

The Library Noise
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Upcoming Programs

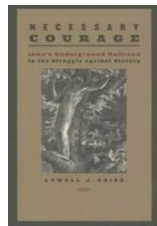
Oelwein Reads Book Club March 13th
6:00 p.m. at Ampersand. (110 S. Frederick Ave.)

Featured book is *Necessary Courage: Iowa's Underground Railroad in the Struggle Against Slavery* by Lowell J. Soike.

Summary:

In *Necessary Courage*, historian Lowell J. Soike details long-forgotten stories of determined runaways and the courageous lowans who acted as conductors on this most dangerous of railroads. The underground railroad.

Alexander Clark, an African American businessman in Muscatine, hid a young fugitive in his house to protect him from slave catchers while he fought for his freedom in the courts. While keeping antislavery newspapers fully apprised of the battle against human bondage in western Iowa, Elvira Gaston Platt drove a wagon full of fugitives to the next safe house under the noses of her proslavery neighbors. John Brown, fleeing across Iowa with a price on his head for the murders of proslavery Kansas settlers, relied on lowans like Josiah Grinnell and William Penn Clarke to keep him, his men, and the twelve Missouri slaves they had liberated hidden from the authorities. Several young lowans went on to fight alongside Brown at Harpers Ferry. These stories and many more are told here.



March Calendar

3/10	Friends Meeting	1:30
3/11	Library Board Meeting	5:00
3/13	Oelwein Reads Book Club	6:00
3/31	Book Talk (Read a Biography)	10:00

DID YOU KNOW?

Have you seen our Vox Books?
What are Vox Books?

Vox Books. Books That Talk

Part Picture Book, Part Audio-Book
Vox Books combine beautiful picture books with fun and dynamic audio recordings that help engage children with reading. Simply push a button to listen and read from beginning to end. No Wi-Fi required.

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What does IR mean? Immersive Reality. When you check out one of these books, you will also be given cardboard goggles to use. Goggles must return with the book. Download the app to your cell phone. Place phone inside cardboard goggles. At three different points in the book, scan the QR codes and the experience related to the book will automatically download.

Limit of three Vox Books per library card.

Find them by the children's section of the library.

Spring Book & Bake Sale

April 24th-26th

The library accepts book donations. Items must be clean and in good condition.

Please, no encyclopedias, textbooks or Reader's Digest Condensed books.



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

Donor's Corner

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

In memory of **Seth Garceau**
Jens & Joanne Nielsen



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.

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New items on the shelf

DVD's:

The Substance, Werewolves, Wicked, September 5, The Last Rifleman

Fiction:

The Last Days of Kira Mullan-Nicci French, Close Your Eyes and Count to 10-Lisa Unger, Famous Last Words-Gillian McAllister, Far From Home-Danielle Steel, Time of the Child-Niall Williams, American Scary-Jeremy Dauber, Battle Mountain -C. J. Box, The Housemaid's Wedding-Freida McFadden, Paranoia-James Patterson, Last Twilight in Paris-Pam Jenoff, This is a Love Story-Jessica Soffer

Non-Fiction:

The Sirens' Call-Chris Hayes, Accidental Shepherd-Liese Greensfelder, Superagency-Reid Hoffman & Greg Beato, Damn Glad to Meet You-Tim Matheson, Dare I Say It-Naomi Watts, Fools on the Hill-Dana Milbank

New YA:

Biology Lessons-Melissa Kantor, Five Nights at Freddy's: The Week Before-Scott Cawthorn, A Darker Mischievous-Derek Milman, A Touch of Blood-Sajni Patel, Oathbound-Tracy Deonn

Ladybug:

A Cat Like That-Lester L. Laminack, What Makes a Bird?-Megan Pomper, The World Needs the Wonder You See-Joanna Gaines, All About African Ostriches-Lisa Petrillo,

New J:

Bye Forever, I Guess-Jodi Meadows, Who is Taylor Swift-Beth Gottlieb, Old School-Gordon Korman

Weekly kid programs at the library

Pages & Play Club every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

3/5 I Can Get Dressed 3/12 Bedtime Stories

3/19 Spring is Here 3/26 Monsters

Have fun with books, songs, crafts, activities & group playtime.



Theme Thursday every Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

3/6 Northern Light Art 3/13 LEGOs

3/20 Stories with Officer Ward

3/27 No Theme Thursday

This STEAM program will feature a different topic each week. LEGOs will feature the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Psst...

The Summer Reading Program is coming!
June 2nd-30th, 2025.

This year's theme is "Level Up at Your Library". The OPL's 9th Annual Art Show will be held June 2nd-13th. We have exciting things planned. Stay tuned for more information to come!



Take & Make Kits

Make your own Woodland Animal Scene



Would you like more information on these programs?
Ask a librarian



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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