

Library Report to the City Council – November 2018



Virtual Reality is Here!

What is virtual reality? The library has an Oculus Go headset that immerses the user directly into a three-dimensional, computer-generated world.



What will I be able to do with VR at the library? Experience the universe like you have never before! Ride in a hot air balloon, see distant planets, tour the White House, dive into the ocean, travel through the human body, visit a haunted house, take a ride on a rollercoaster, tour Venice, and play a variety of games!

Are there any limitations? Virtual Reality is not recommended by the manufacturer of Oculus Go for children under the age of 13 and the library observes this recommendation. Minors under the age of 18 will need to have a parent or guardian sign a waiver. Users will not be able to see their real life environment and may

experience dizziness, disorientation, minor nausea, or motion sickness. All users will sign a form that states they understand the possible risks when using the Oculus Go.

Can I check out the VR equipment?

The Oculus Go will only be used in the library. For the best user experience, the user will remain seated in a swivel chair that safely allows the full utilization of the three-dimensional view. After a 30 minute session, it will be time for you to return to the physical world for the rest of the day.

Wreath Workshop



The Fayette County Extension will teach participants how to make a fall wreath using natural materials. Take a Kid Outdoors (TAKO) are co-sponsoring this crafting event. It will be held on Saturday, November 10 from 10 to 11:30am at the Oelwein Public Library.

This is a free workshop, and participants can bring additional materials to share. Donations to the Oelwein Food Pantry would be appreciated, if possible. Please register by calling the library at 319-283-1515 to reserve your spot.

Prisoners of War: Iowa during World War II



Iowa had about 25,000 German, Italian, and Japanese prisoners of war during WWII. Algona and Clarinda were the main camps, and there were about 17 branch camps throughout Iowa. Prisoners took the place of the young Iowans fighting in the war by helping farmers and working in the canning factories. Join us as Linda McCann shares her new book and the role Iowa played during this time.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



November 21: closing at 5:30
November 22: CLOSED

