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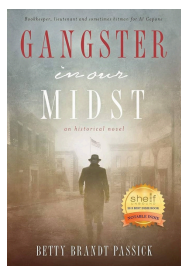
What's Happening at the Library

Big things are happening here. Due to budget cuts reducing the number of staff hours, the library's hours have changed. The new hours are:

Monday and Tuesday 9am to 8pm, Wednesday through Friday 9am to 5:30pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm.

And, our newsletter has a new look, too! It still has all the same useful information as before, though, so don't worry.

Oelwein Reads Book Club



In the 1920s in a small town in Iowa, rumors abound of a Chicago gangster with ties to Al Capone. But are the rumors true?

On Thursday, July 30th at 6:00pm, we will be discussing Fairbank native Betty Brandt Passick's *Gangster in Our Midst*, the fictionalized telling of true events in Fairbank. If you would like a copy of the book, contact the library, and make plans to join us.

July Calendar

7/1 Creature Feature with Fontana Park 9:00

7/4 Closed

Happy Independence Day!

7/22 Library Board Meeting 5:00

7/27 Book Talk 10:00

Read a book set in the pioneer time period

7/30 Oelwein Reads Book Club 6:00

"Gangster in Our Midst" by Betty Brandt Passick

Donor's Corner

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

In honor of Don & Barb Ehlers

Dan & Diane Sperflage

In Memory of Mary Potratz Adkins

The Magsamen Family

In Memory of Marcy Pease

Brett & Nicole Ehlers

In Memory of Lou Czech

Nicole & Jessi Yokas



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

Passport Services

The change in staff hours means a change in passport services, too.

The Library will continue to offer passport services **Monday through Friday from 9am to 5 pm.**

However, these services will now be available **by appointment only.** Call the Library at (319) 283-1515 to set up an appointment.



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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Kid's Corner

New on the shelf

Fiction: Ironwood – Michael Connelly; Land – Maggie O'Farrell; A River Red With Blood – John Connelly; The Midnight Train – Matt Haig; 26 Beauties – James Patterson; The Calamity Club – Kathryn Stockett; John of John – Douglas Stuart; Whistler – Ann Patchett

Non-fiction: The Oracle's Daughter – Harrison Hill; The Education of a Senator – Lamar Alexander; View from the West Wing – Jill Biden; An Inconvenient Widow – Lois Romano; The Wreck of the Mentor – Eric Jay Dolin

New YA: The Heirs – Faridah Abike-Iyimide; Behind Five Willows – June Hur; Shadow Reaper – Lynette Noni; The Secret World of Briar Rose – Cindy Pham

Ladybug: The Biggest Cat in the Book – Ben Lerwill; Sing the 50 United States! – Dr. Seuss; America, I'm So Glad You Were Born – Ainsley Earhardt; The Greatest Bedtime Story Ever – Jessie Sima; Bear for a Day – Corey R. Tabor

New J: Wombat Waiting – Katherine Applegate; The Edge of Forever – Meghan P. Browne; A Wish With Wings – Sarah Guillory; Really Rubie – Maddie Frost

DVDs: Avatar: Fire and Ash; Reminders of Him

And many more great titles!

Did You Know?

The library has materials that can help you celebrate the country's 250th anniversary. Our collection includes books for all ages that cover a range of topics from American history and politics to biographies of Founding Fathers, from memoirs of current notables to the Constitution, from our Indigenous population to what life would have been like during the Colonial/Revolutionary time period, and more. Check them out today!



July Kid's Program

Creature Feature with Fontana Park

Wednesday, July 1 @ 9:00am

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

Summer Reading Program Recap

This year's Summer Reading Program theme was "Plant a Seed, Read". We had 128 people sign up to participate this year: 93 children, 8 teens, and 27 adults. A big thank you to all who celebrated reading with us!



Take-and-Make Kits

Learn the Colonial art of paper cutting by making one of these designs.



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.