Iowa Author Fair
Sunday, October 8, 1:00-3:00 PM, Central Library
The Iowa Author Fair is back! Twenty authors from across the state will be in the Central Library meeting room wing for this popular annual event. There will be fiction, nonfiction, and children’s authors – all of whom will be selling books and discussing their works with the public. There’s no charge to attend – come support local authors during the Iowa Author Fair! You can view a full list of the authors at dmpl.org/iowa-author-fair.

Becoming a Star: South Side Library Featured in TV Series
Lights, camera, action! The South Side Library will be part of a television series being filmed exclusively in Des Moines. Play by Play is a coming-of-age comedy series described as a story in the same vein as The Wonder Years and Freaks and Geeks. The main character is a present-day sportscaster looking back on his life in the ’90s and giving the “play-by-play” of his adolescence.

The first season is already available on Go90, a free mobile video service. Des Moines residents will recognize Roosevelt High School and Grubb Stadium as familiar sites. Filming at the South Side Library will take place in September for scenes that will be aired in a future season (the show has already been renewed for seasons 2 and 3). You can watch Play by Play at go90.com or by downloading the go90 app onto your mobile device.

In Conversation with John Irving
Tuesday, October 31, 2017 • 5:30 PM
Iowa Events Center
Award-winning novelist John Irving will headline the 18th Annual Iowa Author Awards Dinner! Irving will speak during the program on Tuesday, October 31. Irving is regarded as one of the world’s most popular and respected writers. He has won a National Book Award for The World According to Garp and an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay for The Cider House Rules, the film based on his popular book of the same name.

During the program, Irving will be awarded the 2017 Iowa Author Award. His connections to the state run deep. He taught at the University of Iowa, where he also earned his Master of Fine Arts as part of the Iowa Writers’ Workshop. Many of Irving’s books include Iowa as a setting.

Ticket information is available at dmpl.org/johnirving

This event is a benefit for the Des Moines Public Library Foundation.

Chaplin, Keaton, Lloyd: Silent Shorts from The Big Three
Tuesday, October 3, 6:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library
The silent era of film featured three men who’ve become known as comic geniuses: Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, and Harold Lloyd. Enjoy short films starring each of these actors during an evening of entertainment at the Franklin Avenue Library. Local pianist Bruce Martin will provide live accompaniment as the audience watches Easy Street (1917), Bumping Into Broadway (1919), and Cops (1922). Join us for a night of funny gags and side-splitting slapstick humor!
Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki
Tuesday, October 3, 6:00 PM, North Side Library
More than 200,000 people died in the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, at the end of World War II. These cities have been rebuilt, but the impact is not forgotten. Pa Vang Goldbeck will share her experience of her recent visit to Hiroshima during this program at the North Side Library. Goldbeck’s two-week visit came as part of the Mayors for Peace organization. Des Moines Mayor Frank Cownie is the lead U.S. mayor for Mayors for Peace, which dedicates itself to world peace and a nuclear-free world. Join us to learn about the dangers of nuclear weapons and to remember the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Space is limited, so preregister for this event by calling 283-4152 ext. 3 or by going to dmpl.org.

Family Finance Planning: Behind on Bills? Get Ahead!
Tuesday, October 10 and 24, 6:00 PM, North Side Library
You may have been there before – the bills are piling up, you’re falling behind, and you’re starting to sweat. There’s a way to get out from under – and a way to get ahead! Come to the North Side Library for this two-part class in financial management. ISU Extension Family Finance Specialist Carolyn Steckelberg will talk about strategies to pay off debt. She’ll also give tips on staying on top of your finances long-term. Space is limited, so please preregister! Call 283-4152 ext. 3 or find the event at dmpl.org.

Watercolor Painting with the Des Moines Art Center
Saturday, October 14, 10:00 AM, South Side Library
Experience the joy of transparent colors and soft textures! Start on your watercolor painting journey with help from the Des Moines Art Center. An instructor from the Art Center will teach us the basics of this beautiful and relaxing activity. This introductory class is a great way to try out a new hobby and scratch your creative itch! All supplies will be provided, and no previous experience is required. This is an adult-only program. To register, call 283-4152 ext. 3.

Spooky happenings

The Van Meter Visitor
Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 PM, Franklin Avenue Library
It stood about eight feet tall. It had bat-like wings. A bright light beamed from its forehead through the air, and it was seemingly impervious to bullets. They called it the Van Meter Visitor. For five days, it terrorized the town of Van Meter – and was never seen again. Midwest historian and paranormal researcher Chad Lewis will open up the archives to provide stories and anecdotes from those who claimed to have seen the creature first-hand. Was it an unknown bird, a hoax, or something else? Hear what Lewis has to say and come up with your own theory at this mysterious program!

Iowa’s Most Haunted Locations
Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 PM, South Side Library
From the Cursed Angel of Council Bluffs to the Hanging Ghost of Davenport, there is no region of Iowa without its own unexplained mystery. Join us at the South Side Library to learn about the state’s most haunted locations! Paranormal investigator Chad Lewis has traveled across the world to seek out the paranormal, including extensively in the Midwest. His unique presentation includes photos, case histories, eyewitness accounts, ghost lore, and even directions to the locations so you can check them out yourself!

Batty About Bats
Thursday, October 26, 5:00 PM, North Side Library
Halloween is right around the corner – what do you know about these curious winged creatures? Come to the North Side Library to learn about the myths surrounding the bat, an animal people love to hate. A Polk County Conservation Naturalist will teach us the truth about this fascinating animal. You’ll learn about the incredible things bats are capable of and how they make life better for humans. Before the end of the night, you’ll be going batty for bats!

Día de los Muertos
Friday, October 27, 4:30 PM, North Side Library
Día de los Muertos – “Day of the Dead” in English – is a traditional Mexican holiday. It focuses on the gathering together of families and friends to remember loved ones who have died. As a celebration of life, this family-friendly holiday is full of bright colors and traditional treats. Join us to learn more about Día de los Muertos with our storyteller, Alma Haines. We’ll decorate sugar skull cookies and have other fun crafts available. Please preregister for this event by calling 283-4152, ext. 3, or by going to dmpl.org.
**FAFSA Ready Iowa**

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Forest Avenue Library  
Sunday, October 22, 1:00-4:00 PM, Central Library

Begin the process of applying for college! Come to the library and receive help filling out the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA Ready Iowa provides trained volunteers that give free, on-site assistance in filling out the FAFSA form. The FAFSA form, required in order to determine eligibility for student financial aid, is often considered complicated and intimidating. These volunteers make it easier for high school seniors and their families, setting them up for post-high school success. No appointment necessary – come anytime while our volunteers are here!

**Sherlock Holmes: Then and Now**

Monday, October 23, 6:30 PM, East Side Library

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s tales have inspired generations of readers and created thousands of Sherlock Holmes fans. Dr. Richard Caplan, a Sherlock Holmes expert, recently published a book concerning Doyle’s famous detective. Using his background in medicine and his love of literature, Dr. Caplan explores what has contributed to the longevity and popularity of Sherlock, his partner Watson, his archenemy Moriarty, and the rest of the Sherlock universe. This special interest in the subject also allows exploration of life in Britain at the start of the twentieth century. It’s as close as you can get to 221B Baker St. in Iowa!

**The DMPL Podcast**

The DMPL Podcast is back! In September, we talked about our favorite manga titles with Becky and Jen. In October, we’re going to be discussing our patrons’ favorite books with Steph and Sarah! These books will be the ones that you, our patrons, reviewed as part of the “Book Your Escape” summer reading challenge this year. Find out what your friends and colleagues are reading — check the DMPL Podcast! Download it today at dmpl.org/podcast.

**Book Walk: Get Outside and Read!**

Celebrate your love of reading and enjoy the wonderful fall weather throughout Des Moines! Each month this fall, we’ll have a “book walk” out at one of the city’s parks. You’ll be able to read along with a picture book while taking a walk through the park! This program is brought to you by both the Des Moines Public Library and Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department.

- **September:** Union Park  
- **October:** Gray’s Lake Park  
- **November:** Waveland Trail near the Franklin Avenue Library

**Ongoing Programs**

**Book Club Discussions**

Check out our website—dmpl.org— or talk to a librarian to find out which book is being discussed this month!

- **Monday, October 2, 1:00 PM**, Franklin Avenue Library: *Station Eleven*, by Emily St. John Mandel  
- **Thursday, October 5, 1:00 PM**, South Side Library: Biography of your choice  
- **Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 PM**, Franklin Avenue Library: *Girl Waits with Gun*, by Amy Stewart  
- **Monday, October 16, 2:00 PM**, East Side Library: *The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead  
- **Monday, October 16, 7:00 PM**, Forest Avenue Library: *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*, by Phaedra Patrick  
- **Tuesday, October 17, 2:00 PM**, North Side Library: *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend*, by Katarina Bivald

**Conversations and Coffee**

Tuesday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 12:30 PM  
Forest Avenue Library

Practice your conversational English skills, or help those learning the language! There are light refreshments, and activities are provided to prompt and encourage conversation.

**Writer’s Workshop**

Monday, October 2, 5:00 PM, Central Library

**Computer Basics for Seniors**

Friday, October 6, 2:30 PM, North Side Library

Discover what you can do once you learn the computer basics. This series of informal classes explores various uses for the computer – from Word docs to the internet and more. Please preregister by calling 283-4152 ext. 3. Laptops will be provided.

**Virtual Library Resources**

- **Consumer Reports**: Find the product that’s right for you! Receive free access to product reviews on appliances, cars, home products, and more. Consumer Reports is known as a trusted, unbiased source of information for shoppers. The library offers free access to new product reviews as well as archived reviews dating back to 1991! Get started at dmpl.org/ConsumerReports.

- **The Des Moines Register Index**: Make your local history search easy – use The Des Moines Register Index on our Virtual Library. Search for people, places, obituaries, and more to find out when and where they’ve been published in The Des Moines Register. Then, hop on over to our microfilm index at Central to find the information you’re looking for. We make local history easy! Check out the index at dmpl.org.
New Releases: October 2017

Origin, by Dan Brown
Sisters First, by Jenna Bush Hager
Grant, by Ron Chernow
Two Kinds of Truth, by Michael Connelly
Manhattan Beach, by Jennifer Egan
The Rooster Bar, by John Grisham
Uncommon Type, by Tom Hanks
Winter Solstice, by Elin Hilderbrand
Strange Weather, by Joe Hill
Rules of Magic, by Alice Hoffman

Find out what new books, movies, and CDs are on order! Go to our online catalog and click on “Popular Lists.” Place your holds today!

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Free Library Storytimes

Baby Rhyme Time | ages 0 – 18 months
Social storytimes for babies and their caregivers featuring rhymes, songs, bounces, and a story.
• Tuesdays, 10:15 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
• Wednesdays, 10:15 AM | Central Library

Toddler Storytime | ages 18 months – 3 years
Introduce children to reading with engaging activities.
• Wednesdays, 10:00 AM | South Side Library
• Wednesdays, 10:15 AM and 10:50 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
• Thursdays, 10:30 AM | North Side Library
• Fridays, 10:15 AM | Central Library
• Fridays, 10:30 AM | East Side Library

Preschool Storytime | ages 3 – 6 years
Children will learn valuable skills for school while listening to stories and participating in songs, rhymes, and activities.
• Mondays, 10:15 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
• Wednesdays, 10:15 AM | Forest Avenue Library
• Thursdays, 10:00 AM | South Side Library
• Thursdays, 10:15 AM | Central Library
• Thursdays, 10:30 AM | East Side Library

Evening Family Storytime | entire family
Bring the entire family for stories and activities.
• 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.
• 1st Saturday of the month, 11:00 AM | North Side Library
• 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:30 AM | Franklin Avenue Library
• 3rd Saturday of the month, 10:30 AM | East Side Library
• 4th Saturday of the month, 10:00 AM | South Side Library

Bilingual Storytime | Cuentos y Canciones
entire family/toda la familia
Come and enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and storytelling in English and Spanish.
Vengan y disfruten cuentos, rimas, y canciones en inglés y español.

HOURS AND LOCATIONS

CENTRAL LIBRARY
1000 Grand Avenue
Mon - Wed: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thurs - Fri: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: CLOSED

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

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
Thursday: CLOSED
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

VIRTUAL LIBRARY
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