

MUSSER PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025



Fall has always been one of my favorite times of the year.

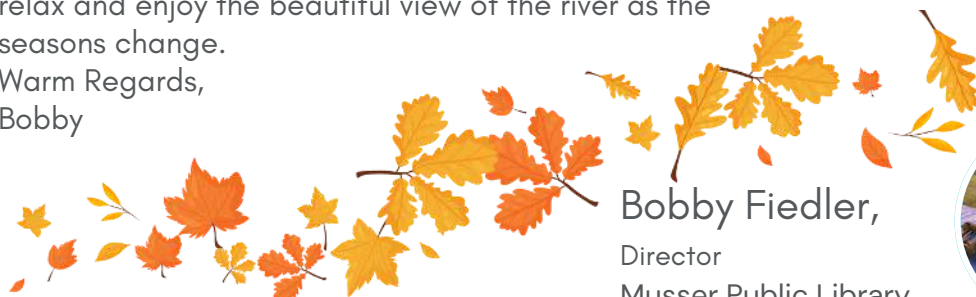
There's always been something special when the college football season starts back up, the bluebird days and cool nights with bonfires arrive, Linus patiently awaits the arrival of the Great Pumpkin, and the chance to pick up a good mystery or spooky story from the Library appears.

The Library is so much more than books. We have an incredible variety of programs, resources, study rooms and community meeting spaces for all your needs.

This fall, we are hosting the Annual Friends of the Library Booksale, Oct 24th-26th. On Friday evening, from 4-6pm, the book sale will be open to Friends members only, which you can sign up for on the spot if you want to get first dibs on the sale items. And on October 16th, at 6:30pm we are offering a presentation by LivWell Seniors on Aging 101. This event will take an in-depth look at senior living options, financial guidance, healthcare options, and more for older adults, their families, and caregivers. Also, be sure to bring the family by to visit us at Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at Kent-Stein Park from 6-8pm. Library staff will be there in their best costumes to hand out lots of fun treats!

I hope you have a great fall and remember to stop down to the Library to find that special book, meet up with friends and colleagues, or just relax and enjoy the beautiful view of the river as the seasons change.

Warm Regards,
Bobby



Bobby Fiedler,
Director
Musser Public Library

Musser Public Library

...a vital part of our
community...

This summer we participated in the Muscatine Farmer's Market, the Back to School Clinic, HNI's Hope Walk, Community Block Party, and many more wonderful events!



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NEW! Chair Yoga

Join John Elshoff every Wednesday at 5:30PM as he leads a gentle Chair Yoga class. Perfect for patrons with limited mobility/flexibility or who want to increase range of motion in a low pressure environment.

This program is for patrons ages 18+

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Room #017 Maker Space

Chair Yoga



Beginning Genealogy

A six-week beginner's genealogy workshop, sponsored by the Muscatine Genealogical Society. Each class is one hour.

Are you interested in genealogy but don't know how to get started? These classes will cover topics like figuring out where to start, keeping track of your information, finding records, and more.

Classes will be held from **10:30-11:30 am**, in Room 301 and dates will be:

Sept. 13, Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18.

Registration Required.

Email wedell@skypoint.com with your name, email and phone to register.



Aging 101: Presented by LivWell Seniors

Thursday, October 16th @ 6:30pm in Room 301

This program provides an in-depth overview of various senior living options, including Independent Living, Assisted Living, Memory Care, Respite Services and In-Home Care, as well as guidance on how to plan and finance these services. LivWell Seniors assists older adults, their families and caregivers navigate everything from housing and healthcare to financial planning so that they can feel confident and supported during life's biggest transitions, and put a plan in place for future options.



October

Adult Programs:

Creative Escape

October 13th, 6-8 PM, Room 301

Puzzle Pumpkin craft

No registration necessary



Friends of the Musser Public Library Meeting

Oct. 1, 12-1 PM, Room 202

Musser Book Club

October 6, 7-8 PM,

Room 017

Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy

by John Le Carré



November's book will be

Starling House

By Alix E. Harrow



Musser Public Library Board Meeting

Oct. 15, 4:30-6PM, Room 104



Trick or Trivia:

Oct. 24, 5:30PM

Room #301



Friends of the Library Annual BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library will host a book sale selling gently used, donated books, audios, DVDs, children's toys and other materials. All proceeds benefit the library.

October 24th 4-6pm - Friends Only Preview Sale

Friends of the Library memberships may be purchased at this event to get member's only early access!

October 25th 10am-2pm

October 26th 12-4pm



Join the Friends and support your library today!



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Feeling the Love

There aren't many jobs where you get to walk down the street dressed as Scarecrow (with Dorothy, no less!), waving to friends and familiar faces, and hearing people shout, "We love the library!" But that's exactly what happened during the recent Muscatine Homecoming Parade.

This community truly loves its library—and Miss Becca and I felt that love loud and clear. I feel incredibly lucky to live in a place like Muscatine. It brings me so much joy to see how deeply our community values local events like the Homecoming Parade, football games, and the community block party. Next up, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Parks & Rec Trunk or Treat on October 25th—another chance to connect with the community I'm proud to call **home**.



Emerson Taylor,
Children's Coordinator,
Musser Public Library

Becca Fillmore
Programs Coordinator

MUSSER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Mondays
9:30AM
Wed. & Sat
10:30AM

Baby Lapsit

Stories and songs for children 0-3 years with their caregiver.



Mondays
10:30AM

Preschool Storytime

Stories and songs for children 3-5 years with their caregiver.



Oct. 12
2PM

Pages For All Ages Book Club
Hummingbird by Natalie Lloyd.
Ages 8+ with a caregiver.



Oct.
7, 14, 21, 28
10:15-11AM

Homeschool Brain Games
Reading, math and problem solving games. Grades K-3



Oct. 9
3:30-5PM

Maker's Studio

Rolled Magazine Art.
Grades 6-12



Oct. 9
6-7PM

Curious Child Club

Themed stories, crafts and activities with caregiver.
Ages 4-8



Oct. 25
9AM

Adventure Story Hike

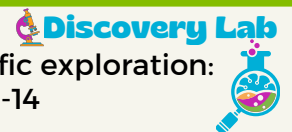
This month - Pine Creek Grist Mill at Wildcat Den.
Ages 3-9 with caregiver.



Oct. 28
6:30PM

Discovery Lab

Interactive scientific exploration:
Dissection. Ages 9-14





MUSSER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



You Tube @MusserLibrary



Follow us on YouTube!

For silly songs and fun, dance along with Ms. Becca and Mr. Taylor as they play and sing! Featuring favorites like "Great Big Pizza", "Goodnight Songs" and more, these videos are designed to get you up and moving with our own dynamic duo! Excellent for parents, teachers, grandparents and other caregivers needing a brain break for their kiddos!



New content released on Saturdays.

Homeschool Brain Games

New Name, New Direction!

TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 10:15

Formerly known as Homeschool Reading Games, our program has a new name—Homeschool Brain Games! Designed for students in kindergarten through 3rd grade, this engaging program invites children to exercise their minds through hands-on science exploration, reading fluency games, and fun problem-solving activities, all in a playful, social environment with peers their own age. Come and join the fun!



**YOU
BELONG
HERE**

Yoga For Littles

Join Allison Phelps in a yoga practice that is designed for you and your little one!

Feel free to bring your own mat or towel. The library does have a limited number available.

For children ages 0-5 with caregiver

First Monday of the month

Held in Room #301 | 9:30am



**Your Musser Library Children's staff
from left to right :
Heather, Jenny, Janna, Becca, Emerson**

