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CORDOVA DISTRICT LIBRARY

Lunch & Learn

**Cordova Conversations
Cordova History**

Thursday, March 26th @ 12:00pm

Take a look back at Cordova history with a round table discussion. We will look at memorabilia from Cordova to spark discussions. Lunch will be soup and sandwiches.

**Cordova Park's Luncheon
Pollinators**

Thursday, April 23rd @ 12:00pm

Cordova Park and Cordova Library will feature a luncheon and discussion on pollinators.

Seating is limited, so sign up today!

Cordova Library History

By September 21, 1912, the library held 2,000 volumes and Mrs. Williamson was appointed librarian at a salary of \$415 per month. At that time, trustees rented space for the collection.

In March 1914, as the collection grew to 4,000 volumes, the trustees purchased a permanent home at 402 Main Avenue from Mrs. C. L. Walker for \$360.

An east-side addition followed in 1917, along with a new furnace costing \$120. The library expanded its focus on children's books and school reference materials and introduced a record collection.

A second addition doubled the size of the library and was completed in 1930. The lot west of the building was purchased for \$75. At the June 19, 1932 board meeting, Millie Guinn became the librarian and trustees decided to close the library on Monday mornings for wash day.

Fun fact: in those days the librarian actually lived in quarters within the library!

Book Sale

**Monday, April 27th-
Saturday, May 2nd**

Our semi-annual book sale is almost here! We will have books, audio books, and DVDs available for a donation. Donations will be used for our Summer Lunch Program at the Library.

If you have book donations, please bring them in on Monday, April 27th. We do not have space to store items before the sale. Thank you for your support!



Cordova Library 150th Celebration

We are celebrating our 150th anniversary with you!

March—stop in to pick up a Cordova Library magnetic clip.

April—Show your support of Cordova Library with a sign in your yard!

National Library Week-April 19-25th.

National Library Workers Day,
Tuesday, April 21st.



Puzzle Palooza:

**Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
Friday, April 17th @ 6pm**



Feeling competitive? Grab a couple of friends or family members and register for this team puzzle competition at the library! Your team of 2-4 players will have two hours to assemble a 500 piece puzzle. The team who finishes their puzzle first wins a prize! There will be prizes awarded throughout the night. Only one person needs to sign up for the team.

Sign up is limited, register by April 10th!

In Our Community...

Riverdale Elementary School Preschool Screening 2026-2027 School Year

You may have a child who would qualify for Riverdale's free Pre-K program if they are 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2026. Children do not need to be potty trained to attend Riverdale Pre-K.

To be considered, each child must first receive a developmental screening held on March 5th or May 1st. Call 309-523-3186 ext. 1 to sign children up for the appropriate screening based on their birthdate.

Cordova Township

Cordova Township will be hosting a CPR class on April 11 @ 10am. RSVP required as free lunch to follow event. Call 309-738-0452 for questions and to RSVP.

First Baptist Church of Cordova

Greetings from the First Baptist Church of Cordova! As spring is in the air, we have some exciting news to share!! Please watch your mailboxes for the inaugural edition of "Cross Currents", our bi-monthly newsletter debuting the first week of April!!

On April 3rd, the URICMA Good Friday community service will be held at Hampton Grace United Methodist Church, located at 400 2nd Ave, Hampton IL. Service will begin at 6:00 and all are welcome.

Lastly, we will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4th at 2:00 pm. Each year we are thrilled to see so many smiling faces as the children hunt for eggs, redeem tickets for prizes and enjoy the moment of the day. All are welcome to join us.

Blood Drive

Saturday, March 28th 8:30-11:15am

Donate blood at our Cordova Library blood drive. The need for blood is critical!

Teen Corner

Our teen programs are for those kiddos in 6th grade through high school. Sign up is appreciated for supplies.

March

Candle Making 13th | Friday | 1pm

Make candles from scratch by picking your jars, scents, and colors!

International Snack Tasting 16th | Monday | 2pm

Try snacks from all around the world that are hard to find here.

Beaded Wall Hangings 18th | Wednesday | 3pm

Design a small beaded curtain to hang on your wall by stringing pony beads.

Lock-In 20th | Friday | 7pm-10pm

Stay in the library after dark and play games, eat dinner, enjoy snacks, watch movies and more!

Slime/Teen Advisory 23rd | Monday | 4:30pm

Create custom slime. Part of the time will be used for our monthly Teen Advisory.

April

Sticker Scenes 3rd | Friday | 12pm

Stick premade stickers to a premade background to make a cute sticker scene!

DIY Dubai Chocolate 6th | Monday | 12pm

Learn how to make your own Dubai Chocolate.

Apparel Art 6th | Monday | 2pm

Bring your own clothes, bags, shoes etc. to paint/draw on.

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Building Sub Sandwiches 22nd | Wednesday | 1pm

Pick your own bread, sauce, meat, cheese and toppings to make your own sub sandwich.

Do Your Own Thing 22nd | Wednesday | 3pm

Either bring your own project, or pick a project to do from a previous program.

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Cordova Library Book Club



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

Tuesday, April 7th

Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis

The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis is a dual-timeline historical mystery set in the New York Public Library. The story follows two women—Laura Lyons in 1913 and her granddaughter Sadie Donovan in 1993—as they navigate scandals involving stolen rare books, personal ambition, and the secrets hidden within the library's iconic walls.

Tuesday, May 5th

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon is a riveting historical mystery set in 1789 Maine, following midwife Martha Ballard as she investigates a murder uncovered when the Kennebec River thaws. Based on a real-life heroine and her actual diary, this winter drama chronicles

Martha's quest for justice against a backdrop of community secrets, alleged rape, and rigid gender roles.

Sourdough Workshop

Saturday, March 14 & Saturday, April 4th 9-11am

Come and learn how to make artisanal sourdough bread, from start to finish. During this hands-on class, you will feed a starter, mix some dough, shape and score a loaf, and taste freshly baked bread. Each person will go home with some starter to continue baking with, and a loaf of sourdough in process that they themselves prepared in class!

Make it Monday

Monday, March 23rd at 1pm

Heart Wall Decor

Monday, April 20th at 1pm

Spring Flower Pot Gnomes

Limited seats available, so call 654-2330.

Euchre Club

Fridays @ 1pm



Come to the library and play Euchre with friends! Never played before? We'll teach beginners the rules and nuances of this timeless card game. Call 654-2330 to sign up.

Story Time Fridays @ 10am

Spring is here! Story Time for all ages are on Fridays! Each Friday, we will read stories, move our bodies and learn in centers with friends. Children of all ages are welcome to attend with a guardian or babysitter.

We will have Story Time on Good Friday, April 3rd!

Homeschool Art & Crafts

Wednesday, March 18th @ 1pm

Learn about Hokusai and make a Great Wave

Wednesday, April 8th @ 1pm

Join Kelsey from the Figge Art Museum and create some art!

Call 654-2330 to sign up.

Do Your Own Thing

Do Your Own Thing is moving to the 2nd Thursday of the month! Work on your projects with friends.

Thursday, March 12th and

Thursday, April 9th starting at 9am.

Evening Book Club

Thursday, March 26th @ 6pm

How to Read a Book by Monica Wood

Thursday, April 23rd @ 6pm

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

If you are interested in joining or need help getting the book, call the library at 654-2330. We look forward to seeing you!

Rock Valley Physical Therapy

Thursday, April 2nd at 1pm

Rock Valley Physical Therapy will share tips on mobility as we get older. Space is limited, so call today to sign up.

Family Bingo

Friday, March 20th from 5pm-7pm

NO BINGO IN APRIL

(we have the puzzle competition!)

All ages are invited to join us for Family Bingo night. All supplies will be provided. 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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Dabble Lab

Wednesday, March 4th at 4:30pm &
April 1st at 4:30pm

What is Dabble Lab?? It is a new program for elementary age students!! We will meet the 1st Wednesday of the month to “dabble” with a variety of projects. For March, we will be building—with Legos, Magna Tiles, Cardboard and imagination. In April, we will be doing some art with Sofia! Please call to sign up so we can have enough supplies available.



STORIES
BY STARLIGHT

Wednesday,
March 4th &
April 1st @ 6pm

Stories by Starlight is for kiddos and families of all ages who would like to hear stories in the evening. We will have stories, snacks and activities.

Art with Cheryl Shibori

March 17, 2026 from 9:00-12:00

Shibori is a traditional Japanese dyeing method that uses tying, folding, and binding fabric to create resists. We will use this technique to create Furoshiki Wrapping Cloth. Supplies will be furnished.

Lace Painting

April 21, 2026 from 9:00-12:00

Lace painting is grown up paint by numbers! We will attach lace to a canvas and then paint with acrylic paints using your favorite colors. Supplies will be furnished.

Sign up in advance. Questions may be directed to Cheryl.

Stained Glass Classes

Introduction to Stained Glass
Thursday, March 5th at 9:30am

Wednesday, April 15th at 10:30am



Interested in learning the copper foil method of stained glass? Join us for a 4-hour class where you will learn to cut, grind, foil and solder your glass. All materials and patterns will be provided. Bring a snack and drink!