

Welcome to

# The Page Turner

The Mount Pleasant Public Library Bi-Monthly Newsletter

July/August 2008

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Gayle Trede

Have you ever had a question about an historical event or a scientific fact and it is 10 pm and you can't find the answer at home? You are trying to complete this neat quiz and you don't know the answer to a couple of questions or you have a bet on the cards Wild Bill Hickok was holding when he died and you can't find the answer? Perhaps your paper is due tomorrow and you can't find your notes on the information you need to finish it and it is midnight and everything is closed including the library. What do you do???

Well, you could access the library's website [www.mountpleasantiowalibrary.com](http://www.mountpleasantiowalibrary.com) and go to the links page and click on <http://library.eb.com/storelibrarycard?id=mtpleasant> which will take you to the newest addition to our collection, [The Encyclopedia Britannica Online](#). You will need your library card number to access this database, but it is available at any time of the day. If you don't have a library card, come to the library and get one. All you need is some form of identification and be a resident of Henry County or a member in good standing in another Iowa Library.

With all the changes in information gathering, the staff and Board of the library are dedicated to the notion of providing as much access as possible for our patrons. I pledge we will continue to provide our patrons with reliable and up-to-date information and knowledge regardless of the format. In this fast-paced and complicated world, you need information you can rely so you can become a knowledgeable contributor to our society.

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# STAFF CHANGES

We have had some more staff changes in the last month! Marlene (evening front desk clerk) has left us due to her husband accepting a new job in Northeast Iowa! She'll be in town a couple more months getting things ready to move, so wish her well as you see her around town. Scott Colvin is our new evening front desk clerk. He is a recent graduate from Mount Pleasant Community High School and has plans to attend SCC in the fall. You might also notice a new face among the book shelves in the afternoons - her name is Lori and she is working at the library this summer as a page. Lori is a 6th grade teacher at the Mount Pleasant Middle School. Please join us in welcoming both Scott and Lori to the library staff.

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## BOARDWALK

Pat Heusmann is our new Board member. She is replacing Larry Mihalevich, the rural Henry County representative, who served as a trustee for 12 years. The Board wants to thank Larry for all of his hard work. Pat lives in rural Henry County and recently retired from the Mount Pleasant Community School System.

The Board will be reviewing the library's policies for the next couple of months. If you have any questions or concerns, please come to the meetings. The Board is here to serve you and all board meetings are open to the public.

In July the Board will be meeting at 6:30 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> and in August it will be at 6:30 on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

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# STAFF PICKS

By Christina Welker

Looking for a particular book, movie or recorded material but you can't find it at the library? Let me tell you about a great service provided by the Mount Pleasant Public Library called Interlibrary Loan! The state of Iowa has a library system in place called Open Access. Among other things, this program allows participating libraries in the state to borrow materials from other participating libraries! It's a great service for our patrons, as it allows you to borrow just about any material you are looking for. We have two databases at our disposal to look for material. The first one is called SILO and is run by the State Library of Iowa. It is where we get 95% of our requests from. The second one has a broader reach – we can actually request material from outside the state – however, it is a much longer process and we only have about a 65% success rate of receiving the material.

On the other hand, of the 95% we request from SILO, we generally have about a 94% success rate. Of the 6% of materials requested that we can't get from SILO, the reasons range from the material being too-new, checked out by someone else, or they are just non-circulating. Simply put, out of the 900 Interlibrary Loan requests the Mount Pleasant Public Library processed this year, we received 829 books, movies, recorded material, etc.!

Once you've decided to request material through the Interlibrary Loan process, it's easy to get started! Go to the main circulation desk or the children's department and ask for an Interlibrary Loan form to fill out. You need to fill out a separate request for each title. You must be a patron in good standing for us to process your request – for example, you can't have over \$3.00 in fines and you must have a current library card. On the form, we need the date of the request, your name, a phone number where you can be reached (a secondary phone number is also a good idea), the title of the material needed, the author, and any other pertinent information about the material requested. We also need to know if you want a book, recorded book, movie, or music. You also need to be specific about large print, CD or cassette, DVD or VHS – if either format will work, please check that on the form, also. Once the request has been received, we generally know within a week to 10 days what the status of the request is. We call the patron to let them know that their requested material has arrived – we will also call if we encounter a problem getting the material or need more information.

This is just one of the many services offered by the Mount Pleasant Public Library. Please come in and see how it works, and “check out” our other services while you're at it!

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# Babaloo

## Music & Fun

Musical fun for All Ages!!  
Join us for this Library—sponsored FREE concert!

Where: Civic Center  
Meeting Room (upstairs)

When: July 29, 2008  
2:00—2:45

Children under 7 must be accompanied  
by an adult

Babaloo is best described as a "one-man musical comedy act for kids of all ages." Be warned; this is no run-of-the-mill kids' crooner. A Babaloo performance is a high-energy, rousing experience. "There's no 'criss-cross-applesauce, sit-still-and-zip-your-lip' stuff at my concerts," says Babaloo. "I like to call what I do 'carefully controlled chaos.' There's always dancing, singing, stomping, shouting out, beating on buckets - whatever it takes to keep everyone energized and laughing!"

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**\*Rockin\* Summer\***  
**Mount Pleasant Public Library**  
**Teen Summer Reading Program**  
**2008**

**This program is open to middle school-age children through high-schoolers.**

**Registration begins June 23rd and continues through July 12th for \*Rockin\* Summer.\*  
When you register you will receive a tote bag filled with a calendar, book log and fantastic  
goodies. Logs must be turned in by 4 P.M., July 26th.**

Opening party will be at 2 P.M., June 27th. There will be food and games like Dance Dance Revolution, Singstar and Guitar Hero.

On July 16th, we will be show Jailhouse Rock at 1 pm in the Civic Center\*s auditorium starring \*The King\*, Elvis Presley. The Rock \*N-Roll scavenger hunts will be held on July 22nd for high-schoolers and July 23rd for middle-schoolers

The closing party will be July 30th at 2 P.M. and will feature food and music. Prizes will be given at that time.

You must be a registered participant in the program to attend the events and your reading logs must be turned in by 7:00pm on July 28th.

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## **\*Hot Reads\***

### **Adult Summer Reading Program**

**\*Hot Reads\*** runs from July 1 to July 31st. Sign-up begins June 25th and ends July 12th. For each book read, you must fill out a **\*Hot Reads\*** bookmark and turn it in. The more books you read, the better your chances of winning.

A book can be fiction or non-fiction, romance, mystery or biography. Whatever you like to read can be counted as **\*hot\***. If you read to your children you may count those books too. However to even things out a bit, two children\*s chapter books count as one adult and ten easy books count as one adult. Just put ten easy books or two chapter books on the bookmark. You do not have to write down all the titles.

All bookmarks must be turned in by 5 pm, July 31st. The drawing for winners will be August 1st at 11 am. You do not have to be present to win.

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## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer. Our next meeting will be September 9, 2008 at 5:45 pm. The Friends' goal for next year is to help the library purchase some databases including a tutor database. This would be available to patrons through the library's website even after the library is closed.

If you are interested in joining the Friends, applications are available on the library's website and in the library proper. See you in September.

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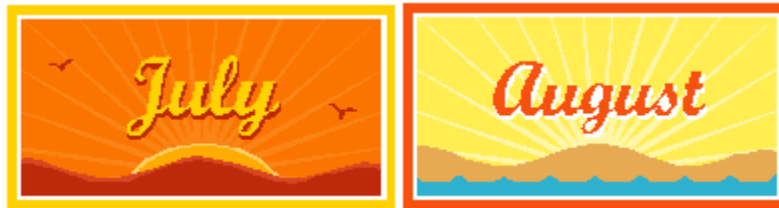
# 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

July's book discussion will be on The Last Days of Dogtown by Anita Diamant. The author explores the lives of the people of Dogtown, which is named for the dogs that roam the streets. The town is populated by drunks, prostitutes, freed slaves, spinsters and orphans. The young and brave leave town to better their lives, while the old and poor watch their numbers dwindle with each passing funeral. Even the dog population is dwindling. This book tells the stories of Black Ruth, Judy Rhine, Cornelius Finson and Oliver Younger. Diamant is the author of the best selling Red Tent.

The July meeting will be at 1:30 pm, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be no book discussion in August.

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR



### BOARD MEETINGS


July 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm

August 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm

### 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1:30pm

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR JULY

Friday, July 4th for 

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR AUGUST



Saturday, August 30th for Old Threshers

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## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday	10:00am – 8:00pm
Friday	10:00am – 5:30pm
Saturday	10:00am – 5:00pm

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It's that time of year again...*School is back in session.* Whether you couldn't wait for school to start or think it can't be time already, the library is working hard to make your quest for information and knowledge a little easier. We have added a new online database to our collection. It is the [Encyclopedia Britannica Online](#) and it is available to everyone, all day, every day, who has a current Mount Pleasant Public Library card. This means you night owls out there can get information regardless of whether it is 9 pm or midnight and you early birds can use it at 5 or 7 am. [Encyclopedia Britannica Online Library Edition](#) is a powerful resource to search or browse reputable sources for information in encyclopedias, magazines, videos, and Web sites. You can access this information in two ways by choosing *Britannica Reference Center* which is generally for high school students and up or *Britannica Kids* which is for middle school or elementary students.

Encyclopedias are a good place to start on your search. They give you background on your topic and on where to go for more in-depth information.

To access Britannica Encyclopedia Online you must go to the library's website, [www.mountpleasantlibrary.com](http://www.mountpleasantlibrary.com), click on the links at the bottom of the home page and then scroll down on the links page until you find this web address <http://library.eb.com/storelibrarycard?id=mtpleasant>. It will take you to the Britannica's sign-in, where you have to type in the number on your library card, without spaces, before you can access it.

Perhaps you're looking for information on alzheimers. You simply type in the subject in the search area and you are taken to the results page which looks something like this:

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If you are unsure how to navigate Britannica there is a tour on the home page which should help. If you are still confused, please come in and we will be happy to get your started.

And in case you are wondering what else the library is trying to do to help with assignments, we are looking at subscribing to online databases on topics like science, history or perhaps even providing an online tutor help center.

The staff and Boards of the library are dedicated to providing you access to information whether its format is print, audio-visual or web-based. Here's hoping your quest for information and knowledge was made a little easier.

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## **BOARDWALK & FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

On September 9, 2008 at 6:30 pm there will be a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees, Mount Pleasant Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Mount Pleasant Public Library. This meeting is open to the public and will be discussing the various functions of the Boards and how each of these groups is beneficial to the library. The various boards want to make sure there is a coordinated effort to support the library's current and future needs.

Here are the functions the three groups.

**\*Board of Trustees of the Mount Pleasant Public Library set policies and hire the director of the library to manage the day-to-day operations. They work with the director and staff to set the direction of the library. The Board members are appointed by the city council and determine how the funds of the library will be spent.**

**\*The Friends of the Mount Pleasant Public Library are local citizens who volunteer at the library and help write grants for equipment, programming and materials for current needs. They help raise funds to supplement the library's yearly budget.**

**\*The Mount Pleasant Public Library Foundation is made up of four members from the Board of Trustees and five members from the general public. This is the fundraising group for the library. During the building project this group worked hard to raise funds from the general public and kept track of the dispersal of those funds. The Foundation raises funds for future needs of the library and for unusual projects and programs.**

All of these groups are advocates for the library at the local and state level. The September 9th meeting will meet in the Civic Center's meeting room on the second floor of the Center. We hope to see you there.

October meetings of the groups will go back to regular meeting times.

**In October, the Board of Trustees will be working on next year's budget and reviewing library policies. That meeting will be October 14th at 6:30 pm.**

**The Friends of the Library will also meet October 14th at 6:00 pm and will be electing officers and determining this year's projects.**

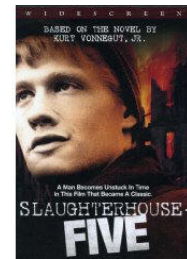
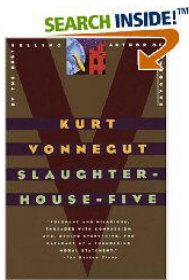
**The Foundation has not set a date for its fall meeting, but at that meeting officers will be elected and fundraising strategies will be discussed.**

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# STAFF PICKS

By Thomas Kinney

Though he was born and raised in Indiana and spent most of his adult life on the East Coast, the author Kurt Vonnegut has ties to Iowa that are also significant. It was a job in the Iowa Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa that prevented him from abandoning a career in writing. True, by that time, the 36-year old had written four novels and one collection of short stories, but his writing was not lucrative enough to support a wife and two children. "All I wanted to do was support my family," he once wrote, "I didn't think I would amount to a hill of beans." Eleven years later, he published Slaughterhouse-Five, which many consider his masterpiece. The novel follows the life of Billy Pilgrim, a WWII veteran who has become an optometrist living a comfortable upper-middle class life in upstate New York. The problem, though, is that Pilgrim has, as Vonnegut puts it, come "unstuck in time" (just like the character Desmond from the television show Lost). That is, he randomly travels to various times in his life, such as the time he witnesses the controversial Allied fire-bombing of Dresden or the time he is kidnapped by aliens from the planet Tralfamadore and placed on exhibit in a zoo with an American movie star (most of the furnishings for which had been stolen from a Sears store in Iowa City, of all places!). Along the way, he learns many surprising things about nature of humanity, the meaning of life, and the horrors of war. It is often said that you'll either love this novel or hate it, but I am of the opinion that it (as with most of Vonnegut's works) is worth the effort. Like all good science fiction, it forces us to rethink our place in the universe.



"Check out" the book right here at the library -  
or, request the movie (on VHS) thru Interlibrary Loan!

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## TRIVIA FOR "CATCH THE READING BUG" 2008

There were 439 children registered for the summer reading program, ages 3 - gr. 5.  
472 easy book reading logs were returned. That equals 4,720 easy books read.  
180 chapter book reading logs were returned. That equals 540 chapter books read.  
Each child who completed a reading log received a free paperback book, purchased by the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis and a coupon for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. 243 books were given away.  
BUG KITS: When each child picked up their reading log packet, they were also given a "Bug Kit". Each Bug Kit contained a water bottle, 3 pipe cleaners, 3 wooden plugs, 2 wooden shapes, either an ice cream stick or wooden spoon, 4 pony beads, and either a piece of fabric, fun foam, or felt. Children were allowed to add paint or markers and one additional item of their choice. There were 138 bugs returned. A "People's Choice Award" was polled. There were 42 ballots cast. The public was asked to choose their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Winners of the "People's Choice Award" were:

1st place - Emma Smith, age 10

2nd place - Kyla Rich, age 10

3rd place tie - Elizabeth Birchfield, age 6 and Heather Wilson, age 9

The winners each received a book bag, stuffed bug, book, and a variety of other bug novelties. Everyone who

brought in a bug was given a stuffed bug when they came in to take their bug home.

READING LOG DRAWING: Each year a number of reading logs are pulled from the completed box of logs and awarded a small prize. This year\*s winners were:

Carlee Arnold - bug UNO cards  
Daniel Rice - bug catcher kit  
Tyler Starman - insect book  
Nate Wallace - insect book  
Tyler Craig - insect book\*  
Trevje Rhum - Bee Movie Mad Libs  
Lilly Pereira - poster and book bag  
Willow Barton - insect book  
Jack Petty - insect book  
Jordan Wohllaber - book and cd kit  
Chloe Kruse - insect book  
Jeremiah Cheely - insect book  
James Garmoe - insect book

GUESSING CONTEST: A jar of graham bee cookies was placed on the desk. Everyone was invited to guess how many cookies were in the jar. There were 262 cookies in the jar. Kirsten Fry guessed 260 and was the winner. She won the jar of cookies and a bee hat.

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## \*Rockin' Summer\*

### Mount Pleasant Public Library

### Teen Summer Reading Program

### 2008

This year's Teen summer reading program was a big success with 65 teens signed up. There were parties to attend along with scavenger hunts and a movie! There were 20 reading logs turned in for a total of 38,170 minutes read!! There were lots of prizes along the way, too! At the parties there were door prizes to go along with the food and games. Everyone who participated in the scavenger hunts received a prize, also. The big winners for the Teen summer reading program number of minutes read were:

1. Tasha Vancil - 5032 minutes  
\$60 American Eagle Outfitters gift card
2. Danika Jarrett - 4617 minutes  
\$50 Target gift card
3. Ashley Pohren - 4020 minutes  
\$40 Barnes & Noble gift card
4. Justin Dunn - 2601 minutes  
\$30 Best Buy gift card

Congratulations to all the winners!! Hope to see you all back next year for more fun and games!!

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# \*Hot Reads\*

## Adult Summer Reading Program

The Adult summer reading program had 34 participants this year with 151 bookmarks turned in. 139 bookmarks were for adult books read, 4 bookmarks were for juvenile books read to children (2 per bookmark) and 8 bookmarks were for easy books read to children (10 per bookmark). Some of this year's more popular authors were:

Diana Palmer  
Janet Dailey  
Debbie Macomber  
Janet Evanovich  
Linda Lael Miller  
Beverly Lewis  
Johanna Lindsey  
Nicholas Sparks  
Kasey Michaels  
Anne McCaffrey

Four bookmarks were drawn for prizes - the lucky winners were:

1. Carole Kaufman  
\$40.00 Hy-Vee Gift Card/Canvas Book Tote
2. Jean Carpenter  
\$30.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card/Canvas Book Tote
3. Jami Telgren  
\$25.00 Casey's Gift Card/Canvas Book Tote
4. Tammy Lyons  
Bath Spa Products/Canvas Book Tote

Congratulations to all the winners!! Keep on reading!!

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# KID'S PLAY

The Mount Pleasant Public Library is taking registration for the fall session of Storyhour from Monday, September 8th thru Wednesday, September 30th. This program begins October 1st. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 are invited to participate. Parents may choose from sessions held on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. All programs are free of charge and will meet at the library in the mornings from 10:30am to 11:15am. Registrations cannot be accepted over the phone. To register, stop by the Children's department or go to the Children's page of our website and follow the Storyhour link. You can also print the letter and form below and bring that in. If you have any questions, please call Susan or Chris at 385-1490.

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Dear Parent or Care Giver,

Summer is finally over. You are either happy about that, if you prefer the cooler weather, or sad, if you prefer the heat. Anyway, it is time to register for another session of Storyhour. I hope the children are as eager to get started as we are! This session of Storyhour will run 11 weeks. We are looking forward to seeing our returning children and meeting some new families.

We are here to serve you and your children, so if there is something you'd like to see happen, know of a great book we don't have, have a suggestion or a complaint, please feel free to bring it to our attention. Please take a few minutes to register your child by filling out the form attached to this letter. We also have a few guidelines we'd like to let you know of at this time.

- Please be certain that your child will be comfortable being left alone with several other children. Because of our space limitations, you may not sit with your child during Storyhour.
- Please explain to your child what the library and Storyhour are all about. During Storyhour we will read books, play games, learn fingerplays, and make something to take home.
- Please make certain that all drinks and restroom visits are done before bringing your child to Storyhour.
- Please notify us if your child has any food allergies.
- Your child must wear shoes at all times.
- For the well-being of the other children, please do not bring your child if he/she is not feeling well.
- Please notify us immediately if your child is diagnosed with any contagious virus.
- While it is not required, it is appreciated if you tell us when your child will not be attending
- And finally, please be prompt in delivering and picking up your child from Storyhour. For your child's safety, we ask that you come to the Children's Department to pick up your child.

Sincerely,  
Susan Mast, Children's Librarian  
Chris Mihalevich, Children's Dept. Assistant

## STORYHOUR REGISTRATION FORM



3—5 YEAR OLDS **WEDNESDAY** 10:30-11:15

Dates: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
November 5, 12, 19, 26  
December 3, 10

3—5 YEAR OLDS **THURSDAY** 10:30-11:15

Dates: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
November 6, 13, 20 (Due to the Thanksgiving holiday,  
children may attend class on either Wednesday or Friday this week.)  
December 4, 11

3—5 YEAR OLDS **FRIDAY** 10:30-11:15

Dates: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
November 7, 14, 21, 28  
December 5, 12

\*\*Class size is limited to 15, but we will take names on a waiting list. Therefore, if you have registered and decide not to bring your child to Storyhour, please notify me so that I may call someone on the waiting list.

\*\*Registrations cannot be accepted over the telephone.

(Please leave this portion at the Library.)

### REGISTRATION FORM

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

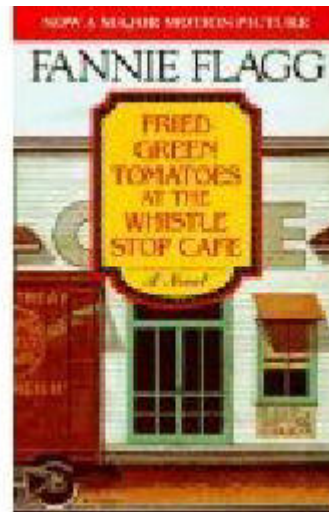
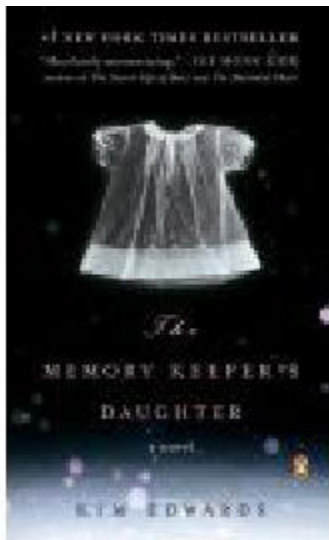
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# 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The *Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards is the story of how one fateful decision made during emotional stress can warp a family. Dr. David Henry's wife goes into labor during a blizzard. Unable to get his wife to the hospital, he decides to do the delivery at his clinic with the help of his nurse, Caroline. His wife gives birth to twins. The son is normal, but the daughter is born with Down Syndrome. David tells his nurse to put the girl in a home and he tells his wife, their daughter was born dead. Caroline keeps the girl and raises it as her own. For the next 25 years the lies and decisions of that night affect the entire family.

Join the discussion of this story September 23rd at 1:30 pm in the large study room at the library.



The October 28th book selection is *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* by Fannie Flagg. Depressed because she is going through menopause, is middle aged and feels irrelevant, Evelyn Couch is cheered up when she meets Mrs. Threadgoode during a visit to a nursing home. Mrs. Threadgoode takes her back to the town of Whistle Stop in 1930's Alabama and tells the story of Ruth and Idgie who ran the Whistle Stop Cafe. Ruth and Idgie's story is about love, life, murder and death in a small town.

This story is also the October selection of Great River Reads.

In addition to the book talk by the Fourth Tuesday Club, the movie will be shown during October, but time has not been decided.

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR



BOARD MEETINGS

September 9th – 6:30pm

October 14th – 6:30pm

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

September 23rd – 1:30pm

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> for Labor Day



October 31st!

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Fall is definitely here. You can feel it in the wind and when it rains it seems colder somehow. There is something beautiful yet sad about the seasons changing. Perhaps it is that all things change with the passage of time. I guess I just feel things changing so rapidly now, that it is hard to keep up. There is one thing I don't see changing in the immediate future...the book. You don't have to upload or download it. All you have to do is curl up in a chair and open it up.

Our economy has been changing, too. I want you to know the Mount Pleasant Public Library can help. As long as you are a resident of Mount Pleasant and Henry County you can get a library card at no cost to you. That means you can check out books, magazines, newspapers, videos etc. for free.

If you are job hunting, we have a great deal of information on job hunting including how to write a resume and you can even use our computers to write one. Our computers can also be useful in job hunting. There are many sites on the Internet which are very helpful with job hunting. You can even find Iowa's Workforce Development on the Internet ([www.iowaworkforce.org](http://www.iowaworkforce.org)). Newspapers have jobs online. Try the Burlington Hawkeye ([www.thehawkeye.com](http://www.thehawkeye.com)) or the Mt. Pleasant News ([http://www.zwire.com/site/news.asp?brd=1142&nav\\_sec=76129](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.asp?brd=1142&nav_sec=76129)).

If you have a good idea for a business you can use the Business Information Center (BIC) which is sponsored by IWC and the Mount Pleasant Chamber. The computer even helps you devise a business plan. There are also many materials on how to start a business. Ask the staff for help.

\*Using the library's materials for family fun night or movie night is a great deal. There are materials available on various games for families and children to play. The videos are free of

charge for a week. Just think of it...a fun night for the whole family and you don't have to buy tickets or treats or use gas getting there. The only thing you would have to provide is the popcorn!

What about a family reading night? Members of the family can read several chapters out of a book each night. Being read to is a very enjoyable and relaxing.

If things are tight for the holidays, there are even books about making your holiday season simpler and more joyous. You might even be able to start a family tradition that will be passed down from one generation to another.

One of the best gifts you can give anyone is a library card. It costs nothing and you have widened the person's world. Give one of the greatest gifts of all, the joy of reading.

So use the Mount Pleasant Public Library. It's one of the best deals in town!



May you have a joyous and safe holiday season.

Best wishes to you all.

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## BOARDWALK



The Board of Trustees will meet December 9th at 6:30 pm in the large study room. The board will be meeting November 13th at 6:30 pm instead of November 11th, because the library will be closed on November 11th, for Veteran's Day. Items to be discussed include 2009/2010 Budget Request and the Director's Evaluation.

The Board's December meeting will be 9th at 6:30 pm. The agenda items have not been chosen at this time.

Remember this is an open meeting and anyone can attend. The Board wishes you and yours the best during this holiday season and for the coming year.

# Happy 2009 Everyone!!!!

## STAFF PICKS

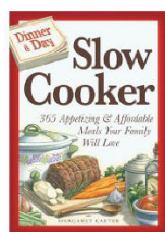
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Now that the beautiful days of autumn are upon us, it's time to put away the KFC chicken boxes and the hot dogs and think about real cooking! We have a wonderful collection of cookbooks here at the library.

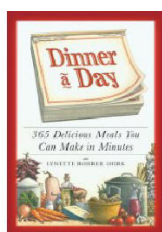
Some of our new books include: *Slow Cooker: 365 Appetizing and Affordable Meals Your Family Will Love* and *Dinner a Day: 365 Delicious Meals You Can Make in Minutes*. How about a Shrimp Omelet, pg. 330, or Salmon Florentine, pg. 332? In the new *Taste of Home: Simple and Delicious Cookbook*, the Hot Turkey Sandwich, pg. 119, or Cheddar Ham Soup, pg. 124, or Veggie Bean Soup, pg. 127, all sound quick and tasty!

But, before you put away the grill for the season, you might want to try the Beer-Brined Pork Chops on pg. 71 in the new *Taste of Home: Simple and Delicious Cookbook* or Sweet and Sour Chicken Wings from *The Big Grill*. So take a stroll through the 641.5 section of the library and take note of the many types of cookbooks we have to offer our patrons. There are cooking light books, low-salt cookbooks, low-fat cookbooks, prairie home cooking as well as foreign cuisine and many, many more.

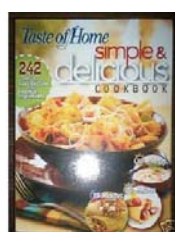
As the holidays are approaching, browse through the many holiday books, from *Treasury of Christmas Recipes* to *Martha Stewart's Hors D'Oeuvres Handbook*. The holiday books will be placed in a special display soon - so watch for it!



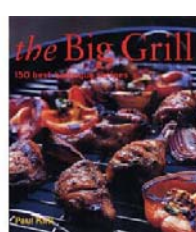
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A library staff favorite pot-luck dish is this easy recipe that my granddaughter loves to make (and eat) when she comes to visit!

### Grape Salad

Wash and remove from stem about 2 pounds of grapes (they can be red or green - leave them whole). Cream together 1/2 cup sugar and 8 oz. cream cheese. Mix in 8 oz. sour cream and 1 Tbsp. vanilla. Mix with the grapes and place in serving bowl. Sprinkle 1 cup

packed brown sugar over the grape mixture. Next, sprinkle 3/4 cup chopped pecans over the brown sugar. Chill overnight before serving. This recipe makes a large amount - I usually cut the recipe in half.

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## KID'S PLAY



### ORNAMENT

The Children's Department will offer an ornament making workshop on Monday, December 8th 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.

### WORKSHOP

### 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 entertainment and instruction. The evening begins at 5:00 with a light supper. Children will enjoy a storytime and 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.



### NEW BOOKS!

The Children's Department has LOTS of NEW BOOKS!! Come in and check them out!



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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library will be meeting at 5:45 pm, November 13th and December 9th. The Friends renewal letters have been sent out. If you did not receive one and would like to be a Friend of the Library,

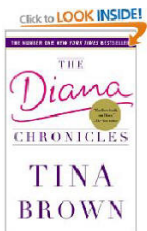
there are applications available at the library or call and one will be sent to you.

If you need some gifts for friends, teachers, postal worker, newspaper carrier, etc., remember our used book sale and our book bag. There is nothing better than a good book on a snowy, winter's night and our book bag is good for carrying just about everything.

**A Happy and Joyous Holiday Season to All!**

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Diana Chronicles by Tina Brown will be the book under discussion November 25th.

From Publishers Weekly: Princess Diana was "the best thing to happen" to the British royals "since the restoration of Charles II," concludes Brown in this dishy biography, and the royal family's error was not realizing that. It's tough to pigeonhole a peacock, but Brown, former editor of Vanity Fair and the New Yorker, tries, calling the late Diana a diva, "a siren of subversion" who "even as a small girl... had been dangerous when hurt." Brown shows how Diana excelled at manipulating the media; her in-laws could only stand by helplessly as she captivated the cameras by batting her eyes or lowering them in her trademark "Shy Di" look. Brown interviewed more than 250 people, and gives her book a tabloid-lingo touch that can fall into melodrama, but then, given the nature of the subject matter, a little melodrama is entirely fitting.

The meeting will be held in the large study room at 1:30 pm. There will be no December meeting.

Remember, one of the best gifts you can give to a person is the joy of reading. During this Holiday Season give the ones you care about a library

card. You will be giving them the world.

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR



### BOARD MEETINGS

November 13th - 6:30pm

December 9th - 6:30pm

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

November 13th - 5:45pm

December 9th - 5:45pm

### 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

November 25th - 1:30pm

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 11th for  Veteran's Day

Closing at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 26th for

**Thanksgiving**

Thursday, November 27th for



## LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 24th for



Thursday, December 25th for



Closing at 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 31st for



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## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday	10:00am – 8:00pm
Friday	10:00am – 5:30pm
Saturday	10:00am – 5:00pm