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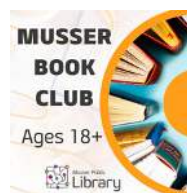
Looking Back & Looking Ahead



Miss Becca and Mr. Taylor performing at a special musical storytime during the summer reading program.

August at Musser Public Library is a time of transition. We take a break from many of our regular programs, look back on summer successes, and start planning for the fall, winter, and spring programs.

Things to look forward to this fall:



AND MORE!



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Summer Reading Recap



Who read?

343 adults read
1,677 books

184 teens read
1,170 books

760 kids read
367,747 minutes

Who showed up?

5,552 total people
came to **83** programs

Favorite parts?

Mr. Taylor - Dinos at the Dome and our weekly Adventure Story Hikes.

Miss Becca - Make and Take Crafts and the program done in Spanish by Author Kelly Crull.



We can't believe our Summer Reading Program has come to a close! It flew by, but when we look back, we can't believe everything we did. From our Dinos at the Dome kickoff to our first ever all Spanish program to special guests, hikes, crafts, and teen and adult programs, there truly was something for everyone.

To everyone who participated by reading, attending programs, sponsoring an event, liking and sharing our social media posts, telling a friend about the library, volunteering, or supporting us in any way...thank you! The level of support this library receives from the Muscatine community is something we never take for granted. Thank you for making Musser Public Library such a special place.

-Mr. Taylor & Miss Becca



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Musser Volunteers are the BEST!

We couldn't have done it without them!

Musser Public Library volunteers are simply the best! From painting window murals, picking patron holds from the shelves, and assisting beginning genealogists to wrangling dinosaurs, creating craft materials, running programs & beyond, our volunteers do incredible work to support the library and bring library-joy to the community! Over the last three months, **Musser volunteers have contributed a combined total of over 550 hours** both to support our summer reading program and to keep the library running smoothly. **THANK YOU to ALL seventeen of our Musser Public Library volunteers for ALL they do** to help us keep the library a vibrant, joy-filled space in our community. Special thanks to our summer intern, Grace, who managed to attend EVERY SINGLE summer reading event and did a great job creating media & graphics, supervising program activities, and so much more! Grace recently completed her bachelor's degree in Marketing at Iowa State University, and we were so lucky to have her creative expertise to support our summer reading program this year!

Catch Musser in the Community!

We're taking the library to the people!

Musser Public Library & HNI Community Center are excited to be carrying the library joy out the doors and into the community at several events this August! Come on out & join us for activities, play, literacy, and community building at the following exciting events:

- National Night Out - Tuesday, August 4, 5-8pm at the Musco Sports Center
- Back to School Health Clinic-Thursday, August 6, 12-6:30pm at McKinley Elementary School
- Muskies U New Teacher Orientation-Friday, August 14, MCSD (new teachers only)
- HNI HOPE Walk - Saturday, August 29, 7:30-11:30am, Pearl City Station

Back-to-School? Musser is Here to Help!

Need a place to study? Hold a meeting? Attend a Zoom class?

As you head back to school this fall, Musser is here to help you be successful! Do you need a quiet place to study? Musser Public Library has **study rooms** that can be reserved for up to three hours. Need a distraction-free way to attend a virtual class or meeting? Reserve our **soundproof booth** on second floor! Need a place to collaborate with a group or hold a meeting? Reserve one of our **meeting rooms**. Musser also offers access to internet-accessible desktop **computers, printing services** at a minimal cost, and, of course, lots of **books**! Can't find what you need in our collection? We can help you find it through one of our RiverShare partners or **interlibrary loan**. Just ask a staff person! Need help with a research project, learning local history, or researching your family roots? Access our **digital databases**, visit our **genealogy room**, consult with a **reference librarian**, or connect with our **genealogy-specific volunteer** for one-on-one assistance. Visit our website for more information on these and other services available at the library!



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August Programs

Adults:



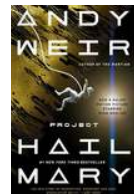
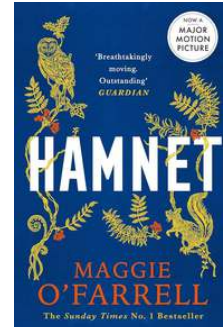
We are taking the month of August off!

Stay tuned for our upcoming 2026-2027 Programs!

Musser Book Club

Mon. August 3 at 6:45 pm Rm 017

"Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell



September Book:
"Project Hail Mary"
by Andy Weir

Children's / Teens

No Children's Programs in August

In preparation for fall programs there will be

**no Baby LapSit and
no Preschool Storytime**
during the month of August.

Join us in **September** for storytime and other fall programs!



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