

## Grab & Go Activities Continue

RML continues to offer Grab & Go Activities for kids and teens.

While in-library programs are suspended, children & teens can stop in anytime and pick up a Grab & Go activity to take home and create. Each activity is age-appropriate for skill and interest.

Grab & Go activities are available on a first-come, first-serve basis until gone. New activities are available on monthly the second Wednesday.



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## 2020 Adult Reading Challenge Completed!

"Imagine Your Story" was the theme of RML's 2020 Adult Reading Challenge. One hundred and seventy-five books were read this year for the challenge!

Prize winners were: Kiefer Meyer-eReader/tablet; Lori Heitman-eReader/tablet; Melodye Protsman-Waukon bucks; Jody Meyer-Waukon Bucks; and Miann Barr-Gift certificate bundle. Thank you to all our participants! Readers were challenged to read books from 12 categories throughout the year. Each category read earned an entry to our prize drawings.

Special thanks to our 2020 prize sponsors:

- Culligan Water Conditioning
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- Hacker, Nelson, & Co.
- Holthaus Tax & Accounting
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- Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank
- Martin Funeral Home
- Palmer Abstract
- Prime Electric

- Reel Core
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- TASC
- Upper Iowa Insurance Services Corp.
- Veterans Memorial Hospital
- Waukon Dental
- Waukon Greenhouse
- Waukon State Bank

The 2021 Adult Reading Challenge has begun! Please contact RML to participate!



Thursday

Night

Book Club

Are you interested in discussing the books you read with other readers? Interested in 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 is currently meeting online. Please contact RML for participation information.

2021 Discussion Topics:

February 18:	All Iowa Reads title
March 18:	With a blue cover
April 15:	Nature
May 20:	Published within 12 months
June 17:	Historical
July 15:	From your bookshelf or bookstack
August 19:	Set in another country
September 16:	Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict
October 21:	Western
November 18:	Bestseller
December 16:	Short story or Novella



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& VetNow**

## Live Help for Veterans and Their Families

Includes assistance for veterans and their families with potential eligible benefits in education, employment, healthcare, and housing

Brainfuse VetNow™ supports community veterans and their families navigate the VA bureaucracy, provides academic tutoring, and employment transition assistance. VetNow™ is available to all patrons from any computer or mobile device. Access VetNow™ at [www.waukon.lib.ia.us](http://www.waukon.lib.ia.us).

VetNow includes:

### LIVE ONLINE NAVIGATORS:

VetNow Navigators are trained to help veterans and families connect with valuable benefits and resources:

- Answer questions related to benefits eligibility
- Refer patrons to applicable community resources for housing, healthcare and education benefits
- Assist patrons with locating accredited claims agents

**JOB TOOLS:** Designed to help with all stages of the job hunting process, the VetNow Job Tools feature career coaching, expert resume assistance, live interview preparation, and more. With the Job Tools patrons are able to:

- Use the career resources to discover their best career fit based on education, experience, and personality
- Search for a job with nationwide and local resources
- Download template for the most common resume types
- Receive resume and cover letter assistance from trained experts
- Brush up on interview techniques or get live online interview practice from trained job coaches

**COLLEGE SKILLS:** Users build academic skills and prepare for college with

VetNow's array of tools, including:

- Interaction with live tutors in a wide range of college level subjects
- Live skills tutoring and an extensive library of lessons, video tutorials, and practice tests including SAT, ACT, TEAS, HESI, GRE, GMAT and more
- Live or asynchronous expert analysis of writing, complete with constructive comments
- Asynchronous 24/7 help with academic questions
- Live help for language learners
- Create and share flashcards, tests, and educational games

**Free  
online  
expert  
help**

for job seekers,  
veterans, and  
their families



**Story Time**  
ONLINE

Daily links to online story videos!

When Tippiie came to RML!

Val Miller of the Steel Cow

([www.SteelCow.com](http://www.SteelCow.com)) painting our mural of Tippiie.

Have you tried..?

Services you may not know about!

Story Time Online

While in-library Story Time is suspended, be sure to watch our daily story time reads on our social media sites!

Visit

[waukon.lib.ia.us/services/children/programs/st-online](http://waukon.lib.ia.us/services/children/programs/st-online) to view all our Story Time Online links.



*It also meant she thought of books as medication and sanctuary and the source of all good things.*

~Abbi Waxman *The Bookish Life of Nina Hill*

## This Month's Q&A RML Tips

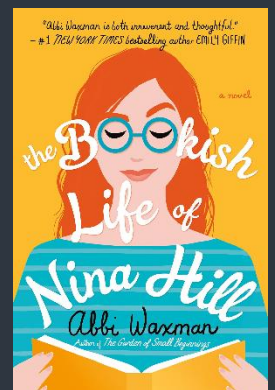
**Q: How can I listen to an audiobook or read an ebook from BRIDGES?**

A: BRIDGES is Iowa's e-library with more than 95,000 titles including collections such as best-sellers, children's, business, romance and something for readers of all ages. To read or listen:

- Have your RML library card number.
- On a smartphone or tablet:
  - Download either the Libby or Overdrive app from your app

store.

- Open the app→Login with your library card number→Browse, download & read!
- On a computer:
  - Visit [bridges.overdrive.com](http://bridges.overdrive.com)→Login with your library card→Browse, download & read!



Available on BRIDGES.





### Coming Soon:

- March Grab & Go
- Thursday Night Book Club: All Iowa Reads

## February Events

### • Wednesday, February 3

World Read Aloud Day

### • Tuesday, February 9, 4:30pm

Library Board of Trustees Meeting—ONLINE; contact RML for connection details.

### • Wednesday, February 10

Grab & Go activities available for kids and for teens.

Pinterest to Go activities available for adults.



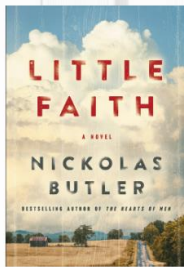
### • Wednesday, February 17, 4pm

TAB {Teen Advisory Board} Meeting—ONLINE; teens contact RML to participate!

### • Thursday, February 18, 6pm

Thursday Night Book Club discussing an All Iowa Reads title—ONLINE; contact RML for connection details.

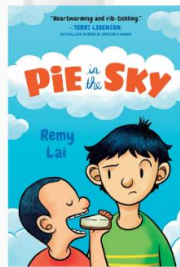
# 2021 ALL IOWA READS



Adult



Teen




Kids

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