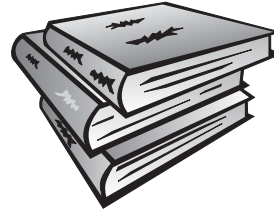


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New Collections @ Your Library

Your "Lucky Day"

The Sioux City Public Library now offers a "Lucky Day" collection of popular fiction and nonfiction books at The Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library and Perry Creek Branch. Perfect for avid readers, these books check out for one week and can't be renewed, ensuring a quick turn-around and a variety of titles to select from every day.

"Best sellers and popular titles often have a waiting list," explains Sara Doyle, Reference

and Reader Services Manager. "You can still assure that a copy will be held for you using the holds process. We haven't stopped filling requests; this is in addition to our usual service. Think of it as your lucky day when you find that popular title on the shelf and avoid the wait."



Free + Legal = Freegal Music

The Library has invested two thirds of its music budget in downloadable songs—giving patrons access to thousands of titles in the Sony Music catalog. Besides providing a monumental increase in choices for the music lover, the migration to downloadables also benefits the Library. Staff will order and process fewer physical discs resulting in less time needed to clean and maintain the collection. The new service is available at www.siouxcitylibrary.org. Use your full-service Library card barcode number to log in. Check out this amazing site, and begin enjoying the variety of tunes available. 📖

My Library Story

"I grew up in the farthest reaches of North Dakota before the Internet made our world less daunting, more intimate. As a result, the library became my link to places I never knew—one that broadened my scope and prompted my ambitions. Today, it's still that kind of link. It helps me learn about Sioux City's past and chronicle its present. For journalists, a good library is essential. It's both resource and inspiration. It's a place where we can learn and a place where we can grow.

"The future of libraries? Bright, I hope. Even though technology may change the way they look, they'll still be the foundation for a society that prospers. Hopefully, they'll continue to be the place where budding writers can go to discover how to make their dreams come true."



Bruce Miller, Managing Editor, *The Sioux City Journal*

Moms Night Out for STEM

Library event highlights science, technology, engineering and math

"Curious minds want to know..." best explains a recent Monday night when the Library joined 21 sites across Iowa taking part in a national science and engineering festival. During Moms Night Out for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), moms and dads and their children in 3rd through 7th grade experienced science firsthand.

"The idea was to catch the attention of children before they entered middle school and inspire them to explore the sciences," explained Jeanette Bobeen, Youth Services Manager at the Library. "A celebration of math and science education like this acknowledges the vital role both parents play in stimulating a child's imagination and providing opportunities that might lead to a career in the sciences."

Dr. William Heyborne, Assistant Professor of Biology; Dr. Jodi McKay, Assistant Professor of Biology and Chemistry; Dr. David Slaven, Assistant Professor of Physics; and Dr. Andrew Plumb, Assistant Professor of Physics (all from Morningside College) used activities and demonstrations to show how math and science could be fun, while supplying plenty of encouragement for parents and their children to replicate the experiments at home. To help sustain the enthusiasm, staff prepared a list of recommended science books for younger readers. The statewide celebration was cosponsored by the Iowa Mathematics and Science Education Partnership and the Iowa State Engineering College, and was funded by John Deere. 📖



Dr. Jodi McKay shows Meira Rivers how to extract DNA from bananas using distilled water, soap, salt and coffee filters.



Animanga Club

Do you have children in 6th to 9th grade? Do they like anime and manga? Tell them about the Library's Animanga Club. It's a place for kids to discuss their favorite manga

and watch an anime movie (rated PG or PG-13). Our next meeting is:

Monday, December 6 (after school)
2:30-4:30 p.m. • The Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library

Library News

For weekly updates and Library happenings visit the Online Branch and click "Library News."

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Giving Campaign

The Sioux City Public Library Foundation's annual campaign for Library excellence begins Wednesday, November 3rd. If you are not on the mailing list, please pick up a donor card at any Library checkout desk. The Library thanks you for your support. 📖



Read-to-me Story Dogs

The STARS K-9 crew is back for a series of fall visits at The Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library. From 2 to 3 p.m. each Saturday (now through December 4th), children of all ages may read aloud to these gentle canine listeners; no appointment necessary. 📖

A Sampling of New Materials

Space limitations in this newsletter prevent listing all the latest materials added to the Library. For a complete list visit www.siouxcitylibrary.org and follow the link to view recently-added titles. From the online list you may easily access the catalog and place holds on specific titles or see if the Library owns additional works by an author.

General

Indulgence in Death (Mys Rob) by J. D. Robb. Eve Dallas must discover why the playthings of the rich are becoming prey.

Cat Coming Home (Mys Mur) by Shirley Rousseau Murphy. A team of criminals stalks single women and a lonely prison tomcat provides a clue for Joe Grey and pals.

Foreign Bodies: A Novel (Fiction Ozi) by Cynthia Ozick. Retells the story of *The Ambassadors* as a photographic negative—the plot is the same but the meaning is reversed.

The Last Run (Fiction Ruc) by Greg Rucka. Top covert Tara Chace faces one last assignment for Queen and country—extracting a high-profile defector from Tehran.

Side Jobs (Science Fiction But) by Jim Butcher. A compendium of cases that Harry the wizard and his allies have taken and closed.

Life (782.42166) by Keith Richards. The legendary guitarist, vocalist, songwriter and cofounder of the Rolling Stones shares his memories.

The Man Who Invented the Computer (Local History 004.092 Smi) by Jane Smiley. How a physics professor at Iowa State College led us to the digital universe.

The Double Comfort Club (Mys McC) by Alexander McCall Smith. With a little kindness and good sense, things work out for the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency.

Zoo Story: Life in the Garden of Captives (590.73 Fre) by Thomas French. An insightful look within the complex workings of a zoo.

Making Rounds with Oscar the Cat: The Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Cat (362.175 Dos) by Dr. David Dosa. A cat in an Alzheimer's ward faithfully visits patients in their final hours.

Books on Compact Disc

Call Me Mrs. Miracle (Spoken Word CD Mac) by Debbie Macomber. Christmas is a time for miracles for Emily Merkle's boss and nephew.

Charade (Spoken Word CD Bro) by Sandra Brown. A medical miracle gives new life to a TV personality but someone is killing heart recipients and she may be next.

Boardwalk Empire (Spoken Word CD 974.985 Joh) by Nelson Johnson. The true story that inspired the HBO series featuring Enoch "Nucky" Johnson and the Republican machine that dominated politics and society in Atlantic City.

Juvenile

Animal Crackers Fly the Coop (E OMa) by Kevin O'Malley. In a humorous takeoff on "The Bremen Town Musicians" four animals that aspire to make it big as comedians leave their owners to seek their fortunes. Grades 2-4

Birmingham Sunday (J323.1196 Bri) by Larry Dane Brimner. Researches the Baptist Church bombing in 1963 that killed four girls and sparked race riots in Birmingham. Grades 6 and up

But I Wanted a Baby Brother! (E Fei) by Kate Feiffer. Oliver tries to trade his baby sister for the perfect baby brother. Grades PreK-3

The Buzz on Bees: Why Are They Disappearing? (J638.1 Rot) by Shelley Rotner. Examines possible explanations for the disappearance of honeybees and what can be done to help. Grades 2-5

How to Clean a Hippopotamus: a Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships (J591.7 Jen) by Steve Jenkins. Gives readers a look at some unusual animal partners. Grades K-4

It's Raining Cupcakes (J Sch) by Lisa Schroeder. 12-year-old Isabel enters a baking contest when she finds out that the winners get to travel to New York City. Grades 4-7

Saving the Baghdad Zoo: A True Story of Hope and Heroes (J590.73 Hal) by Kelly Milner Halls. Relates the challenge of rebuilding the Baghdad Zoo after its near destruction during the 2003 invasion and its transformation into a place of respite and peace. Grades 5-8

Spaceheadz (J Sci) by Jon Scieszka. A 5th-grader is convinced that two very strange students are aliens who need his help. Grades 3-5

Children's DVDs

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Children's DVDs Dia). Greg Heffley has to survive middle school surrounded by morons, bullies and more.

Alice in Wonderland (Children's DVDs Ali). Alice, now 19 years old, returns to the whimsical world she first entered as a child and embarks on a journey to discover her true destiny.

Ponyo (Children's DVDs Pon). A young boy rescues a goldfish whose desire to be human upsets the balance of nature.

Fantastic Mr. Fox (Children's DVDs Fan). How Mr. Fox outwits his farmer neighbors.



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From the 2009-2010 Annual Report

Library Director Betsy Thompson presented the Annual Report to the City Council during a joint meeting with the Library Board of Trustees on September 21. To read the entire report visit www.siouxcitylibrary.org and follow the Library publications link on the "About Us" tab. Highlights include:

- The Sioux City Public Library houses 238,500 books and recordings at its three locations.
- Sioux City Public Library has 33,085 active library card holders, 40% of Sioux City's residents. Of those active card holders, 10% or 3,300 used their cards to access online resources exclusively and did not physically check out any Library items.
- Staff completed the three-year Literacy for New Iowans grant with Early Head Start, helping parents understand why reading to their children is important.
- 419,000 visitors, up from 408,000 last year, checked out 584,104 books, magazines and recordings and used an additional 166,000 items inside the Library buildings.
- During the year, staff cataloged, stamped, stickered and readied 25,390 new items for public use and withdrew 20,408 outdated or damaged items.
- As a partner in learning, staff collaborated with the Community Action Agency of Siouxland to host Generations Online, a computer training program for senior citizens at the Morningside Branch; with Iowa Workforce Development to cross train on resources; and with the Social Security Office to help citizens file for benefits online.
- In support of reading for personal enrichment, the Library sponsored summer reading for all ages, took the lead on the One Book One Siouxland community reading initiative, hosted read-to-me dogs, and supported the Booked on Crime and Open Book discussion groups. Staff provided resource lists to the WITCC Lifelong Learning book club, to Siouxland Aging Services, the Tri-State Graduate Center, Siouxland Y, and more.

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