

THE PAGE TURNER

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

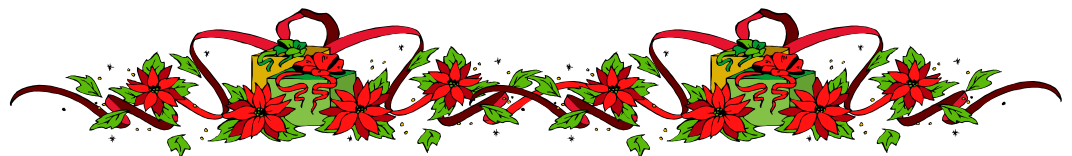
by Gayle Trede

The library is conducting a survey to improve our service. It is available at the desk and will be available online by November 6, 2009. It would be very helpful to us if you could fill out the survey. We will use it to make decisions on the services, programs and materials we will be offering for the next few years.

With the City of Mount Pleasant's tightening budget, we will have to be very careful with our budget. I want to make sure the library will be doing the best it can to meet your needs during these tough economic times. If you have any questions or suggestions, you can e-mail me or come in and talk to me at anytime. If you want to talk to me, I would appreciate it if you would call to make an appointment to see me, that way I can make sure I have the time to devote to you and you haven't made an unnecessary trip to the library.

During the holiday season make the library one of your first stops. We have books on how to make your holidays easier. There are ideas on food, gifts, games and decorations. Remember one of the best gifts you can give a person is a library card. It is free and opens up the whole world.

Happy Holidays to everyone. May it be joyful and may the times with those you love remain in your hearts forever.





BOARDWALK

The Library Board of Trustees will continue to review library policies, discuss the director's evaluation and work on next year's budget. All are welcome to attend. The Board will be meeting on November 10th and December 8th. All board meetings are held in the large study room at the library and begin at 6:30pm.



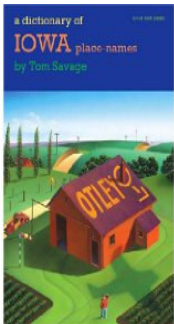
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends will be meeting November 10th at 5:45pm in the library's large study room. There will be no December meeting.



ADVOCATE
SUPPORT
VOLUNTEER

Join us on November 9th at 7 pm to hear Thomas Savage talk about his book [Dictionary of Iowa Place Names](#).



Mr. Savage took four years to compile the information for this book. You will hear about his four-year quest for information and history of some towns and counties names. You'll have to come if only to learn how Primghar, Iowa got its name. This book is available at the library.

The program will be in the Library's Large Study Room. There is no sign-up and program is free.

TEEN NEWS

By Ali Iserman

On Saturday, October 24, 2009 the Teen Advisory Board at the Mt. Pleasant Public Library held a Twilight themed Halloween party for 6th – 12th graders. Approximately 30-35 local teens came to enjoy the homemade Halloween-inspired snacks and drinks along with a trivia contest, a costume contest and prizes which included tickets to New Moon. We want to send a big thank you to D.J. Jose and Amy Becker Photography for providing the fantastic music and lights show. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make this party successful and to all of you who attended, hope to see you all next year!



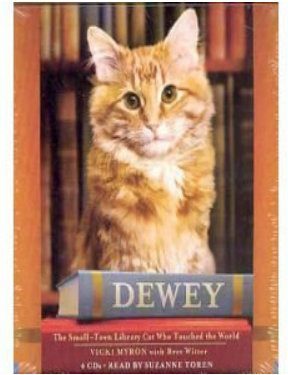
FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

The book discussion group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm in the Mount Pleasant Public Library's large study room.

NOTE — There will be NO meeting in December.

Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World

by Vicki Myron



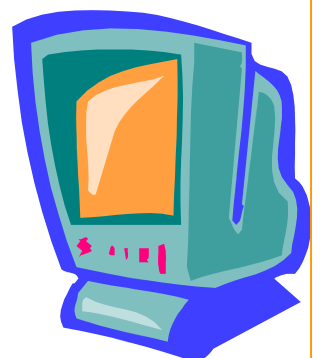
From Publishers Weekly

One frigid Midwestern winter night in 1988, a ginger kitten was shoved into the after-hours book-return slot at the public library in Spencer, Iowa. And in this tender story, Myron, the library director, tells of the impact the cat, named Dewey Readmore Books, had on the library and its patrons, and on Myron herself. Through her developing relationship with the feline, Myron recounts the economic and social history of Spencer as well as her own success story—despite an alcoholic husband, living on welfare, and health problems ranging from the difficult birth of her daughter, Jodi, to breast cancer. After her divorce, Myron graduated college (the first in her family) and stumbled into a library job. She quickly rose to become director, realizing early on that this was a job I could love for the rest of my life. Dewey, meanwhile, brings disabled children out of their shells, invites businessmen to pet him with one hand while holding the *Wall Street Journal* with the other, eats rubber bands and becomes a media darling. The book is not only a tribute to a cat—anthropomorphized to a degree that can strain credulity (Dewey plays hide and seek with Myron, can read her thoughts, is mortified by his hair balls)—it's a love letter to libraries. (Sept.)



ON THE WEBSITE...

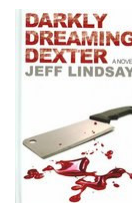
- “NEW MATERIALS” updated monthly.
- Have a “Due Date Warning “ e-mailed to you three days before your material is due — ask a staff member to enable this feature on your account or log in to your library account online and set it up in “Basic Information”.
- Brand new links with useful information including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



STAFF PICKS

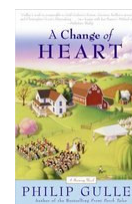
- **DARKLY DREAMING DEXTER** by Jeffrey P. Lindsay **LP F LIN**

Killing a serial murderer while defending himself against an attack on his life, a man inadvertently enters an exclusive club of murderers who address one another with celebrity names and share a mutual love of "the hunt."



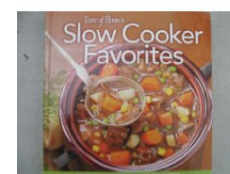
- **A CHANGE OF HEART** by Philip Gulley **F GUL CHR**

In his fifth year of ministering to the citizens of Harmony, pastor Sam Gardner finds himself challenged by Deena Morrison's impending marriage to Dr. Daniel Pierce and the Hodges' possible loss of their daughter to her biological parents



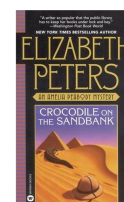
- **TASTE OF HOME'S SLOW COOKER FAVORITES** **641.5884 TAS**

Packed with 238 recipes with a fix-it-and-forget-it convenience!



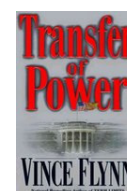
- **CROCODILE ON THE SANDBANK** by Elizabeth Peters **F PET MYS**

Amelia receives a rather large inheritance and decides to use it for travel. On her way through Rome to Egypt, she meets Evelyn Barton-Forbes, a young woman abandoned by her lover and left with no means of support. Amelia promptly takes Evelyn under her wing, insisting that the young lady accompany her to Egypt. When Evelyn becomes the target of an aborted kidnapping and the focus of a series of suspicious accidents and mysterious visitations, Amelia becomes convinced of a plot to harm her young friend. - *Amazon.com Review*



- **TRANSFER OF POWER** by Vince Flynn **F FLY MYS**

When terrorists crash White House security, the President is swept away to an isolated underground bunker, and the Vice President suddenly finds himself in charge. - *Library Journal*



- **SMASH CUT** by Sandra Brown **F BRO MYS**

Hired by a woman who believes that the accidental shooting of a friend was actually orchestrated by the victim's depraved nephew, defense lawyer Derek Mitchell comes to realize that the nephew is a psychotic movie buff who enjoys acting out violent film plots.



- **AMERICAN JUNK** by Mary Randolph Carter **645 CAR**

A passionate collector shares photos of her own finds, prices, a list of junking sites nationwide, general information on how to hunt for treasure at places like flea markets and thrift shops, and tips on haggling, cleaning, and camouflage.



KID'S PLAY



ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

The Children's Department will offer an ornament making workshop on Monday, December 14th from 6:00 - 7:00. This free event will be held in the Program Room located in the Children's Department. This event is for children in grades K - 3. No pre-registration is required. Parents are invited to join their child in the fun.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Come to the Library on Thursday evenings for Family Fun!! Family Fun Night is a program being offered by Southeastern Community College. Join **Mona Engebretson, Family Literacy Coordinator** and **Susan Mast, Children's Librarian** for an informal evening of "fun" entertainment and instruction. The evening begins at 5:00pm with a light supper. Children will enjoy a Storytime and an activity while their parents pick up a few tips on interacting with their children through books and language. There is no cost for this weekly program. If you are interested, please call either **Mona (319-208-5318)** or **Susan (385-1490)** to let them know you are coming. Watch the calendar for a new session beginning in January.



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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...

**CLOSING at 5:30pm on
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th**

**CLOSING at 5:30pm on
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st**

**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

NOVEMBER 10th - 6:30pm

DECEMBER 8th - 6:30pm

FRIENDS MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 10th - 5:45pm

NO DECEMBER MEETING

4TH TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

NOVEMBER 24th - 1:30pm

NO DECEMBER MEETING

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th for

VETERAN'S DAY



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26th for

Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH &

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH FOR

CHRISTMAS

