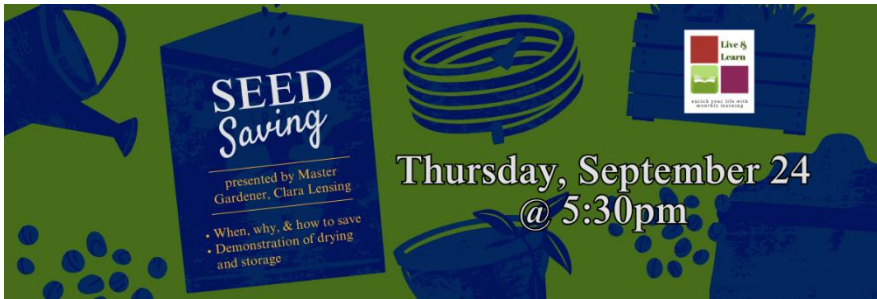


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Live & Learn: Seed Saving

RML invites gardeners and gardening enthusiasts to join Master Gardener Clara Lensing for **Seed Saving**, part of the library's **Live & Learn**, enriching lives through monthly learning series. The program is offered on **Thursday, September 24, at 5:30 pm** in the lower-level Community Room.

Lensing will discuss the **why, when, how, and what** of seed saving, offering practical information to help gardeners preserve seeds from their gardens for future growing seasons. Participants will learn about saving and properly storing dry seeds and explore the unique process involved with saving tomato seeds.

Registration is encouraged but not required. To reserve a spot, contact the RML Front Desk at (563) 568-4424 or visit www.waukon.lib.ia.us.

The Live & Learn series offers opportunities for community members to explore new topics, gain practical knowledge, and learn from local experts. This program is free and open to the public.

WHEN: Thursday, September 24 at 5:30 pm

WHERE: RML, Lower-Level Community Room

COST: Free

REGISTRATION: Encouraged but not required



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, September 1 sharing something you want to do this year**. Topics for coming months include:

- 10/6-Something from nature
- 11/3-Item beginning with "D"
- 12/1-Favorite snack

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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2026 Adult Reading Challenge

RML invites you to embark on a literary adventure with the 2026 Adult Reading Challenge, Plant a Seed, Read. 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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Tech Tutor



RML offers Tech Tutor, a free weekly drop-in session for anyone who needs help with computers and other technology.

Tech Tutor is held every Thursday from 10 am to 12 pm.

Patrons can receive one-on-one assistance with a variety of devices and technology, including eReaders (eBooks and audiobooks), tablets, smartphones, and laptops. Basic computer instruction is also available, including help with the internet, email, word processing, spreadsheets, and more.

Whether you are learning how to use a new device or need help navigating a specific technology, RML staff are available to provide friendly, hands-on assistance.

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.

- **September 17** — Agriculture theme
- **October 15** — A book that knocks your socks off
- **November 19** — Humorous book
- **December 17** — A book from your childhood



Teen Advisory Board

RML is seeking members for its Teen Advisory Board (TAB), a group that gives local teens an opportunity to have a voice in the library and help shape programs, services, and collections for their peers.

The Teen Advisory Board is open to **students in 7th through 12th grade** and **meets once a month—September through May—for approximately one hour**. Members are encouraged to share their ideas and help make the library a welcoming and engaging place for teens and young adults.

TAB members may:

- Provide input and ideas for teen programming
- Recommend books and other materials for the library to purchase
- Promote the use of the library among teens
- Share information and address topics related to teens and young adults
- Help recruit other teen patrons to the library
- Read and review books

Serving on the Teen Advisory Board is a great way for teens to make their voices heard, develop leadership skills, contribute to their community, and help shape the library's future.

Teens interested in becoming a member of the Teen Advisory Board should complete an application available on our website or from the library Front Desk. Teens will be informed of upcoming meetings.

Doggy Story Time

RML and HSNEI are partnering to present a story-time sure to bring delight to all ages! Come pencil listen to some doggy-themed stories and play with some shelter pups up for adoption!

The event takes place on **Saturday, September 19th**. Listen to stories from 10:30 AM to 11 AM, and free play with the dogs will be from 11 AM to Noon. Attendees are encouraged to talk with HSNEI Staff about adoption and volunteering.

Event is scheduled to take place outdoors, but will move indoors if the weather is not accommodating. We ask attendees not to bring food or their own pets for the safety of the animals.

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

DOGGY STORYTIME WITH HSNEI



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
10:30 TO 12 PM
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ALL AGES WELCOME!
(THIS EVENT WILL BE OUTDOORS
WEATHER ACCOMMODATING)



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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September Events

Tuesday, September 1

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

Thursday, September 3

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

Monday, September 7

- Labor Day—Library CLOSED

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

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

Thursday, September 10

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Tuesday, September 15

- Story Time, 10:30am

Thursday, September 17

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

Saturday, September 19

- Doggy Story Time, 10:30am-12pm

Tuesday, September 22

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

Thursday, September 24

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Live & Learn: Seed Saving, 5:30pm

Tuesday, September 29

- Story Time, 10:30am



Library Card Sign-Up Month

This September, RML invites you to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month and discover how a library card can hit all the right notes, no matter what your tastes are. This year's theme, "A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes," is a reminder that libraries offer something for everyone—no matter your age, background, or goals. Whether you're checking out a classic story or trying something new, finding harmony at the library's programs, finding your focus in a study room or vibing out in a cozy nook, or composing your future with new skills, there's a seat in the front row at the library for you, and your library card is the ticket.

At RML, you'll find:

- Public computers, audiobooks, eBooks, Mometrix—study and testing materials, Mango Languages
- Puzzles and board games
- Programs and events for all ages—from story times and book clubs to lifelong learning and tech help

Join us throughout September for special Library Card Sign-up Month activities, including:

- **Library Card Refresh** – September 1 to 30: Do you have lost or damaged library card? Stop in during the month of September with photo identification and we will replace it for free!
- **Library Card Sign-Up** – Don't have a library card yet? Today is a great day to get one! All you need is a photo id with a current address; a photo idea with a current piece of mail with name and current address; or a parent's signature for children under 14.
- **Swag** – Need a new bookmark or sticker? We have you covered—stop in this month for a special treat.

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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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