

SUMMER '25

OFF THE SHELF

Montezuma Public Library's Official Newsletter



ADVENTURE PASS RETURNS!

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GUESS WHAT'S BACK?

IOWA ADVENTURE PASS

- You can visit any of these 3 venues for FREE just by using your library card!

- Visit this website to make your reservation today!

www.iowaadventurepass.org

GET READY FOR
Montezuma Public Library's
SUMMER
Reading Program!
AGES 0-18

June 2nd-July 28th

- Library cardholders 18+ can reserve an Adventure Pass for the Blank Park Zoo, Science Center of Iowa & the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden.
- Each cardholder may reserve one pass per destination per calendar year.
- Available for patrons residing in our service area: Barnes City, Deep River, Malcom, Montezuma, Searsboro & rural Poweshiek County ONLY.
- Visit www.iowaadventurepass.org to make a reservation. You MUST have your library card # and enter "books" when it asks for the pin. Questions? Email Christine @ montepl@montezumaiowa.org



Check Out Our Summer Events On The Next Page!



WHY IS SUMMER READING SO IMPORTANT?

“ Just like a sport, you have to continue to practice in the “off-season” if you want to improve. You can’t take 3 months off from anything and expect to magically get better at it!

-Alicia Minner, Fifth Grade Teacher @ Montezuma Community Schools



Reading can take you places that you’ve never been to. Recently I read a book that was set in Paris, France. The author was so explicit in her description, that I felt like I was visiting Paris myself.

-Mandy Robison, Fifth Grade Teacher @ Montezuma Community Schools



SUMMER Events

@MONTEZUMA PUBLIC LIBRARY
500 E MAIN STREET

JUNE 16 @11AM	MEET THE RAPTORS! *Learn more about these awesome traveling raptors from the Iowa Raptor Project! All ages are welcome!
JUNE 25 @NOON	SEE A JUGGLER... BE A JUGGLER! *Join us for a fun, interactive juggling show for all ages!
JULY 10 @10:30AM	SPACE EXPLORATION! *Embark on a cosmic journey exploring space! All PK-6 th grade kids are welcome to attend! Program provided by THE IOWA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM .
JULY 19 @NOON	MEET THE REPTILES! *Our favorite "Coldblooded Redhead" is bringing back Polly the tortoise & all of her amazing reptile friends! All ages are welcome to attend!



Lions Club Continues To Support Library



Members of the Montezuma Lions Club, who are well-known for supporting community projects & organizations, recently showed their continued support for the library by making a monetary donation to the Friends Of The Montezuma Public Library. Pictured left to right are Lions Club members Mike Princer and Boyd Sparks. Next is FOTMPL Vice President Emily Johnston & Library Director Christine Grimm.

A colorful promotional graphic for 'Lunch Bunch' at the Montezuma Public Library. It features a cat with a megaphone, a squirrel, a raccoon, a book cover for 'Charlotte's Web', and a thought bubble. The text includes: 'CALLING ALL 3RD - 6TH GRADERS!', 'BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH!', 'BOOKS WILL BE PROVIDED!', 'READING & ACTIVITIES!', 'REGISTER HERE NOW!', 'Lunch Bunch', 'THURSDAYS IN JUNE: 5TH 12TH 19TH 26TH 11:30AM-1PM', 'MONTEZUMA PUBLIC LIBRARY 500 E MAIN STREET', and a QR code. A thought bubble says '*This is a great Way To Prevent "Summer Slide"'. At the bottom, it says 'START of summer' and 'Reading Skills Detective'.

A graphic titled 'Library Summer Hours' with a beach background, sun, and pineapple. The text lists the hours: 'MONDAY...9:30-5PM', 'TUESDAY...9:30-5PM', 'WEDNESDAY...9:30-5PM', 'THURSDAY...9:30-6PM', 'FRIDAY...9:30-4PM', and '*CLOSED SATURDAYS UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY!'.



This adorable kitty was painted by Lynna & her daughter.

Artistic Vibes

Pet Portrait Painting Workshop



These ladies enjoyed getting together to make their creations. Pictured left to right is: Reagan, Amy & Simone.

BE CREATIVE



Colorful chickens!

Brayden proudly shows his pet portrait along with the original photo he created it from.



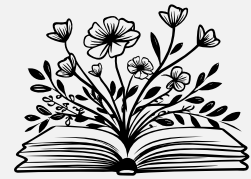
THANK YOU!

To Our Contest Sponsor!

thank you



We want to wish a
 “Happy Retirement” to
 longtime Montezuma resident &
 library board of trustee
Sally Johnston
 for her 50 years of service &
 dedication to the library!



THANK YOU



LOCAL BOOK CLUB HOSTS EVENT TO HONOR LIBRARIANS

The ladies of the well-known book club “Cuppa Book Club,” showed their appreciation for library staff on “National Librarian Day” on Wednesday, April 16th. The open house included decadent desserts, beverages & a lot of laughter. It was a very nice time to talk with book club members, family & friends. “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped put this amazing event together. Your support means so much to me!

-Christine Grimm

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 MOBILE
 LIBRARY**

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 Get Started
 Today!



**Bringing the library
 to you!**

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 COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE
 HOMEBOUND OR RESIDE IN A CARE
 FACILITY.

Email: montepl@montezumaiowa.org

Resources

The digital library is always open.

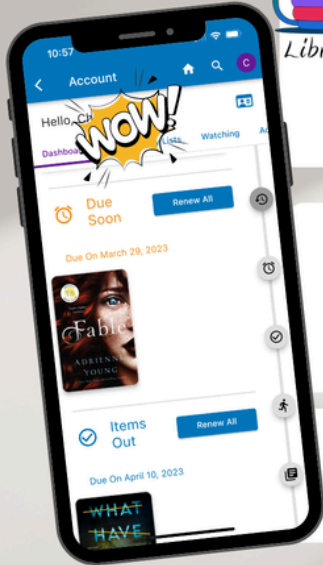


OPEN 24 HOURS

Libby.
The library reading app


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


IowaWorks Brings Career Planner To Library



The library has partnered with IowaWorks of Marshalltown to hold three sessions this summer focusing on helping people with career planning, mock interviews, resume building, unemployment questions & so much more! This is totally FREE.

Anyone can stop in the library's community room during these sessions to talk with IowaWorks career planner Sam.

***Don't Miss Out On The Next Sessions!**



- Tuesday, June 10th
- Tuesday, July 8th

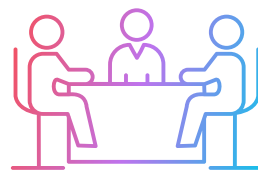
10AM-3PM

Borrow ebooks & audiobooks

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



Connect With Your Community



Library Director Christine Grimm had the opportunity to promote our wonderful library & its services with constituents of Poweshiek County at Key Cooperative in Grinnell recently. A big "Thank You" to the Poweshiek County Leadership Program for inviting us to chat with class members!

FRIENDS

***By donating to the Friends, you are actually helping the library with purchasing books, supplies for programs & more!**

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

Or Use:

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



venmo



Scan. Pay. Go.

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 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.

SPRING CLEANING?

Did you know that the library will take your unwanted books? Yep! We love it when people clean out their book shelves & share their books with us!





MY THOUGHTS

BY CHRISTINE GRIMM

Adventures In Thrifting...

- *I have a secret. I absolutely love visiting thrift stores and garage sales! I'm always looking for bargains, especially when it comes to clothing and books. Surprise, surprise. But seriously, finding great deals on things that others no longer want kind of makes you feel like you've struck gold.*
- *One thing that I've noticed while out and about on my thrifting adventures, is that Goodwill stores usually have the best prices on good, lightly used books. So, this got me thinking...what if people just donated their books DIRECTLY to the library, and skip Goodwill altogether? Nothing against Goodwill, however, if a person is donating their unwanted books, they could just save a trip out of town by visiting the library to donate their books. And we'll even give you a donation receipt.*
- *What happens with donated books? I'm glad you asked! All books go through an evaluation process where staff determine their age, condition, etc. If the library already owns a copy of a book we then look at our copy & determine if we can replace it with the donated copy. This happens a LOT! We also save books for future book sales. Books also make excellent prizes to give out to kids! And when possible, we share books with other libraries that are in need of books. Unless a book is wet, moldy or stinky—they don't end up in the trash...we have lots of ways they can be used over again!*
- *In my book, it's a "win-win" for everyone. I love being able to re-circulate books around our community so more people can enjoy reading them. Plus, the person donating the books can feel great knowing that their books won't just be sitting on a book shelf or in a box in the garage collecting dust.*