

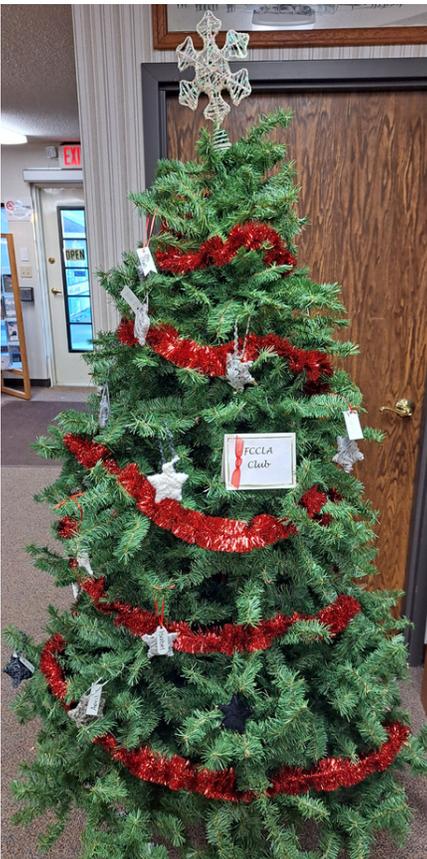
THE LIBRARY LEDGER

December 2023 Holiday Special

Annual Festival of Trees



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Every year, the Friends of the Newell Public Library put together the Annual Festival of Trees. Here are pictures of the trees that have been put on display at the library.

Thank you to everybody who decorated a tree and helped make the library festive once again!

- Newell Library Staff
- Friends of the Newell Library
- FCCLA Club
- 4H Club
- NF National Honor Society
- Newell Food Pantry
- Newell Historical Society
- Retired Teachers
- Newell Legion Auxiliary
- Mrs. Christiansen's Preschool Class
- Mrs. Wadle's Preschool Class



Featured Articles

Holiday Party



The library's holiday party is always a success !

This year, we had a fun star ornament craft, an indoor snowball fight, lots of goodies, and even had another visit from Santa Claus, this year he also brought Mrs. Claus with him!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteer Miss Taylor and also to Justin and Ginger Lyman for being this year's Santa and Mrs. Claus! And a huge thank you to all of our wonderful patrons for making it a fun filled holiday celebration!



BV County Community Foundation Grant

The Friends of the Newell Public Library received a grant of \$2,000 to purchase brand new furniture for our library!

Make sure you keep your eye out for this change!

We would like to big a great big thanks to the Friends and to the BV County Foundation for this kindness!

Here is a sneak peak of what is to come!



Featured Articles

Iowa Junior Duck Stamp

Schools from all around Iowa have a traveling duck stamp collection! From grades K-12, check out the winners below!



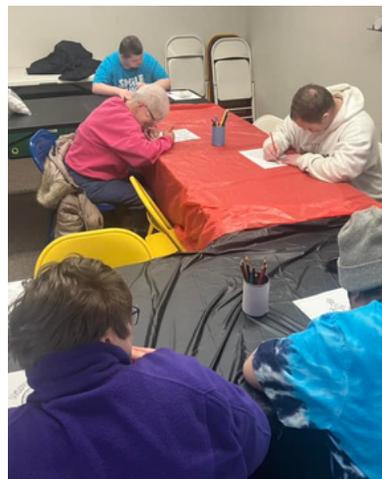
Toddler Time

For our last toddler time of the year 2023, we read a book called "Santa's Reindeer Games" and then made our very own reindeer hats!



Imagine Part 1

Our friends from Imagine joined us in making holiday themed stained glass pictures!



Imagine Part 2

Notary Service

The library now has a free notary service during our open hours.

Must schedule an appointment via phone (712.272.4334) or by email (newellpubliclibrary@gmail.com)



Featured Articles

Daycare

Santa's little reindeer!



Preschool Mrs. Wadle

Santa's little reindeer!



Preschool Mrs. Christiansen

Santa's little reindeer!



Featured Articles

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Decemblers staff recommendation is...

Before She Was Found by Heather Gudenkauf

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF
THE WEIGHT OF SILENCE
HEATHER GUDENKAUF

BEFORE SHE WAS FOUND

Genre: Suspense/Thriller

Synopsis: Three young girls in a small town in Iowa were supposed to have a regular sleepover when twelve year old, Cora, is found on the train tracks bloody and barely alive and her friends are completely fine. The small town is changed by this horrific event, and everyone is a suspect.

I loved this book, and I could not put it down! I have loved all of Heather Gudenkauf's books, and she is an author from Iowa! This book had tons of twists and turns, and I was totally surprised by the end. I gave this book 5 stars, and you should check this book and author out if you love thrillers.

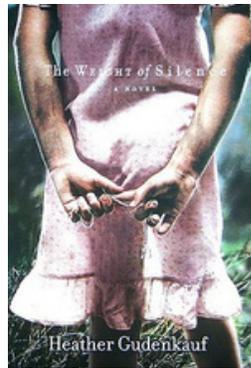
-Jill Johnston, Library Board Trustee

Bookclub Reads

The Newell Public Library has three active book clubs. These are what they are reading this month!

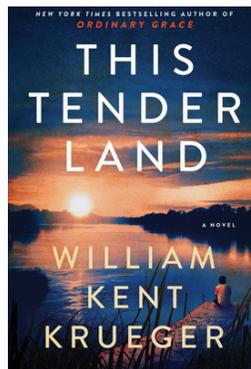


Book Club #1 Books for December



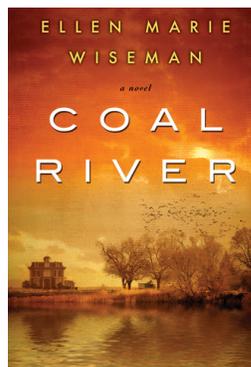
It happens quietly one August morning. As dawn's shimmering light drenches the humid Iowa air, two families awaken to find their little girls have gone missing in the night. Now these families are tied by the question of what happened to their children. And the answer is trapped in the silence of unspoken family secrets

Book Club #2 Books for December



Aln the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, the Lincoln Indian Training School is a pitiless place where Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. It is also home to Odie O'Banion, a lively orphan boy whose exploits constantly earn him the superintendent's wrath. Odie and his brother, Albert, are the only white faces among the hundreds of Native American children at the school. After committing a terrible crime, Odie and Albert are forced to flee for their lives along with their best friend, Mose, a mute young man of Sioux heritage. Out of pity, they also take with them a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy. Together, they steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi in search for a place to call home.

Book Club #3 Books for December



As a child, Emma Malloy left isolated Coal River, Pennsylvania, vowing never to return. Now, orphaned and penniless at nineteen, she accepts a train ticket from her aunt and uncle and travels back to the rough-hewn community. Treated like a servant by her relatives, Emma works for free in the company store. There, miners and their impoverished families must pay inflated prices for food, clothing, and tools, while those who owe money are turned away to starve.



Upcoming Events

- January 1st - Closed for New Years
- January 6th - STEM Saturday
- January 10th - Book Club
- January 13th - Toddler Time & Furniture Sale
- January 15th - Board Meeting

Did you know??

We have a book club that is accepting new members! If you are interested in joining, please let a library staff member know!