

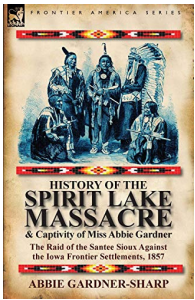


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What's Happening at the Library

Now that the fiscal year has ended, we have been crunching some numbers. Between July of 2025 and June of 2026, a total of 39,578 items circulated; librarians answered 5,810 reference questions; 27,145 people visited the library; 2,095 people attended programs; and 259 people signed up for library cards. Although budget cuts have brought changes to our staff hours and hours of operation, we look forward to continuing to serve our community through programs, materials, and services in the new fiscal year.

Oelwein Reads Book Club



A recounting of the raid on settlements in northwestern Iowa by the Sioux, written by one of the survivors of the massacre.

We will meet to discuss *History of the Spirit Lake Massacre & Captivity of Miss Abbie Gardner* by Abbie Gardner-Sharp on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00pm. Contact the library if you would like to reserve a copy.

August Calendar

8/5 Creature Feature with Fontana Park	9:00
8/12 Library Board Meeting	5:30
8/14 Garbage Truck storytime	10:00
<i>with guest Anthony Ricchio</i>	
8/31 Book Talk	10:00
<i>Theme: read a biography</i>	

Donor's Corner

The following people made donations in honor of loved ones in the month of July:

In Memory of Dan Sonnicksen

Jeff & Judy Mohlis

In Memory of Kent Casey

Steve & Mary Reeder

In Memory of Kent Casey

Kurt & Mary Lou Cosselman



For more information on how to create this lasting tribute to someone, please contact the library at (319) 283-1515.



Display space available

We are looking for collections or items to go in our display case. If you have items you think the community would be interested in seeing and are willing to put them on display for a month, contact the library.

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

Library hours | M & Tu 9:00am to 8:00pm | W Th F 9:00am to 5:30pm | Sa 9:00am to 1:00pm

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New on the shelf

Fiction: Pretty Dead Things – Kelsey Cox; D is for Daisy – Shelley Shepard Gray; Wait and See – Iris Johansen; Rocket's Red Glare – James Patterson; The Maid's Secret – Nita Prose; Weddings – Danielle Steel; A Pair of Aces – Marie Benedict

Non-fiction: The Crooked Places Made Straight – Raphael G. Warnock; Communion – JD Vance; Catch the Devil – Pamela Colloff; Sisters of the Midnight Sun – Rebecca Wright Stevens

New YA: A Prince Among Pirates – Katie Abdou; The Gilded Blade – Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Ladybug: Who's Making That Big Stink?! – Darrin P. Lunde; The Dog Who Was (Almost) Perfect – Jack Kurland; Sundays Under the Lemon Tree – Julia Busuttill Nishimura; Incredibly Fast and Not at all Fun – Tadgh Bentley; If You Make a Call on a Banana Phone – Gideon Sterer

New J: Sawyer Lee and the Quest to Just Stay Home – Zach Weinersmith; The Mystery of the Missing Book – D.L. Green; I Escaped the Running of the Bulls – Scott Peters; HeartLand – Jilanne Hoffmann

DVDs: Hoppers; I Can Only Imagine 2; Scream 7; The Super Mario Galaxy Movie

And many more great titles!

Did You Know?

If you have overdue items or items on reserve that become available for checkout, a phone call is not the only way we can contact you. You have the option of receiving a text message or email notification instead. If you would like to change your notification method, all you have to do is let us know next time you're here.

You also have the option to send us a text. Use the number 319-284-8288 to get in touch.



August Kid's Programs



Creature Feature with Fontana Park

Wednesday, August 5 @ 9:00am

Join Naturalist Michael as he teaches us about a creature who will then live in the library for a month.

Garbage Truck Storytime

Friday, August 14 @ 10:00am

City council member Anthony Ricchio will bring a garbage truck to the library and read a story. You'll even get a miniature garbage truck to take home!



Take-and-Make Kits



August is Peace Month. Invite some peace into your life by drawing a Maori peace symbol.



Share the gift of reading. Ask us how to sign up today.



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 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.