



Amery Area Public Library Newsletter

Friday, February 23rd, 2024

Hello Trevor,

We had several new recurring programs this week. On Saturday, we had our first monthly Saturday Storytime as well as our first **Brunch and Books** meeting (a book club for tweens and teens). Then Tuesday we had the first meeting of our weekly **Russian Club**. Wednesday, over 30 people came to our weekly Storytime! On Thursday, Miss Emma went to the Youth Recreation Fair at the Amery High School and local author Mark Peacock came to the library to talk about his latest book *Six Short Stories*.

Next week, the Russian Club is meeting on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday we have our weekly Storytime at 10 a.m. Thursday will be a busy day with a kickoff meeting of our newest book club - the **Non-Fiction Book Club** - and a talk on the **Battle of the Alamo** at 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday the Friends of the Library are having their monthly book sales (Thursday from 3-5 and Saturday from 9:30 - 12).

Thanks for reading,
the Library Staff

Spotlight:
Backpack Kits



Did you know we have several backpack kits available for kids and teens? These kits contain materials like games, activities, and books that are related to a specific theme or topic. Some examples of these topics include the alphabet, dinosaurs, emotions, exploring Amery, families, robots, movement, and music. These backpacks are a fun, interactive way to introduce new concepts and explore interests! Click the button below for a complete list of our backpack kits.

[Get a List of our Backpacks](#)

Winter Reading & Hygge Challenge



HYGGE - (say it: "hue-guh") is an idea: coziness, togetherness, appreciating the natural world, and enjoying ordinary moments as if they were special.

Read books, practice the "hygge" way of life, and cozy your way through winter with us!

Pick up a bingo card at the front desk to begin our Winter Reading Program.

For every bingo you complete, come in for a

small treat and a raffle ticket.

A grand prize drawing will be held on March 1, 2024.

Next Week's Programs



Want to learn Russian or practice with other Russian speakers? Come study with a native Russian speaker from Kazakhstan! All ages and levels of experience are encouraged to come to this weekly club. Feed your brain with knowledge (and your sweet tooth with Russian snacks)!

If you have any questions, please email zarubay.karaganda@gmail.com and/or enovak@amerylibrary.org.

Tuesday, February 27th, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

New Book Club Kickoff: Non-fiction Book Club



This Thursday at 2 p.m. our new Non-fiction Book Club will have its kickoff meeting. Unlike most book clubs where people read and discuss the same book, at this club people will read a book of their choice on a topic the group agrees on. Topics will span the entire world of non-fiction from history and biographies to philosophy, science, gardening, religion, literature, poetry, music, sports, and psychology. We need at least five people to start this new book club. So, if you are interested, please come to the kickoff meeting!

Thursday, February 29th 2 - 3 p.m.

America's Thermopylae - The Alamo



The Battle of the Alamo began on February 23rd in 1836. Like the Spartans' clash with the Persians at Thermopylae Pass in 480 BC, a band of 200 volunteer defenders at the Alamo held off an army of several thousand Mexican troops under the command of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, for 13 days. The delay gave the fledgling army of Texas led by Gen. Sam Houston the time it

needed to receive supplies and reinforcements. Already legends in their own time, their actions at the Alamo made folk heroes out of Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie and William Travis. The death of all the Alamo defenders made it the iconic image of historic last stands.

About the speaker: Kevin Iverson has a B.A. in history from St. Cloud State University. He has over 25 years' experience in presenting education programs with the National Park Service, community education, senior living facilities and civic clubs. Kevin is very passionate about sharing his love of American history with others.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 27th - **Russian Club** - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28th - **Storytime** - 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, February 29th

Friends of the Library Book Sale - 3 - 5 p.m.

Non-fiction Book Club Kickoff - 2 - 3 p.m.

History Talk: **America's Thermopylae - The Alamo** - 6 - 7 p.m.

Friday, March 1st - **Home Delivery**

Saturday, March 2nd - Friends of the Library Book Sale - 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Remember to check our full calendar at amerylibrary.org/calendar

Calendar

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