

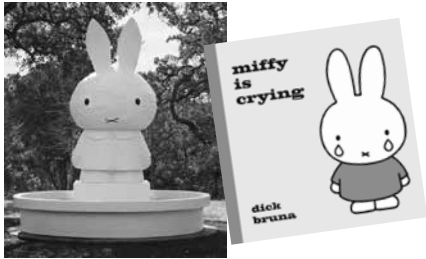
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MIFFY

A new piece of public art outside the Central Library features a global symbol of childhood. The Miffy Fountain, installed on the library's south lawn, features Miffy the rabbit. Miffy was created by Dutch artist Dick Bruna in 1955, and has been featured in books, TV shows, and movies on both sides of the Atlantic since then. The library even has several Miffy books available to check out.

The fountain and sculpture were created by American artist Tom Sachs. It was given in memory of Melva Bucksbaum as a gift to the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation Collection from her daughter Mary Bucksbaum Scanlan, and sons Gene Bucksbaum and Glenn Bucksbaum. While this will be a permanent installation, a traveling version of the Miffy Fountain has previously ventured to New York, Paris, Austin, TX, and Aspen, CO, among several other places.



ROSIE'S ROCKET CELEBRATION!

Saturday, December 15, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM,
Franklin Avenue Library

Rosie's Rocket is launching at the Franklin Avenue Library! Celebrate the newly renovated children's area by dropping in to see everything we offer. There will be games, crafts, and activities. Rosie Reader will be there to say hi and take photos, and her friends Llama Llama, Skye from *Paw Patrol*, and a Minion will also be hanging out! The event is made possible thanks to funds from the estate of Dorothy Jackson.

NEW TECH MAKES CHECKOUTS EASIER

You may have noticed new self-checkout machines at our locations. This is part of a long-term project involving new radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology. The new self-checkout machines speed things up. Instead of scanning one book at a time, you can now scan a whole stack of books at once. The new white gates by the doors identify books that have been taken without being checked out, and the staff has new technology on their computers and work stations as well. We're very excited about these changes, and thank our patrons for their patience as we made renovations to put the new system in place.



AN EVENING WITH SADAGAT ALIYEVA, AUTHOR OF *We the Interwoven*

Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 PM, North Side Library

Sadagat Aliyeva always had a burning desire for freedom. She was born in Baku, Azerbaijan, during the Soviet era of stagnation. Thirteen years ago, her family came to the United States and began a new life in Des Moines. She began writing stories, including mystical folktales. These stories changed her life after she was chosen to participate in the inaugural Bicultural Iowa Writers' Fellowship.

Join us for an evening of cultural conversation, diverse discoveries and artistic inspiration, as Sadagat shares her life and her writing journey. She'll also share her stories from *We the Interwoven*, an anthology of stories from immigrant, first-generation, and second-generation Iowans.

Elf: The Musical SNEAK PREVIEW

Saturday, December 1, 10:30 AM, Franklin Avenue Library
Buddy the Elf has never quite fit in at the North Pole. He's taller – a lot taller – than all his elf friends. When he realizes he's human, he sets off to New York City to find his true family – only to find out his father is on the naughty list! Come see a few scenes from the Des Moines Community Playhouse's newest production, then stick around to meet the actors. You can even enter to win free tickets to the full production!

BAD ART NIGHT: WINTER EDITION

Monday, December 3, 6:00 PM, East Side Library



Bad Art Night is back to help stave off your cabin fever. Give us your best Vincent Van "D'OH" impression by creating a winter-themed piece of atrocious art. Everyone will have

30 minutes to create their "messterpiece", 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.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library



It's a night full of festive tunes courtesy of musicians from Roosevelt High School (RHS). The RHS Chamber Choir will perform under the direction of Rose Dino and Devon Steve, and the RHS Da Capo A Cappella Jazz Choir will perform under the direction of

Rose Dino. Enjoy an evening full of holiday-themed music and cheer!

POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION PRESENTS: OWLS!



Wednesday, December 5, 4:00 PM, Franklin Ave Library
Owls are amazing animals. From their upright stance and massive eyes to their stealth hunting skills, there's a lot you can learn from studying these creatures of the night. Our friends from Polk County Conservation will discuss how incredible they are, and guests will have a chance to learn about what owls eat by dissecting owl pellets. You must register for this program; please do so by calling 283-4152 ext. 3 or by going to dmpl.org and finding this program on the event calendar. For ages 6-12.

GINGERBREAD COOKIE DECORATING



Thursday, December 6, 4:30 PM, Central Library
Create a gingerbread figure you can catch – and eat! We'll sing songs and enjoy some scrumptious stories about our favorite spiced baked good. After that, you can create your own gingerbread figure using gumdrop buttons, sprinkles, and frosting.

KNIT AND CROCHET

Saturday, December 8, 1:00-3:30 PM, North Side Library



Enjoy warm drinks and pleasant company during our knit and crochet get-together. Bring in your projects and spend a few hours with other crafters as you get ready for the holidays. You can share tips, techniques, and ideas for pieces, as well as fun

stories. Feel free to stay for the full event or drop in for just a few minutes. Bring your own supplies, and we'll provide snacks and refreshments!

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS: 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Monday, December 10, 6:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library
The Universal Declaration of Human Rights promises all people freedom of speech, of worship, from want, and from fear. Adopted by the United Nations in 1948, the document has been invoked time and time again as human rights cases have been brought up across the globe. Drake University political science professor Debra DeLaet will give an overview of the declaration, its influence on international human rights law, and ways everyday citizens can advance the cause of these rights.

GRINCH ESCAPE ROOM FOR TEENS

Monday, December 10, 4:00 PM, Franklin Avenue Library
Santa's gone missing, and the Grinch is to blame. Can you break into the cave where Santa is trapped, or will millions of children be disappointed on Christmas Day? Space is limited for this festive escape room, so please register. You may do so by calling 283-4152 ext. 3 or by going to dmpl.org and finding this event on the events page.



MAGNETS AND BUTTONS AND KEYCHAINS, OH MY!

Wednesday, December 12, 4:00 PM, Franklin Avenue Library
Get crazy with accessories at the library. We'll bring out supplies to make buttons, magnets, and keychains. Create one for yourself and/or make gifts for your friends and family! Registration is required – please call 283-4152 ext. 3 or go to dmpl.org and find this event on the events page to register.

PSYCHEDELIC SNOWFLAKES

Friday, December 14, 4:30 PM, North Side Library
Bring bright colors into your winter décor collection by turning a snowflake into a piece of art! We'll supply coffee filters, watercolors, and more to give your snowflakes a vibrant edge. Try different cuts and colors to see how different patterns turn out. We'll even let you make as many snowflakes as you like!

GINGERBREAD STORYTIME AND HOUSES

Saturday, December 15, 11:00 AM, East Side Library



Celebrate all things gingerbread during our festive Saturday storytime. We'll sing songs and tell stories about our favorite spiced baked goods and add to the East Side Library's gingerbread house with our custom decorations. After that, you can create your own gingerbread house to take home for the holidays!

A VERY MERRY ROSIE HOLIDAY STORYTIME



Monday, December 17, 6:30 PM, South Side Library
Rosie is bringing a festive spirit to the South Side Library. Join us for holiday stories, songs, rhymes, and games. Afterward, families can create a craft, meet Rosie, and even take a picture with her. This is an all-ages event, so bring out the whole family for the fun!

THURSDAY MORNING FEVER DANCE PARTY FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND TODDLERS

Thursday, December 27, 10:00 AM, Central Library

Boogie on! The dance fever is heating up once again at Central Library. We'll be playing lots of groovy tunes so you can break it down over winter break! Join us for crafts, games, and music as we host another dance party. We'll bring out the parachute, bust out the bubbles, and boogie around the dance floor with our friends and family.



FILMS AT THE LIBRARY

FAMILY

FOREST FLICKS: *Trolls*

Thursday, December 6, 3:00 PM, Forest Avenue Library

When the fun-loving Trolls are discovered by the Bergens, their entire village is in danger. It's up to Poppy (voiced by Anna Kendrick) and Branch (Justin Timberlake) to rescue their friends, save their community, and to see if they can bring the ever-grumpy Bergens a bit of happiness. Join us for a bright, chipper movie full of music and fun!

SOUTH KID'S CLASSICS: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

Monday, December 10, 6:30 PM, South Side Library

The surly Mr. Grinch is up to no good. With a heart two sizes too small, he's determined to ruin Christmas for all the people in Whoville. Find out if he learns the true spirit of Christmas! We'll be showing the animated TV special while frosting cookies and making cards! For ages 3-12; parents must be present with children during the screening.

Toy Story PARTY

Friday, December 14, 4:00 PM, Central Library

Bring Woody and Buzz to life right before your eyes! We'll be watching *Toy Story* and breaking the fourth wall by running around the room, throwing paper balls at the screen, and more! It's a *Rocky Horror Picture Show*-type experience that will be fun for the whole family. We'll also provide snacks and activities.

FOREST FLICKS – KID'S CLASSICS: *Jumanji*

Saturday, December 15, 2:00 PM, Forest Avenue Library

Before The Rock and Karen Gillan traversed the jungle last Christmas, before the animated series or even the board game, Robin Williams and Kirstin Dunst starred in the original *Jumanji* movie, based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg. Discover what happens when a board game takes over the real world during this classic movie at the Forest Avenue Library. Bring blankets, pillows, and drinks with lids, and we'll provide a snack.

Mary Poppins SING-ALONG

Friday, December 21, 3:00 PM, North Side Library

Before Emily Blunt and Lin-Manuel Miranda, there was Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. See the movie that put "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" into the dictionary and sing along! We'll have popcorn and chalk art crafts for everyone to enjoy. Feel free to bring a blanket and covered drink with you to enjoy the film.

NEW YEAR'S EVE LEGO MOVIE-A-THON

Monday, December 31, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM, East Side Library

Our favorite blockheads are hitting the big screen to entertain you during a New Year's Eve movie marathon. We'll start with *The Lego Ninjago Movie* at 10:00 AM, followed by *The Lego Batman Movie* at 12:00 PM, and finally, the classic original *The Lego Movie* at 2:00 PM. We'll bring out our LEGOs, duplos, mega-blocks, and more to play with throughout the day, and our LEGO books and materials will be out for you to read and check out!

ADULT

FREE FRIDAY FLICKS AT FRANKLIN: *Book Club*

Friday, December 7, 1:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library

Has a book ever changed your life? When Diane, Vivian, Sharon, and Carol read *Fifty Shades of Grey*, they see it as a wakeup call. They begin to examine their personal relationships and wonder what they're missing out on. The results are both hilarious and heartwarming. The film stars Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen, and Mary Steenburgen.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

SENSORY SATURDAYS

Saturday, December 15, 9:00 AM,
East Side Library

The East Side Library opens an hour early to support families and children with special needs! We'll reduce the lighting and have special sensory stations set up to encourage activity or provide calming spaces. Our friendly staff will be on hand to help you find materials perfect for your family.

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Monday, December 10, 10:30 AM,
East Side Library

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

- Monday, December 3, 1:00 PM, Franklin Avenue Library: *News of the World*, by Paulette Jiles
- Tuesday, December 4, 5:30 PM, Americana (1312 Locust St.): *The Immortalists*, by Chloe Benjamin
- Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library: Come discuss your favorite book of 2018
- Monday, December 17, 2:00 PM, East Side Library: *Our Souls at Night*, by Kent Haruf
- Tuesday, December 18, 2:00 PM, North Side Library: An informal book discussion on a book of your choice



CONVERSATIONS AND COFFEE

Tuesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 12:30 PM, Forest Avenue Library



WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Monday, December 3, 5:00 PM, Central Library

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

Wednesdays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 11:00 AM,
North Side Library

Please preregister by calling 283-4152, ext. 3



DECEMBER NEW RELEASES

- *Cook It in Your Dutch Oven*, by America's Test Kitchen
- *The Dakota Winters*, by Tom Barbash
- *Never Grow Up*, by Jackie Chan
- *Kitchen Yarns*, by Ann Hood
- *Watching You*, by Lisa Jewell
- *The Clean Plate: Eat, Reset, Heal*, by Gwyneth Paltrow
- *The Other Wife*, by Michael Robotham
- *Of Blood and Bone*, by Nora Roberts
- *Once Upon a River*, by Diane Setterfield
- *You Are a Badass Every Day*, by Jen Sincero



CLOSINGS: All six locations of the Des Moines Public Library will be CLOSED Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25.

HOURS AND LOCATIONS

Virtual Library always open 24/7 at dmpl.org

CENTRAL LIBRARY

1000 Grand Avenue
 Mon - Wed: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Thurs - Fri: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Saturday: CLOSED
 Sunday (Sept. - May): 1:00 - 5:00 PM
 Pick-Up Window Hours
 Monday - Friday: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

EAST SIDE LIBRARY

2559 Hubbell Avenue
 Mon - Tue: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Wednesday: CLOSED
 Thurs - Fri: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FOREST AVENUE LIBRARY

1326 Forest Avenue
 Monday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Tues - Wed: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Friday: CLOSED
 Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY

5000 Franklin Avenue
 Mon - Tue: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Thursday: CLOSED
 Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

NORTH SIDE LIBRARY

3516 Fifth Avenue
 Monday: CLOSED
 Tues - Wed: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Thurs - Fri: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SOUTH SIDE LIBRARY

1111 Porter Avenue
 Monday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Tuesday: CLOSED
 Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Thurs - Fri: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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Free Storytimes

Baby Rhyme Time | newborn - 18 months

Social storytimes for babies and their caregivers with rhymes, songs, movement, and a story!

- Tuesdays, 10:15 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
- Wednesdays, 10:15 AM | Central Library

Mother Goose on the Loose | newborn - 3 years

Early literacy for babies and toddlers through songs, stories, movement, and music!

- Tuesdays, 10:30 AM | East Side Library
- Tuesdays, 10:30 AM | North Side Library
- Wednesdays, 9:30 AM | Central Library

Play, Grow, Learn! | newborn - 6 years

Drop-in play using toys and materials that encourage early literacy skills!

- Mondays, 10:15 AM | Forest Avenue Library
- Thursdays, 10:15 AM | Forest Avenue Library
- Fridays, 10:30 AM | East Side Library

Toddler Storytime | 18 months - 3 years

Introductory reading activities with stories, songs, and movement!

- Wednesdays, 10:00 AM | South Side Library
- Wednesdays, 10:15 AM and 10:50 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
- Fridays, 10:15 AM | Central Library

Storytime | 18 months - 6 years

Introductory reading activities and preliteracy skills to promote school readiness through stories, songs, movement, and activities!

- Wednesdays, 10:15 AM | Forest Avenue Library
- Thursdays, 10:30 AM | North Side Library

Preschool Storytime | 3 - 6 years

Preliteracy skills to promote school readiness through stories, songs, and activities!

- Mondays, 10:15 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
- Thursdays, 10:00 AM | South Side Library
- Thursdays, 10:15 AM | Central Library
- Thursdays, 10:30 AM | East Side Library

Creative Readers | 3 & up

Read a story, explore, and create with art and STEM activities!

- Tuesdays, 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library

Evening Family Storytime | entire family

Storytelling and activities to engage the entire family!

- Mondays, 6:30 PM | South Side Library
- Tuesdays, 6:15 PM | Franklin Avenue Library
- Tuesdays, 6:30 PM | Central Library
- Wednesdays, 6:30 PM | North Side Library

Saturday Storytime

A variety of storytimes with various themes and age groups.

- 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:30 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
 Family Storytime | Entire family
- 3rd Saturday of the month, 11:00 AM | East Side Library
 Family Storytime | Entire family

Bilingual Storytime | Cuentos y Canciones: entire family/toda la familia

Enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs in English and Spanish!
 Disfruten cuentos, rimas, y canciones en inglés y español!

East Side Library:

- Tuesdays, 6:00 PM | Los martes, a las 6:00

Forest Avenue Library:

- Thursdays, 6:30 PM & Saturdays, 10:15 AM
- Los jueves, a las 6:30 & sábados, a las 10:15

Subject to change.
 Check dmpl.org/storytimes for
 current information.