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monthly news

A promotional banner for an event. The background is dark teal with a red diagonal stripe at the bottom. In the top left is a logo for 'Live & Learn' with the tagline 'enriching lives with monthly learning'. The main text reads 'Old Fashioned Boys Town Movie Night' in a stylized, bubbly font. To the right, there are two film reels and a dark blue banner with the date and time '30 April 5:30 pm.' in white. At the bottom, a small white text box contains a description of the film: 'A fact-based portrait of Father Edward J. Flanagan, whose belief that "there's no such thing as a bad boy" is tested by a troubled youth at his Nebraska boys' home. (Rated G)'.

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Boys Town
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30 April
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Live & Learn: Old-Fashioned Movie Night

As part of its Live & Learn: Enriching Lives Through Monthly Learning Series, RML invites the community to an Old-Fashioned Movie Night on Thursday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. The free event will take place in the lower-level Community Room.

This month's featured film is *Boys Town*, a powerful, fact-based story of Father Edward J. Flanagan, a dedicated priest who established a Nebraska community for orphaned and troubled boys. Built on his belief that "there's no such thing as a bad boy," the story follows his mission as it is challenged by a defiant street youth who ultimately learns the value of compassion and discipline.

The film stars Spencer Tracy in an Academy Award-winning performance—earning him his second consecutive Oscar—and was also nominated for Best Picture.

Attendees are welcome to bring their own movie snacks and enjoy this classic film in a relaxed, community setting.

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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



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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.

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.

- **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





Pinterest Projects

Get creative and give old books new life! Join us for the Pinterest Projects Class, where we'll transform books into a Folded Book Page Vase—a charming and eco-friendly piece of home décor.

Project: Folded Book Page Vase

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026

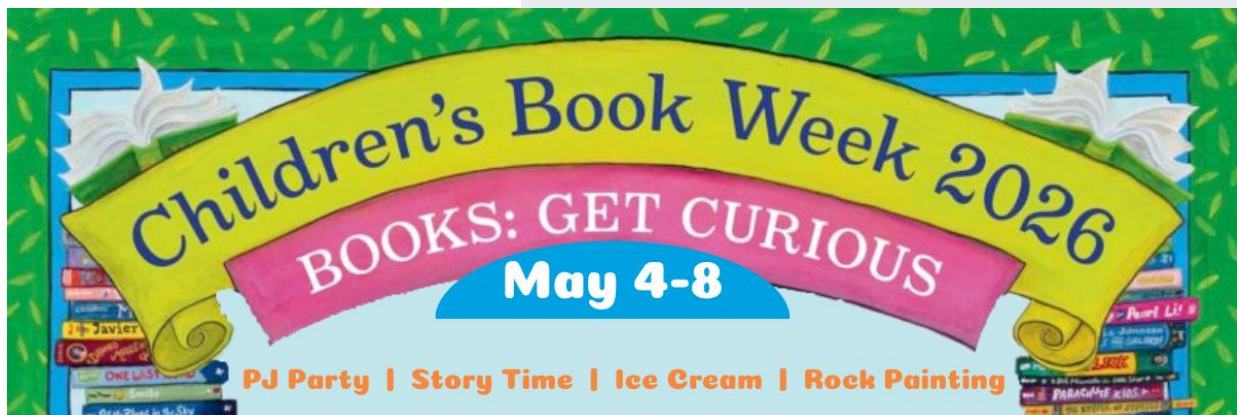
Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Robey Memorial Library, Community Room

All materials will be provided. Space is limited to ensure everyone has enough supplies, so advance registration is required.

Bring your creativity and leave with a unique handmade vase!

Coming in May:



Homeschool Science Fair

Robey Memorial Library is pleased to invite the community to its upcoming Homeschool Science Fair, a celebration showers of curiosity, creativity, and scientific discovery by local students.

The fair will take place on Thursday, April 16, from 4:00–5:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room and is free and open to the public.

This event offers a unique opportunity for homeschooling students throughout Allamakee County to showcase their projects while engaging with community members. Visitors will have the chance to explore a variety of student-led scientific investigations and speak directly with participants about their ideas, methods, and results.

The Homeschool Science Fair is designed to encourage students to explore topics that interest them while building skills in research, critical thinking, and communication. By sharing their work in a supportive, interactive setting, students gain confidence and valuable experience presenting their findings.

Attendees are encouraged to stop by, ask questions, and support these young learners as they demonstrate their hard work and creativity. Light refreshments, including cookies and lemonade, will be available.

Additional details are available at Robey Memorial Library or online at www.waukon.lib.ia.us.

April Events

Thursday, April 2

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

Tuesday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 8

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

Thursday, April 9

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

Tuesday, April 14

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

Thursday, April 16

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Foundation Book Sale, 2-6pm
- Homeschool Science Fair, 4-5:30pm
- Thursday Night Book Club: Book with a Green Cover, 6pm

Tuesday, April 21

- Story Time, 10:30am

Tuesday, April 28

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

Thursday, April 30

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Live & Learn: Old-Fashioned Movie Night: Boys Town, 5:30pm



Story Time with the Driftless



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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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