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WINNER!

Susan Davis won a \$15 HyVee gift card for referring new volunteer Marlene Scull. Thank you Susan!

In 2016 when you refer a volunteer your name will be included in a quarterly drawing for a \$25 HyVee gift card. So keep those referrals coming!



Help us promote RSVP by "liking" and "sharing" us on facebook and by "following" us on Pinterest.

Normal office hours:

Tuesday through Friday
8-4:00

Since I am out and about frequently, you might want to call first to be sure I am in.

Silver Threads

Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself.....It's what you do for others. — unknown

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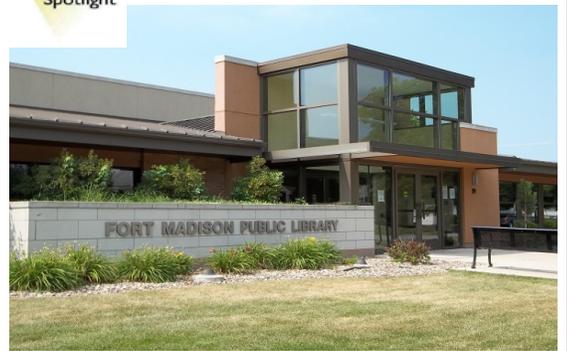
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STATION SPOTLIGHT



The Fort Madison Public Library serves residents of all ages. Their mission is to connect residents with materials for reading, viewing and listening enjoyment and to encourage residents of all ages to learn, exploring new interests and ideas. The library offers so much more than books. They have magazines, newspapers, CDs and movies. They also provide computers with internet access and wireless internet for people with their own devices. They also offer a wide variety of programming for all ages from legos to crafts to cooking.

The FM Public Library has utilized RSVP volunteers since 1990. The volunteers help in a variety of ways. Currently they have one volunteer who helps prepare books to be mailed to other libraries as part of the interlibrary loan program. A second volunteer is helping with a long term project to index the self-published family histories housed at the library. Volunteers also help with putting books away



on the shelves. Volunteers help to keep the library looking nice.

They also free up time for library employees so that they can spend more of their time developing programs and interacting with the community, rather than working on clerical tasks. In the case of the Genealogy indexing project, volunteers are helping to develop a valuable resource for citizens from the community, as well as people who have roots in Fort Madison but may no longer live here.

To volunteer for the Fort Madison Public Library please contact either Cindy at RSVP 372-8043 or Sarah Clendineng at the Library 372-5721.



Reading Buddies Program Begins January 26th

RSVP and the Fort Madison Area United Way in partnership with the Fort Madison Community School District announce the beginning of their new Reading Buddies Program. The program focuses on third graders who are having difficulty keeping up with their school reading program. Third graders from Richardson Elementary will be the first to try out the new program. Teachers will identify the children who are falling through the cracks, including those who don't have the benefit of title programs and some who just need a boost. Research indicates that children who don't have the necessary reading skills at the end of third grade will struggle throughout the rest of their school years and are four times more likely to drop out of high school. It's important that we work with these children on their reading skills on a voluntary and consistent basis. We need volunteers who believe in children and want them to be successful. If you can give one to two hours a week and read with one or two students, you can't imagine how much we will be able to touch the lives of these children. This additional reading assistance is often all that's needed to boost these children's reading level. The Reading Buddies program will be held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:30-4:30pm at the United Way Resource Center located at 3421 Avenue L. Volunteers will receive training at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday January 13th at the Resource Center by FMCS staff. All volunteers must undergo a criminal history background check prior to any training. Interested individuals should call the RSVP office at 319-372-8043 to volunteer or for more information.

Fort Madison Area United Way has received funding from the North Lee County Charitable Fund which will enable us to purchase books, tablets and other necessary supplies for the program.

Yellow Box Book Drive

Throughout the month of January
Drop off books at any of these Yellow Box participants:

Fort Madison Community Hospital
Fort Madison Public Library
City Hall
The Bookmark
Daily Democrat
RSVP Office



The Bookmark has very generously offered a 15% discount on all books purchased to donate to the book drive.

The books are distributed for free to at-risk children at the United Way Resource Center. This has become a very positive and popular giveaway. Last year our goal was 200 books and we collected 347.

Our goal this year is 500 books.

Volunteers are needed to help pick up books from the drop off sites and to sort the books by reading level. If you'd like to help with this project, please contact the RSVP office 372-8043.

January 18, 2016

2:00 and 7:00pm

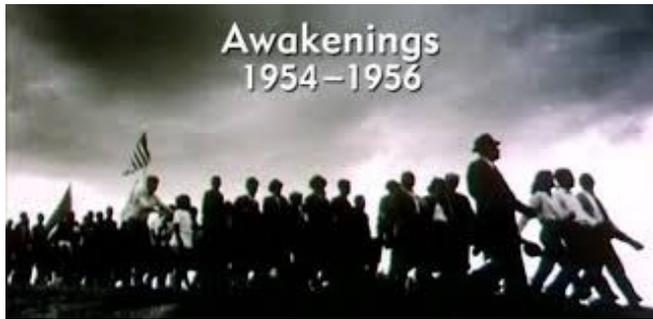
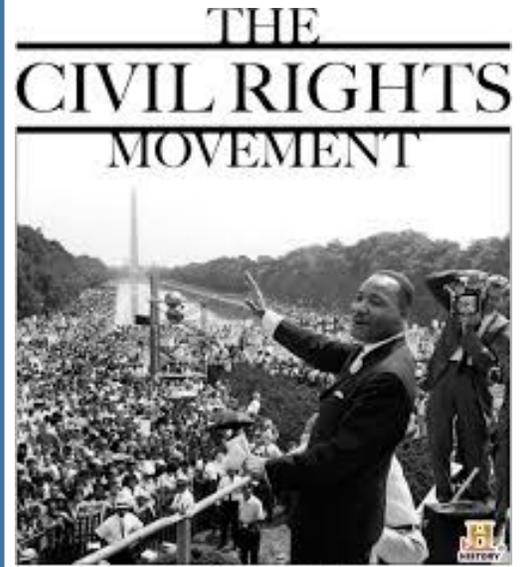
Old Fort Players Theatre

725 Ave G, Fort Madison

Enjoy two FREE movie showings

In honor of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr and his work in the Civil Rights field, RSVP and Fort Madison Area United Way is pleased to invite the public to enjoy two one-hour segments of the highly acclaimed PBS documentary series "Eyes on the Prize". This series covers the civil rights movement from 1954 to the mid 1980's.

Canned food donations for the local Food Pantry are welcome. Refreshments will be available to purchase.



The first showing of "Awakenings" will be at 2:00pm. This segment documents the beginnings of the US Civil rights struggle including the Emmett Till murder trial and the Rosa Parks arrest/Montgomery bus boycott.

The second showing of "Bridge to Freedom" will be at 7:00pm. This segment picks up ten years after the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama. A decade of lessons is applied in the climatic and bloody march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.



Thank you to the following sponsors for their support of our MLK Day of Observance projects:

