

FRIENDS of Decorah Public Library

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A huge crowd attended the Friends of the Library annual meeting at Impact Coffee on April 25th! Birgitta Meade gave a fascinating talk about the discovery of the Decorah Impact Crater and the sea scorpion fossil, both of which make Decorah geologically unique!



YOUR IMPACT.

By Tom Murray

Dear members of the Friends of Decorah Public Library,
Thank you for your support and for being members of the Friends of Decorah Public Library! Your donations each year help pay for innovative, stimulating, and enjoyable programs for library users of all ages.

During the challenging times of the pandemic, new library programs and special projects were important and greatly appreciated. These timely initiatives included the very popular Take-and-Make craft projects for children and their families, and the curbside pickup and book bundle programs, which made it possible for all of us to remain safe, healthy, and connected with our public library.

Your annual contributions to the Friends of Decorah Public Library enabled library staff to purchase books for the collection in addition to multiple copy sets for five book groups. The library was also able to purchase new furniture, software, and technology equipment beyond the designated city and county budgets for the library. Thank you again for your thoughtful donations and for being a member of the Friends of Decorah Public Library!

Looking to the future, the Board of Directors for the Friends of Decorah Public Library ask you to also consider these additional giving options to provide support for Decorah Public Library:

- In addition to cash donations, individuals may also donate publicly traded assets like shares of stocks.
- If a donor is 70-1/2 years old or older, a qualified charitable donation (QCD) may be made up to \$100,000 from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) without having to treat the distribution as taxable income.
- In recent years, library users have also given back to their community by designating bequests for the Friends of Decorah Public Library in their wills or trust arrangements. These generous legacy gifts provide outstanding programs and materials for the enjoyment of current and future generations of library users. They are truly gifts that keep on giving year after year.

Be sure to speak with a financial/tax advisor to learn more about how to donate a gift using one or more of these giving options.

For further assistance about supporting Decorah Public Library, please contact:

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MEMORIAL GIFTS TO THE FRIENDS OF THE DECORAH PUBLIC LIBRARY

A number of generous gifts were made to the Friends in honor of friends and relatives over the fiscal year from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. We greatly appreciate all such gifts.

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COOKBOOK GROUP

By Elise Skellenger

Stuck in a cooking rut? Sick of deciding what to make for dinner? Want to expand your cooking skills and meet new people? Decorah Public Library has a book group just for you! Zach Row-Heyveld started the Cookbook Group in April 2021 to expand the library's cookbook collection and to bring people together. This book group is structured a little differently from the library's other groups. Cookbook Group spends two months on each book, rather than just one. The first meeting is devoted to talking about the book—what people liked and didn't like, recipes they've tried, tips and tricks, and ingredient sharing for hard-to-find items. The second meeting is a potluck! Everyone signs up to bring a dish from that month's cookbook to share with the group.

Row-Heyveld got the idea for Cookbook Group from food blogs and cooking TV shows. These cookbook groups were all online, with participants sharing photos of recipes they tried and tricks they learned. Even though the first book's meetings were held online, Zach was eager to bring this idea to an in-person format. The second meeting was able to transition to in-person and the first potluck was held!

This group has already grown and changed over the course of its first year. It is a diverse group with a wide age range. One of the members recently remarked, "It is a great way to interact with people you normally wouldn't get to meet." It's a fun bonding activity for couples, or you can join by yourself—there is room for all!

Zach Row-Heyveld said that he learned how to cook because of the Iowa City Library. He didn't do much cooking until after he got married. While honeymooning in D.C., he and his wife were able to experience all kinds of amazing cuisine. He quickly realized that in order to eat great food, he would need to learn how to cook great food. This passion for learning to cook was fueled by the selection of cookbooks he found at his local library.

Cookbook Group is always looking for new members. If you would like more information or want to join, contact Zach Row-Heyveld at zrow-heyveld@decorahlibrary.org



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