

Turning the Page @ Your Library

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The Weekly Calendar

MONDAY@10a - Young @ Heart
MONDAY@330p - LEGO Club
TUESDAY@10a - Storytime
TUESDAY@1p - Geri-Fit
THURSDAY@10a - Geri-Fit
THURSDAY@10a - Small Talk on Zoom
THURSDAY@1p - Cribbage
THURSDAY@630p - Milk & Cookies
FRIDAY@4p - Scarecrow Storytime
SATURDAY@10a - Knitting Circle

Painting with Bev



Local artist Bev Hartwig will be teaching one of her popular ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASSES on Monday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m. and on Thursday, October 6 at 5:30 p.m.. Join us to paint a fun autumn scene! The class is FREE, but pre-registration is REQUIRED so that we can plan for enough materials. Space is limited, so please call 641.483.2741 to sign up.

chatterboxes
monthly book boxes for kids

&

pageturners
monthly book boxes for grown-ups

Gutekunst Subscription Boxes are back! Registration for October CHATTERBOXES and PAGETURNERS, our subscription book boxes for all ages, is open now at www.statecenter.lib.ia.us. The boxes will contain personalized book picks from your librarians, plus surprise goodies in each package! The deadline for October boxes is Friday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m.. Boxes will be available for pickup after October 15.

Scarecrow Storytime



The combines are about to start running, the days are getting shorter and it's nearly time for the Watson's Fall Festival! We are excited to participate by offering a SCARECROW STORYTIME on Friday, September 30 at 4:00 p.m.. Stop by the library for stories and crafts to kick off the celebration!

Milk & Cookies Storytime

Gifford the Bear is baking cookies and selecting his favorite bedtime stories for the next MILK & COOKIES STORYTIME on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30. Pop on your PJs and join us!

Heads Up, Country Music Fans

Local resident Darla Knutson has retired from a long career with a local country station, and she will be sharing her collection of autographs, memorabilia and stories about her experiences on Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. Join us in the Fireside Room to hear about the famous people she met over her thirty plus years in the industry!

"Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple."

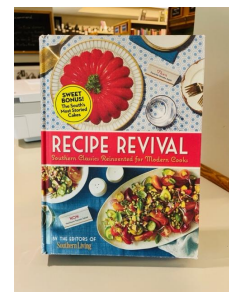
— J.K. Rowling, [*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*](#)

Prisoners of War in Iowa



[Linda McCann](#) is coming back to Gutekunst to present a fascinating program on PRISONERS OF WAR IN IOWA. Iowa housed about 25,000 German, Italian, and Japanese prisoners of war from 1942 to 1946. Algona and Clarinda were the main camps, each with about 3,000 POWs. There were 19 branch camps around the state where the prisoners worked on farms, at seed corn dealers, and canning factories. Linda was able to speak with Iowans who knew or worked with the prisoners. She shares their memories when she speaks. Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, October 19 at 5:00 p.m. and plan on joining us.

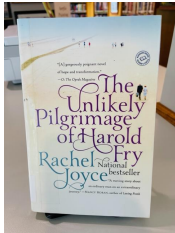
Cook the Book



The new COOK THE BOOK title is "Recipe Revival: Southern Classics Reinvented for Modern Cooks," by the editors of "Southern Living" magazine. The menu, so far, includes Pimiento Cheese Spread, Shrimp Destin Linguine, Corn & Crab

Chowder, Grilled Chicken Thighs, White Cake with Caramel Icing, and Brown Sugar Cocoa Fudge. I'm Drooling. Stop by and select your recipe, then join us for the potluck at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3.

Book Club



The BOOK DISCUSSION group is reading [Rachel Joyce's "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry."](#) Here's what goodreads.com has to say about it: "Meet Harold Fry, recently retired. He lives in a small English village with his wife, Maureen, who seems irritated by almost everything he does, even down to how he butters his toast. Little differentiates one day from the next. Then one morning the mail arrives, and within the stack of quotidian minutiae is a letter addressed to Harold in a shaky scrawl from a woman he hasn't seen or heard from in twenty years. Queenie Hennessey is in hospice and is writing to say goodbye. Harold pens a quick reply and, leaving Maureen to her chores, heads to the corner mailbox. But then, as happens in the very best works of fiction, Harold has a chance encounter, one that convinces him that he absolutely must deliver his message to Queenie in person. And thus begins the unlikely pilgrimage. Harold Fry is determined to walk six hundred miles from Kingsbridge to the hospice in Berwick-upon-Tweed because, he believes, as long as he walks, Queenie Hennessey will live. Still in his yachting shoes and light coat, Harold embarks on his urgent quest across the countryside. Along the way he meets one character after another, each of whom unlocks his long-dormant spirit and sense of promise. Memories of his first dance with Maureen, his wedding day, his joy in fatherhood, come rushing back to him - allowing him to also reconcile the losses and the regrets. As for Maureen, she finds herself missing Harold for the first time in years. And then there is the unfinished business with Queenie Hennessey." Stop by to pick up a copy, then join us for a lively discussion about it on either Monday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. or Wednesday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m..

Meyer's Musings

By Kim Meyer



This week, Kim reviews ["Upgrade" by Blake Crouch](#). "Logan Ramsay's mom, Miriam, was a brilliant scientist who specialized in DNA modification. When a bacterial leaf blight attacked indica rice in China, Miriam's team, including Logan, developed a method to genetically insert a virus into locusts. These locusts would then infect the rice with the virus which was programmed to bolster resistance to the blight. The process was very successful, but then mutations began which destroyed seed production of all types around the world. This caused "The Great Starvation" with two hundred million people starving to death over the next few years. Miriam drove her car off a cliff in California and Logan was arrested and imprisoned for his part in the disaster. Years later he is out of prison and an agent at the Gene Protection Agency (GPA) which finds and arrests anyone trying to do gene modification. During one raid, an explosion occurs and Logan is nearly killed. After his hospitalization, he begins to realize his mind is sharper, his body is stronger and he seems to need less sleep. What has happened? What was in the bomb? Has he been modified to be a superhuman? Who did this? This story moves at warp speed and kept me enthralled throughout. The author mentions another favorite book of mine, "Never Let Me Go" which features young people who, we find, have been "engineered". The story also put me in mind of an old classic "Flowers for Algernon". In that tale, a man with developmental issues receives an operation to make him smarter. The results are devastating in all the stories." Download this review of the week from Bridges....it's available as both an e-book and an audiobook. 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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