

Carter Lake Newsletter



Join us at Carter Lake Library this June for an unforgettable summer packed with excitement!

Embark on a reading adventure with our Summer Reading Program! Register your child and receive a free book to kickstart their literary journey. This year, we're all about fostering the habit of daily reading, so grab your bookmark tracker and dive into the world of stories! As you reach reading milestones, kids can earn

prizes, and everyone else will earn raffle tickets for the chance to win unforgettable experiences for readers of all ages!

But wait, there's more!

Get ready for Make-It Mondays, where creativity knows no bounds! From 1-2 pm, kids can unleash their artistic flair and craft something spectacular. Wednesdays are all about Win-It challenges, where kids can put their skills to the test in fun, timed activities. And don't miss Build-It Fridays, where young architects can construct awe-inspiring structures.

But the fun doesn't stop there! Throughout the summer, we have a plethora of events planned to keep the excitement alive. Whether you're a bookworm, a crafting enthusiast, or an animal lover, there's something for everyone at Carter Lake Library!

Get ready for a sizzling July at Carter Lake Library, where the fun never stops!

Mark your calendars because Casey, the lovable mascot from the Omaha Storm Chasers, will be dropping by our Storytime on July 9th for an afternoon of joy and laughter! And calling all dog lovers! On July 13th, Little White Dog Rescue will be bringing their adorable, adoptable pups for a special meet-and-greet. Plus, on July 15th, Midlands Humane Society will be at the library to educate us on the importance of responsible pet ownership.

But that's not all! Join us on July 16th for Storytime with the one and only Mister K., where kids can sing, dance, and let their imaginations soar! And calling all game enthusiasts—don't miss Adult Game Night with Spielbound Inc. on July 12th from 6-9pm for an evening of friendly competition and laughter.

And for all you science lovers out there, we've saved the best for last! Dr. Oxygen will be joining us at the end of July for an electrifying science show that will leave you in awe!

July is shaping up to be an unforgettable month at Carter Lake Library, so don't miss out on all the excitement! See you there!

1120 Willow Drive
Office: 712.347.5492
carterlakelibrary.org

WHITE ELEPHANT, CRAFT, LUNCH and BAKE SALE June 29th

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Table fee: 8 foot \$25 6 foot \$20
Pulled Pork dinner: Adults: \$7 Kids \$6
Carter Lake United Methodist Church
3025 Mabrey Lane
Table reservations @ 402-591-9967

City of Carter Lake

950 East Locust Street
Carter Lake, IA 51510
Phone: (712) 347-6320
Fax: (712) 347-5454

Website: www.cityofcarterlake.com

Did you know you can view city council meetings via YouTube?

Find VIDEO on the city website and it will open the YouTube channel.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS

Permit fee: \$30

No person shall construct, enlarge, alter, or otherwise improve a swimming pool that contains water over 24 inches deep, whether temporary or permanent, without first obtaining a permit. Permanent swimming pools shall obtain a one-time permit, unless alterations or modifications occur which shall require the submission for a new permit.

All pools with a depth of eighteen (18) inches or greater, shall be completely surrounded by a barrier, fence or solid structure (house or garage wall) and shall have no opening, other than doors or gates, except as listed in 1 & 2 below.

Minimum of six (6) foot high barrier, fence or solid structure is required for all pools (In-ground, partially in the ground, or above-ground and all others, capable of holding water **greater than forty-two (42) inches**).

Minimum forty-two (42) inches high barrier, fence or solid structure is required for all other pools capable of holding water from **eighteen (18) to forty-two (42) inches in depth**.

Such barrier fence, solid structure or wall shall be constructed of sufficiently strong materials and of such structural design as to make the pool inaccessible to small children:

1. The barrier, fence or other solid structure shall have no openings of more than four (4) inches.
2. All gates or doors shall: Be equipped with a self-closing, self-latching and lockable door or gate securely closed at all times when not in actual use. Have all latches or locking devices on doors and gates not less than forty-two inches above the adjoining walls, steps, or ground.

At all times, when the pool is “unattended”, such gates, doors, steps, ladders, ramp or other vehicles affording access to the pool shall be secured against unauthorized access. “Unattended” means the absence of an adult person in the outdoor swimming pool or within constant eyesight of said pool and no more than twenty (20) feet therefrom.

3. Barriers may include not only fences, walls, or solid

streamline, but may also include decks, the pool structure itself and above-ground fencing that is specifically attached to pools as designed by the manufacturers of pools. However, barriers shall not include items that are unsightly, subject to usually fast wear and tear or otherwise made of materials not designed for use around outdoor swimming pools.

Location and Distance from Property Line.

No part of a swimming pool, or its related structure shall be constructed with **seven (7) feet** of a property line, other wall, fence or other structure which can be readily climbed by children.

Pools shall be located only in rear or side yards and shall not be located in front yards.

Inspection.

Persons maintaining a swimming pool pursuant to this chapter shall be deemed to consent to periodic inspections of same for compliance with this and other chapters in this Code of Ordinances at reasonable times by City employees.

Enforcement.

This requirement shall be applicable to **all new swimming pools** hereafter constructed, other than indoor pools, **and shall apply to all existing pools which have a minimum depth of eighteen (18) inches of water**. No person in possession of land within the City, either as owner, purchaser, lessee, tenant or licensee, on which is situated a swimming pool having a having a minimum depth of eighteen (18) inches, shall fail to provide and maintain such barrier fence or wall as provided in this section.

WEEDS & MOWING

It is that time of year again when the grass and weeds take over our lawns. It is the responsibility of all property owners to keep their land and the adjacent parking areas free of weeds and grass that are 9” or taller. The City will have any uncontrolled weed growth abated without prior notice to the property owner. The cost of the abatement will be billed to the property owner along with a \$75 administrative fee. Do not mow, or sweep grass clipping onto the street or curb!

SENIOR CALENDAR

June

2024

Enjoy games, coffee & conversation M-F 10A-4P

Check out the Fitness/Rec schedules, too!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 BINGO 12:30P-2P	4 BINGO NIGHT 5P-7P	5 BINGO 12:30P-2P	6	7 BINGO Senior Cookout 12:00P-2:00P	8
9	10 BINGO 12:30P-2P	11	12 BINGO & LUNCH 12:30P-2P	13	14 BINGO 12:30P-2P	15
16	17 BINGO 12:30P-2P	18	19 BINGO 12:30P-2P	20	21 BINGO 12:30P-2P	22
23	24 BINGO 12:30P-2P	25	26 BINGO 12:30P-2P	27 BIRTHDAY NIGHT Elvis Summer Show 5P-7P	28	29
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SENIOR CALENDAR

July

2024

Enjoy games, coffee & conversation M-F 10A-4P

Check out the Fitness/Rec schedules, too!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	5 BINGO 12:30P-2P	6
7	8 BINGO 12:30P-2P	9 BINGO NIGHT 5P-7P	10 BINGO 12:30P-2P	11	12 BINGO 12:30P-2P	13
14	15 BINGO 12:30P-2P	16	17 BINGO & LUNCH 12:30P-2P	18	19 BINGO 12:30P-2P	20
21	22 BINGO 12:30P-2P	23	24 BINGO 12:30P-2P	25 Bingo BIRTHDAY NIGHT 5P-7P	26 BINGO 12:30P-2P	27
28	29 BINGO 12:30P-2P	30	31 BINGO 12:30P-2P			

Senior & Me COOK OUT



GAMES, FOOD & DRINKS

FRIDAY JUNE 7TH

CARTER LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER


ANNUAL
CARTER LAKE

YOUTH FISHING DERBY

MABREY PARK

PRIZES + TROPHIES
WINNER FOR
BIGGEST & THE
MOST FISH CAUGHT

**MUST BE
Registered By
June 3rd**





SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024

CARTER LAKE PARKS & REC

Questions: City Hall 712-347-6320

Senior
BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Special Guest **ELVIS**

**Thursday
June 27th
5-7pm**

SAVE THE DATE

CARTER LAKE DAYS

JULY 27TH

**CARNIVAL
12-4**

**FIREWORKS
10PM**

**ROCK THE
BOOT
4-10**

Live Bands
Beer Garden
Vendors
Rides
Dunk Tank
Prizes
Food Trucks
Music

PARADE | CARNIVAL | FIREWORKS



CLCC SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

June - August
Weekly Schedule

MONDAY

WIFFLEBALL
11AM-1PM
YOUTH WEIGHT TRAINING
3-6PM
CERT/SAFETY COURSE
5PM

TUESDAY

WIFFLEBALL
11AM-1PM
GAGABALL
3PM
CERT/SAFETY COURSE
5PM

WEDNESDAY

WIFFLEBALL
11AM-1PM
SPEED & AGILITY
6PM

THURSDAY

WIFFLEBALL
11AM-1PM
GAGABALL
3PM

FRIDAY

WIFFLEBALL
11AM-1PM
CERT/SAFETY COURSE
5PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SOCCER
JUNE 10 & 24 3PM
JULY 8 & 22 3PM
SLIP N' SLIDE KICKBALL
JUNE 14 & 28 4PM
JULY 5 & 19 4PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

HYDRANT PARTIES
MAY 29 1PM
JUNE 26 1PM
JULY 31 1PM
WATER PARTY
JULY 3 1PM

FREE LUNCH!

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM
BEGINS JUNE 3
MONDAY - FRIDAY
11AM - 12:45PM

Junio - Agosto

PROGRAMACION SEMANAL

LUNES

BOLA WIFFLE
11AM-1PM
ENTRENAMIENTO CON PESAS
3-6PM
CURSO DE SEGURIDAD
5PM

MARTES

BOLA WIFFLE
11AM-1PM
CHARLATAN
3PM
CURSO DE SEGURIDAD
5PM

MIERCOLES

BOLA WIFFLE
11AM-1PM
VELOCIDAD Y AGILIDAD
6PM

JUEVES

BOLA WIFFLE
11AM-1PM
CHARLATAN
3PM

VIERNES

BOLA WIFFLE
11AM-1PM
CURSO DE SEGURIDAD
5PM

OTRAS ACTIVIDADES

FUTBOL
JUNIO 10 & 24 3PM
JULIO 8 & 22 3PM
KICKBALL RESBALADIZO Y
DESIZANTE
JUNIO 14 & 28 4PM
JULIO 5 & 19 4PM

EVENTOS ESPECIALES

FIESTAS DE HIDRANTES
MAY 29 1PM
JUNIO 26 1PM
JULIO 31 1PM
FIESTA DE AGUA
JULIO 3 1PM

ALMUERZO GRATIS!

PROGRAMA DE ALMUERZO DE
VERANO
COMIENZA EL 3 DE JUNIO
LUNES- VIERNES
11AM - 12:45PM

BLAZING BUCKETS

SATURDAY
JUNE 22

IS BACK!!!

\$\$ PRIZE
FOR WINNER

REGISTRATION INFO

- \$30 PER TEAM
- 3-4 PLAYERS PER TEAM
- 18 YEARS OR OLDER
- SIGN-UP DEADLINE 6/15

TOURNAMENT INFO

THIS IS A 3V3 TOURNAMENT. IT WILL BE A DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT TO ALLOW 2 GAMES MINIMUM. EACH GAME WILL BE TWO 10-MINUTE HALVES WITH A 5-MINUTE HALFTIME. GAMES SET TO START AT 10:00AM.

REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON AT THE CLCC!

1120 WILLOW DRIVE, CARTER LAKE, IOWA, 51510
(712) 847-8565

GIVE US A CALL OR COME VISIT FOR ANY
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR INFO!





CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

DID YOU KNOW

THE CITY OF CARTER LAKE IS ALWAYS

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS?

RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO BE

CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENTS TO

BOARDS SHOULD APPLY AT CITY HALL

OR REQUEST APPLICATION VIA EMAIL

SEND REQUEST TO

CLERK.ASSISTANT@CARTERLAKE-IA.GOV



Spring

JUNE UPDATE Fitness Schedule

2024

MONDAY

BODYPUMP
5:15 AM
SILVER SNEAKERS
9 AM
VIRTUAL GRIT CARDIO
12PM
POWER STRENGTH YOGA
5:30 PM
YOUTH WEIGHT TRAINING
3-6 PM

THURSDAY

CHAIR YOGA
11 AM
ADULT WEIGHT TRAINING
11-1 PM
BABY & ME
2:30 PM
MINDFULNESS/MEDITATION
4 PM
ADULT WEIGHT TRAINING
5-7 PM
POUND
5:45 PM
BODYBALANCE
6:30 PM

TUESDAY

CHAIR YOGA
11 AM
ADULT WEIGHT TRAINING
11-1 PM
BABY & ME
2:30 PM
MINDFULNESS/MEDITATION
4 PM
ADULT WEIGHT TRAINING
5-7 PM
CHAIR YOGA
5:30 PM
YOGA
6:30 PM

FRIDAY

SILVER SNEAKERS
9 AM
VIRTUAL GRIT ATHLETIC
12pm
YOGA
6 PM

WEDNESDAY

BODYPUMP
5:15 AM
SILVER SNEAKERS
9 AM
VIRTUAL GRIT STRENGTH
12PM
BODYPUMP
5:30 PM
YOUTH SPEED & AGILITY
6 PM

SATURDAY

BODYPUMP
7 AM
MIXXED FIT
10:30 AM

GYM ACTIVITIES

PICKLEBALL
EVERYDAY 10AM-NOON
THURSDAY 5-7PM






Dedicated to community, fitness and recreation



JUNE 2024

Carter Lake Public Library Summer Reading Events






MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 	28 Eggs arrive at the library! 	29	30	31 Summer Reading Kickoff with Elephant and Piggie! 4-7PM	I CANNOT WAIT! 
3 Ukulele Class 1PM Meeting Room 2 Registration Required Triple A Club: Make-It Monday 1-2PM	4 Storytime: Bubble Art Party 10:30AM Outside the Library	5 Hot Shops Pottery & Glass Blowing Demonstration 1PM Greenspace	6 Storytime: Buzzing Bees 10:30AM Laker's Review Book Club In the community Art Swap 6PM	7 Triple A Club: Build-It Friday 1-2PM	
10 Ukulele Class 1PM Meeting Room 2 Registration Required Triple A Club: Make-It Monday 1-2PM	11 Sing and Dance with Mister K 10:30-11AM 	12 Triple A Club: Win-It Wednesday 1-2PM Mimes, Masks, and Magic 2PM Registration Required Teas and Reads: Adult Silent Book Club 5:30-7PM	13 Storytime: Nature Walk 10:30 Mabrey Park Preserving the Tast of Summer 12-3 Registration Required MR 2 Snacks & Silence: Teen Silent Book Club 4-5PM MR 2	14 Triple A Club: Build-It Friday 1-2PM Spieldbound Inc. Adult Board Game Night 6-9PM Meeting Room 2 Registration Required	15
17 Triple A Club: Make-It Monday 1-2PM	18 When I Grow Up.. Storytime with a Photographer 10:30AM Reading Dragon's Book Club: Adventure 4-5PM	19 Triple A Club: Win-It Wednesday 1-2PM Teen Buttons & Boba 3-4PM	20 Storytime: Tea Party 10:30AM Outside the Library	21 Triple A Club: Build-It Friday 1-2PM	22 Just Craftin' Around (Adults): Door Signs 12-1:30PM Registration Required
24 Triple A Club: Make-It Monday 1-2PM Youth Board Game Night 5-7PM Meeting Room 2 Registration Required Ukulele Class 1PM Meeting Room 2 Registration Required	25 Storytime: Wonderful Water 10:30AM Outside the Library Field Day 1PM Outside the Library	26 Read to a Dog 4-5:30PM Registration required.	27 Storytime: Firefighters 10:30AM CL Fire Station	28 Triple A Club: Build-It Friday 1-2PM	29 

Kid Lunch: Monday-Friday 12-12:30PM
Pick-Up in Meeting Room 1

JULY 2024

Carter Lake Public Library Summer Reading Events



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Triple A Club: Make-It Monday 1-2PM Ukulele Class 1PM Meeting Room 2 Registration required.	2 Storytime: Chick Goodbye Part 10:30 Last day to see chicks! 	3 Triple A Club: Win-It Wednesday 1-2PM	4 CLOSED all day in honor of independence day	5 Triple A Club: Build-It Friday 1-2PM	6
8 Triple A Club: Make-It Monday 1-2PM	9 Storytime: Storytime with the Omaha Storm Chasers! 10:30AM Outside the Library	10 Triple A Club: Win-It Wednesday 1-2PM Teas and Reads: Adult Silent Book Club 5:30-7PM	11 Pott. County Storytime: Recycling 10:30AM Snacks & Silence: Teen Silent Book Club 4-5PM Meeting Room 2	12 Triple A Club: Build-It Friday 1-2PM Spieldbound Inc. Adult Board Game Night 6-9PM Registration Required	13 Little White Dog Rescue Puppies 11-1PM Meeting Room 2 Registration Required
15 Midlands Human Society Presentation & Goods Drive 1PM Meeting Room 2 Triple A Club: Make-It Monday 1-2PM	16 Sing and Dance with Mister K 10:30-11AM Reading Dragon's Book Club: Scary Stories Lock-In 4-5PM	17 Triple A Club: Win-It Wednesday 1-2PM	18 Storytime: Stuffed Animal Party 10:30AM Meet a Llama 11AM Read to a Dog Registration Required 4-5:30PM	19 Triple A Club: Build-It Friday 1-2PM	20 Just Craftin' Around (Adults): Lighthouse Registration Required 12-1:30PM
22 Triple A Club: Make-It Monday 1-2PM Youth Board Game Night 5-7PM Meeting Room 2 Registration Required	23 Storytime: Camping 10:30AM Outside the Library	24 Triple A Club: Win-It Wednesday 1-2PM	25 Storytime: Summer 10:30AM Dr. Oxygen Science Show (Ages 3-10) 1-2PM Gym Registration Required	26 Dr. Oxygen Science Show (Ages 11-Adult) 1-2PM Gym Registration Required Triple A Club: Build-It Friday 1-2PM	27 CLOSED all day: Find our booth at Carter Lake Days!
29 Triple A Club: Make-It Monday 1-2PM	30 	31 Triple A Club: Win-It Wednesday 1-2PM Last Day of Summer Reading!	1	2 Back to School Bash: Pie in the Face and more fun! 5-7PM	

Kid Lunch: Monday-Friday 12-12:30PM

Pick-Up in Meeting Room 1

Carter Lake Public Library Summer Storytimes

June 2024

July 2024

Tuesday, June 4th

Storytime: Bubble Art Party

10:30AM

Outside the Library
BUBBLE-MANIA! Join Ms. Meggie for stories, songs, and activities all about BUBBLES!



Tuesday, June 11th

Sing and Dance with

Mister K 10:30AM

Special performer Mister K will be here to rock it out!



Tuesday, June 18th

When I Grow Up... Storytime with a Photographer 10:30AM

Special guest Ms. Corrine will teach us about her job as a photographer and let us take some of our own pictures!

Tuesday, June 25th Storytime:

Wonderful Water 10:30AM

Outside the Library

Wear some clothes you don't mind getting wet! We'll ready about water and then play in it!



Thursday, June 6th

Storytime: Buzzing Bees

10:30AM

Join Ms. Meggie to explore bees and how they help us!



Thursday, June 13th Storytime:

Nature Walk

10:30 Mabreyr Park

Meet at Mabrey Park for nature stories and then we'll get the supplies to go on a nature walk.



Thursday, June 20th Storytime:

Tea Party 10:30AM

Outside the Library

Let's have a tea party! Join Ms. Meggie out on the lawn for tea, snacks, stories, and music!



Thursday, June 27th Storytime:

Firefighters 10:30AM

CL Fire Station

Meet at the Carter Lake Fire Station to meet a firefighter, learn about their equipment, and take a tour!



Tuesday, July 2nd

Storytime: Chick Goodbye Party

10:30AM

Join Ms. Meggie to say farewell to our chicks!



Tuesday, July 9th

Storytime: Omaha Storm Chasers

10:30AM

Meet the Omaha Storm Chasers mascot Stormy during this special storytime!



Tuesday, July 16th

Sing and Dance with Mister K 10:30AM

Mister K's back for another round of songs and dancing!



Tuesday, July 23rd

Storytime: Camping 10:30AM

Join Ms. Meggie outside to eat s'mores, read campfire stories, and pretend to go camping!



No Registration for Storytimes Required!

Thursday, July 11th

Pott. County Storytime:

Recycling 10:30AM

Pottawattamie County will show us what and how to recycle!



Thursday, July 18th

Storytime: Stuffed Animal Party 10:30AM

Bring your stuffed animal as we read about animals! Then we'll go meet the llama!



Thursday, July 25

Storytime: Goodbye Summer 10:30AM

Time to end our summer storytimes! Let's celebrate the sun and the fun we had this summer!



Summer Reading Tracking June 1st-July 31st, 2024!

Signing up for and participating in the Summer Reading Program is easy!

- Stop into the library to get your reading log for your age (no card required)! **Kids (18 and under) get a prize book when they sign up!**
- Track each day you read throughout summer. When you hit a reading milestone, bring your tracker in to earn prizes (youth) and raffle tickets for the prize drawings!
- Attend library programs throughout the summer! See the calendar for all of the events. No card required.
- Join us at the **End of Summer Bash** where we will celebrate our awesome readers by pie-ing some adults in the face and more fun!

Contact the Library:

1120 Willow Dr., Carter Lake IA 51510
712-347-5492
www.carterlakelibrary.org
Find us on Facebook & Instagram

Library Hours:

Monday-Friday: 10AM-6PM
Saturday: 10:00AM - 2:00PM
Sunday: CLOSED

The library is always open online!

Carter Lake Public Library Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading FAQs

Do I need a library card to participate in anything this summer?

- The only thing you need a card for is to check out books!

What if I read more or less than 32 days this summer?

- If you read more, you get another tracker!
- We encourage each person to try to fit some reading time into their week, so read when you can!

What if I lose my bookmark tracker?

- It happens! We'll help you get a new one!

What if I can't come in right away once I hit a milestone for the raffle entries?

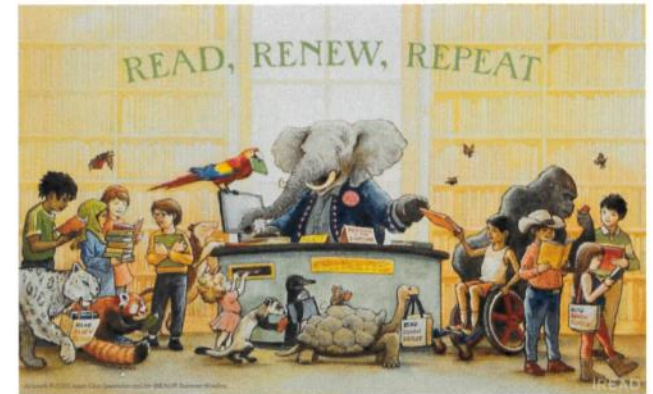
- No problem! Bring it in anytime before the raffle drawing and you can still enter!

Are you doing an online tracker this year?

- This year we're sticking to only paper!

My kids want to come to the library by themselves. How old do they have to be?

- To hang out by themselves, kids need to be 10+. Otherwise, someone 15+ needs to be with them. When an event is going on, kids 7+ and up can attend by themselves!



FREE LUNCH FOR ALL KIDS!

Mon-Fri 12-12:30AM: Free Lunch for Kids

All kids ages 1-18 are welcome to come and eat a FREE lunch provided by Council Bluffs Public Schools. NO registration needed. Meals are on a first come, first serve basis.

Ask a librarian for more information!

Carter Lake Public Library Summer Reading Events

Read, Renew, Repeat

Register for events @ carterlakelibrary.org

Tues, May 28th- July 2nd/ All Day:

Chicks!

SPECIAL DELIVERY: Join us as we witness the magical journey of new life, observing the chicks grow within their shells and eagerly await their grand debut into the world (3 weeks until hatching, 3 weeks of chicks).



Wed, June 5/1PM: Hot Shops Art Demos

Join talented local artists for an outside demonstration of pottery and glass blowing!



Wed, June 12/ 2PM: Mimes, Masks, & Magic

Join Fax Gilbert for a dazzling, high-energy performance where the audience is involved! Registration required.

Fri, May 31/ 4-7PM:

Kickoff Party with Elephant & Piggie!

Kickstart summer with an unforgettable adventure featuring Elephant and Piggie, caricature drawings, signing up for the Summer Reading Program (FREE BOOK) and more!



Tues, June 11/ 10:30AM: Mister K

Families are invited to join special guest Mister K for an exciting half-hour of singing, dancing, and fun!

Select Mondays/ 1-2PM: Ukulele Class

Partnering with Valley View Music, kids will learn how to hold and play the fundamentals of a ukulele! Ideal for kids ages 8-12, but 6 and 7-year-olds welcome. Registration required.

Thurs, June 6/ 6PM: Art Swap

Do you have some art supplies you no longer need? Join other community members and exchange supplies and craft ideas!

Wed, June 12 & July 10/ 5:30-7PM: Teas & Reads: Adult Silent Book Club

Introducing our new silent book club, where adults can bring their own book to enjoy in a peaceful atmosphere, accompanied by soothing tea. Afterward, join us for a delightful social hour to discuss your literary adventures and connect with fellow book enthusiasts.

June 26 & July 18/4-5:30PM:

Read to a Dog

Read to the world's best listeners! Or come for some pets! Either one, we've got you covered. Registration required.



Thursday, June 13/12:30-2:30PM : Preserving the Taste of Summer (Adults 18+)

Love that garden fresh produce but have more than you can eat? Preserve it! It's not difficult, but you do need to follow safe methods. You'll learn to can, freeze, and dry foods safely at home in this introductory course. Spots limited, registration required.



Carter Lake Public Library Summer Reading Events

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Wed, June 13 & July 11/ 4-5PM: Snacks & Silence: Teen Silent Book Club

Don't want to give up what you love to read? Join our new silent book club for teens- bring your own book and kick back and relax. We'll provide unique snacks to try!



Wed, June 19/ 3-4PM: Teen Buttons & Boba

Teens (13-18) have unlimited access to our button maker and can learn how to make boba at home!



Mon, July 15/ 1PM: Midlands Human Society Presentation & Goods Drive 1PM

Thinking about adopting a pet? Join MHS for a special presentation about adoption and bring some goods for their furry friends looking for a home! A furry friend will be coming!

Thurs, July 18/ 11AM: Meet a Llama

Join us outside to meet this furry friend! He'll be wearing something special!



Thurs, July 25 (3-10) & Fri (11+), July 26/ 1-2PM: Dr. Oxygen Science Show

Dr. Oxygen is known for pulling off some pretty awesome science tricks! Join him for 2 wacky performances! Registration required.

Sat, July 27: Carter Lake Days

Find the library's booth at the Carter Lake Days celebration in Mabrey Park! Let's celebrate the community! *The building will be closed*



Fri, Aug 2/ 4-7PM: End of Summer Bash

Celebrate the end of summer by pieing some grown-ups in the face, getting back to school supplies, and soaking in some rays!



Fri, June 14 & July 12/6-9PM : Spielbound Inc. Adult Board Game Night

Guaranteed good time! Come as a date night or bring some friends as a Spielbound gamemaster leads us in new and familiar games. Registration required.

Sat, June 22 & July 20/ 12-1:30PM: Just Craftin' Around

Make an art project while conversing with other community members. There's always laughs!
June: lighthouses
July: door hangers
Registration required.

Tues, June 25/ 1PM: Family Field Day

Outside fun for the whole family! Enjoy a variety of games and try to beat your family members!



Sat, July 13/ 11-1PM: Adoptable Puppies: Little White Dog Rescue

Meet some adoptable puppies from the Little White Dog Rescue. Get some cuddles in and possibly take one home! Registration required.

Mon, June 24 & July 22/ 5-7PM : Youth Board Game Night (Ages 9-18)

Game night shouldn't just be for adults, so we're hosting one for the youth too! There'll be pizza, games, and shenanigans! Please register so we know how much pizza to get!

Tues, June 18 & July 16/ 4-5PM:

Rising 4th graders through rising 6th graders welcome! No reading required beforehand!
June: Choose Your Own Adventure
July: Scary Stories Lock-In



Awsome Afternoon Activities (Triple A Club)

No Registration Required!

Make-It Mondays

1-2PM, while supplies last

Monday, June 3rd
Recycled Art Supplies Frames

Use bits and bobs to create a customized frame with a picture inside!

Monday, June 17
Crayon Art

Use crayons in a different way to create colorful art!

Monday, July 1
Sun Paper

Use natural materials to create a custom paper design!

Monday, July 15
Button Maker

Use recycled paper to make custom buttons to put on bags, clothes, and more!

Monday, June 10
Clay Creations

Use your imagination to create an animal or anything you can think of!

Monday, June 24
Tie Dye Tote Bags
Outside Library

Unleash your own creativity and make a tie-dye tote bag bursting with your own colors and personality!

Monday, July 8
DIY T-Shirt Tote Bag
Learn how to make a t-shirt into a tote bag! We will have t-shirts, but feel free to bring your own too!

Monday, July 22
Water Gun Painting
Painting with water guns! Enough said.

Win-It Wednesday

1-2PM

Wednesday, June 12
World Records

Try to break some records from the Guinness Book of World Records.

Wednesday, June 19
BINGO

No skill, only luck! Play different versions of BINGO games and win prizes.

Wednesday, July 3
Robot Obstacle Course
Build an obstacle course and maneuver through as quickly as possible!

Wednesday, July 10
Mini golf
Mini golf in the library!

Wednesday, July 17
Rocket Launcher & Paper Airplanes

See how far you can launch your paper airplane and rocket!

Wednesday, July 24
Kid's Breakout EDU Mystery Box
Can you work together to solve the mystery in under an hour?

Wednesday, July 31
Kid's Choice

We'll vote and bring back our favorite challenge!

Build-It Fridays

1-2PM

Every Friday this Summer!
Come see what materials we challenge you to use!



Homeowners Guide: Sustainable Lawns



Fertilization: Adding Nutrients



We like the look of green turf grass in our yards: lawns need periodic fertilization in the spring and fall to provide the necessary nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. It is best to determine the fertility of the soil beneath the turf in your lawn before fertilizing. Adding too much fertilizer can run off the landscape and drain to local storm sewers that drain directly to local streams, lakes, and ponds.



Whether you DIY or hire a lawncare company, have the soils in your lawn sampled and tested to determine fertility levels. Most soils in Iowa have adequate amounts of phosphorus so no need to add more. Excess nutrients drain into local waterways and causes algal blooms that impact aquatic life. Several labs in Iowa will analyze samples for a low fee.

[Follow guidance by ISU extension.](#)



Fertilizer bags have three numbers on their labels (pictured left) in a # - # - # format. These numbers are the percentage of the three primary nutrients in the fertilizer. The first of these numbers is the amount of Nitrogen, followed by Phosphorus, and Potassium. As stated above, Iowa soils are rich in Phosphorus, so look for fertilizers with a 0 for the middle number. Sweep excess from street, sidewalk, and driveway back onto lawn.





Soil Quality Restoration



Lawns with good soil quality reduce the need for watering and minimize the need for fertilizers. Soil quality restoration (SQR) is the process of improving soil health on new or existing lawns. To perform an SQR, aerate the lawn, evenly spread 1/2"-3/4" of compost, reseed if needed, then water until vegetation is established. Some communities across Iowa have cost share programs to cover some of the costs. [Check with your city.](#)

Pesticide Use



Pesticides may kill pesky bugs that you don't want in your yard, but they may be causing unintended harm. Sprayed lawns decrease delicate pollinator populations, and have been found to impact human health. Short term exposure can lead to eye irritation, rash, dizziness, and vomiting, and long term effects can cause cancer and birth defects. For alternatives to pesticide use check out the [Good Neighbor Iowa program.](#)

Lawn Weeds



Lawns grow violets, dandelions, clover, crabgrass, and a host of other weeds that can break up lawn uniformity. You can tolerate the weeds or use herbicides to combat them. If you choose to use herbicides, only use them as spot treatment and not across your whole lawn. Look into natural alternatives to spraying. Find out more at the [Iowa State University Extension website.](#)