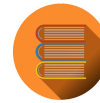


@ Robey Memorial Library



Robey Memorial Library
Enriching lives through lifelong learning

July 2025

HOMeward BOUND: PET ADOPTION BASICS

with the Northeast Iowa Humane Society

**THURSDAY, JULY 31 @ 5:30PM
COMMUNITY ROOM**



Live & Learn: Homeward Bound

Robey Memorial Library invites the community to join us for an informative session on pet adoption with "Homeward Bound: Pet Adoption Basics," part of our Live & Learn series aimed at enriching lives through education on July 31 at 5:30pm in the lower level Community Room.

This engaging event presented by the Northeast Iowa Humane Society covers essential aspects of pet adoption, including the adoption process itself and available volunteer opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear heartwarming success stories from our local community.

In addition to these topics, the discussion will also delve into important practical considerations such as adoption costs, including ongoing expenses, and beginning care. Whether you're considering adopting a pet or interested in supporting local adoption efforts, this session promises to be informative and inspiring.

Registration is recommended but not required. For more information or to register, please contact Robey Memorial Library at (563) 568-4424 or visit www.waukon.lib.ia.us!

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Summer Reading @ RML



Level Up at Your Library Summer Reading Program 2025 begins Tuesday, July 1 and runs through Thursday, July 31. Activities include Reading Challenges with prizes for all ages, Kids and Teens Grab and Go Activity Bags, craft events and fine forgiveness.



Kids

Infant – 6th grade (completed)

4-Week Reading Challenge:

Register at the front desk, pick up or print from our website a reading log that features reading and activity challenges. Earn prizes and books by completing the tasks assigned to the squares. The more you participate the more prizes you

Closed on the

4th of July

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Secret Word Search

Win a Free Book! In this newsletter, there is a random word in a sentence. The word is totally unrelated to the subject matter. If you find the word, and mention the word to Staff while visiting RML in July, you will receive one book from our book vault!

Good luck!

Summer Reading @ RML (continued)



will receive! Participants can display a "Library Champion" sign in their yard. Watch for these as you drive around town.

Make & Take Crafts: Held every Wednesday in July, stop by between 1:30 and 3:30 to make a craft to take home.

- July 2 - Paint Your Own Picture Frame
- July 9 - Butterfly suncatcher
- July 16 - Clay Leaf Print Art
- July 23 - Gemstone Magnets
- July 30 - Silhouette Jars



Grab and Go Activity Bags: Features fun, challenging projects to create at home. Available on the second Wednesday of each month while supplies last.

Summer Explorers Series:

Summer Explorers continues in July and August on bi-weekly Wednesdays at 10:30-11:30am.

- July 9 - Survive the Dust Bowl Game & Activity w/ Sara Berges, Soil Conservationist, USDA
- July 23 - Life-Size Game Day featuring Candy Land, Checkers, Yahtzee, Bubbles, Sidewalk Chalk



Reading Dragons: Reading Dragons & Friends program continues through the end of August. Pick up a reading log, track your reading minutes and earn dragon cards! This program is for all ages.

Story Walk at the Allamakee County Fair: Wednesday, July 16 - Sunday, July 20: RML will be hosting a Story Walk featuring the classic children's book *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson. Families and children are encouraged to read the book by walking from page to page as

they stroll the Fair Grounds. The starting point of the Story Walk is at the Grain Bin Gazebo, each stop will direct you to the next and ends at the Fair Office.

Passport to Reading: Book club for kids grades 4th through 6th.

Join us as we discuss a book read with an puzzle theme on July 10 and a sport theme on August 4. Passport to Reading meets once a month on Thursday from 10:30-11:30am to discuss books read, participate in fun book-related activities, and enjoy snacks. Jumanji Register at the Kids Summer Programs link on our website or contact RML at (563) 568-4424.



Teens

7th - 12th grades (completed)

Reading Challenge: Register at the front desk, pick up or print from our website a Reading Challenge Brochure. Earn prizes and books by completing reading minutes and literary quests. Earn entries to prize drawings for a Atari Pocket Player or book package. The more you participate the more prizes you earn!

Teen Book Clubs:

Teen Summer Book Club— July's book selection is *Thieves' gambit* by Kayvion Lewis. Join us Wednesday, July 2 from 10:30-11:30am for snacks and discussion! August's book club meets on Wednesday, August 6 from 10:30-11:30am for snacks and discussion of *The notorious Benedict Arnold* by Steve Sheinkin.

Classic Book Club for Teens— This club is reading and discussing classic titles: *The thin man* by Dashiell Hammett and *The call of the wild* by Jack London. Classic Book Club meets at 4pm on Mondays, July 14; and August 11.

Register for Teen Summer Book Club and/or Classic Book Club for Teens at the Teen Summer Program Link on our website (www.waukon.lib.ia.us) or contact RML at (563) 568-4424. First five registrants receive the book to keep; copies are available at RML.



Adults

Adults who participate in the 2025 Adult Reading Challenge through July will be entered into a drawing for a special prize. Read a title from one of 12 reading categories: 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 U.S.); Sport-themed; Technology-themed. Complete an entry on our website (www.waukon.lib.ia.us) or at RML. The Adult Reading Challenge continues through December 31st.

Events for adults in July:

- Thursday Night Book Club: discussing Technology-themed book, Thursday, July 17 at 6pm
- Live & Learn: Homeward Bound: Pet Adoption Basics with the Northeast Iowa Humane Society, Thursday, July 31 at 5:30pm

Fine Forgiveness: For those who participate in one of our Reading Challenges: children and teens who register for the Summer Reading Challenge in July; and adults who read at least one book for the 2025 Adult Reading Challenge in July can have overdue fines forgiven. (Be sure to remind the library staff of your participation). Fine Forgiveness does not include lost or damaged items on your library account.

Learn How to Compost & Strategies to Use Compost

On Monday, July 7 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm, the Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC) at the University of Northern Iowa will bring its Rural Compost Operations and Compost Use Training Project to Waukon's Robey Memorial Public Library. This free, in-person training is part of a USDA-funded initiative through the Rural Utilities Service to help rural communities across the Midwest reduce organic waste and protect water quality.

Backyard Compost Training

Local residents, farmers, municipal employees, parks and recreation staff, conservation organizations, community leaders, construction personnel, and other regional entities are invited to take part in a unique, hands-on training event that turns organic waste into a powerful tool, compost, to help remediate and protect rivers, lakes, and streams from pollutants.

What to Expect:

Participants will receive:

1. Step-by-step guidance on composting using best management practices while learning hands-on field exercises to help troubleshoot and gauge the health of an active compost pile.
2. Training on how to prevent and remediate pollutants from contaminating local waterways by using compost including rain gardens, filter berms and more.
3. On-site technical assistance and classroom instruction from composting experts.

Whether you're a farmer, municipal worker, school staff member, or simply a resident interested in composting, this training will equip you with the tools to start or improve a composting program –



photo of IWRC program manager, Jennifer Trent conducting compost training

and help protect local rivers, lakes and streams in the process.

All training materials will be provided and will also be available online at <https://iwrc.uni.edu/food-beverage/usda/rural-compost-operations-and-use>, so the knowledge can be shared and replicated beyond the event.

Join Us:

Location:

Robey Memorial Public Library

Date: Monday, July 7

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Learn more:

<https://iwrc.uni.edu/food-beverage/usda/rural-compost-operations-and-use>

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About Iowa Waste Reduction Center. The IWRC has been providing environmental services, including technical assistance and industry training, as well as research and development, for over 30 years. The IWRC is a part of the University of Northern Iowa's Business and Community Services which builds a better Iowa through hands-on technical assistance for economic and business development, entrepreneurship, environmental improvement and enhanced sustainability. For more information, visit iwrc.uni.edu.





2025 Adult Reading Challenge

We challenge your reading life! During the 2025 calendar year, receive a prize drawing entry for reading one title from each of the twelve categories:

- 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
- Technology-themed

Thank you to our 2025 prize sponsors:

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- Yen Hing Dragon

A Few Reminders for Libby Users

- Be sure the email address attached to your library account is current so you can be alerted when your library card expires.
- Library cards expire every three years and are renewed upon verification of address & other contact information.
- Expired library cards will not have access to Libby.



Snuggle Story Time

RML is launching Snuggle Story Time, a cozy evening event for young children and their families, starting Thursday, August 7 at 5:30 pm and continuing monthly on the first Thursday.

Enjoy enchanting stories in the library's cozy reading corner, designed to nurture a love of reading and family connection. Open to all community families with no registration required—perfect for busy parents and caregivers. Come create cherished reading moments together!



RML @ the Fair



Join us at the Allamakee County Fair!

July 16-20

Story Walk: Begin at the Grain Bin Gazebo and stroll the grounds reading *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson!

Friday, July 18 @ 1-4pm

Join us at the Kids' Center/Appreciation Building for fun activities!

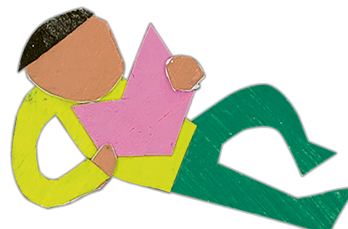
Level Up @ Your Library

FINE FORGIVENESS

Read & Participate in July

For all ages:

Participate in our Summer Reading to earn overdue fine forgiveness!





Teen Book Clubs

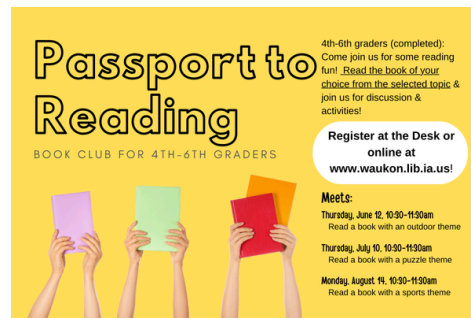
Teens register today for our summer book clubs meeting monthly in June, July & August:

Classic Book Club for Teens, Mondays @ 4pm:

- 6/9 : *The lion, the witch & the wardrobe*
- 7/14 : *The thin man*
- 8/11 : *The call of the wild*

Teen Summer Book Club, Wednesdays @ 10:30am:

- 6/4 : *The Davenports*
- 7/2 : *Thieves' gambit*
- 8/6 : *The notorious Benedict Arnold*



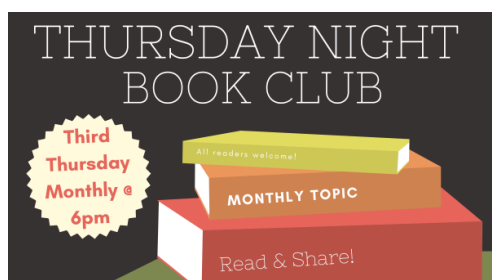
Passport to Reading

RML invites students who have completed grades 4–6 to join Passport to Reading, a fun and engaging book club just for kids! Each month, readers choose a book based on the discussion theme and come together for lively conversation and hands-on activities.

Participants complete a reading passport and be entered into a drawing for a free book of their choice!

Passport to Reading meets monthly @ 10:30am:

- June 12 – Read an outdoor-themed book
- July 10 – Read a puzzle-themed book
- August 14 – Read a sport-themed book

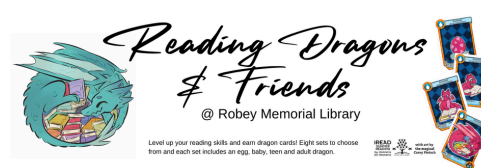


Book Club

Interested in discussing the books you read with other readers? Meeting new people? Are you looking for a new author or genre to read but not quite ready to jump all in? Are you at a loss for what to read next? Join us for Thursday Night Book Club the third Thursday monthly at 6pm.

All are welcome! Book Club meets in person; if you would like to join virtually, please contact RML for participation information.

Jul 17 Puzzle theme
Aug 21 Technology theme
Sep 18 Autobiography, Biography or Memoir



Reading Dragons

RML invites young readers to join "Reading Dragons and Friends" this summer, an innovative program aimed at nurturing a love for reading while enhancing skills.

From June through August, readers can grab a reading log from the library or print one online to start their journey. By logging reading time in 30-minute intervals, participants earn collectible dragon cards featuring eight unique dragon families, illustrated by Carey Pietsch. This program encourages all reading levels to participate, fostering a fun and rewarding reading experience.

July Events

July 1-31

- Summer Reading Challenge for all ages
- Reading Dragons & Friends

Tuesday, July 1

- Story Time, 10:30am
- Lego Club (ages 7-17), 10:30am
- Stay & Play, 11am

Wednesday, July 2

- Teen Summer Book Club, 10:30am
- Make & Take for Kids, 1:30-3:30pm

Thursday, July 3

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Thursday, July 4

- Library Closed

Monday, July 7

- Compost Workshop, 1-4pm



Tuesday, July 8

- Story Time with the Driftless, 10:30am
- Lego Club (ages 7-17), 10:30am
- Library Board Meeting, 4:30pm

Wednesday, July 9

- Grab & Go for Kids & For Teens, first-come, first served
- Summer Explorers: Survive the Dust Bowl with Sara Berges (USDA), 10:30am
- Make & Take for Kids, 1:30-3:30pm
- Game On: Teen Table Game Night, 5-7pm

Thursday, July 10

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Passport to Reading Book Club (4-6th Grade), 10:30am

Monday, July 14

- Classic Book Club for Teens, 4-5pm

Tuesday, July 15

- Story Time, 10:30am
- Lego Club (ages 7-17), 10:30am

July 16-20

- Story Walk at the Fair: *Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson

Wednesday, July 16

- Make & Take for Kids, 1:30-3:30pm

Thursday, July 17

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

Friday, July 18

- Kids' Day @ the Fair, 1-4pm

Tuesday, July 22

- Story Time, 10:30am
- Lego Club (ages 7-17), 10:30am
- Afternoon with the Driftless, 3:30pm

Wednesday, July 23

- Summer Explorers: Life-sized Games, 10:30am
- Make & Take for Kids, 1:30-3:30pm

Thursday, July 24

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Tuesday, July 29

- Story Time, 10:30am
- Lego Club (ages 7-17), 10:30am

Wednesday, July 30

- Make & Take for Kids, 1:30-3:30pm

Thursday, July

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Live & Learn: Homeward Bound-Pet Adoption Basics, 5:30pm

Coming Soon:

- Friday, August 1 @ 8pm: Fang-Tastic Movie Night
- Thursday, August 7 @ 5:30pm: Snuggle Story Time



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