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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



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:

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

Live & Learn

History & Breeding of Pigeons

As part of Live & Learn: enriching lives through monthly learning series, RML is offering History and Breeding of Pigeons on Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 pm in the lower level Community Room.

Join us for this interactive and informative presentation by master pigeon breeder Jim Brandt—including eight different pigeon breeds.

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.



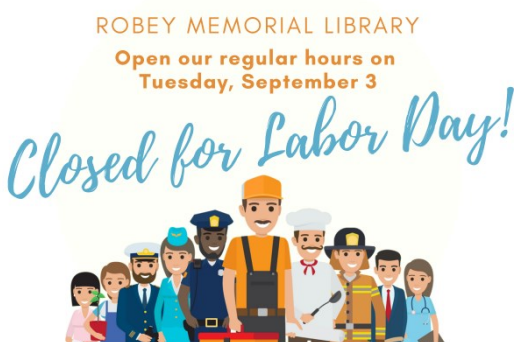
RML resumes Teen Advisory Board (TAB), open to students in grades 7 through 12. This initiative offers local teens a unique opportunity to have their voices heard and make a meaningful impact on library services.

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.

"The Teen Advisory Board is a great way for students to take an active role in their library," said Chris Kerndt, Teen Programming Coordinator at RML. "We're eager to hear their perspectives and work together to create programming and resources that resonate with local teens."

TAB meets regularly once a month at RML September through May. This is a fantastic opportunity for teens to develop leadership skills, connect with others who share their interests, earn volunteer hours and contribute to their community in a meaningful way.

Interested teens are encouraged to visit our website or the library to complete an application.



Homeschool Show & Tell

RML is excited to resume our Homeschool Show & Tell program, an engaging and educational initiative designed to nurture creativity, develop public speaking skills, and inspire a love for learning among homeschool students.

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: Participants will have the opportunity to speak on a topic they are passionate about and present it to their peers.
2. Develop Public Speaking Skills: Public speaking is a vital skill in today's world. Through regular presentations, students will gain confidence and competence in articulating their ideas effectively.
3. Encourage Critical Thinking: Engaging in thoughtful discussions and answering questions from their peers fosters critical thinking and communication skills.
4. Build Lifelong Learning Habits: The program fosters a love for learning, promoting the idea that education doesn't end with formal schooling.

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).



UPCOMING SHOW & TELL:

Topics through the year are as follows:

September 3

Something you love learning

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

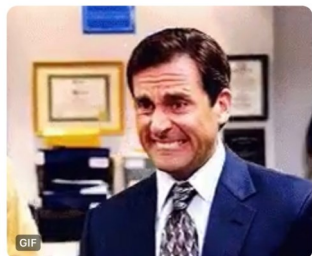


September Events

Me when I hear people talking about books



A bookish dilemma: when you're reading a physical book and you find yourself tapping the page to highlight or find a definition



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September 2

- * Library CLOSED

Tuesday, September 3

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

Thursday, September 5

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Tuesday, September 10

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

Wednesday, September 11

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

Thursday, September 12

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

Friday, September 13

- * Anniversary of Robey Memorial Library's Grand Re-opening (2014-2024)

September 16-October 12

- * Ruth Suckow Exhibit, Iowa Author

Tuesday, September 17

- * Story Time, 10:30am

Thursday, September 19

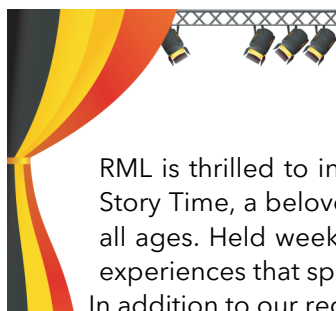
- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- * Foundation Book Sale, 2-6pm
- * Thursday Night Book Club, 6pm

Tuesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 26

- * Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- * Live & Learn: History & Breeding of Pigeons, 5:30pm



Program Spotlight: Story Time

RML is thrilled to invite children and families to join us Tuesday mornings for Story Time, a beloved community event featuring stories, activities, and fun for all ages. Held weekly from 10:30 to 11:00 am, Story Time promises engaging experiences that spark imagination and foster a love for reading.

In addition to our regular sessions, we are excited to collaborate monthly with the Allamakee County Conservation Board (ACCB). On the second Tuesday of each month, a naturalist from ACCB will lead Story Time, offering captivating stories and hands-on activities focused on local wildlife and natural wonders. This unique opportunity allows children to learn while having fun in a supportive and educational environment.

"Our Story Time sessions are designed to be both entertaining and educational," says Ellie Krousie, Children's Librarian at RML "It's a wonderful way for families to connect, explore new topics, and enjoy quality time together."

Past sessions have covered a wide range of themes including snakes, frogs, animals of Allamakee County, turtles, river otters, snow, and more. Each session is crafted to captivate young minds and encourage curiosity about the world around us.