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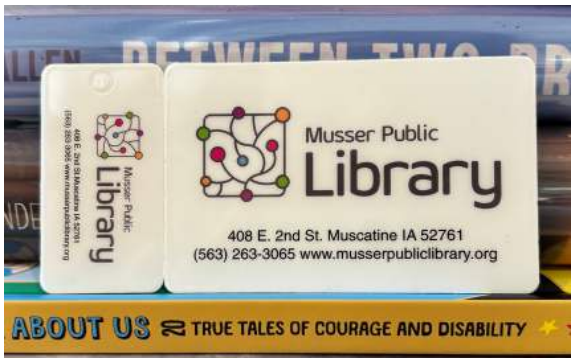
LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

Check It Out!

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Do you know someone who doesn't have a library card? Send them our way!



SORRY! WE'RE CLOSED

Upcoming Closures

CLOSED: September 7 for labor day
CLOSED: October 2-3 for annual staff inservice and carpet cleaning

PIN Authentication Coming!

As part of our ongoing effort to provide secure access to the library's online resources, patrons will be required to enter their PIN along with their library card number to access services such as Libby and Kanopy.
Don't know your PIN? Call the library and we can help you!
These changes will begin in October.

Catch Musser in the Community

Musser Public Library & HNI Community Center are excited to be taking the library into the community at several events this September. Come on out & join us for activities, play, literacy, and community building!

Parent Connect Resource Fair, Open House
Muscatine Early Learning Center-Tuesday
September 15, 8-10am

Viva Muscatine Hispanic Heritage Event
Downtown Muscatine
Saturday, September 26, 11am-6pm

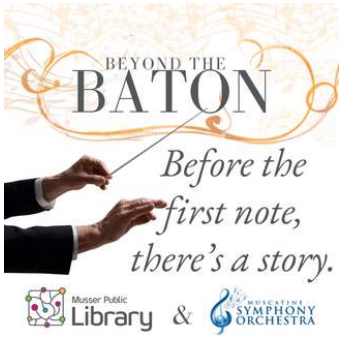


YOUR LIBRARY CARD, IT'S IS WORTH MORE THAN YOU THINK!

A Musser Public Library card is one of the best **free** resources in Muscatine. Whether you're a longtime cardholder or haven't renewed your card in a while, there's probably something you didn't know you had access to with your library card. The library is about more than books! Cardholders enjoy free access to countless resources, information, and opportunities to learn, explore, and enjoy. Get (or renew!) your library card today!



LIBRARY PARTNERS WITH LOCAL SYMPHONY FOR A NEW PROGRAM



Musser Public Library is excited to announce a new program brought to you in collaboration with Muscatine Symphony Orchestra (MSO). At Beyond the Baton, Patrons will have the opportunity to meet Brian Dollinger, MSO's conductor, and get a behind-the-scenes look at the music featured in the upcoming concert. Brian will share stories about the composers, the pieces, what makes the music special, and maybe even a few funny stories along the way! There will also be time for questions and conversation.

No concert ticket is required to attend Beyond the Baton. Whether you're a longtime symphony fan or have never been to a concert, this is a chance to learn more about the music in a relaxed, informal setting.

Program will take place the Tuesday before MSO's masterworks concerts. 6:45, Room #301. Refreshments will be provided. For ages 10-110

DID YOU KNOW?

Musser Public Library has 19,332 active cardholders!

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A Note of Thanks to our Community

Musser Public Library & HNI Community Center recently had significant work done to improve the quality and efficiency of our heating & air conditioning. We also look forward to some upcoming roof repairs, as we work to eliminate leaks & keep our building and the library collection safe & dry. We offer this heartfelt note of gratitude to the community of Muscatine and our wonderful library patrons for the patience and understanding you have shown as we continue to make vitally necessary improvements to our facilities. We will work hard to keep you informed about maintenance related closures as they arise. Please stay tuned to our social media for timely information.



Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month



In the United States, we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month during the month of September. Muscatine has a long, proud history of Hispanic heritage and cultural richness. According to 2020 US Census data, nearly 42 million native Spanish speakers live in the United States, and that number increases to nearly 60 million when including second language and bilingual speakers. Forbes magazine reports that, at nearly 560 million speakers worldwide, Spanish is the second most common native language on the planet. To serve the many bilingual & Spanish speaking members of our community, Musser Public Library offers a variety of Spanish language & bilingual materials in both our physical collection and online-and thousands more are available through our RiverShare partners! We also look forward to helping celebrate local Hispanic culture at Viva Muscatine on Saturday, September 26. Come join us for this festive fiesta downtown!

National Read A Book Day is September 6!

Sit back, relax and read a book. Visit the library to pick up a new book or read an old favorite. Explore the past in history books and memoirs or dive into a juicy romance. Read a picture book to a child or have them read aloud with you!

PROGRAMS

Adults:



Diamond Art

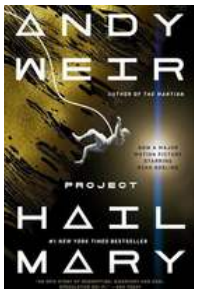
September 2, 2026
6:00-7:30
Musser Public Library, room #301
Please register:
https://musserpubliclibrary.org/creative-escape-registration/
or call the Children's Department

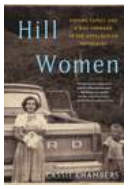





Musser Book Club

September 14 | 6:45 | Room #017
"Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir





October Book:
"Hill Women" by
Cassie Chambers

Friends of MPL Used Book Sale coming up in late October!
Keep an eye out for official dates!

Children's / Teens

WEEKLY PROGRAMS



MONDAY 10:30
Ages 3-5



MONDAY 9:30
WEDNESDAY 10:30
SATURDAY 10:30
Ages 0-3



TUESDAY 10:15
Grades K-3
Starts Sept 8

Monthly Programs



First Program: November 12
6:00 - 7:00 PM
2nd Thursday of the month
Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, & Apr
Ages 12-18
Held in the TEEN CENTER



First Program: Sept 22
6:30-7:30 PM
4th Tuesday of the month in
Sept, Oct, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr
Ages 8-12 | Room #017
Dissection with
Andrea Martinez



First Program: Oct 8
6:00 - 7:00 PM
2nd Thursday of the month
Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr
Ages 4-8 | Children's Dept

Quarterly



October 24, 9AM
Once a Quarter
Oct, Jan, Apr
Ages 3+ | Fuller Park

September 2026

Children
Teens
Adults

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time 12-1 Friends of the Library Meeting 6:00 Creative Escape	3	4	5 10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time
6	7 CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	8 10:15 Passport of Learning: Homeschool Group	9 10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time	10	11	12 10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time
13	14 9:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time 10:30 PreSchool Story Time 6:45 Musser Book Club	15 10:15 Passport of Learning: Homeschool Group	16 10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time 4:00 Library Board Meeting	17	18	19 10:30 AM Baby Lapsit Story Time
20	21 9:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time 10:30 PreSchool Story Time	22 10:15 Passport of Learning: Homeschool Group 6:30 Discovery Lab	23 10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time	24	25	26 10:30 AM Baby Lapsit Story Time
27	28 9:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time 10:30 PreSchool Story Time	29 10:15 Passport of Learning: Homeschool Group	30 10:30 Baby Lapsit Story Time			

WE HAVE A TEEN CENTER!
OPEN WHEN THE LIBRARY IS OPEN

- Do homework or just come hang out
- Browse our Teen Pop Up Collection
- Color, play games, or answer our question of the week

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