

NEWSLETTER

Orange City, Iowa September 2024

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**More than book carts are rolling
at the library**

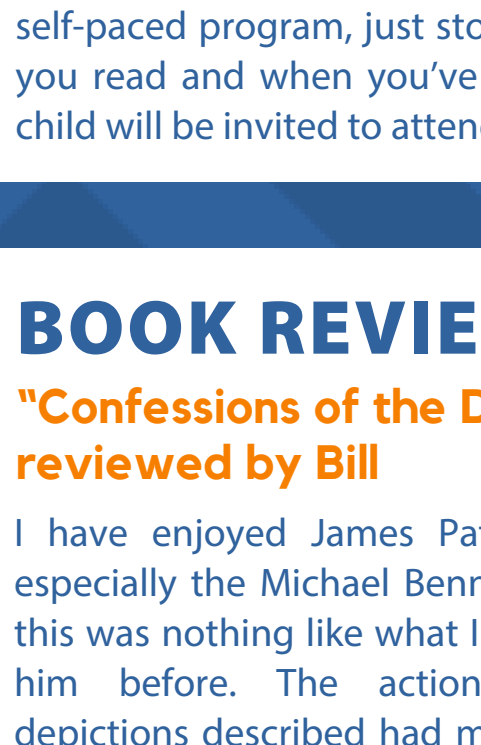
Read below and check our website calendar for our fall events.



Dear Readers, We recently celebrated the graduation of eight young readers from the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! Our 2024 graduates include Steven, Abigail, and Helen (children of Tom and Hannah); Emmy and Erin (children of Brent and Tricia); Josey (daughter of Andy and Becky); Makynlee (daughter of David and Darci); and Kaiden (son of Kenton and Kristina). Bill Minnick and I presented each graduate with a certificate, photo opportunities, story time, and activities. Congratulations to our graduates, and a big thank you to everyone who supported them in reaching this 1000 book milestone! As a special treat, each graduate also received an additional book as a graduation gift.

-Lisa Johnson, Director

FEATURED THIS MONTH: 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



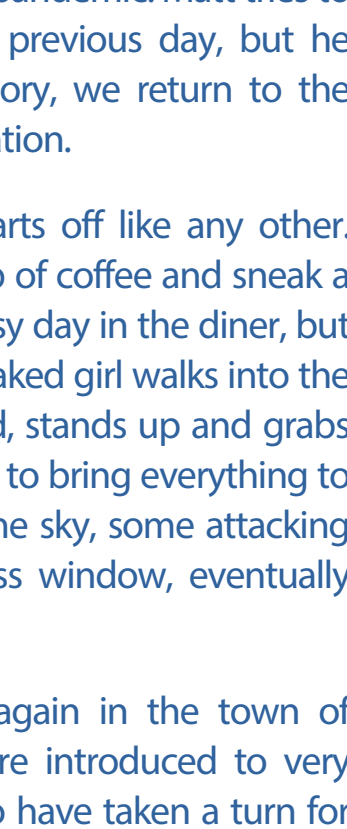
1000 Book Before Kindergarten is the beginning of an incredible journey that encourages a child to have a passion for reading at a young age. Setting aside time to read with your child also creates memories and priceless bonding time. Receive a free book and bag

when you sign up your child (ages birth – preschool) for this fun, self-paced program, just stop at the front desk. Record the books you read and when you've read the 1000th book together your child will be invited to attend our annual graduation ceremony.

BOOK REVIEW:

"Confessions of the Dead" reviewed by Bill

I have enjoyed James Patterson books, especially the Michael Bennett series. But, this was nothing like what I had read from him before. The action and horror depictions described had me on the edge of my seat.



The location is Hollows Bend, NH. A beautiful little tourist location nestled in the mountains and forests of the state. When they described the community and the people I was taken back to when I was a boy riding my bike all day long in my little town back in the '70s or '80s.

The story begins with an audio/video recording dated 10/16/2023 between Special Agent Beatrice Sordello and Virgil Matthew ("Matt") Maro, a sheriff's deputy from the small town of Hollows Bend, New Hampshire. Special Agent Sordello was interviewing Deputy Maro, but Sordello and Maro were separated and each enclosed in large, ventilated acrylic boxes. All individuals besides Deputy Maro were in HazMat suits as if there had been some form of pandemic. Matt tries to explain what happened in Hollows Bend the previous day, but he struggles. At several points throughout the story, we return to the interview between Sardello and Maro for clarification.

The previous day to the interview the day starts off like any other. Deputy Maro stops in at the diner to grab a cup of coffee and sneak a kiss from his girlfriend Gabby Sanchez. It is a busy day in the diner, but everything halts to a stop when a mysterious, naked girl walks into the diner and stands in the doorway. Matt, stunned, stands up and grabs his jacket to cover the girl. If that wasn't enough to bring everything to a stop, a murder of crows begins to fall from the sky, some attacking people, some flying into the diner's plate glass window, eventually shattering the window.

From this point forward, nothing is normal again in the town of Hollows Bend. As we continue to read, we are introduced to very interesting new characters, whose lives seem to have taken a turn for the worst. People in the town start acting very strangely. Sheriff Ellie Pritchett is dispatched to the community library where the assistant librarian is attempting to burn books she finds offensive. Sheriff Pritchett finally gets the assistant librarian seated and handcuffed to a chair, as she is talking to dispatch she hears the swoosh of the paper cutter and then a thud as it hits down on the board. She turns to see the head librarian with four of his fingers lopped off one hand in the paper cutter. They can't get an ambulance there quick enough, so she gathers the fingers off the table and starts to transport him to the clinic in her cruiser. They never arrive.

Matt is attempting to get the mysterious girl to the station but cannot get through town, he keeps getting hailed down by disturbed community members. Some young kids find clues worth following. Eventually, they get Matt and Gabby involved and the clues lead to a frozen lake in the forest that has never been seen before. Saying any more would reveal too much, and there is so much more that happens previous to getting to this point.

"Confessions of the Dead", is well worth the read. The story will keep you turning the pages and not putting it down. If action and drama are your thing mixed in with some horror and alternate reality; this is well worth checking out!

Read a book for Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15-October 15



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Visit our website for more details on these events and others coming up.

orangecitylibrary.org

ALL AGES

Dog Therapy

Monday, September 9, 4:00-5:00 pm

Tech Tuesday

Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm

BABIES-KINDERGARTEN

Movin' & Groovin' Story Time

Wednesdays, 9:30 am (Sept. 18-Nov. 20)

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 9:30 am (Sept. 19-Nov. 21)

3 Year Old Art Class

Tuesday, September 17, 9:30-10:00 am

*Registration Required

4-5 Year Old Art Class

Tuesday, September 17, 10:00-10:30 am

*Registration Required

3RD-8TH GRADE

Minecraft Event

Friday, September 20, 2:00-4:00 pm

*Registration Required

LEGO Club (K-4th Grade)

Friday, September 27, 2:00-3:00 pm

*Registration Required

Pandemic Game Event (6-12th Grade)

Tuesday, October 1, 4:00-5:30 pm

*Registration Required

ADULTS

Board Games & Snacks

Tuesday, September 3, 6:30-7:30 pm

Scrabble Game Night

Tuesday, October 1, 6:00-7:30pm

*Registration Required

English Conversation Class

Mondays, Sept. 16-Nov. 18, 6:00-7:00 pm

Clase de inglés básico

Thursdays, Sept. 19-Nov. 21, 6:00-7:45 pm

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