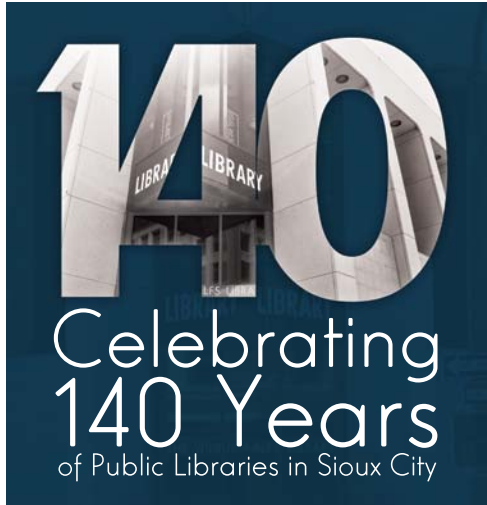


Celebrating 140 Years of Public Library Service



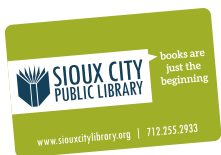
On May 21, 1877, the City Council passed an ordinance establishing a public library in Sioux City. The collection of approximately 550 books belonging to the then eight-year-old Young Men's Literary Association became Sioux City's first public library,

housed in the city clerk's office. History notes that in 1871 the Young Men's Literary Association had voted to "expand services by letting the wives and daughters of members" rent books at a rate of 10¢ per book, but it was 1877 when a truly public library opened.

Today's Library Board of Trustees and staff serve the residents of our community with the mission of "creating opportunities for a lifetime of learning to empower and enrich our community." Compare the 1895 Library promise "to educate, develop, please and inspire and promote wider, cleaner, civic life." The words are different, the methods have certainly changed over the years, yet at its heart, the role of the public's library is much the same: lifelong learning and education, enrich and inspire, with a focus on community and civic life.

With our Library's current emphasis on early childhood literacy, we smile when we read that "no one under 10 years could get books" from Sioux City's first public library. It was twenty years later when the importance of library use by children was recognized, and on November 16, 1899, Sioux City Public Library's Director, Mrs. G. W. (Rosa Allen) Oberholzer, announced that an alcove of the library would be set aside for a children's corner, which was an immediate success. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten article in this newsletter (page 3) features Sioux City Public Library's newest service for young children.

Take a trip down memory lane at the Aalfs Downtown Library where old photos and retired library tools are on display during the month of May. We're building on a 140-year tradition.



Use your Library card during May 2017 and be entered into a drawing to win a dedication poster from the opening of the Aalfs Downtown Library.

eLibrary Anytime, Anywhere

Dave and Barb are empty nesters and avid readers. When their adult son suggested they could download eBooks from the Sioux City Public Library rather than through a subscription service, they decided to give it a try. They visited the Library's Reference Desk together, each with their own device, where Lacey got them started using the Library's OverDrive app to download eBooks and eAudiobooks. One of their devices hit a snag while

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Summer Fun at the Library

Sioux City Public Library has fun and innovative activities planned to keep kids' minds sharp, their imaginations active, and their creativity sparked. Join in at our special events, plus, read your way to awesome prizes.

We kick it all off at the beginning of

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eLibrary Anytime, Anywhere (continued from page 1)



Lacey, one of our Library Techies, demonstrates how to use the Overdrive app on an iPad.

downloading the app, but, within minutes, our Library Techie had the issue resolved and they were borrowing their first eBooks. Free.

Sioux City Public Library is part of a statewide eBook and eAudiobook lending consortium called Bridges. Your Library card gives you free access to a broad range of titles through OverDrive at www.bridges.overdrive.com. Our Library purchases dedicated eBook and eAudiobook copies available exclusively to our card holders so be sure to log in with your Sioux City Public Library card number to avoid the long statewide waiting lists for popular best-selling titles.

Charles rushed into the Morningside Branch Library 10 minutes before closing one Thursday evening asking for a Chilton car repair manual for an older model Mazda. While walking to the car repair manual shelves, the librarian talked with Charles about Sioux City Public Library's digital subscription to Auto Repair Reference Center. Using his Library card, he could find repair and maintenance procedures for thousands of domestic and imported vehicles from any Internet-connected device. Charles knew about Auto Repair Reference Center, having found repair specs there in the past, but couldn't make it work from home on that Thursday. A simple update of his Sioux City Public Library card assured that Charles could access Auto Repair Reference Center online from his home, and he was ready to put the paper manual back on the shelves. "You've saved me a ton of money," Charles said as he headed out the Library door.

Use Sioux City Public Library digitally for those times when an eBook or eAudiobook is just the format you need—when traveling, while exercising, or just for the carrying convenience. For trusted facts, auto repair specifications, consumer reports, news and much more, the place to start is www.SiouxCityLibrary.org/eResources. Techie librarians are here to help whenever the Library building is open.

There's Power in Reading

Relieve stress. Build empathy. Improve reasoning and boost brain power. The brain research of the past 25 years proves that reading does all this.

Just 6 minutes of reading can reduce stress by up to 68% according to a study at the University of Sussex, by letting you become absorbed into another world. Deep reading and story comprehension activate the areas of the brain that help us understand what people are thinking and feeling according to studies from York University in Toronto, building empathy and building community.

What's the best strategy to get into the reading groove? Choose books that you are drawn to, stories that speak to you. Sometimes we read to escape, sometimes to discover and learn, sometimes to be comforted and these needs are not mutually exclusive. We may read a popular thriller to escape, but might learn something, be challenged, or be comforted by the same stories that provide escape.

Sioux City Public Library staff are here to help you find just the right read.

We Recommend...

- Get personalized reading recommendations by calling 712-255-2933 ext. 2221 or emailing us at questions@siouxcitylibrary.org.
- Listen to *Check It Out*, our book spotlight that airs Tuesdays at 7:42 am and 5:18 pm on KWTM FM 90.3, as we share our recent favorites.
- Join Open Book Club the first Monday of every month for new book suggestions.
- Visit www.SiouxCityLibrary.org/reading-recommendations for read-alike recommendations.
- Browse titles on our Staff Picks shelves and other displays.

Summer Fun at the Library

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June with a preview of the summer's excitement:

- **Thursday, June 1; 2-4pm; Aalfs Downtown Library**
Meet Dash and Dot (two of the featured Summer Reading robots), construct through maker activities, and solve a mini-mystery.
- **Tuesday, June 6; 10:30am-Noon; Perry Creek Branch Library**
Plant a mini garden and perform gymnastic feats on the Superstar Tumblebus.
- **Wednesday, June 7; 10am-Noon Morningside Branch Library**
Get a close-up look at hardworking trucks and big machines from the City of Sioux City's fleet that keep our community moving forward.

Stop by during any of the three drop-in events and sign up for the Summer Reading program, or sign up at any Library location throughout the summer. The program runs June 1 through August 12. A full calendar of events is available at each Library location, or at www.SiouxCityLibrary.org/summer-reading-calendar.

Summer reading programs offer hands-on learning activities along with a reading challenge to help curb the summer learning loss. The Library makes it fun for kids to charge their brain power.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ainsley smiles as she celebrates her 800-book milestone.

In January, Sioux City Public Library launched the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge, helping families prepare their children for kindergarten through the simple and enjoyable act of sharing books. A local challenge adapted from a national program, infants, toddlers, and preschoolers are all eligible to participate.

Families can visit any Library location to receive their first card and begin logging books they've read. Bring in your completed card and we'll celebrate each 200-book milestone with you. "Yes, repeats count," says Adrienne Jansen, Sioux City Public Library's youth services manager. "There's real joy in sharing books



together, and it's a great way for parents and caregivers to help children build early literacy skills."

Reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost their brain power. Introducing books to children from a young age increases their vocabulary and prepares them for kindergarten, and it's the most reliable predictor of school success.

Tracking Down Family History

Sarah noticed a Library Facebook post about the Library's genealogy resources. It highlighted the discovery by historians at Ancestry.com of a family connection between the star of the BBC series 'Sherlock' and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the author who created Sherlock Holmes.

"I had no idea this type of research was available at the Library. I should have asked," she laughed. "I've wanted to fill in the gaps in the family history on both my parents' sides, but keep putting it off because I don't want to pay for the subscription," she added. "This is so great. Now I can get started at the Library."

The Library's edition of Ancestry.com is available at the Aalfs Downtown Library, and HeritageQuest can be accessed remotely through our online branch at www.SiouxCityLibrary.org/eResources. Search through thousands of domestic and international records to track down long lost family connections.

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Sioux City Public Library
celebrates its 140th Anniversary
during the month of May



eLibrary, anytime, anywhere



Summer activities for kids

Library History Trivia

1. Children were first allowed to start using the Sioux City Public Library in what year?

- (a) 1877
- (b) 1888
- (c) 1899

2. Where was the 1913 Carnegie Library built?

- (a) 6th & Douglas
- (b) 6th & Jackson
- (c) Between 4th & 5th on Pearl

3. Which of the following was **not** the name of a Branch Library in 1930s Sioux City?

- (a) Riverside Branch
- (b) Leeds Carnegie Branch
- (c) Smith's Villa Branch
- (d) Sunset Plaza Branch
- (e) North Branch
- (f) Fairmount Park Branch

4. When the Library automated in 1987, who was issued the first barcoded Library card?

- (a) Alan N. Harvey
- (b) Cornelius "Connie" Bodine Jr.
- (c) George H. Scheetz

Answers: 1. (c) 1899 2. (b) 6th & Jackson 3. (d) Sunset Plaza Branch—this branch opened in 1982 4. (b) Mayor Cornelius "Connie" Bodine Jr.

AalFs Downtown Library
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Monday-Wednesday 9 am - 8 pm
Thursday-Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday (Sept-May) 1 pm - 5 pm
Sunday (June-Aug) Closed

Morningside Branch Library
4005 Morningside Ave. • 712-255-2924

Monday-Thursday 10 am - 6 pm
Friday-Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday Closed

Perry Creek Branch Library
2912 Hamilton Blvd. • 712-255-2926

Monday-Friday 10:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday-Sunday Closed