

# Turning the Page @ Your Library

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## The Weekly Calendar

MONDAY@10a - Young @ Heart

MONDAY@6p - Cook the Book

TUESDAY@10a - Walking Club

THURSDAY@10a - Walking Club

THURSDAY@1p - Cribbage

THURSDAY@7p - Board Meeting

SATURDAY@10a - Knitting Circle

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## Making Lemonade Out of Lemons



So, we once had a lovely linden tree on the north lawn. Quite a long time ago, the tree was damaged by lightning or something. But the tree lived for a long time after that. Last year, the tree was in full leaf and lovely. This spring, the tree had died. However, we're making lemonade out of lemons. We asked our patrons to decorate branch slices, and did they ever! In the final chapter of the tree's life, LITTLE FAIRIES have moved in and all of the branch slices have become doors to a massive fairy apartment building. Many thanks to Rick Crawford and Diane Eckhardt for preparing the branch slices for us, and to all of those that got creative with us. Thank you, also, to the city employees for letting us keep

the tree for a few more weeks! Stop by and check it out!

## Speaking of Small, Magical Beings



Did you know that the GUTEKUNST GNOMES love to get MAIL? There are two gnomes that live in the children's room here at the library, and they are very fond of writing and receiving mail. If a little person in your world leaves a signed note (first and last name) in the mailbox on the bookshelf in the children's room, the gnomes will write back! Join in the fun and play along with us!



Gutekunst Public Library is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a new traveling exhibit, "PROMISE ROAD: How the Lincoln Highway Changed America," an audiovisual exhibition telling the story of the national Lincoln Highway. The exhibit will be on display August 8-20 and will be accessible during our regular operating hours. The building of the Lincoln Highway was initiated in 1913, when most people traveled by foot, by horse, or by train and the roads were mud or gravel. America's first coast-to-coast highway, the Lincoln Highway starts in Times Square, New York City, and travels through 14 states, ending at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. A dramatic story of ingenuity, personality, commerce, and adventure, Promise Road will engage visitors in a new understanding of and appreciation of our forgotten past and what it means for us today. In addition to the exhibit, join us August 10 @ 5:30 p.m.

for a PRESENTATION BY LOCAL HISTORIAN Harlan Quick on the impact the Lincoln Highway had on Marshall County. The traveling exhibit Promise Road: How the Lincoln Highway Changed America was funded in part by a grant from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and with support from the Iowa Department of Transportation.

## Book Club



Established in 2003, the purpose of ALL IOWA READS is to foster a sense of unity through reading. Iowans are encouraged to come together in their communities to read and talk about a single book title in the same calendar year. Gutekunst Public Library currently has multiple copies of this year's title, ["The Butterfly Effect" by Rachel Mans McKenny](#). The BOOK DISCUSSION group will meet on Monday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. AND on Wednesday, August 17 at 10:00 a.m. to talk about it. Read the book. Pick your time. Talk with us about it. All are welcome to attend.

## Storytime Reminder

Our regular weekly STORYTIME is TAKING A BREAK for the rest of the summer. Miss Linda is gearing up for a new season of Storytime and Books & Babies that will resume on the Tuesday after Labor Day.



We're thinking about autumn, and we've put GERI-FIT back on the calendar! Geri-Fit is a very popular chair-based exercise and strength-training program for senior citizens. Beginning on September 6, we will be meeting every Tuesday at

1:00 p.m. and Thursday at 10:00 a.m.. The Geri-Fit program is free, but pre-registration is required to help us prepare enough materials. Contact the library to sign up!

## From the Garden



We had almost an inch of rain in gauge, and the garden is starting to pop! The GREEN BEANS and CUCUMBERS are coming on, and the potatoes are ready in the GUTEKUNST GROWS COMMUNITY GARDEN! Stop by and help yourself! Enter through the gate on the east side of the fence and make yourself at home...pull a weed, pick some beans, give the tomatoes a drink. All are welcome! In addition, if you have extra produce to share, feel free to bring it to the library....it always goes out the door as quickly as it comes in!

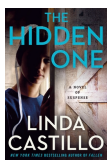
[Here's one of my favorite green bean recipes](#) from BonAppetit magazine!

## A Gentle Reminder

The library is a wonderful place to hang out on summer days, and we are so glad that many of you do so. We would like to gently remind you, however, that the library is not and cannot act as a childcare center. We love seeing all of your beautiful children, but we cannot be responsible for where they are or who they are hanging out with. Please encourage your children to be respectful of public spaces and know where they are, who they are with and what they are up to. Many thanks for your understanding.

## Meyer's Musings

By Kim Meyer



This week, Kim reviews "[The Hidden One](#)" by Linda Castillo. "Kate Burkholder is chief of police in Painters Mill, which is a town in Amish country. Kate was raised Amish, but left after a tragedy. She still maintains good relations with the Amish, whom she understands and respects. In Kate's words, the Amish are generally decent, hard working people. Good neighbors and friends. But the Amish aren't perfect; they are human and suffer

the same failings as the rest of us. They make mistakes. They break rules and laws. In Ms. Castillo's latest novel, Chief Burkholder is asked to help solve a cold case in another community that involves a man she knew when she was a young girl. In her unofficial capacity, Kate delves into what might have happened to bishop Ananias Stoltzfus over a decade ago. As she talks with local people, she finds Stoltzfus is not the upstanding person generally serving as a bishop. What is his secret? Who killed him and why? Puzzle pieces emerge, but do they all belong to the same puzzle? This is my favorite Castillo novel so far." As a reminder...you can search for any of Kim's book recommendations by typing the words "Meyer's Musings" in the search box on our online catalog!

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