

ANNUAL REPORT

"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is
cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation,"
- Walter Cronkite.

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**SERGEANT BLUFF
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
503 4th Street
Sergeant Bluff, IA 51054
(712) 943-READ (7323)



Letter from the Director



Hello Friends,
Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!
That is the overall theme at the Sergeant Bluff Public Library. We are proud to welcome all of you to the heart of our community.
The Library offers something for everyone. We work hard every day to find the books, programs, DvDs, and crafts that appeal to a variety of people. Our goal is to to help you continue your journey as a lifelong learner.

Our Mission Statement

"We are an innovative and responsive community center that supports cultural programming, lifelong learning, literacy, and open access to the world of information and ideas, with a staff committed to excellence and personal service."

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Board Member:	Term:	Expiration:
1. Michael Aguirre (President)	6 year term	June 2029
2. Shannon Maier (Vice President)	6 year term	June 2029
3. Deb Collins	6 year term	June 2027
4. Jane Schaar (Secretary)	6 year term	June 2031
5. Alisha Elder	6 year term	June 2031
6. Lisa Lauters	6 year term	June 2027
7. Alicia Schaben	6 year term	June 2031



Sergeant Bluff Public Library by the numbers

Items Checked out

Adult 25-26 - 1998
Adult 24-25 - 1702

YA 25-26 - 214
YA 24-25 - 235

Children 25-26 -
3609
Children 24-25 -
2007

DVD 25-26 - 254
DVD 24-25 - 240

Number of Computers for public use - 5

WiFi usage
3277 visits
6627 hours,
3 minutes

Door Count
23-24 Visitors
7787
24-25 Visitors
10,548
25-26 Visitors
11,316

25-26 Number of
Card Holders
2451

24-25 Number of
Card Holders
2256

1200 square feet
of space

Facebook Views
last 28 days
21,989

140% more than the
previous 28 days
as of June 30, 2026

**Library Size Code - E
Tier 1**

Programs

2025-2026
Total - 230
Attendees - 5826
2024-2025
Total - 222
Attendees - 4171

Hours Open - 2424 hours

2025-2026
Total PHYSICAL
Circulation - 6111
2025-2026
Total
DOWNLOADABLE
Circulation - 6311

Total Collection
25-26 Books - 9356
24-25 Books - 9074
25-26 DVDs - 996
24-25 DVDs - 975

Budget Summary

CITY OF SERGEANT BLUFF EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

GENERAL FUND					
	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
LIBRARY					
001-410-6010 SALARIES-REG FT	.00	41,554.52	45,855.52	4,301.00	90.6
001-410-6020 SALARIES-REG PT	.00	11,290.80	.00	11,290.80	.0
001-410-6021 SALARY-PT LIB COORD/CITY LIB	.00	.00	15,600.00	15,600.00	.0
001-410-6110 FICA-CITY CONTRIBUTION	.00	3,970.78	4,701.35	730.57	84.5
001-410-6130 IPERS-CITY CONTRIBUTION	.00	4,988.57	5,801.40	812.83	86.0
001-410-6150 GROUP INSURANCE	.00	7,761.38	12,264.83	4,503.45	63.3
001-410-6170 UNEMPLOYMENT	.00	34.31	200.00	165.69	17.2
001-410-6210 ASSOCIATION DUES	.00	.00	75.00	75.00	.0
001-410-6215 SUMMER READING	178.39	3,627.34	1,400.00	2,227.34	259.1
001-410-6373 TELECOMM EXP/CITY LIB	60.52	1,092.44	825.00	267.44	132.4
001-410-6409 JANITORIAL EXPENSE	.00	3,120.00	3,380.00	260.00	92.3
001-410-6419 TECH SVCS & SUPP/CITY LIB	.00	5,319.60	5,675.00	355.40	93.7
001-410-6502 LIBRARY MATERIALS	.00	1,857.30	1,500.00	357.30	123.8
001-410-6506 OFFICE SUPPLIES-CITY LIBRARY	.00	1,264.51	1,000.00	264.51	126.5
001-410-6507 OPERATING SUPPLIES/CITY LIBR	.00	1,574.59	750.00	824.59	210.0
001-410-6511 BOOKS/CITY LIB	356.24	5,761.53	4,650.00	1,111.53	123.9
001-410-6512 MAGAZINES-NEWSPAPER/CITY LIB	.00	.00	50.00	50.00	.0
001-410-6513 VIDEO-DVDS/CITY LIB	.00	441.87	750.00	308.13	58.9
001-410-6514 PROGRAMMING EXPENSE	14.39	1,484.44	1,500.00	15.56	99.0
001-410-6599 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	.00	360.88	1,200.00	839.12	30.1
TOTAL LIBRARY	609.54	95,504.86	107,178.10	11,673.24	89.1
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	609.54	95,504.86	107,178.10	11,673.24	89.1
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(609.54)	(79,289.96)	(102,178.10)	(22,888.14)	(77.6)

CITY OF SERGEANT BLUFF REVENUES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

GENERAL FUND					
	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEARNED	PCNT
LIBRARY					
001-410-4310 RENTALS	.00	300.00	.00	300.00	.0
001-410-4705 CITY LIBRARY DONATIONS	.00	5,224.64	5,000.00	224.64	104.5
001-410-4706 GRANTS	.00	7,500.00	.00	7,500.00	.0
001-410-4723 PROGRAM REVENUE	.00	280.00	.00	280.00	.0
001-410-4799 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE-CITY LIB	.00	2,910.26	.00	2,910.26	.0
TOTAL LIBRARY	.00	16,214.90	5,000.00	11,214.90	324.3
TOTAL FUND REVENUE	.00	16,214.90	5,000.00	11,214.90	324.3

Programs

Summer Reading
Preschool Outreach
1000 books Before
Kindergarten

Book Club

Adult Crafting

Story Time and
Crafts

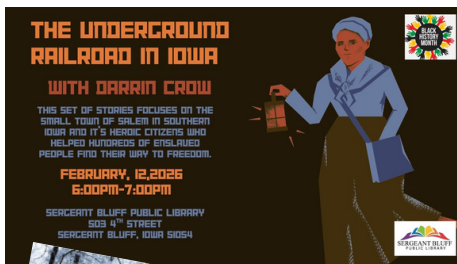
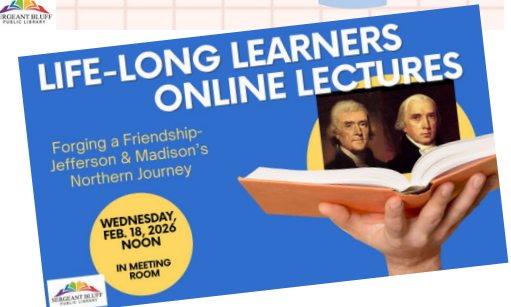
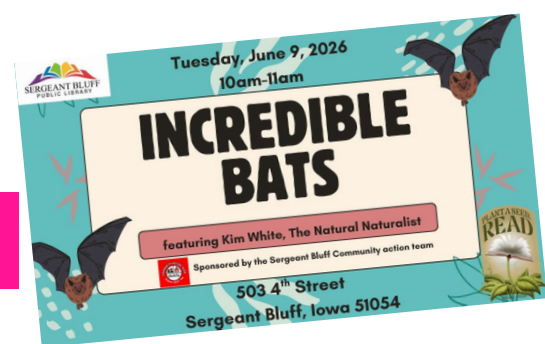
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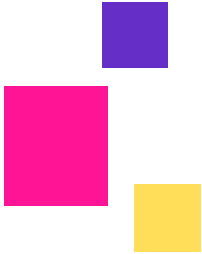
StoryWalk

Crafting Groups

The Bob Ross
Experience

Life-long Learning





eResources

Libby, by OverDrive

Borrow ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines to read on your phone or tablet using the Libby app by OverDrive. You can even send and read your borrowed ebooks to your Kindle ereader (U.S. only)! It's free and easy to get started for new users and a streamlined experience for current OverDrive app users. Learn more at overdrive.com/apps/libby/.

Download either the Overdrive app or Libby app from your app store on to your device. You will then be prompted to set up your account and select Sergeant Bluff Public Library as your library. You will need to use the 14 digit number on your library card to access an endless array of audio and ebooks.

If you have problems with your card number not working, send us an email at librarydirector@cityofsergeantbluff.com and we will do our best to help you. If you need a library card and you live in Sergeant Bluff, call or email us and we will get a card set up for you.

Services

Printing

Fax

Notary Public

Meeting Rooms

Interlibrary loan

Computers

Laminating

Niche Academy

Internet Service

Proctoring Service

VetNow

JobNow

BrainFuse



Staff

Mary Torgerson - Library Director

Terri Rocha - Librarian

Kimberly Losee - Librarian

Impact Statements

I really enjoy the monthly Book Club meetings! It's fun to read and explore a variety of genres... and the discussions are always lively!-Leslie

Our family enjoys our weekly visits year round. We are always greeted with a smile and Miss Mary always has the best recommendations for all 5 of us... even when she is working with odd criteria from Ryker - Miranda

I wish I could be there everyday!-Emma

I like the programs, especially the one about bats. It was informative about things you wouldn't expect. - Georgia

My grandchildren and I love the library. We go in and they are immediately welcomed with smiles and greetings. We'll sit and read books and carefully choose the books they want to check out. - Candy

I enjoyed the sourdough class - Debbie

The Library and staff have always supported our Girl Scout troop in all the crazy ideas we've had! We love that they have the space and grace for us to make memories. - Lindsey

I found a lot of books that helped me gain an interest in reading - Sophia

My 9 month old granddaughter loves our visits to the library! Can't wait to take her again! -Lori

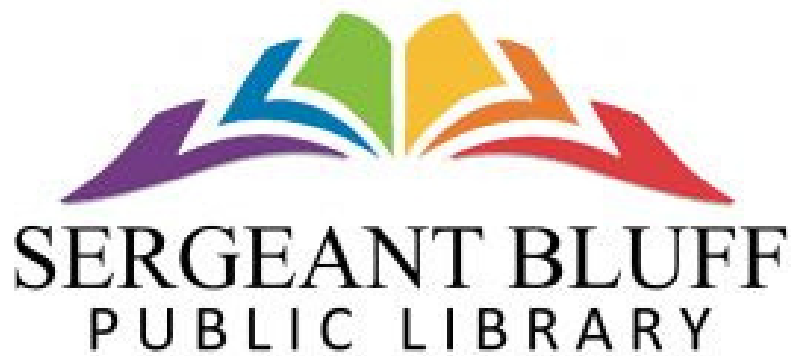
Excellent picks for new books! I have been pleasantly surprised many times!
-Amanda

Brynlee and I love our trips to the library! So much to choose from! Truly a wonderful addition to our community!
-Michelle

LEGO was fun! - Carolyn

WE LOVED THE PRESENTATIONS ON THE HOLOCAUST AND THE VIRTUAL REALITY TOUR
-HOLLY

THE BOYS LOVED THE INTERACTIVE MOVIE AND THE LEGO EVENT
-ABBY



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LIBRARY HOURS:

MONDAY: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

TUESDAY: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

FRIDAY: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED

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