

# @Robey Memorial Library

monthly news

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World Read Aloud Day, 2026

## Live & Learn: Ultimate Puzzle Challenge

Robey Memorial Library invites puzzle enthusiasts to join the Ultimate Puzzle Challenge on Thursday, March 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the lower level Community Room as part of its Live & Learn monthly learning series.

This exciting event is free to attend. Teams of 1 to 4 participants compete to be the first to complete a jigsaw puzzle within a 2-hour period. Participants are welcome to bring their own food and drinks to fuel their puzzle-solving skills. The winning team members will receive gift certificates to local businesses.

Registration is required to participate. Secure your spot by contacting the Front Desk at (563) 568-4424 or by visiting [www.waukon.lib.ia.us](http://www.waukon.lib.ia.us).

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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



### Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:

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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.

- **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





## Fang-tastic Movie Night: Child's Play

(This movie is rated R for moderately graphic violence and language)

New weather, fresh air, same scares! Come join us at RML for a free showing of *Child's Play* (1988).

The movie that spawned a cultural sensation, *Child's Play* is the brainchild of creator Don Mancini and director Tom Holland (*Fright Night*, *The Langoliers*). Movie-goers are sure to recognize a young Chris Sarandon before he went on to play the villainous Prince Humperdinck (*The Princess Bride*) and beloved Jack Skellington (*The Nightmare Before Christmas*).

Snacks and drinks will be provided, but attendees are welcome to bring their own. The shamrock same goes for any particular seating you would prefer. Alcohol and smoking are forbidden on library property.

Showing on Friday, March 27th at RML. Movie begins at 7 PM, with doors opening at 6pm. For more information, please visit us during open hours or call (563) 568-4424. No registration is required for this event.

We hope to see you there, if you dare.



## Homeschool Science Fair

RML is thrilled to announce its upcoming Homeschool Science Fair, offering a unique opportunity for homeschooling students throughout Allamakee County to share their curiosity, creativity, and scientific thinking with the community.

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

### Why a Science Fair?

The Homeschool Science Fair encourages students to explore scientific questions that interest them while developing critical thinking, research, and presentation skills. The event also provides a welcoming environment for students to practice explaining their work, gain confidence, and connect with peers and community members who share an interest in learning.

### Event Details

Participants are encouraged to register by March 9 to ensure adequate space and materials. Project setup will take place on April 16 from 3-4pm, with the fair open to visitors from 4–5:30 pm. Light refreshments, including cookies and lemonade, will be available for attendees.

### Engaging the Community

Students are invited to remain with their projects during the fair to interact with visitors. This interactive format allows participants to explain their scientific process, discuss research methods and results, and receive positive feedback from the community.

### Submission Guidelines

Projects may represent any type of scientific inquiry and should be appropriate for all ages. Displays must be easily transportable and fit within the Library's Community Room setup.

### Registration Information

Advance registration is encouraged by March 9. Registration forms and additional details are available at RML or online at [www.waukon.lib.ia.us](http://www.waukon.lib.ia.us).

# March Events



## Tuesday, March 3

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

## Thursday, March 5

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

## Tuesday, March 10

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

## Wednesday, March 11

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

## Thursday, March 12

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

## Tuesday, March 17

- Story Time, 10:30am

## Thursday, March 19

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Foundation Book Sale, 2-6pm
- Thursday Night Book Club: Book with a Green Cover, 6pm

## Tuesday, March 24

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

## Thursday, March 26

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Live & Learn: Ultimate Puzzle Challenge (Registration required), 5:30pm

## Friday, March 27

- Fang-tastic Movie Night: *Child's Play* (rated R), 6pm

## Tuesday, March 31

- Story Time, 10:30am



Homeschool Show & Tell

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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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