

# @ Robey Memorial Library



January 2025



## Live & Learn: Guardians of Trust Fraud Awareness and Prevention

As part of Live & Learn: enriching lives through monthly learning series, RML is offering Guardians of Trust Fraud Awareness and Prevention on Thursday, January 30 at 5:30 pm in the lower level Community Room. Join us for an engaging and informative Guardians of Trust Fraud Awareness Presentation! Gain valuable insights into recognizing and preventing various types of fraud that target seniors.

### What to Expect:

- Comprehensive Insights on Fraud Prevention: Learn about the latest online scams, how to identify them, and effective measures to protect yourself.
- Digital Literacy Tips: Gain practical knowledge on using digital devices safely and confidently, with a focus on the GrandPad tablet & phone designed for seniors.

- Interactive Q&A Session: Get your questions answered by our expert speakers.

### Why Attend?

- Stay Safe Online: Equip yourself with the knowledge to navigate the digital world securely.
- Empower Yourself and Loved Ones: Help your family and friends, especially seniors, to use technology confidently and safely.
- Exclusive Resources: Receive valuable handouts and resources to keep for future reference.

### About our Speaker

Paula Merfeld, a native of Dubuque, Iowa, now residing in Decorah, is a dedicated advocate for enhancing the lives of seniors. She works regionally promoting and selling the GrandPad senior phone/tablet, a device specifically designed to combat loneliness and isolation among older adults.

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Paula's passion for helping others enjoy life shines through in her work, as she helps thousands of seniors find renewed joy in their everyday lives. Paula will share her insights on GrandPad and the crucial topic of fraud awareness and prevention.

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!](http://www.waukon.lib.ia.us!)



## Homeschool Show & Tell

**January 7 Favorite sport or physical activity**

**February 4 Item beginning with a "B"**

**March 4 Favorite memory**

*Guidelines for show & tell items:*

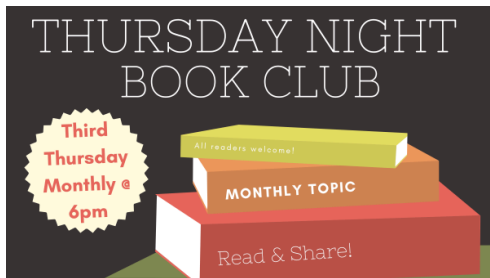
- you must be able to carry your show & tell item yourself
- the item must be appropriate for all ages
- it can be nothing too expensive or irreplaceable (we recommend a photo of such an item)



## Tech Tutor

RML offers a weekly drop-in computer & technology help session from 10 am to 12 pm on Thursdays.

During Tech Tutor, anyone may stop in and receive one-on-one assistance with eReaders, BRIDGES/Libby audiobook & eBook borrowing, tablets, smart phones, mp3 players, basic computer instruction including: internet, e-mail, word processing, spreadsheet, and more.



## 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.

**January 16 Celebrity Book Club selection**

**February 20 Adapted to TV/Film**

**March 20 Wisconsin author or topic**



## 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.



# Staff Profile Highlights



## Librarian Ellen Thiele Announces Retirement After 30 Years

Robey Memorial Library is honored to celebrate the career of Ellen Thiele, who will retire on December 21st after 30 years of service to the library and the Waukon community.

When Ellen Thiele began her library career in 1994 she was following in familiar footsteps. Her mother, Mrs. Ellen Thiele, served on Robey's Board of Trustees for 25 years. During that time the library moved from City Hall to its current location on First Avenue. Ellen's work as a librarian saw the further expansion of the library in 2014. Ellen's career alongside her mother's years of service, has profoundly impacted the Waukon community and made Robey Memorial Library become a leader in cultural and community life.

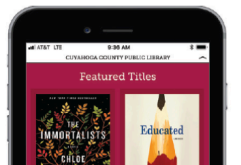
In honor of Ellen's retirement Robey Memorial Library hosted a reception on Saturday, December 21st in the community room.

"Ellen is irreplaceable; the

Thiele legacy at the library spans nearly a half century. Someone joked to me, what's Robey without a Thiele?," said Cate St. Clair, Library Director. "All of us at the library, from patrons to staff and the library board, are immensely grateful to Ellen for her and her family's decades of service to the library and the Waukon community. She will be missed."

To share memories of Ellen Thiele, please contact Library Director Cate St. Clair at (563) 568-4424 or through e-mail at [cates@waukon.lib.ia.us](mailto:cates@waukon.lib.ia.us).

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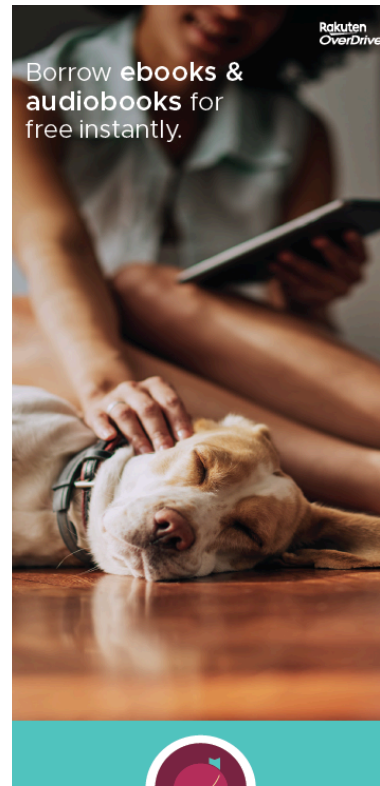


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2 Find your library

3 Enter your library card

Enjoy!



Try Libby.

## A Few Reminders for Libby Users

- Be sure the email address attached to your library account is current so you can be alerted when your library card expires.
- Library cards expire every three years and are renewed upon verification of address & other contact information.
- Expired library cards will not have access to Libby





# January Events

**Wednesday, January 1**

- Library CLOSED

**Thursday, January 2**

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

**Tuesday, January 7**

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

**Wednesday, January 8**

- Grab & Go for Kids & for Teens, first-come, first served

**Thursday, January 9**

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

**Tuesday, January 14**

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

**Thursday, January 16**

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

**Tuesday, January 21**

- Story Time, 10:30am

**Thursday, January 23**

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm

**Tuesday, January 28**

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

**Thursday, January 30**

- Tech Tutor, 10am-12pm
- Live & Learn: Guardians of Trust Fraud Awareness and Prevention, 5:30pm



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