

WINTERSET PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 12, 2018

The Winterset Public Library Board of Trustees and Staff are incredibly humbled and honored for the library to have been selected the recipient of the 2017 Customer Service of the Year Award given by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Much gratitude to our community...you make our jobs fun and fulfilling and we look forward to serving you in 2018!

For Teens & Adults:

Listening Lounge Tuesdays for Tweens and Teens, 3:30-4:30 p.m. – starting February 13

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Cabin Fever Gardening series –Saturdays - February 17, March 3, 17, and 24, 10:00 a.m.

Attention gardeners & nature lovers! Join us four Saturdays during February and March for expert gardening tips from Iowa experts on bird watching, vermicomposting, growing roses, and historic irises.

On Feb. 17, lifelong local birdwatcher, Sharon Bauer will share her program on basic birding and beginning bird watching, backyard birding and feeders, and connecting with the birding community. She will also discuss the Great Backyard Bird Count which is coming up on February 16-18.

On March 3, the Wyatt family from Central Iowa Organic Fertilizer of Indianola will present a program on vermicomposting. They will share how they got started raising worms, the benefits of using the worm castings to enrich the soil and increase production in your gardens, and how to get started producing compost for your gardens by vermicomposting.

On March 17, our own local rose expert Marilyn Spencer will present. Marilyn has been growing roses for 39 years. She is a member of the Sunshine Garden Club and a former member of the Des Moines Rose Society and the Kansas City Rose Society and she has exhibited her roses at state and district level rose shows. Marilyn's program on growing roses in Iowa will include information about types of roses, basic rose care and culture, pruning tips, purchasing roses, and much more!

On March 24, Wanda Lunn, iris and lily expert from Cedar Rapids will return to present a program on historic irises. During our first Cabin Fever Gardening series, in 2016, Wanda presented a wonderful

program on cultivating true lilies in Iowa. Wanda raises over 200 iris cultivars from the 6-inch tall miniature dwarf bearded iris to 3-foot tall bearded iris. She has one of only 40 registered Historic iris Preservation Society display gardens in the United States.

As the winter days get long and dreary come enjoy these interesting Saturday programs at the Library, visit with other gardeners and nature lovers and get some great ideas to try in your garden! These programs are free and open to the public.

School's Out Movie – Monday, February 19 – 1:15 p.m.

Get out of the cold and join us at the Winterset Public Library for a movie! Bring your friends and family along with your blankets and pillows and enjoy "Sing" (rated PG). Popcorn included! Note: this showing may accommodate overflow from the 1:00 p.m. free movie showing at the Iowa Theater sponsored by the Winterset Optimist Club.

Let's Talk Chicks! – Tuesday, February 20 - 7:00-8:00 p.m.

If you're new to raising chickens or interested in learning more, join Lana Jackson of Gnome Range Farms to learn about general bird welfare. This time of year is the perfect time to start deciding how to order and select what will work for your needs. Topics discussed will include chick care; feeding/watering; bird behavior; basic health care; and what to expect when chicks become hens and roosters (also pullets and cockerels). And of course we'll be talking eggs! Lana will even share her quiche recipe! Free – no registration is required.

Book Discussion - Thursday, February 22, 7:00 pm – The Girl Before by Rena Olsen

"In this powerful psychological suspense debut, when a woman's life is shattered, she is faced with a devastating question: What if everything she thought was normal and good and true . . . wasn't?"

Clara Lawson is torn from her life in an instant. Without warning, her home is invaded by armed men, and she finds herself separated from her beloved husband and daughters. The last thing her husband yells to her is to 'say nothing.'" – amazon.com

"Easily the most disturbing and unsettling book I have read this year. . . . As in the best suspense novels, there are mysteries within mysteries, and all is not what it seems—not to Clara, and definitely not to the reader."—BookPage, A Best Mystery of 2016

Check out this harrowing thriller (we have extra copies available at the library!) and then join the group for an interesting evening – it is free and open to the public.

Future book discussion titles include:

Mar. 22 – Imagine Me Gone by Adam Haslett

Apr. 26 – 1984 by George Orwell

May 24 – The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

June 28 – The Widow by Fiona Barton

Sew - Knit - Stitch - CREATE! @ the Library - Saturday, February 24, 9:00 am – Noon

The New Year is here! It's time to try new things - join us the last Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. – Noon in the Library meeting room to get together and work on your knitting, sewing, cross-stitch, and needlepoint projects. On these cold winter days, escape the dreary jobs around the house and bring a project you're working on or a project you've started but never had time to finish or start a new project - and don't forget your sewing machine or whatever supplies you need (ironing board/iron provided by the library). Spend some relaxation time creating, sharing ideas, and getting acquainted with other crafty people! This new program is a drop-in, come-and-go event. If you don't have something to work on, we encourage you to come for the fun and check out what the others are making, pick up ideas, learn, and meet new friends. Sew - Knit - Stitch - CREATE! will meet on February 24, March 31, and April 28.

One Earth Book Discussion – Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. – Gladys Black: the Legacy of Iowa's Bird Lady by Larry Stone and Jon Stravers

Winter is coming to a close soon and so is the 2018 One Earth Book Club series. Our last title in the series will be Gladys Black: the Legacy of Iowa's Bird Lady, which recounts Gladys' life (1909-1998) and documents the tremendous influence of her life and legacy. **Special guest alert:** Larry Stone, coeditor, will be present to answer questions and tell stories about Gladys. His visit is underwritten in part by Humanities Iowa. The One Earth Book Discussion series is co-sponsored by For Land's Sake! and the library; it is free and open to the public.

Books will be available for checkout at the library or a limited supply are available for purchase (\$10 each) by calling 515-462-1142.

Friends of the Library Book Sale –

Thursday, March 8 (Friends members only), 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 10, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Support the Friends of the Winterset Library and build your home book collection by shopping at the Book Sale! Friends of the Library memberships are available at the Library's front desk or at the book sale door. Book Sale items are available for a freewill donation.

Donations of your clean and gently used books may be delivered to the library during regular operating hours. Thanks for supporting the Friends of the Library!

Genealogy? Help! – every Thursday, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Interested in starting your family tree, but not sure where to begin? Stuck trying to fill in some lineage and not sure how? Bring your questions and challenges for free, one-on-one family history research and genealogy assistance, provided by a Madison County Genealogical Society volunteer. No registration required – just stop by the library's Genealogy section to take advantage of this new drop-in service beginning Thursday, January 11.

Community Coffee Group – every Friday, 9:00 a.m.

The Community Coffee Group meets on Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Library's Meeting Room. It is free and open to the public. Join us for a free cup of coffee and get caught up with others in our community through stories and conversation.

For Children and Families:

Reading with Snoopy – Saturday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Local dog lover and trainer Cari Davis, is offering the opportunity for kids to read aloud to her dog, Snoopy. In this program, children with reading difficulties or those needing a little more practice actually read stories to a dog and Snoopy loves to listen! A child that may be hesitant to read aloud to his/her peers may be less stressed about reading to a dog. Reading with Snoopy will be held in the comfort of the Storytime Room.

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Discovery Zone - Wednesday, February 28, 3:30-5:00 pm – Wildlife

Children in grades kindergarten through third grade are invited to Discovery Zone at the Library. This is a new monthly event combining stories with fun and educational STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities; this month's theme will be wildlife. We will share a story, snack, and hands-on, STEM learning activities. Space is limited, so registration is required; please call 515-462-1731 or email tiffany.rohe@winterset.lib.ia.us.

Ongoing Weekly Youth Programs:

Tiny Tykes – every Tuesday, 10:30 am

This weekly story time is for our youngest library patrons age birth-2 years and their parents or caregivers. Newborns and children can enjoy stories, movement activities, songs, and plenty of time for free play. Guided story times typically last 20 minutes, followed by 45 minutes of play.

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Story Time – every Wednesday, 10:30 am

Weekly fun for families with children ages 3-5 years old. Children will be involved in interactive stories, songs, and activities. These sessions typically last 30 minutes and siblings are welcome. Story Time is a gentle introduction to classroom learning for little ones.

Messy Munchkins – every Thursday, 10:30-11:30 am

Every Thursday, children ages 4 and under with an adult caregiver are encouraged to join Messy Munchkins in the Meeting Room. This drop-in, multi-sensory play time will encourage participation from both caregiver and child through a variety of educational, social, and fun activities at the Library. Please dress accordingly as some activities will be messy!

Did You Know?

The Youth Media Awards were rolled out at the American Library Association's Midwinter Conference this week; these are like the Academy Awards for children's and teen literature (at least in a librarian's mind!). Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, ALA awards guide parents, educators, librarians, and others in selecting the best materials for youth. Selected by judging committees of librarians and other children's experts, the awards encourage original and creative work.

"Hello, Universe" written by Erin Entrada Kelly, is the 2018 John Newbery Medal winner for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature. "Wolf in the Snow," illustrated and written by Matthew Cordell is the 2018 Caldecott Medal winner for the most distinguished American picture book for children. "We Are Okay," written by Nina LaCour, is the 2018 Printz Award winner awarded for excellence in literature written for young adults. There are numerous honor books and other awards. For more a full list and information on the ALA youth media awards and notables, please visit www.ala.org/yma. The library will be getting the majority of this award-winning literature very soon!