

# NEWSLETTER

**Orange City, Iowa  
March 2024**

## WINTER READING CHALLENGE



Remember to submit your reading minutes before March 9 at 2 pm.

### ALL AGES

**Love to Race - Author Visit with Amber Sawyer**  
Tuesday, Mar. 5, 6:30-7:30 pm

**Dog Therapy with Libby, Layla, & Lottie**  
Monday, Mar. 11, 4:00-5:00 pm

**Ruth Suckow Exhibit**  
Poster exhibit on this Iowa author's life. Mar. 11-Apr. 5

**BABIES-KINDERGARTEN**  
**Preschool Story Time**  
Wednesdays, 9:30 am  
(January 24-March 27)

**Movin' & Groovin' Sensory Story Time**  
Thursdays, 9:30 am  
(January 25-March 28)

**Out & About Story Time**  
Wednesday, Mar. 13, 3:45 pm  
at Kweken Co.

### K-4TH GRADE

**Early Out Movie & Popcorn**  
Please register for each.

*The Little Mermaid*  
Friday, Mar. 1, 1:45-3:15 pm

*Spider-Man: Across the Spider Verse*  
Friday, Mar. 8, 1:45-3:15 pm

*Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken*  
Friday, Mar. 15, 1:45-3:15 pm

*The Swan Princess*  
Friday, Mar. 22, 1:45-3:15 pm

*Strange World*  
Friday, Mar. 29, 1:45-3:15 pm

### Early Out Chess Fun

Please register online.

Friday, Mar. 1, 1:45-2:45 pm

Friday, Mar. 15, 1:45-2:45 pm

Friday, Mar. 29, 1:45-2:45 pm

### Early Out Lego Challenge

Please register online.


Friday, Mar. 8, 1:45-2:45 pm

Friday, Mar. 22, 1:45-2:45 pm

## "LOVE TO RACE"

### AUTHOR VISIT WITH AMBER SAWYER

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AT 6:30 PM



The true story of harness racehorse, Derek Bromac N. Derek dominated his competition with remarkable race times across the country. His crazy antics of always sticking his tongue out while being harnessed, made him a horse that wouldn't easily be forgotten.

Dear Readers,

When I was six, my mom asked me what I wanted for my birthday. I said, "a dinosaur." She told me why that wasn't possible. I didn't hesitate, "then I want a horse." I have been in love with horses ever since. I have had my paint horse for 21 years. His name is CC Tag Your It, or Tag.

So, if you have a young girl or boy who is a horse lover, or you are a horse lover yourself this is something you don't want to miss. Write from the horse's mouth, author Amber Sawyer (book - Love to Race) will be at the library on March 5th (6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) to tell us about Derek Bromac N., a harness racing horse with a big horsenality. This interactive story time will allow you to touch real racing equipment, ask questions and get to socialize with other horse lovers. Do you know how horses are named? How long do they live? What do they eat? How fast do they run? Join us and find out! And yes, I did get a horse for my birthday. Smokey was his name. And I did my first riding on top of old Smokey. However, he wasn't covered in snow. - Lisa

## FEATURED THIS MONTH: NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES



Did you know that we have a fantastic collection of newspapers and magazines waiting for you to explore? Whether you're interested in the latest headlines, hobby how-tos, product reports, or lifestyle articles, we've got it covered. Grab a seat, enjoy a cup of coffee, and dive into the latest newspaper editions here at the library. Plus, you can even borrow your favorite magazines to enjoy at home!



**February Happenings**



Paper Airplane Design & Flying Competition

Please register online.  
K-1st Grade, Tuesday, Mar. 5,  
3:45-4:45 pm. Adult helper  
required.

2nd-4th Grade, Tuesday,  
Mar. 12, 3:45-4:45 pm

STEAM Challenge

Please register online.  
K-1st Grade, Tuesday, Mar. 19,  
3:45-4:45 pm. Adult helper  
required.

Grades 2-4, Tuesday, Mar. 26,  
3:45-4:45 pm

Minecraft City Builder Extravaganza (3rd-8th Grade)

Please register online.  
Tuesday, Mar. 26, 4:00-6:00 pm

5TH-12TH GRADE

Pi Code Breakers Escape Room

Please register online.  
Thursday, Mar. 14, 3:45-4:45 pm

Minecraft City Builder Extravaganza (3rd-8th Grade)

Please register online.  
Tuesday, Mar. 26, 4:00-6:00 pm

ADULTS

Board Games & Snacks  
Tuesday, Mar. 5, 6:30-7:30 pm

Makerspace Mondays  
Mondays, Jan. 8-May 6, 6:00-7:45 pm (Cancelled March 4)

Ruth Suckow Readers Theatre

Tuesday, Mar. 19, 6:30 pm

Visit our website  
[orangecitylibrary.org](http://orangecitylibrary.org)  
for more details and to  
register for these  
events and others.



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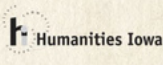
IOWA NOVELIST AND SHORT STORY WRITER

RUTH SUCKOW  
1892-1960

AN EXHIBITION ABOUT HER LIFE  
AT THE ORANGE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY, MARCH 11-APRIL 5  
RUTH SUCKOW READERS THEATRE: MARCH 19 AT 6:30 PM  
BOOK DISCUSSION: APRIL 1 AT 6:30 PM

A Tribute to the life and literary treasures of this amazing Iowa author.

James Schaap will be leading both the Readers Theatre and Book Discussion.



Who was Ruth Suckow? Why was her writing so highly praised?

Ruth Suckow was born in 1892 in Hawarden, Iowa. She wrote her first stories in the study of her minister father—while he was writing his sermons. Visit the exhibit in the library, between March 11-April 5, to learn more about Ruth’s remarkable career and her drive to convey the truth of Iowa’s small towns and farms.

Author James Schaap and company will be presenting a Readers Theatre entitled “A Great Mollie”, based on the short story by Ruth Suckow. This will be on March 19 at 6:30 pm at the library. He will also lead a book discussion at the library on April 1 at 6:30 pm. Come enjoy snacks, drinks, and great conversation about the book Country People by Ruth Suckow. Reading the book is optional, but copies will be available for checkout at the front desk.

BOOK REVIEW:

“And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer” reviewed by Amy

“It hurts less and less. That’s one thing about forgetting things. You forget things that hurt too.”

A short and moving novella by the New York Times bestselling author of “A Man Called Ove”. This story, filled with love and tenderness, is about the relationship of a grandfather and grandson as they navigate the realities of dementia and death. Listening to this as an audiobook made me forget about the dust bunnies I was chasing down and instead, I soaked up the special memories grandson Noah was helping his grandfather remember.



Read for Women’s History Month

