

WAVERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Hours:

Monday - Thursday
10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday & Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm



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AMTRAK TRAVEL

Plan your trip at the
Waverly Public Library!

Thursday, February 9
6:30 p.m.

Free program presented by
Dr. Mariah Birgen

Toddler Storytime

Mondays 6:30-6:50pm

Tuesdays 10:30-10:50am



Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays 10:10-10:50am

Thursdays 10:10-10:50am

Stories Songs Movement Rhythm

Family Movie Night

Tuesday, February 21

6:30—8:00 p.m.

All Ages Welcome

Bring a comfy chair or blanket and enjoy
a movie with us!! Popcorn provided.

Kid's Ninja Party

Saturday, February 18

10:30 a.m.

- *Crafts
- *Games
- *Snacks
- *Stories



Wild Oats

The Great Gilly Hopkins

Middle School:

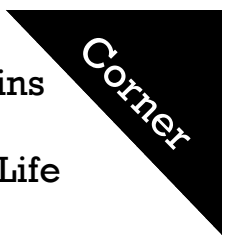
The Worst Years of my Life

Snowden

Jack Reacher: Never Go Back

The Librarians-Season 2

Deepwater Horizon



New Nonfiction:

One Wee World Celebrates Mexico

Sentimental Reflecitons

Anytime is the perfect time to share Family Histories
BY STACEY LEERHOFF

Family. Like it or not, everybody's got one. Whether yours includes a crazy aunt or a murder in its long history, there is a story waiting to be told. I recently asked a local genealogist about why she does family research and she said, "I like to know who I am and where I come from. My family story makes me who and what I am."

Family history can be an ongoing project that lasts for years and years. This can be something you really enjoy hunting for and look forward to working on.

At this point in my life, I'm personally just not up to the challenge of that hunt, but lucky for me, I have a relative who has already done much of our family history work. If that hasn't happened for you yet, maybe you are that person for the rest of your family. The library is here to help you; especially if your relatives hail from the Bremer County area.

Whether you are just getting started with your family research or you are a seasoned veteran we have something to help in your quest. Thanks to the generous support of the Bremer County Genealogical Society, our local genealogy group, we not only have live people in the library helping do research, but we also have many materials, print and online to aid you in your research. Some of our collection includes digitized newspapers, an historic photo collection, family histories, obituaries, Bremer County history books, Ancestry.com database and Access Newspaper database. The last of which you need to be within the library to use.

The first and third Fridays each month at 1 p.m. here in the library, there is a Bremer county genealogical volunteer to help with any genealogy research and questions you might have. If you can't make it in person, you can email us and we'll pass on the questions for the volunteers to work on. Our staff is also willing to help you on your family hunt. What a great resource to tap into when you are stuck in your searching. We've even had people from out of state email questions that have been answered by these great volunteers. When that last piece of your family history puzzle falls into place, you begin to see your family in a whole new light.

Maybe your long ago great great great grandpa owned a business here in downtown Waverly. The Bremer County Genealogical society donates money each year to help us maintain the microfilming of all the Waverly newspapers where you can search for articles about the family business. Recently, the library purchased a new microfilm reader/printer that is totally awesome! You can search the papers with ease and then scan them right to your thumb drive.

Another resource here at the library is our Historical Photo Collection. You can probably find a fun picture of great great grandpa's business to bring your family history to life. Maybe you can even go downtown today and visit the building where the business was those long years ago.

The local genealogist that I chatted with notes that doing family genealogies gives you something to share with future generations. Families sometimes get separated through the years. Maybe it's a fight that never got resolved or one part of a family tree moving across country. Family research can connect families again through the years.

She also wanted to share some of her go to websites when she is doing research for herself and others: www.iagenweb.org, www.usgenweb.org, and www.findagrave.com. She says, "never underestimate the power of Google.com." In the library, her favorite spots include US census on microfilm, newspapers on microfilm (including Waverly newspapers, Sumner Gazette, and the Tripoli Leader) obituary collections and anniversary booklets from various churches in the area, histories of area families that were completed and donated to our collection to share.

Genealogy Databases: \$0

Genealogy Person doing research for you: \$0

Obituaries printed: \$0

Having Family History to share across generations: Priceless

February is

***Black History Month...Stop in and check out one of these titles and learn more about an important part of this nation's history**

Malcolm X

Escape from slavery: the boyhood of Frederick

Douglass in his own words

Harriet Tubman

Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Color Purple by Toni Morrison

Roots DVD collection

The complete poetry of Maya Angelou

Don't you turn back, poems by Langston Hughes

Remember the Titans DVD

The Measure of a Man by Sidney Poitier

Sister Act I & II DVD Whoopi Goldber

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

***Valentine's Day...make a treat for your loved one!! Valentine's DIY Cakeballs!**

***President's Day- Monday, February 20th...Check out a biography and learn about a past president today**

***Random Acts of Kindness Week—Feb. 13-17!! Pay it Forward....Buy someone a coffee, pay off a library fine, bring food to the food bank, write a thank you note....**

"If you can't do great things, do little things with great love. If you can't do them with great love, do them with a little love. If you can't do them with a little love, do them anyway."

Mother Teresa