

# Turning the Page @ Your Library

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## The Weekly Calendar

MONDAY@10a - Young @ Heart  
MONDAY@330p - LEGO Club  
MONDAY@7p - Book Discussion  
TUESDAY@10a - Storytime  
TUESDAY@1p - Geri-Fit  
WEDNESDAY@10a - Book Discussion  
THURSDAY - SATURDAY - Closed  
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## happy thanksgiving

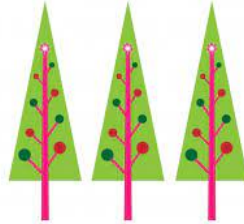
In this season of giving thanks, I wanted to take a moment to express gratitude for all of the wonderful people who are a part of this library community. I am so very grateful to the extraordinary staff who work tirelessly to prepare storytimes, process new materials, clean toilets, answer research questions, learn ever-changing technology, build with LEGOs, make coffee, digitize family histories, and greet patrons with a smile. I am grateful, also, to the marvelous library trustees who volunteer hours to develop policy, pay the bills, manage the budget and support the staff...they work diligently behind the scenes to keep this library going in the right direction. My heart is full of thanks to the marvelous Friends of the Library volunteers who sort and organize donations, staff the library book sales, are responsible for a number of Little Free Libraries in the area and generally help support the mission of the library. Finally, I am so, so thankful to our patrons and this community. You ask fascinating questions, talk with us, exercise with us, play with us, learn with us and keep us on our toes. Thank you for being part of each day!

## Thanksgiving Closing



As a reminder...the library will be CLOSED November 24 - 27 for the THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. Please plan ahead to stock up for the long weekend.

## Tree Decorating Contest



We are so excited to host a new FESTIVAL OF TINY TREES CONTEST in conjunction with Old Fashioned Christmas on Main! Stop by and pick up a little tree here at the library, and decorate it however you'd like. Return it to the library by closing time on Thursday, December 1. Swing by the library anytime on Friday, December 2 to check out all of the trees and vote for your favorite. Prizes will be awarded for the People's Choice Award in both Youth and Adult categories.



## Annual Cook the Book Cookie Exchange



The annual Cook the Book COOKIE EXCHANGE is coming up on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We'll put on a pot or two of soup for supper....you simply bring at least two dozen of your favorite holiday cookies, and

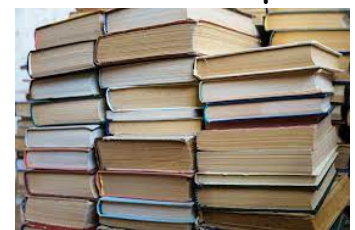
we'll all trade! Take-home containers will be provided. Stop by and check out one of our baking books or dig out granny's recipe box and plan on joining in this fun Gutekunst tradition!

## Friends of GPL Quilt Auction



The Friends of the Gutekunst Public Library is hosting a SILENT AUCTION for a beautiful handmade flannel QUILT generously donated by Jean Affeldt. Stop by the library to see the quilt, or visit the Friends of GPL booth at the Old Fashioned Christmas on Main vendor fair. Make your bid to acquire the coziest quilt and support a great cause at the same time!

## tree book-folding workshop



Feeling crafty? Join us on Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. for a TREE BOOK-FOLDING WORKSHOP. Learn how to turn an old book into a festive wintertime decoration! This program is FREE, but pre-registration is required so that we can plan for enough materials. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. Contact the library at 641.483.2741 to sign up today.

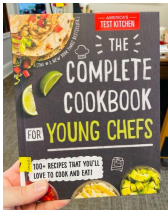
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monthly book boxes for grown-ups

Online registration is currently open for DECEMBER CHATTERBOXES & PAGETURNERS. Our popular subscription book boxes are filled with curated books and/or movies, selected just for you, as well as fun little surprises. Borrow the books and movies, keep the goodies! Register for your December box at [www.statecenter.lib.ia.us](http://www.statecenter.lib.ia.us) by 5:00 p.m. on December 7.

## COOK THE BOOK - KIDS' EDITION



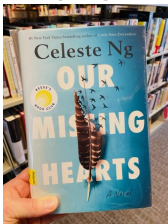
Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 28 at noon! Let your kids take over the kitchen! We're hosting a special COOK THE BOOK - KIDS' EDITION by encouraging children to try out a recipe and join us for a noon potluck in the Fireside Room. Stop by to select a recipe from America's Test Kitchen's "[The Complete Cookbook for Young Chefs.](#)" then bring your dish to share!



An important reminder...GERI-FIT will NOT MEET on November 29 or December 1. We will resume on Tuesday, December 6.

## Meyer's Musings

By Kim Meyer



This week, Kim reviews "[Our Missing Hearts](#)" by Celeste Ng. "In this futuristic novel, fear and distrust of Asians, especially Chinese, is rampant. They are blamed for the ravages of the Crisis with its unemployment, foreclosures, empty shelves and devastation. How can America be suffering so much while China's economy is booming? Is that country trying to destroy America? Is the

Asian American who has lived next to you for decades a spy? The government passes the Preserving American Culture and Traditions Act, known as PACT. People are encouraged to watch over their neighbors and report any suspicious, unpatriotic activity. Especially watch those who look different, whether Chinese, Laotian, Japanese. If they or others are accused of being anti-PACT, their children will be removed from the "dangerous" home and sent to foster care. Books determined to be unpatriotic or controversial are banned. Libraries are mostly empty and deserted. Thirteen year old Bird and his white father live a quiet life after his Chinese American mother, poet Margaret Miu, disappears when Bird is nine. She has been accused of spearheading protests against the country because a poem she wrote "Our Missing Hearts" was used. This story is told first through Bird and later by Margaret. We find that she has left Bird and his father to protect them, but also to do whatever she can to reunite families. Central to the story is the importance of libraries, which provide safe havens, and librarians, who are heroes. This novel is chilling and a warning, but it also contains hope." 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!

### The Fine Print

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Hours:

Monday & Thursday 9-7

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9-5

Saturday 10-2

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