



# Library Report to the City Council October 2018



## Magazines on Bridges

Bridges is excited to introduce magazine checkouts for patrons. The feature will be available for a year; staff will gauge patron interest and usage to determine if it should become a permanent feature of the eLibrary.

Magazines are currently available on Bridges as a special collection through both the OverDrive and Libby app, and on library websites in the browser (via OverDrive Read). They have no wait lists or holds, do not count towards checkout limits, and provide readers the option to renew their selections. Readers can also download magazines on Libby for offline use.

This pilot was made possible through federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This program did not affect the collection budget.



## IPTV Ready for School Project at the Library

Oelwein is one of twelve communities to be the recipient of a variety of educational materials from IPTV's *Ready for School* initiative.

The program will focus on giving children ages 2-8 equal opportunity to succeed, and provide access to high-quality educational media resources including online games, instructional materials, and educational activities that help children increase their school readiness and success.

Families can check out backpacks filled with books, DVD's, and activities on the themes of "Pattern Puzzles", "Building Challenge", "Coding Fun", and "Roller Coaster Fun".

## Hunting the World's Scariest Monsters!



Chad Lewis is a researcher, author, and lecturer on topics of the strange and unusual who has spent the last 20 years traveling the globe in search of unique and bizarre stories including Vampires, the Loch Ness Monster, and Bigfoot. Listen to his stories on Thursday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. The Friends of the Library are the sponsors of this program.



The library will host a Genealogy Workshop with Lyle Potter on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-2:30 pm.



Library Staff will lead a program on how to identify fake news; then, what resources are available to fact-check the information. Learn about it on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.