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Ruth Suckow Exhibit

Iowa Author

Iowa writer Ruth Suckow is Iowa's Willa Cather but, sadly, not as well known.

This all is changing with the Ruth Suckow Traveling Exhibit which is traveling around the state and will be hosted by the Robey Memorial Library from Monday, September 16 through Saturday, October 12.

"Ruth Suckow's first novel, *Country People*, is set in northeast Iowa," says Dr. Barbara Lounsberry, President of the Ruth Suckow Memorial Association. "In 9 novels and 43 short stories—most set in Iowa—Suckow captured the lives, passions and struggles of ordinary people in their small towns and farms. She offers tales of Iowa love and loss, of farm couples retiring and moving to town, of women and men striving to be independent, of going away and coming home."

Suckow was born in 1892 and died in 1960. As the daughter of a Congregational minister, she lived in 12 Iowa towns throughout her life: Hawarden, LeMars, Paulina, Algona, Fort Dodge, Manchester, Earlville, Cedar Falls, Grinnell, McGregor, Davenport, and Des Moines. In 1926, the famous critic H. L. Mencken called Suckow "the most promising writer of fiction—man or woman—now visibly at work in America."

Suckow launched a beekeeping business in Earlville in the early 1920s to support herself as a writer, Lounsberry says. She had 80 beehives and on Saturdays would drive her truck to sell her white clover honey at the Dubuque Farmers' Market.

A free Exhibit talk will be given at Robey Memorial Library on Thursday, October 3 at 5:30pm—Writer Ruth Suckow: the Northeast Iowa Connection.

Dr. Barbara Lounsberry,
President of the Ruth Suckow Memorial Association



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GRAB & GO

RML offers Grab & Go activities monthly to kids and teens.

Monthly on the second Wednesday, RML offers Grab & Go activity bags on a first-come, first-serve basis. Bags include instructions and supplies for at-home activities; are new monthly; and include age appropriate activities for kids and teens.



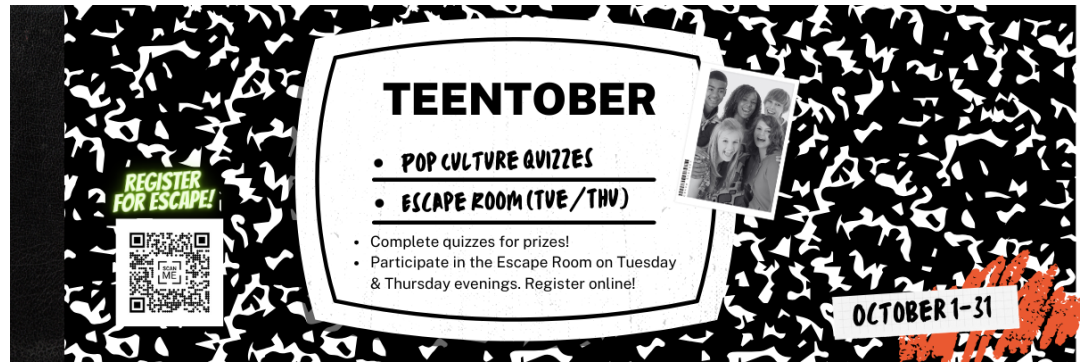
Thursday Night Book Club

Interested in discussing the books you read with other readers? Meeting new people? Are you looking for a new author or genre to read but not quite ready to jump all in? Are you at a loss for what to read next? Join us for Thursday Night Book Club the third Thursday monthly at 6pm.

All are welcome! Book Club meets in person; if you would like to join virtually, please contact RML for participation information.

Upcoming in 2024:

- Oct 17 Mystery
- Nov 21 Book or character that inspires you
- Dec 19 Holiday Theme



TEENtober

RML is celebrating TEENtober October 1-31, 2024 with special events and programs spotlighting all the great resources and activities available at the library and to encourage teens from around the area to read for their enjoyment.

TEENtober is a time to celebrate reading for fun while encouraging teens to take advantage of reading in all its forms –books, magazines, e-books, audiobooks and more! It is also a great opportunity to encourage teens to become regular library users.

RML invites teens, parents and other community members to participate in special programs and events during TEENtober.

- October 1-31 Pop Culture Quizzes–Answer trivia questions for one or all of the themed quizzes for a chance to win great prizes! Prizes for the Horror Literature quiz include: Never whistle at night book and 20th century ghosts by Joe Hill; prizes for Stranger Things quiz include: Stranger Things Nestables Nesting Dolls and Eddie w/ Guitar Funko Pop; prizes for the Classic Horror quiz include: POP MART Universal Monsters Blind Box Figurine and Universal Monsters Taro Deck & Guidebook.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 1-24–Sign up for our Escape Room–participate individually or with up to three friends! Register for your session online or contact us today. Prizes for the Escape Room include: a gift certificate to Aztec Parlor and a gift certificate to Underground Escape.

Other teen programs available at Robey Memorial Library include:

- Teen Advisory Board (TAB): TAB meets monthly from September through May. TAB members have input into book purchases, teen programming and more. TAB meetings include teen business, books & special programs. Contact Robey Memorial Library or visit <https://www.waukon.lib.ia.us/services/teens> for more information.
- Literacy programs: Teens can participate in various reading programs to earn free books! 100 books before High School encourages 7th and 8th grade teens to read 100 books before high school with the opportunity to earn 5 free books. Read for

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a Lifetime encourages teens 9th through 12th grade to continue to read for enjoyment with the opportunity to earn 4 free books

Parents of teens are also encouraged to celebrate TEENtober at home. Visit our website for great ideas—<https://www.waukon.lib.ia.us/pr/2024/teentober>.



Live & Learn

Making Buttons & Magnets

As part of Live & Learn: enriching lives through monthly learning series, RML is offering Making Buttons & Magnets on Thursday, October 24th at 5:30 pm in the lower level Community Room.

Attend this FREE program to learn how to make buttons and magnets. With the use of a machine you can create whatever your vision is in seconds! Materials are provided by RML but if you photos, papers, etc. you wish to use, feel free to bring it.

Registration for this program is encouraged but not required. Contact the Front Desk or reserve your spot online at (563) 568-4424 or www.waukon.lib.ia.us!



UPCOMING SHOW & TELL:

Topics through the year are as follows:

October 1

Something unique about you

November 5

Something you are thankful for

December 3

Something you collect

January 7

Favorite sport or physical activity

February 4

Item beginning with a "B"

March 4

Favorite memory

April 1

Favorite song or poem

May 6

Something you enjoy doing w/ a family member



Homeschool Show & Tell

The Homeschool Show & Tell program is open to students of all ages.

Sessions will be held monthly on the first Tuesday at 11am providing a consistent platform for students to share and learn. The first Homeschool Show & Tell session is Tuesday, September 3 sharing something you love to learn about.

Guidelines for show & tell items:

- you must be able to carry your show & tell item yourself
- the item must be appropriate for all ages
- it can be nothing too expensive or irreplaceable (we recommend a photo of such an item).



RML's Teen Advisory Board is open to students in grades 7 through 12. This initiative offers local teens a unique opportunity to have their voices heard and make a meaningful impact on library services.

The TAB plays a key role in shaping the library's teen programming and collection development. Participants are invited to share their ideas, provide feedback, and collaborate on projects that enhance the library experience for their peers. Discussions may include potential projects, displays, and events specifically designed to engage the teen community.



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October Events

October 1-12

- * Ruth Suckow Exhibit, Iowa Author

Tuesday, October 1

- * Story Time, 10:30am
- * Stay & Play, 11am
- * Homeschool Show & Tell, 11am
- * TEENtober Escape Room, 3:30-6:30pm

Thursday, October 3

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- * TEENtober Escape Room, 3:30-6:30pm
- * *Writer Ruth Suckow: the Northeast Iowa Connection*, 5:30pm

Tuesday, October 8

- * Story Time with the Driftless, 10:30am
- * TAB (Teen Advisory Board), 4pm
- * Library Board Meeting, 4:30pm
- * TEENtober Escape Room, 5-6:30pm

Thursday, October 10

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- * TEENtober Escape Room, 3:30-6:30pm

Tuesday, October 15

- * Story Time , 10:30am
- * TEENtober Escape Room, 3:30-6:30pm



Thursday, October 17

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- * Foundation Book Sale, 2-6pm
- * TEENtober Escape Room, 3:30-6:30pm
- * Thursday Night Book Club, 6pm

Tuesday, October 22

- * Story Time, 10:30am
- * Afternoon with the Driftless, 3:30pm
- * TEENtober Escape Room, 3:30-6:30pm

Thursday, October 24

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- * TEENtober Escape Room, 3:30-6:30pm
- * Live & Learn: Making Buttons & Magnets, 5:30pm

Tuesday, October 29

- * Story Time, 10:30am

Thursday, October 31

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

