



2025

FALL & WINTER

PROGRAM GUIDE

360 W. 11th Street 563-589-4225 CarnegieStout.org



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OUR MISSION

Enriching lives through experiences and resources that encourage discovery.

OUR VISION

To improve and empower lives through accessible resources, community engagement and entertainment opportunities in a welcoming environment.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 7:00pm

Friday – Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm – 5:00pm

CURBSIDE PICK UP HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 6:30pm

Friday – Saturday 9:00am – 4:30pm

Sunday 12:00pm – 4:30pm

Call 563-589-4255 for Curbside Pick Up

HOLIDAY CLOSURES – FALL & WINTER 2025

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2025

Staff Development Day, Monday, October 13, 2025

Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2025

5pm closure, Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27, 2025

Friday, November 28, 2025

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, 2025

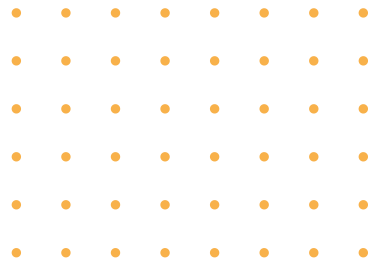
Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 2025

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31, 2025

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2026



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HOW TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS

Go to carnegioustout.org/events, call (563) 589-4225 or visit the library in person.

PLEASE NOTE

All programs are subject to change or cancellation. Check the events calendar at carnegioustout.org/events or follow our social media channels for the latest information.

GETTING A LIBRARY CARD

Any person who resides within the city limits of Dubuque is eligible for a free, full service library card. Full service cards allow you to borrow physical materials, have remote access to the digital library and research databases, place holds, and submit purchase or interlibrary loan requests. Residents can sign up for a library card online at carnegioustout.org/signup or visit the library in person with proper identification and proof of address. Please contact the library's New Cards Desk for more information.

PHOTO RELEASE

Staff often take pictures during library programs. The library uses photos in its publicity, in social media, and on its website. If you do not want your photo used, contact the department in the library that will be hosting the program.





MAKE IT - PERSONALIZE IT - CREATE IT

Step into a world of creativity at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library's Maker Space! We've packed this room with awesome tools like a laser that engraves wood and glass, another one that etches metal and stone, large printers that can turn your photos into puzzles, tumblers or posters, and even machines that help you make your own custom t-shirts and stickers. Want to embroider a hat? Print your own magnets? 3D print a dragon? You can do it all here. The best part? You don't have to know how to use any of it, we'll teach you! We've got the supplies (at cost), the know-how, and the space to help you make something cool. Just bring your ideas (and maybe a little curiosity), and we'll help you turn them into real things you can hold, wear, or give as a gift. If the library is open, the Maker Space is too. Come play, learn, and make something awesome!

Take & Make Kits

Ages: All Ages

No Registration Required

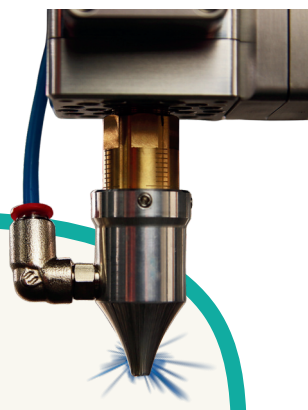
Makerspace Take and Make kits are available every Monday. These seasonally themed crafts are suitable for all ages. Limit one kit per person.

Whisper Room

Ages: All Ages

Reservations Suggested

The WhisperRoom is a sound isolation booth complete with recording equipment, computer software and accessories. It is an ideal space for recording vocals, doing a podcast, practicing an instrument and more. The WhisperRoom is open to the public and free to use.



CUSTOMIZE IT IN THE MAKERSPACE!

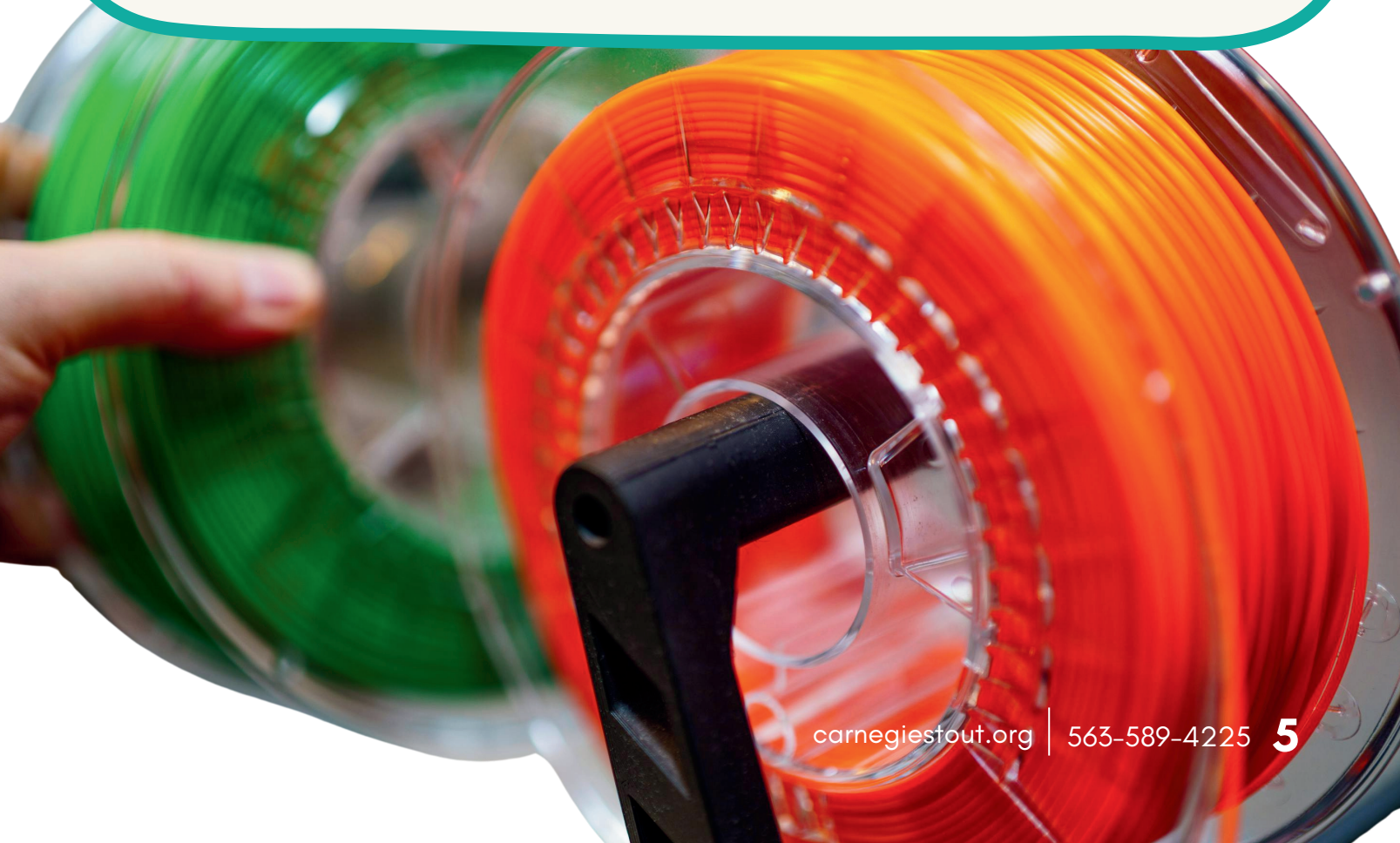
3D Printing projects can be done on one of our seven 3D printers available for public prints. Items can be printed in all sorts of solid and blended colors. Our printers use the .stl file format for 3D models.

Sublimation Printing is a special kind of printing that when heated up can transfer the ink into specially coated materials called "blanks". You can create full color designs to apply to items like mugs, tumblers, puzzles, keychains, hats, coasters, and more. The Maker Space stocks a wide variety of these items to purchase.

Vinyl Print and Cutting can be done in the Maker Space with our Roland BN2-20 printer. This printer can CMYKW print onto a variety of materials to create items like stickers, window clings, heat transfers, canvas prints, signage and more. The BN2 also cuts the material so you can weed without scissors to get professional edges on your items.

CO2 Laser Cutting and Engraving can be done in the Maker Space on our OMTech 60 Watt laser cutter with a workable area of 28" by 20". You can engrave and cut designs into wood and acrylic, engrave on metals with powder coatings, or engrave on glass and leather. We also have two rotary jigs available to suit most types of glasses and tumblers.

...and so much more!



ADULT PROGRAMS

Author Event with Retired State Trooper Bob Hurley

Ages: All Ages No Registration Required
Saturday, August 23 1 p.m.

Retired Iowa State Trooper Bob Hurley will talk about his book, "10-31 Crime in Progress," a memoir about his lifetime experience in law enforcement. Hurley will introduce audiences to many interesting people, dangerous situations, and some funny things that happened along the way. He'll also share how he and his wife Kristie supported each other and found the balance between two demanding careers and the responsibilities and joys of family life.

Wellness with Unified Therapy Services - Ergonomics at Work

Ages: 18+ years Registration Required
Monday, August 25 5:30 p.m.

Meet Lindsey Walton, Physical Therapy Assistant, to learn how to posture yourself correctly when working from home or in the office. No equipment needed, just bring yourself! Participants will be required to sign a waiver before they attend the class. Please wear comfortable clothing.

Ukulele Time! Adult Ukulele Lessons

Ages: 18+ years Registration Required
Tuesdays, Aug. 26, Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 7 & 21,
Nov. 4 & 18, Dec. 2 & 16 6 p.m.

Want to learn how to play the ukulele? Join librarian Ben to work on chords, exercises, and songs all geared toward beginners. If you are brand new to the instrument, Ben suggests arriving early for help with tuning your uke. Lessons will be held in the library auditorium. Registration is required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own instrument or check one out from the library, if available. A limited number of ukuleles will be available on a first come, first served basis at class.

Music @ Your Library

Ages: All Ages No Registration Required
Friday, Sept. 5 and Nov. 7 6 p.m.

Music @ your library is a First Fridays concert series that features local and regional musicians.

September 5: The DZ Combo

The DZ Combo is a Jazz Quartet based out of Dubuque, Iowa, playing original jazz music written by pianist and composer, Danny Zanger. They'll be performing an hour long set of their original songs for this concert.

November 7: Barefoot & Sunshine

Barefoot and Sunshine is an Americana/Roots duo both originally from different sides of Iowa and now sharing their music full-time across the country. Consisting of Dean Mattoon and Esmé Alexis, they blend styles and share songs that have great meaning to them - touching on joy, sorrow, and everything in between.

Recycled Glass Wind Chimes

Ages: 18+ years Registration Required
Saturday, September 6 2 p.m.



Join Zoë Zein from Dubuque Glass Recycling to learn how to make recycled glass into beautiful wind chimes! No experience is necessary and all supplies will be provided. Supplies are limited, so registration for each person attending is required. Dubuque Glass Recycling's main goal is to inspire people through opportunities for creativity and play within sustainability, and to share that passion with the community.

Reading Roundtable Book Club

Ages: 18+ years

Mondays, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 10

No Registration Required

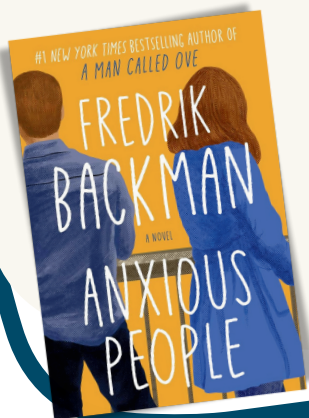
6 p.m.

Join us monthly, February through November, for a book discussion for adult readers. Pick up a bookmark at the Recommendations desk with a list of books for upcoming discussions. Books will be a mix of non-fiction and fiction, and will be available at the check-out desk one month before the discussion date.

Sept. 8 – “Anxious People” by Fredrik Backman

Oct. 6 – “Jackal” by Erin E. Adams

Nov. 10 “The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches” by Sangu Mandanna



Movie Night @ Carnegie Stout

Ages: 16+ years

No Registration Required

Thursdays, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

6 p.m.

Enjoy a free movie suitable for adult audiences every month. The first 100 attendees get free bags of Dubuque's best popcorn! Seating is first come, first served. For titles and details, and to sign up for free Movie Night postcard reminders in the mail, go to bit.ly/movie-night-at-carnegie-stout.

Line Dancing with Carnegie-Stout

Ages: 18+ years

Registration Required

Monday, September 15 & October 20

5 p.m.

Get ready to kick up your heels with Carnegie-Stout and learn how to line dance! Adam Kieffer of Adam's Dance Connection will be your instructor, guiding adults ages 18+ through the basics of line dancing. Classes will be held at Adam's Dance Connection at 900 Jackson St Suite 108A. Registration opens on the first of each month for that month's class.

Beaded Plant Decor

Ages: 10+ years

Registration Required

Tuesday, September 16

5:30 p.m.

Grab a friend and head to the library to make cool art and eat snacks! This month we will learn how to make your own beaded plant decoration. This program is for ages 10 and older—including adults! Supplies are limited; registration is required for all participants.

Become a Dementia Friend!

Ages: 18+ years

No Registration Required

Tuesday, September 23

10 a.m.

Join a growing movement of people like you who are helping fellow community members live with dementia! Become a Dementia Friend by attending this one-hour informational session to learn about living with dementia, and the simple things you can do to support someone living with the disease. This is a program of the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging and Dementia Friendly Iowa.



Wellness with Unified Therapy Services - Chair Yoga for Beginners

Ages: 18+ years Registration Required
Monday, September 29 5:30 p.m.

Join us in welcoming Rileigh Fansler, Rehab Assistant from Unified Therapy Services for this gentle form of yoga practiced while seated that incorporates light stretches and strengthening exercises. Using the chair as support, individuals of all ages and abilities are able to improve flexibility, balance, and muscle tone, while also working on deep and mindful breathing to reduce stress, promote relaxation and improve focus. Participants will be required to sign a waiver before they attend the class. Please wear comfortable clothing.

Introduction to Self Defense

Ages: 18+ years Registration Required
Tuesday, September 30 5:30 p.m.

Adults of all ability levels are invited to join in on this participant-lead introduction to self-defense. In this 90-minute class, instructor Eryka Cook of Empowermental will guide participants through a mix of basic and advanced moves. Do you have questions or concerns? Eryka will provide advice for your specific concerns at this fun and judgment-free event.

Skeleton Fashion Show

Ages: 10+ years Registration Required
Wednesday, October 1 5:30 p.m.

Come design an outfit for a mini skeleton to display at our fashion show! Join us in-person on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m. or register for a take-home kit with all the supplies you need to decorate a skeleton that is extremely "humerus" or a "bone-afide" super model. Completed skeletons will be on display in the Skeleton Fashion Show at the library from Oct. 14 - 31.

Take-home kits will be available at the Children's Help Desk or the 1st floor Recommendations Desk starting October 1 through October 10. Show us your creativity and style and bring back your skeleton fashionista by October 14 to be part of our Skeleton Fashion Show.

Hearth & Page Society

Ages: 18+ years No Registration Required
Thursdays, Oct. 2 & 30 , Nov. 20 5:30 p.m.

Welcome to the Hearth and Page Society. Come in and relax, read, talk books, and bring your crafts. This is an unstructured, cozy community space for friends and soon-to-be-friends. Snacks and beverages will be available, so bring your favorite mug.

Art @ Your Library Opening Reception

Ages: 10+ years No Registration Required
Friday, October 3 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception of the latest "Art @ Your Library" exhibit featuring artists from the Bellevue Arts Council. Attendees can meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments and live music provided by NISOM. The exhibit will display in the historic second floor rotunda starting at the opening and through most of November. Art pieces on display are also available for purchase.

Upcycled Halloween Lanterns

Ages: 18+ years Registration Required
Thursday, October 16 5:30 p.m.

Join Zoë Zein with Dubuque Glass Recycling in making recycled glass Halloween lanterns! There will be three options to choose from and plenty of recycled glass vessels to decorate. Class includes all materials needed to create mummy lanterns, pumpkin lanterns, and/or bat lanterns using tea lights. Dubuque Glass Recycling is a small husband and wife initiative whose passion is serving the community through curbside glass pickup and community outreach. Their goal is to inspire people to have fun with sustainability through creative upcycling, and reuse strategies with glass!

Self Defense for People with Mobility Issues

Ages: 18+ years Registration Required
Sunday, October 19 1 p.m.

Do you have questions about what you could do to help keep yourself safe? Do you have limitations or struggles with your mobility, flexibility, or relationship with your body that make you feel less confident? Bring your questions and instructor Eryka Cook of Empowermental will help you find the answers so that you can feel safe and confident. This class is hands-on, participant lead and judgment free!

Dubuque Area History Expo

Ages: All Ages
Sunday, October 12
No Registration Required
1 p.m.

Last year's inaugural Dubuque Area History Expo was a huge success, so it's happening again! This year's event will be held at Loras College. The Dubuque Area History Expo offers a unique opportunity for history enthusiasts, students, and the general public to explore the Dubuque area's rich past through presentations, an exhibition hall, and networking. This event is free and open to the public and sponsored by Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Loras College Center for Dubuque History, National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, Northeast Iowa Community College, Divine Word College, and the City of Dubuque Historic Preservation Commission. Visit rivermuseum.org/exp for information.

Mini Banned Book Ornaments

Ages: 10+ years
Tuesday, October 14
Registration Required
5:30 p.m.

Grab a friend and head to the library to make cool art and eat snacks! This month we will learn how to make mini banned book ornaments. This program is for ages 10 and older—including adults! Supplies are limited; registration is required for all participants.

Wellness with Unified Therapy Services - Exercises to Improve Posture

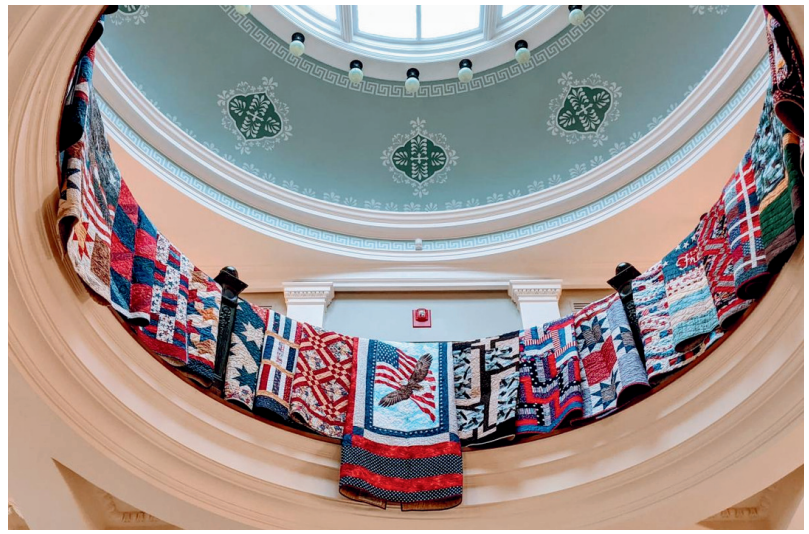
Ages: 18+ years
Monday, October 20
Registration Required
5:30 p.m.

Join us in welcoming Michelle Sullivan, DPT, Physical Therapist and Clinic Director from Unified Therapy Services as she demonstrates neck, back, and shoulder stretches and light strengthening to improve overall posture with standing, sitting, and sleeping. No equipment/weights necessary, just bring yourself and comfortable clothes! Participants will be required to sign a waiver before they attend the class.

Painted Bookends

Ages: 10+ years
Tuesday, November 4
Registration Required
5:30 p.m.

Grab a friend and head to the library to make cool art and eat snacks! This month we will paint bookends using our favorite book covers as inspiration. This program is for ages 10 and older—including adults! Supplies are limited; registration is required for all participants.



Quilts of Valor Veteran Presentation Ceremony

Ages: All Ages
Sunday, November 2
No Registration Required
2 p.m.

A Quilt of Valor® is a quilt that is machine or hand quilted and awarded to service members or veterans who have been touched by war. The Breezy Ridge Quilters will honor and award local veterans with their quilts during a public ceremony at the library.

The Carnegie-Stout Public Library will display handmade quilts from the Breezy Ridge Quilts of Valor® Quilters on Tuesday, Oct. 20, through Friday, Oct. 31. The public may view the quilts in the third-floor rotunda during regular library hours.

Wellness with Unified Therapy Services - Pelvic Floor Strengthening Class

Ages: 18+ years
Monday, November 17
Registration Required
5:30 p.m.

Struggling with bladder leakage when you laugh, sneeze, or move? Join Jasmine Reiss, DPT, who is trained in pelvic floor therapy through the Herman & Wallace Pelvic Rehabilitation Institute, who will guide you through a free class focused on strengthening your pelvic floor to manage urinary incontinence. This class will cover what the pelvic floor is and why it matters, simple exercises to reduce leakage, and tips to improve confidence and daily function. Participants will be required to sign a waiver before they attend the class. Please wear comfortable clothing.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Sun SHINE Squad

Ages: 10-18 years Registration Required
Tuesdays, Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 16 4 p.m.

SHINE (Support Humans In Need of Encouragement) like the sun and make a difference at your library and in the community through art! Participants will work on a variety of volunteering projects while providing feedback on making the library a welcoming place for teens. Questions? Call Haidee at (563) 589-4225, ext. 2248.

Sept. 30 - Kindness Clouds **Nov. 18** - Zine Project
Oct. 28 - Gratitude Tree **Dec. 16** - Winter Bookmarks

Teen Zone Drop In

Ages: 12-18 years No Registration Required
During Teen Librarian after-school hours Sept. - Dec.

September - Stick Together

Participants may decorate popsicle sticks with geometric designs, doodles, or inspirational messages. At the end of the month, the sticks will be assembled into a colorful artwork and displayed in the Teen Zone.

October - Straw Fingers

In the spirit of all creepy things, visit the Teen Zone to create mimicking joints of a finger with a plastic drinking straw. After creating this simple mechanism, challenge yourself by seeing what it is able to pick up with its fingers.

November - Write Your Heart Out

Channel your creativity this November with a pocket-size writing journal! This booklet helps you brainstorm, track progress, and stay motivated.

December - Cup Weaving Craft

Weave away in the Teen Zone with this simple yet fun craft. Create a decorative cup out of yarn to store small trinkets.

Beary Cute DIY Keychains

Ages: 12-18 years Registration Required
Tuesday, September 9 4 p.m.

Looking for a no-sew craft you can take anywhere? Create your very own mini teddy bear keychain with yarn. These little buddies are perfect for backpacks!

Make Your Own Quesadillas

Ages: 12-18 years Registration Required
Thursday, September 18 4 p.m.

Celebrate National Quesadilla Day with a delicious twist! In this hands-on program, we will explore the science of heat, melting points, and flavor while building yummy quesadillas.



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3D Design Using TinkerCAD

Ages: 10-18 years Registration Required
Tuesday, October 23 5:30 p.m.

TinkerCAD is an online tool that gives users the opportunity to design custom 3D models for free! These designs can then be exported for 3D printing. TinkerCAD is very easy to learn and uses a simple three-step design process. Join the MakerSpace staff and learn how to design your own 3D prints.

Sew Cute Embroidery Kits

Ages: 12-17 years Registration Required
Thursday, October 30 1 p.m.

Whether you are new to embroidery or have a little experience, come to the library to start an easy and cute project and go home with your own embroidery kit.

Paws For Good

Ages: All Ages No Registration Required
Saturday, November 1 10:30 a.m.

Stop by the library to meet some adoptable animals and enjoy hands-on activities for the whole family. This event is free and open to the public; please consider donating an item or two to the Dubuque Regional Humane Society to support animals in need.

(Visit dbqhumane.org/donate for ideas.)

Knot Your Average Bracelets

Ages: 10-18 years Registration Required
Monday, November 3 4 p.m.

Learn how to make colorful chevron-style friendship bracelets using embroidery floss and a few easy-to-master knots. Whether you're a total beginner or a bracelet pro, this program is a relaxing space to get creative and knot your worries away.

Painted Bookends

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Tuesday, November 4 5:30 p.m.

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No-Sew Sock Penguins

Ages: 10-18 years Registration Required
Tuesday, December 9 4 p.m.

What do you get when you combine one fuzzy sock, some fluff, and a little imagination? The cutest winter penguin you've ever seen.

Folded Book Vase Craft

Ages: 10-18 years Registration Required
Monday, December 22 2 p.m.

Give old books a fresh purpose in this eco-friendly craft! We'll transform recycled pages into charming book vases—complete with artificial flowers, ribbon, and your imagination.



Winter Gnomes

Ages: 10-17 years Registration Required
Tuesday, December 23 3 p.m.

Learn about the Swedish Tomte while we make our own gnomes to warm our homes this winter.

Llama Palette Party

Ages: 10-18 years Registration Required
Friday, December 26 1 p.m.

Bring a burst of color to your winter with a llama-themed painting session! We'll follow a step-by-step video tutorial to create a fun, festive llama on canvas – perfect for beginners!



Toddler Time

Ages: 18–35 months No Registration Required
Mondays, Sept. 8 – Dec. 8 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

These 20-minute programs feature short stories, songs, and movement activities for children ages 18 to 35 months with a favorite adult. Adult participation is a must.

Baby Rhyme Time

Ages: Birth – 18 months No Registration Required
Tuesdays, Sept. 9 – Dec. 9 10:30 a.m.

Children ages birth to 18 months and a favorite adult will learn rhymes, songs, and action rhymes during this interactive program. This program gives your child the opportunity to hear diverse vocabulary while you get to know other families. A 15-minute social time with toys and your friends will follow the sessions. Adult participation is a must.

NOTE: Due to scheduling conflicts, the session on September 23 will be held off-site at the Multicultural Family Center at 1157 Central Ave.



Preschool Storytime

Ages: 3–6 years No Registration Required
Wednesdays, Sept. 10 – Dec. 10 10:30 a.m.

Stories, sing-alongs, movement activities, and lots of fun—recommended for children ages 3 through 6 with a favorite adult. Adult participation is a must.



StoryWalk® is a fun, educational activity that places the pages of a book along a popular walking route. StoryWalk® combines the joy of reading with all the benefits of being active outside. The pages of a children's book are placed in holders along a path. As you walk the path you discover page after page, and soon after a short stroll you have read a story. Located at the 22nd Street Bee Branch Creek Greenway and at the Dubuque Arboretum.

22nd Street Bee Brand Creek Greenway

September – “Is This Bus For Us?” by Harriet Ziefert and Richard Brown

October – “Let’s Play Monsters” by Lucy Cousins

November – “You Hold Me Up” by Monique Gray Smith and Danielle Daniel

December – “Snowflakes On Our Tongues” by Mike Ornstein and Pauline Gregory



Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

September – “Backyard Fairies” by Phoebe Wahl

October – “Little Owl’s Night” by Divya Srinivasan

November – “We All Play” by Julie Flett



Beginning Chapters Book Club

Ages: 7-9 years

Wednesdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Dec. 3

Registration Required

4 p.m.

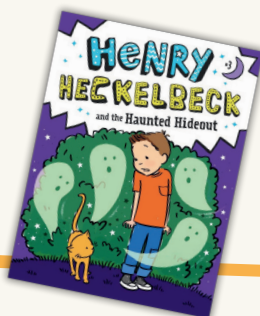
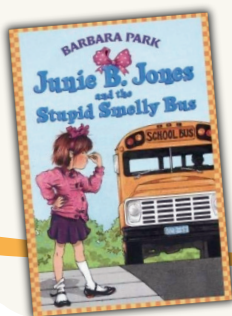
Do you like Magic Tree House, Junie B. Jones and Nate the Great books? If so, this book club is for you. This club is for 1st through 3rd graders. We will talk about the book and then participate in an enjoyable activity or craft. **Register at the Children's Help Desk and pick up your copy of the book.**

September 10 - "Junie B Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus" by Barbara Park

October 8 - "Henry Heckelbeck and the Haunted Hideout" by Wanda Coven

November 5 - "Magic Tree House: Windy Night with Wild Horses" by Mary Pope Osborne

December 3 - "Sydney and Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World" by Jacqueline Davies



Beyond the Book Club

Ages: 9-12 years

Thursdays, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

Registration Required

4 p.m.

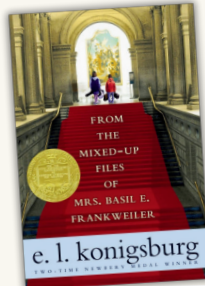
Read a new title each month and then meet up for book discussion and a unique activity related to the book. **Please register and pick up books at the Children's Help Desk.**

September 11 - "The Westing Game" by Ellen Raskin

October 9 - "Impossible Creatures" by Katherine Rundell

November 13 - "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler" by EL Konigsburg

December 11 - "Absolutely Truly: a Pumpkin Falls Mystery" by Heather Vogel Frederick



YOUTH PROGRAMS

ONGOING MONTHLY

Pokémon Club

Ages: 6-12 years Registration Required
Wednesdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 15, Nov. 5, Dec. 3 5:30 p.m.

Meet other Pokémon trainers at Pokémon Club! Trading Card Game, Nintendo Switch, and Pokémon Go gamers are all welcome.

Minecraft Mania

Ages: 7-14 years = Registration Required
Wednesdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 5:30 p.m.

Whether or not you're a Minecraft whiz, sign up for this game-playing night to test your skills and build away.

Reading with Rover

Ages: 6-9 years No Registration Required
Saturdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 10:30 a.m.

Dogs love stories but can't read to themselves! Children in grades kindergarten through grade three are welcome to read a short book to a dog. A volunteer will also be available to read aloud to younger children and/or children who want to listen to stories while reading to the pets. Please do not bring your own dog; we will provide kid-friendly dogs each month.

American Girl Time Travelers

Ages: 7-12 years Registration Required
Weds., Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Dec. 17 4 p.m.

Join Jacqueline Hunter, Executive Director of the African American Museum of Iowa, for American Girl Time Travelers! This monthly library-sponsored event brings history to life through the beloved stories of the American Girl historical characters. Each session highlights one historical doll, exploring her time period and the real-life history that shaped her world. Sponsored by Oh Happy Play and the Carnegie-Stout Public Library.

September 17 – Kaya **November 12** – Josefina
October 15 – Felicity **December 17** – Kirsten

Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers Concert Series

Ages: Families No Registration Required
Saturdays, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 10 a.m.

The "L. & M. O. P." concert series is offered for preschool children and their families. Children will leave each concert with a greater appreciation of music and a lollipop to enjoy! This series is sponsored by the Northeast Iowa School of Music. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

October 11 – Fever River Puppeteers

November 8 – DZ Trio

December 13 – David Landau



LEGO® Challenge

Ages: 5-12 years No Registration Required
Saturdays, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20 10 a.m.

Calling all LEGO® fans! Come to the library to build, create, and have fun. The library provides the LEGOs®, and you provide the know-how! Donations of LEGOs® are appreciated.

Family Book Bingo

Ages: 4-12 years No Registration Required
Saturdays, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20 2 p.m.

Grab your family and head on down to try your luck at book bingo! We have great hardcover and paperback books for prizes.



Grab & Go Activity Kits

Stop in every month for a fun, crafty activity for all ages! Grab & Go bags are ready for pick up on the first of every month at the Children's Help Desk. Available while supplies last.

September

Paper Dancers

November

Thankful Tree

October

Spooky Clothespin Puppets

December

3D Christmas Tree Doodle Art

Scavenger Hunts

Hunt around the children's area to find pictures that fit each month's theme. Find them all to win a small prize.

September

It's library card sign up month - find photos of famous lowans with library cards!

November

Celebrate Dino-venber and fall by finding all the fall-themed dinosaurs.

October

Ghost Who? Find all of the book characters dressed up as ghosts.

December

Find all of the snowmen from your favorite winter books before they melt!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Infinity Scarf

Ages: 10-17 years

Tuesday, September 2

Registration Required

4 p.m.

An infinity scarf is a versatile and stylish accessory that can be worn in various ways and is perfect for adding a pop of color to any outfit. It's also an excellent project for beginner sewers! Materials will be provided, and you'll leave with a complete scarf.

Magic Color Scratch Postcards

Ages: 6-10 years

Wednesday, September 3

Registration Required

4 p.m.

Scratch away the black surface on these Magic Color Scratch Postcards to reveal the beautiful colors underneath, creating your own unique design. You could send this postcard to a loved one or display it at your home.

Beaded Plant Decor

Ages: 10+ years

Tuesday, September 16

Registration Required

5:30 p.m.

Grab a friend and head to the library to make cool art and eat snacks! This month we will learn how to make your own beaded plant decoration. This program is for ages 10 and older—including adults! Supplies are limited; registration is required for all participants.



Melted Crayon Gems

Ages: 8-12 years

Tuesday, September 23

Registration Required

4 p.m.

See how easy it is to turn melted crayons into beautiful gems. Then use them to make jewelry or fun backpack and zipper charms.

Pokémon Paint Lab

Ages: 6-14 years

Wednesday, September 24

Registration Required

4 p.m.

Put your own spin on the world of Pokémon in this creative art lab! Using old trading cards, paint and your imagination, you'll customize and transform these pocket monsters into bold new versions. Attendees are welcome to bring their own Pokémon cards.

Pickle Plushies

Ages: 8-12 years

Monday, September 29

Registration Required

4 p.m.

Are you passionate about pickles? Learn how to hand-sew your own pickle plushie and enjoy a few pickly treats at the library. Best for ages 8 to 12. Registration is required.



Skeleton Fashion Show

Ages: 10+ years

Wednesday, October 1

Registration Required

5:30 p.m.

Come design an outfit for a mini skeleton to display at our fashion show! Join us in-person on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m. or register for a take-home kit with all the supplies you need to decorate a skeleton that is extremely "humerus" or a "bone-a-fide" super model. Completed skeletons will be on display in the Skeleton Fashion Show at the library from Oct. 14 - 31.

Take-home kits will be available at the Children's Help Desk or the 1st floor Recommendations Desk starting October 1 through October 10. Show us your creativity and style and bring back your skeleton fashionista by October 14 to be part of our Skeleton Fashion Show.

What's the Best Pet?

Ages: 6-11 years

Registration Required

Wednesday, October 1

4 p.m.

If you have been wondering, "What is the best pet for me?" come to this program to find out. We will also talk about how to ask your parents for a new pet by presenting your learned facts.

Spooky StoryWalk Storytime @ the Bee Branch

Ages: 2-8 years

No Registration Required

Saturday, October 4

2 p.m.

Join us at the 22nd Street Bee Branch Creek Greenway for a lively outdoor storytime and a mini parade around the park. October's StoryWalk title, "Let's Play Monsters" by Lucy Cousins, will be the featured story at this event. Costumes are welcome but not required.

Book Bedazzling

Ages: 10-17 years

No Registration Required

Friday, October 10

10 a.m. - 12p.m.

What's better than a little bling? Bring your favorite book to the program room or choose one of our donated books and add a little dazzle to the cover!

3D Paper Pumpkin Sculptures

Ages: 7-12 years

Registration Required

Friday, October 10

3:30 p.m.

Celebrate spooky season with an artsy 3D pumpkin sculpture inspired by the artist Yayoi Kusama.

Mini Banned Book Ornaments

Ages: 10+ years

Registration Required

Tuesday, October 14

5:30 p.m.

Grab a friend and head to the library to make cool art and eat snacks! This month we will learn how to make mini banned book ornaments. This program is for ages 10 and older—including adults! Supplies are limited; registration is required for all participants.

Creepy Crawly Planters

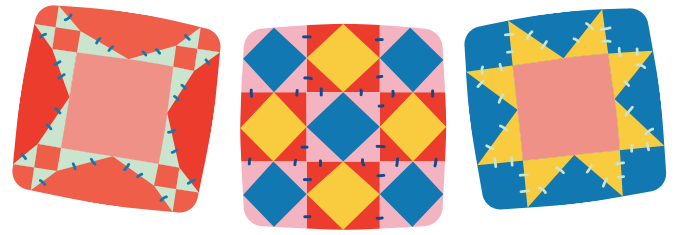
Ages: 6-14 years

Registration Required

Thursday, October 31

10 a.m.

These easy upcycled relief planters are a fun way to add some creepiness to your decor just before Halloween.



National Family Literacy Month[®]

Community Story Quilt Project : Celebrating Stories that Bring Us Together

Ages: Families

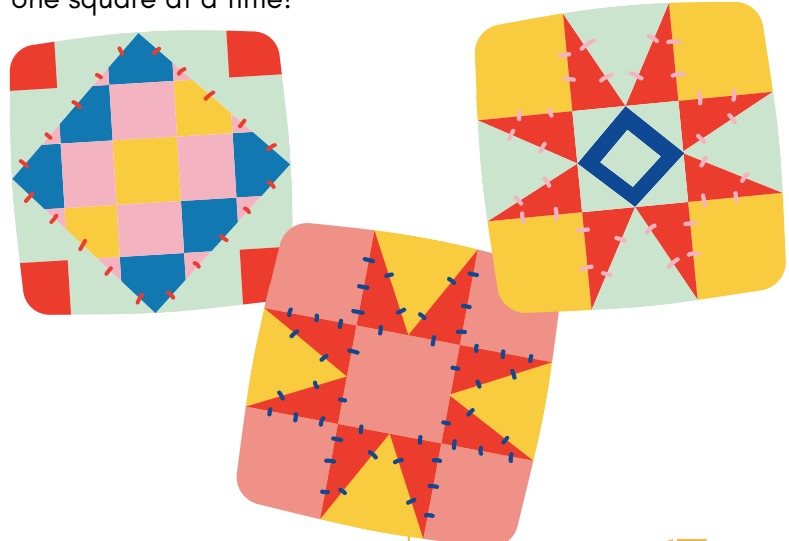
No Registration Required

October 15 - November 14

November is National Family Literacy Month, and we're celebrating the power of stories to bring families together!

Stop by the library to pick up a blank paper quilt square and a free book, then design a quilt square inspired by a book your family loves. It could be a bedtime favorite, a laugh-out-loud picture book, or a story that holds a special memory. Each square will become part of a beautiful, collaborative Story Quilt that shows how reading connects us all.

You can pick up quilt squares from October 15 through November 14, and the completed quilt will be proudly displayed behind the Children's Help Desk throughout the month of November. Help us weave a community story, one square at a time!





Paws For Good

Ages: All Ages
Saturday, November 1

No Registration Required
10:30 a.m.

Stop by the library to meet some adoptable animals and enjoy hands-on activities for the whole family. This event is free and open to the public; please consider donating an item or two to the Dubuque Regional Humane Society to support animals in need.

Knot Your Average Bracelets

Ages: 10-18 years
Monday, November 3

Registration Required
4 p.m.

Learn how to make colorful chevron-style friendship bracelets using embroidery floss and a few easy-to-master knots. Whether you're a total beginner or a bracelet pro, this program is a relaxing space to get creative and knot your worries away.

Painted Bookends

Ages: 10+ years
Tuesday, November 4

Registration Required
5:30 p.m.

Grab a friend and head to the library to make cool art and eat snacks! This month we will paint bookends using our favorite book covers as inspiration. This program is for ages 10 and older—including adults! Supplies are limited; registration is required for all participants.

Thankful for Electricity

Ages: 8-12 years
Wednesday, November 19

Registration Required
4 p.m.

Did you know some of our traditional Thanksgiving foods like pumpkins and potatoes can be used to conduct electricity? Come explore how electricity works and how food can power not just humans but lights and other devices.

Dinosaur Fossils



Ages: 4-8 years
Saturday, November 22

Registration Required
10 a.m.

If you have little dinosaur fans in the house, then you must check out our fossil-making program! Come learn about dinosaurs and make a fossil to take home.

Thanksgiving Storytime and Craft

Ages: 6-11 years
Monday, November 24

Registration Required
4 p.m.

Get in the Turkey Day spirit! We will hear Thanksgiving stories and make a craft that you can take home to help decorate your home for the holiday.

DIY Upcycled Wall Art

Ages: 10-18 years
Tuesday, November 25

Registration Required
4 p.m.

Turn fabric scraps into fabulous wall art! With just a touch of creative flair, you'll design a one-of-a-kind piece to display at home or give as a handmade gift.



Santa's Workshop

Ages: Families

No Registration Required

Saturday, December 6

1 p.m.

Calling all elves! Here is your chance to make and wrap a few holiday gifts before the big Christmas tree is lit at the library. Join us in front of the Christmas tree in the rotunda after the program for a tree lighting event.



No-Sew Sock Penguins

Ages: 10-18 years

Registration Required

Tuesday, December 9

4 p.m.

What do you get when you combine one fuzzy sock, some fluff, and a little imagination? The cutest winter penguin you've ever seen.

Festive Fun Fingerprints

Ages: 7-11 years

Registration Required

Wednesday, December 10

4 p.m.

This is the perfect creative starting point for budding artists! We will use the book *Festive Fun Fingerprints*, filled with sweet, Christmas illustrations and five fun, washable ink pads for printing, stamping and decorating. You get to take the book home with you!

Folded Book Vase Craft

Ages: 10-18 years

Registration Required

Monday, December 22

2 p.m.

Give old books a fresh purpose in this eco-friendly craft! We'll transform recycled pages into charming book vases—complete with artificial flowers, ribbon, and your imagination.

Winter Gnomes

Ages: 10-17 years

Registration Required

Tuesday, December 23

3 p.m.

Learn about the Swedish Tomte while we make our own gnomes to warm our homes this winter.



1000 BOOKS

BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

This reading program is designed to encourage families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. Studies have shown one of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. Learn more and register anytime at the Children's Help Desk to receive your packet.



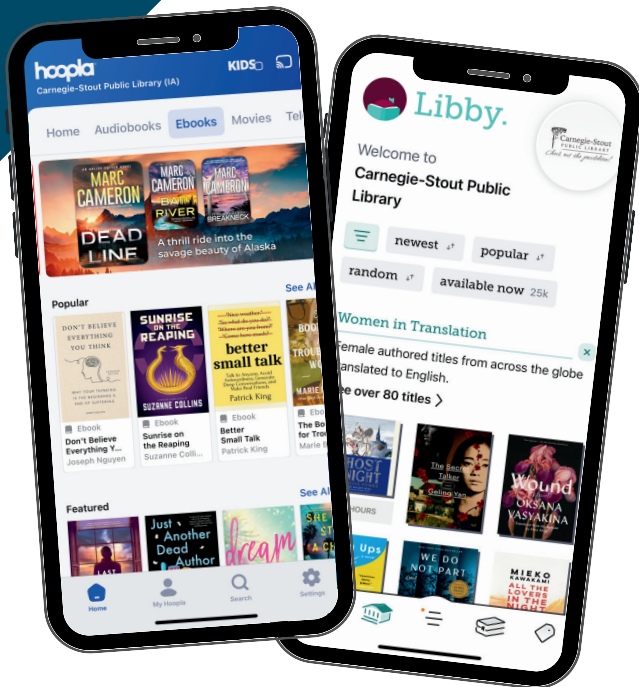
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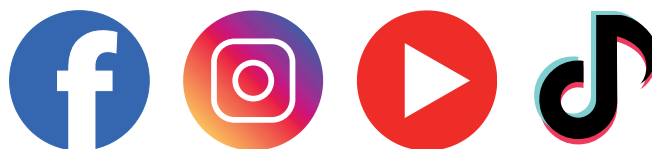
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