



# SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

## Plant a Seed, READ!

Thursday, June 4 • 2-4pm • All ages  
Aalfs Downtown Library • 529 Pierce Street

Jump start your summer of fun at the Library!  
Come by anytime during this drop-in event!

- Sing and dance at the Family Karaoke Dance Party.
- Visit the Creation Stations and make wildflower seed bombs, grass people and more!
- Get moving by reading along the indoor StoryWalk®.
- Go on a scavenger hunt around the Library and earn a prize!
- Decorate a flower to add to the Library's garden mural.

### Can't make it to the Event?

No problem! Visit any Library location from June 1 - July 31 to get your **Summer Reading Starter Pack!**

Read all summer for chances to **WIN PRIZES!!**

**ALL EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY ARE FREE!**

# FEATURED EVENTS

## ✓ Illusionist Keith West

Monday, June 15 • All Ages  
2 SHOWS! (same show repeats)

- 2pm at Morningside Branch Library
- 6:30pm at Aalfs Downtown Library

Illusionist Keith West and his assistant Miss Kitty return to the Library for a show filled with magic, fun and mind-boggling illusions!



## Pokémon-a-thon!

All Library Locations

Wednesday, June 24 • All Ages • **ALL DAY!**  
"Catch 'em all" as we celebrate 30 years of Pokémon! Take part in a Pokémon Scavenger Hunt and make cool Pokémon crafts!



## ✓ Great Plains Zoomobile

Morningside Branch Library

Tuesday, July 14 • All Ages  
2 SHOWS! (same show repeats)  
1:30pm & 3pm

Get excited about animals when the zoo comes to YOU at the Library! Zookeepers from The Great Plains

Zoo introduce small animal ambassadors during this informative, family-friendly program! Fun for all ages.



### Aalfs Downtown Library

529 Pierce St • 51101  
712.255.2933

Monday-Wednesday.....9am - 8pm  
Thursday-Saturday.....9am - 5pm  
Sunday (June-August).....Closed

### Perry Creek Branch Library

2912 Hamilton Blvd • Lower B • 51104  
712.255.2926

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

### Morningside Branch Library

4005 Morningside Ave • 51106 • 712.255.2924  
Monday-Wednesday.....10am - 6pm  
Thursday-Friday.....10am - 5pm  
Saturday.....9am-5pm  
Sunday.....Closed

# Events at the Library are FREE!

✓ = Registration Required

Register online at [siouxcitylibrary.org](http://siouxcitylibrary.org) or by calling (712) 255-2933 x2234.

If you cannot attend, please call to cancel your registration.

🌿 = Outdoor Event

Feel free to bring blankets or lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, this event will be indoors.

👋 = ASL Interpreter

An American Sign Language interpreter will be translating at these events.

👣 = Non-Library Events

Join the Library and other community groups **off-site** for fun this summer!

Sunday	Monday				Saturday	
	1 <b>Summer Reading Begins!</b> Download Beanstack and Register Today!	2 Library Storytime 🌿 11am Perry Creek Branch Library	3 Library Storytime 🌿👋 10:30am Morningside Branch Library	4 <b>Summer Reading Celebration Event: Plant a Seed, Read!</b> 2-4pm • Drop in anytime! Aafls Downtown Library	5 Family Movie Friday: <i>Zootopia 2 (PG)</i> 10am Aafls Downtown Library	6
7 LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS	8 LEGOs at the Library 2-4pm • Drop in anytime! Aafls Downtown Library	9 Library Storytime 🌿 11am Perry Creek Branch Library Read-To-Me Dogs 2-3pm • Aafls Downtown Library Pop-Up Park Event 👣 6-7:30pm • Lyons Park	10 Library Storytime 🌿👋 10:30am Morningside Branch Library TEEN Crafternoon: ✓ <i>Upcycled T-shirt Tote Bag</i> 2pm • Aafls Downtown Library	11 Innovation Studio: <i>Can You Dig It? Artifact Investigations</i> ✓ 2pm Aafls Downtown Library	12 Family Movie Friday: <i>Bad Guys 2 (PG)</i> 10am Aafls Downtown Library	13
14	15 Imagination Builders: <i>Plant a Seed, Read!</i> ✓ 11am Morningside Branch Library Illusionist Keith West ✓ 2 SHOWS (same show) 2pm - Morningside Branch Library 6:30pm - Aafls Downtown Library	16 Library Storytime 🌿 11am Perry Creek Branch Library Read-To-Me Dogs 2-3pm Aafls Downtown Library	17 Library Storytime 🌿👋 10:30am Morningside Branch Library	18 Innovation Studio: <i>Spintronics - Exploring Switches</i> ✓ 2pm Aafls Downtown Library	19 Family Movie Friday: <i>Toy Story 4 (PG)</i> 10am Aafls Downtown Library	20 Family Yoga! ✓ 10am Aafls Downtown Library
21	22 Imagination Builders: <i>Adventures in Coding with Bee-Bots</i> ✓ 11am Morningside Branch Library	23 Library Storytime 🌿 11am Perry Creek Branch Library Read-To-Me Dogs 2-3pm Aafls Downtown Library	24 Library Storytime 🌿👋 10:30am Morningside Branch Library Pokemon-a-thon! ALL DAY! Drop-in anytime! All Library Locations	25 Innovation Studio: <i>Build-a-Boat</i> ✓ 2pm Aafls Downtown Library	26 <i>Seeking Sasquatch 2: A TEEN After-Hours Mystery</i> ✓ 6:30-8:30pm Aafls Downtown Library	27
28 LIBRARY CLOSED	29 Imagination Builders: <i>All About Balance - Making Mobiles</i> ✓ 11am Morningside Branch Library	30 Library Storytime 🌿 11am Perry Creek Branch Library Read-To-Me Dogs 2-3pm Aafls Downtown Library	1 Library Storytime 🌿👋 10:30am Morningside Branch Library	2 Happy Birthday America! Celebrating 250 Years 2-4pm, Drop-in anytime! Aafls Downtown Library	3 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY Happy 4th of July!	
5	6 LEGOs at the Library 2-4pm • Drop in anytime! Aafls Downtown Library	7 Library Storytime 🌿 11am Perry Creek Branch Library	8 Library Storytime 🌿👋 10:30am Morningside Branch Library	9 Innovation Studio: <i>Map It! Featuring Blue-Bots</i> ✓ 2pm Aafls Downtown Library	10 Little Sprouts Jamboree ✓ 10am Aafls Downtown Library Family Movie Friday: <i>Hoppers (PG)</i> 2pm Aafls Downtown Library	11
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19	20 Imagination Builders: ✓ <i>The Buzz About Bees</i> 11am Morningside Branch Library	21 Library Storytime 🌿 11am Perry Creek Branch Library	22 Library Storytime 🌿👋 10:30am Morningside Branch Library	23 Innovation Studio: <i>Spintronics - Exploring Parallel Circuits</i> ✓ 2pm Aafls Downtown Library	24 Family Movie Friday: <i>The SpongeBob Movie: Search for Squarepants (PG)</i> 10am Aafls Downtown Library	25 Family Yoga! ✓ 10am Aafls Downtown Library
26	27 Imagination Builders: ✓ <i>Outdoor Science Fun</i> 11am Morningside Branch Library	28 Library Storytime 🌿 11am Perry Creek Branch Library	29 Library Storytime 🌿👋 10:30am Morningside Branch Library	30 Meet an Owl at the Library! 10:30am ✓ Morningside Branch Library Whoooo Ate This? Exploring Owl Pellets ✓ 2pm Morningside Branch Library	31 Family Movie Friday: <i>The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG)</i> 10am Aafls Downtown Library LAST DAY to log reading & submit entries for prizes!	Add these events on Facebook! 

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## Start NOW Online!

Join the **Grand Prize Summer Reading Challenge** and log your reading on Beanstack for chances to WIN big prizes!

**Join Beanstack:**  
• Get the **Beanstack Tracker** app or visit [siouxcitylibrary.beanstack.org](http://siouxcitylibrary.beanstack.org) online to sign up!

- Find your library: **Sioux City Public Library (IA)**
- Create an account and enter reader profiles for your family members.
- Log reading, attended events, or participation in activities to earn chances to win prizes!

## Sign up for updates!

Get ALL the updates, weekly event reminders, registration links, and more when you sign up for our **Kids & Families e-Newsletter** at [siouxcitylibrary.org/kidsevents](http://siouxcitylibrary.org/kidsevents)

SCAN THE CODE WITH YOUR PHONE TO SIGN UP!



Sioux City Explorers **Celebrate Reading Night** WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 • 6:35pm • ALL AGES!

Earn one (1) FREE ticket to the Sioux City Explorers

**Celebrate Reading Night baseball game by reading!**  
- Ages 0-5 have 100 books read to them by July 31.  
- Ages 6-18 read 10 hours total by July 31.

Additional tickets may be purchased from the Sioux City Explorers' box office for a special rate of \$8/person.

\$2 Hot Dog Night and Bark in the Park will occur during Celebrate Reading Night - so bring your canine friends!



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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Happy Birthday America! Celebrating 250 Years

**Aalfs Downtown Library**  
Thursday, July 2 • 2-4pm • All Ages  
Let's party like it's 1776! Honor America's 250th anniversary by making your own patriotic craft creations at this drop-in event.

### ✓ Little Sprouts Jamboree

**Aalfs Downtown Library**  
Friday, July 10 • 10am  
Ages 2 & under + their caregiver  
Little sprouts and their adult caregiver are invited to a lively hour of musical fun, stories, and dancing at the Library.

### ✓ Meet an Owl at the Library!

**Morningside Branch Library**  
Thursday, July 30 • 10:30am  
All Ages  
Meet the resident owls of the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center right here at the Library in this informational program!

### ✓ Whoooo Ate This? Exploring Owl Pellets

**Morningside Branch Library**  
Thursday, July 30 • 2pm • All Ages  
Led by staff from Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, investigate a sanitized owl pellet. Reveal fur, bones, and clues about what these nocturnal hunters eat.

## FAMILY EVENTS: READING, GAMES & MORE

### LEGOs at the Library

**Aalfs Downtown Library** • Ages 4-11  
2-4pm • Mondays, June 8 & July 6  
Drop-in and build using the Library's LEGO collection.

### Read-To-Me Dogs

**Aalfs Downtown Library** • Ages 6-11  
2-3pm • Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23, 30  
Drop-in and practice reading to trained therapy dogs.

### ✓ Family Yoga!

**Aalfs Downtown Library** • All Ages  
10-11am • Saturdays, June 20 & July 25  
Yoga for the whole family! Learn relaxation and poses.

### Weekly Library Storytimes

Ages 0-5 and their caregiver • *Weather permitting, storytime will be outside. Feel free to bring blankets and lawn chairs!*

**Perry Creek Branch Library** • Every Tuesday all year long • 11am

**Morningside Branch Library** ✋ Every Wednesday all year long • 10:30am

Build literacy, vocabulary, and social skills while experiencing the magic of stories.

✋ During June and July, Morningside Storytime will have an American Sign Language interpreter.

### ✓ TEEN Crafternoons

Supplies and snacks provided.  
**Aalfs Downtown Library**  
Wednesday, June 10 • 2-4pm  
**Upcycled T-shirt Tote Bag**  
Create a reusable bag out of a shirt!  
Monday, July 13 • 2-4pm  
**Holographic Kneading Putty**  
Make mica-infused stress putty!

### ✓ Seeking Sasquatch 2: A TEEN After-Hours Mystery

**Aalfs Downtown Library**  
Friday, June 26 • 6:30-8:30pm  
Teens are invited to take over the Library to find clues, solve puzzles, and compete in challenges to unravel this after-hours mystery! Prizes and snacks provided.

### ✓ After-Hours @ The Library: TEEN Trivia Night

**Aalfs Downtown Library**  
Friday, July 17 • 6:30-8:30pm  
Show off your smarts at this after-hours, teens-only trivia night! Play as a team or form a group with other attendees. Prizes and snacks provided.

## HANDS-ON FUN

### ✓ Innovation Studio

**Morningside Branch Library** • All sessions 2-3pm  
Ages 9-11 • Thursdays, June 11, 18, 25 & July 9, 16, 23  
This summer, join us for fun, interactive STEM activities. Register for one, many, or all!

### ✓ Imagination Builders

**Morningside Branch Library** • All sessions 11am  
Ages 6-8 • Mondays, June 15, 22, 29 & July 13, 20, 27  
Go beyond the pages of the books through these hands-on STEM-based storytimes. Register for one, many, or all!

## FAMILY MOVIE FRIDAYS

**Aalfs Downtown Library, all ages welcome - NO MOVIES June 26 & July 3. Feel free to bring a covered beverage. Popcorn provided by Jolly Time Popcorn.**

**June 5** • 10am  
Rated: PG



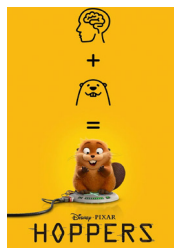
**June 12** • 10am  
Rated: PG



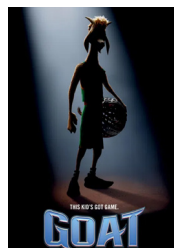
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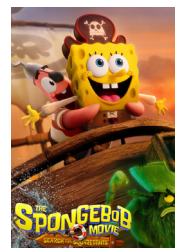
**July 10** • 2pm  
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**July 17** • 10am  
Rated: PG



**July 24** • 10am  
Rated: PG



**July 31** • 10am  
Rated: PG



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