SUMNER PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2026

Upcoming Closures:

CLOSED- Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25

CLOSED EARLY- 5:00PM Thursday, December 31

Kids Art Club

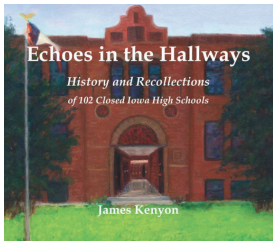
Mondays | 4:30-5:30PM



Calling all young artists in kindergarten through 4th grade! Join us at the library every Monday (excluding last Monday of the month) from 4:30–5:30pm for fun art projects, creativity, and imagination. We can't wait to create with you!

Author Visit: James Kenyon

Thursday, December 3 | 5:30PM



Join us as Cedar Falls author James Kenyon discusses his book, Echoes in the Hallways. After traveling to all 99 Iowa counties and gathering stories from more than 1,000 Iowans, Kenyon shares the history, memories, and people behind Iowa's former high schools. Come enjoy this special look at Iowa's educational heritage. Everyone is welcome!

Adult Program: Disaster Preparedness

Tuesday, December 15 | 5:30PM



Disaster preparedness is the practice of planning, organizing, and taking proactive steps to protect yourself, your family, and your community from the impact of natural or man-made emergencies. It involves understanding potential risks such as storms, earthquakes, floods, fires, or power outages, and creating a plan to respond effectively. Key elements include assembling emergency supplies, knowing evacuation routes, communicating plans with loved ones, and staying informed through reliable sources. Being prepared can reduce fear, minimize damage, and save lives when disasters occur. Taking the time to prepare today helps build resilience for whatever emergencies may come tomorrow.

Paleontologist Visit: Dr. Kurt Spearing

Thursday, December 17 | 5:00PM



Kurt will share how he got started in paleontology, explain how fossils make their journey from the ground to a museum, and explore Iowa's prehistoric life. He'll also discuss his recent research on the first mosasaur ever found in Iowa!
Come learn about the amazing prehistoric creatures that once called Iowa home!

This program is FREE and open to the public. All ages are welcome.

Teen D&D

Tuesday, December 1 at 4:00PM & Saturday, December 19 at 10:00AM



We will now be meeting two times a month. The fun never stops!!
Grades 6 - 12.

Toddler Story Time

Weekly on Wednesdays | 10:00AM



Join us in the children's area for a fun and welcoming time together!
Children from toddler through preschool age, along with their caregivers, are invited to listen to stories, play, explore, and socialize with others. Come enjoy some quality time together while your little ones learn, connect, and have fun!

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December 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 **Teen D&D:** 4:00PM	2 **StoryTime:** 10:00AM	3 **Kids' (3rd-6th) Book Club:** 4:00PM	4	5
6	7 **Kids Art Club:** 4:30-5:30PM	8	9 **StoryTime:** 10:00AM	10 **Evening Book Club:** 6-7PM	11	12
13	14 **Kids Art Club:** 4:30-5:30PM	15 **Disaster Preparedness:** 5:30PM	16 **StoryTime:** 10:00AM	17 **Library Board Meeting:** 8:00AM **In the Stacks Book Talk Group:** 9-10AM **Paleontologist Visit:** 5:00PM	18 **Coffee Book Talk Group:** 9-10AM	19 **Teen D&D:** 4:00PM
20	21 **Kids Art Club:** 4:30-5:30PM	22	23 **StoryTime:** 10:00AM	24 **CLOSED**	25 **CLOSED**	26
27	28 **Chess Club:** 5:00PM	29	30 **StoryTime:** 10:00AM	31 **Closing at 5:00PM**		



Wondrous Words:
Drapetomania (n.) an overwhelming urge to run away

Monthly Quote:
"Let us come alive to the splendor that is all around us, and see the beauty in ordinary things." Thomas Merton

Library Hours
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday:
9:00AM- 7:00PM
Wednesday & Friday:
9:00AM- 5:00PM
Saturday:
9:00AM– 12:00PM