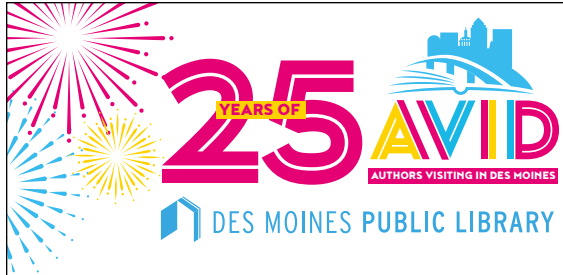


# April/May

## Franklin Avenue Library

# Events

ALL LOCATIONS OF THE DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY, APRIL 5, SUNDAY, MAY 24, AND MONDAY, MAY 25.

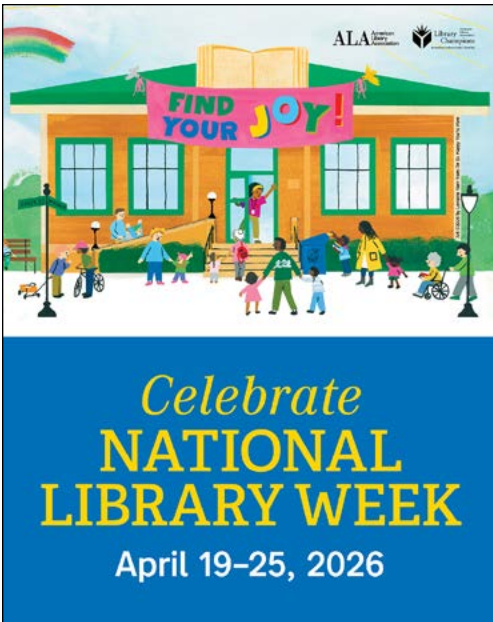


The 25th anniversary of Authors Visiting in Des Moines (AVID) is upon us! This milestone year features a romance world superstar in Julia Quinn, a literary icon in Tayari Jones, a groundbreaking partnership with the **Des Moines Arts Festival** and **Des Moines Art Center**, and much more.

Mark your calendars for these six events and get ready for an incredible season of celebrating reading and the arts in Des Moines! Doors open approximately 1 hour before each event. Doors will open at 5:15 PM for Julia Quinn's event.

<p><b>JULIA QUINN</b></p>	<p><b>MARIA SEMPLE</b></p>	<p><b>TAYLOR WOLFE</b></p>	<p><b>SHANNON CHAKRABORTY</b></p>	<p><b>TAYARI JONES</b></p>	<p><b>PATRICK BRINGLEY</b></p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, APRIL 7 7 PM HOYT SHERMAN PLACE 1501 WOODLAND AVENUE</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, APRIL 16 7 PM CENTRAL LIBRARY 1000 GRAND AVENUE</b></p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, MAY 2 7 PM FRANKLIN EVENT CENTER 4801 FRANKLIN AVENUE</b></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, MAY 14 7 PM CENTRAL LIBRARY 1000 GRAND AVENUE</b></p>	<p><b>MONDAY, JUNE 15 7 PM CENTRAL LIBRARY 1000 GRAND AVENUE</b></p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, JUNE 27 11 AM CENTRAL LIBRARY 1000 GRAND AVENUE</b></p>

[DMPL.ORG/AVID](http://DMPL.ORG/AVID)



## Celebrate National Library Week – April 19-25!

Meet up with fellow library lovers to celebrate National Library Week! A traveling coffee cart will be visiting all six DMPL locations throughout the week with free coffee and light pastries, while supplies last. Enter door prize drawings for “I’m a library advocate” mugs and Rosie plushies. Mark your calendars for when the cart will be at your branch, and plan to celebrate National Library Week with us!

### Monday, April 20

- 10-11 AM – Forest Avenue Library
- 12-1 PM – North Side Library

### Wednesday, April 22

- 10:30-11:30 AM – South Side Library
- 12:30-1:30 PM – Central Library\*

### Thursday, April 23

- 9:30-10:30 AM – Franklin Avenue Library
- 11:30 AM-12:30 PM – East Side Library



# ¡DÍA DEL NIÑO!

# DAY OF THE CHILD!

FREE



### Día del Niño Celebration! / ¡Celebración del Día del Niño!

**Saturday, April 25, 10 AM-12 PM**

Join us at Union Park for FREE activities for the whole family: books, piñatas, carousel rides, glitter tattoos, balloon art, folkloric dance groups, and so much MORE!

Día is an international celebration of the joy found in early childhood and reading. This year, the Des Moines Public Library and its community partners are celebrating together!

*¡Acompáñanos en Union Park para actividades y recursos comunitarios GRATIS para toda la familia: Libros, piñatas, paseos en carrusel, tatuajes de purpurina, arte de globos, bailadoras folklóricas y muchas más!*

*Día es una celebración internacional de la alegría que uno siente durante su niñez y primeras etapas de lectura. ¡Este año, Des Moines Public Library (la biblioteca) y tus socios comunitarios están celebrando juntos!*



## Let's Talk DMPL

Join your neighbors and staff for community conversations at all of our libraries in May! Share what matters to you about the DMPL, imagine what's possible, and help shape our future. Stay tuned — dates will be finalized in the near future.

# Kids/Families

## Art in the Library: 3D Coral Sculptures

Wednesday, April 1, 4 PM

Design and create a three-dimensional coral sculpture with ocean creatures using a variety of materials. Art in the Library is for children ages 6-12. Younger siblings may attend if accompanied by an adult. **Registration required.**

## Po-ART-Ry

Saturday, April 11, 11 AM-3 PM

Celebrate National Poetry Month during this drop-in program. Join us in the craft area and choose a poem to read. Discover its meaning through art using the materials provided. All ages welcome.

## EPIC Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, April 16, 4 PM

We will have a brief discussion about this month's book followed by fun activities and crafts related to the book! You do not need to read the book beforehand to attend this program. For ages 7-11. **Registration required.**

## Creative Readers

Tuesday, April 21, 4 PM

Join us in celebrating the joy of reading and art as we explore materials and STEM activities inspired by a picture book. Ages 3 and up.

## Model Train Workshop for Kids

Friday, April 24, 1-4 PM



Discover the world of model trains with members of DesMoiNTrak Model Train Club. Learn about the history of trains and model trains, then design your own piece of track. For grades 1-5. Snacks provided. **Registration required.**

## Kids Pokémon Card Swap

Thursday, April 30, 4 PM

Bring your friends and come to this monthly program with any Pokémon cards you want to trade. This event is open to children ages 6-18.

## Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical Sneak Preview

Saturday, May 9, 10:30 AM

Visit the library for a special sneak preview of the Des Moines Community Playhouse production of *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical*, a story about acceptance and friendship. Enjoy the performance and enter to win free tickets to the play!



**Schedule subject to change. Please check the website. There will be a storytime break from May 18-May 31. Storytimes will resume June 1.**

## STORYTIMES

### Baby Rhyme Time

Tuesdays, 10:15 AM

Babies and their caregivers are invited to join Miss Jennifer on Tuesdays for a fun and engaging storytime. Enjoy rhymes, songs, bounces, and a story, followed by a short playtime. This program supports early learning and connection in a warm, welcoming environment. Ages 0-18 months.

### Toddler Stories, Songs, and Movement

Wednesdays, 10:15 AM

Join Miss Donna for a fun-filled storytime designed for active toddlers. Enjoy stories, songs, and more, all carefully selected to engage children ages 18 months to 3 years. This interactive program encourages early learning in a playful and welcoming environment.

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 **DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY**



**Your Ticket to FREE Family Fun**

# Teen

## Franklin VolunTeens

Monday, April 6 and May 4, 4 PM

Become a volunteer and help with library projects and programs. Teens ages 12-18 can pick up a teen volunteer application at the Franklin Avenue Library. Applications must be turned in and approved before attending this program.

## The Art of Expression: Ransom Note Poetry

Wednesday, April 15, 4 PM

The Art of Expression is a monthly program for teens to learn and create different types of art in a relaxed atmosphere. In April, we will use magazine cutouts to create poetry and celebrate National Poetry Month. Registration is required due to limited supplies.

## Nintendo Switch Party

Monday, April 27, 3 PM

Join us for a Nintendo Switch Party! We will have games like Mario Kart 8 & Super Mario Bros. Ultimate. Feel free to bring your own Switch or share the library's controllers.



## Teen Chef: Mug Cakes

Wednesday, May 13, 4 PM

Sharpen your kitchen knowledge and learn how to make delicious dishes. In May, we will make microwaved mug cakes, and everyone gets to keep their own mug! Registration is required due to limited supplies.

# Adult

## Death Café

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 PM

A Death Café is a relaxed, welcoming space where people gather to talk openly about death and dying over tea and conversation. All beliefs, questions, and quiet moments are welcome. The conversation is organized by Erika Hall, a certified death doula.

## Reading on the Margins Book Discussion



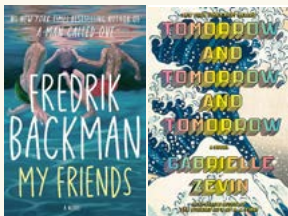
Thursday, April 9, 6:30 PM –  
*Happy Land*, by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

Thursday, May 14, 6:30 PM –  
*The Postcard*, by Anne Berest

Join us once a month to discuss books by underrepresented authors. Our goal is to amplify

these voices and experiences while discussing social issues in the context of fiction and non-fiction books. Books are available to borrow about a month prior to the program.

## Franklin Afternoon Book Discussion



Monday, April 13, 1 PM –  
*My Friends*, by Fredrik Backman

Monday, May 11, 1 PM –  
*Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*, by Gabrielle Zevin

The Franklin Afternoon Book Discussion is a regularly scheduled book club meeting on

the second Monday of the month. Copies of the next month's book are available at the end of each discussion or at the Help Desk. All patrons are welcome!

## Herbal Tea Blending

Monday, April 13, 6 PM



Sara O'Connell explores herbal properties and therapeutic benefits, teaching blending techniques including flavor harmonization and plant selection. Participants curate and taste their own unique hand-blended herbal tea mixture to take home.

## Kitchen Sink Herbalism

Monday, May 11, 6 PM

Level up your wellness with everyday herbs and spices. Sara O'Connell shares how to transform common kitchen ingredients into teas, tinctures, and syrups for culinary and wellness use. Everyone leaves with a homemade herbal infusion. **Registration required.**

## NFC General Information Session

Thursday, April 16, 6 PM

Neighborhood Finance Corporation presents home improvement loan options for Des Moines metro homeowners. Learn about repayable loans and a \$10,000 forgivable loan available to those who remain in their home for five years. Light refreshments provided.



## Woodworking 101

Saturday, April 18, 2 PM

Explore the art of woodworking with members of the Des Moines Woodworking Association. Learn about various styles, essential tools and equipment, safety tips, and resources. For beginners and enthusiasts alike. Not a hands-on class.

## Franklin Avenue Library Repair Café

Sunday, April 19, 12-3:30 PM

Get expert help repairing your items at Franklin Avenue Library's Repair Café. Volunteers fix or provide referrals for clothing, bicycles, small electronics, and home appliances. Please provide your own replacement parts. Presented by Seeds of Sustainability.

## Franklin Cinema Club

Monday, April 20, 6:30 PM – *Spotlight*

Monday, May 18, 6:30 PM – *Lucky Number Slevin*

Discuss noteworthy films at the Franklin Cinema Club, a discussion series held each month. Participants view the selected film prior to attending the discussion. Titles are available through Kanopy (the library's free streaming service) and our DVD collection.

## Disney and Lucas: Filmmaking Visionaries

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 PM

Two visionaries changed storytelling forever. Join DMACC Journalism Professor Andy Langer to explore how Walt Disney and George Lucas pushed for innovation, transformed how stories were told, and left lasting legacies.

## Starting Smart: What You Need to Know Before Launching Your Own Business



Tuesday, April 28, 6 PM

Saturday, May 16, 10:30 AM

Learn how SCORE's free mentoring and resources can help you prepare, plan, and move forward with confidence. This session helps aspiring entrepreneurs understand what it really takes to start a business, from planning and finances to mindset and support.

## Grow Native: Learning about Seed Banks



Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 PM

Discover how to support native pollinators right in your own backyard. Learn what the native seed bank is, how it supports local ecosystems, and how you can plant your own native garden. Free native seed mix available.

## Yiddish Music with Abe Goldstein

Monday, May 4, 6:30 PM

Celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month with a night of songs and stories. Abe Goldstein will introduce the audience to Yiddish music through the traditional tunes played throughout his life, including his time with the Java Jews, Iowa's only klezmer band.

## DART New Routes: An Open House

Wednesday, May 6, 5-7 PM

The countdown is on — DART changes all bus routes in June for more frequent service all week long! Join us for an open house to chat with DART staff about new routes, receive trip planning support, and enjoy light refreshments. Printed materials provided.

## Des Moines Metro Opera Preview — Tosca

Saturday, May 30, 3:30 PM

Join Des Moines Metro Opera Preview Lecturer Joshua Borths for an exciting preview of Giacomo Puccini's *Tosca*. This passionate opera follows a celebrated singer caught in a deadly web of love, betrayal, and political intrigue in Rome.

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