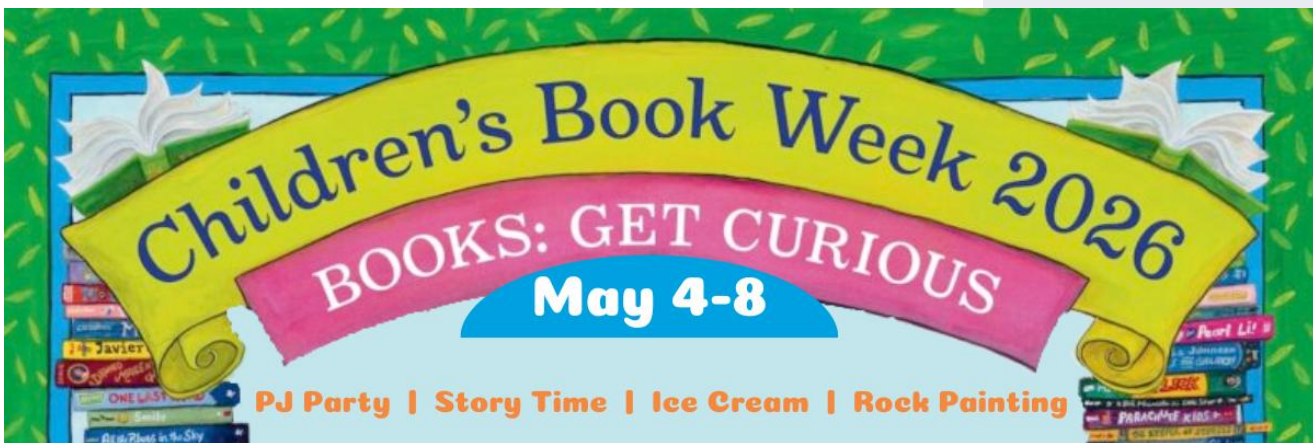


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Celebrate Children's Book Week!

As part of the longest-running national celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading, over 1,300 schools, libraries, and bookstores in all 50 states will celebrate Children's Book Week from May 4– May 8 with the theme, Books: Get Curious. Robey Memorial Library plans a week full of fun with the following activities:

Adopt a Zoo Animal Pajama Party: Monday, May 4th 5:30-7:00pm – Listen to stories and participate in the Adopt a Zoo Animal activities, then take your stuffed animal home to love. Be sure to wear your PJs!

Snuggle Story Time: Thursday, May 7th 5:30-6:00pm – Stories and activity.

Ice Cream Party w/ the Dairy Princess and Rock Painting: Friday, May 8th 4:00–5:30pm – Stop in for an ice cream treat served by the Dairy Princess and a rock painting activity! All ages are welcome. Supplies provided by the library.

Contact the library for more details at 563-568-4424 or www.waukon.lib.ia.us.

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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



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.

- **May 21** — A book with a middle-aged or older character
- **June 18** — Garden-themed book
- **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

Important for Libby Users:



RML is preparing to modify the authentication process for library accounts for use in BRIDGES & Libby. This will make access more secure and accurate.

What you should do to prepare:

1. Make sure your library account is current. This means you have physically checked out an item OR contacted the library to renew your library account within the past 3 years.
2. Make sure your address information is correct. Incorrect address information may cause a disruption in your borrowing privileges.

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, June 10 | 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Accountable by Dashka Slater

Wednesday, July 8 | 10:30–11:30 a.m.

The Grandest Game by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Classic Book Club Schedule



Monday, June 15 | 4:00 p.m.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

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.



Live & Learn: Smartphone (& Tablet) Basics for iPhone and Android

As part of its Live & Learn: enriching lives through monthly learning series, Robey Memorial Library (RML) invites community members to attend Smartphone (& Tablet) Basics for iPhone and Android on Thursday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the library's lower level Community Room.

This informative session is designed to help participants feel more confident using their smartphones and tablets, whether they are new to the technology or simply looking to brush up on the basics.

Attendees will learn common terminology and gestures, navigation basics, how to access and change essential features, and how to print using the library's wireless printing service. The program will also include time for questions and answers, giving participants the opportunity to get help with their specific device concerns.

"Technology can feel overwhelming, but this program is designed to make smartphones and tablets more approachable and useful in everyday life," Chris Kerndt, Adult Programming Librarian shared. "We want patrons to leave feeling more comfortable and confident using their devices."

Registration is encouraged but not required. To reserve a spot, contact the Front Desk at Robey Memorial Library by calling (563) 568-4424 or register online at www.waukon.lib.ia.us.

Robey Memorial Library's Live & Learn series offers monthly opportunities for adults to expand their knowledge, explore new topics, and connect with others in the community.

For more information about this and other upcoming programs, visit the library or check the event calendar online.

Coming in June...

Live & Learn: Karen Land, Iditarod Musher

Robey Memorial Library (RML) invites the community to an exciting and educational presentation featuring veteran Iditarod dog musher Karen Land on Saturday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the library's lower level Community Room.

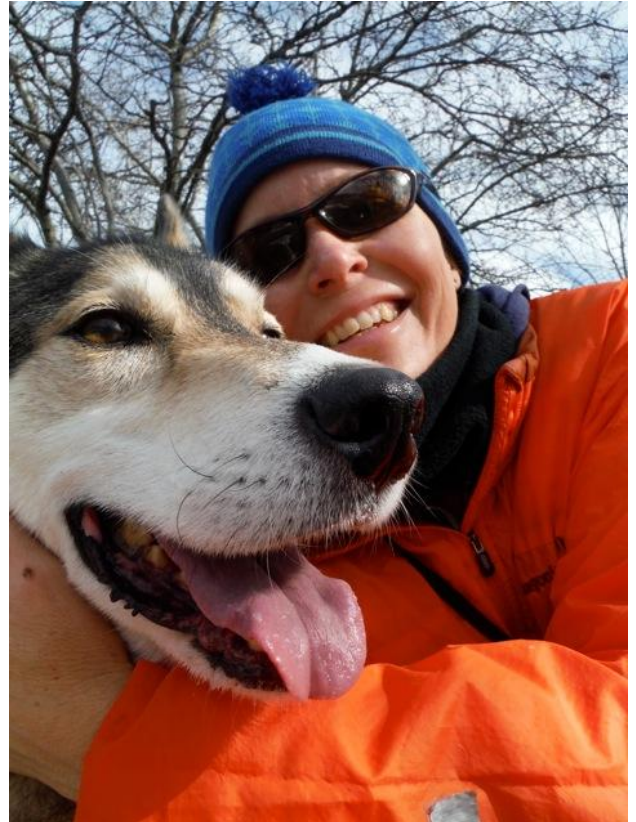
This special event is part of RML's Live & Learn: Enriching Lives Through Monthly Learning Series and is designed for "kids" of all ages—from preschoolers to retirees. Karen Land brings 25 years of mushing experience to the stage, offering a firsthand look at the world of long-distance sled dog racing, including the legendary Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Audiences will meet Sophia, Karen's 8-year-old Alaskan husky and the star of the show, and have the unique opportunity to interact with a real sled dog.

The presentation features authentic gear from the trail, including an actual Iditarod dog sled, mushing equipment, and arctic clothing. Attendees will learn what it takes to survive the extreme Alaskan winter elements and gain insight into topics such as the history of mushing, sled dog breeds, races around the world, and the famous 1925 Serum Run involving Balto and Togo.

Additional discussion topics include climate change's impact on the sport, dryland mushing, wildlife encounters, and how Karen—originally from Indiana—became involved in dog sledding. The program will also include time for audience questions,

photo opportunities, standing on the sled, and petting Sophia.

This engaging, hands-on experience is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Robey Memorial Library at (563) 568-4424 or visit www.waukon.lib.ia.us.



Karen Land and her sled dog Sophia.



Coming in June...

Lego Club

Let's build together!

Tuesdays
10:30am
in June & July
for ages 7-17

Join us for:
Minifigure Trading
Building Challenges
& Fun!



Reading Dragons & Friends

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Level up your reading skills and earn dragon cards! Eight sets to choose from and each set includes an egg, baby, teen and adult dragon.



SUMMER EXPLORERS

Wednesdays @ 10:30am



June 3

- Fun with Foam

June 17

- To be determined

July 1

- Seed Bombs w/ Sara Berges

July 15

- To be determined

July 29

- Monarch Butterflies w/ Lynne Campbell



May Events



Friday, May 1

- East Elementary Career Fair, 1-3pm

May 4-May 9

- Children's Book Week

Monday, May 4

- Adopt-a-Zoo Animal and PJ Party, 5:30-7pm

Tuesday, May 5

- Story Time, 10:30am
- Stay & Play, 11am
- Homeschool Show & Tell: Favorite Event You Attended, 11am

Thursday, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

- Ice Cream with Dairy Royalty & Rock Painting, 4-5:30pm

Tuesday, May 12

- Story Time with the Driftless, 10:30am
- Teen Advisory Board, 4pm
- RML Board Meeting, 4:30pm

Wednesday, May 13

- Grab & Go for Kids & for Teens: first-come, first served

Thursday, May 14

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Tuesday, May 19

- Story Time, 10:30am

Thursday, May 21

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Foundation Book Sale, 2-6pm
- Thursday Night Book Club: Middle Aged Character, 6pm

Tuesday, May 26

- Story Time, 10:30am

Thursday, May 28

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Live & Learn: Smartphone (& Tablet) Basics for iPhone & Android, 5:30pm



Homeschool Science Fair 2026

Class of **2026** Staff GRADUATE



Happy Graduation
Moriah Downing

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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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