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Story Time, Wed. July 24 and 31 at 9:30 AM

Join us for two exciting upcoming library story times featuring special guest readers from our local city and county law enforcement! On July 24th, Police Chief Joe Stafford will captivate young listeners with engaging tales, fostering a love for reading and community spirit. Then, on July 31st, don't miss the opportunity to see Deputy Karla, who will share stories and also demonstrate the amazing skills of her partner, K9 Mary! These events are perfect for children and families to enjoy fun stories and learn about the important roles our local heroes play in keeping our community safe.

Pan for Gold in Iowa! Thurs. July 25 at 1:00 PM

Larry Pavelec is bringing his enthusiasm and expertise in geology and panning for gold to the library! Children will learn and try panning for actual gold! Bring your children for this unique experience!

ISU Extension: Mistake to Masterpiece! Friday, July 26, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Children will discover that mistakes are not obstacles but rather stepping stones on the path to greatness! Through exciting activities, exploring accidental inventions and the beauty of imperfection, young artists will learn to embrace the creative process in all its forms.

Outdoor movie: Wish (PG, 95 min.), Friday, July 26, sunset (8:40 PM)

Join us for a magical evening under the stars at our library's outdoor movie event, featuring the enchanting animated film, "Wish." Perfect for families and dreamers of all ages, "Wish" takes you on a captivating journey filled with heartwarming moments, unforgettable characters, and breathtaking animation. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and your favorite snacks! If it rains, still bring your snacks and a blanket; we will show the movie inside the library beginning at 8:00 PM (not dusk). We will announce any change to location and time on Facebook and our website the day of the movie.

ISU Insect Zoo: Love Our Earth, Love Our Bugs, Mon. July 29, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Join the ISU Insect Zoo as they showcase over 100 living arthropods! From beetles to roaches, tarantulas, and scorpions, you won't want to miss out on this incredible chance to see the wonders of the insect kingdom up close and personal! Knowledgeable Insect Zoo staff will talk about why our multi-legged friends are important for a healthy Earth, how you can help them in your own outdoor spaces, and how you can Spread the Bug Love! Many hands-on opportunities will be available! Handle millipedes, beetles, walking sticks and more! Thank you Chad's Plumbing for sponsoring this 2-hour come and go event!

Book Discussion: *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden, Thurs. Aug. 15 at 6:30 PM, Fri. Aug. 16 at 2:15 PM

Join us for our next book club discussion as we dive into *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden! This gripping psychological thriller will keep you on the edge of your seat with its twists and turns. The story follows Millie, a woman who takes a job as a housemaid, only to discover that her employer harbors dark secrets. With its compelling characters and suspenseful plot, *The Housemaid* is a page-turner that will spark engaging discussions and leave you eager for more. Don't miss out on the chance to explore this thrilling read with fellow book lovers! Choose either discussion: Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 PM or Friday, August 16 at 2:15 PM. Many copies are available; stop by and check one out!

Important Summer Reading Program Dates:

July 31 - Last day to read and record minutes for the summer reading program.

August 5 - Last day to turn in reading log to be entered into the prize drawings and to receive participation prizes.

August 12 through August 24 - Prizes and participation bags will be available for pickup. Youth will be able to pick out a free book at this time, also.

Help the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Please help us continue providing Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to children under 5 in Black Hawk County, as the money raised is nearly depleted. You can drop off a donation at the library or make a one-time or recurring donation online at our website www.dunkerton.lib.ia.us (you will find the the Imagination Library information under Programs and Events) A gift of \$27 provides books for one child for a year, and a gift of \$132 provides books for one child from birth until they turn age five. Thank you for investing in the literacy development of Black Hawk County Children!

New at the Library

Unmatched: Caitlin Clark's Remarkable Journey by the Des Moines Register, *What We Hide* by Colleen Coble, and 12 new large print books!