

# NEWSLETTER

Orange City, Iowa October 2024

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm  
 Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**We invite you to a new event!**



# PIZZA, PUZZLES, & PITCHERS

**LIBRARIES HELPING LIBRARIES**



**November 8, 2024**  
 6:00 pm - done

**SIGN UP NOW!**

**Gezellig Event Center**  
 109 Central Ave NE  
 Orange City, IA

Gather together a team of 4 to tackle the challenge of completing a 500-piece puzzle, a large pizza, and a pitcher of pop or beer first. Winning group will receive a gift card, themed puzzle, and bragging rights!



Scan the code or go to the library website to register.

Registration: \$100 per team  
 Money raised will go to Rock Valley Public Library flood relief.



[www.orangecitylibrary.org](http://www.orangecitylibrary.org)

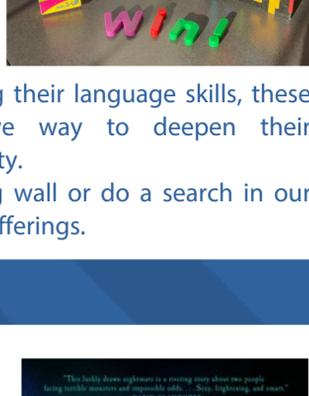
Dear Readers,

Libraries shape and enrich our communities. They serve as safe havens for learning, foster connections among neighbors, and provide resources that empower individuals. This summer's flooding devastated many lives in Sioux County. The Rock Valley Public Library now faces a long recovery to full restoration of services to their community, our neighbors. Join us in supporting the recovery of Rock Valley Public Library through two exciting fundraising events: Pizza, Puzzles, & Pitchers Fundraiser & Dad's Belgian Waffles Fundraiser. By participating in these events, you're not just enjoying a meal or a game; you're helping to restore a crucial community resource that enhances lives, fosters literacy, and strengthens our community bonds. Join us in making a difference!

-Lisa Johnson, Director

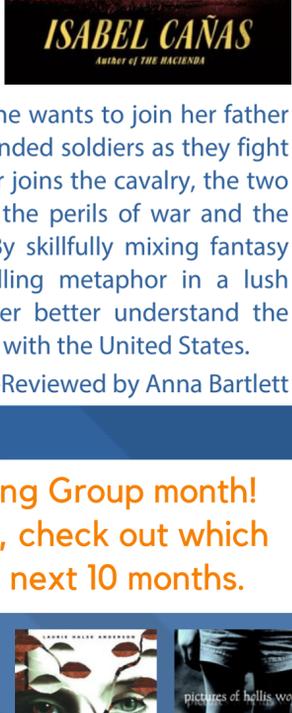
## FEATURED THIS MONTH: LEARNING KITS

The library has over 25 educational kits designed to help students explore a variety of topics. These kits include hands-on materials, interactive activities, and engaging resources. Whether students are delving into science experiments, exploring historical events, developing math skills, or enhancing their language skills, these kits provide a fun and effective way to deepen their understanding and spark their curiosity. Find these kits along the east-facing wall or do a search in our catalog for learning kit to see all the offerings.



## BOOK REVIEW: "Vampires of El Norte" by Isabel Cañas

If you're looking for a spooky read for October, you might enjoy the gothic historical fantasy "Vampires of El Norte" by Isabel Cañas. Set in 1840s Mexico in the context of the Mexican-American war, the story follows Nena and Néstor – childhood sweethearts separated after Nena is grievously wounded by a mysterious monster. Nena is a curandera – a healer – and she wants to join her father and the local cavalry to help treat wounded soldiers as they fight off the northern invaders. When Néstor joins the cavalry, the two are reunited and must confront both the perils of war and the monsters who kill during the night. By skillfully mixing fantasy and history, Cañas creates a compelling metaphor in a lush historical setting that helps the reader better understand the Mexican experience of the 1846-48 war with the United States.



-Reviewed by Anna Bartlett

**October is National Reading Group month!**  
 We're starting a book club, check out which titles we'll be reading the next 10 months.



## OCTOBER EVENTS

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

### ALL AGES

#### Tech Tuesday

Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm

#### Waffle Fundraiser for Rock Valley Public Library

Thursday, October 10, 5:00-7:00 pm at the former Alton Spalding Catholic School, 908 6th Ave, Alton

#### Dog Therapy

Monday, October 14, 4:00-5:00 pm

### BABIES-HIGH SCHOOL

#### Movin' & Groovin' Story Time

Wednesdays, 9:30 am (Sept. 18-Nov. 20)

#### Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 9:30 am (Sept. 19-Nov. 21)

#### Pandemic Game Event (6th-12th Grade)

Tuesday, October 1, 4:00-5:30 pm

\*Registration Required

#### LEGO Club (K-4th Grade)

Friday, October 4, 11 & 25, 2:00-3:00 pm

\*Registration Required for each

#### 3 Year Old Art Class

Tuesday, October 15, 9:30-10:00 am

\*Registration Required

#### 4-5 Year Old Art Class

Tuesday, October 15, 10:00-10:30 am

\*Registration Required

#### Zombie Break-Out Box (Grades 5-12)

Tuesday, October 15, 4:00-5:30 pm

\*Registration Required

#### Minecraft Event (Grades 3-8)

Friday, October 18, 2:00-4:00 pm

\*Registration Required

#### Business Trick-or-Treat

Friday, October 25, 12:00-5:00 pm

#### Board Games Event (K-5th Grade)

Tuesday, October 29, 4:00-5:00 pm

\*Registration Required

### ADULTS

#### Scrabble Game Night

Tuesday, October 1, 6:00-7:30pm

#### Book Club: Miss Benson's Beetle

Saturday, October 12, 10:00-11:00am

#### Memoir Writing Workshop

October 14-18, 9:30-11:00am with a Writing Celebration on October 23 at 9:30am

\*Registration Required

#### English Conversation Class

Mondays, Sept. 16-Nov. 18, 6:00-7:00 pm

#### Clase de inglés básico

Thursdays, Sept. 19-Nov. 21, 6:00-7:45 pm

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