

# THE PAGE TURNER

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Gayle Trede

Well that stupid ground hog predicted 6 more weeks of winter and so far he has been right! However, the library has come up with some great solutions for all of us winter weary folks.

First of all, for those of you who can't get out of their house or don't want to and have access to the Internet, we are providing a new service available through our website. It is called the *Online Book Club* and every month you will receive 2 or 3 chapters of a book through your e-mail. You will then be directed to check out the book at your local library. There are various genres available including romance, mystery, non-fiction, classics, etc. There is even a book club for teens. All you need to do is have an e-mail address, go to our website ([www.mountpleasantiowalibrary.com](http://www.mountpleasantiowalibrary.com)) and click on the Book Club icon on the first page of our website then sign-up for area you are interested in and you are ready to go. You may even sign up for more than one club. If we don't have the book in the library, we will get it. How is that for providing good reader services?



Another service we are excited about is our Early Literacy Station. This is a stand-alone computer system that has been loaded with educational software for children 2 to 10. There are 7 subject areas covered and each area will have programs for the various ages of the children. This will only be available in the Children's Area. Parents need to come with their children to utilize this service. It will help children with reading and learning and it gives the children and parents a great opportunity to learn together. This is available during the hours the library is open. Patrons are encouraged to reserve time. There is a time limit of one hour unless no one else is waiting and then an additional hour will be available as long as no one else requests it.

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Two great new services are *TumbleReads* and *TumbleReadables*. These two databases will be available from our website and are for toddlers through adults. The books will be available online and child or adult get to follow along as the book is read to them and see the highlighted words as they are spoken. For younger children, parents are encouraged to read with their children. This is a great way to give your child confidence in their reading abilities, helps you bond with your child and is a fun way to spend time together. Plus, it can be done in the comfort of your home! These programs also help people improve their English. They will be available by the middle of March.

The last two services were provided by a grant from the William M. and Donna J. Hoaglin Foundation and funds from the Friends of the Mount Pleasant Public Library and the Mt. Pleasant Woman's Club.

Programming is another area we are hoping will chase away the winter doldrums. Every Thursday night starting February 18<sup>th</sup> and going through May 13<sup>th</sup>, Dr. George LaMore and Reverend Richard Latta will be presenting the PBS series "*Civilization*". First aired on PBS in the 70's, this program gives a history of Western Culture. There is no fee and registration is not necessary. It is being held in the in the large study room of the Library at 6:30 pm.

These next two programs are possible because of funding from Humanities Iowa, a private, non-profit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

*Juke Boxes, Pool Halls and Ducktails* will be presented March 26<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Civic Center Meeting Room on the second floor of the Mount Pleasant Public Library and Civic Center. The program presenter is Layton Zbornik. This is a *Brown Bag It @ the Library* program. This Iowa native is going to present a look back at the "good ole days" of the 40s, 50s and 60s as seen by a young man from Iowa. If you enjoy a good time and love music this is the program for you. There is no charge or registration required, just bring your lunch.

Mary Swander, the poet laureate of Iowa, will be giving the program *Discussions, Readings and Maybe a Banjo* Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Civic Center Meeting Room on the second floor of the Mount Pleasant Public Library and Civic Center. Ms. Swander is the author of twelve books including Driving the Body Back and The Girls on the Roof plus plays and radio commentaries. This is for all writers and poet lovers regardless of age, particularly school-age writers and poets. Don't miss your chance to meet Iowa's Poet Laureate. There is no charge or registration required. In addition to Humanities Iowa this program received funding from the Friends of the Mount Pleasant Public Library.



# BOARDWALK

The Board of Trustees of the Mount Pleasant Public Library will be reviewing library policies and approving the 2011 Library Budget during the months of March and April. Public is welcome to attend. If you would like to address the board, contact the director, Gayle Trede, at least 24 hours before the meeting so your request will be put on the agenda.

Meetings will be March 9<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the library's large study room.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### ADVOCATE

For the convenience of our patrons and to provide a more attractive presence, the Friends moved their Book Sale to the mezzanine area right before the Children's Area entrance. It is where the music CDs used to be. The music CDs have been moved to the end of the Books on CD. Please ask the Customer Service Desk if you have trouble finding anything.

### SUPPORT

### VOLUNTEER

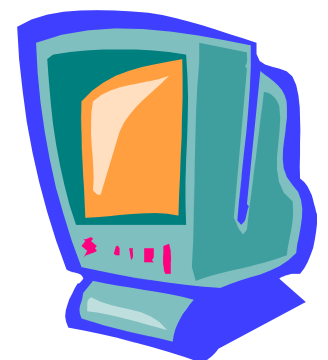
Please be sure to come to the meetings at 5:45 pm March 9<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> in the library's large study room. Your comments, suggestions and insights are very welcome. Remember the Friends help support the library with funds, grants and volunteerism.



This year the Friends have given money to help fund some online databases along with the Mt. Pleasant Woman's Club and the Hoaglin Foundation.

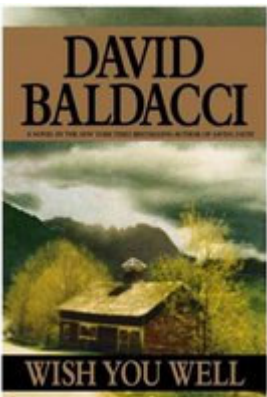
## ON THE WEBSITE...

- "NEW MATERIALS" updated monthly.
- Have a "Due Date Warning " e-mailed to you three days before your material is due — ask a staff member to enable this feature on your account or log in to your library account online and set it up in "Basic Information".
- Brand new links with useful information including job resources!



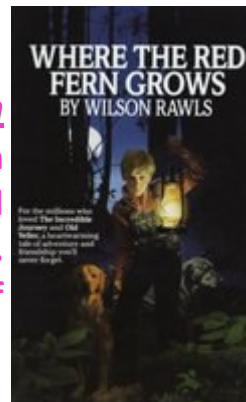
# FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Is this weather really getting to you? The Fourth Tuesday Book Discussion Group has a suggestion... come and join them every fourth Tuesday of the month for some lively discussion of interesting books. This is a very informal group and anyone is welcome plus there are no dues and you won't get elected president or secretary if you miss a day.



The selection for March 23<sup>rd</sup> is David Baldacci's Wish You Well. Instead of his usual thriller, Mr. Baldacci has set this novel in his native Virginia and it is about homespun hill families. It is a definite departure, but his storytelling techniques never waver.

April 27<sup>th</sup> is the American classic Where the Red Fern Grows. A favorite since Wilson Rawls published it in 1961, this marvelous story of Billy and his coonhound pups has been read and enjoyed by young and old alike. If you haven't read this book, now is your chance and if you have read it, enjoy it again.



The book discussions are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm in the library's large study room.



# STAFF PICKS

- **THE IMMORTAL HIGHLANDER** by Karen Marie Moning **LP F MON**

Stripped of his immortality and rendered invisible by a curse, Adam Black seeks help from Gabrielle O'Callaghan, the only woman who can see him, but their subsequent romance is challenged by a dangerous conspiracy.

- **THE GIRLS FROM AMES** by Jeffrey Zaslow **920 ZAS**

Looks at the lives, bonds, and experiences of a group of female friends from Ames, Iowa.

- **THE TIME MACHINE** and **THE INVISIBLE MAN** by H. G. Wells **F WEL SFF**

The Time Machine - A time traveler discovers the fate of the earth and a scientist learns how to make himself invisible, but becomes criminally insane.

The Invisible Man - The English village of Bramblehurst is intimidated by a mysterious stranger whose face is completely wrapped in bandages.

- **PRECIOUS ANGELS** by Barbara Davis **364.1 DAV**

On June 6, 1996, the tranquility of Rowlett, Texas was forever shattered by a frantic 911 phone call from Darlie Routier to police, claiming an intruder had broken into her home and stabbed her two little boys to death. But the subsequent investigation revealed a darker truth--the murder of two innocent children by their own mother.

- **HALF BROKE HORSES** by Jeannette Walls **F WAL**

A re-creation of the life of the author's grandmother - a mustang breaker, schoolteacher, ranch wife and mother of two who grew up in the southwest in the early 20th century.

- **101 THINGS EVERY KID SHOULD DO ...** by Alecia T. Devantier **J 649 DEV**

Childhood is a magical time of newfound joys and enriching experiences. The gifts our children are given today will last a lifetime. Encourage your child to try some of these ways to make the world a better place.

- **HATCHET** by Gary Paulsen **J F PAU**

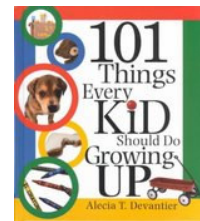
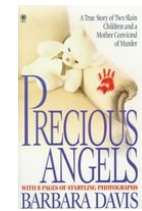
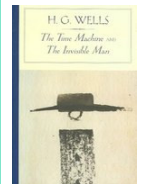
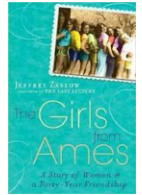
After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

- **WATER FOR ELEPHANTS** by Sara Gruen **F GRU**

Ninety-something-year-old Jacob Jankowski remembers his time in the circus as a young man during the Great Depression, and his friendship with Marlena, the star of the equestrian act, and Rosie, the elephant, who gave them hope.

- **THE GODS OF NEWPORT** by John Jakes **F JAK**

Determined to secure entry into the elite social circles of late nineteenth-century Rhode Island, Sam Driver enlists the help of a pair of social gadflies but finds his efforts complicated by his daughter's romance with an impoverished young Irishman.



# KID'S PLAY

## ART SHOW

Once again, the Mt. Pleasant Public Library will serve as an "art gallery" for area pre-schoolers. Day care providers and pre-school teachers have been asked to gather art that has been created by their students. Anita Hampton, coordinator of this event, will host an Open House at the Mt. Pleasant Public Library on Monday, April 1, 2010, from 6:00 – 7:30. Parents, grandparents and adoring fans are invited to come in and view the variety of art work that will be on display. The art will be available for viewing throughout the month of April.

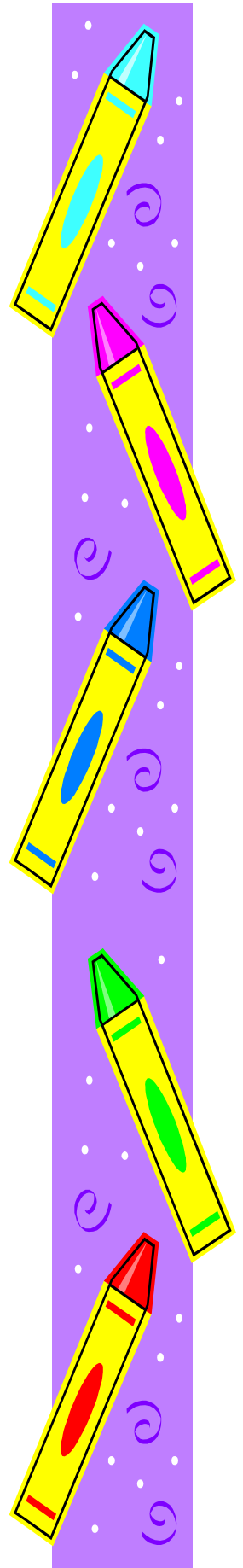
## COLORING CONTEST!!!

The recent coloring contest sponsored by the library was a colorful success. 54 colorful entries were returned. There were 6 designs available for age 9 and up and 2 designs for ages 8 and younger.

Brandon and Lori Keener and Brian Monroe, all of Grasshorse, the animations company based in Mt. Pleasant, were brought in as judges. The three artistic minds put their thoughts together and chose 8 winners.

The prize winners for the coloring contest were: Bryce Wilson, Drake Snavely, Taylor Sammons, Elijah Dowell, Connie Pendell, Kathy Crawford, Meagan Sutherland, Robin Willham and Emily Situmeang.

If you took a design or two to color and did not return it, we hope you enjoyed the relaxing time you had while putting color on paper.



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### LIBRARY HOURS

MON-THU	10:00am-8:00pm
FRIDAY	10:00am-5:30pm
SATURDAY	10:00am-5:00pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

## REMEMBER...



March  
14th

**BUY A BAG OF USED BOOKS  
FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
BOOK SALE FOR ONLY \$4.00 A BAG!!**

**BUY A HEAVY-DUTY TOTE BAG FULL  
OF BOOKS FOR ONLY \$10.00 -  
BOOKS INCLUDED!!**

*The Mount Pleasant Public  
Library would like to thank  
Family Video for cleaning  
and repairing our dirty and  
damaged CD's and DVD's.*

## IMPORTANT DATES



### BOARD MEETINGS

MARCH 9th - 6:30pm

APRIL 13th - 6:30pm

### FRIENDS MEETINGS

MARCH 9th - 5:45pm

APRIL 13th - 5:45pm

### 4TH TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

MARCH 23th - 1:30pm

APRIL 27th - 1:30pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST FOR

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 17th



## GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 2nd

EASTER

APRIL 4th

