



Summer Learning Challenge May 28th-July 19th, 2024

Our Summer Learning Challenge is in full swing! This year, we have a full calendar of programs for kids ages 0-18 to participate in.

To complete the Challenge, kids must earn 1,000 points by reading and participating in programs. This isn't just a reading challenge—participating in programs will also earn points toward the total.

Once the participant reaches 1,000 points, they earn a trip to Fun Station in Eldridge, IA On Sunday, July 21st at 6pm. We have rented the facility for the prize winners. Only kids completing the Challenge will be able to participate at the Fun Station. Younger kids finishing the program will be invited to a party at the Family Museum on Saturday, July 27th at 10am with their family.

Kiddos can still work on their points through July 19th. The forms must be turned in by 4pm on July 19th. **Also this summer, earn double points any day by reading in the library!**

Art with Emmalyn Mueller Thursday, July 25th from 12pm-2pm

We are excited to welcome Emmalyn back to Cordova Library. Learn how to make a mixed-media fruit painting with Strawberry Goose Tattoo Artist, Area Artist, and former Cordova District Library Intern, Emmalyn Mueller! This exclusive class is limited to 10 adults & 10 youth artists. Sign up now for a chance to work with Emmalyn.

Field Trip for Kids! August 5th 9:30am-3pm

We are boating to Mississippi River Eco Tourism Center for a field trip! During the field trip, we will kayak, do archery & swim in the river. Sign up is limited to 18 kiddos, call today at 654-2330.

Cordova Cares: Feeding Kids in the Summer

Our Cordova Cares Lunch program continues through August 7th. Lunches will be distributed at the Library on Mondays & Wednesdays at Noon **This is open to all kiddos in Cordova ages 0-18.**



Thank you for all of the support for feeding kids this summer!!

WELCOME SOUTH CORDOVA RESIDENTS

Believe it or not, people who live south of the Shamrock Villas have been residents of River Valley District Library in Port Byron for decades. Not anymore! We are thrilled to announce that everyone who lives within the Village of Cordova limits are now officially residents of the Cordova District Library. Welcome! We now feel complete.

For those of you who live in that area, here is what you can expect: you will notice a change in your tax bill (the library line will be lower), you will receive new voter registration cards sometime before the November election and you will need a new Cordova library card by December 31, 2024. The simplest way to get a new card is to bring your old one to Cordova District Library. If you don't have a River Valley card, don't worry. Simply bring in a photo id and proof of residence (mail with your address and name on it) and we can issue you a card. You are also now eligible to be a library board trustee, reserve the meeting room, use our community passes (Niabi, Figge, Putnam & Botanical Center), check out hot spots and use our online resources.

We commend the River Valley District Library Board for approving the transfer of property to the Cordova District Library. This decision is unprecedented because it means relinquishing property tax revenue. The River Valley District Library Board has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to its constituents and our community. We truly appreciate their foresight and support and extend our deepest gratitude to them.

In Our Community...

River Cities Rotary

Rotary Wreaths Across America

River Cities Rotary is committed to place a wreath on every Veteran's grave in Cordova Cemetery on December 14th, 2024. There are 295 Veteran's graves in the cemetery.

In 2023, Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers placed over 3 million veterans' wreaths at 4,225 participating locations in the United States and beyond. This feat was accomplished with help from three million plus volunteers across the country, a third of whom were children.

You can help by donating money to River Cities Rotary. Drop off any donations at the Library

Rotary Fishing Derby

River Cities Rotary's Annual FREE Fishing Derby in memory of George Nitz & Al Vroman will be held on Saturday, August 24th. Registration is at 8am with fishing from 8:30-10:30am.

Do Your Own Thing Thursday., August 29th from 9am-6:45pm

Sign up to work with friends on your projects. Please bring a dish to share for lunch.

NO JULY MEETING



Bonfire @ Green Space July 12th - 7pm - 9pm

Enjoy a family-friendly bonfire at our Green Space! We will have hotdogs, chips, s'mores, popsicles, and water for food and drinks. Feel free to bring your own, non-alcoholic beverages too. We'll provide lawn games, glow items and custom temporary tattoos. Please bring your own lawn chairs/seating.

Please be mindful that this is a library event held on Cordova District Library property, therefore smoking, alcohol, and our other library rules still apply.

Story Time Fridays @ 10am Civic Center Park

This summer, we are having story time at the Civic Center Park! We are excited to read new books, move around, play and get snacks :) Children of all ages are welcome to attend with guardian or babysitter.

NO STORY TIME ON AUGUST 16th & 23rd

Teen Corner

Our Summer Learning Challenge continues through July 19th. Earn points to join us at the Fun Station. Programs for teens require sign up. Call the Library at 654-2330 to sign up.

July 3rd- 2:00pm - Teen Scene Summer Flower Arranging - Make beautiful bouquets with summery flowers! You can bring your own vase, or we'll provide one for you!

July 8th - 1:30pm - Video Game Tournament: Mario Kart: Compete with your friends and others in Mario Kart on our Nintendo Switch! There will be snacks, drinks, and prizes!

July 10th - 2:00pm - Teen Scene Slime Making - Make all different types of slime with us! We have clear and white glue, many add-ins, colors, and more!

July 12th - 7pm - 9pm - Bonfire @ Green Space -

July 22nd - 3:00pm - Teen Advisory

July 24th - 2:00pm - Teen Scene Making Boba Drinks - Do you want to make your own popping boba, and add it to a drink? We'll be making a fruity popping boba to put into your choice of lemonade!

July 25th - 12:00-2pm - Mixed Media Fruit Painting with Emmalyn Mueller - Make a mixed-media fruit painting

July 31st - 2:00pm - Teen Scene Decorating CD's - Decorate CD's with paint, markers, and more! You can bedazzle, make it a replica of your favorite artists' music, or other designs.

August 19th - 4:30pm - Teen Advisory

August 23rd - 7pm-10pm - Back-to-School Teen Lock-in - Celebrate going back to school with a late night lock-in. We'll provide food, drinks, games and more! Enjoy hanging out with everybody in the dark library!

Chair Exercise

Exercise is on hiatus in July. We will be back in August to exercise together!

Cordova District Library

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Cordova Library Book Club

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

Tuesday, August 6th

The Spectacular by Fiona Davis



Fiona Davis transports us back to 1950s Manhattan and glamorous Radio City Music Hall in her thrilling novel about a talented young Rockette and a mysterious bomber terrorizing New York City.

Nineteen-year-old Marion Brooks knows she should be happy. Her college sweetheart is about to propose and sweep her off to the life everyone has always expected they'd have together: a quiet house in the suburbs. But instead, Marion finds herself feeling trapped. So when she comes across an opportunity to audition for the famous Radio City Rockettes—the glamorous precision-dancing troupe—she jumps at the chance to exchange her predictable future for the dazzling life of a performer.

Meanwhile, the city is reeling from a string of bombings orchestrated by a person the press has nicknamed the “Big Apple Bomber,” who has been terrorizing the citizens of New York for sixteen years by planting bombs in popular, crowded spaces. With the public in an uproar over the lack of any real leads after a years-long manhunt, the police turn in desperation to Peter Griggs, a young doctor at a local mental hospital who espouses a radical new technique: psychological profiling.

As both Marion and Peter find themselves unexpectedly pulled in to the police search for the bomber, Marion realizes that as much as she's been training herself to blend in—performing in perfect unison with all the other identical Rockettes—if she hopes to catch the bomber, she'll need to stand out and take a terrifying risk. In doing so, she may be forced to sacrifice everything she's worked for, as well as the people she loves the most.

No Book Club for July!

Creative Corner

Creative Corner features crafts with Maggie. It is intended for elementary age kiddos.

Thursday, June 27th @ 10am– Fish Hand Puppets

Tuesday, July 2nd @ 2pm–Fireworks Straw Painting

Tuesday, July 9th @ 2pm-Shell Art

Thursday, July 11th @10am-Tape Art

Family Book Club Wednesday, July 10th @ 6pm Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Join us for a book club for families! We will be discussing Wishtree while having snacks. From Amazon...



Trees can't tell jokes, but they can certainly tell stories. . . .

Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree"—people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with a crow named Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this wishtree watches over the neighborhood.

You might say Red has seen it all.

Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experience as a wishtree is more important than ever.

Funny, deep, warm, and nuanced, this is Katherine Applegate at her very best—writing from the heart, and from a completely unexpected point of view.

See our website for questions to ponder for the book club. <https://www.cordovalibrary.com/programs/summer-learning-challenge-2024/>

Website Update

Our Cordova Library website has been updated! It is now easier to see all that is happening at the Library and search the catalog. Check out the new website at www.cordovalibrary.com

Family Bingo

Friday, July 26th & Friday, August 30th
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.**



Hours of Operation:

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

Friday: 9:00am—4:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-1:00pm



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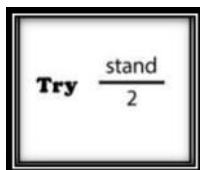
Challenge your brain and win a prize! Here's how it works: solve the puzzle and bring your solution to the library by July 31st. We will select a winner at random from those who submitted solutions.

May Puzzle Answers:

Puzzle #1: I have keys, but no locks. I have space, but no room. You can enter, but you can't go outside. What am I?

Solution #1: A keyboard

Puzzle #2: What word, name or phrase does this picture represent?



Solution #2: Try to understand

July Puzzles:

Puzzle #1: What is unique about the following words: grammar, uneven banana, assess, revive, potato, dresser, and voodoo?

Solution #1: _____

Puzzle #2: What word, name or phrase does this picture represent?



Solution #2: _____

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Prize Preference (circle one): Gift certificate to *Plates and Pours* OR Gift certificate to *Riley's Roadhouse*