



HOURS AND LOCATIONS:

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**

1000 GRAND AVENUE

Mon-Wed: 9 AM - 8 PM

Thu - Fri: 9 AM - 6 PM

Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

Sun: 1 PM - 5 PM [SEPTEMBER - MAY]

PICK-UP WINDOW HOURS:

Mon - Fri: 4 PM - 6 PM

Sat: 3 PM - 5 PM

**FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY**

5000 FRANKLIN AVENUE

Mon-Thu: 10 AM - 8 PM

Fri: 1 PM - 6 PM

Sat: 10 AM - 5 PM Sun: CLOSED

**EAST SIDE LIBRARY**

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Mon-Thu: 10 AM - 8 PM

Fri: 1 PM - 6 PM

Sat: 10 AM - 5 PM Sun: CLOSED

**FOREST AVENUE LIBRARY**

1326 FOREST AVENUE

Mon: NOON - 8 PM

Tues - Thurs: 10 AM - 6 PM

Fri: CLOSED

Sat (1st/3rd): 10 AM - 5 PM Sun: CLOSED

**NORTH SIDE LIBRARY**

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Mon: NOON - 8 PM

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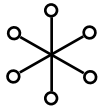
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COMING DOWN WITH JANUARY CABIN FEVER?

Wondering what you are going to do after the Christmas and Hanukkah gifts become "boring" or too many cold, snowy days have kept you inside? Make a date to visit the Central Library on January 10 and 24 at 1:30 PM. Children's Specialist, Sarah Early will "Read and Romp" with children ages 1-6. There will be games, stories, music and lots of room to move around. What a great way to get warm, burn up some energy, and catch up with friends!

MAKE A FRIEND

Saturday, December 10 11:00 AM | East Side Library | Friends of the East Side Library Meeting: Join us for the Friends quarterly meeting and holiday potluck. A business meeting will precede the potluck. Everyone is welcome.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE

Thursday, December 22 2:00 PM | East Side Library | Free Movie: See the sequel starring racecar Lightning McQueen and the incomparable tow-truck Mater. They head overseas to compete in the first-ever World Grand Prix to determine the world's fastest car. Runs 106 minutes, rated G. Bring your pillow and popcorn.



SHARE SOME FURRY TALES



Did you know that dogs love to listen to stories? The Central Library has several four-footed friends who are great listeners! Therapy dogs Remmy and Scout are on hand several Saturday's a month to listen to children read stories. It is great practice for kids just learning to read or for those who struggle and feel embarrassed to read aloud to a two-footed companion. Look for the footprints on our calendar to track when our furry friends will be visiting us at the library!

TEEN

PIZZA & PAGES

UPCOMING PIZZA AND PAGES READS:

December 6 Forest Avenue, 4:00 PM

Enclave, by Ann Aguirre

December 20 East Side, 4:00 PM

Graceling, by Kristin Cashore

December 19 Franklin, 4:00 PM

Hate List, by Jennifer Brown

December 21 North Side, 2:30 PM

One More Step, by Sheree Fitch



## EAGLES UP CLOSE

You may not be able to fly like an eagle but on January 28, at 1:00 - 3:00 PM, you will have a great opportunity to see an eagle up close. And you won't even have to stand out along the freezing river for a view! Our friends from S.O.A.R. (Saving our Avian Resources) will be visiting the Franklin Avenue Library. Watch a brief film about the natural history of eagles, share interesting facts about the eagles in Iowa, and ask questions about our national bird. This program is recommended for children ages 6 and up, as well as teens and adults.

## MEET EAGLE PHOTOGRAPHER TY SMEDES

Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 PM  
Franklin Avenue Library

If you loved watching the eagle cam last winter, don't miss Ty Smedes' fascinating slide show of photos from his new book, *The Return of Iowa's Bald Eagles*.

In 1977, Iowa recorded its first bald eagle nest in seventy-two years and, amazingly, just a little more than three decades later, 253 young were reared across eighty-eight counties during 2010. Smedes's newest book chronicles this conservation success story and details the bald eagle's recovery in Iowa. His spectacular color photographs capture the power, grace and majesty of the bald eagle as it has returned to prominence in Iowa.

## LIBRARY CLOSURES

All six locations of the Des Moines Public Library will be closed:

### Thanksgiving:

Thursday, Friday, November 24, 25

### Christmas:

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday  
December 23, 24, 25, and December 26

### 2012

#### New Year's Day:

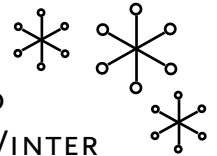
Sunday and Monday, January 1, 2

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

Monday, January 16



## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE WINTER

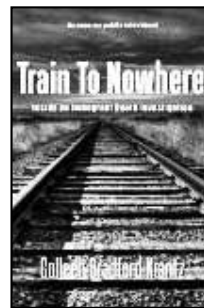


You can find a storm of children's activities in our six library locations this winter—so many, in fact, that we might build a snowman. Pictured at left is Lilliana, 20 months, who stopped by the Central Library to see our *Frosty, the Snowman* tree!

Your neighborhood library is a great place for families and kids of all ages! Warm up at one of the library's free storytimes. Stop by after school to enjoy a Make-It-and-Take-It Craft. Pick up a movie and snuggle in with the family on those cold stormy nights. Mark your calendar and plan to stop by for some of our special holiday activities, too!

On December 12 at 4:00 PM, the Forest Avenue Library will host a special holiday program for children ages six and up. Bring your school-age child for exciting crafts and treats and get in a festive mood.

The Central, Franklin Avenue, and South Side Libraries all have Crafty Readers programs now for children, ages three-eight years old. These afterschool programs consist of a fun story and a simple craft. Upcoming programs will feature winter and holiday themes. Check the kid's pages for the schedule of upcoming dates and events.



## MEET THE AUTHOR!

Local writer Colleen Bradford Krantz will discuss her book, *Train to Nowhere*, at a free event at the Central Library on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 PM. The presentation is co-hosted by the Iowa International Center and the DMPL.

Krantz' book tells the story of eleven undocumented immigrants who were locked inside a baking railcar by smugglers and left to die a horrific death. The railcar was finally discovered in the farming community of Denison, Iowa, where newspaper and television reporters descended after the bodies were discovered, all seeking the story behind the deaths. *Train to Nowhere*

- part crime story and part immigration perspective - is an intimate portrait of those connected to the 2002 railcar deaths of eleven Central Americans and Mexicans.



Last year's contest winners are pictured with Marcus McIntosh from KCCI

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CELEBRATION

Join the Friends of the Forest Avenue Library for their annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration on Monday, January 16, at 2:00 PM\*. Special guests will include Marcus McIntosh from KCCI-TV and the winners of the annual essay contest. There will be a reception following the event.

\*All six locations of the DMPL will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please enter the Forest Avenue Library via their meeting room door.



- 01 (Thu) 11:30 AM | Central Library | FDO Online Professional Orientation For Nonprofits:** Seekers can learn how to use FDO (Foundation Directory Online) Professional, a database of Private Foundations that may have grant money available for nonprofit organizations. Computer Lab, 2nd Floor. Space is limited. Preregister.
- (Thu) 1:00 PM | South Side Library Book Discussion:** Join us for a discussion of *The Tower, the Zoo, and the Tortoise*, by Julia Stuart. Ask at the information desk for a copy of the book. Bring holiday treats to share.
- 04 (Sun) 1:00 PM | Central Library | Sunday Bridge Club:** Practice playing bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister. Call for more details at 515-283-4957.
- 05 (Mon) 1:00 PM | Central Library Opportunity Is Knocking:** Job Assistance Program. Learn how to use the computer to search and apply for a job. Second Floor Computer Lab.
- (Mon) 6:00 PM | Central Library Writers' Workshop:** Join us for an informal writers' workshop. Share your favorite book with the group. Meeting Room One. Preregister.
- 06 (Tu) 12:00 PM | Central Library | ICIU:** Pioneer Dialogue. "From Iowa to Ambassador"- Former U.S. Ambassador Mary Kramer.
- 07 (Wed) 6:00 PM | Central Library Evening Bridge Club:** Practice playing bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.
- 10 (Sat) 2:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library Friends of the Franklin Avenue Library meeting:** Join the Friends at their quarterly meeting to discuss upcoming activities and volunteer opportunities. New members are welcome.
- (Sat) 11:00 AM | East Side Library Friends of the East Side Library meeting and Holiday potluck:** Join us for our quarterly meeting followed by a potluck.
- 11 (Sun) 1:00 PM | Central Library | Sunday Bridge Club:** Practice playing bridge on Sundays in the Café Gallery. Preregister. Call Laura for more details at 515-283-4957.
- 12 (Mon) 2:00 PM | Central Library Opportunity Is Knocking:** Job Assistance Program. Learn how to use the computer to search and apply for a job. Second Floor Computer Lab.
- 13 (Tu) 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library Book Discussion:** Discuss your favorite books of the year.
- (Tu) 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library Going Green at Franklin:** Junk Refunkery. Dori Austin will talk about repurposing "junk" into refunked items. Dori will also bring items to make a holiday ornament. Preregister.
- 14 (Wed) 6:00 PM | Central Library Evening Bridge Club:** Play bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.
- 15 (Thu) 4:00 PM | East Side Library Computer Class:** Expand your Internet skills! Drop in for a quick class on "More than Basic Internet Searching." Preregister.
- 18 (Sun) 1:00 PM | Central Library | Sunday Bridge Club:** Practice playing bridge on Sundays in the Café Gallery. Preregister. Call Laura for more details at 515-283-4957.
- 19 (Mon) 1:00 PM | Central Library Opportunity Is Knocking:** Job Assistance Program. Second Floor Computer Lab.
- (Mon) 6:00 PM | Central Library Literacy in a Different Way:** Discuss nonfiction books that have had an impact on your life. Study Room One. Preregister.
- (Mon) 7:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library Book Discussion:** *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana de Rosnay. Please ask for a copy at the desk.
- 21 (Wed) 2:00 PM | East Side Library | Book Discussion:** Join us for a discussion of *Remarkable Creatures*, by Tracy Chevalier. Books may be borrowed up at the library. Treats provided.
- (Wed) 6:00 PM | Central Library Evening Bridge Club:** Play bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.
- 28 (Wed) 6:00 PM | Central Library Evening Bridge Club:** Play bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.

## New Programs at Franklin Avenue

The staff at the Franklin Avenue Library is so excited to be back in their newly renovated building that they have planned many new programs for children, teens, and even tweens!

**CHILDREN** – in addition to their many story times and crafty reader programs, the staff now conducts Saturday Special programs. These programs can focus on anything from a make-it-and-take-it craft to a Pirate Party to a visit from furry or feathery friends. Check our calendar for these events.

**TWEENS** – are the in-between age, too big for story times and not quite ready for some of the teen programs. They still enjoy the library and we love to have them participate. Tween/Teen specialist Sara Erickson is developing some special events for these 8-12 year olds. These programs include such opportunities as soapmaking, sharpie tie dye projects, and Wii and Kinect gaming.

These programs are held twice a month on Thursday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 PM. Check kid's pages for the schedule of upcoming dates and events.

**TEENS** – can now enjoy Pizza and Pages booktalks. This program is already popular at South Side, East Side and Forest, and everyone is excited about bringing it to Franklin. The next discussion is on Monday, December 19 at 4:00 PM. The book everyone will discuss is *Hate List*, by Jennifer Brown. Interested teens can pick up books at the Library.

**GREEN PROGRAMS** – children, teens, and adults of all ages are enjoying the green programs at Franklin, from crafts using recycled materials, to films about the environment, and displays on gardening. There is even a special DART program planned for teens on how taking the bus can make us "green." During this program students will learn how to read the bus schedule charts, use DART's online services, and what to do to get a student pass.





# JANUARY

To preregister for programs visit [www.dmpl.org](http://www.dmpl.org) and click on events calendar or call 515.283.4152.

- 04 (Wed) 6:00 PM | Central Library  
**Evening Bridge Club:** Play bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.
- 05 (Thu) 1:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library  
**Book Discussion:** Discuss *At Home: a Short History of Private Life*, by Bill Bryson. Ask at the information desk to borrow a copy of the book.  
(Thu) 2:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library  
**Opportunity Is Knocking:** Job Assistance Program.
- 08 (Sun) 1:00 PM | Central Library | Sunday  
**Bridge Club:** Practice playing bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.
- 09 (Mon) 1:00 PM | Central Library  
**Opportunity Is Knocking:** Job Assistance Program. Learn how to use the computer to search and apply for a job. Second Floor Computer Lab.  
(Mon) 2:00 PM | North Side Library  
**Book Discussion:** Discussion of *The Glass Castle*, by Jeannette Walls. Copies of the book are available at the desk the month before the discussion.  
(Mon) 6:00 PM | Central Library  
**Writers' Workshop:** Share your favorite book with the group. Meeting Room One. Preregister.
- 10 (Tu) 6:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library  
**Book Discussion:** Discuss *Saving Cee Cee Honeycut*, by Beth Hoffman. Ask at the information desk to borrow a copy.
- 11 (Wed) 3:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library |  
**Going Green at Franklin:** Vermicomposting. Local gardener and vermicomposter shares the ways of using earthworms to convert organic waste into rich, fertile soil.  
(Wed) 6:00 PM | Central Library  
**Evening Bridge Club:** Practice playing bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.
- 12 (Thu) 2:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library  
**Opportunity Is Knocking:** Job Assistance Program.
- 14 (Sat) 9:15 AM | Central Library | Civic  
**Engagement at the Library:** How can we help more students graduate from high school? Citizens have the opportunity to discuss this public issue in a moderated forum. Meeting Room Wing. Preregister. (Limited to 25 registrants)

- 15 (Sun) 1:00 PM | Central Library | Sunday  
**Bridge Club:** Playing bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.
- 18 (Wed) 2:00 PM | East Side Library | Book  
**Discussion:** Discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot. Ask to borrow a copy. Treats provided.  
(Wed) 6:00 PM | Central Library  
**Evening Bridge Club:** Practice playing bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.
- 19 (Thu) 2:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library  
**Opportunity Is Knocking:** Job Assistance Program.  
(Thu) 4:00 PM | East Side Library  
**Computer Class:** Learn about our automotive database that will help both the professional and amateur mechanic. Sign-up for a one hour class. Preregister.
- 22 (Sun) 1:00 PM | Central Library | Sunday  
**Bridge Club:** Practice playing bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.
- 23 (Mon) 1:00 PM | Central Library  
**Opportunity Is Knocking:** Job Assistance Program. Second Floor Computer Lab.  
(Mon) 7:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library  
**Book Discussion:** *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, by Jamie Ford. Please ask for a copy at the desk. All are welcome!
- 24 (Tu) 6:30 PM | Central Library  
**Author Visit:** Colleen Bradford Krantz. Colleen Bradford Krantz will share her experiences in writing, *Train to Nowhere: Inside an Immigrant Death Investigation*. Cosponsored by the Iowa International Center. Meeting Room Wing.
- 25 (Wed) 6:00 PM | Central Library  
**Evening Bridge Club:** Practice playing bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.  
(Wed) 6:00 PM | Central Library  
**Literacy in a Different Way:** *Crazy in America*. The League of Women Voters and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will cosponsor a book study of *Crazy in America: The Hidden Tragedy of Our Criminalized Mentally Ill*, by Mary Beth Pfeiffer. Meeting Room One. Preregister.
- 26 (Thu) 2:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library  
**Opportunity Is Knocking:** Job Assistance Program.

- 29 (Sun) 1:00 PM | Central Library | Sunday  
**Bridge Club:** Practice playing bridge in the Café Gallery. Preregister.
- 30 (Mon) 1:00 PM | Central Library  
**Opportunity Is Knocking:** Job Assistance Program. Second Floor Computer Lab.

## Opportunity is Knocking!

Check out the free job assistance program offered at the **Forest Avenue Library\*** every Thursday from 2:00 - 4:00 PM and at the **Central Library** on Mondays from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Learn how to use the computer to search and apply for jobs.

Sponsored by Iowans for Social and Economic Development (ISED). \* Ten per session limit.



Libraries are known for having facts, but customers at these DMPL branches can also find a FAX machine. East Side Library began offering a public fax machine last year and found that customers really appreciate the

service. Now, the Franklin Avenue Library and South Side Library customers can also fax at their library.

COST: \$1.50 for first page  
\$1.00 for each subsequent page.

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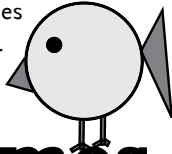


## COMPUTER CLASSES

Most DMPL locations offer computer classes.

Call 283-4152 ext. 3 for details.

There will be no storytimes  
December 19 - January 3.



## Weekly Storytimes

### Baby Rhyme Time

[ages 0 - 18 mo.] [\*Franklin 0-12 mo] Occurs weekly for babies and caregivers featuring rhymes, songs, bouncing, and a story.

**Central Library** - Fridays, 10:00 AM

\***Franklin Ave. Library** - Tuesdays, 10:15 AM

**South Side Library** - Tuesdays, 10:15 AM

### Fun with Ones Rhyme Time

[ages 12-24 months] **NEW!** The perfect story time for new walkers. Stories, songs, rhymes, and wiggle time.

**Franklin Ave. Library**: Thursdays, 10:15 AM

### Family Storytime [entire family]

Bring the entire family together early in the evening for fun stories. You can even wear your jammies!

**South Side Library** - Mondays, 6:30 PM

### Toddler Storytime

[ages 18 mo.-3] [\*Franklin 2 year olds]

Introduce children to books with fun activities like finger plays and songs.

**Central Library** - Wednesday (new):

Day Cares - 10:00 AM / Families - 10:30 AM

\***Franklin Ave. Library** Wednesdays:

10:15 AM and 10:50 AM

**South Side Library** - Wednesdays,

10:00 AM and 10:45 AM

### Preschool Storytime

[ages 3-6] Encourages children to make new friends and develop their imaginations.

All six library locations offer regularly scheduled preschool storytimes to fit the scheduling needs of daycares, parents, and other caregivers.

**Central Library** - Thursdays (new):

Day Cares -10:00 AM / Families-10:30 AM

**East Side Library** - Thursdays, 10:30 AM

**Franklin Ave. Library** - Mondays, 10:15 AM

**Forest Ave. Library** - Wednesdays, 10:15 AM

**North Side Library** - Tuesdays, 10:30 AM

**South Side Library** - Thursdays, 10:00 AM

## DECEMBER

**01 (Thu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Tween Gaming:** (ages 8-12) Play Wii on the big screen! Snacks provided.

**03 (Sat) 11:00 AM | Central Library | Furry Tales:** Exercise your reading skills with Remmy, the therapy dog. Sign up for a ten minute slot and share a great book with a four-legged friend. Children's Area.

**(Sat) 11:00 AM | Central Library | Make-It-And-Take-It Craft:** Start the holiday season by making a pop-up card to send to someone special. Children's Area.

**(Sat) 2:00 PM | Central Library | Furry Tales:** Read with Scout, the therapy dog. Sign up for a ten minute slot and share a great book with a four-legged friend. Children's Area.

**05 (Mon) 4:00 PM | North Side Library**  
**Passport to Adventure:** (ages 8-12) Join the adventure and explore the many cultures of the world. Next stop: Ireland.

**06 (Tu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) Join us for Green Our Holidays. We'll read a fun story, and make a craft using recycled materials.

**07 (Wed) 2:30 PM | Central Library | Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) We'll read *Snow Globe Family*, by Jane O'Connor and create a wonderful winter picture with crayons and watercolors. Storytime Room.

**10 (Sat) 2:30 PM | Central Library | Saturday Specials:** (ages 3-10) Make a cute reindeer gift pot to give someone special this winter. Preregister. Children's Area.

**12 (Mon) 4:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library**  
**Holiday Celebration:** (ages 6-up) 'Tis the season to celebrate! Join us for fun holiday crafts and treats.

**13 (Tu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) Join us for Green Our Holidays. We'll read a fun story, and then make a craft using recycled materials.

**15 (Thu) 4:00 PM | Central Library**  
**Booktalking the Battle Books:** (ages 8-up) This month we will discuss *Danger Box* and *Turtle in Paradise*. Preregister. Meeting Room One.

**(Thu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Tween D.I.Y. Craft:** (ages 8-12) Make your own soap! Preregister.

**15 (Thu) 4:00 PM | South Side Library**  
**Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) We'll read *The Great Reindeer Rebellion*, by Lisa Trumbauer and make a reindeer craft.

**17 (Sat) 11:00 AM | Central Library | Furry Tales:** Exercise your reading skills with Scout, the therapy dog. Stop by the children's desk to sign up for a ten minute slot and share a great book with a four-legged friend. Children's Area.

**(Sat) 11:00 AM | Central Library | Make-It-And-Take-It Craft:** Make a snowman gift bag. Children's Area.

**19-22 (Mon-Thu) 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**East Side Library: Make-It-And-Take-It Craft:** Make a special craft for the holiday.

**19 (Mon) 4:00 PM | North Side Library**  
**Duck, Duck, Dewey:** (ages 8-12) Learn about the Dewey Decimal system through games and other fun activities.

**20 (Tu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) Green Our Holidays. We'll read a fun story, and make a craft with recycled materials.

**27 (Tu) 2:30 PM | Central Library**  
**Construction Zone:** We provide interlocking blocks to create something cool! Meeting Room 3.

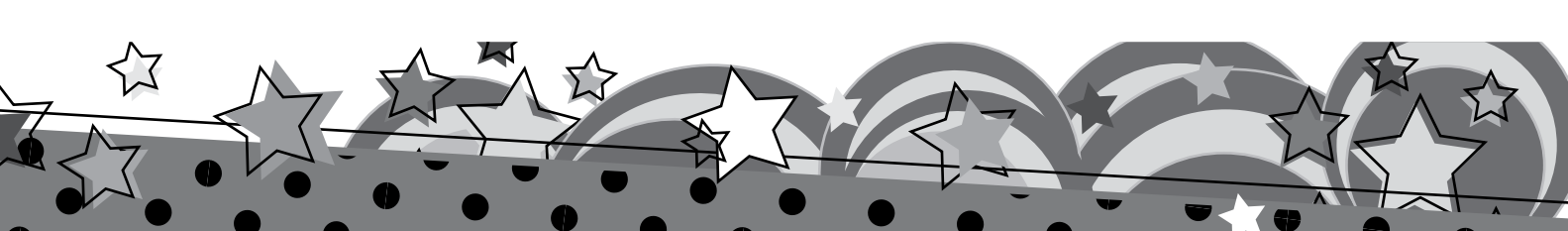
**(Tu) 1:00PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Winter Break Special:** Ring in the New Year and make a noise maker from recycled bottles. Kid's Area.

**28 (Wed) 10:00 AM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Winter Break Special:** Need a break from the holidays? Check out a board game in our Kid's Area, and have some fun. For children and their families.

**29 (Thu) 2:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Winter Break Special:** (ages 6-12) It's construction time! We'll have some interlocking blocks just waiting to be built into something really cool. Meeting room.

**30 (Fri) 1:00 PM | Central Library | Board Game Bonanza:** Pick out a fun board game to play. Children's Area.

**31 (Sat) 11:00 AM | Central Library | Make-It-And-Take-It Craft:** Ring in the New Year with your very own noise maker. Children's Area.



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**03 (Tu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) We'll read *Waiting for Winter* and make a snowman.

**04 (Wed) 2:30 PM | Central Library | Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) We'll read *Duck at the Door*, by Jackie Urbanovic and do a fun craft. Storytime Room.

**07 (Sat) 11:00 AM | Central Library | Furry Tales:** Exercise your reading skills with Remmy, the therapy dog. Stop by the children's desk to sign up for a ten minute slot and share a great book with a four-legged friend. Children's Area.

**(Sat) 11:00 AM | Central Library | Make-It-And-Take-It Craft:** Make a cute penguin pal to take home. Children's Area.

**(Sat) 2:00 PM | Central Library | Furry Tales:** Read to Scout, the therapy dog. Stop by the children's desk to sign up for a ten minute slot. Children's Area.

**09-12 (Mon-Thu) 2:00 PM | East Side Library | Make-It-And-Take-It Craft:** New Year's Craft. Children may stop by any time Monday-Thursday, from 2:00 PM-8:00 PM to make a special craft celebrating 2012!

**09 (Mon) 4:00 PM | North Side Library**  
**Passport to Adventure:** (ages 8-12) Join the adventure and explore the many cultures of the world. Next stop: Norway.

**10 (Tu) 1:30 PM | Central Library | Read and Romp:** (ages 1-6) Cabin Fever? Come to the library for games, singing, stories and a lots of room to move. In Meeting Rooms 1, 2, and 3.

**(Tu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) We'll read a book about water and why it is important to our bodies. Everyone will get a water bottle holder to decorate!

**12 (Thu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Tween Gaming:** (ages 8-12) Kids are invited to play Kinect on the big screen! Snacks provided.

**14 (Sat) 11:00 AM | Central Library | Make-It-And-Take-It Craft:** Chinese New Year is January 23. Get ready for the celebration by making a paper lantern. Kid's Area.

**(Sat) 1:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Make-It-And-Take-It Craft:** Waiting for snow? Make your very own snowman. Children's area.

**17 (Tu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) We'll read *Green Wilma* and make a frog craft. Kid's Area.

**19 (Thu) 4:00 PM | Central Library**  
**Booktalking the Battle Books:** (age 8-up) Get a jump on the Battle of the Books booklist! This month we will discuss *Here Lies the Librarian* and *Murder at Midnight*. Join us for snacks, crafts, and games! Open to any kid who loves reading! Preregister. Meeting Room One.

**(Thu) 4:00 PM | South Side Library**  
**Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) We'll read *Katy and the Big Snow*, by Virginia Lee Burton and make a snow craft.

**21 (Sat) 11:00 AM | Central Library | Furry Tales:** Exercise your reading skills with Scout, the therapy dog. Stop by the children's desk to sign up for a ten minute slot and share a great book with a four-legged friend. Children's Area.

**(Sat) 11:00 AM | Central Library | Make-It-And-Take-It Craft:** Warm the heart of a soldier in Afghanistan. Come to the Children's Area and make Valentine cards. We will send one to a Marine and you can make one to keep. We'll mail the cards just in time to arrive on Valentine's Day.

**23 (Mon) 4:00 PM | North Side Library**  
**Duck, Duck, Dewey:** (ages 8-12) Learn about the Dewey Decimal system through games and other fun activities.

**24 (Tu) 1:30 PM | Central Library | Read and Romp:** (ages 1-6) Cabin Fever? Come to the library for games, singing, stories and lots of room to move. In Meeting Rooms 1, 2, and 3.

**(Tu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) Ring in the Chinese New Year! We will read *Mouse Match* and make a Chinese dragon puppet. Kid's Area.

**26 (Thu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Tween D.I.Y. Craft:** (ages 8-12) Sharpie tie-dye! Kids can make their own Sharpie tie-dye creations. Snacks provided. Preregister.

**28 (Sat) 11:00 AM | Central Library | Make-It-And-Take-It Craft:** Make a Sparking Ice Crystal. Children's Area.

**(Sat) 1:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Make-It-And-Take-It Craft:** Celebrate the Chinese New Year and make a Dragon puppet. Kid's Area.

**(Sat) 1:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library | Saturday Specials:** (age 6-up) S.O.A.R. (Saving Our Avian Resources) will be on hand to talk about eagles, and best of all they'll bring one of their education eagles for us to see. Watch a movie about the natural history of eagles at 1:00 PM. Ask questions, and meet an eagle up close. Meeting Room.

**31 (Tu) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library**  
**Crafty Readers:** (ages 3-8) We will read *No Biting Louise* and make an alligator craft. Kid's Area.



### MUSIC PROGRAMS AT THE FRANKLIN AVENUE LIBRARY

5000 Franklin Avenue | Meeting Room

Join staff of the Iowa Youth Chorus' Beginnings Early Childhood Music Program for a demonstration music class. Come prepared to sing, move, listen and play percussion instruments and learn how music benefits young children. Limit 15 children. Preregister.

**Toddlers** (ages 15 months-3)  
Thursday, January 5, at 10:00 AM  
Saturday, January 7, at 10:00 AM

**Baby** (0-18 month)  
Saturday, January 7, 10:45 AM

**Preschool** (ages 4-5)  
Monday, January 9 6:30 PM

Questions? Email Stephanie at [slfruhling@dmpl.org](mailto:slfruhling@dmpl.org).



DECEMBER

05 (Mon) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library
Teen e-Lounge: Teens can come and use laptops, iPads, and much more to play games, work on homework, or just hang out! Snacks provided.

06 (Tu) 4:00 PM | East Side Library | Teen Activity: It's food time! We'll have all the ingredients to make and eat some tasty treats. Preregister.

(Tu) 4:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library
Teen Book Discussion: (ages 13-18) Pizza & Pages. Students can join in a discussion of Enclave, by Ann Aguirre. Pizza available to discussion participants.

07 (Wed) 2:00 PM | Central Library | Mixed Media: Teen Fine Arts Club. Are you a teen who enjoys writing or drawing? Do you want to share your talents with other local teens? Bring your poems, stories, quotes, pictures, comic strips, and other musings to the library. If you have questions, e-mail Brenda at bkhall@dmpl.org.

(Wed) 2:00 PM | South Side Library
Mixed Media: (ages 12-18) Teen Fine Arts Club. Are you a teen who enjoys writing or drawing? Do you want to share your talents with other local teens? Bring your poems, stories, quotes, pictures, comic strips, and other musings to the library. If you have questions, email Sarah at smscholten@dmpl.org. Snacks provided.

(Wed) 2:30 PM | Franklin Avenue Library
Green Teens--Green My Holiday: (ages 8-18) Green My Holiday Open House! Teens and tweens are invited to make some fun holiday gifts and decorations using recycled materials. Snacks provided. Preregister.

(Wed) 2:30 PM | North Side Library
Teen D.I.Y. Craft: Tie Dye. (ages 12-18) Students can stop by to create a tie-dye backpack or t-shirt just in time for holiday gifts! Supplies and snacks provided.

12 (Mon) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library
Teen Advisory Board: Discuss books, develop program ideas, and discuss other issues involving teens. Snacks provided and new members are welcome!

13 (Tu) 3:00 PM | South Side Library
Teen Activity: (ages 12-18) Game time at your library: Apples to Apples! Snacks provided.

13 (Tu) 4:00 PM | East Side Library | Teen D.I.Y. Craft: (grades 8-12) Hardware Jewelry. Learn how to make some cool jewelry from nuts and bolts to keep or give as gifts. Preregister.

(Tu) 4:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library
Teen and Tween Internet Cafe: (ages 12-18) Students are invited to use our laptops for homework and socializing. Limited to fifteen students.

14 (Wed) 2:00 PM | Central Library | Teen Gaming: Come to the library and play Rock Band on Xbox 360 and Wii on the BIG screens. Space will also be provided to duel, so be sure to bring your Yu-Gi-Oh! decks. Meeting Room Wing.

(Wed) 2:30 PM | North Side Library
Teen and Tween Internet Cafe: (ages 12-18) Students are invited to use our laptops to work on homework or socialize. Limited to sixteen students.

19 (Mon) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library | Teen Book Discussion: (grades 8-12) Pizza & Pages! Join us for pizza and a discussion of the book Hate List, by Jennifer Brown. Copies of the book will be available at the information desk.

20 (Tu) 3:00 PM | South Side Library | Teen D.I.Y. Craft: (ages 12-18) Shrinky Dinks. Teens can use 'shrinky dink' supplies to create earrings, magnets, and much more! Snacks provided.

(Tu) 4:00 PM | East Side Library | Teen Book Discussion: (grades 8-12) Pizza & Pages. Discuss Graceling, by Kristin Cashore. Pizza will be available for discussion participants. Pick up a copy of the book at the library.

(Tu) 4:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library
Teen D.I.Y. Craft: (ages 12-18) Seashell gift. Students can use library supplies to create a seashell themed gift just in time for the holidays. Snacks provided.

21 (Wed) 2:00 PM | Central Library | Teen D.I.Y. Craft: (ages 12-19) Shrinky Dinks. Students can use 'shrinky dink' supplies to create earrings, magnets and much more!

21 (Wed) 2:00 PM | South Side Library
Teen Book Discussion: (Grades 6-9). Teen B.Y.O. Book Club (Bring Your Own): Discuss your favorite books and hot new reads - your book, your choice! Bring along a book you've read and get suggestions from other teens about must read books. Snacks provided.

(Wed) 2:30 PM | North Side Library
Teen Book Discussion: (ages 13-18) Pizza & Pages. Enjoy pizza and discussion of One More Step, by Sheree Fitch.

27 (Tu) 4:00 PM | East Side Library | Teen and Tween Gaming: It's Wii gaming time on the big screen. Bring your friends!

(Tu) 4:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library
Teen and Tween Gaming: (ages 12-18) Hang out and play Wii or join in a group game. Snacks provided.

28 (Wed) 2:00 PM | Central Library | Teen Anime Club: (grade 8-12) Do you eat, breathe, and sleep Japanese anime or manga? If so, this club is for you. Watch episodes of popular anime and discuss new manga titles. Popcorn and Pocky are provided. Meeting Room One.

(Wed) 2:30 PM | North Side Library
Teen and Tween Gaming: (ages 12-18) Students are invited to play Wii or join in a group game. Snacks provided.



The Central Library and South Side Library now offer Mixed Media programs once a month for creative and talented teens. Bring your poems, stories, pictures, comic strips, quotes and other musings to the library. Share your talents with other teens, receive feedback about your work, and develop some new ideas. The next event is on Wednesday, December 7 at 2:00 PM at the Central Library.

- 03 (Tu) 3:00 PM | South Side Library | Teen Gaming:** (ages 12-18) It's Wii time! Come play at the library. Snacks provided.
- (Tu) 4:00 PM | East Side Library | Teen Activity:** Have you ever dreamed of being Willy Wonka? Now's your chance. Come make candy all your own. Preregister.
- (Tu) 4:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library Teen Book Discussion:** (ages 13-18) Pizza & Pages. Students can join in a discussion of *Bite of the Mango*, by Mariatu Kamara. Pizza available to discussion participants.
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- 09 (Mon) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library Teen Advisory Board:** Discuss books, develop program ideas, and discuss other issues involving teens. Snacks provided and new members are welcome!
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- (Tu) 4:00 PM | East Side Library | Teen D.I.Y. Craft:** (grades 8-12) Chinese New Year. Students are invited to help us ring in the year of the dragon! Games and snacks related to the Chinese New Year will be provided. Preregister.
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- 17 (Tu) 3:00 PM | South Side Library | Teen Gaming:** (ages 12-18) Rock out at the library with Rock Band! Snacks provided.
- (Tu) 4:00 PM | East Side Library | Teen Book Discussion:** (grades 8-12) Pizza & Pages. Discuss *Adoration of Jenna Fox*, by Mary Pearson. Pizza will be available for discussion participants. Pick up a copy of the book at the library.
- (Tu) 4:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library Teen Activity:** (age 12-18) Blink Card Game Tournament. Students can join in this lightning fast card game tournament. Snacks and prizes available to participants.
- 18 (Wed) 2:00 PM | Central Library | Teen D.I.Y. Craft:** Cooking with Chocolate. Learn how to make chocolates using fun colors and candy molds. All supplies will be provided.
- (Wed) 2:30 PM | North Side Library Teen Book Discussion:** Pizza & Pages. (age 13-18) Enjoy pizza and discussion of *My Time as Caz Hazard*, by Tanya Lloyd Kyi.
- 23 (Mon) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library Teen Activity:** Celebrate the Chinese New Year with chopstick relay races, and a fortune cookie craft. Learn about your Chinese Zodiac sign. Preregister.
- 24 (Tu) 3:00 PM | South Side Library | Teen D.I.Y. Craft:** (age 12-18) African Paper Beads. Do you like to create jewelry and key chains? Come make rolled paper beads and design your own necklaces, earrings, and more! Snacks provided.
- (Tu) 4:00 PM | East Side Library | Teen and Tween Gaming:** It's Wii gaming time on the big screen. Bring your friends!
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- 30 (Mon) 4:00 PM | Franklin Avenue Library Green Teens--Ride the Bus:** Learn about DART bus routes, student passes, and how you can be "green" by taking the bus. Snacks provided!
- 31 (Tu) 3:00 PM | South Side Library Teen Book Discussion:** (age 12-18) Pizza & Pages. Enjoy a lively discussion of *Divergent*, by Veronica Roth. Books available at the information desk. Pizza and beverages provided!
- (Tu) 4:00 PM | East Side Library | Teen D.I.Y. Craft:** Duct Tape (grades 8-12) Think duct tape's just for ducts (or ducks)? Think again. Make wallets, flowers, bookmarks, or use your imagination to create your individualized duct tape craft. Preregister.
- (Tu) 4:00 PM | Forest Avenue Library Teen and Tween Gaming:** (age 12-18) Students are invited to hang out and play Wii or join in a group game. Snacks provided.