



## HERE COMES ROSIE READER!

The Des Moines Public Library's outreach department has brought Rosie Reader, the library's reading monster mascot, to classrooms, daycare, camps, and other events around the city, helping kids and families discover joy in reading and literacy. Now, due to a \$1 million federal grant approved by the Des Moines City Council last winter, the outreach team has more resources to reach more kids, including a fleet of Rosie cars you'll see around town.

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The library's Community Engagement department began in 2021, when library manager Ashley Molzen took on the role of leading the new team. Her job was to go to kids and families where they were and connect them with library resources.

"We want to help each child in Des Moines identify as a reader," says Molzen. "The best way to do that is to bring the library to them."

The department has grown over time and now includes five full-time staff. It also includes Rosie Reader, DMPL mascot. Rosie has visited dozens of classrooms across the city, with a special focus on preschools and second grades. And everywhere she goes, kids fall in love with her – and with the library in the process.

"Rosie is the embodiment of joyfulness," Molzen says. "And what's more – when people see Rosie, they see the library as well."

The new fleet of three Rosie cars and a Rosie van will help staff as they visit more childcare centers and classrooms throughout the school year.

The department matches the interests of the kids at each age level, providing materials that help connect reading with joy.

"We bring a collection of books to each site, but we also bring hands-on materials to help engage kids," Molzen says. This could include puppets, magnets, specific genre books, or STEM materials.

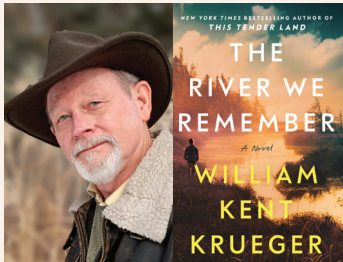
Learn more about Rosie Reader, find out how to buy Rosie t-shirts, and more at [dmpl.org/rosie](https://dmpl.org/rosie).



## FALL AUTHOR SERIES

# DMPL PRESENTS NEW FALL AUTHOR SERIES

The Des Moines Public Library is bringing best-selling, acclaimed authors to Des Moines this fall. The series kicked off on Wednesday, August 16 with thriller novelist James Rollins at Central Library, and continues with two more star authors. The authors will all sign books following the program, and Beaverdale Books will be onsite selling their books. All events are free and open to the public. Join us at our next two author events:



## WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER

**Wednesday, September 20, 7 PM | Central Library**

William Kent Krueger writes the *New York Times* bestselling Cork O'Connor mystery series, which is set in the north woods of Minnesota. His work has received many awards and been translated into more than a dozen languages. His latest book, *The River We Remember*, will be released September 6.



## MARGARET RENKL

**Thursday, November 2, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**

Margaret Renkl is the author of *The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year* (release date: October 24). Her earlier books are *Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss* and *Graceland, At Last: Notes on Hope and Heartache from the American South*. She is a contributing opinion writer for *The New York Times*, where her essays appear weekly.

# UPCOMING FEATURED DMPL ADULT PROGRAMS

## PRAIRIE TALKS AT FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY

### STEPHANIE BADSOLDIER SNOW

**Monday, September 11, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**

Stephanie Badsoldier Snow, the education coordinator for the Meskwaki Nation, will talk about Iowa prairies and Native cultures. While here, visit the Franklin Avenue Library's new prairie roots display.



### NEAL SMITH WILDLIFE REFUGE

**Thursday, September 28, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**

Discover how Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge staff and volunteers are bringing back Iowa's native tallgrass prairie and oak savanna ecosystems and wildlife populations. Learn how the refuge manages the landscape and wildlife populations, including bison and elk herds.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF A BLACK-OWNED COMIC BOOK COMPANY IN DES MOINES

**Thursday, September 7, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**

Comic book writer Basi Affia will speak about diversity in fiction and literature, incorporating his life experiences to highlight the importance of representation. He'll discuss his comic book, *Lost With All Hands*, as an example of a story that celebrates Afrocentric cultures.

## DROP-IN: PLANT SWAP

**Saturday, September 9, 10 AM-12 PM | East Side Library**

Drop into the East Side Library for a plant swap! Bring houseplants or outdoor plants, and don't forget to label them if you can. Don't have a plant to share? Come in anyway; there will be extras! ISU Extension & Outreach Master Gardeners will be here to help give tips and tricks and answer questions.



## GAMES AT DMPL

### BOARD GAME CAFÉ

**Saturday, September 9, October 14, and November 25, 10 AM-12 PM | South Side Library**

Love playing board games? Stop by the South Side meeting room to play an old favorite, learn a new one, or invite a group and bring your own! Snacks will be provided.



### SCARY GAME NIGHT

**Monday, October 30, 6 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**

Come join The Dealt Hand for Scary Board Game 101, an introduction to modern board game concepts. They'll do a high-level overview of the game design process and a little bit of historical context, and then you'll start playing some of their favorite scary games.

### MARRYING MR. DARCY: *The Pride & Prejudice* CARD GAME

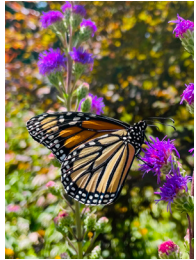
**Saturday, September 23, 2 PM | South Side Library**

Join us at the South Side Library for a role-playing card game where you become one of the heroines from Jane Austen's novel *Pride and Prejudice*. Players work to attract the interest of available suitors using both cunning and character.

### PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**Saturday, November 4, 2 PM | South Side Library**

Love puzzles? Have puzzles at home that you've done and loved but won't do again? Come to the South Side Library meeting room and exchange your beloved puzzles for new-to-you ones!



### NATIVE PLANT GARDENING ENTHUSIAST MEET-UP

**Thursday, September 14, October 12, and November 9, 5:30 PM | North Side Library**

This meet-up is for anyone looking to connect with other people interested in biodiverse gardens. The focus is on native plants that foster and nourish wildlife. Come to learn and to share your favorite

gardening tips, design ideas, seeds, plants, garden pictures, and more!

### SENIOR DEBATE: INTRODUCTION

**Tuesday, September 19, 3 PM | South Side Library**

Welcome to Senior Debate 2023! This introduction session will be the kickoff for multiple rounds of public debate style tournaments that will flex your research skills and competitive nature. Staff will guide you through the process of learning about debate and the tournaments. For ages 55+.

### DISCOVERING DES MOINES HISTORY

**Tuesday, September 19, 5:30 PM | Central Library**

Interested in learning about the history of our great city and the little corners that lie within? Stop by our monthly presentation on Des Moines' fascinating past. You'll also learn about the resources the library offers



to explore the history of your city, neighborhood, or house.

### ACLU PRESENTS: ENGAGING WITH ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

**Wednesday, September 20, 6 PM | South Side Library**

Learn how to best interact with your elected representatives on topics you care about with assistance from the Iowa ACLU!



### TAKE & BAKE: APPLE CRISP

**Wednesday, September 20, 6 PM | East Side Library**

Apple season calls for apple desserts! In this event, we will show participants how to create a delicious apple crisp. All supplies will be provided, from the apples to the crisp topping and pan. Participants will get to take their uncooked crisp home to bake in an 8x8 pan. **Registration required.**

### HOME MUSIC PRODUCTION 102: GOING DEEPER WITH PRODUCING YOUR OWN MUSIC AT HOME

**Monday, October 2, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**

Carl Dietz returns to demonstrate more home audio production techniques. This time we'll learn how to use more of the plugins that come with Reaper, and Dietz will show you how to use automation lanes. Then, we'll plug in a guitar and record analog sound.



### NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH (NaNoWriMo) WRITE-IN

**Saturdays in November | Central Library**

Skip the scramble for outlets at coffee bars and come to the library to connect with your fellow writers or to write individually! Feel free to stay all day or just stop by for

a quick visit. Black coffee will be provided at a first come first serve basis. You may also bring your own drinks and snacks inside.



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## IOWA AUTHOR AWARDS DINNER

Friday, October 20, 2023 – Embassy Suites Downtown

Please plan to join us to support your library and enjoy an evening celebrating literacy and Iowa authors. The memorable event includes dinner, the recitation of the Library Bill of Rights, and a keynote presentation by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Andrew Sean Greer. We will honor and recognize four outstanding Iowa authors:



Tracey Garvis Graves, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and international bestselling author of 10 contemporary fiction novels, including *The Trail of Lost Hearts*, releasing on March 26, 2024.



Abena Sankofa Imhotep, author of the children's book *Omari's Big Tree and the Mighty Djembe*.



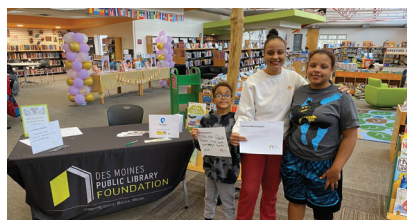
Amy Lee Lillard, author of three books, including the upcoming *Exile in Guyville*, winner of the BOA Editions Short Fiction Prize.



Denise Williams, author of nine books, including *Love and Other Flight Delays* and *Technically Yours*, both released in 2023.

The event will also celebrate Steven Jayne and Karen Shaff as the 2023 "Friend of Literacy" recipients. We will end the evening with a "Raise the Paddle" campaign to raise funds for our library.

Contact Executive Director Kelly Shrock at 515-412-0180 or [executivedirector@dmplfoundation.org](mailto:executivedirector@dmplfoundation.org) for ticket and sponsor information or visit our website at [dmpl.org/foundation](https://dmpl.org/foundation).



## I LOVE THE LIBRARY BECAUSE...

Each April, we participate in Library Giving Day to provide our donors and patrons with the opportunity to tell us why they love the library. This family loves the library because they "can gather and spend time together" and because they "have a scavenger hunt." This national day of supporting libraries is another chance for the Foundation to hear these important stories and raise funds to support the library programs. We raised \$9,741 this year. Thank you to everyone who made a gift and shared their story with us!



# YOUR GIFT CAN HAVE AN EVEN GREATER IMPACT

With gift matching opportunities, like company matching of charitable gifts or volunteer time, your giving will increase. Ask your Human Resources Office for the required forms.

## Please consider a gift to the Des Moines Public Library Foundation.

Leave a legacy by designating the Foundation in your will today – you will make a difference in the future. Planned gifts can show a lifetime of caring and be in the form of a bequest, gift of life insurance, stocks or annuities. Please contact Foundation Executive Director, Kelly Shrock at 515-412-0180.

## GRANTS PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT

Funding from corporate and local foundations helps underwrite some of the library's most significant programs and boosts other fundraising initiatives:



**Prairie Meadows** continues to be a loyal funder for the Foundation. This year we received a \$20,000 grant for Summer Reading and School Readiness and \$20,000 to support AViD in 2024!



We're grateful to **Nationwide** for \$20,000 to support AViD and Summer Reading and School Readiness. These initiatives help us engage even more supporters into the library's mission and impact.

Grants toward Summer Reading and School Readiness will help engage youth in the city in thousands of hours of reading and programming, preventing summer learning loss and inspiring a passion for literacy. Thanks to the following organizations for their generous contributions:

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- Bankers Trust \$1,000

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Thank you to our friends and supporters who shopped at Target,

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## CONSIDER YOUR IRA FOR CHARITABLE GIVING

The DMPL Foundation provides many opportunities to support the library system in our community. While many donors choose to give from their checking and savings accounts, there are many other ways to give.

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## ESTATE GIFT – LEAVING A LEGACY

Naming the Des Moines Public Library Foundation as a beneficiary is a meaningful way to enrich the Des Moines community. If you are interested in making a bequest, please contact Kelly Shrock at [kellyshrock@dmplfoundation.org](mailto:kellyshrock@dmplfoundation.org). If you have already named the DMPL Foundation in your will or estate plan, please let us know so we can welcome you as a member of the Estes-Spaulding Legacy Society. Visit our website for more information [dmpl.org/foundation](http://dmpl.org/foundation).



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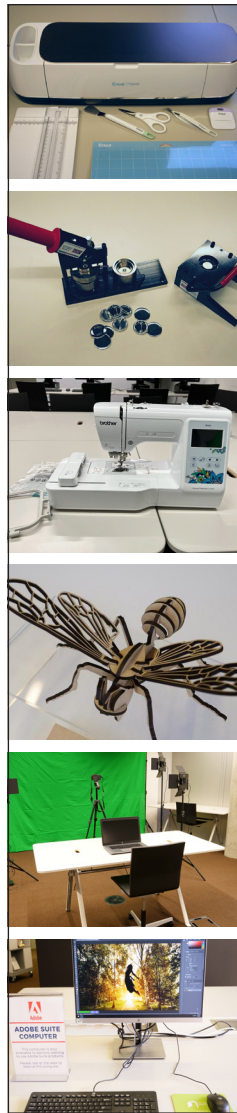
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