

HAPPENINGS
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CREATE. EXPLORE. CONNECT.

Having fun isn't hard when you've got a library card –*Marc Brown*

September is National Library Card Month
Do you have a library Card?

Libraries celebrate teens in October—TeenTober
Teens have you visited the library and checked out everything it has to offer?

From the Director's Chair

To keep a library current and relevant for its users and its community, its collection must be constantly weeded. This past year the adult nonfiction collection has been weeded. As a part of the process, I have pulled every book from this collection and have established the Iowa Collection. Are you a history buff or want to learn anything and everything about Iowa check out this collection. The books in this collection are very intriguing and interesting. You will find plants native to the state, houses of Iowa's famous people, unique architecture, and history about Iowa you may not have known about. Enjoy the fun of exploring.

Do you have an author you enjoy reading and you haven't found it in the collection? Please let me know. I will do my best to add it to the collection. Or do you like to read a new book that has just come out? Please let me know. I am currently selecting new books and making them available for your reading pleasure within two to three days after they are released, to be checked out.

Be sure your library card is current. You don't have a card, be sure to stop in. You don't want to miss out on all the library has to offer each month.

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Social Center Luncheon October 7 11:30-12:30
Beef Burgers
Cheesy Potatoes
Bake Beans
Coleslaw
Dessert

Spotlight on Books



Dr. Seuss

Theodor Seuss Geisel was an American children's author and cartoonist. He is known for his work writing and illustrating more than 60 books under the pen name of Dr. Seuss. His work includes many of the most popular children's books of all time, selling over 600 million copies and being translated into more than 20 languages by the time of his death.

Theodor adopted his pen name "Dr. Seuss" while an undergraduate at Dartmouth College. He published his first children's book "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street" in 1937. During World War II, he took a brief hiatus from children's literature to illustrate political cartoons, and he worked in the animation and film department of the United States Army. After the war, Dr. Seuss returned to writing children's books, writing acclaimed works such as "If I Ran the Zoo" (1950), Horton Hears a Who! (1955), The Cat in the Hat (1950), How the Grinch Stole Christmas! (1957), Green Eggs and Ham (1960), One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish (1960), The Sneetches and Other Stories (1961), The Lorax (1971), The Butter Battle Book (1984), and Oh, the Places You'll Go! (1990). He published over 60 books during his career, which have spawned numerous adaptations, including eleven television specials, five feature films, a Broadway musical, and four television series.

He received two Primetime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Children's Special for "Halloween is Grinch Night" (1978) and Outstanding Animated Program for "The Grinch Grinches the Cat in the Hat" (1982). In 1984, he won a Pulitzer Prize Special Citation. His birthday, March 2, has been adopted as the annual date for national "Read Across America Day", an initiative focused on reading created by the National Education Association.

While Dr. Seuss was at Dartmouth College, he joined the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the humor magazine the "Dartmouth Jack-O-Lantern, eventually rising to the rank of editor-in-chief. While there he was caught drinking gin with nine friends in his room. At the time, the possession and consumption of alcohol was illegal under the Prohibition Laws. As a result, the Dean insisted that Dr. Seuss resign from all extracurricular activities, including the Jack-O-Lantern. To continue working on the magazine, with the administration's knowledge, he began signing his work with the pen name "Seuss".

After graduating from Dartmouth, he entered Lincoln College, Oxford, intending on becoming a teacher of English Literature. At Oxford, Dr. Seuss met his future wife who encouraged him to pursue drawing as a career. She said, "Ted's notebooks were always filled with these fabulous animals. So I set to work diverting him; here was a man who could draw such pictures; he should be earning a living doing that."

In 1954, Life magazine published a report on literacy and among school children which concluded that children were not learning to read because their books were boring. Dr. Seuss was given a challenge. He was given a list of 348 words that it was felt were important for first-graders to recognize. Theodor was asked to cut the list to 250 words and to write a book using

only those 250 words. He was challenged to bring back a book children can't put down. None months later, Dr. Seuss completed "The Cat in the Hat", using 236 of the words given to him. It was a major international success and remains popular toady. Theodor, Dr. Seuss, died of cancer in September 24, 1991, at the age of 87.

Spotlight on Libraries



October 11 at 1:30 pm the library is having a Wreath Making Class with Bouquets by Beth. Register for your spot—515-438-2636, seating is limited. A nominal fee will be charged.



"I am only one,
but still, I am one.
I cannot do everything,
but I can do something.
And what I ought to do,
by the grace of God,
I shall do."

Edward Evertt Hale

Spotlight of Youth Programs



Story time will begin once again. Wednesdays 10:45 to 11:15, beginning October 2. Bring your children ages 2-5 to enjoy songs, books, and learning.

Early Out Every Wednesday 3-4pm. October 2 Paint by Stickers
9 Halloween Balloons
16 Terrific Trees with ISU Extension
23 Yoga