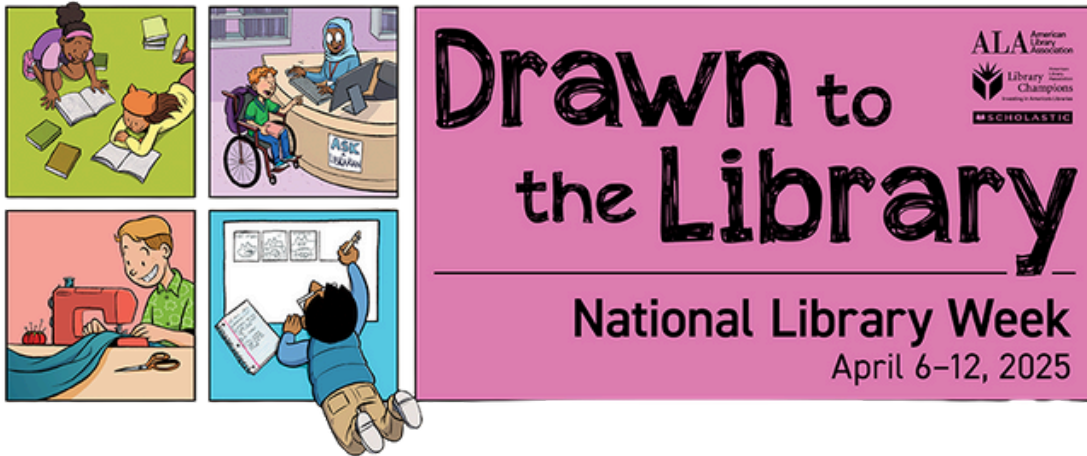




The Word on the Shelves



Drawn to the Library!

Spring has arrived, and so has a month full of stories, discovery, and celebration here at the library! As we kick off April, and National Library Week, we're excited to share some truly special programs that will take you on a journey through history and introduce you to the remarkable people who shaped our community. But that's just the beginning—April has so much more in store!

From exciting programs to new releases and opportunities to get involved, we've packed this month's newsletter with everything you need to stay connected and inspired. So sit back, relax, and keep reading to see what's happening at your library this month—you won't want to miss it!

Adventures Along the Lincoln Highway

April 3rd, 5:30 PM

Join us for an unforgettable journey along one of the most iconic roads in American history!

The Lincoln Highway was the first transcontinental highway in the United States, stretching from New York to California. Established in 1913, this historic route opened up new opportunities for travelers, businesses, and communities across the country.

In this special program, Iowa Author Darcy Maulsby will share fascinating stories, landmarks, and hidden gems along the highway. Whether you're a history buff, a road trip enthusiast, or someone curious about the impact of the Lincoln Highway on American culture, this event is sure to captivate. Learn about this great American roadway and how it shaped the landscape we know today.

Don't miss out on this incredible journey through time. Mark your calendars and join us for an adventure you won't forget!

Iowans You Should Know with Jeffrey Stein

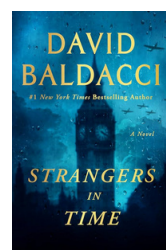
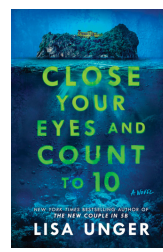
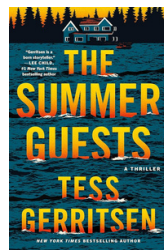
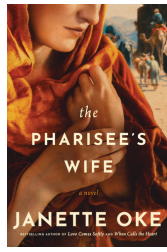
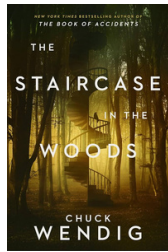
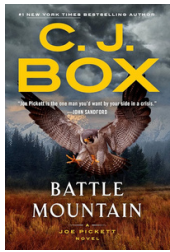
April 29th, 5:30 PM

Iowa has been home to some of the most influential individuals in history—figures who have helped shape our state, our country, and the world.

In this engaging program, historian Jeffrey Stein will introduce you to the lives and stories of these exceptional Iowans—many of whom you may not have heard of but certainly should. Whether they were groundbreaking leaders in politics, culture, or social justice, these individuals have made an indelible mark on history.

This evening will offer a deeper look into the unsung heroes who helped shape the fabric of Iowa and beyond. It's a unique opportunity to learn about the people who made Iowa what it is today and continue to inspire future generations.

Join us for this insightful and celebratory program, and discover how Iowans past and present have made a lasting impact on the world around us.



What's New on the Shelves?

Last month, we added a great selection of fresh new reads to our shelves, featuring exciting titles across a variety of genres—from thrilling mysteries to captivating historical fiction. To make your browsing experience even better, we've also cleaned up our fiction section, making it easier than ever to find your next great read.

April is shaping up to be an exciting month for book lovers! We've got a fantastic lineup of new releases arriving soon, including highly anticipated titles that are sure to be your next favorite. Be sure to stop by and discover what's new—you won't want to miss these fresh picks!

On the Shelves Now:

"Battle Mountain"

by C.J. Box

A gripping thriller where a man's search for answers in a remote town uncovers deadly secrets and a fight for survival.

"Close Your Eyes and Count to 10"

by Lisa Unger

A suspenseful psychological thriller where a woman's dark past resurfaces, leading her into a web of danger and deception.

"Ambush"

by Colleen Coble

A woman must uncover the truth behind a dangerous conspiracy while navigating her own growing feelings for a mysterious man.

"The Queens of Crime"

by Marie Benedict

Explore the captivating lives of four women who revolutionized the crime genre, blending fiction and history in a tale of ambition, creativity, and mystery.

"The Pharisee's Wife"

by Janette Oke

A historical novel that tells the compelling story of a woman's struggle with faith, love, and betrayal in ancient biblical times.

"The Summer Guests"

by Tess Gerritsen

A gripping novel where a group of strangers seeks refuge from a hurricane, only to uncover dark secrets that threaten their lives.

Coming in April:

"The Keeper"

by Charles Martin (Apr. 1)

A story of second chances, where a troubled man and a young girl form an unlikely bond, learning that healing often comes from unexpected places.

"The World's Fair Quilt"

by Jennifer Chiaverini (Apr. 1)

Stories of women whose lives are transformed as they create a quilt for the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, finding friendship, resilience, and purpose.

"Strangers In Time"

by David Baldacci (Apr. 15)

A thrilling novel about a mysterious conspiracy that spans generations, blending history and suspense in an unforgettable story.

"The Summer of You and Me"

by Denise Hunter (Apr. 22)

A heartwarming romance about rekindling old flames and finding love again during one unforgettable summer.

"The Murder Machine"

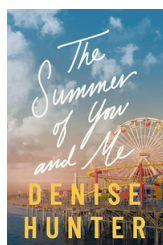
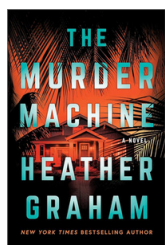
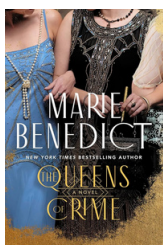
by Heather Graham (Apr. 29)

A gripping mystery where a team of investigators must unravel a series of chilling murders linked to a powerful secret organization.

"The Staircase in the Woods"

by Chuck Wendig (Apr. 29)

A haunting thriller about a mysterious staircase in the forest that leads to dark secrets and dangerous consequences.





Level Up at the Library!

Get ready to Level Up this summer at the library! Whether you're a young reader looking to earn prizes or a movie lover seeking a fun night out, we've got something for you.

This summer, our Summer Reading Program for children in grades K-5 is all about leveling up your reading skills! Kids can join the adventure, complete reading challenges, and earn cool prizes along the way. It's a fun way to keep kids engaged with books while they enjoy the excitement of summer. Be sure to watch for more details on how to sign up, along with the activities that will help them "level up" as readers. It's going to be a summer full of imagination, learning, and rewards!

We're also bringing back our Summer Movies at the King series, and this year's theme is all about games! Every movie will have a fun game-related twist that's perfect for all ages. Whether you're coming out with friends, family, or solo, these free movies are a fantastic way to relax, enjoy some great films, and experience the thrill of games on the big screen.

We are currently accepting donations to help support both our Summer Reading Program and the free Summer Movies at the King series. Your generous contributions will allow us to provide these activities free of charge for the reading program. Donations can be made at the library.

Get ready to level up your summer! We can't wait to see you at the library for tons of reading, entertaining programs, and unforgettable memories.

April Programs

Adventures Along the Lincoln Highway

Date: April 3 | Time: 5:30 PM
Explore the history, landmarks, and stories of America's most iconic road

Preschool Storytime

Date: April 4 | Time: 10:30 AM
Fun-filled stories and learning for little ones

After School STEM

Date: April 9 | Time: 1:30 PM
Explore STEM in hands-on, after-school fun

Iowans You Should Know

Date: April 29 | Time: 5:30 PM
Discover the remarkable Iowans whose stories shaped our state

Good to Know

We're always here to help! Questions? Give us a call, send an email or stop in to see how your library can help you!

Library Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

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Thanks for reading, and we hope to see you at the library soon!
Happy reading and exploring!