

THE PAGE TURNER

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

by Gayle Trede

Ever want to travel throughout the United States without leaving your desk chair—or spending a dime?

The Mount Pleasant Public Library has acquired a database with Information on all 50 states plus five U.S. territories and the District of Columbia, available free to library patrons through our website. Think this is just another database? Think again. Using this database is like getting into a deluxe R.V. and traveling to every far-flung corner of the country and beyond.

That's because **AtoZ the USA** offers in-depth e-content in 156 data categories, with 50-plus maps for each state. It also includes thousands of U.S. state reports and articles ready to download, royalty-free image collections of flags, vintage postcards, panoramic photos, license plates and more. Map collections offer thousands of modern and antique maps and data on geography, government, history, and society and culture. Created by a dedicated team of researchers, cartographers, and writers, the database is continually updated.

AtoZtheUSA.com is proving valuable to multiple educational disciplines. People relocating to another part of the country, students working on research for state reports, and various students of U.S. history all will find what they need within this site.

So let the adventures begin! To access AtoZtheUSA.com, visit the library website at www.mountpleasant-iowalibrary.com click on the link section at the bottom of the home page and you will find this site under Education/Research section.

Access to this database was made possible by the Friends of the Mount Pleasant Public Library.

For these and other library services call, visit our website or stop in and see us. You'll be surprised at all we have to offer.

BOARDWALK



The board will be reviewing library policies for the next few months. In March the board will approve the 2011-2012 Budget.

Anyone having any comments or suggestions to make about the policies, please contact the director, Gayle Trede, at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Remember the meeting is open to the public.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

ADVOCATE

SUPPORT

VOLUNTEER



The next meeting of the Friends will be at 1:30 pm, March 8th. If you believe libraries are a community treasure and a necessity and are interested in advocating for the library or would like to help improve services or volunteer, consider becoming a Friend. Join us. The library can always use some more friends.

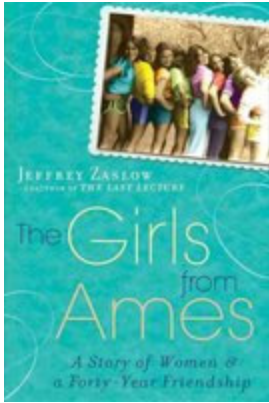
ON THE WEBSITE...

Check us out on  today! Make sure you take a look at the new WILBOR instructions. There are some minor changes that should make it even easier to use! You will also find all of the WILBOR selections now listed in our card catalog! E-books are also now available!



BOOK CLUBS

FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION:



The selection for March 22nd is Jeffrey Zaslow's *"The Girls From Ames: a Story of Women and a Forty-Year Friendship"*.

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

The April 26th selection is *"Diary of a Wimpy Kid"* by Jeff Kinney. Greg records his sixth-grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.



***This is a change as of 3/23/11.**

All the selections have been moved back 1 month.

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

Upcoming book selections (please note changes):

- May - "When Everything Changed..." by Gail Collins
- June - "The Girls of Murder City" by Douglas Perry
- July - "Blessings" by Anna Quindlen
- August - "Remarkable Creatures" by Tracy Chevalier
- September - "The Worst Hard Times" by Timothy Egan
- October - "The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin"

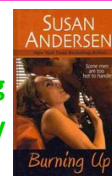
by Benjamin Franklin

STAFF PICKS

- **BURNING UP** by Susan Andersen

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Returning home to Sugarville, Washington after a long absence, Macy O'James, while helping out her family, vows to hold her head high, especially at her high school reunion where sparks fly with fire chief Gabriel Donovan who isn't her type--or so she thinks.



- **HANDLING THE UNDEAD** by John Ajvide Lindqvist

F AJV

Something very peculiar is happening in Stockholm. There's a heat wave on and people cannot turn their lights out or switch their appliances off. Then the terrible news breaks. In the city morgue, the dead are waking up What do they want? What everybody wants: to come home.



- **BRIAN'S HUNT** by Gary Paulsen

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Two years after having survived a plane crash into the Canadian wilderness, a sixteen-year-old boy returns to the wild, where he befriends a wounded dog and hunts a rogue bear.



- **MOLLY IVINS: A REBEL LIFE** by Bill Minutaglio

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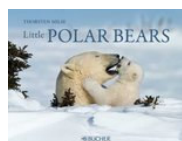
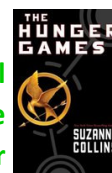
Until her death in 2007, Molly Ivins was a staple of the op-ed page, aiming her arrow at favorite targets like George W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, and the circus of Southern-particularly Texan-politics. The Texas daughter of an oil executive and major player in Houston society, Ivins enjoyed an early, privileged view of Texas deal making and the rise of modern Republicanism. Her subsequent career was a full-fledged rebellion, beginning with her father's conservatism, and culminating in a rejection of both "objective" (read: neutered) journalism and the oil-rich Republican machine.



- **THE HUNGER GAMES** by Suzanne Collins

YA F COL

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.



- **LITTLE POLAR BEARS** by Thorsten Milse

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- **THE TITAN'S CURSE** by Rick Riordan

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When the goddess Artemis disappears while hunting a rare, ancient monster, a group of her followers joins Percy and his friends in an attempt to find and rescue her before the winter solstice, when her influence is needed to sway the Olympian Council regarding the war with the Titans.



- **IOWA, A CELEBRATION OF LAND, PEOPLE & PURPOSE: THE OFFICIAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOK OF THE IOWA SESQUICENTENNIAL**

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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 Thursday, March 31st, 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.

Dear Parents,

I'm using this space in the newsletter to remind you of a few things that you may have forgotten about or maybe didn't know.

The Children's Department may be one of the most under-utilized departments in the Library. Please remember to come see us when those crazy questions kids come up with leave you stumped. Questions like: where do boogers come from? (see Grossology) What's that one poem about the boa constrictor that eats you? ("Boa Constrictor" by Shel Silverstein in Where the Sidewalk Ends)

We are also a great place to come when your child is facing everyday issues, like going to the dentist or eye doctor, having tonsils removed, or getting the chicken pox.

Cooking is a great way to increase mathematical skills. We have some fantastic cookbooks. Our books feature everything from international faire to super sandwiches to yummy desserts. These are kid-friendly recipes that you would both enjoy creating – and eating!

Is your child having trouble in school? Come check out a book about getting along with others, making friends, coping with a bully, or showing respect for others. We also have books dealing with math problems, foreign languages, and parts of speech, to name a few.

If you've been looking for something to do besides watch tv or play computer games night after night, come check out a book on science experiments, origami, magic tricks, jugs of board books for that age group, as well.

So, please come visit us. Tell us what you're looking for. Let us help you find it. That's why we're here! Reading, chess, knitting, making balloon animals or face painting.

These are just a few ideas to get you started. Remember, we have books on nearly any subject and for any age – pre-school on up. And don't forget your toddlers! We have a large variety.

TODDLER TIME

We will be starting another session of Toddler Time in March. Stop by the children's department to register or visit our website (www.mountpleasantiowa.com) This program is free. It meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:45 – 11:15.

“Why I Love the Library” Essay

by a Tami Keller

Overpayphobian, this is my self-invented word. If or when this word is introduced by Mr. Webster himself, I imagine it to look like this, “overpayphobian (n): a person who fears paying full price for any given item and/or service”. I, of course, consider myself an overpayphobian. Alas, with my four children (ages 8, 5, 4 & 1), finding the time to clip countless coupons and driving to various locations with them in tow makes for quite a challenge that I’m sure even the most seasoned athlete would find exasperating (I often compare this sport with herding cats), However there is hope, and it is to be found at our local Mount Pleasant Public Library.

Yes, it’s true! When obtaining a library card from our local library, it is an instant pass to save hundreds of dollars each year without hand cramps from endless hours of scissor use! With DVD’s & VHS rentals, my family can enjoy movie night - for FREE. Newspapers & magazines keep us up-to-date - for FREE. Storyhour is a must for the little ones, and yep - it’s FREE. Books to quench whatever thirst your mind may have available either on the spot or through the Interlibrary Loan system (not to mention the books on CD & downloadable books) - all for FREE! These are just a few of the reasons my family and I not only love our local library, but treasure it!

Who are the Friends of the Mount Pleasant Public Library?

Everyone needs Friends and the Mount Pleasant Public Library has many. They are called the Friends of the Mount Pleasant Public Library. This particular group has been in existence since 1979 and has a long record of helping the library.

Since their inception, the Friends have helped the library by volunteering, holding raffles, supporting library programs, raising money and advocating for the library. The Friends' Used Book Sale is ongoing everyday at the library.

In the fall of 2010 the Friends gave the library \$1,000.00 for the purchase of these current website materials: TumbleBooks & TumbleReadables online collections that read along to help children and young adults, USA A-Z online database for statistics as well as fun facts about the USA and each individual state, and WILBOR downloadable e-books that can be downloaded from most reader or mobile devices. These are all available on the library's website: www.mountpleasantiowalibrary.com.

The following programs from last year wouldn't have been possible without the Friends, including Iowa's Poet Laureate Mary Swander, the Layton Zbornik program on music of 50s, 60s etc. and the Unexplained Research presentation by Terry Fisk.

In the past, Friends have raised money and applied for grant-funding for much needed equipment. This money allowed the library to purchase a microfilm reader/printer for Genealogy area, two computer servers and two public computers all for patron use.

One of the more important aspects of the Friends is advocating for the library. Because of their advocacy, the library was able to purchase its first automation system which allowed the library to use computers for catalogs instead of manual card catalogs and allowed the library to have an automated check-in and check-out system.

To be a Friend of the library, just join the Friends for \$15.00 (which is an individual charge), get a library card, attend our programs, volunteer at the library, speak out for your library and come to the Friends' meetings.

The Friends meet at 1:30 pm, the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be March 8th. Join the Friends and let us know how to make the Library the best it can be.

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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 13th

**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

March

April

BOARD MEETINGS

MARCH 8th - 5:00pm

APRIL 12th - 6:30pm

FRIENDS MEETINGS

MARCH 8th - 1:30pm

APRIL 12th - 1:30pm

4TH TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

MARCH 22nd - 1:30pm

APRIL 26th - 1:30pm



March 17th

**WE WILL BE CLOSED
APRIL 7th & 8th
FOR STAFF IN-SERVICE
& COMPUTER
MAINTENANCE**

**Happy
Easter**

April 24th