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*Special Collections closes at 5pm on Fridays

**Special Collections open Saturday
9am-12pm and 1pm-5pm

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Welcome To Our New Director: Jeff Collins

The Davenport Public Library is pleased to welcome Jeff Collins to the Davenport Public Library family. Collins began his new role as Director on February 16, 2022 and the staff is excited to work with him.

Jeff Collins is an experienced library administrator who provides trustworthy leadership with integrity. He has proven success in increasing efficiencies and enhancing customer service to advance an organization's mission. His mission is to inspire and facilitate positive change.

Coming to the Library from Cheyenne, Wyoming, Collins brings a unique and innovative perspective that will benefit our Library and community tremendously. We are thrilled to welcome him to our team!

Brittany Peacock, Community Outreach Supervisor



Book Store News

Fairmount Bookstore will feature "Foreign Language and Travel," in March; Nature, Pets and Gardening" in April; and "Cooking and Crafts" in May. The bookstore will also have a "Buy One Get One Free" week April 25th through 30th.

Ann Franke, FRIENDS' Volunteer



Library Closings

All three Library locations will be closed on the following days:

April 15th - Good Friday

April 28th - Staff Enrichment

May 30th - Memorial Day

Library Personnel Updates

Welcome to Our New Director!

Jeff Collins - Library Director

Welcome to Our New Employees!

Dominique Mendoza - PT Sr. Clerk

Colin Koops - PT Assistant Caretaker

Resignations. Good Luck!

Mary Perez - PT Information Services Librarian

Anthony Sax - Substitute Employee

Promotions! Congratulations!

Allison Zordell - PT Information Services Librarian

Happy Retirement!

Amy Groskopf - Library Director

Jennifer Williams, Library HR Operations Manager

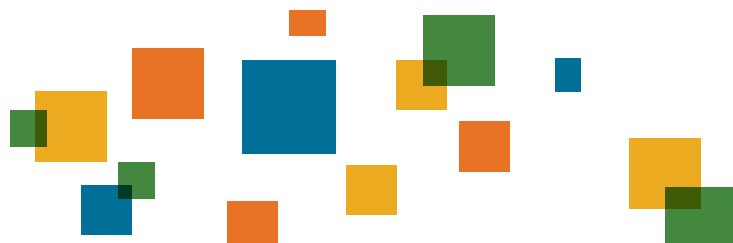
Did You Know?

Juvenile and YA Materials are Fine Free!

On January 1st, all RiverShare Libraries discontinued charging fines on Young Adult materials! This change comes after the consortium voted 3 years ago to eliminate fines on Juvenile materials. Patrons can now access these items without the concern of accruing fines.

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Reader's Theater

Thursdays in March @ 4pm|Eastern
Registration Required: <https://bit.ly/dpl-readerstheater>

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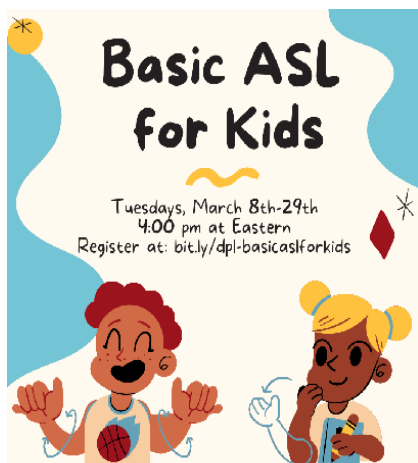
Thursdays in March at 4:00pm |Eastern

With a focus on expressive reading rather than memorization, Reader's Theater is a fun way to play with a script! We will meet for 4 weeks to practice our lines and get ready for the show on the fifth and final week of the class. Please sign up only if you are able to attend each week. Registration required. Perfect for kids ages 8-12.

Buggy About Crafting

Mondays in March at 3:30pm
|Fairmount

Learn fun facts about your favorite creepy crawlies while you create a cool craft to take home. Ages 6+. Registration is required.



Basic ASL for Kids

Tuesdays, March 8th-29th
4:00 pm at Eastern
Register at: bit.ly/dpl-basicsforkids

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|Eastern

Learn the basics of ASL in this 4-week class. We will go over fingerspelling, numbers, common greetings, and more. Registration required.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays in March and April at
10:00am |Fairmount

Come dance your wiggles out! We'll sing songs, dance, and read fun stories. All ages welcome, best for children ages 2 to 5 years. Registration is required.

Big/Little Book Club

Thursday, March 3rd, April 14th, &
May 12th at 6:30 pm | Eastern

A book club for Littles (kids in 3rd through 5th grade) and their Bigs (adults or older siblings) to read a book together. We will discuss the book and do some book-related crafts and activities. Registration is required.



Stories @ Main

Fridays in March and April at
10:00am |Main

Enjoy stories, dancing and more at the newly remodeled Main Library Friday mornings at 10 am! Perfect for children birth - 5 and their caregivers. Registration required.

Giant Nail Salon

Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 am |
Fairmount

Come show off your nail art skills as you give a manicure to a giant set of fingernails using paints, gems, sequins, and more! Best for ages 6+. Registration is required.



Wet Your Plants

Mondays, April 11th, 18th, & 25th
at 3:30pm | Fairmount

Learn all about different plants and how to care for them and even grow your own! Ages 8+. Registration is required.

Read to a Dog

3rd Thursdays March-May at 5:30
pm | Eastern

QC CAN's Reading Assistance Dogs are specially trained, along with their handler, to provide the environment needed to help children improve their reading skills! This program is great for kids of all ages.

A note about our indoor children's programs:

Your family's safety is important to us. Masks are required for all participants ages 2+ regardless of vaccination status. Please observe social distancing and follow local COVID-19 safety recommendations. Programs are subject to COVID-19 safety protocol updates. Check our Calendar of Events or our Facebook page for program updates.



Teen DIY: Kawaii Sticker Making

Tuesday, April 26th at 6:00 pm | Fairmount

Let's turn drawings into kawaii stickers! Miss Amber will provide some design templates or teens can create their own designs that we will then turn into original sticker sheets! Teens only (ages 11-19) and registration required.



Teen DIY: Air Clay Snails

Saturday, March 5th at 1:00 pm | Eastern

Teens (ages 11-19) are invited to join Miss Amber in making some funky little snails out of air clay! Nature is so cool. This is great project for both new and experienced air clay crafters and registration is required.

Teen DIY: Galaxy Umbrellas

Tuesday, March 15th at 1:00 pm | Main

Whoa. Is that stardust or raindrops that are sparkling all around you?! You need a galaxy umbrella! Teens (ages 11-19) are invited to make their own painted umbrella that can transport them to the ethereal Milky Way every time they look up. Registration required.

Teen DIY: Mini Buttons

Wednesday, March 16th at 1:00 pm | Fairmount

Let's make a bunch of buttons, pins, badges, flair or whatever you call the fantastic little round pieces of art that adorn our bags and lanyards! Miss Amber will provide templates that you can color or you can draw your own designs. Teens only (ages 11-19) and registration required.



Teen DIY: Air Clay Peeps

Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00 pm | Eastern

Peeps are fantastic. Miss Amber invites teens (ages 11-19) to join her in making everlasting peeps out of air clay in order to keep that fantasticness in our lives all year long. Registration required.

Teen DIY: LED Origami

Monday, April 18th at 2:00 pm | Main

Miss Amber invites all teens (ages 11-19) to joining her in folding up some frogs out of paper and giving them creepy, glowing eyes. Registration required.



Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesdays, March 8th, April 12th, & May 10th at 6:30 pm | Fairmount | Virtual

All teens (ages 11-19) are invited to join the Library's Teen Advisory Board! TAB Members volunteer, organize & participate in teen programming, and give their opinions on how to make the Library awesome by attending monthly meetings and filling out online surveys. Currently, TAB is meeting in-person at the Fairmount Library and by Zoom (zoom details are emailed/texted to members before each meeting.) Contact Amber Carlson, Youth Services & Programming Librarian, if you are interested in joining the Teen Advisory Board. You can email her at acarlson@davenportlibrary.com or pick up a TAB application in the Library's teen areas :-)



unfiltered



Mondays,
Feb. 7th, &
March 7th @ 5:00 pm
Iron + Grain Coffee House

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Monday, March 7th at 5:00 pm | Iron + Grain

Join us at Iron + Grain Coffee House (1618 N Main St, Davenport) as we discuss topics from the group-voted podcast of the month.

This month we will be discussing: any episode of NPR's Throughline February 7th - March 7th. <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510333/throughline>

Local Author: Isis Covington

Saturday, March 12th at 2:00 pm | Main

Join local author Isis Covington as she discusses different ways to go about writing a book, as well as how to engage in self-publishing. Born and partially raised in Davenport, Iowa, Covington's love of reading and writing began at a very young age.

Harry Potter Book Club

Third Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm | Eastern & Virtual

Adults are invited to join us each month for a Harry Potter Book Club. We will be discussing a different Harry Potter book each month, plus fun surprises! For more information and to register visit: bit.ly/dpl-harrypotterbookclub.

Love, Zac: Football, Concussions, and Raising Boys in 21st Century America Author Visit

Monday, March 28th at 6:30 pm | Fairmount

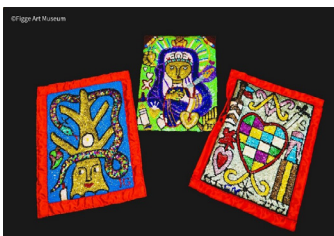
Reid Forgrave writes about sports and other topics for GQ, the New York Times Magazine, and Mother Jones, among other publications. He has covered the NFL and college football for FoxSports.com and CBS Sports, and he currently writes for the Star Tribune in Minneapolis.

Launch Your Business with Customer-

Focused Marketing

Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30 pm | Eastern

Join us on Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30pm to learn more about customer-focused marketing. As a new entrepreneur, you'll need more than good products or services to grow your business. It's also important to have strong customer-focused marketing strategies to reach your audience and turn them into loyal customers. Google tools can help you understand and connect with your audience across the customer journey.



Haitian Art with the Figge

Saturday, April 23rd at 3:00 pm | Eastern & Virtual

Join the Figge for a talk all about Haitian art. The Figge Art Museum houses one of the world's largest collections of Haitian art outside of Haiti itself. There will be a brief presentation about the basic of Haitian art, followed by a hands-on art activity related to the lesson.



Overbooked

3rd Thursdays, March - May at 6:30 pm | Fairmount & Virtual

Consider joining our newest book club Overbooked! Do you love to read and wish you could talk to other people about what you read? Then join us for the new book club, Overbooked! We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. A new book will be provided to you at each meeting. A variety of fiction and non-fiction books will be read.

WyomIndian Cooking

Saturday, May 28th at 10:00 am | Eastern

Learn from firsthand experience how you too can conjure authentic flavors of India from American groceries.

The spices, regional flavors, and traditions of India's diverse subcontinent have inspired the world's cuisine since the Middle Ages. But, how much do YOU know? Learn the fundamentals of the simple-yet-nuanced art of Indian cooking.



Rock Island Arsenal 160th Anniversary Series



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2nd Wednesday, March 9th, April 13th, and May 11th at 6pm | Main | Virtual

Join Kevin Braafladt, the Army Sustainment Command Deputy Historian at the Rock Island Arsenal, and the Army Sustainment Command History Office in exploring the history of the Rock Island Arsenal over its 160-year existence. The discussion will include the historic background to the conflict and the ties to the local community.

Making Sense of the Census: 1950

Thursday, March 10th at 1:30 pm | Main

It's nearly time for the 1950 Federal Census release! Genealogists get giddy when big things happen, and after 72 years of waiting why wouldn't we!! Join Anne Thomas and Karen O'Connor as we discuss the history behind the decennial censuses from 1790 to 1950 and explore the information that the 1950 census could potentially provide for your family's history. Since it won't be indexed yet, we will explain how to find enumeration districts to narrow down the search for your ancestors. Get ready for April 1st - don't be a fool! We can help you make sense of the 1950 census!

Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society: Genealogy Bring and Share

Saturday, April 2nd at 1:00 pm | Main & Virtual

Do you have an interesting ancestor you'd love to tell others about? What about an object that holds a memory of a special ancestor? Or, have you found a great website you think others would want to know about? Do you have a story about a brick wall you've gotten over? Is there a great genealogy search tip you can share?

The Colonel Davenport House

Monday, April 25th at 6:30 pm | Fairmount & Virtual

Join William Hamps for a presentation about the Colonel Davenport House. This presentation is a history and visual tour via power point slides of the historic 1833 Colonel Davenport House on Arsenal Island. It will include background information about Colonel Davenport and his house and details about the house and how it has changed over the years.

QC PastPort: A Project to Preserve Quad Cities History

Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 pm | Main & Virtual

Join us in learning from Natalie Linville-Mass about the QC PastPort project from its beginnings to its present-day activities. Dive into the history of the Quad Cities by hearing about an innovative partnership with the Channel Cat Water Taxi and area non-profits. QC PastPort offers self-guided, interactive, physical, and digital tours throughout the Quad Cities bringing history to life.

Opening the Box



Join us the first Friday of every month to explore and learn about the curious world of archives and manuscripts at the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center. Each month,

we will cover a different topic relating to the use and study of archives and manuscripts. We will feature collections and examples of relevant materials during each presentation. To receive meeting information visit bit.ly/dpl-openingthebox.

Friday, March 4th at 2:30 pm | Zoom

The presentation for March features our collection of locally-created cookbooks, newly accessible via the library's online catalog! It is open to anyone interested in learning more about our archives and manuscript collections.

Friday, April 1st at 2:30 pm | Zoom

April's topic we will provide an overview of treatments and techniques routinely used by Special Collections Staff. This presentation is open to any interested in learning more about our archives and manuscript collections.

Friday, May 6th at 2:30 pm | Zoom

In the month of May we will feature collections of materials assembled by researchers exploring topics in local Black history.

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QC Beats Showcase

Thursday, March 10th at 7:00pm | River Music Experience

Join Davenport Public Library, Bettendorf Public Library, St. Ambrose University, and Planet 93.9 at the River Music Experience on March 10th! Celebrate the latest round of QCBeats Artists with a showcase of performances at the River Music Experience. Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 8pm.

This program is suitable for all ages and is free to attend.



Congratulations Amy!

The Library said farewell to Director, Amy Groskopf who worked for the Library for 33 years. Groskopf came from Wisconsin to work for the Davenport Public Library 33 years ago as a member of the Special Collections Staff. After years serving in the Special Collections Department, Groskopf served as Assistant Director and led the Library as Director for the past five years. Throughout her time, Groskopf was instrumental in the rebranding of the Library, the creation of the Outreach Department (including purchasing of their Outreach Wheeled Library), advocating and creating Social Worker and Early Literacy Coordinator positions, and so much more!

When asked what she will miss the most about working for the Library, Groskopf replied that she would miss working with the creative staff and dedicated volunteers.

Brittany Peacock, Community Outreach Supervisor

