

The Library Noise January 2026

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January Calendar

1/1	New Year's Day Library Closed	
1/2	Art Extravaganza	10:00
1/12	Friends Meeting	10:00
1/14	Dream Big Storytime	10:00
1/14	Library Board Meeting	5:00
1/20	Sensory Playtime	2:30
1/22	Oelwein Reads at Ampersand	6:00
1/26	Book Talk	10:00

Topic: [Read a book with a dust jacket.](#)

Have you started your New Year Resolutions List?
A fresh start awaits!

We have just the book you may need. Explore the non-fiction section of the library for inspiration.

- If you're aiming to improve your health with diet and exercise, check out the 613 section.
- Interested in cooking? You'll find cookbooks in 641 section.
- Want to declutter your home? Look for useful guides in the 648 section.

There are plenty of other helpful resources available, too!

Donor's Corner

The following people made donations in memory of loved ones during the month of December:

In memory of Seth Garceau

Jens & Joanne Nielsen

In memory of Pat Arthaud

Dorothy A. Gray, Steve & Mary Reeder

In memory of Lavonne "Toby" Rolfs

Sean & Amanda Emery



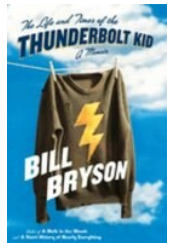
For more information on how you can create this lasting tribute to someone you have lost or would like to honor, please contact Deann Fox at 283-1515.

Upcoming Programs

Oelwein Reads Book Club at Ampersand January 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Oelwein Reads Book Club meets at Ampersand located at 110 South Frederick Ave. This book club will focus on books about Iowa or the Midwest.

The book selected is *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson.



Coming March 5th, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

The Founding Mothers presented by Laura Keyes

This Illustrated Lecture focuses on the remarkable women who had a first-hand view of the founding of our nation, and whose stories need to be shared. Join Laura Keyes as she shares their history, their bravery, and their surprising legacies.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Did You Know?

Stuck Indoors Due to Winter Weather?

Why not explore a puzzle from the library? We offer a delightful selection of puzzles, ranging from 300 to 1,000 pieces, with a generous checkout period of two weeks.

Where to Find the Puzzles

The puzzle shelf is conveniently located near the entrance of the children's library. If you have any difficulty finding them, feel free to ask a librarian for assistance.



To request an accommodation for programs call 319-283-1515 or email oelwein@oelwein.lib.ia.us.

Library Hours | Monday-Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. | Wednesday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. | Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. | Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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New items on the shelf

DVD's:

Fiction:

The Bridge Kingdom-Danielle L. Jensen, Brimstone-Callie Hart, Sharpe's Storm-Bernard Cromwell, Mona's Eyes-Thomas Schlessner, White Wolf-Eric Lustbader, Fallen Gods-Rachel Van Dyken, I, Medusa-Ayana Gray, Quicksilver-Callie Hart, Stuart Woods' Blown Away-Brett Battles

Non-Fiction:

Simply More-Cynthia Erivo, To Rescue the American Spirit-Bret Baier, Stop, in the Name of God-Charlie Kirk, Notes on Being a Man-Scott Galloway, Captain's Dinner-Adam Cohen, We the People-Jill Lepore, Simply More-Cynthia Erivo

New YA:

The Obsession-Natasha Preston, The Last Vampire-Romina Garber, Seven Deadly Thorns-Amber Hamilton

Ladybug:

Big Bub, Small Hat-Alastair Heim, Island Storm-Brian Floca, Let's Be Bees-Shawn Harris, The Night of the Hedgehog-Tanya Rosie, Oh No! Dinosaurs in the Supermarket-Timothy Knapman, The Trouble with Children (According to Cat)-Katie Weaver, A Minecraft Movie: Welcome to the Overworld!-Dennis R. Shealy

New J:

Taylor Swift's the Era Tour Encyclopedia-Mari Bolte, How to Save an Otter-Kate Messner, I Escaped the Titanic-S. D. Brown, The Bad Idea and Other Stories-Greg Pizzoli, Mega: the Most Enormous Animals Ever-Gavin Scott, Confessions From the Group Chat-Jodi Meadows

Art Extravaganza

January 2nd at 10 am

Hunting for a way to keep the kiddos entertained during the school holiday break? Swing by on Friday, January 2nd at 10am for an "Art Extravaganza!" We're dishing out the art supplies; the kiddos just need to bring their imagination. The sky's the limit on their creative masterpieces. What better way to kick off the new year than with a fresh piece of art?



Dream Big Storytime

January 14th at 10 a.m.

Sensory Playtime

January 20th at 2:30 p.m.

explore the senses and discover activities you can do at home with this baby-and-toddler themed playtime.

Winter Reading Challenge!

Get ready for the Winter Reading Challenge, running from December 22nd through February!

Everyone who successfully completes this challenge will have a chance to win the latest Dog Man book, *Dog Man: Big Jim Believes* by Dav Pilkey.



How to Participate:

- Pick up your challenge sheet on December 22nd.
- Complete and return it to the library.
- Receive a sticker and gain entry into the drawing.

For an additional chance to win, feel free to pick up another challenge sheet to complete!



Take & Make Kits

Decorate for winter with your own Medallion Snowflake Garland



Sign up today.
Share the gift of reading.



Children under the age of seven (7) must be accompanied by a responsible person at least fourteen (14) years old. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians/caregivers to supervise and monitor the behavior and safety of their children or persons in need of a caregiver at all times. The library is not responsible for children or persons in need of a caregiver left in the building.

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