

@Robey Memorial Library

monthly news



TEENtober

What will you discover at the library?

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This October, the RML is participating in the Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) annual TeenTober celebration. Developed by YALSA, this month-long event strives to raise awareness of the importance of year-round teen services and connect teens with services and materials provided by their local institutions that will help them develop new skills and fuel their passions. TeenTober merges YALSA's successful and long-standing Teen Tech Week™ and Teen Read Week™ initiatives into one program to celebrate teen services in libraries and enhance relationships with community partners.

RML's TeenTober programs include:

- Comic Prize Packs—Get one entry just for coming in during October, but participating in our other programs earns you more chances at taking home a bundle with your favorite superhero!
- Guess the Book-in-a-Jar—enter your guess for our Book-in-a-Jar for a chance to win a book-themed prize.
- Wii Sports Free Play Day takes place on Friday October 16 from 4-7pm. Teens are invited to play one of the most iconic games of the Wii-era!
- Fangtastic Movie Night is a free showing of *The Black Phone* starring Ethan Hawke and Mason Thames. (Rated R)

After being abducted by a child killer and locked in a soundproof basement, a 13-year-old boy starts receiving calls on a disconnected phone from the killer's previous victims.

Movie begins at 7pm on Saturday, October 31st. Viewers are welcome to bring movie snacks but refreshments will be provided.



Homeschool Show & Tell

RML is excited to resume Homeschool Show & Tell. This program is designed to nurture creativity, develop public speaking skills, and inspire a love for learning among homeschool students.

The Homeschool Show & Tell is open to students of all ages. Sessions are held monthly on the first Tuesday at 11am September through May. The first session is **Tuesday, October 6 sharing something from nature**. Topics for coming months include:

- 11/3-Item beginning with "D"
- 12/1-Favorite snack
- 1/5-Favorite book

Guidelines for show & tell items: you must be able to carry your show and tell item yourself; the item must be appropriate for all ages; and it can be nothing too expensive or irreplaceable (we recommend a photo of such an item).

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Live & Learn: Flower Arranging

As part of its Live & Learn: enriching lives through monthly learning series, Robey Memorial Library (RML) invites the community to join Flower Arranging with Sherrie Hunstad on **Thursday, October 29, at 5:30 pm** in the lower-level Community Room.

Whether you're a budding floral enthusiast or simply looking to try something creative, this program offers an opportunity to learn the basics of flower arranging and explore the art of creating beautiful floral designs. Participants are encouraged to bring a pair of scissors, although some will be available to use.

This program is free and open to the public, but **registration is required** due to limited supplies. Be sure to reserve your spot!

For more information or to register, contact the RML Front Desk at (563) 568-4424 or visit www.waukon.lib.ia.us.



Upcoming Changes to Libby Account Access



RML is preparing to update the authentication process for library accounts used to access BRIDGES and Libby. These changes are intended to provide a more secure and accurate method of verifying library accounts and ensuring continued access to digital resources.

Beginning **November 2**, Libby users will be required to enter both their **library card number** and **library card password** to access digital materials. To help prepare for this transition and avoid potential disruptions to borrowing privileges, RML encourages patrons to take the following steps:

1. Make sure your library account is current.

Patrons must have physically checked

out an item or contacted the library to renew their account within the past three years. If you have not done so, please contact RML to ensure your account remains active.

2. Verify your address information.

Make sure the address on your library account is correct and up to date. Incorrect address information may result in a disruption to your borrowing privileges.

3. Ensure your account is in good standing.

All long-overdue items must be returned, and any outstanding fines exceeding \$25.00 must be paid.

4. Confirm your residency eligibility.

RML's contract with the state requires

the library to restrict access to BRIDGES and Libby to residents of Allamakee County and the City of Waukon. Please make sure your account information accurately reflects your residency.

Taking a few minutes to review your account information now can help ensure a smooth transition and continued access to digital resources.

If you are unsure about your account status, need to update your information, or have questions about the upcoming changes, please contact us at (563) 568-4424 or robeymemorial@waukon.lib.ia.us.

You may also log in to the library catalog to review your account at www.waukon.lib.ia.us->Catalog.

Adult Reading Challenge

RML invites you to embark on a literary adventure with the 2026 Adult Reading Challenge, Plant a Seed, Read. 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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Pinterest Projects

RML invites community members to get creative at the Pinterest Projects Class on **Thursday, October 10, at 5:30 PM** in the Community Room (lower level) of the library. This bi-monthly class brings Pinterest-inspired projects to life, providing a fun and engaging way to explore new crafting techniques.

October's featured project is a Painted Screen. The class is free of charge, and all materials will be provided by the library. **Registration is recommended to ensure enough supplies are available for participants.** To register or learn more about this program, contact RML 563-568-4424 or robeymemorial@waukon.lib.ia.us.

Join us for an evening of crafting, creativity, and community at Robey Memorial Library!

Afternoon with the Driftless

This fun and educational monthly program is presented by a naturalist from the Allamakee County Conservation Board.

Beginning in August, the program is held on the **fourth Tuesday of each month** from **August through April at 3:30pm** in the library.

Designed for children and families, each session features a story followed by an engaging presentation about animals, nature, and conservation. Participants can also enjoy a variety of hands-on activities that make learning leaf about the natural world fun and interactive.



Thursday Night Book Club

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

Whether you're a seasoned bookworm or just looking to read more, our book club offers something for everyone.

- **October 15** — A book that knocks your socks off
- **November 19** — Humorous book
- **December 17** — A book from your childhood



October Events



Thursday, October 1

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

Tuesday, October 6

- Story Time, 10:30am
- Stay & Play, 11am
- Homeschool Show & Tell, 11am

Thursday, October 8

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Pinterest Projects, 5:30pm

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14

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

Thursday, October 15

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Foundation Book Sale, 2-6pm
- Thursday Night Book Club: Book that knocks your socks off, 6pm

Friday, October 16

- Wii Sports Free Play, 4-7pm

Tuesday, October 20

- Story Time, 10:30am

Thursday, October 22

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Tuesday, October 27

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

Thursday, October 29

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Live & Learn: Flower Arranging, 5:30pm

Saturday, October 31

- Fangtastic Movie Night: *The Black Phone* (Rated R), 7pm



It's Story Time

- Join us **every Tuesday** for Story Time at **10:30am**. Each session features stories and activities. The 2nd Tuesday of the month RML collaborates with the Allamakee Conservation Board and a Driftless Center naturalist for a story and interactive activities on various conservation and nature topic.
- Join us on the **first Thursday** of the month for a cozy evening Snuggle Story Time at **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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