



Cedar Falls Public Library

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January
2018

New Library Director, Jay Robinson!

On December 14, Jay Robinson started work as the new Library Director for Cedar Falls Public Library. Jay began working as a library professional in 1990. His career has crossed three states (Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) as well as three countries (the US, New Zealand, and Australia). He has worked in library systems, collection development, children's librarianship, and library management. Jay grew up on the farm near Baxter, Iowa. He was raised with an abiding love of books and learning. Jay got his undergraduate degree from The University of Iowa, and, whilst casting about for further study, settled naturally enough upon librarianship. He got his Master's in Library Science also at the UI. Thus, he is a Hawkeye, but is open to Pantherism as well, due to his deep appreciation of felines. His feline flatmate Katrina travelled with him from NZ to Iowa. Jay most recently worked as Manager of Libraries and Heritage at Nelson City Council in NZ. Nelson is a similarly-sized city to Cedar Falls, and offered various learnings that will be helpful in his new role here. Jay is happy in the role and in being closer once again to family in Iowa.



Dungeons & Dragons!



Wednesday, January 24, 7:00-8:30 pm
Meeting Room, "Create a Character"

Have you ever secretly wanted to be a Dragonborn Sorcerer? What about a Half-Elf Monk? Or maybe you've always imagined yourself as a Dwarf Cleric?

Whatever your secret identity may be, you won't want to miss this opportunity to bring your character to life!

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Local Author Showcase

Wednesday, January 3, 7:00 pm, Meeting Room

Local author Virginia Pillars will present "R.A.I.S.E. Awareness and Hope," a personal story of mental illness recovery as a family affair. Pillars is also the author of, *Broken Brain*, *Fortified Faith*. Books will be available for sale, with an opportunity for signing, following the presentation. Are you a local author interested in the Local Author Showcase? Fill out an application on our website! Cedar Falls Public Library will consider all authors in the Cedar Falls area for the Showcase.

Library Hours

Monday-Wednesday 10:00 am-9:00 pm
Thursday & Friday 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Holiday Hours

January 1: **CLOSED**

Blood Drive

Thursday, January 25, 1:00-5:00 pm
Community Center
Red Cross Blood Drive

Join us for the Red Cross Blood Drive. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged at redcrossblood.org.



Senior Device Advice

Thursday, January 11,
2:00-3:00 pm
Community Center
"What is this thing?"



Learn about devices you own or are curious about! We'll help you understand that device you own. This session is followed by complimentary cookies and coffee. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cedar Falls Public Library.

Writers of the Cedar Valley

Sunday, January 7, 1:00-4:00 pm
Conference Room

Writers of all genres, age 12+, are welcome for an hour of dedicated, quiet writing time followed by an hour of discussion and feedback. Snacks and coffee provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cedar Falls Public Library. Contact librarian Erin Thompson for details at ethompson@cedarfallslibrary.org.
1:00-2:00 Quiet Writing Time
2:00-3:00 Discussion and Feedback
3:00-4:00 Continued Discussion and Social Hour



Book Nook

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Monday 10:00 am-7:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am-4:00 pm



Adult Book Discussion Groups

Sponsored by Friends of the Library
Located in the Conference Room

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Group: 7:00 pm

January 2, *Bottomland* by Michelle Hoover

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion Group: 10:15 am

January 30, *What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets*
by Michael J. Sandel

Special Access Browsing Hour & Storytime

Saturday, January 6, 8:00-9:00 am

Special Access Browsing Hour

On this morning, the library will be open one hour early for individuals with autism and their families to enjoy the library together in a neutral environment. The children's area will feature a storytime with storyteller Will Stuck, service dogs in training from Retrieving Freedom, and sensory toys will be available. The library lighting will be subdued to accommodate those with light sensitivity. The library will be closed to the general public during this hour. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cedar Falls Public Library.



Weekly Storytimes at 10:30 am

Mondays Babies (0-23 months)

Tuesdays Preschool (3-5 years)

Wednesdays Toddlers (2-3 years)

Fridays Toddlers (2-3 years)

Saturdays Preschool (3-5 years)

ages listed reflect content

NOTE: There will be no storytimes from December 24 through January 1 so that our Youth Department can prepare Spring programs. Storytimes will resume Tuesday, January 2.



Trivia Nights are Back!

Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm

Meeting Room, Pixar Trivia (all ages)

Join us for Pixar Trivia! This is a free event. Participants age 10 and under are welcome, but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



Young Writers of the Cedar Valley

Sunday, January 14, 2:00-3:30 pm

Conference Room

Youth writers (upper elementary through teens) of all genres are welcome to attend for a time of quiet writing, some discussion, and socializing. Meetings will be on the second Sunday of each month, January through March. Juice, water, and snacks will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cedar Falls Public Library.



Puppet Show



Puppet Show is back! Join us Friday, February 2 at 4:30 pm in the Youth Department!

Youth & Teen Book Clubs

Sign Up for 3rd & 4th grade and 5th & 6th grade book clubs at the Youth Desk!

Junior High and High School

Book Clubs: See our teen page for titles and sign up information.



Mark Your Calendars!

February 4: Writers of the Cedar Valley

February 7: Poet Jonathan Stull

February 8: Device Advice

February 11: Young Writers of the CV

February 12: Trivia Night

February 13: D&D Miniature Painting

February 16: Teen Night

March 2: Teen Night

March 3: Lollipop Concert

March 4: Writers of the Cedar Valley

March 7: Authors David Hoing and Roger Hileman

March 8: Device Advice

March 11: Young Writers of the CV

March 12: Trivia Night

March 12-16: Spring Break Activities (youth)

March 13: D&D Gameplay Basics

March 16: Teen Night

March 24: Cedar Valley Children's Book Festival

After-School Club for Tweens

Wednesday, January 31, 3:00 pm

Meeting Room, Origami

Join us for After-School Club for Tweens, grades 4 to 6. Tween events occur the last Wednesday of every month. On January 31 we will be having some fun with Origami!



Teen Nights

AFTER HOURS: 6:00-9:00 pm in the Teen Room

January 5, More Video Games

January 19, Nerf Wars

February 2, Mini-Golf with Action Figures!

See the Teen Page on our website for scheduled events!

Teens (and pre-teens) in 7th—12th grade are welcome to join in Teen Night at The Library: supervised fun with rotating themes. Plus food! And the best part? It's FREE!

