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monthly news



Families are invited to explore downtown Waukon and enjoy the magic of reading together as the Robey Memorial Library, in collaboration with the Oneota Valley Literary Foundation (OVLS), presents the Main Street Story Walk throughout November and December.

This season's featured book is *Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner, a delightful winter adventure that follows a cross-country ski trip through the snowy woods, revealing the hidden world of animals living beneath the snow.

The story will unfold page by page in the windows of six participating local businesses along West Main Street. Families can stroll from one location to the next, reading the story together while enjoying the outdoors and discovering what downtown Waukon has to offer.

Participating businesses include: Hello Sunshine, Epic Wear, Aztec Parlor, Rockweiler Appliance, Hartig Drug and Maui Sunshine.

After completing the Story Walk, families are encouraged to visit the Robey Memorial Library. Participants can receive a free book by showing a photo of their family enjoying the Story Walk or by providing the secret code word.

The Main Street Story Walk offers a fun, interactive way for families to spend time together, encourage a love of reading and support local businesses. Whether longtime residents or visitors to the area, families are invited to experience this special community activity throughout November and December.

Bundle up, head downtown and enjoy a winter story adventure with the family!





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:

- 12/1 Favorite snack
- 1/5 Favorite book
- 2/2 Favorite family tradition

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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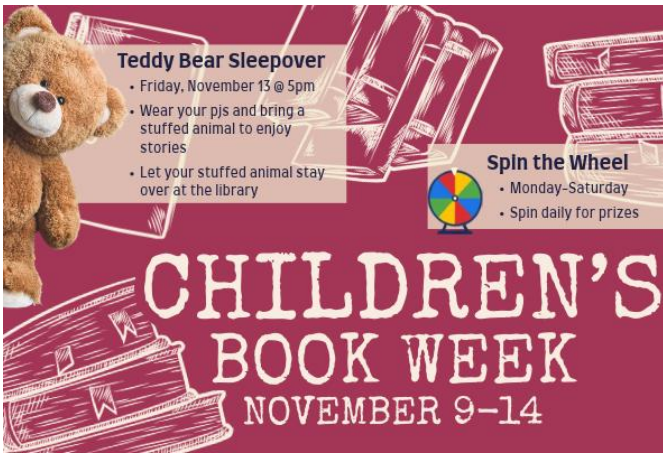


Join us at Robey Memorial Library for a Table Game Event, **Saturday, November 14 from 1-4pm** in the lower level Community Room! Come learn to play a new game or join in to play a classic. Register for door prizes and play beginner-friendly, non-competitive, casual table games!

A variety of table games are available for ages preschool through adult, including: *Apples to Apples; Aggravation; Backgammon; Boss Monster; Candyland; Catan; Chess; Connect Four; Dixit; Elephant's Trunk; Exploding Kittens; Gloom; Go; Gotcha!; In a Pickle; Jenga; Monopoly: Electronic Banking; Number Chase; The Oregon Trail: Card Game; Pandemic; Phase 10 Twist; Qwirkle; Rummikub; Seismic; Skip-Bo; Takenoko; Yeti, Set, Go!; Zombie Dice*; and more……OR bring your own!

Players are welcome to bring their own snacks. Children 8 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult. This is a free program.





Special activities planned for Children's Book Week, held Monday, November 9– Saturday, November 14, includes the following:

- Spin-The-Wheel for daily prizes (one spin per day)

- Teddy Bear Sleep Over on Friday, November 13 from 5:00-5:45pm. Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal (or second favorite) to enjoy stories and an activity. Then tuck your stuffed animal in for a sleepover at the acorn library. Children can stop in on Saturday between 10am – 4pm to pick up their stuffed animal and photos of the fun and mischief gotten into overnight.

Launched in 1919, Children's Book Week commemorates its 107th anniversary in 2026. It is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country, originating in the belief that children's books and literacy are life-changers. The twice-annual celebration boasts of over 3,000 participating schools, libraries, and bookstores in all 50 states.



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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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 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.

- **November 19** — Humorous book
- **December 17** — A book from your childhood



November Events

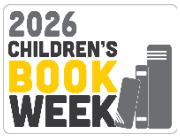


Thursday, November 2
- Libby login verification begins

Tuesday, November 3
- Story Time, 10:30am
- Stay & Play, 11am
- Homeschool Show & Tell, 11am

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

November 9-14



Monday, November 9
- TAB (Teen Advisory Board), 4:30pm

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

Wednesday, November 11
- Grab & Go for Kids & for Teens: first-come, first served

Thursday, November 12
- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Friday, November 13
- Teddy Bear Sleepover, 5-5:45pm

Saturday, November 14
- Table Game Day, 1-4pm

Tuesday, November 17
- Story Time, 10:30am

Thursday, November 19
- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Foundation Book Sale, 2-6pm
- Thursday Night Book Club: Humorous, 6pm

Tuesday, November 24
- Story Time, 10:30am
- Afternoon with the Driftless, 3:30pm

Wednesday, November 25
- Closing at 12pm

Thursday, November 26
- CLOSED



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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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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