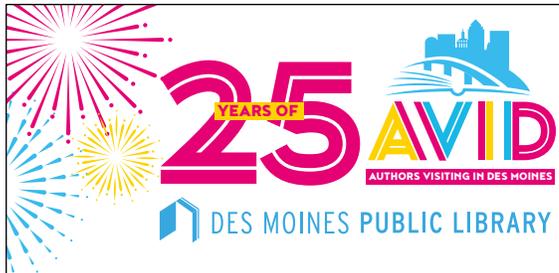


April/May

North Side Library

Events

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

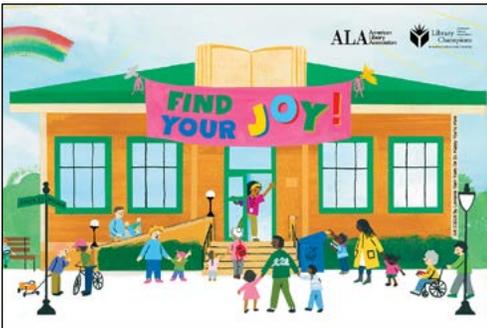


The 25th anniversary of Authors Visiting in Des Moines (AVID) is upon us! This milestone year features a romance world superstar in Julia Quinn, a literary icon in Tayari Jones, a groundbreaking partnership with the **Des Moines Arts Festival** and **Des Moines Art Center**, and much more.

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

[DMPL.ORG/AVID](https://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



Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19-25, 2026

¡DÍA DEL NIÑO! **DAY OF THE CHILD!**

Activities include: Books, Meet Rosie Reader, Folkloric Dancers, Balloon Art, Glitter Tattoos, Piñatas, and Carousel Rides.

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

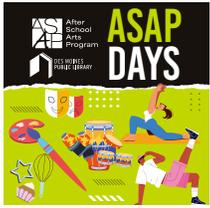
Join your neighbors and staff for community conversations at all of our libraries in May! Share what matters to you about the DMPL, imagine what's possible, and help shape our future. Stay tuned — dates will be finalized in the near future.

Kids/Families/Teens

ASAP Wednesdays

Wednesdays in April, 3:30 PM – Art Trading Cards

Wednesdays in May, 3:30 PM – Culinary Kids



Join other creative types and take up a new project each week, led by an After School Arts Program teaching artist. Snacks will be provided. In April, design, print, and create your very own trading cards to play and trade with friends. In May, learn to make a different delicious recipe each week.

Art Cart

Wednesdays, 4-7:30 PM

Get creative at North Side! Drop-in on Wednesdays to enjoy our large cart of art supplies.

Game On

Tuesday, April 7 and May 5, 4 PM

It's game on after school at North Side! Hang out in the meeting room with snacks and a wide variety of games. Play Nintendo Switch on the big screen, or enjoy checkers, Connect 4, Exploding Kittens, and more!

Build Piñatas to Break Barriers: a Bilingual Event with Prevent Child Abuse Iowa

Friday, April 17, 3:30 PM



Build piñatas from recycled materials while strengthening family bonds. This bilingual workshop (Spanish and English) promotes creativity, connection, and positive communication through hands-on activities. For ages 6-11, though all ages are welcome.

Super Mario Party

Friday, April 24, 10:30 AM

Let's-a-go! Celebrate all things Mario at North Side! We will play Mario Kart, eat snacks, play Mario-themed games, and enjoy crafts.

Tween Book Club

Tuesday, April 28, 4 PM

Chat about a book with fellow tweens and teens while enjoying a snack and a fun activity. This month, we are reading *It's All or Nothing, Vale*, by Andrea Beatriz Arango and decorating daydream journals. Register online to get a free copy of the book to keep.

Drop-in Perler Bead Art

Saturday, May 16, 10 AM-4 PM

Drop-in to North Side to make a perler bead creation! We will iron your design to make it permanent for you to take home.

Our DMPL Storytimes incorporate the five Simple Steps:
READ WRITE SING PLAY TALK
These easy steps help prepare your child for learning success.

Find a List of Storytimes at:
dmpl.org/storytimes

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

Preschool Storytime

Mondays, 10 AM

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to enjoy stories, rhymes, music, and activities that build school readiness skills. The program concludes with a time for free play together. Ages 3-5.

Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time

Tuesdays, 10 AM

Babies, toddlers, and their caregivers are invited to join us on Tuesdays for rhymes, songs, lap bounces, and a story. This program is recommended for children from birth to 24 months.

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Your Ticket to FREE Family Fun

Adults

Job Seekers with the Evelyn K. Davis Center

Wednesdays, 10 AM-12 PM

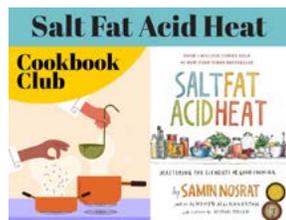
Staff from the Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families are ready to provide one-on-one job search and resume assistance to job seekers. A career coach can guide you through resume building, applying for jobs, and other resources. Walk-ins welcome.

Sit n' Stitch

Saturday, April 4 and May 2, 1:30-3:30 PM

Spend a couple hours with other crafters and work on your knit, crochet, or needle craft projects. Please bring your own supplies and projects with you.

Cookbook Club: Salt Fat Acid Heat



Saturday, April 11, 1 PM

Choose a recipe from *Salt Fat Acid Heat*, prepare it at home, and bring it to share at this community potluck. Sample dishes, share cooking experiences, and enjoy conversation. Copies of the book are available at the North Side Library or on Libby.

Community Craft Night

Tuesday, April 14, 6 PM – Landscape Embroidery

Tuesday, May 12, 6 PM – Choose Your Own Adventure

Drop in and spend an evening creating something new while enjoying the company of local crafters. Each month features a different project.

All materials are provided for this fun, relaxed crafting session!

North Side Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 21, 2 PM – *Everything is Tuberculosis*, by John Green

Tuesday, May 19, 2 PM – *The Correspondent*, by Virginia Evans

Enjoy a good book and great conversation each month with other book lovers. Copies of each month's book are available at the North Side Library about a month prior each program, as well as an eBook or audiobook on Libby.

New DART Routes: An Open House

Tuesday, May 5, 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.

Grow Native: Learning About Seed Banks



Tuesday, May 26, 6 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.

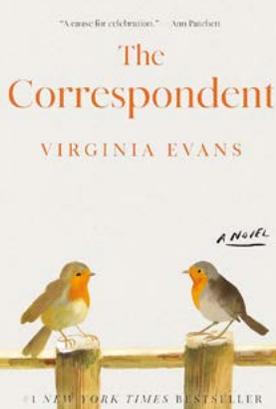
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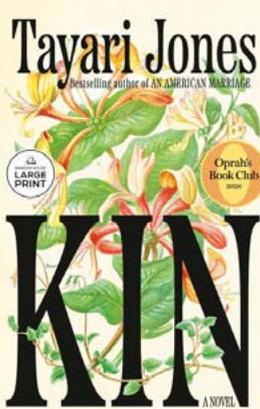
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THE MOST POPULAR BOOKS. NO WAIT.

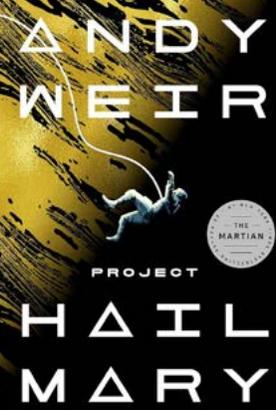
Skip the hold line for that popular book! Check out our Hot Titles, No Holds section, now with an expanded selection at each DMPL location. New books are added every Tuesday!



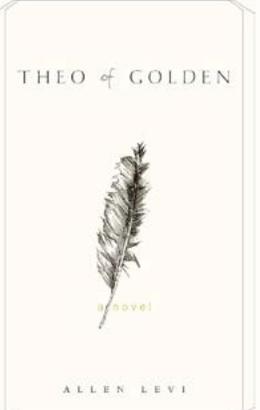
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