

Orange City Public Library  
**Newsletter**  
January 2023



## A Season of Opportunity

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

No-contact pickup is available upon request. Please contact the library for more details.

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# Education & Literacy

## Winter 2023 Programming: A Season of Opportunity Youth

### 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Enroll your child in this ongoing, fun, self-paced literacy program aimed at increasing word count in young children. For more information, call the library or email [pvangelder@orangecitylibrary.org](mailto:pvangelder@orangecitylibrary.org)

### MOVIN' & GROOVIN' SENSORY STORY TIME

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. - Ages birth-3 (1/26-3/30)

More information [HERE](#).

### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Ages 3-6 (1/25-3/29)

More information [HERE](#).

### OUT AND ABOUT PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

These special story times will take place at Literary Dairy. Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for stories, songs, wigglers, and an ice cream coupon! More information [HERE](#).

2nd Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. - Ages 3-6 (Jan-Apr)

### CRAZY 8S MATH CLUB

"...build, run and jump, make music, make a MESS! ... it is a totally new kind of math club!" Register [HERE](#) for K-2nd Grade and [HERE](#) for 3-5th Grade (required, register once for the series).

Tuesdays at 3:45-4:45 p.m. for K-2nd Grade OR  
Thursdays at 3:45-4:45 p.m. for 3-5th Grade  
(1/24-3/16)

### ART CLASS WITH DUHA LEE - K-2ND GRADE

Join local artist Duha Lee to learn about Taiwanese culture while creating art. Register and pay [HERE](#). (required, register once for the entire class).

Mondays at 3:45-4:45 p.m. (1/23-3/27)



Festive Family Fun



### FRIDAY FUN

(SIGN UP AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS)

Movies and Popcorn (K-4th Grade) - 1:30-3:00 p.m. every Friday. Register for 1/27 (Frozen) [HERE](#) and 2/3 (Abominable) [HERE](#). (Required for each date).

LEGO Challenge (K-4th Grade) - 1:30-2:30 p.m. every other Friday. Register for 1/27 [HERE](#) (Required for each date).

Chess Fun (2nd-12th Grade) - 1:30-3:00 p.m. every other Friday. Register for 2/3 [HERE](#) (Required for each date).

### GRADES 5-12

Cupcake Decorating - 1/23 - Decorate Cupcakes with Elizabeth De Jong!- Register and pay [HERE](#) (required).

Maker Space with Sandy Groom-Meeks -

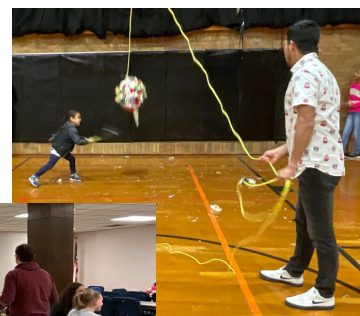
During each of our three winter makerspace sessions, there will be approximately five stations with a variety of materials for youth to choose and create their own projects or activities. - Register for 1/25 [HERE](#) (required for each date).

Chess Fun - See Friday Fun above.

### Family

DOG THERAPY WITH  
LIBBY KARSSSEN

Monday, January 9  
from 4:00-5:00 p.m.



Las Posadas



## CUPCAKE DECORATING WITH ELIZABETH

Decorate some delicious and beautiful cupcakes with Elizabeth De Jong! Register and pay [HERE](#) (required).

**Tuesday, January 24 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

## ADULT READING CLUB

Ongoing - Log your personal reading on [READsquared](#) or pick up a paper log at the library--each book counts as an entry into a monthly drawing for Chamber Bucks!

## SHELF DISCOVERY BOOK CLUB

The next book will be [A Tree Grows in Brooklyn](#) by Betty Smith.

**Third Saturday of each month from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Held at Sioux Center Public Library.

## SIoux STITCHERS

The Sioux Stitchers meets on a monthly basis. Learn a new skill each month!

**Third Tuesday of each month from 1:00-3:30 p.m.** Held at Sioux Center Public Library.



Festive Flowers with Friends



## Winter Reading Program 2023

The Orange City Public Library's 2023 Winter Reading Program will run from January 23 until March 4 for all ages. Kids under 11 will earn a prize for 250 minutes of reading and 500 minutes. For ages 11-111, every two hours spent reading earns you an entry into our prize drawing! You could win: thermal water bottles, earbuds, books, robots, food coupons and more!

Earn entries however you read--whether that be book, e-book, audiobook, newspaper or magazine. Sign up on [READsquared](#) or come in to the library to pick up a paper log.



# A New Year's Resolution for Your Baby

Each year, the Public Library Association creates an Early Literacy Activities Calendar with fun books and activities suggested for each day to build literacy skills with your young child (birth-3 years). Each year, the library purchases access to this calendar for the community. Find and print a copy [HERE](#) or pick up a hard copy at the library!

## JANUARY 2023

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 WRITING</b> Draw the numbers 2023 and color them with your child. Talk about the new year.	<b>2 PLAYING</b> Play "Middle Mix." Take turns offering riddles.	<b>3 TALKING</b> Tell your child about winter weather and how cold it can be in some places. In your area, cold or mild? Share your favorite thing about winter.	<b>4 SINGING</b> Play or sing a song your child is familiar with and act it out while you are singing or while it is playing.	<b>5 COUNTING</b> Weigh your child and write it here. Save the calendar and measure again in June.	<b>6 READING</b> Visit the library for the library's website if the building is not open and check out a book together.	<b>7 WRITING</b> With your child write down (and talk about) important dates on a 2023 calendar.
<b>8 PLAYING</b> Create an obstacle course and give your child directions. So excited they can't go over the book you are on the cover. Turn around and come back.	<b>9 TALKING</b> Talk about colors. Ask your child what their favorite color is and share what your favorite color is. Talk about things that are these colors.	<b>10 SINGING</b> Play a favorite song and have a silly dance contest.	<b>11 COUNTING</b> Measure your child's height and write it here. Save the calendar and measure again in June.	<b>12 READING</b> Use your finger to follow along with the words in the book as you read to your child today.	<b>13 WRITING</b> Write these questions and help your child answer them. Then decorate the page. My favorite color is ____. My favorite animal is ____. My favorite season is ____.	<b>14 PLAYING</b> Play "Follow the Leader." Do things and ask your child to do the same. Back your head. Turn around. Stand up. Stand up again!
<b>15 TALKING</b> Talk about food. What food do you eat? Think it's the most delicious? What do you want to eat for dinner?	<b>16 SINGING</b> Sing or say "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." (Words are on the back.)	<b>17 COUNTING</b> Sing or say "Five Little Snowflakes." (Words are on the back.)	<b>18 READING</b> Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book or magazine.	<b>19 WRITING</b> Write these questions and help your child answer them. Then decorate the page. My favorite color is ____. My favorite animal is ____. My favorite season is ____.	<b>20 PLAYING</b> Go on a scavenger hunt. Look for things that begin with T. Toys, trees, toes.	<b>21 TALKING</b> Help your child place ice cubes in various places inside your house. Talk about which melts first.
<b>22 SINGING</b> Make up silly songs about everyday activities. This is the way we brush our teeth. Brush our teeth. Brush our teeth. To make them very clean!	<b>23 COUNTING</b> Count snacks. How many crackers are there?	<b>24 READING</b> Read a book about winter. (Word list is on the back.)	<b>25 WRITING</b> Take turns using your finger to draw shapes in the air and guessing what the shape is. Circle, square, triangle, heart, diamond, etc.	<b>26 PLAYING</b> Play "I Spy." Give the first letter of an object as a clue. I spy with my little eye something that begins with... (You, don't!)	<b>27 TALKING</b> Give your child choices. Would you rather wear your white shirt or your purple shirt? Would you rather play with the ball or the blocks?	<b>28 SINGING</b> Sing or say "Wickety Pickety Bo." (Words are on the back.)
<b>29 COUNTING</b> Measure your feet day! Line up all the family's shoes and socks. Whose are the biggest? The smallest?	<b>30 READING</b> Choose a letter of the day. Point out the letter wherever you see it today.	<b>31 WRITING</b> Spend time scribbling together.				



## 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

### Top 10 Checked Out Book Titles



### ADULT BOOKS



In January, the Orange City Public Library, NCC, and Sioux Center and Sheldon Libraries began an adult programming collaboration.



**50<sup>th</sup>**  
The library celebrated 50 years in its current building.



### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

**87,206**  
Items Checked Out From The Library

**350**  
Programs Held



**2,947**  
Homebound Items Delivered

**433**  
New Cardholders



**\$1,825,817**  
Money Saved By Our Patrons

**4,608**  
Active Library Card Holders

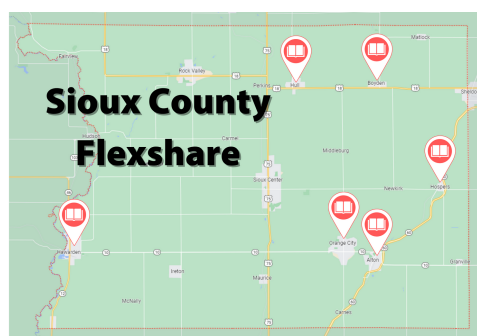
**62,139**  
Items In Our Library Collection

Enriching a vibrant community by providing a comfortable space for the community to discover their roots, express creativity, and celebrate diversity through literacy, information, and technology.

## READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH



### SUMMER READING THEME



In November we launched a new lending consortium between 6 Sioux County libraries to expand access to collections.





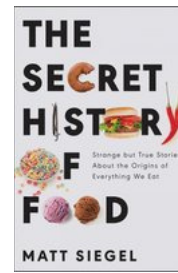
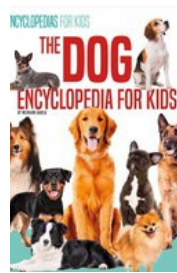
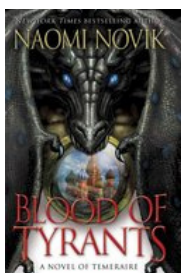
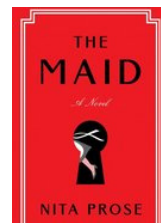
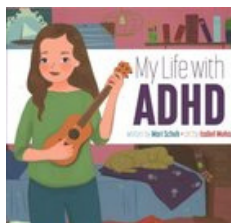
Dear Readers,

As a new year begins, I encourage you to reflect on 2022. Look back at your calendar and your pictures from the year. What was a recurring theme? For the library, it was a year of expanding horizons. We began the year with a new collaboration for adult programming with NCC and Sioux Center and Sheldon's public libraries. We all Read Beyond the Beaten Path for the Summer Reading Program. In the fall we celebrated our 50th Anniversary in this building, and at the end of the year we launched a lending consortium with 5 other libraries across the county. We love to create new opportunities for you. May 2023 bring new adventures!

Happy New Year to all of you! From all of us at the Orange City Public Library.

## NEW BOOKS AT THE ORANGE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Something  
for everyone,  
come check  
us out.



## FEBRUARY PREVIEW

Is the job search stressful for you? Don't know where to start? We can help take the stress out of the job search and give you information that will set you up for getting the job you have always seen yourself working. The job search is more than looking through Google or signing up on a job search site. It will take a little personal reflection, creativity, and a willingness to try new things. The process can be as easy as one, two, three!



Presenter Bill Minnick spent 26 years working in career development and the job search area. He has extensive experience working with employers and will bring this knowledge to you.

**For more details and to sign up, see our event calendar [HERE!](#)**