ALL SUMMER LONG
June 4-August 11

You’ll have fun All Summer Long at the Des Moines Public Library! Our annual summer reading program runs from June 4-August 11 at our six locations and online at dmpl.org. We have tons of games, crafts, and activities throughout the summer for kids, teens, and families. Take part in a magic show, pet a bug, learn how to watercolor, and so much more!

The summer is one of the most important times of the year academically for children. Keeping their minds engaged through reading and activities can help stop the summer slide and give them a leg up when they go back to school in the fall. These events and programs combine fun and learning in immersive fashion! Each child will receive a tote bag when they sign up for All Summer Long – great for all those books they’ll be checking out this summer. When they complete the program, they’ll receive a free book.

We also have a program for adults! It’s pretty simple – every time you finish a book this summer, fill out a form online or at your branch. Once you do that, you’re entered to win prizes such as gift cards to local merchants. We’re picking one winner each week at each of our branches, so there are plenty of chances to win.

You can sign up online beginning on Monday, May 21. In-person registration begins on Monday, June 4, at all Des Moines Public Library locations. A full list of programs, crafts, and activities going on throughout the summer is available at dmpl.org. You have no excuse – check out the library All Summer Long!

AViD PRESENTS: RUSSELL SHORTO
Thursday, June 14, 7:00 PM, Central Library

Shorto’s new book, Revolution Song, is a narrative history of the American Revolution. Using real documents and manuscripts, Shorto gives us the story of the Revolution through the eyes of six people, including a freed slave, a Native American, and George Washington. This program is just in time for Hamilton!

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Recommended Reads

It’s always a challenge to figure out what to read next. Thankfully, the Des Moines Public Library is here to help! We’ve introduced a new section on our website: Recommended Reads. This is a curated list of reading recommendations put together by the library’s reading experts. If you’re a fan of a specific book, movie, or TV show, you might find a list related to your passion. Do you want to know the books everyone is talking about? We have you covered. We even have general recommendations for adults, teens, and kids!

This feature is the perfect way to discover books and expose yourself to new and exciting genres and topics. Check it out today! For even more book recommendations, follow us on Facebook.
What more could you ask for in life than a good book and people to talk about it with? You can take part in the fun each month at our book clubs! At the North Side, South Side, East Side, Franklin Avenue, and Forest Avenue Libraries, there are groups that meet each month as part of a library-organized book discussion.

At the Franklin Avenue Library, Kevin Kretchmer and Kate Young are the staff leaders of two different groups. They pick the books that will be discussed and make sure the front desk has copies for anyone that wants to read it. Picking a book, of course, is a crucial part of what makes a book club.

“Sometimes you know a good book club book when you've just finished it,” says Young. “If I'm dying to find someone else who has read it so I can talk about it, it’s probably a good book.” There are also lots of resources available online; both Young and Kretschmer say they use websites such as Indiebound and Reading Group Choices to find books. They'll also take recommendations from people in the group. Sometimes they're looking for a title that people might disagree about. “Everyone takes different things away from what they read, based on their own personality and background,” says Young. “It helps you appreciate the book so much more to learn those things about it that you didn’t experience.”

Kretschmer adds that you don’t always have to stir the pot with the book selection. “I haven’t found that to be the case,” he says as he talks about discussions involving controversial titles. “My mission,” he says about the group that he leads, “is to put a title in front of them that they would be unlikely to read on their own.” He says, on average, maybe about ten percent of the group dislikes the book selected on any given month. Most, however, are happy to have been brought out of their comfort zone.

Something else book clubs offer is a simple sense of camaraderie. Everyone that comes to the book discussions loves reading! By sharing a common experience – in this case, the book in question – members of the group can “geek out” with each other over characters and scenes that they enjoyed. The connections can extend outside the walls of the library too. Some groups have Christmas parties together, while others discover they have more than just books in common. “We have a few ladies who have met at book discussion group at the library, discovered they were neighbors, and have become friends,” says Young. “There should probably be a special word for the type of camaraderie shared by book lovers.”

We’re always looking for more people to join our book clubs! If you’re interested, check out the schedule in the box below as to when and where each group meets. Just go to the information desk at that library and ask for a copy of the book they're reading that month! We look forward to seeing you at our book clubs!

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS**

- **East Side Library**: Third Monday of the month, 2:00 PM
- **Forest Avenue Library**: Third Monday of the month, 7:00 PM
- **Franklin Avenue Library**
  - **Afternoon**: First Monday of the month, 1:00 PM
  - **Evening**: Second Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM
- **North Side Library**: Third Tuesday of the month, 2:00 PM
- **South Side Library**: First Thursday of the month, 1:00 PM

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**Friday Flicks at Franklin: Dunkirk**

**Friday, June 1, 1:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library**

It’s the epic true story of a retreat that salvaged the war. Come enjoy this Academy Award winning movie about the Miracle of Dunkirk, directed by the legendary Christopher Nolan. The movie, starring Fionn Whitehead, Tom Glynn-Carney, and Jack Lowden, among others, is the highest grossing World War II movie of all time and has been called one of Nolan’s finest movies. Rated PG-13.

**Emotion-Based Journaling**

**Monday, June 4 and 11, 6:00 PM, East Side Library**

The words we use to describe our emotions can influence our mood, thoughts, and behaviors. Take control of those words with guidance from our journaling instructor Christina Fernandez-Morrow. During this two-week series, she'll help you use journaling as a way to process emotions and thoughts. Christina has a Master of Fine Arts degree in Writing, and she previously won Des Moines Juice magazine’s 5-Minute Fiction contest. Through this program, you could begin an internal journey that leads to enlightenment and stress relief.
Nancy Drew: Iowa's Heroine to the World
Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library

Millions of people across the world know the tales of Nancy Drew. Few of those readers, however, know that Drew’s spunky attitude was concocted by a woman that grew up in Ladora, Iowa. Uncover the story of Nancy Drew creator Mildred Augustine during this program at the Franklin Avenue Library. Retired UNI professor Barbara Lounsberry will discuss Augustine’s legacy, her incredible life, and why her most famous creation endures to this day.

Science Center of Iowa Presents:
Global Soundscapes

Friday, June 8, 10:30 AM, East Side Library
Friday, June 8, 3:00 PM, North Side Library
Tuesday, July 17, 1:00 PM, Central Library

Sound is all around us – literally. Everything you hear is a result of tiny vibrations rocketing through the air, and the way you hear the world can change the way you look at it. Our friends from the Science Center of Iowa are coming to tell us all about sound and nature! A team of soundscape ecologists will show us what vibrations look like in slow-motion, how animals use sound to survive, and what sounds tell us about the health of our planet. Join us at this family program and hear the Earth in a whole new way!

Concert of Hispanic Tales
Saturday, June 9, 10:15 AM, Forest Avenue Library

Enjoy a morning of music and storytelling! Des Moines actor Lorenzo Sandoval and Columbian-Panamanian music duo Calle Sur will be entertaining families with tales from Hispanic America. As Sandoval narrates these tales, Calle Sur will perform pieces relating to the stories. Learn about the parts of the Americas where Native cultures blended with Spanish and African influences during this musical storytelling concert!

Bad Art Night: Oceans
Monday, June 11, 6:00 PM, East Side Library

Bad Art Night is back at the East Side Library! This month, we’ll focus on making an ocean-themed piece of awful art. Gather the family and friends together and give us your best Vincent Van “DOH” impression! Everyone will have 30 minutes to create their “mess-terpiece”, then each piece of art will be put up for a vote. “Winners” will be chosen among the amazingly awful creations. The library will provide supplies and some light refreshments! Please preregister by calling 283-4152 ext. 3 or by going to dmpl.org.

Why the Clutter? Digging Deeper
Tuesday, June 12, 6:00 PM, North Side Library

We’ve all been there. Piles of mail on the desk; clothes you never wear crowding your closet; boxes of “stuff” taking up space in the garage. Clutter is stressful! It’s time to take back control of your spaces. Jaime Price, founder of Organized Housewife, is an expert in creating organizational systems to maintain order in your home. During this seminar, she’ll help evaluate your habits and reinvent the way you manage and organize your home life. With Price’s help, you’ll create a peaceful home where you can relax with the ones you love!

Sensory Spaces at DMPL

Come to the Forest Avenue and East Side Libraries to take part in a distinct play experience that supports families and children with special needs. Both libraries are setting up sensory spaces.

Forest Avenue Calming Room
Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM; Thursdays, 4:00-6:00 PM, Forest Avenue Library

At the Forest Avenue Library, we’ll have a room set up for an interactive sensory experience. This is an unsupervised, drop-in program for youth. Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver over 12 years old. With multiple sensory stations, the room will provide a calming place to play.

Sensory Saturdays at East
Saturdays, June 16, July 21, August 18, 9:00-10:00 AM, East Side Library

The East Side Library is opening an hour early to support families and children with special needs! We’ll reduce the lighting in the library and have special sensory stations set up to encourage activity or provide calming spaces. Our friendly staff will be on hand to answer questions and help you find materials that are perfect for your family!
nurturing the land was their true passion in life. They share several stories, including how many of the women discovered that nurturing the land was their true passion in life.

Spirtual Leaders Panel: Religion & Sexuality

Tuesday, June 19, 7:00 PM, East Side Library

Join us at the East Side Library for a candid discussion about religion and sexuality. Hear from local spiritual leaders as they discuss their theology and how it relates to their specific beliefs around sexuality. They’ll answer questions and share how their beliefs intersect with the community and culture at-large.

Stress Free, Nourishing Meals

Wednesday, June 27, 6:00 PM, South Side Library
Tuesday, July 17, 6:00 PM, North Side Library

It doesn't have to be difficult to make refreshing, nutritious meals for your family. Learn how to make meal prep a bit easier with tips from Dani Lin, a health coach and cooking instructor in Des Moines. She'll provide practical nutrition tips that you can incorporate into your meal planning. Lin will also share some recipes, give a brief demonstration, and answer all your questions at the end. No registration required!

Jazz Lunch on the Lawn

Saturday, June 23, 11:30 AM, East Side Library

It's time for a show at the East Side Library! We'll celebrate summer, reading, and music with a concert and a picnic lunch. The Greater Des Moines Jazz Combo will be performing for us, and we'll have crafts and activities for children as well! This will be a fun family event, and a great excuse to get outside for an hour! All ages are welcome; please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets.

Belin Quartet: Children's Concert

Friday, July 20, 10:00 AM, Central Library

Enjoy a lovely morning featuring some of Des Moines' best musicians! The Belin Quartet is putting on their annual children's concert on the lawn of the Central Library. Our staff and other community partners will be there, providing plenty of crafts, games, and other activities. Join us as we celebrate All Summer Long, our summer reading program. Grab your lawn chairs and get there early—the lawn always fills up fast for this popular event!
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2018 Iowa Author Awards Dinner Featuring Nick Nolte

**Friday, October 5**, Hilton Des Moines Downtown
435 Park Street, Des Moines, 50309

Nick Nolte, with his new book, *Rebel: My Life Outside the Lines*, will be the featured author at the 2018 Iowa Author Awards Dinner. Nolte, three-time Academy Award nominee, was born in Omaha and grew up in Ames and Waterloo.

Check our website page at dmpl.org/foundation for more details.

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All the funding (except staff salaries) for this popular program serving 13,000 people of all ages, is raised by the Library Foundation. Please join us in thanking the following sponsors for their generosity and caring.

Literary Bingo

The Next Chapter will hold a fundraiser on **Tuesday, June 26**, from 6:00–8:30 PM at Peace Tree Brewing Co., 317 E. Court Avenue in the East Village. Admission is free. Play Literary BINGO and win prizes. Drink hand-crafted full-flavored beer, root beer, cider and Kombucha. Ten percent of sales will be contributed to the Des Moines Public Library Foundation. The Next Chapter is a group of young professionals supporting the Des Moines Public Library and Library Foundation.

Movable Books with Elaine Estes

**Friday, August 3, 12:00 Noon**, Central Library Meeting Room 1

*Free Program for All Ages*

Delve into the topic of movable books with former Library Director, Elaine Estes. She will present fascinating facts about these books — from a book collector’s point of view. Elaine will exhibit some of the hundreds of books in her private collection. The program is free and open to all: readers, book collectors, book dealers and those just curious about these special and unique books.

Movable books include pop-up books and mechanical books— with flaps, tabs, and slots. Bring your lunch. The Library Foundation will provide cookies and beverages.

It was so much fun — we’ll do it again

A total of 27 teams signed up for the April 6 fundraiser **2018 Trivia Smackdown**. Attendees had a fabulous evening. The best team name went to Dark & Stormy Daniels, First place went to Mighty Masters of Minutia (last year’s winner), followed closely by new contenders Piñata Libres. Other great team names were: Dewey Decimal Defeats Truman, Are you there, God? It’s me, Margarita, and League of Extraordinary Guessers. So much fun we will do it again on **April 12, 2019**, Backstage at Noce.

Thank you to our sponsor Meredith Corporation and to Noce for hosting us!
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Leave a Legacy
You can have a lasting legacy of support for the library by including the Library Foundation in your estate planning. Planned gifts can show a lifetime of caring and be in the form of a bequest, a gift of life insurance, stocks, or annuities. Please contact Foundation Executive Director, Dory Briles at 515-248-6402.

Gilbert Cranberg Memorial
Former DMPL Foundation board member, Gilbert (Gil) Cranberg, died on March 11, 2018 at the age of 93. Gil served on the Foundation board from 1999 – 2003, as one of the first board members. The Foundation is honored to be selected as one of the charitable organizations to receive gifts in his memory. Gil worked for 33 years at The Des Moines Register and Tribune, where he was editor of the editorial pages. After retiring from there, he served 18 years as the George Gallup Professor of Journalism at the University of Iowa School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Norma Cranberg, Gil’s wife, also deceased; was one of the library’s great customers. Norma was an elected Trustee of the Central Iowa Regional Library Commission. Libraries and librarians are very dear to the hearts of the Cranberg family. Gil is survived by four children – Lee, Marcia, James, and Andrew.

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We are delighted to announce a $10,000 grant from the Lauridsen Family Endowment.

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FALL4 Learning Scholarship
This college scholarship for high school seniors who are DMPL card holders and have used the Forest Avenue Library to be successful in school was awarded to four students at the April 18 Friends of the Forest Avenue Library meeting. Each student received a $452.50 scholarship. They are left to right: Ginger Cinnamon, Delefine Niyigena, Florance Tuyishime and Jacqueline Garcia. Their comments included: “I utilize the Forest Avenue Library to check out books, and use the computers to do my online homework and research.” “The Forest Avenue Library provided me a warm environment to study and improve my knowledge.” “I use Forest as my main resource to connect to the internet. I currently do not have any internet access at my house.” “I check out books for my classes at school and books to read in my free time. Also for movies I want to see.”

While we support shopping local, there are times when what you need is not available in our community. When you shop AmazonSmile, a percentage of your eligible purchases can be directed to the Des Moines Public Library Foundation. Please use the following link to direct your gift to the DMPL Foundation. http://smile.amazon.com/ ch/42-1484890. Your simple action can have lasting benefit. Thank you!
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Dr. Terry Wahls: The Microbiome-Brain-Immune Connection

Sunday, June 10, 4:00 PM, Des Moines University

Dr. Terry Wahls, a worldwide lecturer, professor, and author, will be speaking in Des Moines at this free event! She’ll be discussing the connection between microbes that live in our gut, our brain’s health, and our overall well-being. The event is free but seating is limited!

Please reserve your seats by going to capitalchirodsm.com/wahls. This event is presented by Capital Chiropractic & Rehabilitation Center in collaboration with Des Moines University, The Harkin Institute, and Des Moines Public Library.

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