

Norma Anders Public Library

Summer Reading Program 2024

Read, Renew, Repeat

Free Special Events

Dino O'Dell: Adventures in Outer Space, Wednesday, June 19 at 7 p.m. at the Dysart Community Building Whether visiting other planets, viewing meteor showers or fixing alien spaceships, this interactive music and storytelling program teaches us about the differences between stars, moons, the planets of our solar system, and meteors, meteoroids, and meteorites; as well as the importance of constellations, gravity, friction, the greenhouse effect, and NASA.

Magic Show, Monday, June 24 at 7 p.m. at the Dysart City Park Gazebo. Magician Rick Eugene is back with his entertaining magic show for all ages! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for an evening of fun.

Absolute Science Bubble Stations, Wednesday, July 3, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dysart City Park. This is one of the largest mobile bubble outdoor programs in the United States. Their hand-made bubble solution makes bubbles not only bigger, but longer lasting! With hundreds of wands of different shapes and sizes from all over the world, participants will enjoy a wonderful hands-on experience that brings out the child in all of us!

Exotic Animals with Dr. Michael Bechtel, Tuesday July 9 at 3:30 p.m. at the Norma Anders Public Library. Bec taught high school sciences in the public-school system for twenty years before moving into the college setting and now teaches student teachers at Wartburg College in Waverly. An Associate Professor of Science Education, Bec is an Iowa native who grew up on a small farm in northeast Iowa (Waukon) where he acquired his love for living things (biophilia). He has been involved with exotic animal husbandry for as long as he can remember, raising snakes, lizards, poison dart frogs, turtles, tortoises, and seramas (miniature chickens) on Wartburg's campus and often in his classroom. He has just returned from the Amazon rainforest (May 11) where he took students to explore nature in South America.

Fonziba Drums, African Drumming and Culture, Monday, August 5 at 7 p.m. at the Dysart Community Building. Fonziba is one of the most dynamic and interactive music educators you will ever meet. Her energetic African drumming and culture programs enable people of all ages to discover and enliven their innate personal creativity. Fonziba's unique experiential approach gives everyone a rich and authentic taste of life in West Africa that broadens their understanding of other cultures and ways of living.

Free Educational Programs

Iowa PBS Ramps & Pathways STEM Program, Monday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Naturalist Miss Margaret Close Encounters of the Wild Kind, Wednesday, June 12 at 10 a.m. at the library. Listen to a story and then meet various live critters. Learn about their unique adaptations. Count legs, look at patterns and feel different types of body coverings. You might even hear special sounds they make.

ISU Tama County Extension Program, Reuse, Reduce, Recycle Wednesday, June 19 at 10 a.m. at the library. Listen to a story and have fun with engaging activities.

Tama County Conservation Program, Wednesday, June 26 at 10 a.m. at the Dysart City Park. Nature Observation with the book, *The Busy Tree* by Jennifer Ward. This book shows all of the life surrounding a tree, from root to leaf. After reading and discussing some things that might live in a tree we will search for signs of animals in a tree.

Free On-Going Regular Programs

Indoor Story Walk and STEAM Centers, Monday, June 3 through Saturday, June 8 during normal hours and our extended hours.

Dysart Farmer's Market Outreach Program, every 2nd Tuesday June through September from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Find us at the Dysart Farmer's Market located at the Dysart City Park every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Stories & More! Join us every Monday morning at 10:15 a.m. for stories, music and movement at this program for preschool through elementary.

Lego Club, Wednesdays 10 a.m. to Noon, June-August. Build with bricks at this drop-in STEM program for kids. We'll feature weekly challenges and themes.

Art Sparks! Thursdays 10 a.m. to Noon, June-August. Paint, draw and color with a different project every week at this drop-in art program for kids and teens.

Daily Maker Projects: Find a different craft or building project every day we're open starting June 1!

Norma Anders Public Library 2024 Summer Reading Challenges

Two Options: Use one option, both options or some of both. Just have fun reading!

Option 1: Reading Logs

Track Minutes Read in June & July

Preschool through High School

Read 120 minutes to complete your card.

Read books, newspapers, magazines, or graphic novels.

Read together or on your own, just have fun reading!

Turn in completed cards to earn instant rewards and to be entered into the monthly drawing for Barnes & Nobel gift certificates.

Option 2: Monthly Theme Challenge

June, July & August/Preschool through Adult

Read a book that fits the monthly theme,

then enter our monthly drawing for local business gift certificates.
Need ideas? Check the displays or ask staff.
Themes: June: Animals/July: Summer/August: Nature & Outdoors

Summer Programs by Date

June Programs

Mondays: Stories & More Story Time at 10:15 a.m.
Monday, June 3-8 Story Walk and Centers during normal hours
Wednesdays: Lego Club 10 a.m. to noon
Thursdays: Art Sparks 10 a.m. to noon
Monday, June 10 Iowa PBS Ramps & Pathways Program at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, June 11 Dysart Farmer's Market Outreach 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 12 Close Encounters of the Wild Kind at 10 a.m.
Wednesday, June 19 Tama County ISU Extension Program 10 a.m.
Wednesday, June 19 Dino O'Dell Music and Entertainment Program at the Dysart Comm. Building 7 p.m.
Monday, June 24 Magician Rick Eugene at the Dysart City Park 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 26 Tama County Conservation Program at the Dysart City Park 10 a.m.

July Programs

Mondays: Stories & More Story Time at 10:15 a.m.
Wednesdays: Lego Club 10 a.m. to noon
Thursdays: Art Sparks 10 a.m. to noon
Wednesday, June 3, Absolute Science Bubble Stations 6 to 8 p.m. at the Dysart City Park
Tuesday, July 9 Dr. Bec with Exotic Animals at 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 9 Farmer's Market Outreach 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

August Programs

Mondays: Stories & More Story Time at 10:15 a.m.
Wednesdays: Lego Club 10 a.m. to noon
Thursdays: Art Sparks 10 a.m. to noon
Monday, August 5 Fonziba African Drum Program at the Dysart Community Building at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, August 13 Farmer's Market Outreach Program 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

September Programs

Tuesday, September 10 Farmer's Market Outreach Program 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

