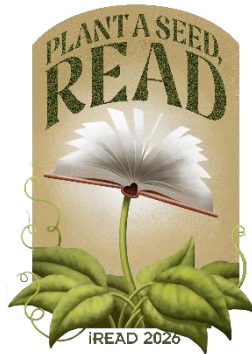


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2026 Adult Reading Challenge



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

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Remember...

Dragon & Friends reading challenge continues through January 10th!



- Foodie/Cookbook
- Garden-themed
- Health-themed
- History
- Humorous
- Midwestern Author or Theme
- Recommended
- Set in Summer



Participants receive a prize drawing entry for every category completed. Finish all twelve categories and earn a bonus entry!

Books must be read during the 2026 calendar year to qualify. Entry forms can be submitted to Robey Memorial Library in person or online throughout the year.

Winners will be selected through a random drawing after the challenge concludes on December 31, 2026. Prizes include:

- eReader/Tablet (1 prize)
- Waukon Bucks/Local Business Gift Certificate Packages (3 prizes)

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Take the challenge, discover something new, and "Plant a Seed, Read" in 2026!

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.

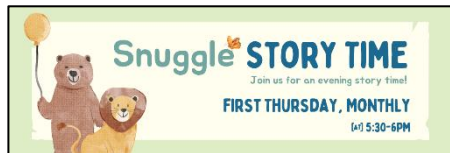
Each month, we explore a new theme, providing participants the opportunity to dive into diverse genres and discover captivating stories. Whether you're a seasoned bookworm or just looking to read more, our book club offers something for everyone.

- **January 15** — A Sue Grafton title with an initial of your name
- **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

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow readers, exchange ideas, and discover new favorites.



Mark your calendars:



- **Snuggle Story Time:** Evening story time for families on the first Thursday, monthly, at 5:30pm (excludes holidays).



- **Tuesday Story Time:** Tuesdays at 10:30am.
- **Story Time with the Driftless:** Join staff from the Allamakee County Driftless Center for stories and activities with a conservation theme—every 2nd Tuesday at 10:30am



- **Afternoon with the Driftless:** Activities with a conservation theme every 4th Tuesday at 3:30pm.



- **Tech Tutor:** Drop-in technology help session—every Thursday, 10am-12pm.

World Read Aloud Day

Wednesday, February 3

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 snowflake throughout the day!
- Take a story walk through the library!
- Spin our Prize Wheel!



Live & Learn: Getting to Know Libby

Library patrons have anytime, anywhere access to a dynamic collection of digital audiobooks, eBooks and magazines through the library service of BRIDGES, Iowa's eLibrary through the Libby app.

Robey Memorial Library's January Live & Learn program is a Getting to Know Libby on Thursday, January 29 at 5:30 pm in the lower level Community Room. Learn to download free audiobook, eBooks, & magazines; navigate the website; and use the Libby app. If you have been using BRIDGES and Libby come to see what's new!

Registration for this class is encouraged. Please contact Robey Memorial Library for more information.

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January Events

January 1-January 10

- Reading Dragons & Friends reading challenge

Thursday, January 1

- Library CLOSED

Tuesday, January 6

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

Thursday, January 8

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

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

Thursday, January 15

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Foundation Book Sale, 2-6pm
- Thursday Night Book Club: Sue Grafton novel with your initial, 6pm

Tuesday, January 20

- Story Time, 10:30am

Thursday, January 22

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Tuesday, January 27

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

Thursday, January 29

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Live & Learn: Getting to Know Libby, 5:30pm



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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