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MERRILL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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New Hinton Library Services

The Merrill Public Library has now expanded services to Hinton residents. An older collection of books in the Hinton Community Center has been replaced by newer selections that can be self-checked-out. MPL also delivers reserved books from the Merrill collection to Hinton and picks up books that are due back, saving Hinton residents the drive to Merrill. And as always, all patrons of the Merrill Public Library have access to eBooks and audiobooks from the Libby app for phones and tablets. Don't have a MPL library card? Stop by and get one. It only takes a minute.



Details of the MPL Summer Reading program will be announced in March. The theme across Iowa this year is **"Plant a Seed, Read."** Many of the activities will be focused on farm-to-table awareness.

Check Out a Cake Pan!



You can check out books, magazines, DVDs, and even cake pans at the Merrill Public Library. We have a collection of specialty pans including Barney, the Easter Bunny, a lamb, a dinosaur, and much more. Plan to bake a special holiday cake this Easter!

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY: 2 - 7 PM
TUESDAY: 2 - 7 PM
WEDNESDAY: 2 - 7 PM
THURSDAY: 2 - 7 PM
FRIDAY: 9 - NOON
SATURDAY: 9 - NOON
SUNDAY: CLOSED

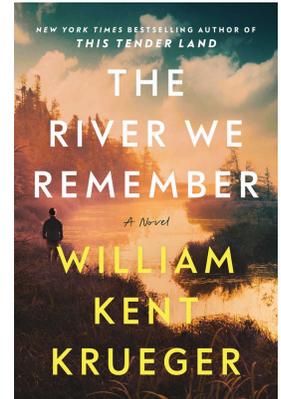
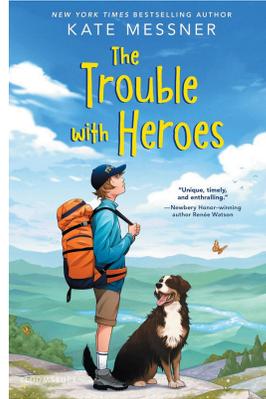
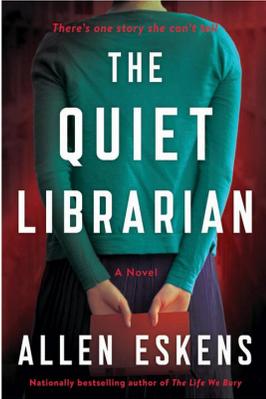
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All Iowa Reads, All City Reads Announced



The State Library of Iowa has announced its **All Iowa Reads** for 2026.

For adults, the book is *The Quiet Librarian* by Allen Eskins.

For teens, the All Iowa Reads selection is *Strong Like You* by T.L. Simpson.

For young readers, the All Iowa Reads book is *The Trouble with Heroes* by Kate Messner.

The River We Remember by Minnesota author William Kent Krueger was voted the **All City Read** for Sioux City.

The Merrill Public Library has all these books. Call today to reserve a copy.

Book Requests
If you have a book you're dying to read, call us. We'll do our best to add your request to our book order.



MPL Book Club 2026

The library's book club relaunched February 3 with *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* as the featured book. The club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. at the library. Snacks and soft drinks are provided. Everyone is welcome!

Here are the books we plan to read this year:

March 3 – *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

April 7 – *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy

May 5 – *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden

June 2 – *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

July 7 – *Gilead* by Marianne Robinson

August 4 – *Bewilderment* by Richard Powers

September 1 – *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

October 6 – *Love and Other Words* by Christiana Lauren

November 3 – *Night* by Elie Wiesel

December 1 – *The Children's Blizzard* by Melanie Benjamin