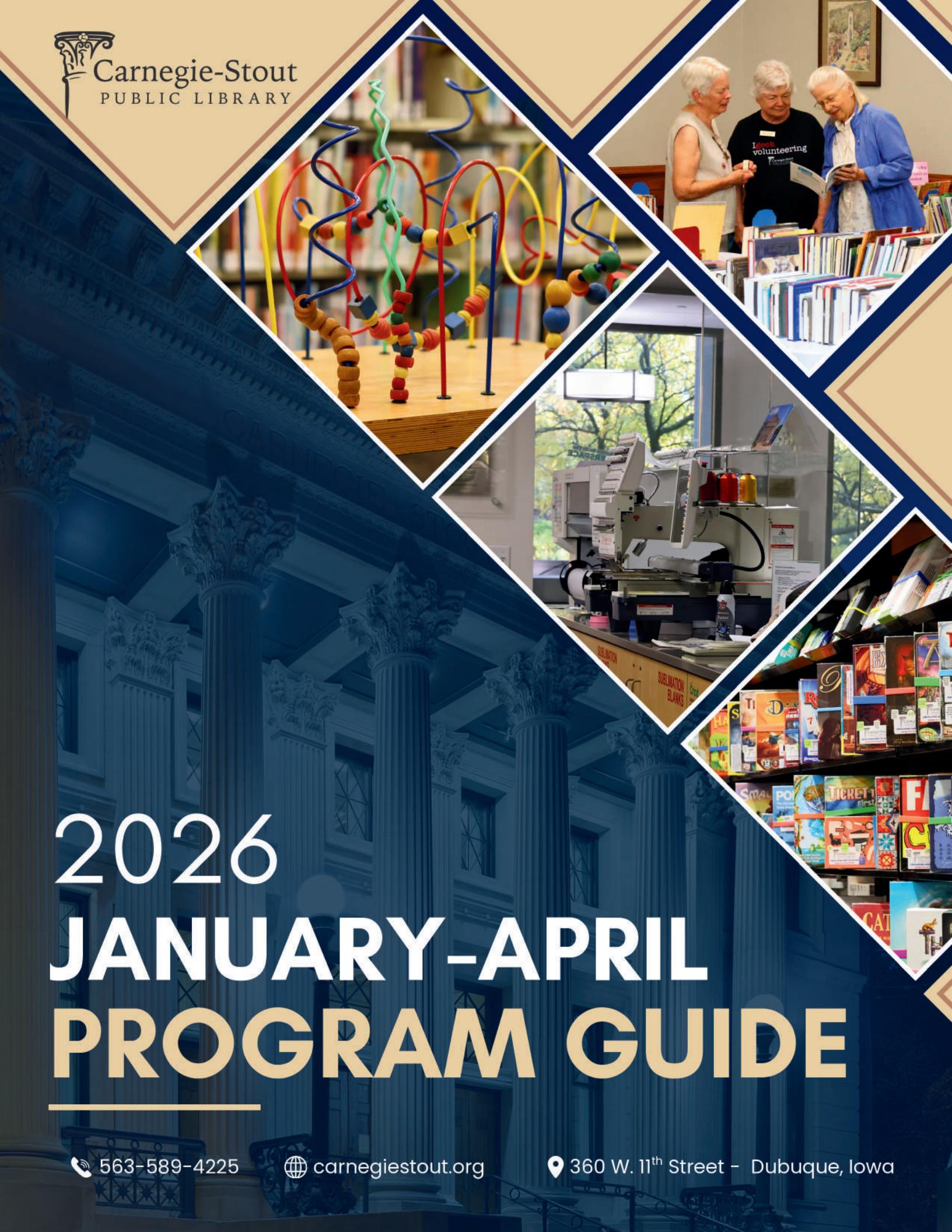


# 2026 JANUARY-APRIL PROGRAM GUIDE





360 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Dubuque, Iowa  
563-589-4225 | [carnegiestout.org](http://carnegiestout.org)

## 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 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00-5:00 p.m.

*Curbside pick up is available from open hours until 30 minutes prior to close. To request curbside services, park on Locust Street and call 563-589-4225.*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



*Left to right : Christina Monk, Pam Mullin, A. Alanda Gregory - Board President, Andrew Bland - Vice President, Diann Guns - Secretary, Victor Lieberman, Jessica Connery*

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS

Go to [carnegiestout.org/events](http://carnegiestout.org/events), call (563) 589-4225 or visit the library in person.

## 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 [carnegiestout.org/signup](http://carnegiestout.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, social media, and on our website. If you do not want your photo used, please contact the library.

## UPCOMING CLOSURES

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

MLK Jr. Day - Monday, January 19, 2026

Easter - Sunday, April 5, 2026

## PLEASE NOTE

All programs are subject to change or cancellation. Check the events calendar at [carnegiestout.org/events](http://carnegiestout.org/events) or follow our social media channels for the latest information.

## STAY CONNECTED



BUILDING COMMUNITY PIECE BY PIECE

# PUZZLE FOR A PURPOSE

500 Piece Puzzle

Teams of Four

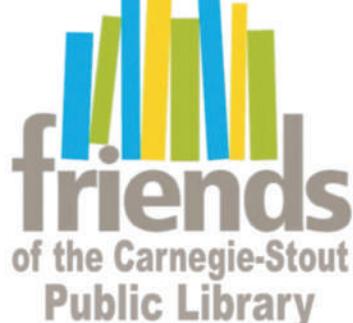
2 Hour Timed Competition

All Proceeds Benefit C-SPL

**January 31, 2026**

**10 AM & 2 PM**

The Carnegie-Stout Public Library Foundation envisions the library as the heart of the Dubuque community and a gateway for expanding horizons through leading edge access to information, entertainment, learning, and innovation for all. Funds raised by the Foundation make projects and programming that match this vision possible for the library, and therefore the community.



The Friends of the Carnegie-Stout Public Library is a nonprofit, independent organization established in 1978 to help support the library in serving the Dubuque community. The desire of the group is to promote the growth and welfare of the library, enrich its resources, and make its services better known.

You can support the Friends group by browsing their sale shelves on the historic second floor whenever the library is open, or by attending their large, multi-day Books & More Sale each spring.



# Story TIMES



## Toddler Time

**Ages: 18-35 months**

**Mondays, January 12-May 4**

**No Registration Required**

**9:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for a lively 20-minute storytime featuring short stories, songs, and movement activities designed just for toddlers. Caregivers participate alongside their little ones for a fun, interactive learning experience. Adult participation is a must.

## Baby Rhyme Time

**Ages: Birth-18 months**

**Tuesdays, January 13-May 5**

**No Registration Required**

**10:30 a.m.**

Babies and caregivers will learn simple rhymes, songs, and bounces that support early language development. Each session ends with a short social playtime so families can connect. Adult participation is a must.

## Preschool Storytime

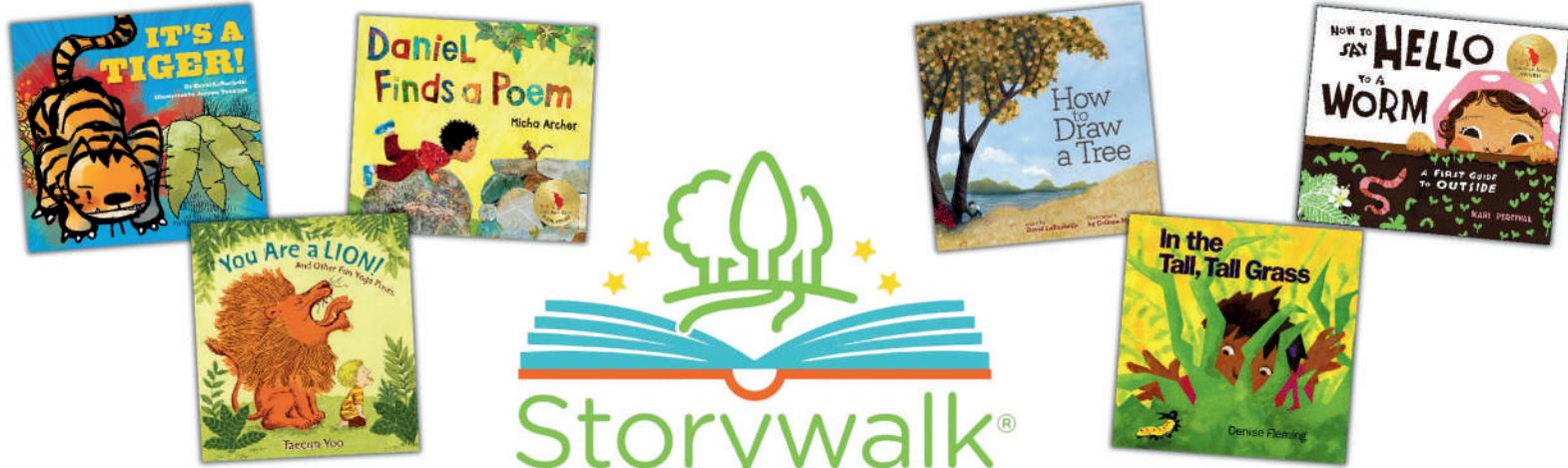
**Ages: 3-6 years**

**Wednesdays, January 14-May 6**

**No Registration Required**

**10:30 a.m.**

Enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities that help preschoolers build early literacy skills and a love of reading. Caregivers participate, and siblings are welcome. Adult participation is a must.



## 22nd Street Bee Brand Creek Greenway

**March** - "It's a Tiger" by David LaRochelle

**April** - "Daniel Finds a Poem" by Micha Archer

**May** - "You Are a Lion" by Taeeun Yoo

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. As you walk the path you discover page after page, and soon you have completed the story! Located at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Bee Branch Creek Greenway and at the Dubuque Arboretum.

## Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens

**March** - "How to Draw a Tree" by David LaRochelle

**April** - "How to Say Hello to a Worm" by Kari Percival

**May** - "In the Tall, Tall Grass" by Denise Fleming

# Beginning Chapters Book Club

**Ages: 7-9 years**

**Wednesdays, Jan. 7, Feb 4, March 4, April 8**

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**

Young readers meet once a month to discuss a chapter book and enjoy a fun, themed activity. This club is perfect for kids who enjoy series like Magic Tree House, Junie B. Jones, and Nate the Great.

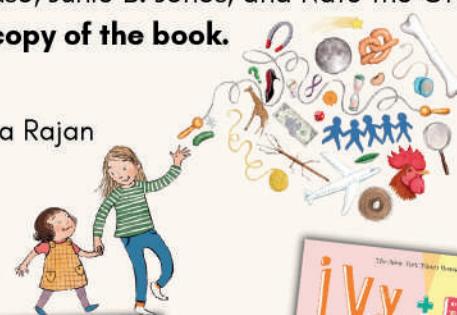
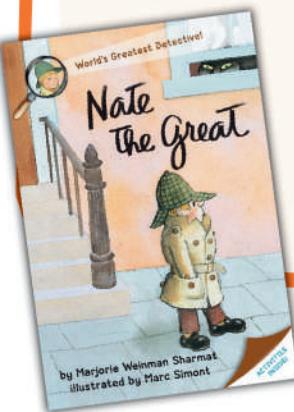
**Register at the Children's Help Desk and pick up your copy of the book.**

**January 7:** "Nate the Great" by Marjorie Sharmat

**February 4:** "Disaster Squad: Blizzard Rescue" by Rekha Rajan

**March 4:** "Stella & Marigold" by Annie Barrows

**April 8:** "Ivy + Bean Get to Work!" by Annie Barrows



# Beyond the Book Club

**Ages: 9-12 years**

**Thursdays, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16**

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**

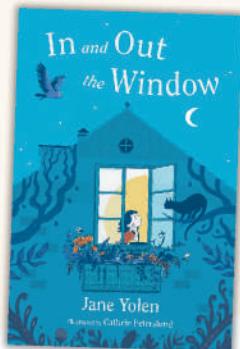
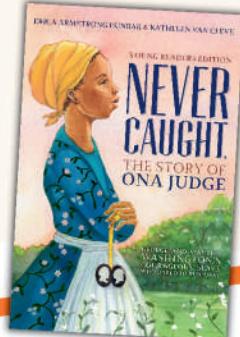
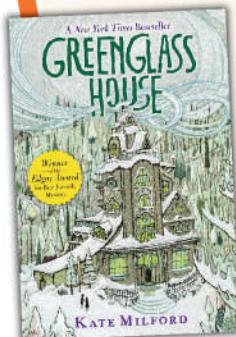
Readers dive into a new title each month and then meet for discussion and a unique activity connected to the story. Books explore a variety of topics and genres to help kids grow as independent readers. **Please register and pick up books at the Children's Help Desk.**

**January 15:** "Greenglass House" by Kate Milford

**February 19:** "Never Caught: The Story of Ona Judge" by E. Dunbar & K. Van Cleve

**March 19:** "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown

**April 16:** "In and Out the Window" by Jane Yolen



# ONGOING MONTHLY YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Pokémon Club

**Ages: 6-12 years** **Registration Required**  
**Wed., Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 8** **5:30 p.m.**

Connect with other Pokémon fans and play your favorite way—Trading card games, Pokémon GO, or Nintendo Switch. Whether you're new to the game or a seasoned trainer, all skill levels are welcome. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers Concert Series

**Ages: Families** **No Registration Required**  
**Sat., Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11** **10 a.m.**

This lively mini-concert introduces young children to music through fun performances and interactive moments. Families will enjoy a joyful musical experience together—and kids leave with a lollipop! This series is sponsored by the Northeast Iowa School of Music.

## Reading with Rover

**Ages: 6-9 years** **No Registration Required**  
**Sat., Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11** **10:30 a.m.**

Read or listen to a story with some furry friends in the first-floor program room. Do not bring your own pet; we provide kid-friendly dogs each month.

## Minecraft Mania

**Ages: 7-14 years** **Registration Required**  
**Wed., Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 15** **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.

## LEGO® Challenge

**Ages: 5-12 years** **No Registration Required**  
**Sat., Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Apr. 18** **10 a.m.**

Kids can get creative and build with our large collection of LEGO®. Bring your imagination—new challenges await each month! The library provides the LEGO®, and you provide the know-how. Donations of LEGO® are appreciated. Please note that there is not a March date.

## Family Book Bingo

**Ages: 4-12 years** **No Registration Required**  
**Sat., Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Apr. 18** **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. Please note that there is not a March date for Family Book Bingo.

## Reel Reads Cinema

**Ages: 6-12 years** **Registration Required**  
**Sat., Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25** **2 p.m.**

Do you enjoy watching movies? Come to the library to enjoy a movie based on a book! Wear your pajamas, bring your favorite blankets, pillows, and stuffed friends, and enjoy free popcorn. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend with their children!

**January 24:** "The Lorax" (PG) 1hr 26m

**February 28:** "The Bad Guys" (PG) 1h 40m

**March 28:** "How to Train Your Dragon" (PG) 1h 38m

**April 25:** "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (PG) 1h 55m



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**January 27:** Blind Date with a Book Prep

**February 24:** Design the Display

**March 31:** Kindness Rocks

**April 25:** Shelf Talkers



## Kids & Teen Winter Reading - January 2-31

Stay cozy and keep reading this winter with our Winter Reading Challenge and mitten drive! Read at least 30 minutes a day and color one mitten for each day you meet your goal. Complete at least 20 mittens, then bring your log to the Children's Help Desk between January 26 and February 2. You'll earn a prize, and Carnegie-Stout will donate a pair of gloves or mittens to community members in need for every completed log. Limit 1 log per person.

## National Seed Swap Day Celebration

**Saturday, January 31, 2026  
10:00am-12:00pm**



Keep an eye out for the **Carnegie-Sprout Seed Library** opening in late February 2026.

# JANUARY

## KIDS & FAMILY PROGRAMS

It's National Braille Literacy Month - explore the children's area to find and feel Braille letters! Solve the riddle to earn a small prize and discover more about accessible reading.



### Ojo de Dios

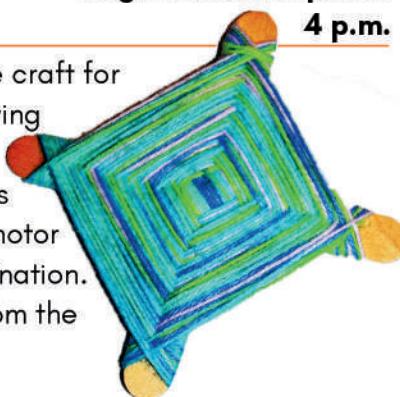
**Ages: 8-12 years**

**Wednesday, January 14**

Ojo de Dios is a meditative craft for children that involves weaving yarn around two crossed sticks. The rhythmic process helps develop focus, fine motor skills, and hand-eye coordination. This craft is traditionally from the Huichol people of Mexico.

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**



### Bookmaker's Lab

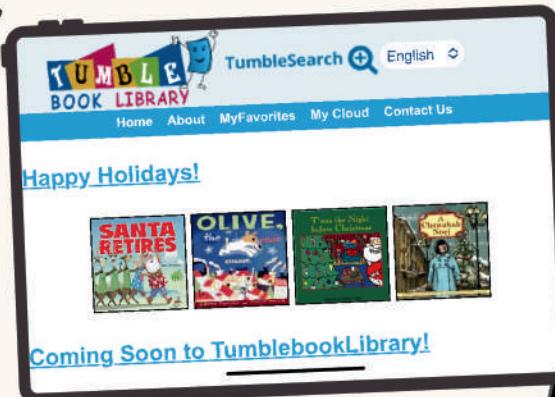
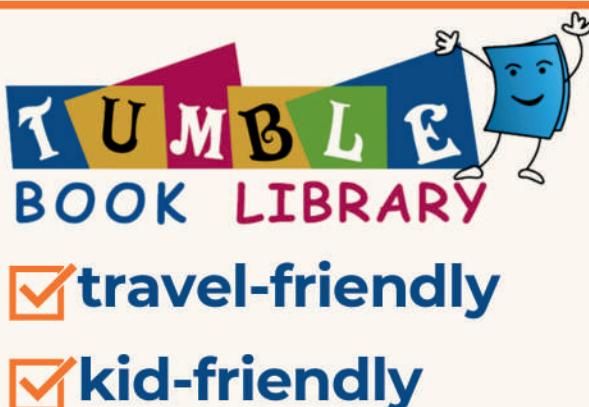
**Ages: 6-10 years**

**Friday, January 16**

January is International Creativity Month, so come show your creativity at the library! In this program, your creativity and imagination will be brought to life through writing and drawing while creating your own book.

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**



### Coloring for Little Ones & Their Adults

**Ages: 4-7 years**

**Wednesday, January 21**

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**

Bring your favorite big person to this calming, bonding activity that fosters creativity and conversation. Whether you are coloring the child-sized castle, creating a masterpiece on the Water Doodle Mat, or deciding which color to use on the giant winter coloring tablecloth, this is sure to be an enjoyable experience. You might be the lucky raffle winner who takes home The Color Castle!

### Stacks & Stories - Blueberry Pancake Bash

**Ages: 6-10 years**

**Wednesday, January 28**

**Registration Required**

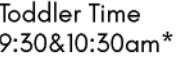
**4 p.m.**

Celebrate National Blueberry Pancake Day with a delicious twist! In this hands-on program, we will explore the science of heat, melting points and flavor, while making our own blueberry pancakes!



# JANUARY 2026

## KIDS - FAMILIES - TEENS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1  <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	2	3
4	5	6 Upcycled Mug Cozies 4pm† 	7 Beginning Chapters Book Club 4pm** Pokémon Club 5:30pm~ 	8 Stamp Carving 4pm† 	9	10 L&MOP 10am~ Reading with Rover 10:30am~ 
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18	19  <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	20 Baby Rhyme Time 10:30am* Foiled Again 4pm† 	21 Preschool Storytime 10:30am* Kids Coloring 4pm^ 	22 Fleece Mittens 4pm† 	23	24 Reel Reads Cinema - The Lorax 2pm~ 
25	26 Toddler Time 9:30&10:30am* 	27 Baby Rhyme Time 10:30am* Sun SHINE Squad 4pm~ 	28 Preschool Storytime 10:30am* Stacks & Stories 4pm^ 	29	30	31 National Seed Swap Day Celebration 10am-12pm 



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# HOBBY FAIR & CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP



## Saturday, February 14

1-3 p.m.

Want to dive into a new hobby without investing a lot of money? Join us for our **Hobby Fair & Craft Supply Swap**. During this 2-hour fair, you can browse tables hosted by community members excited to share their passions. Whether it's cooking, sewing, jewelry making, collecting, puzzles, or something completely unexpected—this is your chance to explore new interests and connect with others who love what they do. There will be no sales, just an enthusiastic exchange of ideas, information, and creativity.

If you'd like to host a table and highlight your own hobby, **please register by Friday, February 6**, by picking up an application at the Children's or Recommendations help desks or use the QR code to access the form.



*To help participants try something new, the library is also collecting unused or gently-used craft supplies. Donate supplies at the Recommendations Desk or Children's Desk between February 1-12. Come discover something new, share what you love, and join us in celebrating the joy of hobbies.*

## TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

### Saturday, February 21

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day and join us for a day of library fun featuring both scheduled and self-guided activities for families. Enjoy storytimes, a movie showing, LEGO building, bingo, scavenger hunts, and more as you explore everything the library offers.

### SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

9:15-9:45 a.m.

**Family Storytime**  
(ages 6 & under)

10-11 a.m.

**LEGO Challenge**

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Movie Afternoon**

2-3 p.m.

**Family Book Bingo**



### SELF-PACED ACTIVITIES

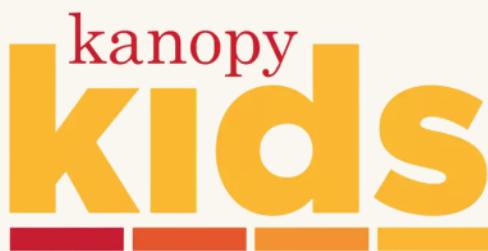
Scavenger Hunt  
Coloring Station  
Maker Space Activity  
Reference Desk Activity  
Teen Zone Activity



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. Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills that provide a solid foundation for school and learning success. Plus, sharing stories together is fun! Register anytime at the Children's Help Desk to receive your packet.



ABCmouse.com's Early Learning Academy is available at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library. Just click on the desktop shortcut on the computers in the children's department to have access to a free online preschool and kindergarten curriculum games, books, songs, and more from ABCmouse.com.



Kanopy Kids is a free streaming service just for you — full of fun movies, shows, and stories you can watch anytime with your library card! From cartoons and sing-alongs to awesome educational videos, there's something for every age. Just log in with your library card and start exploring a world of imagination on Kanopy Kids!

# FEBRUARY

## KIDS & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Celebrate National Thank a Mail Carrier Day with a picture book-themed postage stamp scavenger hunt! Find all 10 stamp designs hidden in the children's section of the library, and earn a small prize.



### Mini Pom Pom Pets

**Ages: 8-14 years** **Registration Required**  
**Thursday, February 5** **4 p.m.**

Cute, fuzzy, and totally customizable! Create mini pom pom critters using yarn, glue, and accessories. Whether it's a fluffy animal, a silly monster, or something entirely new, these pets are perfect for keeping or gifting.

### Love is in the Air Photo Shoot

**Ages: Families** **Registration Required**  
**Saturday, February 7** **9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Join us for a short 15-minute photo shoot with photographer Ashley Regan. Use our green screen to show love to the library by holding your favorite book. You will receive your family photos digitally. Photos will be done in 15-minute intervals. Call the Youth Services desk at 563-589-4225 ext. 2228 to register. Please bring or have a book ready at your time slot.

### Kindness Rocks

**Ages: 6-11 years** **Registration Required**  
**Tuesday, February 10** **4 p.m.**

Inspired by The Kindness Rocks Project, create your own rocks with positive, uplifting messages to inspire all those who gaze upon them.

### Valentine's Day Story and Craft

**Ages: 6-11 years** **Registration Required**  
**Wednesday, February 11** **4 p.m.**

Get in the Valentine's Day spirit! We will hear Valentine's Day stories and make a craft.

### Cape Creators

**Ages: 6-12 years** **Registration Required**  
**Thursday, February 12** **4 p.m.**

Design your own superhero character and create a custom cape to match. Bring your imagination and leave with a one-of-a-kind hero.

### Creative Bean Art

**Ages: 7-12 years** **Registration Required**  
**Wednesday, February 18** **4 p.m.**

Calling all artists (and those who would like to be an artist)! What do polar bears, skunks, chocolates, blackberries, black holes, shadows and sunglasses all have in common? We will recreate these images using black beans and our imaginations. Bring on the masterpieces!

### Melty Bead Mania

**Ages: 8-12 years** **Registration Required**  
**Monday, February 23** **4 p.m.**

Join us at the library to get creative with melty beads! Use patterns to create your favorite familiar characters or freehand any design using beads that melt into a solid piece of artwork.

### Sun SHINE Squad

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**Tuesday, February 24** **4 p.m.**

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# MARCH KIDS & FAMILY PROGRAMS

## Shamrock Shenanigans

**Ages: 6-10 years**

**Monday, March 2**



**Registration Required  
4 p.m.**

St Patrick's Day is just around the corner, so come create a shamrock decoration with tissue paper so that you always have something green with you.

## BeeBot Fairytales

**Ages: 6-8 years**

**Tuesday, March 3**

**Registration Required  
4 p.m.**

The library's BeeBots have been transported to a fairytale land! Help them solve puzzles and gain the tools to become knights in order to defeat the dragon. Kids problem-solve, plan, and explore storytelling through technology.

## Birdie Snack Shack

**Ages: 10-15 years**

**Thursday, March 5**

**Registration Required  
4 p.m.**

Get crafty while helping our feathered friends! Build a simple bird feeder using everyday supplies.

## Storytime Symphony - Kids Concert

**All Ages**

**No Registration Required**

**Saturday, March 7**

**12 p.m.**

Join the Dubuque Symphony for an engaging, child-friendly concert filled with lively orchestral music. It's a wonderful introduction to instruments and live performance.

## Imagine That! Book Cover Art

**Ages: 8-12 years**

**Tuesday, March 10**

**Registration Required  
4 p.m.**

Celebrate National Literacy Month with hands-on storytelling. Create a brand-new cover for your favorite book using art supplies and imagination.

## Pig Party

**Ages: 6 and under**

**Friday, March 13**

**No Registration Required  
10:30 a.m.**

Celebrate National Pig Day with a morning of stories, hands-on activities, and playtime. Perfect for younger children who love cheerful barnyard fun.

Do you know your ABCs? Put your skills to the test in the Children's Department with a super-sized scavenger hunt! Find all 26 animal-themed alphabet letters and earn a small prize.



## How It's Done Done Done @ the Library

**Ages: 10-18 years**

**Friday, March 13**

**Registration Required**

**2-3:30 p.m.**

Step into the world of K-Pop Demon Hunters with an event full of themed crafts and activities. Make accessories and enjoy a stylish celebration of the popular film.

## Being with Bunnies

**Ages: 5-11 years**

**Wednesday, March 18**

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**

Join us to meet rabbit expert Bobbi Jo Bellmann, who will tell us all about her rabbitry. You might even be able to pet some bunnies!

## Pout-Pout Fish Family Storytime

**Ages: 3-6 years**

**Friday, March 20**

**No Registration Required**

**10 a.m.**

The Pout-Pout Fish is getting his big screen debut. Join us at the library to celebrate with a read aloud, games, and activities in honor of our favorite sullen sea creature.

## Faux Stained Glass

**Ages: 10+ years**

**Tuesday, March 24**

**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 faux stained glass. This program is for ages 10 and older—including adults! Supplies are limited; registration is required for all participants.

## Time for Turtles

**Ages: 5-12 years**

**Wednesday, March 25**

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**

Join us as we welcome a Dubuque County Conservation naturalist to tell us all about turtles. Our guests will include a box turtle, a painted turtle and a map turtle.

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# APRIL

## KIDS & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Spring is finally here! Decorate a butterfly to add to our month-long, community-created Butterfly Bonanza display. Watch the wall behind the Children's Desk transform into a colorful celebration of spring.



### April Fool's Day Idea Session

**Ages: 8-12 years**

**Wednesday, April 1**

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**

Get ready to laugh! Kids will explore silly, kid-safe prank ideas and create a few playful tricks of their own—just in time for April Fool's Day. Join us for a fun, imaginative session full of giggles and good-natured mischief.

### Paint & Bloom

**Ages: 10-18 years**

**Friday, April 3**

**Registration Required**

**1:30-3 p.m.**

Celebrate spring with a relaxing cherry blossom paint session! Follow a step-by-step tutorial to create your own soft, dreamy Sakura scene.

### Zine Studio

**Ages: 10-18 years**

**Thursday, April 9**

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**

Become authors, illustrators, and publishers all at once! Learn how to fold and fill a single sheet of paper into a mini zine. Perfect for comics, stories, art, or sharing your own ideas.

### Family Yoga

**Ages: 6-15 and Families**

**Friday, April 10**

**Registration Required**

**3:45 p.m.**

Yoga can be for everyone, no matter what age you are! To celebrate International Kids' Yoga Day, we have The Well Yoga Dubuque coming to teach yoga, breathing, and other important information to kids for self-care. Families are encouraged to attend together.

### Watermelon Weaving

**Ages: 6-10 years**

**Monday, April 13**

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**

Create a lovely watermelon weaving and practice your fine motor skills with this sweet, artsy activity.

### Fluffy Page Keepers

**Ages: 6-12 and Families**

**Tuesday, April 14**

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**

Fluffy and fun bookmarks? Yes please! In this program, we will create bookmarks using yarn pom poms!.

### Make a Rainstick

**Ages: 8-12 years**

**Wednesday, April 15**

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**

"April showers bring May flowers," goes the saying, so come to the library to start making it rain by creating a musical rainstick.

### Mini Clay Trinkets

**Ages: 10+ years**

**Tuesday, April 21**

**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 little trinkets out of clay. This program is for ages 10 and older—including adults! Supplies are limited; registration is required for all participants.

### Blackout Poetry Murals

**Ages: 8-12 years**

**Wednesday, April 22**

**Registration Required**

**4 p.m.**

Give new meaning to old texts by creating a simple but meaningful blackout poetry mural in honor of National Poetry Month and Earth Day

### Sun SHINE Squad

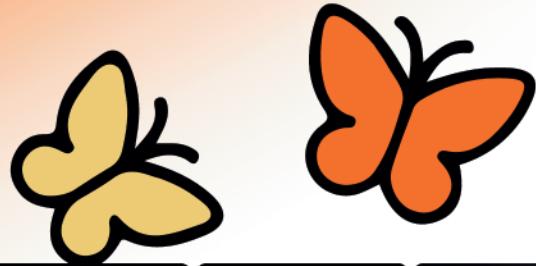
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# APRIL 2026

## KIDS - FAMILIES - TEENS

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# JANUARY & FEBRUARY

## TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS

### Upcycled Mug Cozies

**Ages: 12-18 years** **Registration Required**  
**Tuesday, January 6** **4 p.m.**

Give an old sock a new purpose! Create your own custom mug cozy with simple hand-sewing or hot glue. Add buttons, felt, or your own creative touches for a one-of-a-kind design. You may bring a lone sock but supplies will be provided.

### Stamp Carving Workshop

**Ages: 12-17 years** **Registration Required**  
**Thursday, January 8** **4 p.m.**

Looking for a creative way to express yourself? Join us to learn how to turn your ideas into custom stamps you can use for art, journals, and more! All tools and materials are provided. Take home your own uniquely carved stamp.

### Foiled Again!

**Ages: 10-18 years** **Registration Required**  
**Tuesday, January 20** **4 p.m.**

Get ready to get foiled, on purpose! We will crinkle, color, outline, and turn plain aluminum into a bold, shiny design that pops.

### Fleece Mittens

**Ages: 12-17 years** **Registration Required**  
**Thursday, January 22** **4 p.m.**

Learn how to use a sewing machine to make some cozy mittens for yourself or someone special. All materials are provided, and no prior sewing experience is needed.

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**Tuesday, January 27** **4 p.m.**

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### Mini Pom Pom Pets

**Ages: 8-14 years** **Registration Required**  
**Thursday, February 5** **4 p.m.**

Cute, fuzzy, and totally customizable! Create mini pom pom critters using yarn, glue, and accessories. Whether it's a fluffy animal, a silly monster, or something entirely new, these pets are perfect for keeping or gifting.

### Love is in the Air Photo Shoot

**Ages: Families** **Registration Required**  
**Saturday, February 7** **9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Join us for a short 15-minute photo shoot with photographer Ashley Regan. Use our green screen to show love to the library by holding your favorite book. You will receive your family photos digitally. Photos will be done in 15-minute intervals. Call the Youth Services desk at 563-589-4225 ext. 2228 to register. Please bring or have a book ready at your time slot.

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**Tuesday, February 24** **4 p.m.**

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### Tiny Treasure Boxes

**Ages: 12-18 years** **Registration Required**  
**Wednesday, February 25** **4 p.m.**

Turn everyday materials into a tiny, detailed treasure box! Upcycle trading cards and decorative elements to build a mini container that's perfect for storing your favorite little items.

# MARCH & APRIL TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS

## Birdie Snack Shack

**Ages: 10-15 years**  
**Thursday, March 5**

**Registration Required**  
**4 p.m.**

Get crafty while helping our feathered friends! Build a simple bird feeder using everyday supplies.

## How It's Done Done Done @ the Library

**Ages: 10-18 years**  
**Friday, March 13**

**Registration Required**  
**2-3:30 p.m.**

Step into the world of K-Pop Demon Hunters with an event full of themed crafts and activities. Make accessories and enjoy a stylish celebration of the popular film.

## Faux Stained Glass

**Ages: 10+ years**  
**Tuesday, March 24**

**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 faux stained glass. This program is for ages 10 and older—including adults! Supplies are limited; registration is required for all participants.

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**Tuesday, March 31**

**Registration Required**  
**4 p.m.**

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## Jewelry Making: Hoops and More

**Ages: 12-17 years**  
**Thursday, April 2**

**Registration Required**  
**4 p.m.**

Learn to make your own wire earring hoops and ear wires using a Wig Jig jewelry tool. This is a great introduction to jewelry making!

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**Registration Required**  
**3:45 p.m.**

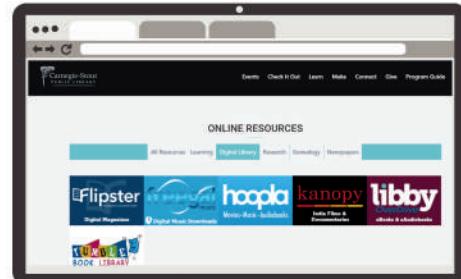
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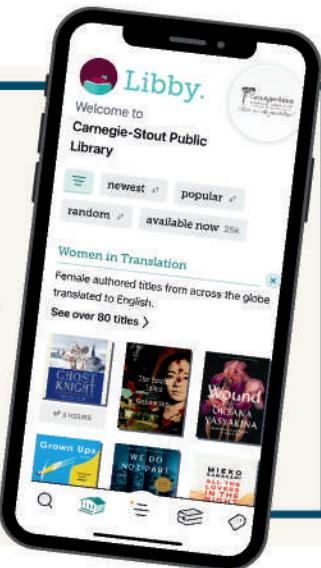
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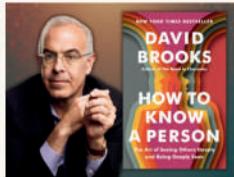
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# Author Talks

Your free, front-row seat to virtual author visits from bestselling authors.



**13 Jan.** The Creative and Compassionate Art of Seeing Others Deeply with David Brooks



**5 Feb.** Swashbuckling Heroines and High Seas Adventures with Novelist Vanessa Riley



**20 Jan.** Nature, Art, and Service as Medicine with Journalist Julia Hotz



**12 Feb.** Mojos, Mermaids, Medicine, and 400 Years of Black Women's Magic with Dr. Lindsey Stewart



**28 Jan.** Secrets and Second Chances with Liz Moore



**24 Feb.** Smithson's Gamble: The Incredible History Behind the World's Largest Museum with Smithsonian Curator Emeritus Tom Crouch



## National Seed Swap Day Celebration

**Saturday, January 31, 2026**  
**10:00am-12:00pm**



Keep an eye out for the **Carnegie-Sprout Seed Library** opening in late February 2026.

# JANUARY ADULT PROGRAMS

## *S'mitten with Reading!*



### **Winter Reading—January 2–31**

Keep reading all year long and help keep Dubuque warm with a reading challenge & mitten drive! Color or cross off one mitten each day you read for 60 minutes or more. Complete at least 20 mittens, then bring your log to the 1st floor Recommendations Desk. Each person who turns in a reading log will get a free book and Carnegie-Stout will donate a pair of gloves or mittens to community members in need. Logs will only be accepted from Jan. 26 through Feb. 2. Limit 1 log per person. Stop by the library to pick up your winter reading log or participate online at [dubuque.beanstack.org](http://dubuque.beanstack.org).

### **Virtual Glass Upcycling with Zoë & Danny from Dubuque Glass Recycling**

**Ages: 18+** **Registration Required**  
**Wednesday, January 7** **6 p.m.**

Join Zoë & Danny from Dubuque Glass Recycling from the comfort of your own home for a virtual class where you can learn how to use your own recycled glass to create DIY upcycled goods. Registered attendees will receive a Zoom link the day of the event to access the live stream of the program. Dubuque Glass Recycling is a small business dedicated to reshaping the way Dubuque handles glass through sustainability, creativity, and community.

### **Movie Night @ Carnegie-Stout**

**Ages: 16+** **No Registration Required**  
**Thursday, January 8** **6 p.m.**

Join us each month for a free movie suitable for adult audiences. 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](http://bit.ly/movie-night-at-carnegie-stout).

### **Dementia Simulation Experience**

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### **Great Reading Challenge Wrap Party**

**Ages: 18+** **Registration Required**  
**Thursday, January 15** **5:30 p.m.**

Adults 18 and over who participated in The Great Reading Challenge of 2025 as well as those who want to sign up for the new yearlong reading challenge are invited to the GRC Wrap Party. Enjoy snacks, get a free book and tell us about your favorite reads of 2025. Attendees will also be the first to hear about the new 2026 Adult Reading Challenge!

### **Hearth & Page Society: More Book Blinging**

**Ages: 18+** **Registration Required**  
**Thursday, January 22** **4:30–6:30 p.m.**

Relax, work on puzzles, chat with friends or make progress on your own crafts. We will also be blinging our books – decorating book covers with tiny sequins or gems, similar to diamond painting drills. We will supply the materials and light snacks and drinks, you supply your favorite book to bling.

### **National Seed Swap Day Celebration**

**All Ages** **No Registration Required**  
**Saturday, January 31** **10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

Visit the third floor to explore booths from local gardening businesses and organizations, gather inspiration, and plan your garden for the season ahead. Nine Square Feet and other participating organizations will be sharing seeds, and participants are welcome to contribute their own at our Community Seed Table. This is a drop-in event, while supplies last.

# Reading Roundtable Book Club

**Ages: 18+ years**

**Mondays, February 9, March 9, April 13**

**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.

**February 9:**

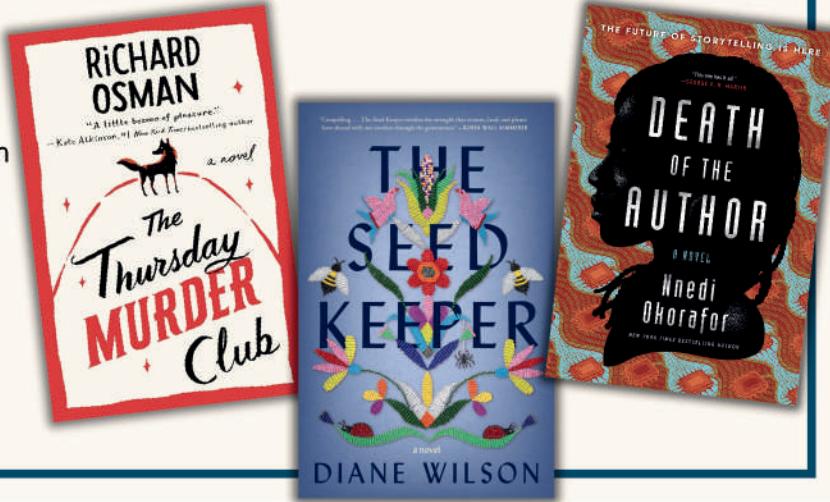
"The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman

**March 9:**

"The Seed Keeper" by Diane Wilson

**April 13:**

"The Death of the Author" by Nnedi Okorafor



## HOBBY FAIR & CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

**Saturday, February 14**

**1-3 p.m.**

Want to dive into a new hobby without investing a lot of money? Join us for our **Hobby Fair & Craft Supply Swap**. During this 2-hour fair, you can browse tables hosted by community members excited to share their passions. Whether it's cooking, sewing, jewelry making, collecting, puzzles, or something completely unexpected—this is your chance to explore new interests and connect with others who love what they do. There will be no sales, just an enthusiastic exchange of ideas, information, and creativity.

If you'd like to host a table and highlight your own hobby, **please register by Friday, February 6**, by picking up an application at the Children's or Recommendations help desks or use the QR code to access the form.



*To help participants try something new, the library is also collecting unused or gently-used craft supplies. Donate supplies at the Recommendations Desk or Children's Desk between February 1-12. Come discover something new, share what you love, and join us in celebrating the joy of hobbies.*

# FEBRUARY ADULT PROGRAMS

## Dementia Simulation Experience

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**Tuesday, February 3** **9:30 a.m.**

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## Art @ Your Library Opening Reception

**All Ages** **No Registration Required**  
**Friday, February 6** **5:30 -7:30 p.m.**

Art @ your library is a First Fridays program occurring bi-monthly and featuring local and regional artists. At the art openings, the public is invited to meet the artists, purchase unique artwork, enjoy conversation, light refreshments, and live music. Following the opening, the show displays in the historic second floor rotunda until the next show.

**February 6** - Featuring watercolor paintings by Catherine Bastein, photography by Amanda Miller and Maria Araeipour, and oil paintings by Chris Spoerle.

## Ukulele Time! Adult Ukulele Lessons

**Ages: 18+** **Registration Required**  
**Tuesdays, February 10 & 24** **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 consider arriving early for help with tuning your uke. These lessons will be in the library auditorium. Registration is required and there is a maximum of 15 people. Participants are encouraged to bring their own instrument or check one out from the library if available. There will be a limited number of ukuleles at the lesson to use for those who don't come with one, but they are first come first served.

## Movie Night @CarnegieStout

**Ages: 16+** **No Registration Required**  
**Thursday, February 12** **6 p.m.**

Join us each month for a free movie suitable for adult audiences. 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](http://bit.ly/movie-night-at-carnegie-stout).

## Forces for Good: Abolitionists in the Old Lead Mine Region

**Ages: 16+** **No Registration Required**  
**Sunday, February 22** **2 p.m.**

Slavery was an entrenched institution in the Old Lead Mine Region of Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. This presentation by Tracey Lee Roberts, Senior Lecturer (Emeritus) of History from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, will outline the many forces for good that pushed back against this brutal, inhuman practice. Local historical images, early maps, and stories about Dubuque abolitionists will be emphasized. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

## Introduction to Self Defense

**Ages: 18+** **Registration Required**  
**Tuesday, February 24** **12 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 Empowerment 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.

## Movie Matinee @CarnegieStout

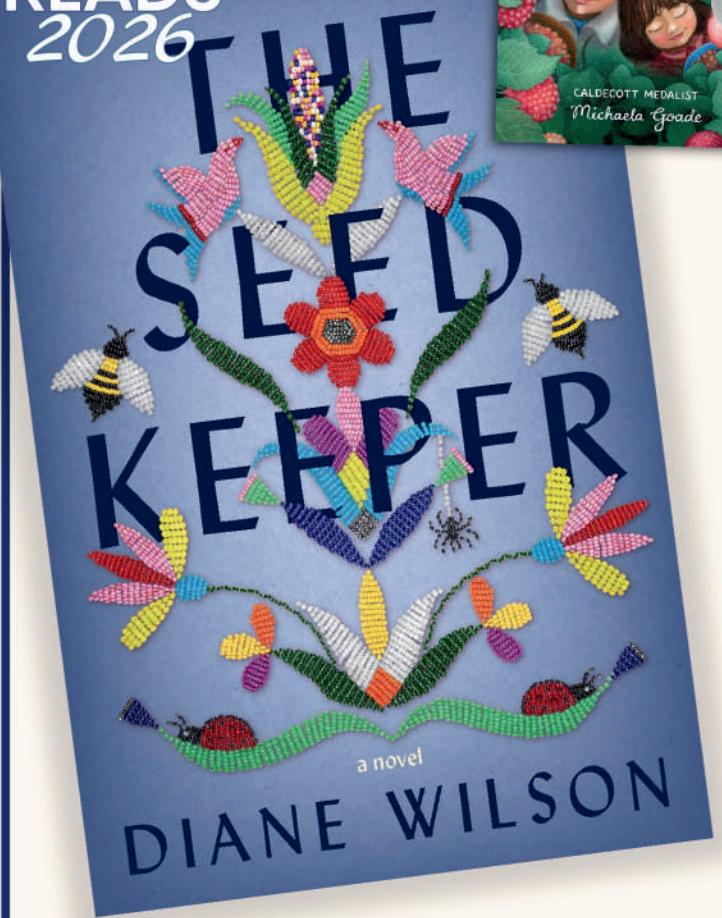
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# let's read TOGETHER.



DUBUQUE COUNTY  
READS  
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## Dubuque County Reads: Indigenous Voices Panel @ Dubuque Museum of Art

Ages: 13+ No Registration Required  
Sunday, February 28 2 p.m.

Start the 2026 Dubuque County Reads program by attending a panel of regional Indigenous leaders, educators, and activists held at the Dubuque Museum of Art. The panel includes Rubina Martini, Tinker Schuman, Jessica Engelking, and moderator Eric Anglada.



DALINC Visit [dbqreads.org](http://dbqreads.org) to learn more about Dubuque County Reads events and discussions.

## Dubuque County Reads: Family Expo @ National Mississippi River Museum

All Ages No Registration Required  
Wednesday, March 4 5:30 p.m.

The whole family is invited to join us for an evening exploring our relationship to the land, water, and environment. With booths featuring interactive and informative exhibits by River Museum staff and local organizations you'll explore nature, culture, science, and more!

## Dubuque County Reads: The Seed Keeper Book Discussion @ Carnegie-Stout

Ages: 18+ No Registration Required  
Monday, March 9 6 p.m.

"The Seed Keeper" by Diane Wilson is a beautifully layered novel about a Dakota woman rediscovering her heritage through generations of saved seeds. This book discussion highlights the Dubuque County Reads selection for 2026, and we invite you to be part of the conversation. If you are unable to attend the Carnegie-Stout discussion, visit [dbqreads.org](http://dbqreads.org) for additional discussion dates happening throughout Dubuque County.

## Dubuque County Reads: Documentary Film Screening @ Carnegie-Stout

Ages: 16+ No Registration Required  
Thursday, March 12 6 p.m.

To celebrate Dubuque County Reads, please join us to watch "Women of the White Buffalo," a free documentary film featuring interviews with nine Lakota women living on South Dakota reservations who are using ancestral values and wisdom to heal generations of trauma in their communities. Directed by Deborah Anderson, this 1 hour 26 minute film is not rated but is intended for mature viewers.

## Dubuque County Reads: Author Talk with Diane Wilson @ Steeple Square

All Ages No Registration Required  
Tuesday, March 24 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a special event held at Steeple Square featuring Diane Wilson, author of the 2026 Dubuque County Reads title "The Seed Keeper." Copies of the book will be available to purchase at the event to be autographed by the author.



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## Music @ Your Library

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**Friday, March 6** **6 p.m.**

Music @ Your Library is a First Fridays concert series that features local and regional musicians. Doors open at 5:30, performance is from 6-7 p.m.

**March 6** - Dubuque artist and musician Faye composes original electric-keyboard pieces shaped by classical traditions and blues influences guided by nature's beauty and the interplay between art and human experience.

## Dubuque County Reads: The Seed Keeper Book Discussion @ Carnegie-Stout

**Ages: 18+** **No Registration Required**  
**Monday, March 9** **6 p.m.**

"The Seed Keeper" by Diane Wilson is a beautifully layered novel about a Dakota woman rediscovering her heritage through generations of saved seeds. This book discussion highlights the Dubuque County Reads selection for 2026, and we invite you to be part of the conversation. If you're unable to attend the Carnegie-Stout discussion, visit [dbqreads.org](http://dbqreads.org) for additional discussion dates happening throughout Dubuque County.

## Ukulele Time! Adult Ukulele Lessons

**Ages: 18+** **Registration Required**  
**Tuesdays, March 10 & 21** **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 consider arriving early for help with tuning your uke.

These lessons will be in the library auditorium. Registration is required and there is a maximum of 15 people. Participants are encouraged to bring their own instrument or check one out from the library if available. There will be a limited number of ukuleles at the lesson to use for those who don't come with one, but they are first come first served.

## Movie Night @CarnegieStout: Women of the White Buffalo

**Ages: 16+** **No Registration Required**  
**Thursday, March 12** **6 p.m.**

To celebrate Dubuque County Reads, please join us to watch "Women of the White Buffalo," a free documentary film featuring interviews with nine Lakota women living on South Dakota reservations who are using ancestral values and wisdom to heal generations of trauma in their communities. Directed by Deborah Anderson, this 1 hour 26 minute film is not rated but is intended for mature viewers.

## Faux Stained Glass

**Ages: 10+ years** **Registration Required**  
**Tuesday, March 24** **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 faux stained glass. This program is for ages 10 and older—including adults! Supplies are limited; registration is required for all participants.

## Dubuque County Reads: Author Talk with Diane Wilson @ Steeple Square

**All Ages** **No Registration Required**  
**Tuesday, March 24** **6:30 p.m.**

Join us for a special event held at Steeple Square featuring Diane Wilson, author of the 2026 Dubuque County Reads title "The Seed Keeper." Copies of the book will be available to purchase at the event to be autographed by the author.



# APRIL ADULT PROGRAMS

## Art @ Your Library Opening Reception

**All Ages** **No Registration Required**  
**Friday, April 3** **5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Art @ your library is a First Fridays program occurring bi-monthly and featuring local and regional artists. At the art openings, the public is invited to meet the artists, purchase unique artwork, enjoy conversation, light refreshments, and live music. Following the opening, the show displays in the historic second floor rotunda until the next show.

**April 3** - Featuring sculptures and paintings by Faye, acrylic paintings by Don Hedeman and acrylic ink and mixed media art by Andrew Raeside.

## Ukulele Time! Adult Ukulele Lessons

**Ages: 18+** **Registration Required**  
**Tuesdays, April 7 & 24** **6 p.m.**

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## Dementia Simulation Experience

**Ages: 18+** **Registration Required**  
**Tuesday, April 7** **9:30 a.m.**

Join us at this hands-on workshop to learn more about what dementia is, how it affects the brain, and what you can do to help the people in your life living with dementia. This workshop will include a lecture and the opportunity to simulate how dementia changes your perceptions and relationship with the world. This program is provided by Stonehill Communities of Dubuque and will be led by Dementia Friends Champion Nancy Zachar Fett, LMSW, a professor of social work at Loras College.

## Movie Night @CarnegieStout

**Ages: 16+** **No Registration Required**  
**Thursday, April 9** **6 p.m.**

Join us each month for a free movie suitable for adult audiences. 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](http://bit.ly/movie-night-at-carnegie-stout).

## Introduction to Self Defense

**Ages: 18+** **Registration Required**  
**Tuesday, April 14** **9:30 a.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.

## The Green Thread: Reclaiming Our Spiritual Authority

**Ages: 16+** **No Registration Required**  
**Sunday, April 19** **2 p.m.**

Sister Karen Lueck will discuss her new book, "The Green Thread." Drawing from her childhood on a farm near New Vienna, Iowa, and stories about her German immigrant family, Sister Karen encourages today's women to confront trauma, find resilience, and embrace spiritual authority. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. Books will be available to purchase.

## Mini Clay Trinkets

**Ages: 10+ years** **Registration Required**  
**Tuesday, April 21** **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 little trinkets out of clay. This program is for ages 10 and older—including adults! Supplies are limited; registration is required for all participants.



# MAKERSPACE

## MAKE IT - PERSONALIZE IT - CREATE IT

Discover the Carnegie-Stout Public Library's Maker Space - a hands-on creative space where you can design, make, and experiment. From laser engraving and 3D printing to custom apparel, stickers, and more, no experience is needed - we'll show you how. We provide the tools, guidance, and supplies; you bring the ideas! If the library is open, the Maker Space is too. Make-and-take kits are available every Monday, featuring seasonally themed crafts suitable for all ages.

**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.

**Laser Cutting and Engraving** - CO2 and Fiber laser machines are available to use. You can engrave and cut designs into wood and acrylic, engrave on metals or stone, or engrave on glass and leather. We also have two rotary jigs available to suit most types of glasses and tumblers.

**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 with our Roland BN2-20 printer. This printer can CMYKW print unto 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.

**DTF Printing** lets you customize almost any type of fabric. Easily print and apply decals to clothing, bags, canvas, and more.

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