

**Fort Dodge Public Library
Board of Trustees
Meeting Agenda
Monday, May 27, 2025
Board Room
3:30 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum
- II. Agenda Approval
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Comments/Questions from the Public
- V. Bills & Financial Reports
- VI. Communications/Board Education
 - a. Employee Introduction: Part-Time LAI
 - b. Iowa Public Libraries FY24 Statistics
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Friends of the Library
- VIII. Director's Report
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- XI. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, June 23, 2025 3:30 p.m.

Fort Dodge Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2025

I. Call to order/Roll Call

President Merrily Dixon called to order the regular meeting of the Fort Dodge Public Library Board of Trustees at 3:32 p.m. on April 28, 2025 at the Fort Dodge Public Library.

The following persons were present: Rita Schmidt (Director), Shaina Sheeder (LA I), Merrily Dixon, Brittney Hindman, Deb Kelleher and James Kramer (by phone).

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kelleher and seconded by Hindman. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the March meeting minutes was made by Kramer and seconded by Hindman. Motion carried.

IV. Comments/Questions from the Public

V. Bills and Financial Reports

- a. Kelleher moved payments in the amount of \$8,984.74 to be approved in the Gift and Memorial Accounts. Kramer seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Kramer moved payments in the amount of \$11,328.13 to be approved in the City Funds Accounts. Kelleher seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Communications/Board Education

- a. Employee Introduction – Part-Time LA Is
 1. Shaina discussed her duties at the circulation desk.
- b. Legislative Update – The State Library of Iowa sent a notification they have received 50% partial award for total grants from Federal funding and are waiting on full apportionment for the FFY25 Grants to States program. The State Library is prioritizing what they can realistically maintain looking forward. These include programs and resources that give Iowa residents and libraries the greatest value. Services that would be hard for single libraries to fund on their own and proved a broad impact statewide. Top priorities are:
 - State Library staff that are federally-funded
 - SILO services (ILL system, Library Talk, Iowa Library Directory, PLOW websites, and tech support for State Library resources such as People's Law Library, and Iowa Heritage Digital Collections, plus others)
 - IA Shares delivery statewide at least one day per week
 - Bridges platform and consortium management fee

VII. Committee Reports

- a. FDPL Foundation – Investments have outlook of 5% growth over the year, but markets can change rapidly.

VIII. Director's Report

Programming/Services

- Advantage Archives finished digitizing the Messenger microfilm and have begun loading to the new website.
- The Friends Book Sale begins April 28th for members.
- Schmidt is finalizing the summer reading plans which will not include formal storytimes due to staffing challenges. Extra Magnatiles Days and guest speaker storytimes may be scheduled as replacements.
- Schmidt attended the Autism Awareness Walk & Resource Fair on April 26th.

Building

- Viking completed the five-year inspection of the sprinkler system on April 24th. They also replaced a backflow valve that had failed.
- Midstate repaired both humidifiers and ordered a new pump for the HVAC system.
- The boilers passed the annual inspection.
- The carbon monoxide detector will need to be replaced by Woodman Controls on their next preventative maintenance visit due to intermittent issues.
- Greg painted part of the hallway and the main entrance this month.
- New closers on the north and south entrances and the children's restroom were installed.

Personnel

- Schmidt invited a candidate who previously had an online interview for the Youth Services Librarian position to come for an in-person interview. Due to scheduling issues this will take place mid-May.
- Pascale accepted the Adult Services Librarian position and began the role March 31st.

Miscellaneous

- Due to staff shortage, Schmidt has decided to close the library at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays during June and July for adequate coverage during the Adventures this summer. Monday hours will remain the same.
- David Vinjamuri will be here Monday afternoon, May 12th and Tuesday morning, May 13th to do the space audit of our building. We should have his final report by the end of June.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. HVAC Heating Water Pump Repair- A motion to approve Midstate's repair of the water pump was moved by Kelleher and seconded by Hindman. Motion carried.
- b. Tuesday Hours – June and July – A motion to approve the temporary hours change was moved by Hindman and seconded by Kelleher. Motion carried.

XI. Adjournment

Kramer moved a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kelleher. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**FDPL Memorial Account
Ending May 31, 2025**

Accounts	Beginning Balance	May Income	May Expense	YTD Expense	Remaining Balance	% Expended
Children's Programming	11,296.52		947.12	8,418.90	10,349.40	45%
Adult Programing	880.89		58.97	985.81	821.92	55%
YA Programming	2,059.06			79.38	2,059.06	4%
Magazine/Newspapers	3,535.56		357.22	6,539.33	3,178.34	67%
General Donations & Gifts	2,171.84	396.16	413.70	5,340.37	2,154.30	71%
Donation Box	4,196.40			646.00	4,196.40	13%
Vend Print	10,488.99		19.56	854.08	10,469.43	8%
Meeting Room	2,789.36			-	2,789.36	0%
Lost & Paid/Processing Fees	2,336.06	31.55	61.22	1,886.95	2,306.39	45%
Interlibrary Loan	3,946.79		25.00	76.97	3,921.79	2%
Library Cards	51.00	3.00		464.55	54.00	90%
Administrative Programming	549.60		75.57	155.52	474.03	25%
Ann Smeltzer Charitable Trust	6,072.51			5,497.69	6,072.51	48%
Maxine Hillesland Trust	55,406.53	270.00	599.90	12,427.87	55,076.63	18%
Dolores Schermer Estate	713.44			8,203.98	713.44	92%
	106,494.55	700.71	2,558.26	51,577.40	104,637.00	33%
Scharfenberg Monies	719,023.03			-	719,023.03	0%

Fort Dodge Public Library
Gift Memorial - Checks for Approval

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Vendor#</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Line Item</u>
4989	5/21/2025	WellsFargoVisa# 4739, 3327 supp, ch prg, books, summer rdg	070440	\$ 946.71	\$149.90 Hillesland, \$25.00 ILL, \$58.97 Adult Prg, \$617.71 Ch Prg (Friends), \$19.56 vendprint, \$75.57 admin
4990	5/21/2025	Amazon Capital Services children's supplies, programming	002348	\$ 329.41	\$329.41 Ch Prg (Friends)
4991	5/27/2025	Bemrich Electric & Telephone tech visits	008230	\$ 450.00	Hillesland--\$180.00 (\$270.00 from lost check #4978)
4992	5/27/2025	Ingram gifts/memorials, L&P	056900	\$ 397.79	\$336.57 general gifts, \$61.22 L&P
4993	5/27/2025	Center Point Publishing LP gift books	016050	\$ 46.74	general gifts
4994	5/27/2025	Cengage Group LP gift book	001693	\$ 30.39	general gifts
4995	5/27/2025	WT Cox childrens & Sports Illust. Subs	130268	\$ 357.22	magazines (Friends)
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Accounts Payable Invoice Report

G/L Date Range 05/01/25 - 05/31/25

Report By Vendor - Invoice
Summary Listing

Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Status	Held Reason	Invoice Date	Due Date	G/L Date	Received Date	Payment Date	Invoice Net Amount
Vendor 747 - ACCESS SYSTEMS									
39203047	copier lease	Edit		05/12/2025	06/25/2025	05/27/2025			330.44
			Vendor 747 - ACCESS SYSTEMS Totals			Invoices	1		\$330.44
Vendor 2348 - AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES									
3211410	misc office supp	Edit		05/15/2025	05/28/2025	05/27/2025			125.98
4733861	misc office supp	Edit		05/16/2025	05/28/2025	05/27/2025			367.30
			Vendor 2348 - AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES Totals			Invoices	2		\$493.28
Vendor 16150 - CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC									
01020405	misc bldg supp	Edit		04/30/2025	05/28/2025	05/27/2025			38.00
01020611	misc bldg supp	Edit		05/07/2025	05/28/2025	05/27/2025			128.00
			Vendor 16150 - CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, INC Totals			Invoices	2		\$166.00
Vendor 27800 - DOORS, INC.									
360934	replace 3 door closer bodies	Edit		04/30/2025	05/28/2025	05/27/2025			1,144.00
			Vendor 27800 - DOORS, INC. Totals			Invoices	1		\$1,144.00
Vendor 130515 - FORT DODGE FIBER									
5125	internet services	Edit		05/01/2025	06/14/2025	05/27/2025			55.00
			Vendor 130515 - FORT DODGE FIBER Totals			Invoices	1		\$55.00
Vendor 40455 - FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS									
5725	line charge	Edit		05/07/2025	06/02/2025	05/27/2025			86.32
			Vendor 40455 - FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS Totals			Invoices	1		\$86.32
Vendor 73975 - MIDAMERICAN ENERGY									
566764087	electricity charges	Edit		05/13/2025	05/28/2025	05/27/2025			1,646.74
			Vendor 73975 - MIDAMERICAN ENERGY Totals			Invoices	1		\$1,646.74
Vendor 88000 - PITNEY BOWES, INC.									
1027490513	postage machine svc agreement	Edit		05/21/2025	06/20/2025	05/27/2025			11.86
1027495257	quarterly postage meter charges	Edit		05/21/2025	06/20/2025	05/27/2025			77.40
			Vendor 88000 - PITNEY BOWES, INC. Totals			Invoices	2		\$89.26
Vendor 92060 - RESERVE ACCOUNT									
PB052125	postage account	Edit		05/21/2025	05/28/2025	05/27/2025			500.00
			Vendor 92060 - RESERVE ACCOUNT Totals			Invoices	1		\$500.00
Vendor 1924 - VIKING AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO									
1025-F416738	5 yr test & repair backflow	Edit		04/30/2025	05/28/2025	05/27/2025			3,939.00
			Vendor 1924 - VIKING AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO Totals			Invoices	1		\$3,939.00
Vendor 2253 - WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC									
449476	#6323	Edit		05/14/2025	05/28/2025	05/27/2025			758.77
			Vendor 2253 - WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC Totals			Invoices	1		\$758.77
			Grand Totals			Invoices	14		\$9,208.81

Director's Report – May 2025

Programming/Services

- The Summer Reading Programs kick off Monday, June 2nd. I have included information on all three programs (kids, teens, and adults) in this month's board packet. Staff have some great things planned for this summer and I am looking forward to the chaos.
- We recently received new marketing materials and brand guidelines for the Iowa Adventure Pass program. We haven't gotten a date yet as to when the new site will be ready for launch but I know they are hoping for shortly after Memorial Day. Alexis has been hard at work creating new marketing materials for us.

Building

- The main drain on the sprinkler system now needs to be replaced. Viking will be here sometime in the next month to repair it. (Estimated cost is \$1,185.)

Remodel/Renovation

- David Vinjamuri was here May 12th & 13th to tour the building, talk to staff, and assess what we can do to make it more user friendly, increase use, and better utilize our space both now and when we remodel/renovate. David thinks he can help us increase our circulation/use by at least 30%. We should have his final report by mid-July. He said we could schedule a zoom meeting with everyone to review his recommendations.

State Library News

- I recently signed the paperwork indicating that we plan to participate in the Enrich Iowa program for FY26.
- Because of cuts at the Federal level, the State Library will be discontinuing funding of the tutoring resource BrainFuse HelpNow as of June 30th. Another library has already reached out to everyone about the possibility of forming a consortium to purchase this service. I did indicate we might be interested, depending on the cost.
- In an effort to maintain free statewide delivery services (IAShares), the State Library will cut service back to one day a week. They are currently working with our delivery service vendor to work out the logistics of this change so no date has been set for when the switch will be made.
- The statistics for Iowa public libraries for FY24 were recently published on the State Library's website. You can view them here:
<https://statelibraryofiowa.gov/media/82/download?inline=>

Budget

- I am currently working with Jamie to determine what the best option is for reducing our budget by \$51,000 for FY26 since we still have some unknowns with all of our staff changes. We hope to have a final plan in place soon.
- We received notice from the Deardorf Foundation in early May that they were able to fund \$25,000 of our \$50,000 request this year.

Personnel

- Bill Westin has been hired as our new custodian. He has previous janitorial experience, is very dedicated and conscientious, and a very personable guy. We are excited to have him join the Library's staff.
- Stephanie Evenson (HR) and I interviewed Anastasia Peratopoulos for the Youth Services Librarian position on Saturday, May 17, 2025. It went very well and I am happy to report that we offered her the position and she accepted. Our hope is that Anastasia will be able to start sometime in late June. I think she will be a great addition to our team and am looking forward to working with her.

Miscellaneous

- We will be closed Thursday morning, May 29th for staff training. We will be reviewing safety/security procedures, important policies, and information on the summer reading programs.
- My three-year term on the Ann Smeltzer Charitable Trust Board of Trustees ends on June 30, 2025. I am willing to serve another three-year term.

REMINDER: The Board will need to appoint new officers and new representatives to the Foundation and Friends boards at the regular meeting in June.

Fort Dodge Public Library – April 2025

Circulation

2025: 6,877

2024: 6,217

Gate Count

2025: 5,438

2024: 5,532

Internet Computers Use

Total Number of Logins: 447

Total Time Used: 14 days 14 hours 42 minutes

Average Time Used: 47 minutes

Public WiFi Use

Number of Unique Users: 20

Total Session Count: 70

Total Time Used: 75 hours

Avg. Session Time: 1 hour 3 minutes

Library Programs - Adults

Number of Programs: 8 (includes Brown Bags)

Total Participation: 217

LSC Programs: 3

LSC Views: 1,945

Library Programs - Children

Number of Programs: 11

Total Participation: 603

Adventure Pass Use

Paused

Hoopla Use

New Patrons: 16

Unique Patrons: 208

Avg. Circs/Patron: 4.7

Checkouts: 983

Avg. Circ Price: \$2.34

Amount Spent: \$2,297.20

Overdrive/Bridges Use

New Users: 17

Unique Users: 337

Checkouts: 1,491

ScanEZ Usage

Total Number of Jobs: 232

Total Number of Pages: 1,409

Scan to Copy: 719 pages (\$80.50)

Scan to Fax: 132 pages (\$32.25)

Scan to Email: 539 pages

Scan to USB: 15 pages

Scan to Smart Phone: 4 pages

Total Payments: \$112.75

Ending May 31, 2025

FDPL Foundation Fund

	YTD Budget	May Expense	YTD Expense	Beginning Balance	Remaining Balance	% Expended
Accounts						
228 Advertising	5,313.22	160.00	2,929.24	2,543.98	2,383.98	55%
248 Adult Programming	11,152.67	50.00	2,499.73	8,702.94	8,652.94	22%
___ Young Adult Programming	4,200.80		785.94	3,414.86	3,414.86	19%
260 Technology	106,825.20		68,511.44	38,313.76	38,313.76	64%
268 Audio/Visual Materials	15,225.71		-	15,225.71	15,225.71	0%
278 Staff Development	5,279.51		2,937.45	2,342.06	2,342.06	56%
301 Building Supplies	2,901.69	42.50	1,972.82	971.37	928.87	68%
321 Operating Supplies	2,223.87	331.11	1,645.81	909.17	578.06	74%
610 Adult Materials	73,667.20	4,450.38	23,378.68	54,738.90	50,288.52	32%
620 Children Materials	46,135.50	2,031.67	7,004.55	41,162.62	39,130.95	15%
640 Young Adult Materials	21,483.81	770.77	8,156.84	14,097.74	13,326.97	38%
Fawkes Monies	31,049.31	1,063.04	6,597.87	25,514.48	24,451.44	21%
	325,458.49	8,899.47	126,420.37	207,937.59	199,038.12	39%

FDPL-F Deardorf

	YTD Budget	May Expense	YTD Expense	Beginning Balance	Remaining Balance	% Expended
Accounts						
510 Adult Materials	22,544.95		22,487.87	57.08	57.08	100%
520 Children's Materials	9,205.02	59.89	8,945.80	319.11	259.22	97%
540 Young Adult Materials	42.83	36.06	36.06	42.83	6.77	84%
568 Adult Audio/Visual Materials	39,674.89	509.87	10,333.34	29,851.42	29,341.55	26%
570 Childrens' Audio/Visual Materials	7,494.62	81.93	174.88	7,401.67	7,319.74	2%
Children's Department Enhancement	1,540.07		-	1,540.07	1,540.07	0%
Public Access Computers	312.12		402.12	-	-	100%
Games Programs Project	30.58		-	30.58	30.58	0%
FD Writers' Workshop	1,823.30		601.81	1,221.49	1,221.49	33%
Public Art Monies	9,489.66		3,624.68	5,864.98	5,864.98	38%
	92,158.04	687.75	46,606.56	46,329.23	45,641.48	50%

FDPL-F AXY Fdn Grant

	YTD Budget	May Expense	YTD Expense	Beginning Balance	Remaining Balance	% Expended
Accounts						
670 AXY Grant	4,657.46	319.99	1,462.02	3,515.43	3,195.44	31%
	4,657.46	319.99	1,462.02	3,515.43	3,195.44	31%

GENERAL FUND

	Budget	MTD	YTD	% Received
Revenues	912,553	209,753	788,441	86.40%
GENERAL REVENUES				
(41005) PROPERTY TAX, PUBLIC LIBRARY	554,508	183,663	491,600	88.66%
(43915) WEBSTER CO- LIBRARY	142,000	25,091	125,454	88.35%
(44810) LIBRARY CHARGES, FEES	5,000	673	5,738	114.76%
(46010) INTEREST - LIBRARY	1,500	326	5,807	387.11%
(47148) MISC REVENUE	-	0	534	
(49110) LIBRARY EMPL BENEFITS REIMB	209,545		159,309	76.03%
	Budget	MTD	YTD	% Expended
Expenses	912,553	70,041	736,614	80.72%
PERSONNEL SERVICES	805,153	58,712	652,859	81.09%
(6100) ALL PERSONAL SERV	595,608	42,882	477,719	80.21%
(6129) FICA CONTRIB	36,929	2,584	28,817	78.03%
(6130) MEDICARE CONTRIBUTION	8,637	604	6,740	78.03%
(6131) CITY CONTRIB FOR IPERS	55,478	3,816	44,842	80.83%
(6137) GROUP INSURANCE	108,501	8,826	94,741	87.32%
CONTRACTUAL SUPPLIES & SVCS	94,900	10,758	76,055	80.14%
(6207) PROFESSIONAL FEES	1000	0	694	69.39%
(6249) POSTAGE	1,500	0	1,000	66.67%
(6251) FREIGHT	150	0	74	49.39%
(6259) MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	23,000	2,434	19,366	84.20%
(6264) EQUIPMENT-REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	10,000	5,560	10,391	103.91%
(6268) INTERNET SERVICES	3,000	55	1,800	59.98%
(6271) TELEPHONE SERVICE	800	86	766	95.79%
(6277) TRAVEL MEALS LODGING	450	0	0	0.00%
(6281) GAS/ELECTRICITY COMBINED	55,000	2,623	41,964	76.30%
COMMODITIES	12,500	570	7,701	61.61%
(6301) BUILDING SUPPLIES	7,500	570	3,862	51.49%
(6321) OPERATING/VEHICLE SUPPLIES	5,000	0	3,839	76.79%

CAPITAL PROJECTS	Budget	MTD	YTD	% Expended/Received
BUILDING FUND				
Revenues				
(46024) BOND PROCEEDS	550,000	0	0	
Expenses				
(6431) BUILDING RENOVATION	586,693	-	30,080	5.13%
PUBLIC LIBRARY STATE GRANT				
Revenues				
(43377) STATE GRANT, PUBLIC LIBRARY	3,000	0	3,361	112.05%
Expenses				
(6480) BOOKS, ADULT	3,000	0	3,242	108.06%
ENRICH IOWA FUNDS				
Revenues				
(43379) ENRICH IOWA GRANT	7,000	0	7,653	109.32%
Expenses				
(6480) BOOKS, ADULT	7,000	0	7,580	108.29%

SUMMER ADVENTURE SCHEDULE!

Held on Tuesday mornings (and one special Wednesday) in June and July.

Special library guests will be visiting and performing!

No ticket or registration is needed but all children must be with an adult/parent.



June



Tuesday, June 10th

10:00 : Laser Show

Discover the excitement of chemical reactions & see a high-powered laser in action with Absolute Science.

Tuesday, June 17th

10:00 : Butterfly Encounter Tents

Experience butterflies up close in butterfly tents and at interactive educational tables.



Two Special Adventures in One Week:

Tuesday, June 24th

10:00 – 12:00 : Bubble Stations

A special bubble solution and wands of many shapes and sizes for everyone to enjoy. This event will be held outside.



Wednesday, June 25th

10:00 : Dino O'Dell

Come listen to funny songs and stories about Planet Earth and the unique cultures and geography of all seven continents.



July

Tuesday, July 1st

10:00 : Webster County Conservation

Join us for all things bugs and insects as we partner with Webster County Conservation!

Tuesday, July 8th

10:00 : Bigger Bang Bubbles

The highly skilled bubbleologist will dazzle you with fire, bubble fog, and a nearly perfect cube bubble. This exciting show takes ordinary bubbles to the extreme!

Tuesday, July 15th

10:00 : Mikayla Oz, Magician

Back by popular demand! Magician Mikayla Oz and her incredible assistant Bubbles the Bird will amaze and entertain you with a nonstop blend of magic, music, and fun!

Tuesday, July 22nd

10:00 – 12:00 : Bubble Stations

Double the Bubbles! The special bubble solution will be back for a second time this summer. This event will be held outside.

Tuesday, July 29th

10:00 – 11:30 : Spock Sanctuary

Spock's Sanctuary, a Des Moines-based rescue organization dedicated to reptiles and amphibians will be bringing a variety of critters for you to meet up close, including animals such as snakes, geckos, large lizards, and turtles! A come and go event.



* Don't forget to check out our library apps such as Libby, Hoopla, and Freeding where parents and children can enjoy downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, comics, movies, TV shows, music, and more.

* You can also take advantage of Brainfuse, HelpNow, and Educate Station for tutoring, worksheets, activities, and more!

Find them on our website at www.fortdodgelibrary.org

FORT DODGE PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM

JUNE 2ND THROUGH AUGUST 23RD



Children's Department

(515) 573-8167

Visit Our Website for More Info:
fortdodgelibrary.org

Library Hours:

Monday 9:00am – 8:00pm

Tuesday-Friday 9:00am – 5:30pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Join us for a variety of activities designed to keep your child's mind engaged this summer and help them succeed when they return to school in the fall!

A special "Thank You!" to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring our 56th annual Summer Library Program.

Friends' memberships, the bookstore, and book sales fund many of the library's needs including all of the great children's programming we provide for the community.

For just \$10, you can join the Friends and help make the library a great place for everyone!

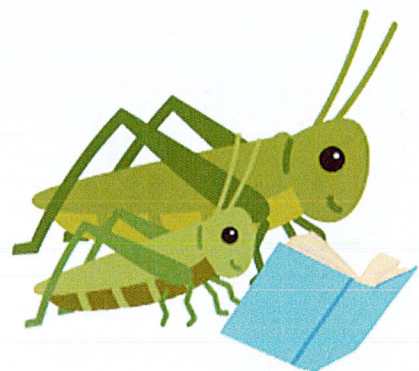
READING LOG FOR CHILDREN 2 - 14

- Children read (or have someone read to them) in 20-minute sessions for a total of four hours.
- Children also need to visit the library three times to receive stamps. Once their log is complete, children will earn a reward which includes a certificate for a free kid's cone at the Dariette. Sign them up for a log at the Children's Desk.



FAMILY ACTIVITY LOG

Complete 2 fun activities together each week for a chance to win a board game! Activities include things like reading and playing together. Pick up a Family Activity Log from the Children's Desk



LITTLE'S LOG BIRTH - 24 MONTHS

- New Reward! Do fun activities with your little one to encourage growth & skills development and earn your choice of a free kid's cone at the Dariette or a board book for your child. Sign up for their log at the Children's Desk.



GRAPHIC NOVEL CHALLENGE

Join our popular reading challenge for ages 8 - 14. Read a graphic novel from the library and enter for a chance to win a gift card to Target. Each book will be one entry. One lucky winner will be drawn weekly from Mid-June through Mid-August. Look for our stickers on graphic novels!



**THE LAST DAY TO TURN IN ALL LOGS WILL BE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD**



"WE LOVE BUGS" SUMMER ART CONTEST

Children can get creative and use their imagination to decorate our bug friends! Coloring sheets will be at the Children's Desk for them to pick up, take home, and decorate. When completed entries are returned to the library, they will be displayed for everyone to enjoy. Entries are due Monday, August 4th. Our favorites will win a gift certificate to Target!

FIND THE "FLYAWAY FRANKIE" POSTER

Every Monday, Flyaway Frankie will move to a new spot with a new password. Explore the whole library to find it! Read the password on the poster then fill out an entry slip at the Children's Desk with the correct password for a chance to win a weekly prize!

LOVE BUGS ESTIMATION JAR

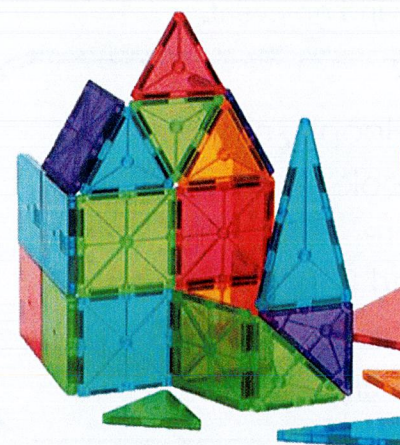
Our Summer Estimation Jar is filled with so many cute insects and hearts! Sharpen your estimation skills and submit your entry for how many items you think are in the jar. The child who submits the closest estimation will win a gift card to Target!



LIBRARY LEGO CHECKOUT CHALLENGE

When children ages 2-14 checkout a children's/juvenile library book with an adult present, they can get a cup of Legos they can then add to our Lego World! Please do not allow your child to move/remove Legos that have already been placed.

Let's see what we can create together!



MAGNETILE FUN DAYS!

Families and friends are invited to build with magnetiles on the floor. No registration is required, but space may be limited and will be offered on a first come basis with an emphasis on sharing. This is a self-directed program that requires children to be supervised by a caregiver.

Join us between 9:00-5:00 on the following Thursdays:

June 12th & 26th

July 10th & 24th

August 7th & 21st



**JUNE 2ND-
AUGUST 23RD**

GRAND PRIZE: \$50 GC DUNGEONS & DODGERS, \$50 GREEN
DRAGON BOOKSHOP, HAPPY DINOSAURS GAME
2ND: \$25 VISA GC & SPYDER GAME
3RD: \$25 VISA GIFT CARD

READING LOGS

- Register at the reference desk.--Open to students that have completed the 6th - 12th grades.
- You may count time read starting from the date you sign up.
- For every 4 hours (thru 12) that you read, you earn great prizes.
- To claim a prize-- return your log with your completed hours to the library's reference desk.
- For every 4 hours you read beyond 12, you will earn an additional entry in our grand prize drawings.
- To be eligible for the grand prize drawing your log(s) must be turned in by 8:00 pm Monday, August 26th.

LOST IN GOOGLE TRANSLATION

- Every Monday morning during the Summer Reading Program a translated book title will be posted for you to determine what the original title is.
- Teens are invited to submit their entry with the answer.
- You may simply guess or find the answer any way you want - except by asking library staff.
- You may submit an answer each time you visit the library.
- A winner will be drawn each week from all correct entries submitted for that week's photo.
- If there are no correct entries for a translation, a winner will be drawn from all entries submitted that week.
- Winners will receive a \$5 Snack Shack gift card & a messenger bag.

TRIVIA QUEST

- Every Monday morning during the Summer Reading Program a trivia question will be posted at the desk for you to answer.
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GUESSING JAR

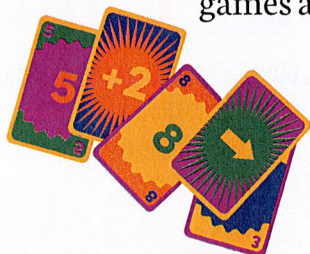
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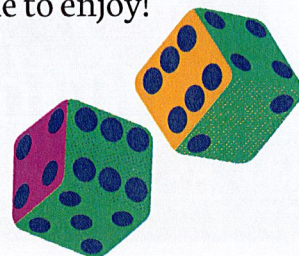


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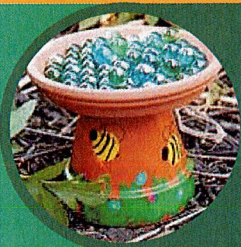
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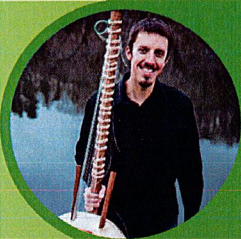


JUNE 9TH

6PM

**LEVEL UP YOUR
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Come in to paint a terracotta pot and make a pollinator watering station that bees and other pollinators can use to drink safely without drowning. Take it home and place it in your garden, on your deck, or windowsill! ****WHILE SUPPLIES LAST****



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JULY 24TH

6PM-7:30PM

**AFTER HOURS
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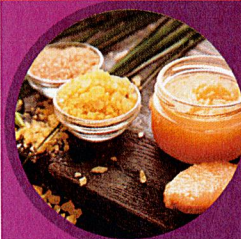


AUGUST 2ND

10:30AM

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AUGUST 11TH

5PM

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Step into our spa workshop and craft your own luxurious self-care essentials. Indulge in the art of creating sugar scrubs, lip balms, exfoliating scrubs, foot soak blends, and even a soothing oatmeal milk for your bath. Plus, don't miss out on the chance to win a fabulous door prize!

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LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY

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June 2nd-August 23rd



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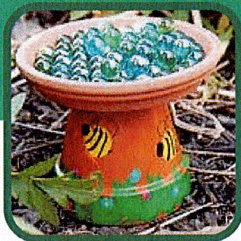
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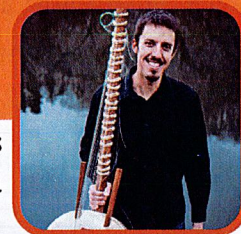
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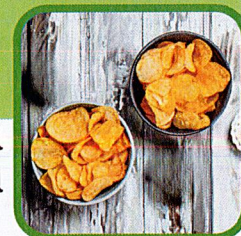
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