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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.

Brittany Peacock, Community Outreach Supervisor
**Reader’s Theater**
**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 crawly while you create a cool craft to take home. Ages 6+. 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.

**Basic ASL for Kids**
**Tuesdays in March at 4:00pm | 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.

**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.

**Stories @ Main**
**Fridays in March & April at 10:00am at 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.

**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 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 :-)
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.

Unfiltered
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

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.

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.
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 overcome? 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 Hampes 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.
QC Beats Showcase
Thursday, March 10th at 7:00pm | River Music Experience

Join Davenport Public Library, Bettendorf Public Library, St. Ambrose University, and Planet 95.9 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