

SUMMER '24

# OFF THE SHELF

*Montezuma Public Library's Official Newsletter*



# SUMMER

*memories*



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## CUPPA BOOK CLUB PURCHASES BOOK BIN

Members of the Cuppa Book Club generously donated funds so that the library could purchase another beautiful wooden book bin, built by the very talented Bill Schultz of Montezuma. Because of our supportive community, our library keeps getting better & better! Pictured from left to right are book club members Terri McDonald, Shirley Becker, Sandra Mennen, Jody Horbach & Terry Gaskill and Library Director Christine Grimm.



Kids enjoyed making colorful sand creations on the evening of August 1st, thanks to Friends Of The Montezuma Public Library. This was during a fun, free summer event held on the courthouse square. Pictured above is Montezuma Public Library Board of Trustee Heather Schmidt and her two children (left to right) Ryder & Harper.

## KIDS DIG WORMS!



About 50 kids enjoyed exploring the “Interactive Soil Tunnel” set up by Poweshiek County Conservation Naturalist Amy Andrews Durbin & her summer helper. Kids also got “hands-on” with earthworms learning more about their habits & different activities to do with them involving flashlights. Thanks again to Amy for bringing this fun program to the library!





Over 100 kids enjoyed the silly antics of Alabama Max & the infamous “Book Dragon” last month. This is one of the many programs the Friends Of The MPL funds for the youth of our community.

## SEE THE LIGHT EDUCATION ROCKS!

Because of “See The Light Education,” the library has had several fun kid programs aimed at 3-7 year olds. Kelsey Sheets Schechinger is the driving force behind this educational asset to our community. She’s also held summer story times at the library for all ages. Schechinger is a Montezuma native and has invested her time into providing many opportunities for local kids to develop their creativity through learning day camps. We’re very thankful for Kelsey’s creativity & talents.



Emmerich Schechinger spends time coloring a picture of a dragon while sporting a cool homemade dragon headband during a summer story time session.

## DONATIONS WANTED

If you’re doing some downsizing...consider donating your unwanted books, DVDs, craft supplies, toys, games & puzzles to the library! We will gladly give you a donation receipt for taxes. We greatly appreciate your support!





## POWESHIEK COUNTY AWARDS LIBRARY GRANT FUNDS

Through grant funding the library received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the library was able to purchase an early literacy digital computer station for children ages 2-8 years old. This is a fun learning device that is preloaded with lots of educational games & activities. Thank you, to Poweshiek County Supervisors (left to right) Jeff Tindle, Diana Dawley & Jason Roudabush for supporting our library with these grant funds. The library was awarded \$3500 in order to purchase this wonderful asset for the community. Pictured above right is Elena Johnston, daughter of Erik & Emily, who is checking out one of many educational games on the new AWE digital early literacy computer designed for children her age. The computer comes with a special color-coded keyboard, mouse & headphones.

# SUPPORT



## SNAPSHOTS OF LIBRARY LIFE



Photos, Left to Right, Clockwise:  
 #1) Grady & Hayes Dengler listen as Poweshiek County Conservation Naturalist Amy Andrews-Durbin talks about the interactive soil tunnel.  
 #2) Families had a blast swimming at the Montezuma Country Club pool at the end of July for our “End of Summer Pizza & Pool Party.”  
 #3) We enjoyed meeting Lisa Santiago, who wrote an informative book about Alzheimer’s and Dementia. Her book focuses on how caretakers can take good care of themselves when caring for others.  
 #4) Kids got educated on the lives of reptiles during a fun hands-on program. The “Cold-Blooded Redhead” brought snakes, a huge tortoise & cockroaches.

# Live Raptor Program

@MONTEZUMA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Thursday,  
August 15th  
10AM

The RARE Group is a non-profit raptor rescue dedicated to the rehabilitation and conservation of Iowa's birds of prey, with an emphasis on education. They're located in Iowa City.



Program Made Possible By Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation

# UPCOMING EVENTS

# SHARKS!

@MONTEZUMA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Check out the traveling touch tank filled with live sharks! Get your hands wet & learn more about these amazing creatures & how they survive.



TUES, AUGUST 20TH

11AM-1PM



# Woo Hoo!

It's the Insect Zoo!



SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 21ST,  
2024

10AM-NOON

HANDS-ON WITH BUGS,  
TALK WITH EXPERTS!  
ALL AGES WELCOME!



MONTEZUMA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
500 E MAIN STREET

*Happiness  
is having a library card!*

MONTEZUMA SPANISH  
TEACHER MRS. STOCKMAN  
LOVES TO READ!



SEPTEMBER IS  
LIBRARY  
CARD SIGN  
UP MONTH

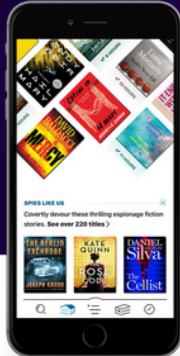


# Montezuma PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Promoting life-long learning since 1918*

# Resources

The digital library is **always open.**



**OPEN 24 HOURS**

**Libby.**  
The library reading app



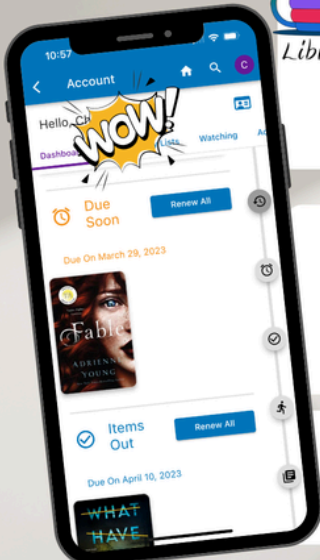
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*Summer Hours*  
June, July & August

Monday...9:30-5pm  
Tuesday...9:30-5pm  
Wednesday...9:30-5pm  
Thursday...9:30-6pm  
Friday...9:30-4pm  
Saturday & Sunday...CLOSED

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

- 1. DOWNLOAD THE APP**  
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*

**Borrow ebooks & audiobooks**

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

**NOTARY Service**

The Montezuma Public Library offers free notary public services by appointment during regular library hours.

**CONTACT US**

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# Friends Of The Montezuma Public Library



## We Couldn't Survive Without Our Friends!

Did you know that because of the Friends Of The Montezuma Public Library, we are able to bring cool programs like the Iowa State University Insect Zoo to the community? As you can see from the above photo, kids love getting to see nature up close! Because of this group, the library & community have benefited in SO many ways! Here are just a few more 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.

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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)

# LOCAL LIONS CLUB SUPPORTS FRIENDS OF THE MPL



Montezuma Lions Club's most recent donation to a community cause is a \$500 gift to the Friends Of The Montezuma Public Library, in support of the library's extensive programming for youth. Pictured are, from left, Christine Grimm, Library Director, Emily Johnston, Treasurer and Vice-President of the Friends; Montezuma Lions Officers Boyd Sparks, President, and Michael Princer, Treasurer. Photo Credit: Roger Allen

## SEND A DONATION TODAY!

Pay safely & easily by scanning either of the QR Codes below!



**venmo**

\*Donating to Friends is the best way to make sure the library benefits...which in turn the community (AKA--YOU!) also benefit!



Or Use:

[paypal.me/FriendsoftheMPL](https://paypal.me/FriendsoftheMPL)



Scan. Pay. Go.

**Did You Know?**  
You Can Visit These Places...For Free!

- 1 Apply for a library card (if you don't already have one). Must reside within Poweshiek County.
- 2 Visit: [www.montezuma.lib.ia.us](http://www.montezuma.lib.ia.us) & click on the "Iowa Libraries Adventure Pass" logo.
- 3 Reserve your day (up to 90 days in advance) for any of the three venues. Each pass covers 2 adults & 2 kids.

*funded by Friends of the Montezuma Public Library*

### ADVENTURE PASS FAQs

#### How does it work?

- Adventure Pass allows library patrons (ages 18+) to check out a pass for 2 adults & 2 children to museums, parks and other participating venues across Iowa through their home library's website. The patron MUST have a valid, non-expired card, be in good standing (no fines owed) & reside in our service area: Barnes City, Deep River, Malcom, Montezuma, Searsboro & rural Poweshiek County ONLY
- Patrons may check out 1 pass for each venue per 365 days & reserve a pass up to 90 days in advance

#### How do I reserve a pass?

- Visit our website: [www.montezuma.lib.ia.us](http://www.montezuma.lib.ia.us) & click on the "Adventure Pass." Follow the prompts to select a date & venue & use your library card number to reserve the pass.
- After reserving online, print the confirmation page. Present a valid photo ID & the printed pass at the venue in order to be admitted. Name on pass MUST match photo ID.

#### How do I cancel or change a reservation?

- Contact Montezuma Public Library at least 1 day prior to your reserved day. If canceled in time, you may reserve a pass to that venue at a later date.



Visit our website:  
[www.montezuma.lib.ia.us](http://www.montezuma.lib.ia.us) to get started