

Summer Reading Events for Adults



Summer Reading Starts Now!

June 4 - August 4

Summer Reading isn't just for kids! Pick up an adult Summer Reading BINGO sheet and receive a stamp every time you attend an adult program or check out a book described on the BINGO sheet. Complete a row of 5 squares vertically, horizontally, or diagonally to win a free adult movie ticket to the Capitol II Theatre!

Registration for all adult programs and events opens on Monday, June 4th.



Catch Your Pet Reading!

June 4 - 23 We want to meet your furry friends! Post a picture of your pet "reading" a library book on our Facebook or Instagram page for a chance to win a prize basket for your cat or dog! Bonus: this activity counts as an "adult program" on your Summer Reading BINGO sheet! Entries due June 23.



Working with the Enemy: WWII POWs in Iowa

Wednesday, June 6, 6:00 pm Professor Chad Timm discusses the creation and history of POW camps in lowa during the Second World War. This event is sponsored by Humanities lowa and is free to attend.



Yoga at the Library

Monday, June 11, 6:00 pm Certified yoga instructor, Meghan Davis, leads an introductory class for adults. No experience necessary! Attendees may bring a yoga mat or towel, if they like. This class is sponsored by the Newton YMCA. Call 641-792-4108 to register.



DIY @ the Library: String Art Flower Vase

Thursday, June 14, 6:00 pm Make a piece of decorative string art! We'll be making a vase design that holds faux flowers. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own hammer. Call 641-792-4108 to register. Ages 18+



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Summer Reading Events Continued...



Remembering Iowa's Buffalo Bill: Never Missed and He Never Will

Monday, July 16, 6:00 pm

William F. Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill," was born near Le Claire, Iowa, in Scott County. By the end of his life, he had become what some have called the most famous American in the world. He was a Pony Express rider, an Army scout, a buffalo hunter for the railroad, and the founder and central attraction of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. Professor Roy Behrens provides an overview of Cody's life, both tragic and heroic, in this fast-paced and entertaining 45-minute talk, illustrated by projected vintage photographs, film clips, and animated graphics. This presentation is sponsored by Humanities Iowa and is free and open to the public.



DIY @ the Library: Shibori Dye on the Lawn

Thursday, June 21, 4:00-7:00 pm Make your own Shibori dish towel. Shibori is a Japanese resist fabric dying technique that uses bright indigo dye. This event will be held outdoors on the library lawn, weather permitting. Call 641-792-4108 to register for a time slot at 4:00, 5:00, or 6:00 pm. Ages 16+



The Art of Henna

Wednesday, June 27 Teen Class @ 3:30 pm Adult Class @ 6:00 pm Learn about the art of henna and receive a design by professional henna artist, Sarah Norman. Attendees may register for either the teen class or the adult class. Teen class is reserved for ages 13-18, Adult class age 18+. Call 641-792-4108 to register.



Yoga at the Library

Monday, July 9, 6:00 pm Certified yoga instructor, Meghan Davis, leads an introductory class for adults. No experience necessary! Attendees may bring a yoga mat or towel, if they like. This class is sponsored by the Newton YMCA. Call 641-792-4108 to register.



DIY @ the Library: Painted Pots Herb Garden

Wednesday, July 11, 2:00 pm & Thursday, July 12, 6:00 pm Make your own mini herb garden with hand painted pots and your choice of herb plants. All plants and materials provided. Call 641-792-4108 to register for either Wednesday or Thursday. Ages 18+



Make your own decorative marimo water garden in a jar! Marimo are freshwater moss balls that grow naturally in lakes in Europe and Japan, but can easily be kept in jars and fish tanks too! Call 641-792-4108 to register. Ages 18+

Stargaze at the Library

Monday, July 23, 8:00 pm Join us after-hours as the Des Moines Astronomical Society leads a night sky viewing. Learn how to spot constellations and planets while viewing the night sky with a high powered telescope. Children are welcome to attend with an adult. Call 641-792-4108 to register.

