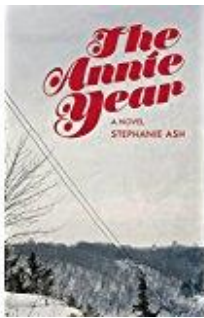


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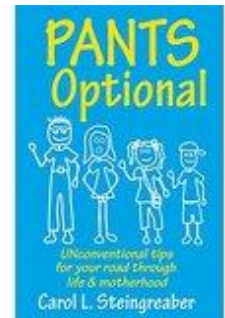


“Life is Like a Box of Chocolates” is the theme for the Friends of the Library Chocolate Fest. This year, there will be a new twist. People have the option of buying two different sizes of boxes and fill their box with the chocolates of their choosing. Then, people can either take their box of chocolates home or enjoy listening to music performed by Bruce Beringer. Come support the Friends in this annual fundraiser for the library on Friday, February 10 from 4:30-8. Music from 6-8.



Oelwein native, Stephanie Wilbur Ash, will give a program on the writing of her novel, *The Annie Year*. Stephanie will talk about her book on Saturday, February 18 at 2:00. Signed copies will be available for purchase.

Cedar Rapids author, Carol Steingreaber, will talk about unconventional, humorous ways to discipline children, care for elderly parents, and get through some of life’s embarrassing moments in her book, *Pants Optional*. Listen to her tips on Thursday, February 23 at 6:30.



Libraries throughout the state have been affected by budget cuts at the state and local level. In the last couple of weeks, the Oelwein Public Library has received notification on a number of adjustments:

- Enrich Iowa funds budgeted for the current fiscal year from the state are on hold. The future of this funding is to be determined.
- Free delivery of interlibrary loan books through AEA267 van delivery system will no longer be available after June 2017. The service through AEA1 will continue as usual.
- The federal Schools and Libraries Erate reimbursement program for telephone charges has been phased out. Oelwein Library had been receiving a 60% reduction in telephone charges after going through the application process.
- The eleven libraries in Fayette County will not see an increase from the Supervisors for rural library users for FY2018. Funding will remain the same at \$96,225 to be distributed among the eleven libraries based on a mutually agreed upon formula. Oelwein will receive \$26,934.