

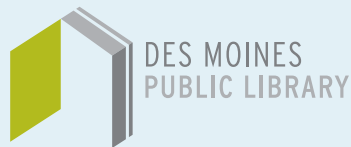
ALL SUMMER LONG

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Age 18 and younger

ALL SUMMER LONG

Read to succeed with the Des Moines Public Library's Summer Reading program!

Keep reading and learning ALL SUMMER LONG!

It's one of the Des Moines Public Library's favorite times of the year! **All Summer Long**, the library's annual summer reading program, kicks off Monday, June 6. The program is open to anyone age 18 and younger, and is meant to help students retain reading and literacy skills throughout the summer, allowing them to start the next school year on the right foot.

"During the school year, kids have lots of access to books and reading materials, but when school ends, that access disappears," says Maddie Bassman, DMPL's Community Engagement Librarian who visits with hundreds of school-aged kids each week with the library's Rotary Rosie Reader outreach van.

By promoting reading in the summer, Bassman says, the library gives kids the opportunity to retain those skills and academic gains.

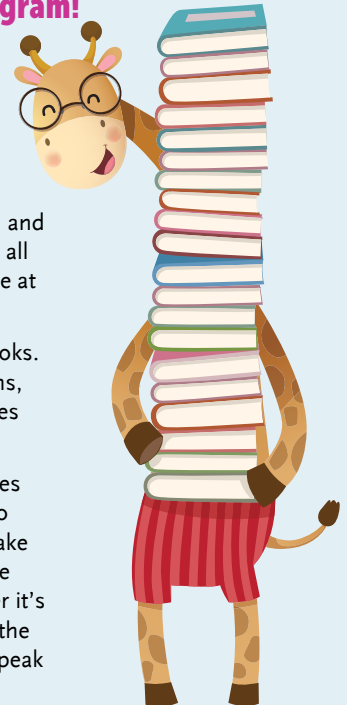
Taking part in All Summer Long is free, and kids get an activity log sheet and a new book to keep just for signing up. Read for 20 minutes or complete one of the

summer reading activities chosen by our librarians, and you can fill in one of the spaces on the sheet. Fill in all the spaces, and you'll become eligible for a big prize at the end of summer.

The summer reading program is more than just books. Our libraries are filled with fun, interesting programs, like STEM experiments, fun crafts, and performances by fun entertainers.

Programs are also about providing free opportunities for kids. "We bring in guests like the Blank Park Zoo or the Science Center of Iowa, and kids who can't take big trips or visit museums over the summer can see great things at the library," Bassman says. "Whether it's learning about opossums or building with LEGOs, the library can support summer learning in ways that speak to kids' and teens' interests and passions."

Learn more about All Summer Long by going to dmpl.org/summer-reading or by talking to a librarian at any of our library buildings.



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DMPL SUMMER CHECKOUT CHALLENGE

JUNE 6-AUGUST 6, 2022

FOR ADULTS

Our Adult Summer Reading Program is also back this year! Our **Summer Checkout Challenge** gives adults the opportunity to win prizes by reading books and checking out materials from the library. It's easy to take part – just go to your favorite library location and ask for a Summer Checkout Challenge form. Follow the instructions to complete the form and turn it in to be eligible for our prize drawings. You can even have multiple entries for every time you complete the challenge.

To sign up, stop by any of our six library buildings.



AUTHORS VISITING IN DES MOINES CONTINUES TO WOW AUDIENCES



The Des Moines Public Library's Authors Visiting in Des Moines (AVID) series returned to in-person events for its 2022 season, and as of publication time, nearly 1,000 people have watched, met, and had their books signed by acclaimed, best-selling authors Brad Meltzer, Angeline Boulley, Amanda Montell, and Lauren Groff. (Jason Mott's AVID appearance was May 25, after publication time.)



The last AVID of the year:

- **Tuesday, June 7, at 7 PM** at Central Library, featuring a local author panel consisting of Dr. Richard Deming, Neil Hamilton, and Jim Autry.

UPCOMING FEATURED EVENTS AT THE DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY

PLANT, GROW, FLY! WITH DES MOINES PARKS & RECREATION

Wednesday, June 1, 6 PM | East Side Library

Learn about butterflies and plants with Joel Van Roekel from Des Moines Parks and Recreation. You'll learn what pollinators need to survive, take home a flower pot with you, and get hands-on in the East Side Library's butterfly garden by helping plant some native plants. Be prepared to get your hands dirty!

A Thousand Acres SNEAK PEAK



Saturday, June 4, 2 PM | Central Library

Join the Des Moines Metro Opera for a preview of their production of *A Thousand Acres*, based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Jane Smiley. Learn about the fascinating process of developing a world premiere production with the

opera's director, Kristine McIntyre. Attendees also will have a chance to win a pair of tickets to the opera.

GAME DAY AT CENTRAL

Sunday, June 5 and July 3, 1:30-4:30 PM | Central Library

Play new board games and make new friends during our new game day monthly program. We'll have a selection of tabletop games. Feel free to bring beverages, snacks, and even games you'd like to share with others. This event is being co-sponsored by our friends at The Rook Room.

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH WITH IOWA JUNETEENTH!

STORYTIMES: 10 AM June 8 at Forest Avenue Library; 10 AM June 9 at South Side Library



ADULT PROGRAMS: 6:30 PM June 8 at South Side Library; 6:30 PM June 9 at Forest Avenue Library

Join the library and Iowa Juneteenth for a series of programs that celebrate Juneteenth here in Iowa!

Dwana Bradley of Iowa Juneteenth will join us for special storytimes for kids and families, as well as leading educational evening programs on the history – and future – of Juneteenth in Iowa.

RETRO CRAFT NIGHT: MACRAMÉ KEYCHAINS

Thursday, June 9, 6:30 PM | South Side Library

Revisit the crafts you loved doing at summer camp or during afterschool programs but with a grown-up twist! This month we will be creating macramé keychains while grooving to some oldies. Come solo or bring a group of friends.

SPEAKING OF WORK: THE MAKING OF AN IOWA WORKING CLASS

Saturday, June 11, 12-4 PM | Central Library



Drawing on oral histories, photographs, and documents collected over almost half a century, *Speaking of Work: The Making of an Iowa Working Class* introduces visitors to the voices and struggles of workers from across the state. **Registration encouraged.**

PRIDE FASHION SHOW

Sunday, June 12, 3 PM | Central Library

Join us for a family-friendly fashion show to celebrate Pride Month at Central Library! Des Moines Public Library and Iowa Queer Communities of Color Coalition (IQ3C) invite you to an unforgettable event celebrating fashion, identity, and being your true self.

FRAUD FIGHTERS



Multiple times and locations:
Go to dmpl.org/events for more information.

Meet the Fraud Fighters and learn how to protect yourself and your money from scammers! United Way of Central Iowa's AmeriCorps Seniors program has Fraud Fighters volunteers who are trained by the

Iowa Insurance Division to give presentations on common scams, such as fraudulent investments, consumer and Medicare insurance schemes, pyramid schemes and more.

TRANS RIGHTS WITH THE IOWA ACLU

Wednesday, June 15, 6 PM | South Side Library

Transgender people belong everywhere, including in Iowa. This program will provide an overview of transgender Iowans' rights under state and federal law, along with strategies to advocate for transgender rights in the state legislature and your community.

IOWA'S NATIVE PLANTS



Tuesday, June 21, 6 PM | East Side Library
Iowa Native Plant Society presenters will discuss Iowa's native plants and how to grow them. Participants will receive a free sample of seeds!

MODERN POP ART EXPERIENCE WITH MICHAEL ALBERT

Thursday, June 23, 5:30 PM | North Side Library

Friday, July 22, 1 PM | East Side Library

Artist Michael Albert will present a hands-on collage workshop. Participants will get to create their own collages using the same materials he uses to create his serious works of art. The program finishes with a free poster giveaway and signing.

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT COMICS

Thursday, July 7, 6 PM | Zoom

Scott "Diablo" Marcano is a comic book publisher and filmmaker. In this Zoom program, he will be showing the history of comics, how they're made, and give participants insight on how to get started in the industry.

LOCAL AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: BETH HOFFMAN



Thursday, July 21, 5:30 PM | Central Library

Beth Hoffman is the co-owner of Whippoorwill Creek Farm in south central Iowa and author of *Bet the Farm: The Dollars and Sense of Growing Food in America*. Learn about her experience in agriculture during this program.

LEARN TO SCULPT BUTTER

Thursday, July 28, 5:15 PM and 6:30 PM | East Side Library

Join special guest Sarah Pratt, the Iowa State Fair's butter sculptor, to learn about butter sculpting! Each participant will receive their own stick of butter to sculpt. You can take your masterpiece home or give it to Sarah to mix in with her butter for this year's sculpture.



NATIONAL LIBRARY GIVING DAY ESSAY WINNER

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Library Foundation for National Library Giving Day in April. The essay winner, selected by random drawing of all entries, was 9-year old Maddie, who wrote: *"The library helped me find my passion for art. I love the library so much, it has all the books I like."*

Another library fan wrote: *"When I retired almost eight years ago I decided I would make room in my life for reading. Since July 1, 2014, I have not purchased one book, but I have read 296 books. All of those books are from the Des Moines Public Library. This is why I choose to donate to the Des Moines Public Library — because it has saved me money. I figure that the library has saved me a minimum of \$6,000 and those are only for the books I have read from start to finish. It doesn't include the cookbooks, the do-it-yourself manuals, the magazines, CDs, and other materials I've checked out."*

FALL4LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP

The Forest Avenue Library Love 4Learning scholarship winners this year are: Awel Ngor, Jordan Clinton, and Law Meh. Each student received \$820 to help them realize their college goals.



Awel Ngor, Jordan Clinton, and Law Meh

Awel, a Roosevelt High School graduate, plans to attend Texas Southern to study computer engineering and marketing. As part of an immigrant family, she will be the first generation going to college. She started visiting the Forest Avenue Library when she was young and used the computers and printers to help her in school.

Jordan, a Roosevelt High School graduate, plans to attend DMACC, then the University of Iowa to study engineering. He wrote, "The library is what sparked my interest in reading and writing." Jordan also stated, "My father sadly passed away when I was younger, so it's just me and my mother. She wants me to go to college, and I just want to make her proud."

Law, a graduate of Hoover High School, plans to attend the University of Advancing Technology in Tempe, Arizona and major in computer science. She utilized the Forest Library for checking out books, as a place to read, and for accessing the free public computers to do research and print papers. To pay for college, she is enlisting in the military as a reserve.

This annual scholarship is made possible by gifts to the Library Foundation and two anonymous donors via the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation.

SUMMER READY AT PRINCIPAL

Thank you to Principal for inviting the library and Library Foundation to participate in the May 4 Principal Foundation's

Summer Ready event. The library's community engagement department brought Rosie and the Rotary Rosie Reader van to the event. An information table gave Principal employees a look at many of the services and programs offered for free to our community. Principal employees volunteered and stuffed 1,000 Simple Steps bags for this early literacy library program.



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2022 TRIVIA SMACKDOWN

We had lots of fun and raised money to support the library at our annual trivia fundraiser! Trivia Smackdown was held Backstage at Noce on April 29. The Trivia Master, Chad Taylor, gave some challenging questions, which resulted in cheers, use of “cheats,” and lots of laughter. The First Place team was Banned Classics.



WE LOVE OUR DONORS!



A heartfelt thank you to the Nationwide Foundation for their generous grant of \$20,000. Their continuous support makes it possible for the library to offer two cherished annual programs – Summer Reading & School Readiness and AViD (Authors Visiting in Des Moines).

We are also truly grateful to the **BWA Foundation** for their grant of \$3,000 to support the 2022 Summer Reading & School Readiness program. Building personal libraries in the homes of kids across our community increases their academic success, vocabulary development, attention, and future job attainment.

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A special thank you to the Cole-Belin Education

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THREE ESTATE GIFTS LEAVE A LEGACY

Longtime donor **Donald Wade** gave an estate gift to the DMPL Foundation directed for use at the East Side Library. Each year for seven years, he gave a gift in memory of his wife, Dorothy, saying it helped him to remember her this way.

Marvin E. Simonsen, who taught math for a number of years at East High School, included the Library Foundation in his estate. Marvin was described as having a number of charitable interests, especially educational interests. He believed in service to people needing a helping hand. A caring person, Marvin spent a lot of time deciding where he wanted to leave his estate. The Foundation was truly humbled by his estate gift.

The **Flora Boeckemeier Trust** gave the Library Foundation one of our largest planned gifts to date. In 2021, Flora died unexpectedly at the age of 68. The gift is to be used as the Foundation's Board of Directors determines.

Each of these gifts will make an important impact. The generosity of these donors allows the Library Foundation to support the library in offering a destiny-changing place for thousands of Central Iowans.

THE NEXT CHAPTER – DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU?

The Next chapter is a group for young professionals who share a love of the library. Through events and activities, members build support for the library through the Library Foundation. We're relaunching the group post-COVID and looking for enthusiastic readers who can help plan and participate in The Next Chapter events.

If this sounds like you, please email dorybriles@dmplfoundation.org We'll keep you in the loop on upcoming opportunities like the Read for Pizza Challenge, June 12-September 5.

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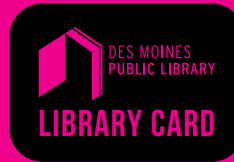
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