

# SPILLING INK



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## Poetry Contest

Open to ALL AGES.  
Poetry entries are accepted  
February 1st through March 15th!



♥ No entry fee is required.  
Northwest Iowa residents only.



Entries should include your name,  
address, and phone number.

K-12 students should include their  
school and grade level.

For more details or the full listing of rules,  
contact Spencer Public Library.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY:

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

THE ARCHAEOLOGY  
BENEATH OUR FEET:

THE PREHISTORY OF CLAY COUNTY

KIDS DROP-IN  
CRAFTERNOON

TEEN GAME DAY:  
CARDS WITH FRIENDS

#### MARCH:

FAMILY FEST  
AT CLAY COUNTY EVENTS CENTER

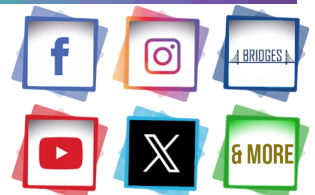
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HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY  
WE ARE CLOSED  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH  
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### HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY:  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:  
SUNDAY:

9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM  
9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM  
CLOSED



# KIDS



## STORYTIME

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Join us each week as we explore a different theme through stories, songs, and rhymes! Storytimes support healthy, whole-child development and foster early literacy and social-emotional skills that are essential for reading readiness. Storytime is a great first-group experience for children and an opportunity for adults to connect with others in our community.

## KIDS' DROP-IN CRAFTERNOON

**Saturday, February 10  
@ 2:00-3:30 PM  
Come-n-Go**



Drop in for a fantastic time of creating Valentine's Day themed crafts.

## PLAYDOUGH PLAY TIME



**Monday, February 26  
10-11 AM**

Shape, create, or just get messy! A variety of playdough, tools, and mats will all be available during this program. This is a fun, sensory playtime to foster creativity and exploration. Perfect for ages 2-5, but all ages are welcome!

## 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

The library is excited to partner with #SpencerReads for this comprehensive and free program that encourages you to read aloud with your child.

### Here's how it works:

1. Register at [spencerlibrary.beanstack.com/](https://spencerlibrary.beanstack.com/) to create your account. If you prefer a low-tech version, ask for a paper log at the front desk.
2. Log your books as you go. As you reach each milestone, you'll receive rewards.

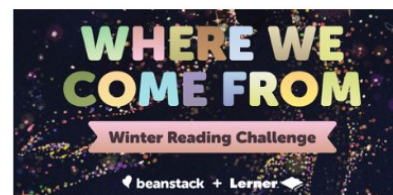


## ALL AGES WINTER READING CHALLENGE

**January 1-February 29**

Challenge the whole family and join us by participating in our winter reading Bingo challenge "Where We Come From" sponsored by Beanstack. This challenge is for all ages and includes some fun prizes!

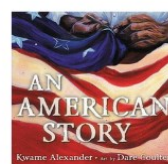
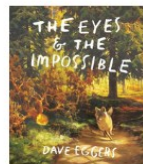
To sign up, register for an account with Beanstack at <https://spencerlibrary.beanstack.org> or download the Beanstack app available for Apple and Android. Paper forms will also be available at the library.



## SAVE THE DATE

**CLAY COUNTY REGIONAL EVENTS CENTER**  
**MARCH 2**  
**9AM - 1PM**  
**Family Fest**  
**FREE TO ATTEND!**  
**SPENCER, IA • CLAYCOUNTYFAIR.COM**

## CHECK OUT THESE AWARD WINNING KID BOOKS



# February Teen Events



**SPLAM:**

**FINGER KNIT BEANIES**

**LGTBQ+ & Allies Group**

**Saturday, February 3rd @ 2:00 PM**

**JUST WRITE**

**All Ages Open Writing Group**

**Tuesdays @ 5:30 PM**

**TEEN GAME DAY**

**Cards With Friends**

**Saturday, February 17th @ 2 PM**

**Email [sandresen@spenceriowacity.com](mailto:sandresen@spenceriowacity.com)  
for more information!**

# Adult Programs



There is still time to sign-up and read!  
Join at [spencerlibrary.beanstack.org](http://spencerlibrary.beanstack.org) or ask at the front desk for paper logs.



## Geri-Fit

Every Monday and Friday at 1:00 PM  
\*No Geri-Fit Feb 5 or Feb 19



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Extension and Outreach

## Coffee & Conversation Feb 15, 2:00

Join the Clay County Extension Office for our monthly discussion at the library. This month, we will take a look at eating healthy while sticking to a tight grocery budget.

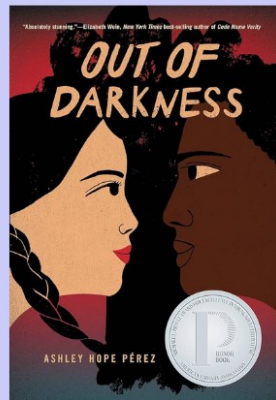


## The Archaeology Beneath Our Feet: The Prehistory of Clay County Feb 22, 2:00

Join us and the Sanford Museum Archaeologist, Mark Anderson, as he talks about the artifacts right beneath our feet and over 13,000 years of prehistory in Clay County and NW Iowa.

## Banned Book Discussion Feb 26, 6:00

Race, romance, and family converge in this riveting novel that transplants Romeo and Juliet to a bitterly segregated Texas town. Books available for checkout. Join the conversation!



## Movie Matinee Feb 28, 2:00

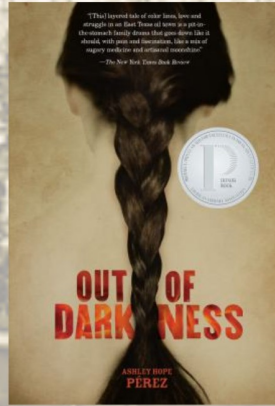
### The Holdovers PAUL GIAMATTI



The Holdovers follows a curmudgeonly instructor at a prep school who is forced to remain on campus during Christmas break to babysit a handful of students. Free popcorn!

# Banned Book Club

Discussion Date:  
Monday, February 26th, 6:00pm



"[This] layered tale of color lines, love and struggle in an East Texas oil town is a pit-in-the-stomach family drama that goes down like it should, with pain and fascination, like a mix of sugary medicine and artisanal moonshine."—The New York Times Book Review

## Aimee's Tech Talks



## BRIDGES/KANOPY

DOWNLOAD AUDIOBOOKS, EBOOKS, MAGAZINES, GRAPHIC NOVELS, MANGA, AND STREAM VIDEOS! ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SPENCER PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD!



AT **2:30PM**

**THURSDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 29**

Contact [aclark@spenceriowacity.com](mailto:aclark@spenceriowacity.com) or call 712-580-7290 for more info!

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## KIDS

### Storytime:

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

### Clover Kids

Wednesday, February 7th at 4:00 pm  
Register at <https://go.iastate.edu/INXROL>

### Playdough Play Time

Monday, February 26th at 10:00 am

### Drop-In Crafternoon

Come & Go  
Saturday, February 10th  
2:00 to 3:30 pm

### Winter Reading Challenge

Continues through February 29th

## TEENS

### SPLAM: Finger Knit Beanies

Saturday, February 3rd at 2:00 pm

### Cards with Friends

Saturday, February 17th at 2:00 pm

### Just Write: Writer's Group

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

### Winter Reading Challenge

January 1st through February 29th

## ADULTS

### Movie Matinee: *The Holdovers*

Wednesday, February 28th at 2:00 pm

### Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, February 15th at 2:00 pm

### The Archaeology Beneath Our Feet: The Prehistory of Clay County

Thursday, February 22nd at 2:00 pm

### Book Discussion: *Out of Darkness*

Monday, February 26th, at 6:00 pm

### Geri-fit Mondays & Fridays at 1:00 pm

*No Geri-fit on February 5th or February 19th*

### Just Write: Writer's Group: Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

Winter Reading Challenge runs through 2/29

### WEEKLY EVENTS

**STORYTIME:** TUESDAYS AT 10:00 AM  
**DROP-IN TECH HELP:** WEDNESDAYS AT 1:30 PM  
**GERI-FIT:** MONDAYS & FRIDAYS 1:00 PM  
**JUST WRITE:** TUESDAYS AT 5:30 PM  
**NO GERI-FIT ON 2/5 AND 2/19**

### ALL AGES EVENTS

**WINTER READING CHALLENGE**  
January 1st - February 29th  
**POETRY CONTEST**  
February 1st through March 15th

### UPCOMING HOLIDAY HOURS

**FEBRUARY 19TH**  
**PRESIDENT'S DAY** **CLOSED**

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