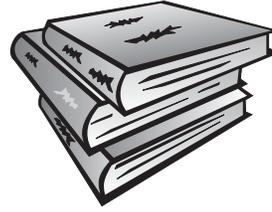


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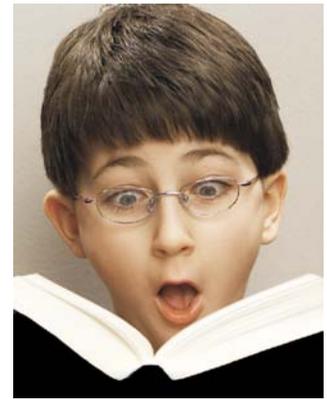
Calling All Dreamers

Imagine. Discover. Connect. Join us this summer as we celebrate the transforming influence that reading brings to active thinkers. By using the Library you can become the person you want to be. Find yourself. Lose yourself. Renew yourself. Redo yourself. Wake up. Dream. Do it all.

Our summer reading initiative is offered free to participants, thanks to the Friends of the Library. It includes movies, activities, and, of course, reading. Beginning June 1, participants in preschool through ninth grade can earn fun prizes and a paperback book to keep, by visiting any Library location four times before July 31.

Readers from preschool through fifth grade can explore the night with “Dream Big—READ!” while grades six through nine can participate in “Own the Night.” Older teens and adults can explore new interests in “Between the Covers,” a theme that entices readers to discover new authors and genres.

“We have a terrific line-up of special guests, guaranteed to delight both the young and the young at heart,” invites Jeanette Bobeen, Youth Services Manager. “From night skies to nightlife, the themes lend themselves very well to nature and science programs, along with the usual suspects—creature features, things that go bump in the night, and more!” Calendars are available May 5 in print or online at www.siouxcitylibrary.org. Use the Library this summer and beyond, and may all your dreams come true. 📖



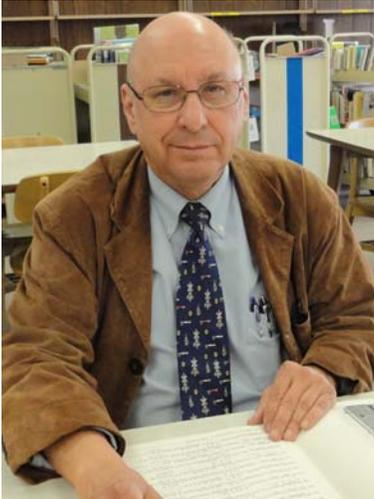
Have you discovered the renovated Wilbur Aalfs Library?

An App for That

If your life revolves around the small screen on your smart phone, then access to our Online Branch just got better. Simply install and open the Bookmyne application, available at Google Play or the Apple Store. Use the “find your library” feature to connect to the Sioux City Public Library catalog. When you enter your Library barcode number to log in, and tap the My Account tab, you can search the catalog, place holds, see what you have checked out, and renew items. The display is easy to read and the software simple to navigate.

If you haven’t yet mastered your new device, bring it and your questions to the next Library Tech Talk. Technical Services Manager Troy Jennings leads how-to sessions on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Join him from 6–7:30 pm in the Wilbur Aalfs Library’s SNB Conference Room (free parking after 6 pm). Tech Talks are part Q & A session and part one-on-one instruction. Attendees wanting personalized training are asked to bring their handheld devices, laptops, cables and library cards to the class. If you can’t make it to a Tech Talk class, one-on-one instruction is available by appointment. Call 255-2933 x 221 for details. 📖

My Library Story



Dr. Rudolph Daniels

Do you know me? I've spoken extensively on railroad history throughout Siouxland and published books and articles on the subject. Many times over the years staff at the Sioux City Public Library have found what I needed—most recently they helped me borrow an expensive and rare book for an upcoming presentation.

With only five known copies in the country, one of which is in the Smithsonian Institute and one in the Library of Congress, I was very happy to get this item through interlibrary loan from the University of Texas. Our public library staff are a tremendous asset to the community. Thanks for all you do! 📖

Family Storytime

In addition to our weekly storytimes on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, the Library is launching a Sunday afternoon session at The Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library from April 15 through May 20.

Family Storytime is a shared story experience for children not yet in school and their parent/grandparent. In addition to the benefit of developing social skills, building vocabulary, and learning to match spoken sounds with written words, curious young minds experience the magic of stories.

Reading aloud introduces the idea that stories are worth telling, that books are worth sitting down and listening to, and that the Library is a great place to explore the world with others. Join us!

1:30-2:00 p.m. Sundays at The Wilbur Aalfs Library
Sunday schedule ends May 20

11:15-11:45 a.m. Tuesdays at Perry Creek
10:30-11:00 a.m. Wednesdays at Morningside
These sessions run year round

10:30-11:00 a.m. Fridays at Morningside
June 8 through July 6

Science @ the Library

When it comes to helping curious young minds investigate the whys and hows of life, make the Library your first-stop science shop.

Library shelves hold hundreds of books that help children discover their world. Titles vary from **Cool Engineering Activities for Girls** to **Shop Tech: The Science of Cars** and **How Things Work in the Yard**. The books **Kitchen** and **Backyard** bring science alive using common items around the home, while **30 Fun Ways to Learn About Time and Money: Supporting Problem Solving, Reasoning, and Numeracy** zeros in on mathematics.

Our Science Online database at www.siouxcitylibrary.org is an awesome site for beginning or advanced exploration. (Click on Research & Databases, then Science Online, and enter your library card number.) This easy-to-use resource covers biology, chemistry, computer science, earth science, environmental science, forensic science, marine science, mathematics, physics, space & astronomy, and weather & climate. You will find diagrams, experiments, definitions, images, videos, biographies and timelines, plus "Today's Science Feature" and "Science in the News."

If hands-on exploration is more your style, the Library has that, too. In partnership with the Iowa Math and Science Education Partnership, the Library recently hosted Moms Night Out for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) to inspire the next generation of innovators. Professors and students from Morningside College provided do-it-yourself activities for parents and their children in grades 3-7. This statewide initiative, held at 27 sites across Iowa, recognizes the important role that parents play in stimulating a child's imagination and inspiring them to explore the sciences.

The Library shares the goal that cultivating critical thinkers is important. A peek at the Library's summer calendar reveals science learning activities in partnership with the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, Sanford Planetarium, and the Science Center of Iowa. Star Lab, Nocturnal Animals, Dream Like a Scientist, The Night Sky & Native American Legends, and Legos @ the Library, with support from Target Stores, will offer exciting opportunities for the scientifically inclined.

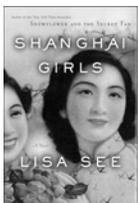
Imagine. Discover. Connect. Books are just the beginning. 📖

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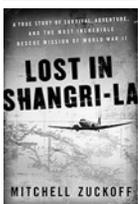
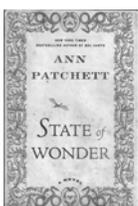
Book Remarks & Recommendations

Welcome to a reader advisor page featuring new and popular titles. For a **complete list of new titles** visit www.siouxcitylibrary.org and click "View recently-added titles" in the left column. From the online list you may access the catalog and place holds on specific titles or see if the Library owns additional works by an author. While at the website, check out our *Books and Reading* page for more reviews and read-alikes.

POPULAR READ-ALIKES



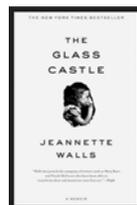
If you liked the novels **Shanghai Girls** and **Dreams of Joy** by Lisa See, try **Girl in Translation** by Jean Kwok. An emigrant from Hong Kong leads a double life: exceptional schoolgirl during the day, Chinatown sweatshop worker in the evenings. With the weight of her family's future on her shoulders and a secret love for a factory boy on her mind, Kimberly must constantly translate not just her language but also herself back and forth between the worlds she straddles.



If you enjoy a strong sense of place, like the exotic Amazon jungle depicted in **A State of Wonder** (New Fiction Pat), try **Lost in Shangri-la** (New Nonfiction 940.548 Zuc) by Mitchell Zuckoff. This true story follows a plane crash in Dutch New Guinea during WWII and the painstaking task of evacuating three injured survivors while avoiding trouble with superstitious natives. **Saving Fish from Drowning** a novel by Amy Tan, involves the disappearance of American tourists along the equally inhospitable Burma Road in present day Myanmar. All three explore the consequences that arise when cultures collide.



Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend (New Nonfiction 636.737 Orl) by Susan Orlean includes the fame of Rinty and his offspring in film, radio and television, the elevation of dogs from outdoor workers to beloved family members, the rise of obedience training schools, and the use of dogs in the military. For more on that latter note, try **Soldier Dogs: The Untold Story of America's Canine Heroes** (New Nonfiction 355.424 Goo) by Maria Goodavage. To read about an amazing German Shepherd in 2004 Iraq, check out **Sergeant Rex: The Unbreakable Bond between a Marine and His Military Working Dog** (New Nonfiction 956.7044) by Mike Dowling.



Jeannette Walls created a sensation with her nomadic childhood and dysfunctional parents in **The Glass Castle** (362.292 Wal). Her story is reminiscent of **The Next Better Place: A Father and Son on the Road** (306.87422 Kei), written by Michael Keith about his hitchhiking days with an alcoholic parent, also from the early 1960s. For a more recent account of children taking charge for self-preservation, try **An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-year-old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny** (New Nonfiction 974.71 Sch) by Laura Schroff.



AWARD-WINNERS TO LOVE AT ANY AGE

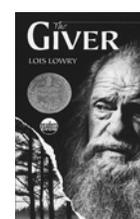
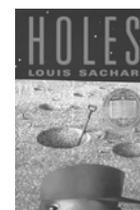
With their well-written and creative story lines, these Newbery Medal winners are great reads for adults, too!

For a sense of place, try **Moon Over Manifest** (J Van) by Clare Vanderpool. Twelve-year-old Abilene is sent to stay with an old friend of her father's in 1936 Manifest, Kansas and hopes to learn something about his past.

A clever plot resolution makes **Holes** (J Sac) by Louis Sachar a delightful read. Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

The Graveyard Book (YA Gai) by Neil Gaiman tells the coming-of-age story of Nobody Owens who, as an orphaned toddler, is raised by foster ghosts and other cemetery denizens. At 14, he must destroy the leader of a secret order or become its latest victim. Magical, terrifying, and filled with breathtaking adventures, the end will leave you hungering for a sequel.

The Giver (J Low) by Lois Lowry is, in a word, riveting. Described as one of the most thought-provoking novels for children ever written, the main character faces a dilemma after discovering the terrible truth about the perfect society in which he lives.



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MISSION: The Sioux City Public Library connects people and ideas to empower and enrich our community.

It's Book Sale Time

Plan to attend the annual used book sale beginning Friday, April 27 and ending Saturday, May 5, in the former Affordable Furniture location behind Hardee's at Virginia St. and Dace Ave. in Sioux City.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Sioux City Public Library, proceeds from the sale enrich public library service in Sioux City, funding the children's summer reading initiative and providing books, recordings, online resources and more.

Book Sale Hours

Friday, April 27	6-9 pm
preview sale	(\$1 donation)
Saturday, April 28	10 am-9 pm
Sunday, April 20	Noon-6 pm
Mon April 30- Thu May 3	4-8 pm
Friday, May 4	4-9 pm
Saturday, May 5	10 am-??
Free day; closing at 6 pm or when books are gone)	
Hardcover books \$2; Recordings "as is" \$2;	
Paperbacks \$1; In-store specials begin April 30	

Book Donation Time

It happens every spring. Readers hear about the upcoming book sale and make a mad dash to bring their used books to the Library in time for the sale. While we appreciate the thought, there's no need to panic. The Library accepts nearly new or gently used books all year long. Any books, CDs or DVDs not added to the Library's collections are stored until the book sale. The Friends maintain donation boxes at both the Hamilton Blvd. and Southern Hills Hy-Vee Food Stores if the Library's normal business hours are not convenient for you. Support the Library, shop the sale, and enjoy your books and recordings. When you're through, recycle them for next year's event. 📖

New Library Hours Begin June 1, 2012

The Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library

Monday-Wednesday 9am-8pm • Thursday-Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday (Sept-May) 1pm-5pm

Morningside Branch Library

Monday-Thursday 10am-8pm • Friday-Saturday 10am-5pm

Perry Creek Branch Library (no change)

Monday, Wednesday Noon-6pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 11am-5pm • Saturday 11am-4pm