

# SEPTEMBER 2021

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Perry Public Library

#### Library Closed for Labor Day



Perry Public Library will be closed **Monday, September 6**, for the Labor Day holiday, and we will begin expanded open hours on **Tuesday, September 7**.

#### Expanded Open Hours



##### Fall and Winter Hours

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Monday - Thursday**  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Friday**  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Saturday**

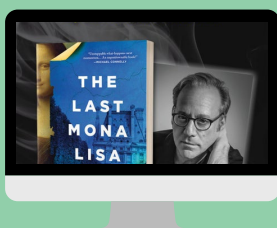
#### Zoom Craft Club *Paper Clip Pumpkin*



Perry Public Library will host a virtual Craft Club event at 6:00 p.m., **Monday, September 27**, via Zoom. The featured craft is a *Paper Clip Cup Pumpkin*. Anyone interested is invited to join Sarah Finn for this event, but **registration is required**, and a \$5 materials fee must be paid by the deadline, **Monday, September 20**, to receive a craft kit. Craft kits will be ready to pick up **September 23**. For more information or to register, go to our website: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>, call: 515-465-3569, or visit the library during open hours.

#### Mystery Book Club Event

The virtual Mystery Book Club will continue this fall with another great selection for September: *The Last Mona Lisa* by Jonathan Santlofer.



Anyone interested is invited to join Library Director Mary Murphy for the Zoom book discussion, at 7:00 p.m., on **Tuesday, September 28**, and the author talk, at 6:00 p.m. Central Time, **Wednesday, September 29**. Both events are free, but registration is required. Books and ebooks are available for participants. Call the library to sign up: 515-465-3569 or register online: [www.perry.lib.ia.us](http://www.perry.lib.ia.us).

#### Farmers Market Free Produce Day – TBA!



Perry Public Library will sponsor another produce giveaway at the Perry Farmers Market this September. The produce will be distributed, first come, first served, beginning at 4:00 p.m., *while supply lasts*. Watch for updated information about the giveaway date – TBA, based on readiness and supply. We will offer free apples this month!

#### National Library Card Sign-up Month

Back-to-school time is a great time to get organized and begin new habits, and September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. It's never been easier to get a library card! Apply in person at the library or submit your application online, and start enjoying all the great materials available to you, free, with a library card. To learn more, visit our website: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us> - then click Library Card under the Services tab. Call the library for more information: 515-465-3569.



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## Staff Reading Recommendations:

*It's Better This Way* by Debbie Macomber

*The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave

*Stepsisters* by Susan Mallery

*What a Dog Knows* by Susan Wilson

*It Takes Two to Tango* by Carrie Doyle

*Fallen* by Linda Castillo

*See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog* by David

LaRochelle (Children's Book)

*Love Your Life* by Sophie Kinsella

*Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain

*Rosaline Palmer Takes the Cake* by Alexis Hall

*They Went Left* by Monica Hesse

*We are the Brennans* by Tracey Lange

*Song of Silence* by Cynthia Ruchti

Check hoopla and BridgesOverdrive  
for downloadable titles!



## Children's Programs



### Fall Storytimes Sessions - 4s & 5s

Fall Storytimes will be offered at Perry Public Library for two age groups, beginning in September. An eight-week unit called *Fall Fun* for children ages four and five is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays: September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 13, 20, 27, November 3. An eight-week unit called *Getting Ready for Fall* for toddlers (18 months to 3 years) is planned for 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays: September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2. We will read books, sing songs, play games, and incorporate early literacy skills into our crafts and activities, all with a Fall theme. The groups will meet in person in the library large meeting room, and safe practices will include hand washing and distancing. Sessions will be recorded and posted on our website for an additional way to participate. Storytimes are always free, but registration is required. Register online from our website: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>, by phone: 515-465-3569, or visit the library in person to sign up.

### Wee Wonders Storytimes for Babies



The library will offer Fall Storytime sessions for babies up to eighteen months and their caregivers beginning Thursday, September 16. The Wee Wonders group will meet twice monthly on Thursdays, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the library large meeting room, throughout the Fall and beyond. Safe practices will be in place, and we will incorporate songs, sign language, parenting tips, and age-appropriate activities during the sessions. Participating families receive a free book each meeting! Sessions will be recorded and posted on our website for an additional way to participate. Storytimes are always free, but registration is required. Register online from our website: <http://www.perry.lib.ia.us>, by telephone: 515-465-3569, or visit the library in person to sign up.

### Early Literacy Programs



The library offers early literacy programs, *Journeys Into Reading* and *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*, to help get pre-readers off to a great start. Visit our library website: <https://www.perry.lib.ia.us> for more information, or call Suzanne Kestel at the library: 515-465-3569.

### Food Recovery



The library Food Recovery Program is a continuing success! Recovered food from local grocery stores and other benefactors is stocked in the library cooler on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and it is available to everyone!

### Banned Books Week



Banned Book Week 2021 is September 26-October 2, and this year's theme is *Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us*. Promoted by the American Library Association and libraries, this is a time to celebrate our freedom to read! Learn more at: <https://bannedbooksweek.org/>.

### Shred Event Coming Soon!



Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 9! Perry Public Library will again host a shredder truck for the Perry community. More details available soon!