



Book Sale October 5th-October 10th, 2026



Our semi-annual book sale will start the week of October 5th. Stop in to see a great selection of books, DVDs, and audiobooks. If you have items to donate to the sale, please bring them on Monday, October 5th. Book sale is by donation only. Money donated will go to the local 4H chapters.

Dinner & Music in the Park with Cordova Park District Friday, September 11th at 6:00pm

All ages are welcome to join Cordova Park District and Cordova Library for dinner and music in the Civic Center Park. We will gather under the pavilion, eat and chat with friends.

Swift River will be providing the music during dinner.

If you are interested, you must sign up by Friday, September 4th.

Disney on Ice Fall Reading Program October 1st-November 30th, 2026

New this fall...kids can read 5 books from Cordova Library and earn a FREE Disney on Ice ticket with a purchase of an adult ticket! Disney on Ice will be at the Vibrant Arena at The MARK on December 3-6th. Stop in the library to pick up your reading log beginning October 1st.

Science of Fire (Fire Safety) Saturday, September 12th @11:00am

Science of Fire is on Saturday, September 12th starting at 11am!
This year, the Science of Fire will include lunch!!

Join Cordova Fire Department, Cordova Park District and Cordova Library to learn about fire safety and the science behind fires.
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!!



150th Anniversary Party

Thursday, September 17th from 4:30pm-6:30pm

Celebrate the Library's 150th Anniversary with a party on September 17th! There will be food and drinks available. Also, we will give away a special gift that evening to those who are present (one per family).

Cordova Library memorabilia will be on display. Stop in and see our local history.



Cordova Cares Summer Lunch Program

Our Cordova Cares Summer Lunch Program had an amazing summer getting lunches to the kids in Cordova. The Cordova Cares Summer Lunch Program is a collaboration between local taxing bodies, businesses and patrons to offer lunches to any kid in Cordova ages 0-18.

**This summer...
Cordova kids received 2,751 lunches!!**

Thank you to the following sponsors for serving lunches to Cordova kiddos:

- 1st Baptist Church of Cordova
- Cordova/Port Byron Township Assessment District
- 3M
- River Cities Rotary
- Matcon
- Cordova Fire Protection District
- Cordova Parks District
- Audacity Acres
- Pat & Chuck Fidler's Family
- Cordova Library
- Village of Cordova
- Riverdale Elementary

The Summer Lunch Program couldn't provide the lunches without the **130 volunteers** that gave their time to serve lunch. Thanks again for all the support through word of mouth, volunteering, financial support and sending the kiddos to the library for lunch! **See you next summer!!**

In Our Community...

Riverdale PTO Fall Fest

Friday, October 2nd @ 4:30pm

Riverdale PTO will host their Fall Fest at Riverdale Schools. This is a "trunk or treat" event for families.

Cordova Fire Department

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 11th starting at 7am

Cordova Firefighters' annual pancake breakfast will be held at the fire station. Support the fire department while enjoying a yummy breakfast with friends.

First Baptist Church of Cordova

Greetings from the First Baptist Church of Cordova! Registration is open for our FREE Community Grief Support Group. Beginning October 5th through December 21st, we will meet each Monday from 1:00 - 2:15 at the Cordova Civic Center. Any person who is grieving a loss of any kind is welcome to attend. Email office@fbccordova.org or call the church office at (309) 654 - 2501 to register.

Freedom to Read

Library Crawl September 1st-October 31st, 2026

Join area libraries in celebrating the Freedom to Read. Visit area libraries and receive a stamp. Each stamp will be an entry into a prize drawing. Must be turned in by November 18th. Visit our website for more information.

Community Resources with

**Robert Young Center's Care Coordinator
Sept. 28th & Oct. 26th from 2-4pm**

UnityPoint Health Robert Young Center Care Coordination is free, does not require health insurance coverage, is open to all ages, and can assist with:

- Housing assistance
- Medicaid applications
 - SNAP benefits
- Healthcare resources
- Mental health referrals and more!

No appointment needed. Stop in with your questions and meet privately with the coordinator.

Teen Corner

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

September

Yarn/String & Fabric Bowls Using Balloons

14th | Monday | 4:30pm

Use yarn/string to make a bowl by dipping it and glue and wrapping it around a balloon or by mod podging fabric to the balloon.

Slime & Teen Advisory

21st | Monday | 4:30pm

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

Scrapbooking/Journaling

23rd | Wednesday | 2pm

Start a scrapbook or journal then add in pictures, stickers, embellishments and more!

Jewelry Making

30th | Wednesday | 4:30pm

Make any type of jewelry with us!

October

Halloween Masks

12th | Monday | 4:30pm

Make masks for Halloween.

Slime & Teen Advisory

19th | Monday | 4:30pm

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

Sock Monkeys

21st | Wednesday | 1pm

Sew your own Sock Monkeys with just a pair of socks, stuffing, and thread!

Kandi

21st | Wednesday | 3pm

Learn how to make kandi bracelets, kandi keychains, or other types of kandi.

Franken-Stuffed Animals

23rd | Friday | 12pm

Back again from last year: Tear apart stuffed animals, then put them back together!

Scrapbooking/Journaling

28th | Wednesday | 4:30pm

Add in Halloween/spooky pages to your scrapbook/journal.

Lock-In

30th | Friday | 7:30pm-10pm

Stay in the library after closing hours! We will provide food, drinks, and activities.

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Cordova Library Book Club

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

October Book Club—This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger Tuesday, October 6th

This historical fiction novel, set in Minnesota during the Great Depression, follows four orphans—12-year-old Odie, his older brother Albert, their mute friend Mose, and a young girl named Emmy—as they escape a brutal Indian boarding school and journey by canoe down the Mississippi River in search of home and family. Along the way, their adventure becomes a story of survival, friendship, courage, and belonging.

November Book Club—The Best Cook in the World by Rick Bragg Tuesday, November 3rd

Here are irresistible stories and recipes from across generations. They come, skillet by skillet, from Bragg's ancestors, from feasts and near famine, from funerals and celebrations, and from a thousand tales of family lore as rich and as sumptuous as the dishes they inspired. Deeply personal and unfailingly mouthwatering, *The Best Cook in the World* is a book to be savored.

Ceramic Flower Frogs with Missy Gearen from We are the Clay Studio

Mon., November 2nd & Mon., November 16th @ 1pm

Missy will teach participants how to make a ceramic flower frog. This is a two-part class, so you must be available for both dates. Registration is required for this class.

Make it Monday

Monday, September 21st @ 1pm

September's craft will be Kinusaiga which is a Japanese technique using fabric scraps and foam board to make a quilt like design.

Monday, October 19th @ 1pm

October's craft will be an assortment of fall crafts.

Cordova High School Reunion Sunday, September 27th at 2:00pm @ Cordova Library

If you attended Cordova High School or Cordova Schools (before they turned into Riverdale Schools), you are invited to the Cordova High School Reunion. This year, the reunion will be held at the Cordova Library. Dessert will be provided. Attendees must call the Library to sign up by Thursday, September 24th. Any questions, please call the library at 654-2330.

Story Time Fridays @ 10am

Story Time returns to the library for the fall! 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.

Art Journaling with Cheryl

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 9:00-12:00

Bring your art journal and your favorite supplies for a morning of creativity. New to journaling? Come with a creative spirit and have fun stenciling, collaging, and creating backgrounds. Play is an important part of the process.

"I like to work in old books, using a different book for each trip I take. For your inspiration, I will bring a few of my favorites to share." Sign up in advance.



Leaded Stained Glass Garden Panel

Wednesday, September 16th @ 10:30

Learn how to make a stained glass garden panel using lead came. All materials and patterns will be provided. Must have taken Intro to Stained Glass class. Sign up is limited to 4 per class. Call 654-2330 to sign up.

Library will be Closed on:

Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.

Do Your Own Thing

Thursday, September 10th & October 8th from 9am-6:45pm

Sign up to work with friends on your projects. Please bring your own lunch.

Family Bingo

Friday, September 25th & October 23rd 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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Book Tasting October 14th at 6:00pm

Explore different genres of books at our first Book Tasting. At the tasting, there will be themed genre tables with a variety of books in that genre. Try a book that is outside of your comfort zone or find new authors in your preferred genre.

The Book Tasting will premier on Wednesday, October 14th. Then it will be a display until Tuesday, October 20th. If you are interested in designing a tablespace for a genre, contact Chalyn at 654-2330.

Trick or Treat in the Library Saturday, October 31st 5:00-6:30pm

Have the kiddos stop in the Library to get some treats on Halloween Night.

Adults—join us to pass out candy to kids in the library. We will have tables and chairs available if you want to hand candy while being inside.

Bring your own treats to hand out.

Call to sign up for a spot at 654-2330.

Summer Learning Challenge Wrap Up

This summer, Cordova Library challenged kids to earn 1,000 points by reading and coming to programs.

Oh boy, did the kids meet the challenge!!

73 kids earned 148,148 points!!

Cordova Library Merchandise Sales September 15th-October 4th

Our 150th Anniversary merchandise will once again be available for a limited time. The online store will open on September 15th and close on October 4th. Orders will be at the library the week of October 12th.

Go to www.cordovalibrary.com to order.

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Movie in the Library—Toy Story 5 Friday, October 30th 6:00 pm

Watch a movie in the library after hours! Popcorn will be provided. You're welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks.



Wednesday, September 2nd & October 7th @ 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.