

HAPPENINGS  
WOODWARD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER  
May 2024

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A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life. –*Henry Ward Beecher*

### From the Director's Chair

May 31 and June 1 is Friends n Neighbors Days. On May 31, the Library is hosting the Thankful Band at 1:30 at the United Methodist Church. It a Jazz Trio, an event for the whole family. Bring everyone, especially those who play instruments.

June 1, be sure to stop by the library to register for the Summer Reading Program. The theme for this year is 'Get Caught Reading'. Prizes for all ages to be won for reading and attending the special events. Also, participate in the challenge of exceed last year check outs in June of **495**. Come often to check out, read more books, and get caught reading.

New books are coming to the library in May and June for readers Birth through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. A grant of \$1400 from the Pilcrow Foundation has made this possible. What for the new books in May and especially in June during Summer Reading.

More new items are at the library. Be sure to look at the two advertisements that follow. Have a wonderful May. Happy Mothers' to all the mothers.


News items are available at the library. Anyone interested in downloading music or listening to a podcast. Check at MP3player from the library. The library has 4 available to check out.

# WOODWARD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Do you want to take your music, audiobooks and podcasts with you?

**Check out our MP3 Players**

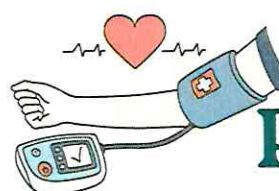
**SanDisk ClipJam**



**WPL**  
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Has your doctor asked you to keep track of your blood pressure and you don't have a kit? The library has 2 kits. One that can be checked out and one to be used in the library.



# Woodward Public Library

**Available at WPL**

## self-measured blood pressure devices.

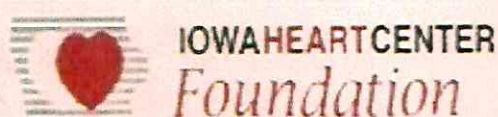


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### BLOOD PRESSURE CATEGORIES

CATEGORY	SYSTOLIC mm Hg (upper number)	and	DIASTOLIC mm Hg (lower number)
NORMAL	LESS THAN 120	and	LESS THAN 80
ELEVATED	120 - 129	and	LESS THAN 80
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (hypertension) Stage 1	130 - 139	or	80 - 89
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (hypertension) Stage 2	140 or higher	or	90 or higher
HYPERTENSIVE CRISIS Consult your doctor immediately	Higher than 180	and/or	higher than 120

A diagnosis of high blood pressure must be confirmed with a medical professional. Unusually low blood pressure readings should be evaluated. If your blood pressure is higher than 180/120 mm Hg and you are experiencing signs such as chest pain, shortness of breath, back pain, numbness/weakness, change in vision or difficulty speaking - Call 911 [heart.org/spelevents](http://heart.org/spelevents)



*Spotlight on Books*



## Roald Dahl

Roald was British author of popular children's books. Born in Wales and living more of his life in England. He was also a fighter pilot and intelligence officer in World War II. His first children's book was "The Gremlins" was from his time as a pilot, everything something went wrong with the planes, the pilots said it was "the gremlins" who were responsible.

His books tend to have an unexplained endings, a macabre or dark comic theme, so they aren't always for the small children, but they have a warm theme that children are attracted to.

James and the Giant Peach, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Witches, Matilda and Fantastic Mr. Fox for examples.

Married to the actress Patricia Neal for thirty years and having five children together. It was thought that part of the reason this stories had a dark theme was, his losing two sisters and his father by the time he was six and losing to daughters before they reached the age of ten.

He was a great friend of the Queen Mother Elizabeth, before dying young at age 57 from a rare blood cancer.

## *Spotlight on Libraries*



Libraries are more and more a community hub. We are the place you can go to build trust with your neighbors, feel welcome as a newcomer, retiree, teen or anyone in between.

Libraries are not just a place to get books anymore. There are digital materials. Gathering places for teaching and learning. Computers and games. Quiet, safe places for children in this not always safe world of ours. Genealogy is something more and more people are interested in and we have the ability at the library to help. Libraries are alive and well, thanks to Gen Z and millennials, 54% of people ages 13-40 say they visit libraries on frequently and 37% say they use their library's digit collection on a regular basis.

We need to support libraries, all our libraries. The Library Act was passed in 1956 by the US Congress. It was to promote libraries in rural areas through Federal funding, the bill became law when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it. We need to make sure all their hard work and assistance to do this is not wasted.

We all enjoy reading different types and categories of books. Whether we escape to different places in travel books, try to identify the murderer before the author lets us in or learn about people in biographies and auto-biographies. Join us in supporting our libraries and in the wonderful world of reading.





"I am only one,  
but still, I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
but I can do something.  
And what I ought to do,  
by the grace of God,  
I shall do."

Edward Evertt Hale

### Spotlight of Youth Programs



No **Story Time** during the month of May.

**Early-Out** is every Wednesday at 3-4 pm. The program starts at 2:30 with snack time. May's programs are:

- May 1 Mother's/Grandmother's Bookmarks
- May 8 TBA
- May 15 ISU Extension--
- May 22 Magic Show with Pink Stew
- May 28 No Early Out

### From the Desk of a Board Member

*Hopefully you have enjoyed this newsletter, please pass it along to two of your friends or let the library know your email address to receive it electronically*

# MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 28	April 29	April 30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	June 1
	5pm Library Board Meeting	Library Cleaning Day Library Closed 9am to Noon	3pm Early-out KS & Teens	5pm Book Club	Last Day of School	Friends n Neighbors Library Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Registration
	7pm City Council Meeting		3pm Early-out KS & Teens		1:30 pm Thankful Band Jazz Trio @ Methodist Church Family Event	
	Memorial Day Library Closed		3pm Early-out KS & Teens			

## Social Center Meal

Monday, April 1  
11:30-12:30

Maid Rites  
Bake Beans  
Potato Salad  
Dessert