

HUXLEY

COMMUNITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EVENTS

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From the Huxley Public Library:

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

February is Love Your Library month and The Friends of the Huxley Public Library's Adopt-A-Book campaign begins February 1st. On Friday Feb. 1st, from 8am to 4:30pm (and Saturday Feb. 2nd from 10am-2:30pm) we are able to offer—**at greatly reduced prices up to 75%**—new books for adoption. Our goal is to get as many books as possible adopted and on the shelves. After all, a book is a gift you can open again and again! How it works: Come to the library, select and purchase the book(s) you want to adopt and get to be the very first person to check it out! A special nameplate with the name of the donor will go inside the cover for all to see. *(Please make checks payable to: Friends of HPL)*

If you happened to miss the special sale dates, you can still receive the additional discount if you adopt a book in February. *(Just mention that you read it in the Feb. edition of the Story County Consumer!)*

The Friends of the Huxley Public Library are always trying to get as many people involved with the library. The Friends advocate for the library, provide volunteers, help support programs, purchase equipment, fundraise, and host Prairie Fest activities. Donations are welcome any time of the year, but there's no time like the present. We do accept audio, visual and printed materials that are new or in near new condition as well as monetary donations. *(Please make checks payable to: Friends of HPL)*. We also accept items that can be used as Prairie Fest Bingo prizes or reading program incentives.

A special thanks to all of the Friends for their on-going support! Winter is reading season, so come join a Reading Group!

The Adult Reading Group meets in the library on the first Monday of the month at 10:00am.

The Jane Austen Book club meets in the library on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00am.

The Youth Book Club (YBC) meets on early out Wednesdays from 1:45pm to 2:30pm.

If you are in 3rd through 7th grade or are able to read books from the Juvenile Fiction (JF) or Young Adult (YA) sections of the library, like to spend time with peers, make new friends, have snacks and have fun, then YBC hopes to see you there!

If you would like more information, or would like to join any of the book groups, please contact Kris Bugler at 597-2552 or via email at: krisbugler@gmail.com. Signing up or making reservations is not required. If you like, just show up for the next discussion!

As with any book group, don't wait until the last minute to request your copy!

The director and staff of the Huxley Public Library would like to thank *all* of our patrons for your support throughout the year. We are truly blessed to have so many avid and active library users! Thank you! Please help support the Friends of the Public Library!

Browse our online book sale*: <http://shops.half.ebay.com/friends-of-hpl> The library needs used (or new) bubble mailers/envelopes in any/all sizes. We can always put slightly new & gently used books to good use as well.

A special thank you to all of you that regularly support the Friends of HPL!

*Local pickup is available. Please email for details: huxlib@huxcomm.net

FYI:

You can renew materials 24 hours a day – 7 days a week! Just email a renewal request to: huxlib@huxcomm.net, or call 597-2552, or send a fax to 597-2554. Of course, you can always renew your items in person! All renewals are retroactive to date received. When in doubt, re-check it out!

The Huxley Public Library encourages people of all ages to celebrate the freedom to read! If you have any other questions, comments, concerns, requests, etc. please do not hesitate to contact me; I am here to serve you! My checked-daily email address is: huxlib@huxcomm.net

Thank you,
Mike Hanks
Director of Library Services
Web: <http://www.huxleyiowa.org/node/11>

Fall, Winter & Spring hours:

Monday:	7:30am to 8:00pm
Tuesday:	7:30am to 8:00pm
Wednesday:	7:30am to 8:00pm
Thursday:	7:30am to 8:00pm
Friday:	7:30am to 5:00pm
Saturday:	10:00am to 3:00pm
Sunday:	Closed

Weekdays with no school: open at 9:00am

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
FROM THE DIRECTOR, JOSH LARSEN:**

In this New Year my challenge to all of you is to try something new. While you are at it, bring a friend along and try something new together. For our older adults, you can be excited that we are beginning to offer a physical activity class at the Huxley Senior Center on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30am. This opportunity to interact with others in the community and enjoy some refreshing activities and fellowship is surely reason enough to try it at least once. Did I mention there is lunch at the Senior Center afterwards? For our working professionals, you can participate in any number of our group fitness classes, taekwondo, a personal training session, or a program like wallyball, dodgeball, or racquetball. For our youth, there are endless opportunities to be active whether in a basketball, baton, or tiny tigers taekwondo program or the quickly approaching youth soccer program and let's not forget family activities such as weekly kickball on Monday nights.

Are you on a Huxley Lighten Up Iowa team? Registrations forms are available around the Huxley community or online at www.lightenupiowa.org. The group registration code is **LUIHUXLEY**. Thus far, over 24,000 Iowans have registered for LUI, its not too late to start. This 100-day challenge lasting until April 24 will impact the health of Iowans statewide by promoting healthier eating and physical activity. Be part of changing the shape of our state by forming your team now!

Back by popular demand, we will be offering a second babysitting basics class through the Iowa State University Extension office here at 3C's on Friday, February 22nd. I'd also like to announce a Youth Baseball/Softball Clinic at Ballard West Gym on Saturday, February 23 in Slater. This clinic is run through Pro Players Camps LLC and instructors include former major league players and coaches from the state of Iowa. The clinic will provide valuable instruction for youth as they prepare for the upcoming season. Register online at www.proplayerscamp.net. The next session of group fitness classes will begin March 3 and spring soccer is right around the corner. Registration forms are now available.

While adding new programs is an exciting venture, we also are careful to allow for dedicated time for drop-in use of the gym and will continue to provide these opportunities. Our growth is important but we also want to remain loyal to our members and those who benefit from the daily usage of available facilities. If you have recently moved to town and have not yet stopped by for a visit to your community center, please do so. We will be happy to show you around the facility and answer any questions you may have.

I also would like to encourage all of you to come and voice your opinion at a City Council, Parks & Recreation Board, or Tree Board meeting. There is a vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Board so if you or someone you know would like to become more involved; applications are available at the office and online. There are many things taking place in Huxley and your opinion and viewpoint are critical to the continued success of our community and the programs we offer as well as planning for the future.

Visit our website at www.huxleyiowa.org for more program, registration forms, and membership information or contact us at 515-597-2515.

Huxley Police Department -- From Chief Pote

A reminder to the Citizens of Huxley. After a snowfall has stopped, city ordinances require you to clear you sidewalk of any snow and or ice and gives you 10 hours to do so. If you fail to do this, city crews could come in and do it for you and the City will charge you for this. If you have any questions, please give the police department 597-2002 or city hall 597-2561 a call. Please help one and another out, it is good for everyone that the sidewalks are cleared.

PET LICENSING – City Clerk Lee Ruddick

Get your dog or cat licensed! It's so easy and gives your pet an inexpensive insurance policy for their safety and protection. Plus, it's the law to license your dog or cat.

The City of Huxley dog and cat licenses are required by law. All dogs four months of age and older must be registered. If your dog or cat is unlicensed you can be cited and fined. Even indoor-only cats and dogs confined to fenced yards get loose and their licenses help assure you can be reunited with them. You really can't afford not to license your dog or cat. A cat or dog license identifies and protects them in case they should be come lost. Wearing a license is the best protection from permanent loss that money can buy. Be sure to have you license tag on your dog or cat's collar at all times to ensure quick return should he or she be found while wearing this tag. A license tells everyone that your pet is not a homeless stray and found pets can be reunited quickly with their owner. Your pet license is also proof that your pet has been vaccinated against rabies.

How Do I License My Cat or Dog? Submit a copy of a valid rabies vaccination certificate that is issued and signed by a licensed veterinarian. The fee for registering a dog is \$10.00 and \$5.00 for registering a cat. You will then receive a tag for your dog or cat. It's that simple. Dogs and cats that are not licensed by January 31st could be subject to a fine.

Web Master Report -- Michele Kalsem

What a great year Huxley saw in 2007. Huxley installed a marquee that not only welcomes residents and visitors to town but, tells us all things we need to know AND right in front of our new stop light. This brings us to other improvements the City has made. Thanks to the light, the traffic on Main and Hwy 69 is now a breeze to navigate and with the street construction done 1st St is open to traffic again! The web site got a make over in the last year too! With our city logo and motto the site boasts a page for each city department plus room for lots of extras like pages for the community churches and other groups that are not city sponsored like HERO, 4H, Scouts, our Historical Society and others.

The FAQ page is full of questions that folks commonly ask at City Hall and we have a link to the Ballard Schools web site. We have a page for letting the council know your comments and surveys on both the Library and the Parks and Recreation pages to let you give feed back about the programs they run.

Some high points of our last year's site usage include; the month of August boasted the highest number of users with 2918 people visiting, the 14th and 15th days of the month and Tuesdays were the day of the week that generally that has the most users and the time of day most users are on was 1-4PM.

Visit the site today at www.huxleyiowa.org and feel free to give a suggestion in our "Community Comments" right from the home page. Also make sure to check out the City Council Page to get to know our new council members and review the meeting minutes. Visit today and see what else the city website has for you.