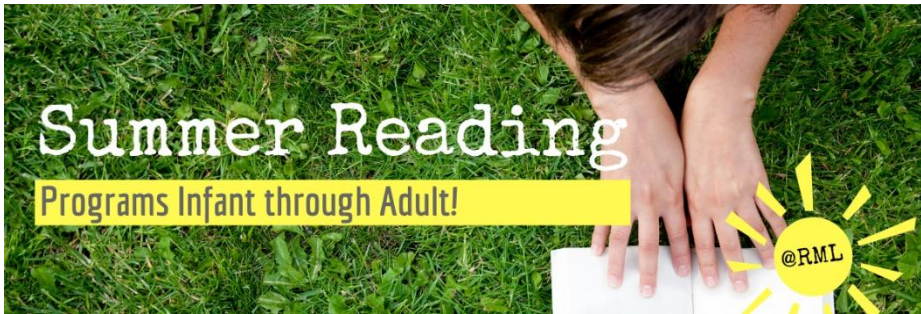


# @Robey Memorial Library

monthly news



## Summer Reading is Here!

Get ready for a summer full of creativity, discovery, and reading fun at Robey Memorial Library! This year's "Plant a Seed, Read" summer lineup features hands-on activities, crafts, reading challenges, and special guest programs for all ages.

### Summer Explorers

Selected Wednesdays | 10:30–11:30 a.m.

- July 1 – Native Plants & Seed Bombs  
Featuring Sara Berges, Soil Conservationist with the USDA.
- July 15 – Paper Quilling Art  
Design a unique work of art by coiling colorful paper strips.
- July 29 – Monarch Program  
Presented by Lynne Campbell, AmeriCorps.

### Make & Take Craft Projects

Wednesdays in July | 1:30–3:00 p.m.

- July 1 – Shoe Birdhouse
- July 8 – Grass Hair Planters
- July 15 – Painting with Cardboard
- July 22 – Beaded Forever Plant
- July 29 – Butterfly Mobile (continued [4-Week Reading Challenge During July](#))

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# 2026 Adult Reading Challenge

RML invites you to embark on a literary adventure with the 2026 Adult Reading Challenge, Plant a Seed, Read. Beginning January 1st and running through December 31st, this year-long challenge encourages adults to explore new genres, themes, and authors while earning chances to win fantastic prizes.

Challenge yourself to read one book from each of the twelve exciting categories:

- Agriculture-themed
- Book from your Childhood
- Cross-Cultural
- Family-themed
- Foodie/Cookbook
- Garden-themed
- Health-themed
- History
- Humorous
- Midwestern Author or Theme
- Recommended
- Set in Summer

## Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:

The success of this program is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors: Ashbachers Building Supplies, LLC; Cook Agency, Inc.; FreedomBank; Hacker, Nelson, & Co., P.C.; Holthaus Tax & Accounting; Joe & Matt's Plumbing and HVAC, LLC; Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank; Palmer Abstract; Peoples State Bank; Prime Electric; R. W. Pladsen, Inc.; Sweeney Real Estate, LLC; Torkelson-Waukon; Upper Iowa Insurance Services Corp.; and Yen Hing Dragon.



## Plant a Seed, Read

FINE FORGIVENESS *Read & Participate in July*



For all ages:  
Participate in our Summer  
Reading to earn overdue fine  
forgiveness!

## Thursday Night Book Club

The Thursday Night Book Club, a monthly gathering for book enthusiasts, announces its 2026 discussion topics. Meeting **every third Thursday of the month at 6 PM**, the club invites members and newcomers alike to delve into a range of captivating themes and authors, offering both in-person and virtual participation options to accommodate everyone's preferences.

Each month, we explore a new theme, providing participants the opportunity to dive into diverse genres and discover captivating stories. Whether you're a seasoned bookworm or just looking to read more, our book club offers something for everyone.

- **July 16** — Beach read
- **August 20** — Historical fiction NOT set in the United States
- **September 17** — Agriculture theme
- **October 15** — A book that knocks your socks off
- **November 19** — Humorous book
- **December 17** — A book from your childhood



# Teen Book Clubs

Robey Memorial Library invites teens in grades 7–12 to take part in two exciting book club series this summer: the Summer Book Club and the Classic Book Club. Both clubs will meet once a month in June and July, giving participants the opportunity to enjoy snacks, lively discussions, and engaging books with fellow readers.

The first five registrants for each session will receive a free copy of the featured book, courtesy of the RML Foundation. Additional copies of each title will also be available for checkout at the library.

## Summer Book Club Schedule

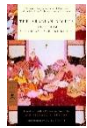
Wednesday, July 8 | 10:30–11:30 a.m.



*The Grandest Game* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

## Classic Book Club Schedule

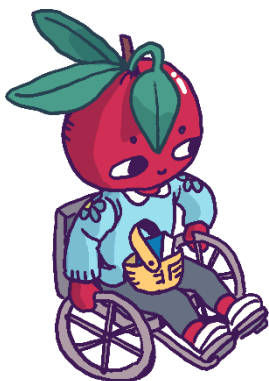
Monday, July 20 | 4:00 p.m.



*The Arabian Nights* (selections)

Please note: Registered teens who receive a free book and do not attend that month's book club meeting will be ineligible to receive a free book for the following month's session.

For more information or to register, please contact Robey Memorial Library at (563) 568-4424, or visit [www.waukon.lib.ia.us](http://www.waukon.lib.ia.us).



# 4-Week Reading Challenge During July

Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate for chances to earn prizes, books, and even fine forgiveness.

## LEGO Club

Tuesdays in through July | 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Students ages 7–17 are invited to join weekly build challenges and mini-figure trading. LEGO bricks are provided, but participants may also bring their own.

## More Programs to Watch For:

- Reading Dragons and Friends
- Teen Book Clubs (2)
- Grab & Go Bags
- Main Street Story Walk
- Kid's Day at the Fair
- Story Walk at the Fair
- "Beyond the Beaten Path – Iowans in the Vietnam War" with Darrin Crow

Don't forget to check out the library's regular programs throughout the summer and follow their social media pages for updates and announcements.

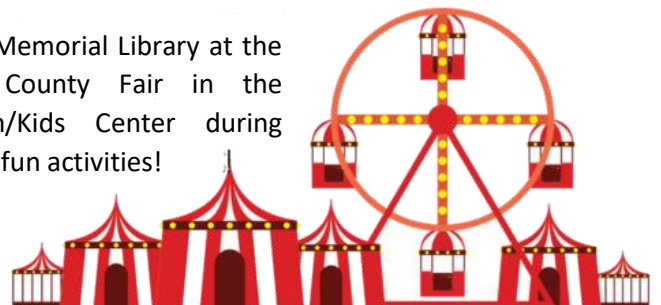
# RML @ the Fair!

## Story Walk

Stroll the Allamakee Fairground and READ! Wednesday, July 15 through Sunday, July 19 read "The Pout Pout Fish" by Deborah Diesen as you walk spider through the fair.

## Kids Day

Join Robey Memorial Library at the Allamakee County Fair in the Appreciation/Kids Center during Kids Day for fun activities!



# Live & Learn: Beyond the Beaten Path:

## One, War, Four Iowans, and Their Journey

As part of Live & Learn: enriching lives through monthly learning series, RML is offering Beyond the Beaten Path: One War, Four Iowans, and Their Journey to Home and Love on Thursday, July 30 at 5:30 pm in the lower level Community Room.

RML invites community members to a special presentation by storyteller Darrin Crow, who will share Beyond the Beaten Path: One War, Four Iowans, and Their Journey to Home and Love.

Since its premiere, this compelling program has captivated audiences across Iowa. Created and presented by Darrin and Robin Crow, the story follows the lives, struggles, and hopes of four Iowans during the Vietnam War. Audiences will journey alongside an Army radio man, a Navy sailor, and their wives as they navigate the rivers and jungles of Vietnam while also finding their way through the challenges and joys of young love.

Blending history with personal storytelling, Beyond the Beaten Path offers a unique perspective on a pivotal era in American history. The program not only explores the experiences of those who served but also highlights the sacrifices and resilience of the families waiting for them at home.

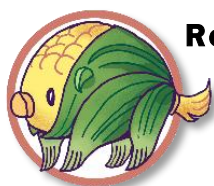
"One of the best parts of sharing this story is hearing others tell their stories of this tumultuous era," said Crow. "It creates opportunities for conversation, reflection, and preserving local history."

Crow is known for his powerful, imaginative, and engaging storytelling style. Whether performing in classrooms, museums, festivals, art fairs, libraries, or even ancient Greek amphitheaters, he crafts stories that keep audiences on the edge of their seats and remain with them long after the tale ends.

This program provides a meaningful opportunity for veterans, family members, history enthusiasts, and community members of all ages to connect with Iowa's past through the art of storytelling.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Robey Memorial Library at (563) 568-4424 or visit [www.waukon.lib.ia.us](http://www.waukon.lib.ia.us).



## Reading Dragons & Friends

RML invites readers to embark on a literary adventure with "Reading Dragons & Friends". Designed to foster a love for reading while leveling up skills, this program offers participants the chance to collect and play with dragon-themed cards.

Through August, pick up a log from the library or print one from our website to begin your journey.

## Summer Explorers

Selected Wednesdays in July |  
10:30am

- **July 1** *Native Plants & Seed Bombs*—with Sara Berges, USDA Soil Conservationist.
- **July 15** *Paper Quilling Art*—Design a unique work of art by coiling colorful paper strips.
- **July 29** *Monarch Program*—Presented by Lynne Campbell, AmeriCorps.



## Lego Club

RML in Waukon hosts Lego Club!

Students ages 7 to 17 are invited to participate in Lego Club on Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30am through July.

Legos are available at club but you may bring your own. Weekly build challenges and mini-figure trading is encouraged! This is a walk-in event no registration required.

# July Events



## July 1-31

- Reading Challenge for ALL ages

## Wednesday, July 1

- Summer Explorers: Native Plants & Seed Bombs with Sara Berges, 10:30am
- Kids Make & Take: Shoe Birdhouse, (drop-in) 1:30-3pm

## Thursday, July 2

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Snuggle Story Time, 5:30pm

## Saturday, July 4

- Library **CLOSED**

## Tuesday, July 7

- Story Time, 10:30am
- Lego Club (ages 7-17), 10:30am
- Stay & Play, 11am

## Wednesday, July 8

- Grab & Go for Kids & for Teens: first-come, first served
- Teen Summer Book Club: *The Grandest Game* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes, 10:30am
- Kids Make & Take: Grass Hair Planters, (drop-in) 1:30-3pm

## Thursday, July 9

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

## Tuesday, July 14

- Story Time with the Driftless, 10:30am
- Lego Club (ages 7-17), 10:30am
- RML Board Meeting, 4:30pm

## July 15-19

- Story Walk at the Allamakee County Fair: *The pout pout fish* by Deborah Diesen

## Wednesday, July 15

- Summer Explorers: Paper Quilling Art, 10:30am
- Kids Make & Take: Painting with Cardboard, (drop-in) 1:30-3pm

## Thursday, July 16

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Foundation Book Sale, 2-6pm
- Thursday Night Book Club: Beach read, 6pm

## Friday, July 17

- Kids Day at the Fair, 1-4pm

## Monday, July 20

- Classic Book Club for Teens: *Arabian nights* (selections), 4pm

## Tuesday, July 21

- Story Time, 10:30am
- Lego Club (ages 7-17), 10:30am

## Wednesday, July 22

- Kids Make & Take: Beaded Forever Plant, (drop-in) 1:30-3pm

## Thursday, July 23

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

## Tuesday, July 28

- Story Time, 10:30am
- Lego Club (ages 7-17), 10:30am

## Wednesday, July 29

- Summer Explorers: Monarch Butterflies w/ Lynne Campbell, 10:30am
- Kids Make & Take: Butterfly Mobile, (drop-in) 1:30-3pm

## Thursday, June 25

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Live & Learn: Beyond the Beaten Path with Darrin Crow, 5:30pm

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### Secret Word Search

In this newsletter, there is a random word in a sentence. The word is totally unrelated to the subject matter. Mention the word to Staff while visiting RML this month & select a free book from the book vault.



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