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Montezuma Public Library's Official Newsletter



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Elena's Story

I used Creativebug to create my cardboard cafe. I liked how the video showed each step of the project and I could follow along as I made mine. It gave me good ideas to use with the ideas I already had. I decided to take my project to the county fair and won a blue ribbon. This project was really fun!



GET CRAFTY

WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

ENJOY UNLIMITED ACCESS TO
THOUSANDS OF ONLINE ART &
CRAFT VIDEO CLASSES!
THERE ARE PROJECTS FOR
ALL SKILL LEVELS & NEW
CONTENT ADDED WEEKLY.

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montezuma-ia/login](http://www.creativebug.com/lib/montezuma-ia/login)



make
it happen

- **Art & Design:** Drawing, Painting, Mixed Media
 - **Yarn Crafts:** Knitting, Crocheting, Weaving
 - **Sewing & Quilting:** Machine Sewing, Mending
 - **Paper Crafts:** Bookbinding, Origami, Junk Journaling
 - **Food & Home:** Cake Decorating, Upcycled Home Decor
 - **Printables:** Coloring Pages, Patterns
 - **Daily Practices:** Bite-Sized Daily Challenges & Prompts
- Designed To Help Build A Consistent, Long-Term Creative Habit

Introducing... Our First Kid Librarian!

We're proud to announce that Montezuma resident Hayes Dengler is our very first "Kid Librarian" here at Montezuma Public Library. If you know Hayes, then you probably know that he loves reading books. He was happy to put together some of his favorite reads together on a book shelf in the library for others to hopefully get inspired to check out. Hayes also designed some really cool artwork to go along with his book display.

Thanks again, Hayes!



Author Chat

Local author Melinda Wichmann is coming to the library **Thursday, August 13th** to share more details about her two recently-published books. Wichmann, a former print journalist, resides near the Amana Colonies on a third-generation family farm. Her debut novel, "How To Live With A Ghost" combines elements of romance & the paranormal. Her newest book, "Exercise Finished" is a cozy novel that focuses on the sport of competitive dog obedience. A trainer & handler since age nine, Wichmann has earned multiple Obedience Trial Championships & national rankings with her dogs.

**THURSDAY,
AUGUST 13TH
4:30PM**



KITTENS ON THE LOOSE!



Sisters Storie & Willow enjoy petting & cuddling with one of the many adorable kittens that visited the library earlier this summer. The kittens, who are all up for adoption, came from the Poweshiek Animal League Shelter (PALS). Kids agreed it was a "catastic" time!



meow!



Resources

Amphibian Open House

Presented By



THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH
9AM-1PM
@Montezuma Public Library

*Stop by the library for this amazing open house featuring frogs, toads, axolotls & more!
*All ages are welcome!



DID YOU KNOW? WE HAVE AN APP FOR OUR CATALOG!

- 1. DOWNLOAD THE APP**
Librista Get instantly connected to the library by visiting Google Play or the App Store.
- 2. CHOOSE "MONTEZUMA PUBLIC LIBRARY"**
Sign in with your library card # & use temporary password "books" if you haven't already set one.
- 3. START SEARCHING**
Check your account, reserve books & search for books in our online catalog!

Montezuma Public Library

The digital library is always open.

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Borrow ebooks & audiobooks

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

1000 Books BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

HOW IT WORKS

- Register your child (birth-5 years) by filling out the online registration form using this QR Code. Or you may fill out the registration form at the bottom of this sheet & return to the library.
- Select books for your child & start reading aloud to them. You may count the same book if it's read multiple times! Make sure you count books read by grandparents, daycare providers, teachers & others.
- As you reach milestones, your child will receive the following incentive prizes:

REGISTER

LOG BOOKS

COLLECT PRIZES



- 100 BOOKS...Book Bag
- 300 BOOKS...Squishy Toy
- 500 BOOKS...Coloring Book & Crayons
- 700 BOOKS...Stuffed Animal
- 1000 BOOKS...Choose a book to keep & parents receive a fun travel mug!



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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: montep1@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.



Thank you!



Thank you Friends, for providing the pizza & snacks for our annual Library Pool Party!

We Did It!



**Library Achieves Tier 3 Status
& Becomes Accredited!*

**This Accreditation Recognizes The
Library For Exhibiting Excellence
And Being Highly Responsive To its
Community's Needs.**

-State Library of Iowa

The voluntary standards and accreditation program for Iowa's public libraries was established in 1985. It was created by the State Library of Iowa to help local libraries identify their strengths, improve services, and qualify for higher compensation through state programs like Enrich Iowa.

- Every three years, we reapply for our accreditation status & were more than pleased to find out we had met enough standards to qualify for Tier 3 Status. This is a first for the library!
- There is a lot that is involved with this process, including keeping excellent records of library happenings over a three-year period.
- Achieving Tier 3 Status with the State Library of Iowa is like receiving an A+ on your report card or receiving a blue ribbon at the county fair. It is the highest tier level an Iowa library can achieve.
- Funding: Accredited libraries receive a higher level of compensation from the State Library of Iowa.
- Quality Assurance: The library assures the public that it is actively working to improve and maintain high standards of service, updated resources and well-trained personnel.

WHAT'S *in the* ON LIBRARY

MORE

Books!

Montezuma Public Library was the recipient of a grant that allowed the library to purchase \$1000 worth of brand-new children's & junior books for the library!

Library Director Christine Grimm is pictured on the right with just a portion of the books the library recently received. This grant was made possible by the **Friends Of The Montezuma Public Library** non-profit group, and **The Pilcrow Foundation**.

Located in Oregon, The Pilcrow Foundation supports rural public library communities through the **Children's Book Project**. These books will become a part of our library's book collection, ensuring access to quality books for the community & surrounding areas to enjoy.

Thank you, to our Friends group, and to The Pilcrow Foundation, for making this happen!



 **The
Pilcrow
Foundation**

THANKS, Amy & Brady!

Kids enjoyed learning how to make fun animal beaded keychains during two different programs this summer led by Poweshiek County Conservation Naturalist Amy Durbin & summer helper Brady.



upcoming EVENTS

- Tues, Aug 11th** IowaWORKS Career Services, 10AM-3PM
- Wed, Aug 12th** MPL Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5:30PM
- Thurs, Aug 13th** Author Meet & Greet w/Melinda Wichmann
- Thurs, Aug 20th** Amphibian Open House, 9AM-1PM

