



## CROSSROADS: A JOURNEY WITH THE BLUES

**Saturday, March 23, 2:00 PM,**  
Forest Avenue Library

Rob Lumbard and Tina Haase Findlay, the winners of the 2018 Iowa Blues Challenge, will perform live at the Forest Avenue Library. Lumbard and Findlay will perform songs and tell stories in the fashion first made popular in the Deep South in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. This is the first of four programs about Blues music this year. This series is provided in partnership with the Central Iowa Blues Society and sponsored by the Forest Ave Brick Fund.

## APARTMENT AND SMALL SPACE GARDENING



**Wednesday,  
March 27,  
6:30 PM,**  
South Side  
Library

Gardening is for everyone – even those without a yard! This program is the perfect class for those with a small space or even just a balcony. Derek McKay, horticultural specialist from Ted Lare's Garden Center, will teach participants how to assess sunlight, find the best spot for planting, and select the plants that fit your situation.

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We're thrilled to announce the 2019 Authors Visiting in Des Moines (AVID) lineup! This year's lineup is filled with best-selling and award-winning authors of some of the most acclaimed books of recent years. Mark your calendars for these six dates:



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## SUSAN ORLEAN AT THE DSM BOOK FESTIVAL

**Saturday, March 30, 4:00 PM,** Capital Square

Orlean is the author of the 2018 best-seller, *The Library Book*, about the mystery of the unsolved 1986 fire at the Los Angeles Public Library. She also wrote the 1998 nonfiction classic, *The Orchid Thief*. She'll headline the DSM Book Festival alongside Nnedi Okorafor and Garth Stein.

## LAURIE FRANKEL | Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM, Central Library

Laurie Frankel is the author of the best-selling 2017 novel, *This is How It Always Is*, which tells the story of a family struggling with the challenges of raising a transgender child. The book was chosen as a Reese Witherspoon Hello Sunshine Book Club pick.



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## CHIGOZIE OBIOMA | Monday, April 22, 7:00 PM, Central Library

After publishing his debut novel, *The Fishermen*, in 2015, Obioma won a NAACP Image Award and was a finalist for the prestigious Man Booker Prize. His new novel, *An Orchestra of Minorities*, is already one of the best-reviewed new novels of 2019.

## SARAH SMARSH | Thursday, May 2, 7:00 PM, Central Library

Sarah Smarsh's debut memoir, *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth*, was an instant best-seller upon release in 2018, and was a finalist for the Kirkus Prize and National Book Award.



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## MADELINE MILLER | Thursday, May 16, 7:00 PM, Central Library

Madeline Miller's 2018 novel, *Circe*, was a *New York Times* #1 best-seller and appeared on dozens of "best books of 2018" lists, including *NPR*, *People*, *The Washington Post*, *Time*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Buzzfeed*, *Book Riot*, and more.

## C.J. CHIVERS | Thursday, May 23, 7:00 PM, Central Library

Journalist C.J. Chivers is one of this generation's most revered war correspondents and a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner. His 2018 book, *The Fighters*, is a vivid account of modern warfare told through the stories of a half-dozen American combatants serving in the Middle East conflicts.



All programs are free. Seating is first come, first served. Free parking available at Central Library events.

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: BILL BARNES

New art at the library is always a wonderful sight. You may have noticed some new creations recently – the ocean-themed setup at the East Side Library and the manga wall at the Forest Avenue Library, for instance. Local artist Bill Barnes is the mind behind those great new pieces. Barnes is the brother of Theresa Weeks, a long-time library staff member. His work with the library started a few years ago, when the North Side Library was preparing a new float for the State Fair Parade. Weeks asked Barnes if he could create large scale versions of children’s book characters, like Clifford, Dora the Explorer, and Pete the Cat. He went to work, despite the fact it was quite different from his normal art, where he makes relatively small, realistic landscape and still-life work.

The result was an amazing success. Vibrant, recognizable characters paraded down Grand Avenue, with families pointing and smiling as the float passed. Later, when Rosie spaces started opening at our branches, Barnes worked with the East Side Library to create parts of Rosie’s Ocean, including the stylized, cartoony fish along the back wall. Recently, he worked with the Forest Avenue Library to create a new manga mural, highlighting the large, popular manga collection there.

“If I’m not volunteering somewhere, I’m not living,” says Barnes. “It’s fun. It keeps me nimble and let’s me see what kids are into these days.” The library is lucky to have someone like Barnes to help us beautify our spaces and make things more exciting for our patrons. Thank you, Bill! If you would like to see Barnes’ professional work, you can check it out at the Olson-Larson Gallery in Des Moines.



## SOUL FOOD FESTIVAL

**Saturday, March 2, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM**, Forest Avenue Library

Come on over to the Forest Avenue Library for some food that’s finger-lickin’ good! The Friends of the Forest Avenue Library are hosting their annual Soul Food Festival, and they’re bringing in dishes that are sure to whet your appetite. There will be fried chicken, greens, red beans and rice, jambalaya, black eyed peas, corn, macaroni and cheese, sweet potato pie, and more! If you love a good meal, make your way to the Forest Avenue Library for this annual fundraiser.



## BECOMING AMERICAN: A DOCUMENTARY FILM AND DISCUSSION SERIES

**Monday, March 4 and 11, 6:00 PM**, Franklin Avenue Library

The Becoming American series continues at the Franklin Avenue Library. The series covers different aspects of the immigration experience through documentary films and discussions. In March, the program will discuss generational challenges in immigrant families, the contributions of immigrants to American pop culture, and more.

The program is moderated by Kevin Gannon, Ph.D., a history professor at Grand View University. No registration is required, and you may come to any or all the programs. The series is made possible by a grant from The National Endowment for the Humanities. You can find more information about the series at [www.becoming-american.org](http://www.becoming-american.org). This program is being provided in partnership with the Des Moines Film Society, ACLU Iowa, and Iowa Justice For Our Neighbors.



## COFFEE & COLLAGE

**Monday, March 11, 2:00-4:00 PM**, East Side Library

Using books, magazines, and other sources, we'll create quirky and creative collages with various paper backgrounds. Design greeting cards, bookmarks, and large pieces of art while enjoying hot beverages and delicious pastries. No experience necessary, no registration required, and all materials will be supplied. Join us for an afternoon celebrating imagination and the creative process. For adults.

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## IRISH HARP WITH ERIN BROOKER-MILLER

**Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 PM**, Franklin Avenue Library

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an evening of Irish harp music, performed by Erin Brooker-Miller. Erin has represented the United States and won numerous awards at All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoils, the highest level traditional Irish music competition held annually in Ireland. She is the Principal Harpist of the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra and Executive Director of the USA International Harp Competition.

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## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

**Monday, March 18, 6:30 PM**, Forest Avenue Library

Alzheimer's is the sixth-leading cause of death in America, and more than 5.7 million Americans are living with the disease. African-Americans and Latinos are nearly two times as likely to develop Alzheimer's. Join Edith Crawford of the Greater Iowa Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association to learn more about how this might impact you or someone you know. This session will provide information such as the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's, resources, support, and ways you can help end Alzheimer's.

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## FROM THE BATTLEFRONT TO THE HOMEFRONT: IOWA BROADCASTERS GO TO WAR

**Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 PM**, North Side Library

Iowa broadcast historian Jeff Stein, a documentary producer, tells of the challenges reporters faced in covering wars. These reporters relayed information to a waiting audience and, at times, reassured them of the safety of Iowans serving thousands of miles away. The program features vintage broadcasts and interviews covering the era from WWII to the first Gulf War. The program is made possible by a grant from Humanities Iowa.

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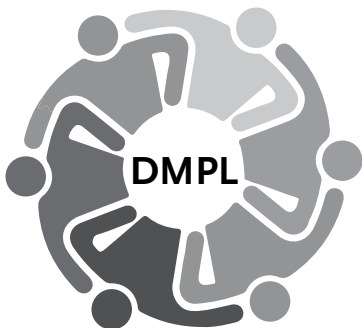


## CORE VALUES WORKSHOP

**Monday, March 25, 6:00 PM**, East Side Library

Life coach Meghan McCoy will guide us through a motivational interview with ourselves. Born and raised in Des Moines, McCoy played soccer at Grand View University before turning to a career of helping people discover and define what's important to them. Through a series of exercises, you will identify, define, and recognize how you embody your own core values. McCoy will help you create direction for your life, as well as give you tools you can use to set boundaries and create purpose to enrich your life.

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## BETTY DUNCAN DYNAMIC WOMEN PROGRAM

**Thursday, March 28, 4:00 PM**, Forest Avenue Library

Help us recognize the achievements of dynamic women in our library community during this annual program. The award is named for the late Betty Duncan, who was an instrumental leader and a tireless library advocate. Duncan created this program to recognize the work and tell the stories of outstanding community volunteers, and the program was eventually named after Duncan herself. Following the program, the Friends of the Forest Avenue Library will host a reception with treats and beverages.



## THE ART OF CONSERVATION: A VISIT WITH DING DARLING

**Saturday, March 30, 2:00 PM**, North Side Library

Jay N. "Ding" Darling is one of history's most famous Iowans. He won two Pulitzer Prizes for Editorial Cartooning while working at the *Des Moines Register & Tribune* over a nearly 50-year career and was an important figure in the conservation movement. Visit the North Side Library as Tom Milligan takes on the role of Darling and recounts the story of his life. Through his famous cartoons, his work to introduce the Duck Stamp Act, and his role in creating the National Wildlife Federation, Darling was a beloved and influential figure in American history, and the impact of his work is still felt today.



## MASTER GARDENERS PRESENTS: *Symphony of the Soil* FILM AND DISCUSSION

**Saturday, April 13, 10:15 AM**, South Side Library

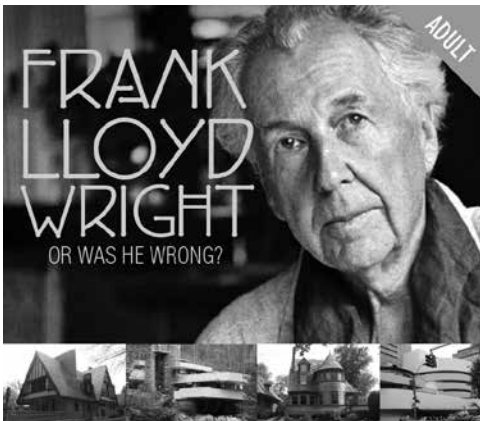
Learn about the relationship between soil, water, and the rest of nature during this documentary at the South Side Library. Filmed on four continents, featuring scientists, farmers, and rangers, *Symphony of the Soil* is an intriguing film that argues a healthy soil is the foundation for a healthy earth and human species. The film runs for 60 minutes and is appropriate for all ages. Afterward, Polk County Master Gardener Nancy Eichmann will moderate a discussion. Tea and coffee will be provided. The program is being provided in part by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.



## MARY PICKFORD'S *The Hoodlum*, WITH LIVE PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT BY BRUCE MARTIN

**Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 PM**, Franklin Avenue Library

Mary Pickford was one of the most acclaimed actresses of the silent film era. The 1919 silent film, *The Hoodlum*, features Pickford as Amy Burke, a spoiled young woman that lives with her rich grandfather in a mansion. After Amy moves to a lower class neighborhood with her father, she becomes friends with her neighbors and changes her perspective on life and class. The movie will feature live piano accompaniment by Bruce Martin, an accomplished pianist from Des Moines.



## FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT... OR WAS HE WRONG?

**Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 PM**, Franklin Avenue Library

Roy Behrens, a recently-retired art professor at UNI, will explain the architectural and design traditions that contributed to Wright's professional development and discuss the maverick architect's most basic ideas on form, function, the use of materials, and the environment. Behrens presentation will confront the question: "Was Wright right about architecture and about the intrinsic connections between human beings and their earthly surroundings-including the houses in which they reside?" Join us to hear from an expert on Wright's career.

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*Stories like Rayne's.* At age 7, she spent a summer reading every book in the Forest Avenue Library's Black Girl Magic display. In these stories, she saw herself. And as they filled her imagination, **her self-confidence grew.** She brought friends and relatives to the library, showing them the books that meant so much to her.

*Stories like Charles'.* In Charles' late 70s, three surgeries forced him to stop working. One day, he stopped at the Franklin Avenue Library desk to tell the staff that the library had "saved" him. Rocked by change, he came to the library to re-energize. And as he discovered new books and talked with other avid readers, **the library provided joy** in the midst of uncertainty.

Tax dollars alone cannot deliver all the library services people depend on. **The DMPL Foundation exists to connect with donors like you who can provide a gift that guarantees the library remains a vital, life-changing part of our community.**

Our new phone numbers are: Dory Briles – 515-412-0180 and Deb Gordon – 515-412-0181.

Our new email addresses: [dorybriles@dmpfoundation.org](mailto:dorybriles@dmpfoundation.org) and [debgordon@dmpfoundation.org](mailto:debgordon@dmpfoundation.org).

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Please join us in thanking outgoing Foundation board members: Stephanie Devolder, Deidre Fudge, Michele Guinn, Jan Kaiser, Tracy Lewis, Rachel Stauffer, and Dawn Taylor. These individuals contributed a combined total of 42 years of service and gave generously of their time, resources, and many talents to benefit the Library and Library Foundation. Thank you!

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