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2025 Adult Reading Challenge Concludes

Robey Memorial Library is thrilled to announce the conclusion of the “Level Up @ Your Library” Adult Reading Challenge, a yearlong literary adventure that took place from January 1 to December 31, 2025. This program invited readers to explore diverse genres and themes, encouraging them to discover something new by tackling books from twelve thoughtfully selected categories. These included: Adventure; Book or Character that Inspires You; Celebrity Book Club Selection; Fantasy; Fiction; Friendship-themed; Graphic Novel or Picture Book; Non-fiction; Puzzle-themed; Set in Another Country (not the United States); Sport-themed; and Technology-themed.

RML is proud to congratulate the recipients of the random drawing for Waukon Bucks and gift certificates: Nic Hay and Traci Byrnes. Carmel Schulte is the winner of the eReader tablet.

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This year's challenge saw incredible engagement, with 41 participants collectively reading an impressive 318 books. Among these readers, 15 completed the full challenge by exploring all twelve categories, demonstrating outstanding commitment to literary discovery.

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For questions or more information, contact Robey Memorial Library at (563) 568-4424; www.waukon.lib.ia.us; or robeymemorial@waukon.lib.ia.us.

2026 Adult Reading Challenge

Robey Memorial Library 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



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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.

- **February 19** — Pioneer life
- **March 19** — A book with a green cover
- **April 16** — A book from your TBR (to-be-read) list
- **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.

Not sure? Here are some first steps:

- Login to your library account
 - www.waukon.lib.ia.us
 - Click on the Catalog link
 - Click Login OR Status
 - Enter your Username = Library card number
 - Enter your Password = your Last name (unless you have manually changed this)
 - Click on Status
 - Check to make sure contact info is correct
 - Check to make sure account hasn't expired

Live & Learn: Passport to Language—Mango Languages

As part of Live & Learn enriching lives through a monthly learning series, Robey Memorial Library (RML) is offering Passport to Language: Getting to Know Mango Languages on Thursday, February 26 at 5:30 pm in the lower level Community Room.

This informative session will introduce participants to Mango Languages, an award-winning language learning platform available free with a Robey Memorial Library card. Mango offers an engaging and intuitive way to learn over 70 languages, including ESL courses tailored for speakers of more than 20 native heart languages.

Designed for learners of all levels, Mango Languages features bite-sized lessons, real-world conversation practice, and culturally immersive content to help users build practical communication skills. Whether you're brushing up on existing language skills or starting fresh, Mango allows learners to progress at their own pace with lessons accessible online or through the Mango Languages app—perfect for travel, work, or personal enrichment.

Registration for this program is encouraged but not required. To reserve a spot or for more information, contact the Front Desk at (563) 568-4424 or register at the link below.

Robey Memorial Library invites community members to expand their horizons and discover how easy and enjoyable language learning can be with Mango Languages.



World Read Aloud Day

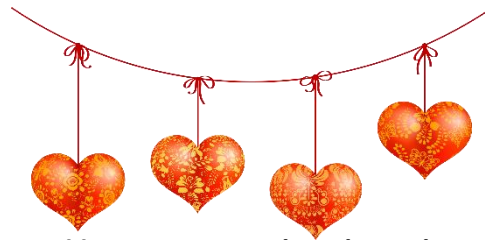
Wednesday, February 4

Celebrate World Read Aloud Day with us:

- Sign up to read aloud during a 15-minute session—choose your own book or select a title from our special display! Visit our website to register!
- Listen to read-alouds throughout the day!
- Take a story walk through the library!
- Spin our Prize Wheel!



February Events



Tuesday, February 3

- Story Time, 10:30am
- Stay & Play, 11am
- Homeschool Show & Tell: Something in your favorite color, 11am

Wednesday, February 4

- World Read Aloud Day, 10am-8pm

Thursday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 10

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



Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Pinterest Projects: Hot-Wax Candle Painting [Registration required], 5:30pm

Friday, February 13

- Winter Book Sale, 10am-6pm

Saturday, February 14

- Winter Book Sale, 10am-4pm

Tuesday, February 17

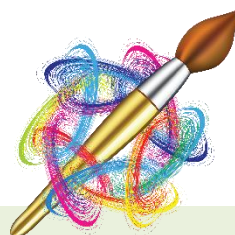
- Story Time, 10:30am

Thursday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 24

- Story Time, 10:30am
- Afternoon with the Driftless, 3:30pm



Thursday, February 26

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Live & Learn: Passport to Language—Mango Languages, 5:30pm

Pinterest Projects

Join us for a creative and relaxing evening of crafting at RML! Participants will learn the art of hot-wax candle painting and create a beautifully decorated candle to take home.

Using melted, colored wax, attendees paint simple designs onto a pillar or taper candle. By layering the wax, you can deepen colors and create raised textures, transforming a plain candle into a unique decorative piece.

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2026
Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

All materials will be provided by the library. Space is limited to ensure adequate supplies for everyone, so advance registration is required. To reserve your spot, please sign up on our website or contact the library at 563-568-4424.

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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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