



The Word on the Shelves



Your Monthly Dose of
Books
News
and
Library Happenings

What's New on the Shelves?

Can you believe how fast we've whipped through the calendar this year? It feels like we were just shelving summer reads, and now we're dodging falling leaves and eyeing pumpkin pie! Before we know it, we'll be ringing in the New Year—but not so fast! November still has plenty in store here at the library.

This month, we're kicking things off with our raffle fundraiser, celebrating community at our open house, and cutting the ribbon on our beautiful new gazebo. We've also got great programs, fun activities, and lots of new books to cozy up with as the weather cools down.

So grab your favorite fall beverage, stop by the library, and see what's new—we promise, there's something for everyone this month!

On the Shelves Now:

The Grave Artist
by Jeffrey Deaver

A chilling mystery unfolds when a sketch artist's latest work reveals secrets no one was meant to see.

Denied Access
by Vince Flynn

Mitch Rapp faces his most dangerous mission yet in this pulse-pounding thriller of espionage, betrayal, and justice.

End Game
by Jeffrey Archer

Archer delivers a high-stakes tale of power, politics, and revenge where every move could be the last.

He Falls First
by Jill Shalvis

Sparks fly and hearts tangle in this charming small-town romance where love shows up when it's least expected.

Coming in November:

Broken Country
by Clare Leslie Hall

Set against a landscape of loss and resilience, this haunting novel explores what it means to rebuild when the past won't stay buried.

The Seven Rings
by Nora Roberts

Magic, destiny, and danger intertwine as seven powerful forces collide in a spellbinding new fantasy romance.

Nash Falls
by David Baldacci

When a quiet town hides deadly secrets, one investigator uncovers a conspiracy that could shake everything to its core.

Evil Bones
by Kathy Reichs

Forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan uncovers chilling clues buried deep in the past—and some bones refuse to stay silent.



October In Review

October was a busy and exciting month at the library! We celebrated several milestones, hosted fun programs, and welcomed our community to enjoy everything the library has to offer.

One of the highlights was the completion of our new gazebo on October 2nd! The gazebo is now fully finished, and the surrounding landscaping has been beautifully completed, creating a welcoming outdoor space for reading, relaxing, and community gatherings. Be sure to stop by and see this lovely addition to the library grounds—it's the perfect spot for fall photos!

Our storytimes continued to delight children and families throughout the month, filled with songs, stories, and laughter. And for a fun twist, we

hosted two movie afternoons where kids could enjoy a film together in the library's cozy space.

October's Grab & Go Early Out STEM program was a hit! Kids received take-home packets to build their very own powered pets, giving them a hands-on opportunity to explore science and engineering in a creative way.

The library also had the honor of hosting the annual Ida County Library Association meeting. Library staff and board members from across Ida County gathered for a special presentation by NW District Library Consultant Bonnie McKewon, who shared insights on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Boards. Attendees then shared updates from their own libraries, fostering collaboration and celebrating the great work happening throughout the county.

October was a wonderful reminder of how the library serves as a hub for learning, creativity, and community connection. We're excited to carry this momentum into November and continue offering engaging programs, events, and spaces for all!

Upcoming Programs

This month, we're bringing you a mix of programs for all ages! Check out what's coming up:

Preschool Storytime

Date: November 7 & 21 | Time: 10:30 AM
Bring the kids for a fun-filled morning of stories, songs, and crafts!

Early Out Programs

Date: November 5 & 19 | Time: 1:30 PM
Join us after school for fun programs with the ISU Extension Office and Ida County Conservation!

Book Binding Class

Date: November 13 | Time: 2:00 PM
Discover the art of bookbinding in our hands-on class with Mary Morgan.

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

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The library will be closed on Thursday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Friday, November 28, at 10:00 a.m.
Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!

Coming Soon...



Raffle Fundraiser

Our annual raffle fundraiser starts November 10th! Stop by the library to purchase tickets and support our programs and community initiatives. This is a great way to win fun prizes while helping the library continue to grow and serve you better. Tickets are available through December 13—get yours today!



Gazebo Ribbon Cutting

We're thrilled to announce the gazebo ribbon cutting ceremony! Come celebrate this beautiful new addition to our library grounds. It's a great spot for reading, relaxing, and community gatherings.

Be sure to mark your calendars for November 23 at 1:00 PM!



Holiday Open House

Join us for a cozy Open House at the library! From 1-4pm on November 23rd, stop by to explore our collections, meet our staff and board, and pick up some amazing treats at the bake and book sale. This is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with your library and celebrate the heart of our community.



FY24-25 Annual Impact Report

We've completed our annual report to the State Library. Our FY24-25 Impact Report is now available online and highlights the amazing work and programs happening at your library. Check it out on our website to see how your library is making a difference in the community!



Book Binding Class

Discover the art of bookbinding in our hands-on class with Mary Morgan on Wednesday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m.

Participants will learn the fundamentals of creating and binding their own books under Mary's guidance. There is a \$20 supply fee, and space is limited, so be sure to call the library to reserve your spot.

This is a perfect opportunity for crafters, book lovers, and anyone interested in trying a unique and creative skill!
