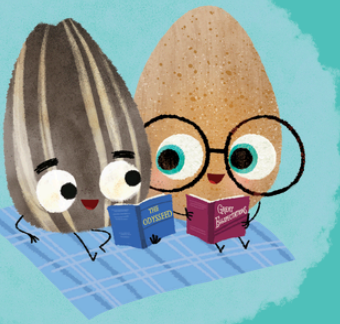


Summer Reading 2026

Program Guide





HOURS:

Mon–Thurs: 9AM–7PM

Fri–Sat: 9AM–4PM

Sun: CLOSED

SUMMER CLOSURES:

Friday, June 19th

Friday, July 3rd

Saturday, July 4th

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Programs marked with a * require registration. Register online at adel.lib.ia.us or contact the library for assistance.

Children under the age of 8 must be supervised by and adult.

Special Events

Crafty Monday

Monday, June 1st @1pm: Bean Mosaics

Monday June 15th @1pm: Grass Head Planters

Monday, June 22nd @1pm: Pin Buttons

Monday, July 6th @1pm: Perler Beads

Monday, July 13th @1pm: Rock Painting

Monday, July 20th @1pm: Suncatchers

Dinosaur Loose in the Library Show feat. Author Kelly Crull

Thursday, June 4th @1pm

Look out! A dinosaur is loose in the library, and he has razor-sharp claws, bone-crushing jaws, and...feathers??? Come and see for yourself! Join Iowa author Kelly Crull for a silly, surprising STEM storytime adventure based on his new book, *The Chick-o-saurus!* Perfect for ages 4-10 and their families.

Will Stuck's Adventure in the Absurd Show

Monday, June 8th @1pm

Stories, songs, science and silliness abound! Take a journey into Will's high energy and hilarious M.E.S.S. (Music, Education, Stories & Science). Each performance features a story, a song, a science experiment, silliness and plenty of audience participation.

Robison Reptiles

Thursday, June 18th @1pm

Come to the library and meet the reptiles of the Robison family! This program is educational, interactive, and if time allows, hands-on!



ALL AGES

Special Events

Family Concert: Wilderman's Treetop Tales with Chad Elliott

Tuesday, June 23rd @6pm

Songwriter and children's author Chad Elliott will perform songs from his "Wilderman's Treetop Tales" album. His interdisciplinary offering of art, music, and writing will allow the whole family to embrace wild imagination.

This event is off-site at the Community Stage and Pavilion.

All Ages Games & Donuts*

Saturday, June 27th @9am-12pm

Wake up with all-ages board games, donuts, and coffee! The Dealt Hand will bring a large selection of board games for all ages and will be ready to help you choose one and learn to play. ***This is a registered event.***

Skippy The Drum Machine

Monday, June 29th @2pm

Led by Luke "Skippy" Harbur, you'll learn how music is made through the voice, body, and beatboxing! Make silly sounds, wiggle your body, and leave with tools for how to make your own music! No experience necessary: no matter your age, this program proves we are all smarter, kinder, and better together!

Cartooning Workshop with Buck Jones*

Thursday, July 2nd @1pm

Illustrator Buck Jones is going to teach you everything you need to know to start drawing your own cartoons and comics! We'll provide the supplies, you bring the creativity.

This is a registered event for children in 1st - 6th grade.



Special Events

Science Center of Iowa: Deep Freeze

Wednesday, July 8th @2pm

The Science Center of Iowa is presenting a plunge into the extreme world of cold! Using dry ice and liquid nitrogen, SCI presenters reveal how temperature changes affect matter – from bouncy balls that shatter to bananas that turn into hammers. Discover the amazing properties of super-cold materials. ***This program is intended for patrons in 2nd grade and up.***

Mega Foam Blaster!

Friday, July 17th @10am

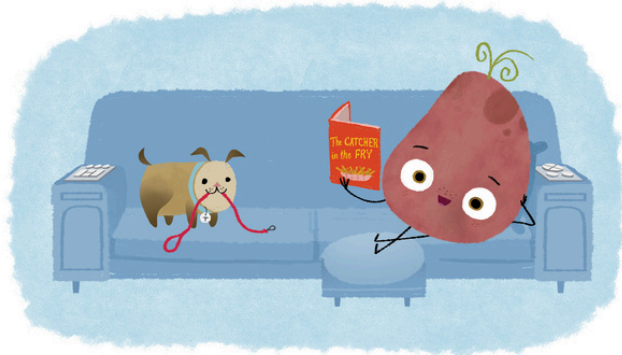
Join us for a foaming fun dance party in our parking lot! The Foam Blaster shoots out a dry stacking foam that evaporates for easy cleanup. It is non-slippery, non-toxic, non-staining, non-allergenic, and bio-degradable! This program is in partnership with Absolute Science.

Though not necessary, swim goggles and a towel are recommended. This program is for all ages.

Games and Pizza*

Saturday, July 18th @12pm-3pm

Play a board game and have some pizza at the library! The Dealt Hand will bring an assortment of games and be ready to help you choose and learn to play. This free event is great for families to attend together.



Monthly Programs

All Ages

Tail Wagging Readers

June 4th & July 2nd @4:30pm

Visit and read to a furry friend from the A.R.L. Therapets program!

Teen

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, June 3rd & July 1st @11am

Students on the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) develop leadership skills and meet monthly to help plan teen programs, sign up for volunteer opportunities, give input regarding the teen area of the library, and suggest teen books to be purchased by the library. This program is designed for students in 6th - 12th grades.

Adult

50's Plus Senior Group

June 9th & 16th @10am-1pm

July 7th & 21st @10am-1pm

This all-inclusive senior's group will be meeting in the Adel Public Library Community Room for cards, coffee, and connection. Meet new people or spend time with old friends, the goal is to enjoy some social time!

Evening Book Club

June 25th @5:30pm

July 30th @5:30pm

Meet with fellow book lovers for a lively and engaging discussion of everything from classics to modern bestsellers. Walk-ins welcome! Pick up the month's selection at the front desk.

Storytimes

June 2nd-July 23rd

Move and Groove Storytime

Tuesdays @ 9:30 & 10:30am

This program is designed for children 0 - 5 years of age.

Join us in the storytime room for a morning of music, movement, rhythm, instruments, and fun!

My First Storytime

Wednesdays @ 9:30am

This program is for children ages 0-36 months and their caregiver.

Join us for songs, rhymes, bounces, and a story.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays @ 9:30am

This program is designed for ages 3 - 6 years old.

A topical themed story time consisting of books, music, movement, & crafts.

Dallas County Conservation Story Time

Monday June 8th & July 6th @9:30am

Recommended for ages 3+ and their caregivers.

Join a special guest from Dallas County Conservation for stories and activities to learn more about animals.



K-5th

Elementary Programs

Lego Masters: Is It Brick?

Tuesday, June 2nd @2pm

Are you a LEGO master? Come show off your skills with a friendly competition based off the TV Show, Lego Masters! ***This program is for students in 1st- 5th grades. Patrons must get a ticket from the front desk to hold their seat at this program. Tickets will be available 30 minutes before the program starts. 12 seat capacity.***

Culinary Kids*

Tuesday, June 9th @2pm

Come and make some delicious treats at the library! We'll be making Dirt and Worms and a S'mores Snack Mix! There will be some food themed crafts while we snack. ***This is a registered program for 1st-5th grades. We cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens.***

All About Honey Bees

Saturday, June 13th @10am

Join Central Iowa's Honey Queen, Morgan Spaulding, for an interactive time of learning about honey bees and their importance in our eco-system!

Animal Crossing IRL

Tuesday, June 16th @2-3:30pm

Come experience the world of Animal Crossing at the library! We'll dig for fossils, hunt for bugs, practice fishing, and more! Completing tasks will earn villagers bells that they can spend at the store for goodies! ***This program is for 1st-5th graders. Patrons must get a ticket from the front desk to hold their seat at this program. Tickets will be available 30 minutes before the program starts. 20 seat capacity.***

Plant a Seed with Brenton Arboretum

Tuesday, June 23rd @2pm

Join The Brenton Arboretum to learn about plants, their life cycle, and take home a seed planted and ready to watch it grow!

This program is for children 4-10 years old.

K-5th

Elementary Programs

Elementary: Egg Drop*

Tuesday, June 30th @2pm

Using various supplied materials and your own genius, create a device that protects a raw egg from breaking when dropped from a tall height!

This is a registered program for 1st-5th grades.

Elementary: Eat Your Way Around the USA!*

Tuesday, July 7th @2pm

Sample regional foods from around the USA and see if you can guess where they are from! ***This is registered event for 1st-5th grades. We cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with tree nuts, soy, or other allergens.***

Elementary: I Survived

Tuesday, July 14th @2-3:30pm

Experience the I Survived book series in real life! You will recreate the sinking of the Titanic with aluminum foil boats, build your own Pompeii volcanoes, use science to inflate balloons like the Hindenburg Blimp, and more! ***Patrons must get a ticket from the front desk to hold their seat at this program. Tickets will be available 30 minutes before the program starts. 20 seat capacity.***

Elementary Nerf Battle: 2nd-5th*

Friday, July 17th @2-3:30pm

Battle your friends in the library! Feel free to bring your own nerf gun, six dart capacity limit. Darts and snacks provided. Limited supply of nerf guns. ***This is a registered program for 2nd-5th grades.***

Pokemon Club: Shrinky Dinks & Trading

Tuesday, July 21st @2pm

Join us to make Pokémon-themed shrinky dinks! Draw your design and watch the plastic shrink into your own tiny creation. There will be time for trading as well.

Patrons must get a ticket from the front desk to hold their seat at this program. Tickets will be available 30 minutes before the program starts. 16 seat capacity. This program is for 2nd-5th grades.

Tween Programs

Tween & Teen Open Maker Lab

Wednesday, June 17th & Wednesday, July 15th @11am-12:30pm

The Maker Lab is a chance for you to learn about and use the equipment in our MakerSpace. Our Maker Space consists of a Cameo cutting machine, a 3D printer, and a button maker. ***This is a ticketed program. Please come to the front desk before the program to get your ticket.***

Tween: Library E-Sports*

Thursday, July 9th @1-3pm

Thursday, July 16th @1-3pm

Thursday, July 23rd @1-3pm

The library is partnering with ADM's E-Sports coach, Chris Hatchitt to bring electronic sports to the library! Each week will feature a different Nintendo Switch sport like Mario Kart, Rocket League, or Super Smash. Learn about each sport and how to take your video gaming to another level with organized competitive gameplay between two teams, governed by its own strict set of rules and guidelines.

This is a registered event for youth in 4th - 8th grades.



6th-12th

Teen Programs

Teen Nailed It: Dessert Decorating*

Wednesday, June 10th @2-3:30pm

Will it be a masterpiece... or a total fail? Join us for the Nailed It Challenge and try to decorate a cookie and cupcake like a pro. No experience needed! Bring your creativity, some friends, and a sense of humor! **This is a registered program for 6th-12th grades.**

We cannot guarantee that food served at this program has not come into contact with peanuts, tree nuts, soy, or other allergens.

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Wednesday, June 17th @11am-12:30pm

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Library D&D*

Thursday, June 18th @3-5:30pm

Friday, July 24th @1-3:30pm

Want to learn how to play dungeons and dragons? Join in on the action and adventure as we run a mini campaign through the world of Dungeons and Dragons. No previous gaming experience required.

This is a registered program for 7th-12th grades.



6th-12th

Teen Programs

Teen Bloom Bar

Wednesday, June 24th @2pm

Learn how to arrange flowers with the help of staff from Adel Flowers and Gifts! All supplies are provided and participants will leave with a completed floral arrangement to take home with them! **Patrons must get a ticket from the front desk to hold their seat at this program. Tickets will be available 30 minutes before the program starts.**

Teen Nerf Battle*

Friday, June 26th @5-9pm

Battle your friends in the library! Feel free to bring your own nerf gun, six dart capacity limit. Darts and snacks provided. Limited supply of nerf guns, first come first serve.

This is a registered program for 6th-12th grades.

Wicked for Good Party

Wednesday, July 22nd @2-4:30pm

Join us in the community room for all things Wicked! Watch and sing-along to Wicked for Good. Eat magical snacks and rotate through themed stations. ***Wicked For Good is rated PG. This program is for 6th-12th grades. Patrons must get a ticket from the front desk to hold their seat at this program.***

Tickets will be available 30 minutes before the program starts.



18+

Adult Programs

Working with the Enemy: POW's in Iowa during WWII

Tuesday, June 9th @10am

Chad W. Timm, an Associate Professor of Education at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa will present on the creation of two POW camps in Iowa. Some of the topics discussed will be life in a prisoner of war camp, community relations, the POW labor program, branch camps in more than 30 Iowa communities, and the arrival of Japanese prisoners at Camp Clarinda in early 1945. This program is sponsored by Humanities Iowa and the State Historical Society of Iowa.

Garden Workshop*

Wednesday, June 17th @6-7pm

Join us at a local master gardener's backyard to learn about composting and installing a seasonal drip irrigation system! ***This is an offsite program - location of program will be in your confirmation e-mail upon registration.***

Adult Craft: Sun-Print Paper*

Saturday, June 20th @12:30-2:30pm

Make beautiful floral images using the sun, plants, flowers, and a special paper to capture your one-of-a-kind creation.

Weather permitting. If the sun does not shine we will do an alternate craft.

All supplies provided by the library.

This is a registered program.



18+

Adult Programs

What Do We Stand For: The Declaration of Independence on Its 250th Anniversary

Tuesday, July 7th @10am

This program is a guided reflection and discussion series led by philosopher Scott Samuelson that invites participants to explore the ideals behind the founding of the United States and to consider how those ideals resonate today. What do we stand for? is sponsored by Humanities Iowa and the Smithsonian Institute.

Sourdough Workshop*

Saturday, July 11th @9am

In this workshop, Counter Culture Sourdough Co. will teach you the basics of sourdough. You will leave this program with everything you need to get started! Each participant will take home a healthy, organic sourdough starter and a loaf of dough ready to bake at home! Please bring a large mixing bowl and a clean kitchen towel. ***This is a registered program.***

Adult Craft: Garden Watercolors*

Monday, July 20th @5:30

Learn simple watercolor techniques to make a veggie inspired painting fit to frame! All supplies provided by the library. ***This is a registered program.***



Summer Reading **POOL PARTY**

Friday, July, 31st @6-8pm

If you completed your summer reading tracking sheet, then you earned a ticket to the pool party. Bring your ticket to the pool for entry. Popsicles will be available during the party (while supplies last).

This pool party is the completion prize for all children (infant - 12th grades) for completing this year's Plant a Seed, Read summer reading program. Children will need a guardian to supervise them - guardian(s) can attend without a ticket.

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