



The Word on the Shelves



Your Monthly Dose of
Books
News
and
Library Happenings

What's New on the Shelves?

Hey there, fellow bookworms!

Spring is nearly here, and while you may be getting ready to break out your gardening tools, we're here to help you dig into some great new books and programs this March. From fresh new releases to special events, there's something for everyone! Let's dive in.

On the Shelves Now:

We've got a fresh batch of books that will make you forget all about that laundry pile at home (promise we won't judge you for ignoring it for a little longer).

"Nothing Ever Happens Here" by Seraphina Glass

- Small-town life is as exciting as watching paint dry—until it's not. With accidents stacking up, Shelby's racing to figure out who's after her, before things go full-on *true crime*.

"Three Days in June" by Anne Tyler

- A family's secrets come to light in just three days. Spoiler: it's like that awkward family reunion you never wanted, but with more drama.

"The Riveter" by Jack Wang

- Stories of Chinese immigrants in Canada, because who says perseverance, history, and identity can't be a rollercoaster of emotions?

"Open Season" by Jonathan Kellerman

- A psychologist and a detective walk into a murder investigation... and uncover more secrets than they bargained for. Classic.

Coming in March:

The books you'll be lining up to read. Start budgeting your time—and possibly your snacks—now!

"Something in the Walls" by Daisy Pearce

- Psychologist Mina digs into 13-year-old Alice's eerie claims, only to uncover dark town secrets and chilling ties to her own past. Things are about to get a lot more unsettling.

"Nobody's Fool" by Harlan Coben

- A retired cop gets sucked back into a case—because apparently, no one ever really stays retired. Secrets, lies, and bad decisions ahead!

"A 40-Year Kiss" by Nickolas Butler

- Two people reunite after decades apart—because sometimes it takes 40 years to realize you're still in love. Better late than never... right?

"Bear Tooth" by Callan Wink

- Two brothers, the rugged Absaroka-Beartooth mountains, and a dangerous proposition. Survival isn't just about the land—but the bond between brothers.

Planning for the Pergola Project: A New Outdoor Space Coming Soon!

We're excited to announce that plans for a new pergola are underway at the library! This outdoor space will be perfect for relaxing with a good book, attending outdoor programs, or simply enjoying some fresh air.

The funding for this project comes from the generous support of the Ida County Community Betterment Foundation grant, memorial funds, our wonderful donors and fundraisers. We can't wait to see it take shape and become a beautiful spot for the community to gather. Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward!



A Treasure Trove of Local History

Did you know you can explore our entire collection of local historical newspapers online? Our digital archives are available 24/7 from anywhere—perfect for history buffs, genealogists, or anyone curious about local past events. You can dig into decades of local news, explore historical events, and even trace your family's roots—without leaving the comfort of your home. Whether you're looking for that one article about your great-grandfather or just want to know what the town was up to in the 1920s, it's all at your fingertips.

Start exploring our digital archives today at <https://www.idagrove.lib.ia.us/services/genealogy-collection>. It's like a time machine, but way easier to use than those complicated ones in movies!

March Programs

Fun, learning, and possibly snacks! There's no excuse to be bored—we've got something for everyone!

Preschool Storytime

Date: March 7 | Time: 10:30 AM

Bring the kids for a fun-filled morning of stories and crafts!

Movie Afternoon

Date: March 14 & 21 | Time: 1 PM

Popcorn? Check. Cozy chairs? Check. Great movies? Double check! Come enjoy a family-friendly movie in a relaxed, welcoming space.

The Historic Lincoln Highway in Iowa

Date: March 20 | Time: 5:30 PM

Get ready for a fascinating journey along the Lincoln Highway with Iowa historian and author Darcy Maulsby. Learn about this historic route and the stories that shaped Iowa. You won't want to miss it!

After-School Adventures with the Ida County Conservation Center

Date: March 26 | Time: 1:30 PM

The Ida County Conservation Center is bringing adventure straight to the library.

Good to Know

Library Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Contact Us:

Phone: (712) 364-2306

Email: library@idagrove.lib.ia.us

Website: www.idagrove.lib.ia.us

For more information on upcoming events, book recommendations, or any library updates, check out our website or follow us on social media.

That's it for this month! We're excited to see you around the library—whether you're diving into a new book or joining us for an event. See you soon, and happy reading!
