

## Connecting



People, Places, & Ideas

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### Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. — 8 p.m.  
Friday: 10 am — 5pm  
Saturday: 10 am — 3 pm

### Summer Library Program

The 2021 Summer Library Program celebrated how “Reading Colors Your World” and offered a mix of in-person activities with crafts, story times, and performances that could be watched online. Miss Holly took her story time on the road, inviting families to join her at Auld Park.



No summer program is complete without Rick Eugene’s magic show which was held outdoors this year.



Jay and Leslie’s Laughing Matters closed out the summer with their “Nifty Tricks & Colorful Stories” juggling performance on August 3.



We want to thank everyone who helped make this year’s program a success!

### MOBA 101: Museum of Bad Art

The library hosted the Museum of Bad Art on June 3, making the recording available for anyone who could not attend in-person in the weeks following. All ages were challenged to create their own “bad art” with a kit provided by the library. Several pet and self-portraits were conceived, as well as other fun creations. Each entry received an award and was displayed during June and July.



### Book Bash

The library received a grant from Early Childhood of Iowa (Jasper, Marion, & Powesheik) to host early literacy activities for families with children ages 0-5 on Saturday, July 31. Crafts, stories, a music room, and other activities revolved around the book *The Ants Go Marching* by Priscilla Burris. Each child received a copy of the book and an “ants on a log” snack to take home.



### New Library Website & Resource

In August, the library launched a new website provided through the State Library of Iowa. The new website will be easier to navigate and continue to provide both library and community resources. Check out the calendar for upcoming events.

You will notice a new resource for both library staff and patrons when you visit the website. Niche Academy is an online learning tool providing tutorials on a variety of resources and skills.

Check out both here:  
[www.knoxville.lib.ia.us](http://www.knoxville.lib.ia.us).



### Staff Training

On Tuesday, August 31, staff will take part in training led by Elgin Library

Director Lisa Leuck.



Lisa is a John C. Maxwell certified leadership coach and owner of Read to Lead LLC. This training will provide insight into ways to

utilize communication and teamwork to achieve goals and success for both the individual and organization. By focusing on self-care, this seminar will help staff navigate change in a positive way and help them determine their style of leadership at the same time.



**Book Club**

**June:** *In a Different Key: The Story of Autism* by John Donvan & Caren Zucker  
**July:** *Holes* by Louis Sachar  
**August:** *13 Ways to Kill Your Community* by Doug Griffiths  
**September:** *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid

Meetings are held in Zoom. Call or email [knoxlib@knoxville.lib.ia.us](mailto:knoxlib@knoxville.lib.ia.us) for the Zoom link.

**In Memory of**

Tonya Betterton  
Lynelle Conway  
Robert Crews  
Mike Griffin  
Donald Mark Major  
Jon Paul Miller  
Elahvonne Wright

**In Honor of**

Mike & Mary Montgomery

**Gifts & Donations**

Jen Bonnett  
Janice Kerner  
Mike & Mary Lane  
Ashley Loyell  
Lori Morgan  
Gary Rodgers  
Kaylee Ryan

**Library DIY For Adults**

**June:** Rock Painting  
**July:** Canvas Painting  
**August:** Window Painting  
**September:** Brush Lettering



DIY is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. All materials provided.



**Catch Up with Knoxville**

Mayor Brian Hatch meets with community members every second Thursday of the month in the Weiler Community Room at 9 a.m. This event is open to the public to provide updates about ongoing developments and promote citizen engagement.



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**International Film Fan Club returns August 19! Join us every 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m.**

**STEAM Kits & Touch Play Table**

The library will begin offering STEAM kits this fall, thanks to a partnership with Rotary for a \$5,000 grant. The library has also purchased an interactive multimedia touch table for ages 3-99+ (pictured below) that is located in the teen section.



**ARPA Grant**

The library is pleased to receive \$5,000 in grants from funding appropriated to the State Library from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). These awards help Iowa public libraries respond to the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. The library will purchase security cameras and an outdoor table with umbrella with the grant monies.

**Art Reception**

On Thursday, July 22, the library welcomed Brady Vanderhart to discuss his experience as a first-year art student at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design during COVID.



His exhibition, *Melancholia: A Year of Being in School, Alone in My Room*, was featured on the gallery wall.

Our next artist in residence is Denise Walters McNally, and you can find her work on display during August & September.

**September is Library Card Sign-Up Month**

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September as a national effort to ensure every child signs-up for their own library card at the beginning of the school year.

Public librarians assist parents and caregivers with saving hundreds of dollars on educational resources and services for students. From free STEAM programs/activities to educational apps, a library card is one of the most cost-effective back-to-school supplies available.

Knoxville Public Library has STEAM kits and discovery packs available for checkout. Online resources include HelpNow, which offers live tutors and homework help.

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