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Library Hours
M-Th: 10a.m.- 8p.m.
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Spring 2024

Spring!

*"Is the spring coming?" he said. 'What is it like?'
'It is the sun shining on the rain and the rain falling on the sunshine...'"*
-from The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

With the arrival of spring, it is time to refresh and welcome new joys into our lives. Spring reminds us that there is always a time for new beginnings. Maybe try a new author or genre to read or download the Libby app so you can read online or listen to audiobooks while you enjoy the weather. Come see us at the library and we can help with author and book referrals. We look forward to seeing you!

Puzzle & Game Swap Shelf

We have a new area in the library located by the magazines, it is a Puzzle & Board game shelf. This "swap shelf" was brought about due to the very popular Puzzle Swap that the library hosted in February. It is now a permanent fixture where you can leave new or gently-used jigsaw puzzles and/or board games to exchange for a fun new challenge for the family!

Local Artist Display

Larry Scott is our featured local artist whose art is displayed in different areas of the library. Presented are different media, including watercolors and pottery. This small exhibit will be on display until May when an art reception will be held for Larry where the community is welcome to attend.



Storytime and Fun Activities for Kids



Miss Holly has been busy finishing up the winter activities and planning spring AND summer events at the library, including future Storytime & Craft days which will continue every Tuesday & Wednesday at 10:30am.

Past events for children included the return of the popular Life-sized Candyland game, snowman crafts and in February Chess Hour was held for students in 3rd-8th grades.

In March, there will be a fun SCAVENGER HUNT through the week of the 11th, which is Spring Break. There are a couple of craft activities scheduled for children as well as a Board game/Chess day planned (2nd grade and up)! Dates & times are posted on the website and on the calendar with the age requirements.



We will keep you posted on the many upcoming events and activities that kids will enjoy! Before you know it, SUMMER will be here with the first Summer Reading Program on Thursday, May 30th!

Art Night

Join us on Thursday, March 14th for an evening of conversation as we learn about the "slow looking" approach to art. Jan Evans, former Des Moines Art Center docent will facilitate the audience.

*"Toad blinked in the bright sun. 'Help!,' said Toad. 'I cannot see anything.'
'Don't be silly,' said Frog. 'What you see is the clear warm light of April.'"*
Arnold Lobel ~ Author Frog and Toad Are Friends

Adult Book Club

Book Club meets every second Monday of the month and new members are always welcome. This month's book is:

Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls.

Past Book Club Books:

December: **Reader's Choice**

January: *The Silent Woods* by Kim Cunningham Grant

February: *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

Teen Book Club

The Teen Book Club meets every other month and more teenage readers are encouraged to join!

The next book will be and can be picked up at the library.

Past Book Club Books:

December: *The People We Keep* by Allison Larkin

February: *Promise Boys* by Nick Brooks

National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month: "a celebration of poetry as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry in the nation." To help celebrate, the library has invited spoken word & page artist, Kelsey Bigelow for a program on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00pm.

Kelsey is a "spoken word artist, page poet, motivator educator & student molding incredibly specific emotions into something human, digestible and cathartic."

For more information on Kelsey Bigelow visit: www.kelkaybpoetry.com.



Friends of the Library Book Sale

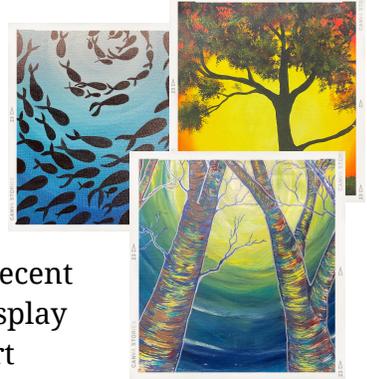
Thursday, April 11th 2:00pm-8:00pm Friday, April 12th & 10:00am-5:00pm Saturday, April 13th & 10:00am-2:00pm

Donations of items in GOOD condition will be accepted Monday, April 1st - Monday, April 8th.

VHS, magazines, textbooks/encyclopedias will **NOT** be accepted.



Local Artist



Kim DeSocio was the most recent artist to have artwork on display with a very well attended art reception in January. We were very fortunate to have her art and jewelry available for the public to view and appreciate.

Adult DIY



Past Adult DIY Projects:

December: *Mason Jar Ornaments*

January: *(postponed due to weather)*

February: *Button Trees*

March will be:

Felt Floral Wreaths



Every 2nd Tuesday of the month is an Adult DIY program. Watch the monthly calendars for more details about upcoming projects.



Gifts & Memorials

- 🌸 Loretta Whitlatch
- 🌸 In Memory of Abbi Funk by Lori Morgan
- 🌸 In Memory of William Miller by Marion County Bank

Holiday Hours

Monday, May 27th: Closed (Memorial Day)

Check our monthly calendar for more happenings at the library!

March Madness

The 'Tournament of Books' will be in play. Our library staff have chosen their favorite books in the Young Adult section and would like YOU to pick the winner! Brackets will be out soon with the top books listed; we will need your votes to pick the Sweet Sixteen, then the Elite Eight, the Final Four and then the Champion! What is the favorite YA Book in our community? And will you be able to pick the winner? Voting will take place online and in the library, with fun prizes for the person who guesses correctly! Join the fun!