

Library Lines



What's Happening at the Harlan Community Library?

National Library Week (April 3-9, 2022) is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. This year's theme is "Stay Connected". The honorary chairperson, this year, is Molly Shannon an actress and comedian whose own mother was a librarian. Ms. Shannon's mother says, "Libraries are places where communities connect-to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other."

National Library Week was first sponsored in 1958 and is observed in all libraries across the United States each April. Some of the events this week are: A release of The State of America's Libraries report with the top ten titles challenged for 2021, National Library Worker's Day, National Library Outreach Day, and Take Action for Libraries Day. For more information about NLW check out ala.org, American Library Association's website.

Let's talk about new books at the library:

The "Adult All Iowa Read" title this year is *The Butterfly Effect* by Rachel Mans McKenny which is being compared to *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman and *The Rosie Project* by Don Tillman. Greta, the main character, is an antisocial butterfly and prefers bugs to humans except her twin brother. When Greta receives a call regarding her brother's health; she leaves her research gig in the rain forest to rush home to Ames, Iowa. Coming home means confronting everything she left behind and the mother who left them behind; Greta must step out of her comfort zone and have the courage to reevaluate what she needs the most.

We've added a few books by author Colleen Hoover: *Heart Bones*, *Layla*, and *Reminders of Him*. Colleen is an international and New York Times bestselling author of romance, YA, thriller, women's fiction, and paranormal romance. Colleen doesn't appreciate the confines of just one genre.

The Naked Don't Fear the Water, a Non-Fiction title by Matthieu Aikins is an underground journey with Afghan Refugees. Matthieu is a journalist living in Kabul who decides to follow his friend Omar; who has decided to flee his war-torn country. To leave with Omar, Matthieu must leave his own passport and identity to travel on this refugee trail. This odyssey crosses land and sea from Afghanistan to Europe.

The library also offers resources to help our patrons "stay connected" digitally. This month we added three new titles to our shelves: *Social Media Marketing all-in-one for Dummies*, *Windows 11 for Dummies*, and *Zoom for Dummies*.