit collection,

and we've worked with staff to promote the Simple Steps early literacy initiative. Conmigo/Mundo Pequeño have also been great partners for deposits and Simple Steps initiatives. High school students also participated in the NEA Big Read program through special book discussions, artwork, special theater classes, and more.

OTHER OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

Joe Gonzalez and Latinio Resources worked with us to provide Latinx-related programming for Latinx Heritage Month and to promote library resources at the Latino Heritage Festival. The Migration is Beautiful exhibit — which came from the University of Iowa's Women Archives — was on display at Central and East Side libraries, and a special Zoom program took place as well. Finally, September was Dyslexia Awareness Month. Our branches had dyslexia-focused displays, and we worked with Decoding Dyslexia of Iowa to provide resources and programming, including a podcast with Decoding Dyslexia of Iowa co-founder Heidi Kroner. You can find it at dmpl.org/podcast.



A dyslexia display at the East Side Library



Librarian Janeé Jackson-Doering hands out Simple Steps materials at Mundo Pequeño.



IOWA AUTHOR AWARDS DINNER— IN CONVERSATION WITH NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES

A Benefit for the Des Moines Public Library Foundation

Over 580 people attended the November 22 dinner to honor 2021 Iowa Author Nikole Hannah-Jones and 2021 Friend of Literacy, the Ralph & Sylvia G. Green Foundation.



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The Des Moines Public Library Foundation received a \$10,000 gift from LBS as part of the Des Moines company's 100-year anniversary celebration in October.

LBS wanted to give back to the community and support the literacy efforts of the Des Moines Public Library, and awarded the gift to the East Side Library, where it will be used for projects such as upgrading community spaces in the Teen area, study rooms, family room, and more.

"This is money that will be used to uplift literacy in the community and strengthen our services here," East Side Librarian Maddie Bassman said. "We are touched and honored that such a wonderful business with an important Des Moines legacy chose to be so generous to the library."



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David Repp, from the Dickinson Mackaman Tyler & Hagen Law Firm, presented Dory Briles, Foundation Executive Director, three photographs of downtown Des Moines. The artwork is printed on metal and valued at \$3,750. The new art is hanging in the Central Library's new Tech Central Innovation and Maker Lab.

THANKS TO IN THE BAG

During the month of November, the Library Foundation was the featured nonprofit of the month.

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL THE SILENT AUCTION DONORS

Please see the list of in-kind donors on the next page for all the businesses, organizations and individuals who contributed to making our silent auction a success.

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With these funds, the library purchased 500 hotspots to check out to residents who do not currently have access to high-speed internet in their homes. 100 of the hotspots are now available to check out from any of the library's six locations. They check out two weeks, with no renewals.

In addition, 400 hotspots are reserved for long-term checkouts. These hotspots are being provided to households without access to reliable high-speed internet. The library is working with community partners to identify these households.

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