

We have been developing an art program here at the library since 2019. The art program aims to establish the library as a center for culture, art and gathering in the community. We've offered art classes with Amy Uthus, hired Kim DeSocio to create the mural in the storytime room, hosted several awesome exhibits and receptions with local artists, and will soon be installing a storywalk near the Betsy Spaur Butterfly Garden.

In January of 2022, we put out a call for submissions throughout the midwest. We had two dozen submissions, and eventually narrowed it down to four winners; the pieces we will be unveiling on December 8 were created to illustrate the concept of COMMUNITY. These pieces will become part of the library's permanent collection. We may eventually offer some select merchandise (limited edition t-shirts, totes, etc.) based on these works.

We would love to welcome everyone to the Art Reception on December 8th to recognize the artists and present their artwork! An RSVP would be appreciated, which you can do by calling the library at 641-828-0585 or sending a quick email to: knoxlib@knoxville.lib.ia.us.

Storytime with Miss Holly

The children's section is always busy with stories and crafts; come enjoy the fun every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30 am.

In the month of October, children had a little Halloween Fun by listening to a Halloween story and then wrapping it all up with a mummy craft.

In November, there will be a *SPECIAL* Storytime with Miss Holly on Wednesday the 23rd at 10:30 am for children ages 2 -7.

(There will **NOT** be a Storytime on Tuesday, November 22nd.) Watch for upcoming dates on the library website, our facebook page and the new monthly calendar for the children's activities that Miss Holly has plannedfor the month of

December; including crafts and an interactive movie night during Winter Break! Miss Holly would also like to remind everyone that the Christmas Tree of Books will be located upstairs after Thanksgiving if you would like to purchase a book in memory or in honor of a loved one.



Fall/Winter Newsletter





Local Artist

Kelsey Nichols: librarian assistant, art teacher and dog lover. Kelsey's artistry is on display at the

library with her "Tootsie Pups", each piece captures the essence and personality of a dog she has known.

Book Club

Book Club meets on the 2nd Monday of each month and would love to have others join the group. <u>Past Month Book Club Reads:</u>

<u>September</u>: The Butterfly Effect - Rachel Mans McKenny <u>October</u>: Once Upon a River - Bonnie Jo Campbell <u>November</u>: A Piece of the World - Christina Baker Kline Upcoming Book Club Choice:

December: READER'S CHOICE

(See what others are reading and take a great chance to meet new people!)

Mobile Museum

October was a busy month and we were fortunate to have the Iowa History Mobile Museum visit for a few days. "The 300 square foot exhibit (Winnebago) focuses on Iowa's people and places, shares

stories of Iowa's past, and showcases 56 artifacts from the museum's collection. Iowa History 101: People and Places covers 13,000 years of Iowa history and takes visitors on a journey from the earliest people to call this land home to today and showcases the unique people and places that make Iowa Iowa." {per Iowa Dept. of Cultural Affairs}. We would like to thank all of the volunteers for their time in monitoring the mobile museum and welcoming all of the visitors during its stay here. A total of 110 visitors went through the exhibit

Lighted Display

Look for the Knoxville Public Library's display in the Merry-n-County Lighted Event starting November 18th. Be sure to mention to the library staff what you most enjoyed about our display!

Assistant Library Director

You may recognize our new Assistant Library Director

as she has been a library assistant here for the past year; Shannon Proctor has taken on the role and is very excited to continue working with the best staff ever! Shannon lives in Knoxville with her husband Anthony, their two boys Brayton & Grayson and their dogs, Vader & Strider.

About Shannon:

She operated her own dance studio in Albia for 25 years before joining the library staff, she loves everything Broadway and is an avid Iowa State fan (especially volleyball and women's basketball). Shannon loves Doris Day movies and the Golden Girls, and of course she loves to read. Stop in and say hello!



Gifts & Memorials

<u>In Memory of</u>

Karon Dykstra Ruth Dykstra Dr. Steve Mott

<u>Gifts & Donations</u>

Elaine Jordan Lori Morgan Cindy Nielsen Darlene & Emory Riseley Kristi Thompson Loretta Whitlatch Weiler Foundation

Holidays <u>November:</u>

Wednesday the 23rd: **10:00 - 5:00pm** Thursday the 24th & Friday the 25th: **CLOSED**

<u>December:</u>

Friday the 23rd - Monday the 26th: CLOSED

<u>January:</u>

Monday the 2nd: CLOSED