



Perry Public Library Newsletter

August-September 2017

Perry Public Library Hours

Monday	10:00-8:00
Tuesday	10:00-8:00
Wednesday	10:00-8:00
Thursday	10:00-8:00
Friday	10:00-6:00
Saturday	10:00-5:00
Between Labor Day and Memorial Day:	
Sunday	1:00-4:00

August-September 2017 Events



- Tues., Aug. 16 Monthly Book Club Meeting *Queen Sugar* 1:00*
- Mon., Aug. 21 Solar Eclipse Watching Event 12:00
- Tues., Aug. 22 LLL Coffee: *Home Canning/Food Preservation* 9:00 am
- Mon., Aug. 28 Home Maintenance 101: *Weatherization* 6:30 pm
- Mon., Sept. 4 Library Closed for Labor Day
- Tues., Sept. 12 Storytime Sessions Begin (18 mo. - 3 Yrs.) 10:15
- Wed., Sept. 13 Storytime Sessions Begin (4-5 /Families) 10:15
- Thurs., Sept. 14 Storytime Sessions: *Wee Wonders* (0-18 mo.) 10:15
- Tues., Sept. 18 *Dallas Co. Reads 1 Book: Donald Harstad* 6:30**
- Tues., Sept. 19 Monthly Book Club: *The Zookeepers Wife* 1:00*
- Mon., Sept. 25 Home Maint. 101: *Air Sealing/Insulation* 6:30 pm

*Clarion Room
 **Granger Community Bldg.



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The library will be closed Sunday, September 3, and Monday, September 4 for Labor Day Weekend. Fall & Winter library hours will resume September 10. The library will again be open on Sundays, from 1:00-4:00.

Thank-You to Summer Reading Sponsors & Volunteers
Once again, the staff and patrons of the Perry Public Library extend our thanks to all our summer reading sponsors and volunteers! You helped us Build a Better World through reading this summer for adults and children of all ages. You made a difference, and we acknowledge your generous contributions with gratitude.

Summer Reading Wrap-up

The 2017 *Build a Better World* Summer Reading Programs were a resounding success, with more than 120 adults, 71 teens, and 503 children participating! We read books, earned incentive prizes, and attended some fantastic programs and events throughout June and July, following the KidsFest kick-off. We hope you had as much fun as we did. Thank you for building a better world with us through reading, and congratulations to all the Grand Prize winners, listed below.

2017 Summer Reading Grand Prize Winners

Children's Program

- Legos Packages - Aleah Karolus
- Legos Packages - Bianca Leerhoff
- Construction Bundle - Sebastian Robles
- Hotel Pattee Kids Suite - Maria Aguilar
- Lunch with a Librarian - Skylar James, Daniel Cooper
- Science Center of Iowa Bundle - Oneida Hernandez

Teen Program

- Amazon Kindle Fire Tablet - Emma McColley
- \$50 Barnes & Noble Gift Card - Jaylene Karolus

Adult Program

- Amazon Kindle Fire Tablet - Santa Soriano
- Hotel Pattee Stay - Lena Pavlica
- \$50 Perry Bucks - Pat Mundy



Each Children's *Build a Better World* summer reading participant received a paper "Lego" block to post on our door for each ten hours they read. This is the impressive result! Congratulations to all the kids who made reading a big part of their summer. You built a better world!

New Benches



The library recently received memorial gifts to purchase two new benches for the front entrance area. The new seating is already being used and appreciated by our patrons!

Home Maintenance 101 Series



The *Home Maintenance 101* program series continues at the library through October, with three more installments. A collaboration between Habitat

for Humanity and ISU Extension & Outreach, the programs in August and September will focus on *Weatherization* and *Air Sealing & Insulation*, respectively. The August event is **Monday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m.**, and the September program, also at **6:30 p.m.**, is scheduled for **Monday, September 25**. Cooler weather will be coming soon. Come and learn valuable tips to save you money and avoid costly repairs throughout the heating and cooling seasons. Everyone is welcome to attend these free events.

August/September Monthly Book Club Meetings

The August Monthly Book Club meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 15, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the **Clarion Room** (Security Bank Building, 1101 Willis Avenue). The group will discuss *Queen Sugar* by **Natalie Baszile**. Books are available at the library for participants. Discussion leader is Library Director Mary Murphy, and everyone is welcome.

The September book discussion will be held **Tuesday, September 19, at 1:00 p.m.**, also in the **Clarion Room**. The selected title is *The Zookeeper's Wife* by **Diane Ackerman**. Books are available now at the library, and all interested readers are invited. For more information, call Mary at the library.

Dallas County Reads 1 Book Events 2017

Perry Public Library, along with the Dallas County Library Association libraries, will again offer their *Dallas County Reads 1 Book* event this fall. This year, however, there will be **two events**. The first, on **Monday, September 18**, will spotlight a fiction title, and the second, **Thursday, October 19**, will highlight a non-fiction title. The September event will feature author **Donald Harstad** and his book *November Rain*,

with a **free book talk at 6:30 p.m.**, in the **Granger Community Building**. The book talk will be followed by a light supper reception and book signing. Everyone is welcome to attend!

The October book talk will feature Iowa Wrestler **Dan Gable** and his recently published book, *A Wrestling Life 2*. It will begin at **7:00 p.m.**, at the **Perry Performing Arts Center**, and it will be followed by a **meet-and-greet hors d'oeuvres reception with Mr. Gable, at Hotel Pattee, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**, an *optional ticketed event*. A limited number of tickets will be on sale, in advance, at the participating libraries. Both author talk events are free and open to the public, and all interested readers are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to meet two popular Iowa authors! Books for both events are available now at the library for \$10 each, or you may purchase books on the nights of the events from Beaverdale Books for their current price.

History of the Book Traveling Exhibit



The Iowa Center for the Book traveling exhibit, *The History of the Book*, is on display at the library now, through August 13. The "hands-on" exhibit includes a group of items that tell the story of the book with historically accurate replicas of books from the beginning of writing to the modern era. This project is a collaboration between the Iowa Center for the Book and University of Iowa Center for the Book Foundation. Come and have a look at this interesting collection - and feel free to handle the items on display - the exhibit is designed to be interactive and user-friendly!

Solar Eclipse Watch



Everyone is welcome to come to the library for a free Solar Eclipse watch event, at **12:00 noon, Monday, August 21**, in the large meeting room. We will participate in a hands-on activity to aid us in understanding and viewing the solar eclipse. Special glasses will be provided.

LLL Coffee: Home Canning & Food Preservation



Join us at the library for our August **Lifelong Learners @ the Library Coffee, Tuesday, August 22, at 9:00 a.m., in the large meeting room.** (Please note the day of the week, a departure from the typical Monday!) We welcome guest Mary Krisco, Human Sciences Specialist (Nutrition & Wellness), from ISU Extension and Outreach, who will share her expertise on safe home food preservation techniques, including canning, dehydrating, and freezing. We will view a display of food preservation supplies and equipment, as well as receive hints and handouts on the latest science and recommendations for preserving your garden bounty. This program is for everyone: veterans *and* beginners. Come for coffee and conversation, and learn something new at this free program. Everyone is invited!

Children's Programs

Fall Storytime Sessions Begin September 12, 13, 14

Summer reading may be over, but the library offers reading and literacy programs all year long! Fall Storytime sessions begin September 12, 13, and 14, for toddlers, four and five-year-olds/Families, and infants and babies up to eighteen months, respectively. Sessions start at 10:15 for each group, and the theme is ***I Dig Adventure @ the Library.*** Topics we will "dig" include gardening, big machines, dinosaurs, and hidden treasures. Age appropriate stories, songs, games, and simple crafts will be employed throughout the unit. All Storytimes are free, but registration is required to ensure we have materials for all the participants. Call Suzanne at the library to sign up or for more information.

Library Card Sign-up Month



September is Library Card Sign-up Month - a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. -ALA (American Library Association)

Perry Public Library cards are free with your application - and give you access to a world of information through traditional and non-traditional library materials, digital and online resources, and information services. Come and get yours today!

New Playaway Launchpad Tablets



The library has added two Playaway Launchpad tablets to our collection, thanks to recent patron memorial gifts. Both tablets are equipped for children ages eight to ten (grades 3-5) and come with pre-loaded educational APs. The ***Left Brain! Right Brain!*** tablet has a STEAM emphasis, with a focus on *science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math.* The ***Strategizer!*** tablet has a critical thinking emphasis, with problem-solving puzzles requiring logic and strategy. The Playaways check out for a period of seven days to patrons with full status library cards.

Children's Afternoon Snacks at the Library



The library began offering nutritious afternoon snacks to children at the library last fall, and it has been a popular program, which we plan to continue this year. All children, school-aged and younger, are invited to enjoy a free snack at the library from 3:30-4:15 p.m. on weekdays (2:30-3:15 on early dismissal days) in one of our library meeting rooms. Special thanks to the Perry Food Pantry and the United Way for their support of this project.

Announcing Summer Reading 2018 Theme



The library is delighted to announce our 2018 summer reading theme: ***Space!*** The library was fortunate to receive an American Library Association ***Discover Space*** grant, which will afford us the opportunity to offer some fantastic programming on this theme. Plan to join us next summer for some *spacetastic* reading fun for all ages. ***Hint: Space Lab!***

Latino Festival 2017



The library will be represented at the 2017 Latino Fest, scheduled for **Saturday, August 26, from 10:00-8:00**, in Downtown Perry. Director Mary Murphy will be stationed on second street from 10:00-5:00 with a family-friendly game activity and will be handing out coupons for free books to kids, as well as treats! Come and celebrate our cultural diversity, and spend some time at the Latino Fest on August 26. See you there!