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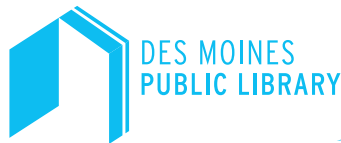
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2024 AVID LINEUP REVEALED!

Six world-class authors are coming to Des Moines this year as part of the 2024 Authors Visiting in Des Moines (AVID) series. This year's AVID programs run from March through June, featuring some of the country's most popular storytellers and acclaimed authors talking about their work, their lives, and more.

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AVIID 2024 LINEUP



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES

KAVEH AKBAR

Thursday, March 21, 7 PM | Central Library,
1000 Grand Ave.

Kaveh Akbar's debut novel, *Martyr!*, was released in January to universal acclaim, with *The New York Times Book Review* calling the book "miraculous." The story follows a newly sober second-generation Iranian-American as he embarks on a profound, remarkable search for meaning and a family secret.

JAMES PATTERSON

Wednesday, April 10, 7 PM | Scottish Rite
Consistory, 519 Park St.

With more than 425 million books sold, James Patterson is the most popular storyteller in modern history. His new nonfiction book, *The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians* (release date: April 8), tells the stories of the "detectives" and "treasure hunters" who can't wait to help you find your next favorite book. Tickets to a special VIP pre-event reception are on sale; go to dmpl.org/foundation.

GREGG HURWITZ & NICK PETRIE

Thursday, May 2, 7 PM | Central Library

Two of the country's most popular action writers will swap stories during this special AVID event. Gregg Hurwitz is the author of the Orphan X series, which follows Evan Smoak, a black book government assassin. Nick Petrie writes the Peter Ash series, about a mystery-solving war veteran with PTSD. Both have new books in those series out in early 2024.

JOYCE CAROL OATES

Thursday, May 30, 7 PM | Central Library

Joyce Carol Oates is one of the most revered novelists in American literature. She has published 58 novels, several plays and novellas, plus dozens of short stories, poetry, and non-fiction. She is a National Book Award winner and five-time Pulitzer Prize finalist. Her latest novel, *Butcher*, will be released May 21, and uses historical documents to tell the harrowing story of a women's asylum in the 19th century and a terrifying doctor fueled by a dangerous obsession.

JASMINE GUILLORY

Thursday, June 13, 7 PM | Central Library

Dubbed "the undisputed queen of the modern-day romance (*Vogue*)," Jasmine Guillory is the beloved *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Wedding Date*, *The Proposal*, and more. Her newest novel, *Drunk on Love*, is an intoxicating and sparkling romance set in the lush backdrop of Napa Valley. Guillory also writes a popular newsletter, is a regular guest on *The Today Show*, and speaks across the country about the importance of writing about Black heroines and breaking literary stereotypes.

All programs are free to attend. Free parking is available, and seating is first-come first-served. Scan here or go to dmpl.org/avid for more information.



NO MORE LATE FINES AT THE DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Des Moines Public Library no longer charges late fines for books, DVDs, CDs, and other materials. The policy, which went into place in January, also retroactively eliminated all past late fines on library accounts. Patrons whose library cards have been blocked due to past unpaid late fines are now able to renew their library cards and use the library again.

In addition, all items checked out will automatically renew up to two times as long as there are no holds placed on the item.

“Late fines disproportionately impact children and families in low-income households, and we continue to reduce more barriers to using the public library and its wonderful services,” Des Moines Public Library Director Susan A. Woody said. “We want those who have not been able to use us due to late fines to come back to the library.”

This new policy continues a recent DMPL strategic initiative to reduce fines and fees, which include eliminating late fines on children and teen materials in 2020, reducing other late fines from 25 cents to 10 cents a day in 2020, and eliminating checkout fees for DVDs and Interlibrary Loan items in 2022.



INTRODUCING: KID LIBRARIANS AT DMPL!

A new featured display is helping kids connect with their peers in the name of reading books! Each month, the library is naming a new “Kid Librarian,” who will create a list of their favorite books as suggestions for other kids. Each Kid Librarian will include what their favorite genre is and why they enjoy reading.

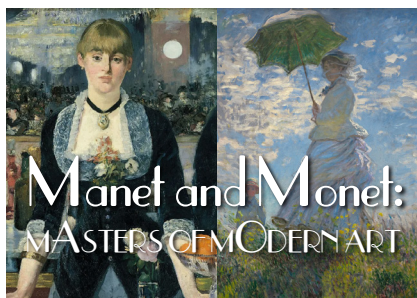
Check out their book suggestions at the Central Library and Forest Avenue Library’s children’s section each month.



FEATURED UPCOMING DMPL PROGRAMS

MANET AND MONET: MASTERS OF MODERN ART

Monday, March 4, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library



Learn to differentiate between Édouard Manet and Claude Monet, two French painters who were influential figures in the Modern Art movement. Drake University Adjunct Instructor of French Dr. Natalie Benson will bring her considerable expertise to provide insight into these 19th century masters.

RETIREMENT UNIVERSITY

Thursday, March 7, 21, & 28, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library



Learn about a variety of retirement topics. On March 7, we'll talk about Social Security and Medicare. On March 21, we'll discuss investments and taxes. Finally, on March 28, we'll learn about estate planning, long-term care, and legacy planning. The programs are presented by the Society for Financial Awareness.

FEATURED UPCOMING DMPL PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)



GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS MEET-UP

Thursday, March 14, April 11, and May 9, 5:30 PM | North Side Library

Connect with others interested in environmentally friendly gardens. The focus is on native plants that foster and nourish wildlife. Come learn and share your favorite gardening tips, design ideas, seeds, plants, and more!

ADOPT A HOUSE PLANT

Saturday, March 23, 1-3 PM | North Side Library

Looking to bring a new plant to your home? Come to this plant swap and pick up a plant, share cuttings, or drop off a plant you no longer want. The library will provide small terracotta pots and potting soil – while supplies last.

TAKE-AND-MAKE: MACRAMÉ PLANT HANGER

March 11-15 | North Side Library

Stop by and pick up the materials to make your own macramé plant hanger at home! Then use your library card to access the video tutorial on Creativebug. While supplies last.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE



Saturday, March 23, 2-3 PM | South Side Library

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

COMMUNITY CRAFTING: WATERCOLORS WITH PAIGE AND NIKKI

Saturday, March 23, 2 PM | Franklin Avenue Library

Please join watercolor artist Paige as she provides instruction and guidance to do a beautiful painting! Our own librarian, Nikki, will show us how to follow along as Paige teaches. This will be a wonderful way to spend a Saturday afternoon, so please join us. Supplies are provided.

GLIMPSES OF IOWA'S CAPITOL: ITS HISTORY, ART, ARCHITECTURE, AND RESTORATION

Monday, April 1, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library

Join former state restoration painter, Rosa Snyder, as she divulges untold stories and reveals hidden treasures of Iowa's most recognized landmark. The audience will learn about little-known historical facts and view photographs of areas not normally seen by visitors.



MUSHROOM FORAGING

Thursday, April 4, 6:30 PM | South Side Library

Monday, April 15, 6:30 PM | East Side Library

Join ISU Polk County Extension Natural Resources Program Coordinator Gina Buelow for a fun-filled program about mushroom foraging. Learn what fungi are, how to identify mushrooms, and how you can forage safely and responsibly.

HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY: TIPS FROM THE LATEST RESEARCH

Tuesday, April 9, 2 PM | South Side Library

Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement while using hands-on tools to help incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

EUROPE AND THE HOLOCAUST

Monday, May 6, 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library

Beverly Nagel Ellis will share the story of her family's years-long Holocaust journey, from a Russian slave camp, to a German displaced persons camp, to their emigration to the United States. Ellis spent most of the first five years of her life in the camp in Germany.

PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP: COLLAGRAPHY

Monday, May 13, 6 PM | East Side Library

Join us for an immersive exploration of collagraphy, a fascinating printmaking technique that combines elements of collage and graphic design. In this workshop, you'll learn how to create unique and expressive prints using unconventional materials and textures. Registration required.

COMMUNITY CRAFTING – CALLIGRAPHY

Sunday, May 19, 2 PM | Franklin Avenue Library

In this class you will learn the basics of pointed-pen calligraphy. We'll start with a traditional style that you can use to develop your own modern style. Pen, ink, and handouts are yours to take home. The class will be presented by Tome Hope, owner of the calligraphy business Ink & Oak. Registration is required.

DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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FOUNDATION BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

The Foundation Board held its annual meeting and board retreat on January 13. The following officers were elected:



Brianne Sanchez & Paul Melde

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We welcomed three new board members who will begin their first term: Abena Sankofa Imhotep, Tar Macias and Quinlan Riser.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

The Des Moines Public Library Foundation wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Sasha Kamper, Martha Stephenson and Amy Randeris-Schultz for their service on the Board of Directors. These individuals gave

generously of their time, resources, talents, and leadership. We are grateful for their service and dedication. The Foundation has purchased a book in honor of their service to be added to the library collection.

JAMES PATTERSON VIP RECEPTION REPLACES TRIVIA SMACKDOWN IN 2024

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DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY

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JANUARY 22, 2024

DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Foundation is hosting a VIP Reception to welcome author James Patterson to Des Moines. This will be our spring fundraiser to benefit the Library Foundation.

VIP tickets are now on sale for the reception with James Patterson. That reception begins at 5 PM on April 10, prior to Patterson's free AVID event. The VIP tickets cost \$100 and include a reserved seat, a copy of Patterson's

new book, and entrance to the VIP reception that Patterson will also be attending.

The AVID event with James Patterson is a FREE event. You do NOT need to purchase a VIP ticket in order to come to the author talk and book signing at 7 PM.

Both events are at Scottish Rite Consistory at 519 Park Street in downtown Des Moines.



LIBRARY GIVING DAY APRIL 3, 2024

We know you love your library, so while the National Library Giving Day is celebrated on April 3 this year, we're giving you two weeks to show us some love! Please consider making a gift March 25 through April 6. People of all ages make connections, learn new things, apply for jobs, and much more by using the library resources. We need your support to keep your library dynamic and responsive to our community needs. Give online at dmpl.org/foundation. Give us a call if you have any questions at 515-412-0180.

THANK YOU

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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.



ESTES-SPAULLING LEGACY SOCIETY

The Estes-Spaulling Legacy Society recognizes and honors those who choose to put the Des Moines Public Library Foundation in their will or estate plan. Named for trailblazing former library directors Elaine Graham Estes and the late Forrest Spaulding, this special group of donors will open doors well past their lifetimes.

By letting us know your intentions to commit to a legacy gift that makes a long-term difference, we can celebrate you in the present with opportunities to connect more deeply to library programs and our community of stewards.

Contact Executive Director Kelly K. Shrock for more information: 515-412-0180 or kellyshrock@dmplfoundation.org.

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