

MUSSER PUBLIC

LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026



UNEARTH A STORY™ 2026 SUMMER READING

The 2026 Summer Reading theme is “Unearth a Story,” inviting participants to explore dinosaurs, paleontology, archaeology, soil, research, and geology, as well as our nation’s and community’s history. In addition to our regular weekly programs, we have booked special summer performances.

One of the highlights of the summer will be our Summer Reading Kickoff Event at the Musco Sports Center. This free, community-wide celebration will feature animatronic dinosaurs, a life-size brachiosaurus, and hands-on activities for all ages.

We are also committed to expanding inclusive programming by offering evening programs to better support working families, as well as a bilingual program to better serve our diverse community.

Emerson Taylor, Children’s Department

Sign up today!



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DINOS AT THE DOME



WHO: *Everyone!*

Families and community members of all ages are welcome! **IT’S FREE!**

What: *Life-Sized Dinos!*

Come see life size animatronic dinosaurs and a brachiosaurus replica.

Where: *Musco Sports Center (Dome)*

500 S Houser St, Muscatine, IA

When: *June 3, 2026*

4:30-6:30

Why: *Summer Reading Program Kick-off Event!*

DID YOU KNOW?

The first Musser Public Library Summer Reading Program **theme** was...

“A Trip To Europe” in 1929

General Musser summer reading clubs for children started in 1925



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Remembering Pat Grimm: A Dedicated Friend of the Library

The steering committee of the Friends of Musser Public Library lost an enthusiastic and dedicated member when Pat Grimm passed away on April 2.

Pat, the committee's vice president, visited the library all of his life. An avid reader of mysteries, history, and biographies, he joined the Friends' leadership in 2021. In his own words, he explained in the Friends' 2025 annual report, "I was introduced to Friends by my good friend and neighbor, JoAnn Carlson." Pat filled a much-needed role when the board was at low numbers - with too few members to make decisions. Pat said the organization met his needs. "Upon joining, I found an interesting and devoted group of library supporters."


"I had retired eight years before and found that I didn't have the social interaction that I had been used to when I worked. [The Friends] provided me with a new set of people with whom to meet and become friends. It also provided the opportunity to work for the community in a positive way. I stayed with the Friends of the Library and enjoyed the once-a-month meetings."

In his warm and personable manner, he also spoke with other organizations about the Friends of Musser Public Library and worked the Friends' table at library events to inform people about the organization and invite them to join. His wife, Pam, survives him. They had seven children and nine grandchildren. He retired from Muscatine Power and Water after serving for 34 years.




May Programs—Things you need to know

Adults:



TRIVIA NIGHT

DOORS at 5:30 TRIVIA at 6:00
FUN, PRIZES, AND REFRESHMENTS



Animal Trivia
Test your knowledge of iconic animals from movies, tv, music, books, and more.

Friday May 29th
Room #301
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Doors open at 5:30pm

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Friday, 5/29/26
Doors 5:30PM Trivia 6:00PM



TUESDAY
5/6/26
6-8 PM
Room 301

Monthly craft night for ages 18+

Cinco De Mayo Mexican Flowers

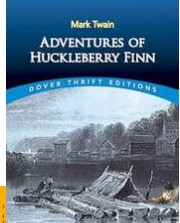
West Liberty 4-H Latino Americanos will share the art of making traditional Mexican paper flowers

Enjoy great company, hands-on crafting, and delicious food!

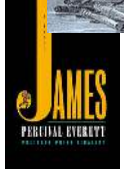


Musser Book Club
Monday, May 4 at 7pm Rm 017

May 4 | 7pm
Book: "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"
by Mark Twain



June Book
June 1 | 7pm
Book: "James"
by Percival Everett



WE ARE PREPPING FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAMS!

Children's / Teens

No children or teen programs during the month of May!

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2026 SUMMER READING

Sign up today!



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LOG YOUR READING

EARN PRIZES

ATTEND SPECIAL EVENTS

Log reading June 1 - July 31

Summer Reading Programs June 1 - July 17



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A STORY™**

Children - Teens - Adults
Sign up for our Summer Reading Program today!
Record your reading to win prizes June 1 - July 31
Special programs to attend June 1 - July 17

SIGN UP TODAY!



5:30-7:30
Trivia
Doors open: 5:30
Trivia starts at 6PM

Check out musserpubliclibrary.org events calendar for event locations and other details