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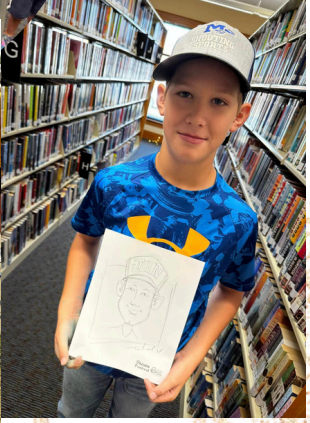
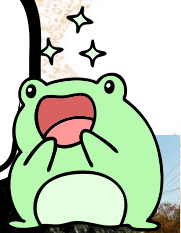
OFF THE SHELF

Montezuma Public Library's Official Newsletter



Festival

Hits Record Attendance #'s
450



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LIBRARY WELCOMES PANTRY PARTNER

We've partnered up with the Montezuma Food Pantry to offer another pick-up location for food items and other necessities. Darla Wilson with the Montezuma Food Pantry introduced this idea to the library board in an effort to better meet the needs of our community. We're very excited to be able to have this extra food resource for the community. Stocked items include non-perishable food items and various hygiene products. There is also a mini fridge/freezer that will contain cold items and freezer items. Also, snacks such as granola bars will be available for children needing something after school. People may stop in anytime during regular library hours to take what they need. No questions asked. It's located in the community room and takes up minimal space. The only time the pantry wouldn't be open is when the community room is used as the polling place for elections and for group meetings. A big "THANK YOU" to the Montezuma Food Pantry for bringing this to the library!



Questions about getting further food assistance?
Call 641-623-3275.

**You May
Donate Items
For Pantry At
The Library**



 THE PANTRY PARTNER

Take What You Need!

A TALE AS OLD AS TIME...



Belle and Lumiere recently visited the library & shared their love of reading with children on Tuesday, October 15th. Montezuma High School's production of "Beauty and the Beast" will be November 9th, 10th, 16th & 17th.





Liv isn't afraid to hold a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach!

KIDS DON'T MIND TOUCHING BUGS!



We were excited to welcome back the infamous Iowa State University Insect Zoo on Saturday, September 21st. This is a very popular program that attracts close to 200 participants. Thanks to grant funding from the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, we are able to host awesome programs like the insect zoo.



Kids and parents were interested to learn more about the exciting creatures like this one. Curious kids also got to touch tarantulas.



LOOKING FOR DISPLAY IDEAS

We try to change up our lobby display window about every 1-2 months. Sometimes we get inspired! And then sometimes we struggle for new ideas. Do you have a cool collection you'd like to display? Stop in & talk to Christine. Or send an email to: montepl@montezumaiowa.org talking about your collection & ideas. We would love to bring in fresh, new ideas from time to time.



THANK YOU TO THE
VETERANS OF FOREIGN
WARS AUXILIARY
POWESHIEK COUNTY
#8876 FOR YOUR
GENEROUS DONATION OF
CRAFTS TO OUR STORY
TIME PROGRAMS!

FALL CRAFTING NIGHT



Thursday,
October 17th



Flannel Pumpkins
Sweater Pumpkins



PIPE ORGAN IS A BIG HIT WITH KIDS

What is this new addition to the library? It's a pipe organ made out of PVC pipe. You might be wondering why/how we acquired it. Well, our friends at the Drake Community Library in Grinnell decided to rehome it recently & it found its way to our library. It's a fun, new addition to our children's area & definitely allows kids to be creative with the different sounds it makes. It came with a "whacker" device. Soon we plan to add different items that kids can whack the pipes with to make more fun sounds.

Resources

The digital library is always open.

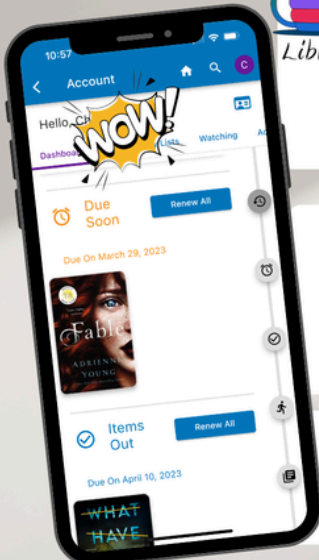


OPEN 24 HOURS

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

MONTEZUMA PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

5th ANNUAL NO CARVE PUMPKIN CONTEST

USE PAPER, GLUE, PAINT, GLITTER, MARKERS, ETC. GET CREATIVE!
*ALL AGES CAN ENTER!

CATEGORIES
- MOST CREATIVE
- BEST BEAUTY & THE BEAST CHARACTER(S)

PRIZES
1ST & 2ND PLACE WINNERS RECEIVE A FREE ADMISSION TICKET TO MONTEZUMA HIGH SCHOOL'S NOVEMBER PRODUCTION OF DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST & A FUN HALLOWEEN-THEMED GIFT BAG!

DROP OFF ENTRIES AT THE LIBRARY BY OCTOBER 18TH




Borrow ebooks & audiobooks

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



CHECK OUT OUR **amazon wishlist**

Scan the code with your phone's camera to access our list & purchase books for the library! This is a great way to help us expand our youth & adult book collection!




♥ Thank You For Your Support! ♥

Pumpkin Entries Due By Friday, October 25th, before 4pm



NATIONAL Friends OF Libraries WEEK

OCTOBER 20-26, 2024

AN INITIATIVE OF UNITED FOR LIBRARIES

Celebrate with us!



4 FACTS ABOUT FRIENDS

1 Started in the spring of 2021...currently 4 people serve on the Friends board

2 Purchased wireless printer, mobile book display, summer reading prizes & several books for library

3 Currently fund our Library Adventure Pass that includes Blank Park Zoo, Science Center & Botanical Garden

4 Helped us celebrate with local third, fourth & fifth graders following our winter reading challenge by throwing a pizza party

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.

FRIENDS

President: Troy Bliss

Vice President: Emily Johnston

Secretary: Kristi Williams

Joy Hubbard

thank you



BOOKSALES DONATIONS ADVOCACY
 FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERING COMMUNITY
 PARTNERSHIPS SPECIAL EVENTS
 MEMBERSHIP DRIVES SUPPORT
 CELEBRATIONS RESOURCES PROMOTION
 COLLABORATION LIBRARY LOVE

Thank the Friends.



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WANT TO BECOME A “FRIEND” OF THE LIBRARY?

Don't let being a part of another group stop you. If you want to join our non-profit Friends group--you can do so without having to join the board! There are so many other ways that you can pitch in & become a “friend” of the library. You may make monetary donations directly to the Friends Of The Montezuma Public Library (this is the best way to donate to the library) or donate books or craft supplies. You can even volunteer to help with future events at the library or even the upcoming winter book sale. Please consider joining a wonderful group that supports our wonderful library.

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 & 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.

***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

