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CORDOVA DISTRICT LIBRARY



# Welcome...Fall!



**Steamboat Island Project  
U.S. Corps of Engineers  
Tuesday, September 19th  
6pm @ Cordova Civic Center**

Ben Vandermyde from the Rock Island Office of the Corps of Engineers will be in Cordova to talk about the Steamboat Island Project. The Project area is approximately 2,620 acres of interconnected backwaters, secondary channels, wetlands, islands, floodplain habitat and aquatic habitat.

Ben will be showing us plans for the project and answering residents' questions.

Sign up is required for this program. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

## Stained Glass Classes

Sept. 15th @ 1pm    Sept. 25th @ 10am  
Oct. 11th @ 1pm    Oct 30th @ 10am

Are you interested in learning how to make Stained Glass? Chalyn will be leading small groups in learning how to make stained glass pieces. In this class, you will learn all the steps of the process while making a small piece. All materials will be provided to you. Sign up is required. For this class, Cordova residents will have priority in signing up.



## Fall Lunch & Learn

**Mississippi River Eco Center and  
Boat Ride  
Tuesday, September 12th 10am-3pm  
Bring your own lunch**

September's Lunch and Learn will be a boat trip to the Mississippi River Eco Tourism Center in Camanche, IA. The boat will pick us up in Cordova and transport us to the Center. Along the way, we will learn about the river and wildlife. At the Center, we will learn more about wildlife along and in the river. The Center has an 8,000 gallon aquarium with local fish species. Finally, we will eat our lunch on the patio overlooking the river. Seating is limited and sign up is required.

**Cordova Fire Department  
Tuesday, October 10th  
11am  
Lunch provided**

For our October Lunch & Learn, we will visit the Cordova Fire Department to see their new fire truck! The firefighters will also tell us about ambulance service in Cordova and information about Fire Prevention Month. Sign up is required to determine a lunch count. Call 654-2330 to sign up.



**River Action Golf Cart Tours  
Thursday, September 7th  
Tours at: 9am, 11:30am, and 2pm**



River Action is hosting their 24th annual Senior Citizen Riverfront Golf Cart Tours. Thursday, September 7th will be Illinois tours and Friday, September 8th will be Iowa tours. There are still spots open for the Illinois tour that begins in Rapids City, through Port Byron and goes to Cordova. The Village of Cordova will be having refreshments at the Village Hall. Sign up at [www.riveraction.org](http://www.riveraction.org).

### Field Trip to Galena Thursday, October 5th @ 9am

Escape to Galena this fall! Enjoy shopping and eating at your own pace. Participants will leave the Library at 9am and we will return by 4pm. You will be on your own to shop, eat and stroll through historic Galena. Spaces are limited. Call today!

### Astronomy Night at Riverdale Middle School Tuesday, September 12th @ 6:45pm

Everyone is invited to a Stargazing event at Riverdale Middle School. The Popular Astronomy Club will have their mobile observatory and telescopes available for viewing. Also during the event, River Valley Library and Cordova District Library will be providing crafts and snacks. Join us for a fun-filled night under the stars.

### Mocktail Mondays

Monday, September 11th @ 6pm  
Decorate pumpkins

Monday, October 2nd @ 6pm  
Tea Towel Transfer

During Mocktail Mondays, we will craft, enjoy a non-alcoholic drink and have great conversations. Registration is required as seating is limited.

### Diane Murtha Quilt Class Quilt as You Go Hexies Wednesday, September 13th @ 10am Cost is \$45 payable when you sign up

Like the look of traditional English Paper Piecing but don't want to do all that hand sewing? Try this class! Everything is done by machine. Your project can be as big or small as you like. The cost includes the 2 piece ruler. Supply lists and instructions available at the library.



### Make it Mondays

September 18th @ 1pm  
Custom Tea Towels

Bring a photo on your phone, vintage recipe or whatever you would like to make a custom tea towel.

October 23rd @ 1pm  
Book Pumpkin

Use an old paperback book to make a pumpkin. All supplies will be provided.



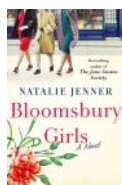
Limited seating, so call now to sign up.

### Cordova Library Book Club

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am.

October 3, 2023

Bloomsbury Girls by Natalie Jenner



In 1950's London, Bloomsbury Books, a bookstore that sells new and rare books and that has existed for over a century, is run by men and guided by the general manager's 51 rules. But following World War 2, three strong women working at the store strive to modernize the store's ways and chart their own paths in a male-dominated world. Interacting with literary greats such as Daphne de Maurier, Ellen Doubleday, Peggy Guggenheim and more, these three women push the boundaries of the early 1950s.

### Family Bingo

Friday, September 22nd

& Friday, October 20th from 5pm-7pm

All ages are invited to join us for Family Bingo night. All supplies will be provided (if you have a lucky dauber-bring it!). Bring your own food and non-alcoholic drinks. Registration is required.



### Cordova District Library

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## Cordova Cares Summer Lunch Program

This summer, our community came together to provide lunches to Cordova kids. The Cordova Library partnered with Cordova Township, Cordova Parks Department, Cordova Fire Department, First Baptist Church of Cordova, River Cities Rotary, Village of Cordova, the Roush Family & Egging Company, and Ali & Josh Sallows—Toppert Jetting to provide

**2,139 lunches to 815 kids!!**

Thank you to all the volunteers that came to help serve, residents that provided cash donations, and the Cordova Shell Station for donuts and cookies. Our community is amazing! Thank you for all the support for the program.

### Embroidery Class September 2nd @ 10am & October 7th @ 10am

Mississippi River valley Chapter of EGA will teach a satin stitch. You will learn the basic stitch along with padded satin stitch and split stitch. In October, MRVC will teach the basics of shading using the long and short stitch.

## STORY TIME

**Fridays @ 10am**

Story Time Fridays are the best! Each week will include: singing, dancing, centers, playing, snacks and of course, Reading!

Children of all ages are welcome to attend with guardian or babysitter.

### Surface Design

**September 19, 2023: Botanical Printing**

During this workshop we will preserve the last botanicals of the season before the frost comes, using Solarfast and acrylic inks. Bring: fabric (naturals including cotton, linen or silk) in light colors, and small leaves and flowers to create the prints. There will be plant material available to pick at the library.



**October 17, 2023: Dye Threads and other Stringy Things**

Join us for a morning of dyeing threads! Threads and dyes will be supplied. You may wish to dye cotton strips to use for wrapping packages (bring your own fabric for this). If your stash includes light colors of DMC you won't use as is, bring them and overdye! We will experiment with creating variegated combinations.

We meet from 9:00 am until Noon.  
Please sign up at the library.

### Video Game Tournament—Monday, October 9th @ Noon

It's back...enjoy your day off school at the Library competing in a Video Game Tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the top players. Lunch will be provided.



**Closed for the Labor Day  
Monday, September 4th**

### Do Your Own Thing

**Tues., September 26th from 9am-6:45pm**

**Tues., October 31st 9am-6:45pm**

Come and work on projects with friends!

### Hours of Operation:

**Monday through Thursday: 9:00am—7:00pm**

**Friday: 9:00am—4:00pm**

**Saturday: 9:00am-1:00pm**

**Scary Lock-In for Middle School & High School  
Friday, October 13th  
6pm-10pm**

Spend your Friday the 13th with us locked in the Library! We will have spooky games, horror movies and of course food.

**Quilt Appraisals by Janette Dwyer  
Friday, September 8th**

Janette will be here to evaluate quilts—new and old! For \$40, you will receive a written appraisal and for \$25 you will receive a verbal appraisal. Only a few spots left-pay when you sign up.

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## Censorship in the Land of the Free

Do you want someone else to decide what books you or your children are allowed to read? How about an organization? Do you want an organization to decide what books you or your children are allowed to read? How about the government - do you want the government to decide what books you or your children are allowed to read? If you answered no to these questions, then you are against banning books. Book banning is the most widespread form of censorship in our country. Our country, the land of the free!

You may wonder how books get banned. In public libraries, it begins with a book challenge submitted to the Library Board by an individual or group. A book challenge is an attempt to remove a book based on its content. Next, the Library Board decides whether or not to remove the book from the collection. If Library Board votes to remove the book, it is banned. Book bans are localized. For example, if a book is banned by a public library in Readlyn, Iowa, it is only banned there.

Books are challenged every year for a variety of reasons. People and organizations from all points on the political spectrum have challenged books. Some examples include *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain because of coarse language, racial stereotypes and the use of the n-word; *Animal Farm* by George Orwell because of political commentary; *Halloween ABC* by Eve Merriam because of possible satanic/cult references and *Gender Queer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe because of LGBTQ content. Quite often challenges are made with the intention to protect others from difficult topics. Adults decide for themselves what they do and do not want to read. As for children, the decision of what to read and what not to read lies solely with their guardians.

Banned Books Week, which falls on October 1 – 7, is an annual, national event celebrating our freedom to read. It is a time for people to join together in support of intellectual freedom and the First Amendment and stand against censorship. If you are interested in learning more, please check out the American Library Association Banned & Challenged Books page at [www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks), the First Amendment Museum website, [www.firstamendmentmuseum.org/how-do-books-get-banned/](http://www.firstamendmentmuseum.org/how-do-books-get-banned/) or [www.bannedbooksweek.org](http://www.bannedbooksweek.org).