

2025 Summer Reading Program



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June Events

Kid Events

Thursday, June 5 @ 2:00 PM • Lilo & Stitch Party

Join us for some out-of-this-world fun as we celebrate our favorite characters, Lilo & Stitch, with different crafts and activities.

Thursday, June 12 @ 2:00 PM • Minecraft Party

Celebrate all things Minecraft with themed crafts and activities!

Monday, June 16 • 10 AM-11 AM • Playdough Playday

Shape, create, or just get messy! During this program, a variety of playdough, tools, and mats will be available. This is fun, sensory playtime that fosters creativity and exploration. It is perfect for ages 2-5, but all ages are welcome!

Thursday, June 19 @ 2:00pm Nature's Spiral Clay County Conservation

Celebrate the beauty and value of spirals. What makes the tiny snail shell so beautiful? Why does that shape occur in nature over and over again--in rushing rivers, in a flower bud, even inside your ear?

Thursday, June 26 @ 2:00 pm Duffy Hudson - Dr. Seuss

Sponsored by Friends of Spencer Public Library

Join Broadway and film actor Duffy Hudson in this fast paced romp through several of Dr. Seuss' most loved and classic works.

Tween Book Club

Holes - Louis Sachar

Kids going into 3-5th grade

Stanley Yelnats, wrongly accused of stealing, is sent to Camp Green Lake where he and other boys are forced to dig holes in the hopes of improving their character and uncovering buried treasure.

Register by Friday, June 6

Email kschlichte@spenceriowacity.com

Meeting Dates: Wednesdays @ 2 PM

June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23

Tween Events

Friday, June 13 • 2:30 PM -4 PM Tween

Gaming Come-n-Go

Get your game on and join us for Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros.

Friday, June 27 • 3 PM - 4:30 PM Tween

Crafternoon Come-n-Go

Drop in and get creative. We'll have different craft stations, including shrinky dinks & perler beads.

Teen Events

Monday, June 2- Friday, June 6 • 9 AM - 12 PM

Code Camp: RPG

Embark on the ultimate quest...to create your own! At RPG Camp, you'll learn the secrets of game design, forge your own adventure, and become the master of your gaming destiny. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Must attend all sessions of camp.

Tuesday, June 10 @ 2 PM • DIY Video Game Character Stickers

Learn to make your own stickers featuring your favorite video game characters. Bring ideas of characters you want, or choose from characters we have on hand!

Tuesday, June 17 @ 2 PM • Level Up at Your Library: A Dungeons & Dragons One Shot

Long ago, the greatest library in generations disappeared into the desert, taking with it a huge variety of riches and treasures. Since then, it has become a rite of passage for many newly minted adventurers to try their hand at finding the library and unlocking its secrets...

Welcome to the world of Dungeons & Dragons! This one shot is perfect for both beginners and experienced players. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** This campaign needs a minimum of 5 players and maxes out at 8, so sign up now! All necessary materials provided.

Tuesday June 24 at 2 PM Level Up Music: Intro to Coding with Sonic Pi

Sonic Pi is a powerful tool to enhance your musical journey. Live Coding is an expressive new way of creating and performing music using code. Intro to the basic coding structures and algorithms that will enable you to start composing new pieces of music in your own personal style. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Space is limited-sign up today!

Weekly Events

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS: 1 PM • GERI-FIT

Senior Chair Fitness - Free to the public. Limited space available. Call 712-580-7290 for more information.

TUESDAYS: 10 AM • STORYTIME

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THURSDAYS: 5:00 PM • JUST WRITE

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Adult Events

Monday, June 9 @ 6:00 PM • Calm Puzzling

Listen to calming music while working on a jigsaw puzzle. Socialize with other patrons!

Monday, June 16 @ 6:00 PM • Book Tasting

Are you hungry for good books? Do you eagerly devour the newest titles? Then come to a Book Tasting - a deliciously easy way to increase your taste for good books. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Tuesday, June 17 @ 6:30 PM • Author Talk

Tim Johnston talks of Distant Sons - A 2025 All Iowa Reads Book. Tim Johnston will zoom with us! The paths of two young men collide and spark unexpected violence in a Wisconsin town where three boys went missing in the 1970s. Read the book before the talk. Books are available upon request.




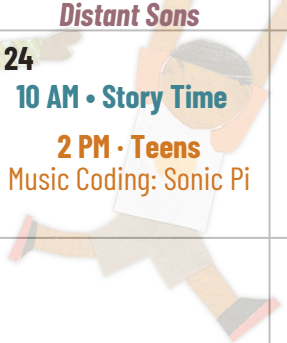

Thursday, June 26 at 6:00 PM - Duffy Hudson Presents Houdini! His Life, His Magic!

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In this fascinating one man show The Great Houdini shares his secrets of success, his obsession with magic, the occult and the amazing stunts that drove him to an early grave. Will the show include elements of Houdini's life? Of course it will. Will the show include escapes and magic? Of course it will. Will the show captivate the young, the old, and everyone in between? Of course it will. Will the show reveal all of Houdini's secrets? Well, you will have to watch won't you?

MAY/JUNE 2025

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25 	26 Memorial Day Library is closed	27	28 1 PM - 6PM Summer Reading Kickoff!	29	30 1 PM • Geri-Fit	31
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July Events

Wednesday, July 2 · 1 PM - 6 PM · Youth Book Giveaway

All youth are invited to choose a book to keep! We will have tables set up in the library full of books to choose from for 0-18 year olds.

Kid Events

Thursday, July 10 @ 1:30 PM · Henry Doorly Zoo Grossology Sponsored by Hy-Noon Kiwanis

Poop, vomit, slime, and even more amazing disgusting topics will be explored as we learn about some of the grossest (and coolest) animal traits. We'll learn about mammal digestion and discover why scientists use poop to track animal migration patterns. We'll also discover what insects clean up bat poop and which flavor of milkshake is Tarantula's favorite! Everyone will see just how gross (and amazing) animals can be.

Saturday, July 12 · 2 PM - 4 PM Come-n-Go Legos

We've got the bricks; all you need is your imagination! Try different build challenges or build whatever you want.

Monday, July 14 · 10 AM-11 AM · Playdough Playday

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Thursday, July 17 · 2:00 PM Forest Floor Clay County Conservation

The "Forest Floor" refers to the lowest level of a forest ecosystem, comprising soil, leaf litter, decaying organic matter, and the living organisms that inhabit it. It's a crucial part of the forest's nutrient cycling and provides habitat for various creatures.

Thursday, July 24 2:00 PM · Waterfights with Spencer Fire Department

Spencer Fire Department will once again be joining us with a truck, hoses, and a tank full of water. If that's not enough to get you drenched, we will also provide and squirt toys.

Thursday, July 24 · Critter Camp: Stuffed Animal Sleepover

It's time for summer camp! Bring your stuffed animal for a special summer camp stay at the library. Stuffed animals can be dropped off on Thursday, July 24 between 9am-6pm. Kids will have an opportunity to decorate a name tag and picture frame, and fill out an i.d card for their animal at drop off. Stuffed animals can be picked up Saturday, July 26, between 10-11am. Kids will receive a picture in their decorated frame, and a digital slideshow will be shared via email.

Saturday August 2nd 9 AM - 11:30 AM · Summer Reading Pool Party

You worked hard reading this summer, now let's have some fun! All are invited to our pool party at the Spencer Aquatic Center.

Tween Events

Friday, July 11 · Tween Gaming 2:30-4:00pm

Get your game on and join us for Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros.

Teen Events

Tuesday July 8 @ 2 PM · Oneota Nature Walk

Join us at Oneota Park for a fun Nature Walk with Brienne! Water and a small snack will be provided, but don't forget your sunscreen and bug spray! We will have an activity in the lodge in case of inclement weather.

Tuesday July 15 @ 2 PM - 4 PM Wii Sports

Come and test your skills at Wii Sports! Wii Bowling from 2-3 PM, Wii Golf from 3-4 PM.

Tuesday July 22 @ 2 PM DIY Dice Bag

Have dice or other trinkets for games but no way to store them? Come and make a fabric drawstring bag fit for all sorts of goodies!

Tuesday July 29 @ 2 PM 8-Bit Perlors

8-Bit art looks great when made from Perler beads. Make a keychain or bag hanger of your favorite 8-Bit characters!

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Adult Events

Monday, July 7 @ 6:00 PM · Book Discussion

A Place For Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza – All the joy and struggle of family life is here, from Rafiq and Layla's own arrival in America from India, to the years in which their children—each in their own way—tread between two cultures, seeking to find their place in the world, as well as a path home. Books can be checked out at the front desk.

Monday, July 14 @ 6:00 PM · July Bar and Cookie Swap

Who says cookie exchanges should be in December? Join us as we do our July bar and cookie swap. Just bring a plate of cookies or bars and bring home a variety of treats!

Thursday, July 24 @ 7:00 PM

Lucy Pettengill, Station Operator on the Underground Railroad

Laura Keyes is abolitionist, Lucy Pettengill. Learn about the struggles Lucy Pettengill and her fellow abolitionists encountered, in order to assist freedom seekers on their way north. Hear the accounts of the efforts of the underground railroad activities from someone (Lucy Pettengill) who was there!


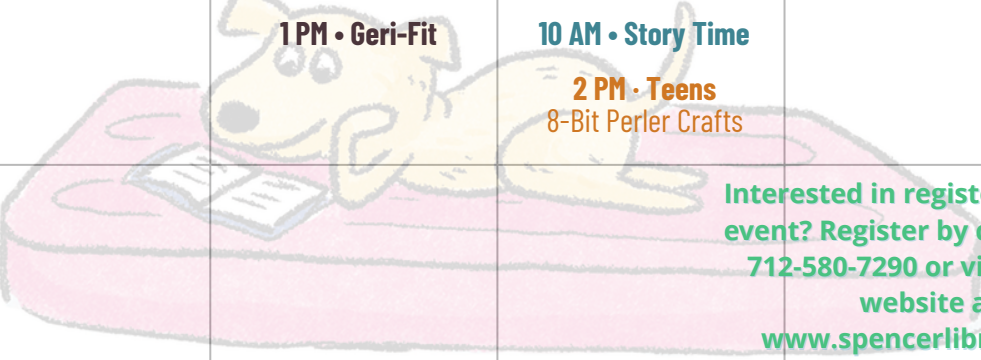

Thursday, July 31 @ 6:00 PM · "Rom, Com, and Fun" with Iowa author Angela Youngers

Get ready for an evening of interactive games and discussion about books, marriage, motherhood, and romance as Youngers leads a variety of party games while discussing themes from her novel Another Dance, reading excerpts, and sharing anecdotes about her writing journey, process, and inspiration. Angela will be selling copies of her book for those interested after the event. Refreshments served. Free and open to the public. **Registration required.**

JULY/AUGUST 2025

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