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MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR, SUSAN!

Celebrate National Library Week at Adair County Public Library! April 6th-12th! What draws people to the library? For me, the answer to that question has changed over the years.

When I was a child, my mother took me to our public library's storytime. I still remember the librarian reading *Tikki Tikki Tembo* in her animated voice while I sat mesmerized. As an elementary student, I went to the library to find books for school projects. In college, I went to the library almost daily to conduct research and find a quiet place to study. When I started my own family, I visited Adair County Public Library to check out books to read to my children and to borrow audiobooks for the long drives to visit grandparents. I borrowed magazines, gardening books and home improvement books after the purchase of my first home. Now I find myself checking out cozy mysteries and nonfiction adventure books.

Wherever you are in your life's journey, Adair County Public Library is here to serve you. Our library provides books, digital resources, programs for all ages, free Wi-Fi, printing services, genealogy resources, homebound delivery, and so much more! Whether you're a longtime patron or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer.

We invite you to celebrate National Library Week with us. This week is a time to celebrate the vital role libraries play in our lives. Whatever draws you in, the Adair County Public Library has something for everyone.



BRE'S BULLETIN



Talk about nice weather! Now is the time for frolicking and enjoying the blooming of flowers and even the blooming of moods. Goodbye seasonal depression, hello books, tea, and sunshine! This is my favorite time of the year, (well besides fall!) I love seeing all the flowers and seeing all of the smiles on peoples faces! I hope to see a few smiles here at the library too while you all pick up your next favorite book to enjoy. By the way, do you find yourself reading genres that fit your mood or the weather? Or do you have a favorite no matter what? Let me know!



SANDIE'S SPOTLIGHT

The sun is starting to warm the earth up and things are starting to bloom, Spring is here! This is a great time to celebrate a wonderful community resource, our library!!! Celebrate National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025 as well as National School Library Month!

Stop by and check out the free seed library as well as new books and movies and all of our programs! We have some fun programs planned for April and look for us out in the community at the Earth Day event at Thousand Hills and the Diversity Festival at Ray Miller both on Saturday, April 26th!

THE STAFF SCOOP



Time for the monthly Staff Scoop! This month in celebration of the good weather, we asked some of our staff what their favorite thing to do in spring is! These were the answers we received!

What is your favorite springtime activity?:

Going to the lake with my kids and dogs. -Sandie (Programming Librarian)

Seeing the lilacs and daffodils bloom. -Gretchen (Circulation Clerk)

Sitting outside reading. -Sonja (Cataloguer, Assistant Director)

Planting flowers. - Maria (Office Assistant)

Going outside for walks. -Jessica (Circulation Clerk)

Gardening and running on trails. -Susan (Director)

Taking care of my baby chicks. -Kate (Circulation Clerk)

Walking my dog outside again. -Michele (Circulation Clerk)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS



MAKE A STUFFIE



You read that right. Make a Stuffie is back again! Our ever popular program is coming again in April. The same rules apply as always, sign up is required. You have to have a spot for every individual kid you sign up and the ages are for 2-10. (We do special ones outside of this age range!) Most importantly we only hold spots for 15 minutes after the event starts, if you're not there we have to give it to someone else. If all of this sound good with you then we can't wait to get your reservation for your spot and see you April 12th at 10AM! (I did mention it was free right?)



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

It's National Library Week! April 6th–12th! Make each day a day full of reading and doing a new activity with your local library! April 7th: Sign up, renew, or use your library card! April 8th: National Library Workers Day, come in and add a note to our bulletin board! April 9th: National Library Outreach Day, the library provides amazing outreach opportunities like Storytime, homebound, and so much more! Come in and learn about it! April 10th: Come in and make a special bookmark! We have all the supplies! April 11th: One great way to celebrate the library is listen to a storytime, come in at 10AM! April 12th: Make a Stuffie! Come in and make a stuffie to bring to the library and have a reading friend. (Sign up required!)

EARTH DAY



Happy Earth Day!! I love that Earth Day falls in Spring because it feels like the perfect time to appreciate all the beauty that Earth provides for us! There are some wonderful programs taking place this Earth Day and you can see one of the best ones at Thousand Hills State Park! On April 26th from 10AM-1PM Thousand Hills is partnering with people all around the community to bring you all sorts of different perspectives of what Earth Day means throughout the neighborhood. You'll see so many different activities and learn so many new things! You really don't want to miss this! So go to Thousand Hills State Park on April 26th to see what all the buzz is about!



BEHIND THE **SHELVES**



THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



September through April The Friends of the Library choose a book each month to discuss. April's Friends of the Library Book is The Book of Charlie by David Von Drexel.

The Book of Charlie, chronicles the life of Charlie White, a centenarian who lived through a century of American upheaval. The book explores the human spirit's resilience, the meaning of life, and American ingenuity. Charlie's life, born during William Howard Taft's presidency, included playing saxophone in Jazz Age bands, serving in World War II, and traveling by train and Model T. -Goodreads



STORYWALK AT THOUSAND HILLS

Adair County Public Library partnered with Thousand Hills State Park to bring our community a StoryWalk. Our StoryWalk is featured at Forest Lake Trail and runs about half a mile. Make sure you check back monthly! The stories change every month and feature a beautiful story about nature and appreciating what is around us. April's StoryWalk Book is Poo-Dunit? by Katelyn Aronson.

Mouse is dismayed to step outside her house one morning only to discover a giant pile of poo! Who could have done such a dastardly deed? Mouse questions all the animals of the forest, but it's too big to be Squirrel's, too dark to be Coyote's, and too messy to be Deer's. Will Mouse ever track down the culprit—and will she find a way to make the best of this smelly situation? -Amazon

DIVERSITY FESTIVAL

The Adair County Diversity Festival is coming up once again! Come to this awesome festival to see all the different things that the community offers! This is a great opportunity to really see everything Adair County has to offer and everything your community can provide for you. This festival is taking place Saturday, April 26th from 1PM to 4PM. It will be hosted at Ray Miller Elementary School.

A LOOK BACK AT OUR MONTH



THANK

Thank you to Alliant Bank for giving us a kind donation!

Take a look at this lovely craft that was a product of our teen outreach at Preferred!

THANKS!

Thanks to our Friends of the Library for a generous donation to the library!



Anna meets Cookie! Our wonderful new friend at the Kirksville Community Horse Center.

Our outreach program at Bruce Normile gave way to this gorgeous apple tree!



APRIL 2025



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| | | 1 BINGO @ 10AM BABY CRAFT @ 4PM | 2 STORYTIME AT SB40 @ 1PM POKEMON TRADING CARD DAY @ 4PM HOMEBOUND DELIVERY | 3 | 4 STORYTIME @ 10AM | 5 BOOK SALE @ 10AM-3PM |
| 6 | 7 | 8 BINGO @ 10AM TODDLER TUESDAY @ 4PM FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION @ 5:30PM (ALL WELCOME!) | 9 AREA SCENE AT KIRX @ 9AM STORYTIME AT SB40 @ 1PM MAKERSPACE @ 4PM | 10 | 11 STORYTIME @ 10AM | 12 MAKE A STUFFIE @ 10AM (SIGN UP REQUIRED) MAGIC THE GATHERING 2PM- 4PM |
| 13 | 14 UKULELE @ 4:30PM-5:45PM | 15 BINGO @ 10AM TEEN TUESDAY @ 4PM | 16 STORYTIME AT SB40 @ 1PM LEGO DAY @ 4PM HOMEBOUND DELIVERY | 17 | 18 STORYTIME @ 10AM | BEGINNER CROCHET @ 10AM PROJECT FOCUSED CROCHET @ 11AM BLOOM & LEARN STORYTIME @ 10AM BINGO @ 1:30PM |
| 20 happy - Easter | UKULELE @ 4:30PM-5:45PM | 22 BINGO @ 10AM CRYPTID CLUB @ 4PM | 23 STORYTIME AT SB40 @ 1PM | 24 | 25 STORYTIME @ 10AM | 26 EARTH DAY AT 1000 HILLS @ 10AM DIVERSITY FESTIVAL AT RAY MILLER @ 1PM MAGIC THE GATHERING @ 2PM-4PM |
| 27 | 28 | 29 BINGO @ 10AM | 30 STORYTIME AT SB40 @ 1PM GARDEN TO TABLE @ 5:30PM HOMEBOUND DELIVERY | | | |