

SPRING '24

# OFF THE SHELF

*Montezuma Public Library's Official Newsletter*



## Local Author To Visit Library Wednesday

We're excited to welcome Tim Brand of Pella to the library tomorrow afternoon. Tim recently wrote & published a legacy book about his father, the late Denny Brand. The book is titled "Standing On The Shoulders." Denny was a teacher and coach at Montezuma High School from 1966-1973. He led the Braves basketball team to the Iowa Boys State Championship in 1971. His cousin is Darrell Brand, former teacher, principal and coach, also at Montezuma. Tim will be in the library's community room on Wednesday, March 20th, at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Author Chat

Tim Brand will talk about his new book "Standing On The Shoulders..." a legacy story about his father Denny Brand, former teacher & coach at Montezuma High School

WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 20TH  
4PM

Everyone is welcome!

Montezuma Public Library  
500 E Main Street

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## On The Wild Side

Thanks to Poweshiek County Naturalist Amy Andrews, our story time kids got to touch and feel several animal pelts during a fun story time on Tuesday, March 5th. Kids always have fun whenever Amy comes around with her vast knowledge on anything nature-related! For more information about Poweshiek County Conservation events, visit their website at: [www.poweshiekcounty.org/conservation](http://www.poweshiekcounty.org/conservation) or find them on Facebook... "Poweshiek County Conservation."





## Kids, Teens & Adults Learn The Game Of Chess

Our after-school gaming program, "Game On!" has featured two different sessions of the game of chess. Thanks to Montezuma resident John Ahrens, kids have had the opportunity to learn the game. Kids also got the chance to take on the robotic chess board & see who would win. This program is open to all third grade & older students. The library has a large collection of games that students can play at anytime. The next gaming session is Tuesday, March 26th from 3:30pm-5pm. No need to pre-register-just show up. Light snacks & beverages available.

**Volunteers  
Needed!**

**LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP US  
DURING THESE PROGRAMS! YOU COULD  
PLAY GAMES WITH KIDS OR DONATE  
SNACKS OR DRINKS.**



### Thanks, Boyd!

Join us in thanking Boyd Sparks for his 8 years of service to the community as a Montezuma Public Library Board of Trustee. Boyd officially retired from the board at the end of December 2023. Boyd also recently turned 90. He continues to serve the community in many different capacities.



### Books & Pizza



Thanks to Casey's of Montezuma and the Friends of the Montezuma Public Library, we were able to treat the third, fourth and fifth grade elementary classes to a pizza & pop party on Friday, February 23rd. The students challenged members of the library board, friends board & library staff to see who could read the most minutes in one month. And guess what? The kids won! Mrs. Tracy Pope's fourth grade class ended up reading the most minutes out of all of the classes.

# Kids Get Creative At LEGO Club



Don't Miss Out On These Last LEGO Club Days!

- Monday, April 1st from 1:30pm-3pm
- Monday, April 15th from 1:30pm-3pm



## DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY!

Montezuma Public Library's 4th Annual

# Easter COLORING CONTEST

Winners Receive Goodie Baskets Sponsored By

CoCo's Creations 641.990.7732

AGE CATEGORIES

- 4 yrs & under
- 5-8 yrs
- 9-12 yrs
- 13 yrs & up

\*Adults included!

Enter by **March 22nd**

The Depot Express

Coloring Sheets Available At Library or [www.montezuma.lib.ia.us](http://www.montezuma.lib.ia.us)

## BE OUR NEXT KID LIBRARIAN!

SHARE THINGS SUCH AS:

- BOOKS YOU ARE READING
- REIMAGINED BOOK COVERS
- A VIDEO BOOK REVIEW
- IDEAS FOR BOOK DISPLAYS

Open to all kids in K-6th Grades!

**APPLY NOW** CLICK HERE

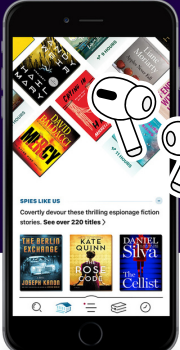
## Digital Resources

Borrow ebooks & audiobooks



**Libby.**  
The reading app from our library, built by OverDrive.

The digital library is always open.



**OPEN 24 HOURS**

**Libby.**  
The library reading app

**MONTE MOBILE LIBRARY**





THIS SERVICE IS FOR POWESHIEK COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR RESIDE IN A CARE FACILITY.

**Click Here To Get Started!**




**Bringing the library to you!**


Fun Fact: The library purchased 1,526 new books & audiobooks last year!  
\* July 1st, 2022 - June 30th, 2023



**OUR LIBRARY HAS**



**TumbleBook Library**  
eBooks for eKids



**What are TumbleBooks?**

- Animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love!
- They are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music & narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read or have read to you!
- Recommended for kids up to 10 years old!
- Access them anytime, for FREE!

**Get Started Today!**

**CLICK HERE**

**Contact Us** ✨

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**Hours**

MON 9:30am-5pm  
TUES 9:30am-5pm  
WED 9:30am-5pm  
THURS 9:30am-6pm  
FRI 9:30am-4pm  
SAT 9:30am-NOON



**Closed Saturdays from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend**

# New Book Releases



## DID YOU KNOW?

You can log into your library account & reserve books right now!



- 1 Download the Librista app & find "Montezuma Public Library."
- 2 Sign in with your library card # & use temporary password "books"

Contact library staff if you are unsure of your library card #.

## We Subscribe!



Pick up your FREE copy!

# MONTEZUMA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Read, Renew, Repeat  
Summer Reading Program...  
June 15th-August 10th



We're getting ready to gear up for our next Summer Reading Program...Read, Renew, Repeat! We have a lot of fun programs lined up for the summer! This program is open to ages 0-18.



## Lunch Bunch



3rd-6th graders

11am-Noon  
June 11,18,25  
July 2,9,16



## ALABAMA MAX

June 25th  
3pm




## Story Time

For All Ages  
@10am

June 14 July 12  
June 28 July 26  
August 9




Ages 2-6  
June 20th  
&  
July 18th  
9-10:30am

These Programs Brought  
To You By 

## COLD-BLOODED REDHEAD



## REPTILES



August 7th @ 1pm

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# Friends Of The Montezuma Public Library



## Who Are The Friends of the Montezuma Public Library?

Did you know that a non-profit organization named "Friends Of The Montezuma Public Library" was created three years ago? Because of this group, the library & the community have benefited in SO many ways! Here are some examples:

- New Wireless HP Printer
- Mobile Book Display Shelf
- Wooden Book Bins
- Sensory Table
- Summer Reading Program Prizes & Supplies
- Books, Books & Books!
- Contest Prizes
- Library Adventure Passes

And how do they accomplish this? By having book sales (consisting of donated books & discarded library books) & other fundraisers. Plus--did you know you can donate to the FOTMPL at ANYTIME? That's right! Donating to the FOTMPL is the BEST way for donations to help fund our programs, prizes, supplies & books.

Donate Now!



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## WAYS TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARY

The library is an important part of our community and patrons want to ensure it continues to be so for generations to come. For anyone wishing to support the library, here are valuable ways to do so:

**Friends of the Montezuma Public Library:** FOTMPL is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization directed by a volunteer board and supported by the community through fundraisers and sales of donated books. FOTMPL supports costs that might fall outside of the annual budget of the library such as programming and community outreach.

**Book Donations:** The library accepts book donations anytime throughout the year. We can accept your good, used children's books, young adult and adult books. They may be paperback or hardcover. We also accept games, puzzles and DVDs. Cookbooks are good also. Just ask us for a donation receipt if you need one.

**What We Don't Accept:** VHS tapes, old encyclopedias, old magazines, college textbooks

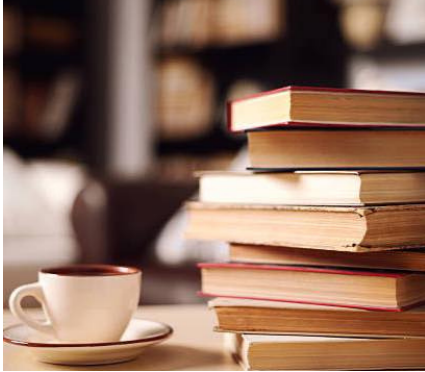
**Volunteer:** Sometimes it's nice to have extra hands on deck during some of our different programs. If you're interested in helping out--call the library at 623-3417 or email Christine at: [montepl@montezumaiowa.org](mailto:montepl@montezumaiowa.org) for more information on volunteering.

**Amazon Wish List:** The library has a wish list on Amazon where anyone can choose to make a purchase and then it'll ship directly to the library. This is a great way to help support the library.



[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/s/2SHS2PUR45SLD?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/s/2SHS2PUR45SLD?ref=wl_share)

# Friends Of The Montezuma Public Library



## Find Friends On Facebook



Stay up-to-date about what is happening with FOTMPL by "liking" their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheMontezumaPublicLibrary>

## WANT TO JOIN A GREAT GROUP?

*We'd love to expand our group! If you're interested in helping out, please reach out to us at:*

[montezumalibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:montezumalibraryfriends@gmail.com)

PRESIDENT...TROY BLISS  
VICE PRESIDENT...EMILY JOHNSTON  
SECRETARY...KRISTI WILLIAMS



## Winter Book Sale Is A Success!

The FOTMPL organized & set up another wonderful winter book sale in January where lots of good books found new homes. Thanks to everyone who shopped & donated to the book sale. A little over \$1000 was collected. That's amazing! Those funds will go back into funding library programs & purchasing books.

### CHECK IT OUT!

### Patrons are going cool places with their library cards!



"We had an adventure pass through the library which saved us so much (at Science Center) Highlight was the live fire experiments!"  
-Morgan



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CENTER  
OF IOWA  
& BLANK IMAX  
DOME THEATER

Greater Des Moines  
Botanical Garden

IOWA  
ARBORETUM  
& Gardens

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to get started

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