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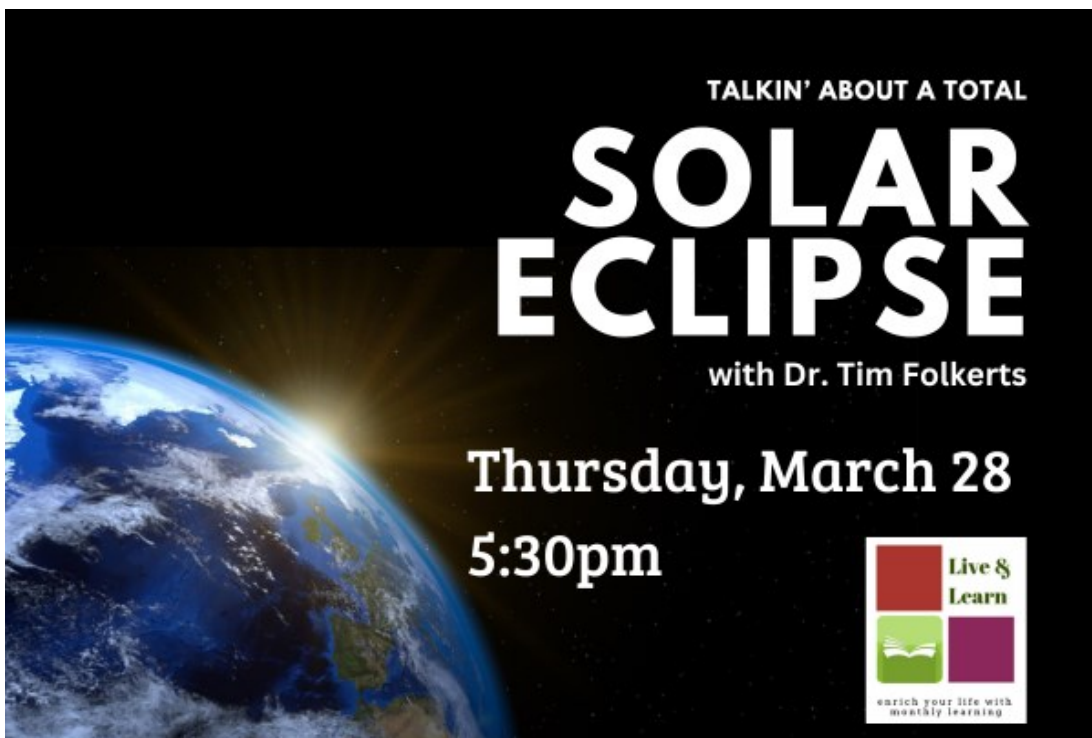
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Live & Learn

Talkin' About a Total Eclipse

As part of Live & Learn: enriching lives through monthly learning series, RML is offering Talkin' About a Total Solar Eclipse featuring Dr. Tim Folkerts on Thursday, March 28 at 5:30 pm in the lower level Community Room.

In this enlightening talk, Dr. Tim Folkerts will delve into the fascinating realm of solar eclipses, exploring topics that include:

- The intricate positioning of the sun, moon, and earth required for a solar eclipse, and its comparison to the more common lunar eclipses.
- Insightful discussions on the historical, religious, and cultural significance of eclipses, including notable dates of some eclipses, both past and future.
- Detailed insights into the path and timing of the upcoming eclipse.
- Various safe methods for observing and enjoying the April 8th solar eclipse.

Dr. Tim Folkerts, a distinguished physicist with a passion for education, will lead this session. Raised in Iowa, Dr. Folkerts cultivated his interest in science from a young age. He

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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:

March 21	By author Lisa See
April 18	Iowa author or topic
May 16	WWI or WWII
June 20	Nature-themed
July 18	Recycled book (from 2nd-hand sale/friend)
August 15	Teaches you something
September 19	Classic
October 17	Mystery
November 21	Book or character that inspires you
December 19	Holiday Theme

American Sign Language Course

RML is proud to announce the offering of an American Sign Language (ASL) course, catering to individuals eager to broaden their communication skills and understanding of Deaf culture. The six-week program, presented by experienced instructor Michele Gerlach, will take place on Wednesdays, March 20 through April 24, from 6-8pm in the lower level Community Room at RML.

Michele Gerlach, deeply rooted in the Deaf Community, brings her wealth of experience and passion for ASL to this educational series. Participants will have the unique opportunity to learn from Michele as she shares the value of ASL and provides guidance on translating ASL to the English language.

The comprehensive course curriculum will cover essential topics, including:

- Effective communication strategies with hard of hearing and Deaf individuals
- Understanding the five sign parameters of hand shapes
- Common greetings in ASL
- Learning the ASL alphabets
- Mastering numbers 1-10 in ASL
- And much more!

Registration for this program is required, and due to limited seating, early enrollment is encouraged. Interested individuals can secure their spot by contacting the Front Desk at (563) 568-4424 or by visiting www.waukon.lib.ia.us.



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holds a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of California at Davis and has conducted research in the field of superconductivity at Iowa State University. Dr. Folkerts has dedicated his career to educating others, having taught at esteemed colleges and universities across Iowa, Kansas, and Indiana. Prior to joining Northeast Iowa Community College, he also managed a small planetarium in Kansas.

This event promises to be an enlightening exploration of one of nature's most captivating phenomena. Whether you're a science enthusiast, a curious learner, or simply intrigued by the wonders of the cosmos, don't miss this opportunity to expand your knowledge and appreciation of solar eclipses.

The event is free and open to the public.

Contact the Front Desk with questions at (563) 568-4424 or robeymemorial@waukon.lib.us!

2023 Adult Reading Challenge Ends

RML is delighted to announce the conclusion of the "Find Your Voice" Adult Reading Challenge, an inspiring literary journey that unfolded from January 1st to December 31st, 2023. The challenge encouraged readers to explore the rich tapestry of literature by delving into something new or different by reading from twelve thoughtfully curated categories, including Author's 1st Book; Author/Genre Never Read; Autobiography/Memoir; Community Themed; Epistolary (Letter or Journal); Featuring a creative activity; Featuring social change; History; Magazine; Poetry; Recommended; and Religious, Spiritual, or Inspirational. As readers immersed themselves in these categories, they earned prize drawing entries for a chance to win exciting rewards.

The moment everyone has been waiting for has arrived - the winners of the "Find Your Voice" Adult Reading Challenge. After a thorough and random drawing, the library is pleased to announce the following recipients of Waukon Bucks and Gift Certificates: Anna Wilkes, Jennifer Achenbach, and Brigid Whalen. Additionally, Lori Heitman emerged as the winner of the coveted tablet prize.

The statistics reflect the overwhelming success of the challenge, with a total of 261 books read by the 37 dedicated participants. Among these avid readers, an impressive 12 individuals completed the challenge by exploring each of the twelve specified categories.

A special acknowledgment and heartfelt thanks go to our generous prize sponsors: Aztec Parlor; BD Productions; Culligan Water Conditioning; FreedomBank; Holthaus Tax & Accounting; Kelly Concrete; Palmer Abstract; Shafer Law Office; Sweeney Real Estate; Upper Iowa Insurance Services Corp.; and Yen Hing Dragon. Their support has played a crucial role in making this reading challenge a resounding success.

The RML commends all participants for their enthusiasm, dedication, and literary exploration during the "Find Your Voice" Adult Reading Challenge. As the library looks ahead, plans for future engaging events are already underway to continue fostering a love for reading within the community.

Photo (L-R): Anna W.; Brigid W.; Jennifer A.; and Lori H.

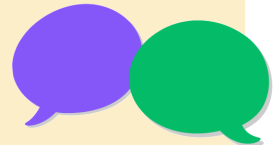


HOMESCHOOL SHOW & TELL

The Homeschool Show & Tell program is a dynamic and interactive series of sessions specially crafted for homeschool students of all ages. The program aims to provide a platform for young learners to:

1. Explore fascinating topics
2. Develop public speaking skills
3. Encourage critical thinking
4. Build lifelong learning habits

The Homeschool Show & Tell program is open to students of all ages. Sessions are held monthly on the first Tuesday at 11am. Guidelines for show & tell items: you must be able to carry your show & tell item yourself; the item must be appropriate for all ages; and it can be nothing too expensive or irreplaceable (we recommend a photo of such an item).



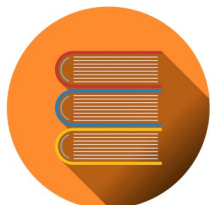
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| March 5 | Item beginning with an "A" |
| April 2 | Favorite piece of clothing |
| May 7 | Something from nature |



**Program
Spotlight:
Stay & Play**

Families are encouraged to stay an additional half an hour after the regular Story Time to enjoy building social skills through creative play. Tuesday Story Time is held at 10:30 -11:00 am each Tuesday and Stay and Play is from 11:00-11:30am on the first Tuesday of the month.

Monies for the specially purchased toys for the Stay and Play Story Time were donated by Ed and Chris Lauerman of Waukon.



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March Events

Tuesday, March 5

- * Story Time, 10:30am
- * Stay & Play, 11am
- * Homeschool Show & Tell, 11am

Thursday, March 7

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Tuesday, March 12

- * Story Time with the Driftless, 10:30am
- * TAB–Teen Advisory Board, 4pm
- * Library Board Meeting, 4:30pm

Wednesday, March 13

- * Grab & Go for Kids and for Teens– first come, first-served

Thursday, March 14

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Tuesday, March 19

- * Story Time , 10:30am

Wednesday, March 20

- * ASL Course begins, 6pm

Thursday, March 21

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- * Foundation Book Sale, 2-6pm
- * Thursday Night Book Club, 6pm

Tuesday, March 26

- * Story Time, 10:30am
- * Afternoon with the Driftless, 3:30pm

Thursday, March 28

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- * Live & Learn: Talkin' About a Total Eclipse, 5:30pm



2024 ADULT READING CHALLENGE

“Read. Renew. Repeat.” is the theme of Robey Memorial Library’s 2024 Adult Reading Challenge beginning January 1st and ending December 31st. RML challenges you to read something new or different this year!

Receive a prize drawing entry for reading from one of each of twelve categories:

- ◆ Animal-themed
- ◆ Based on a true story
- ◆ Classic
- ◆ From your childhood/youth

- ◆ Nature-themed
- ◆ Reader’s Choice
- ◆ Recycled—from a garage sale, second-hand store, friend, etc.
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Teaches you something
- ◆ Tragedy
- ◆ Travel-themed
- ◆ Weather-related

Prizes given by random drawing after the challenge is complete on December 31, 2024.