



CELEBRATING 74 YEARS OF SERVICE

Stubbs Memorial Library Annual Newsletter 2021-2022

Holstein, A Brief Library History

The history of the Stubbs Memorial library begins in 1948, when The Women's Club and Nacrima began the project of a public and free Holstein Lending library. They received donations of used books and set up shop in the council room of the Old Fire Station/City hall building. It opened to the public in June 1948. The library was manned by volunteers.

In 1950, the Holstein State Bank generously donated the use of one of their rooms for the library. That same year, Ethel Stubbs was hired as the librarian. On June 29th, 1950 the City Council voted for the city to take over the library and create an ordinance and levy for its continued operations.

In 1961, the library was moved to Turner Hall. The library outgrew the room it operated in and the Library Board began plans for raising funds to build a new library building.

Ethel Stubbs retired in 1972 and generously donated \$50,000 to help build the library. All funds raised to build the library were private donations. The City of Holstein donated the lot. In 1974, the new library was finished and in January 1975 the fixtures and books were moved from Turner Hall. Since then, the library has continued to grow, adding two additions, the Christina Buettner room in 1987 and the Coffee Room in 2006. Today, the library continues its mission to educate, empower, and enrich the citizens of Holstein and Ida County.



• Library Board

Gary Jensen, President

Kathy Breyfogle

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Kathleen Wulf

Linda Mentzer

• Library Staff

Emily Todd, Director

Brady Meyer, Assistant



Library Hours

Monday: 2:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday: 2:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am-12:00pm

2:00pm-6:00pm

Thursday: 2:00pm-6:00pm

Friday: 2:00pm-6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-1:00pm

We have come to the end of another year!

When we left off in October 2021 we saw the Stubbs Memorial library ready to take on the fall. Story-Time has returned as a program as both in-person and virtually as "Story-Time on Your Time" which was hosted twice a month until May. Both have been quite successful as we reach those who are unable to make it to our live story-time events.

The Game's Afoot Adult Mystery game was held for the 5th year. Patrons can play in the library with a printed copy of the mystery or play on Facebook where the mystery is posted. Emily writes each mini mystery herself and tries to include local businesses and areas that patrons would recognize as settings.

October is adopt a dog month and to celebrate we hosted a Read to A Dog event in the library mini-park. It was so nice to see our young patrons reading to the Loger Comfort Shelties! Emily passed out candy at the City Pumpkin Parade in front of City Hall in October as well. 145 pieces of candy went out in 45 minutes!

The library also tried a new December open house event. We hosted a photo opportunity called the Fa La Llama event, where people could come and get their photo taken with the friendly llama Peanut Butter on December 4th. The Farmer's Bureau elves were also on hand with activities, and Santa and his sleigh were also there for photos. Kids were able to take home a free book. We passed out 65 in just two hours. We had a record attendance of 150 for the event.

The library mini-park is now complete with a new large flower pot and landscaping. Nacirema, a local women's club, helped chose the flowers and flower pot. A few more touches need to be added, but it has morphed into a beautiful and useable space for the community since revamp work began in 2019.

Our Summer Reading program began June 1st, 2022. We really liked the use of the Reader zone app from last year and decided to use it again to help our young participants keep track of their minutes. We had 106 children and 20 adults and teens sign-up for the program this summer.

We hosted a variety of programs to follow with our camping theme this year. Ida County Conservation held an Owl Pellet dissection program for those 8 and older. We also hosted a virtual program with the Wolf Center in Ely, Minnesota called Wolf Pup 101.

The center only receives wolf pups every 3 years and this year was a lucky year to see some! Thanks to IPTV we held a Molly of Denali story-time, where the kids enjoyed cookies, activities and a short episode of the television show. Ida County Extension did a fun program where the kids made marshmallow shooters. June 12th we hosted an adult program by Dr. Epperly, who presented about the Villisca Axe Murder from 1912. Attendees asked plenty of good questions of Dr. Epperly, who has studied the cold case for over 60 years.

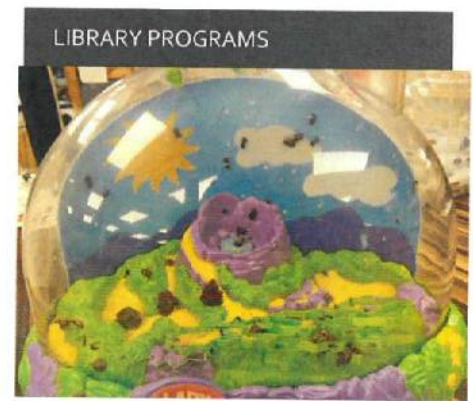
Throughout June we raised live ladybugs in a dome, raising them from larvae to adult. We began with 22 larvae and released 16 into our mini-park on June 29th at our Ladybug release party. The ladybugs were a huge success and a major source of interest to patrons of all ages.

In July, we hosted two free showings of the new movie *Bad Guys* and hosted the Sanford Museum for their Fossils program. The kids were able to view and hold real fossils as well as dig out their own fossils and take them home after the program. We ended our Summer Program with a Hot Dog Picnic at the City Park. We served 62 people and announced the big prize winners at the picnic. All counted together the kids read over 48,000 minutes over the course of the program!

The library continued its summer program for adults this year renamed Book Nerds it was held 4 times across the summer and was an informal discussion on the books participants were reading.

In the midst of Summer Reading, we also began our exterior painting project on the library. It had been awhile since the library had received some new paint. The project wrapped up in October and the library looks fantastic!

August was only quiet so we could gear up for some fun events planned in the Fall. On September 15th, the library hosted its first Pokémon party. We had 26 in attendance who participated in a number of activities. The kids went home with swag bags from the event. The Ida County Conservation returned to present a program about Nocturnal Creatures on October 6th, the kids learned about raccoons, bats and many others who come out at night. We also held an Iowa Author event with Heather Gudenkauf joining us virtually on October 10th. Ms. Gudenkauf was an absolute joy to work with!



Statistics for 2021-2022

- **Total Circulation**
9,781
 - **Rural Circulation**
3,147

- **Bridges**
1,372

- **Door Count**
5,446

- **Computer Usage**
814

- **WIFI Usage**
2,900

The Holstein Mini-Park is now covered by the Library WIFI network ! Click « Stubbs Library » for WIFI.

Stubbs Memorial library also offers:

- Cake Pans
- Puzzles
- Lamination service
- VHS to DVD Burner
- Paper Shredder
- Inter-library loan

Programs :

- Adult Coloring
- Story Time
- Summer Reading Program

