



The Library Noise February 2026

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February Calendar

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| 2/7 Take Your Child to the Library Activities | 10:00 |
| 2/9 Friends Meeting | 10:00 |
| 2/11 Library Board Meeting | 5:00 |
| 2/13 Friends Chocolate Fest | 4:30-7 |
| 2/23 Book Talk Read a book with Iowa ties | 10:00 |
| 2/28 Glass Fusion Class | 10:00 |

Glass Fusion Class Saturday, February 28th at 10 a.m.

Candida from Blue Lily Creations will lead a program on glass fusion. Participants will have the opportunity to make a 4" X 5" sun catcher. She will have patterns and examples for you look at. Use one of her patterns or make a masterpiece of your own. Pre-register and Pre-pay at the library. Cost:\$40 each person Class limit of 20
Blue Lily Creations-Waterloo, IA



Donor's Corner

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

In memory of Seth Garceau

Jens & Joanne Nielsen

In memory of Pat Arthaud

Dianne Loughren, Friends of the Library

In memory of Bette & Dave Greco & Sue Ann Greco-Powers

Amelia Greco-Welden

In memory of Ken Magsamen

Sandra Magsamen

In memory of Donald Bushaw

The Magsamen Family



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.

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

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Friends of the Library Chocolate Fest Friday, February 13th 4:30-7

Fill a box with your choice of delicious chocolate treats.

Cost: \$10 for a small box, \$15 for a large box.

Enjoy some treats at the Fest and take home the rest.

In 2026, we will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

The library is excited to honor this milestone by providing special programming.

Thursday, March 5th 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.

Wednesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m.

***Daughters of the American Revolution* presented by Barbara Glasener**

Join Barbara to learn about membership and access valuable tips for researching Revolutionary War ancestors. The NSDAR is a women's service organization dedicated to volunteer work that promotes patriotism, preserves American history, and supports education for children. Women aged 18 and older with direct descent from a Patriot of the American Revolution can join.

Thursday, June 11th at 6:00 p.m.

***Colonial Country Dance Class* presented by Anna Kerns**

Join us as Anna Kerns from the Northeast Iowa Dance Academy (NIDA) will teach participants dance steps from the Colonial period. Colonial era attire encouraged. Refreshments served by the Friends of the Library.

Discover Indigenous Culture

You will have the chance to explore the history of Indigenous Peoples in Iowa during 1776.

More detail regarding this program to come.

KID ZONE

February 2026

New items on the shelf

DVD's:

One Battle After Another, Wicked For Good, Roofman

Fiction:

My Husband's Wife-Alice Feeney, Dear Debbie-Freida McFadden, Robert B. Parker's Showdown-Mike Lupica, The Bird Watcher-Jacquelyn Mitchard, Rings of Fate-Melissa DeLa Cruz, Remember That Day-Mary Balogh, Cape Fever-Nadia Davids, The First Time I Saw Him-Laura Dave, Order of Royals-Jude Deveraux, The Storm-Rachel Hawkins, The Shop on Hidden Lane-Jayne Ann Krentz, The Hitch-Sara Levine, Buckeye-Patrick Ryan, The Invisible Woman-James J. Patterson, The Viper-Brad Meltzer, Heart the Lover-Lily King

Non-Fiction:

Greatness Code-Alan C. Guarino, On Fire for God-Josiah Hesse, Enough-Ania M. Jastreboff, MD., PhD and Oprah Winfrey, Dear Marty. We Crapped in Our Nest-Art Cullen, Unbearable-Irin Carmon, Black Bear-Trina Moyle

Ladybug:

How to Have a Thought-Nicholas Day, Frog: a Story of Life on Earth-Isabel Thomas, Bluey: Granny Mobile, Little Blue Truck and Racer Red-Alice Schertle, Kat and Brandy-Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt, You're a Poet-Sean Taylor, Waiting for Winter-Stephen Gorman

New J:

Into the Rapids-Ann Braden, The Last Ember-Lily Berlin Dodd, Forever Ripley-McCall Hoyle, The Treasure of Ocean Parkway-Sarvenaz Tash, Unreal-Kate Simpson, The Gland Factory-Rachel Poliquin, Words Apart-Aimee Lucido



Take & Make Kits

Make a Heart Wall Hanging just in time for Valentine's Day



Sign up today.
Share the gift of reading.
Ask us how.



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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Kid's February Programs

Saturday, February 7 from 10:00am - 12:00 p.m.

Beat the winter blues and join us for Take Your Child to the Library Day. Make a sail car and a set of speakers, go on a scavenger hunt, enter a drawing to win Dav Pilkey books, and so much more. It's a great day to have some fun at the library, and...it's all free!

Wednesday, February 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Sensory Playtime.

Co-sponsored by the Early Head-Start Program.

Wednesday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m.

"Let the Games Begin!"

Storytime - Olympics-themed fun and books.

Wednesday, February 18th at 3:00 p.m.

LEGOS: Block Party



Winter Reading Challenge!

This challenge runs 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. Pick up your challenge sheet. Complete and return to the library. You will receive a sticker and gain entry into the drawing.

This challenge ends February 28th.

Entries must be in by end of the day.



Did You Know?

The Oelwein Public Library Foundation, along with the Robert and Ruth Walker Charitable Foundation, sponsors 186 children in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, providing monthly age-appropriate books. So far, 144 children have graduated from the program at age five.