

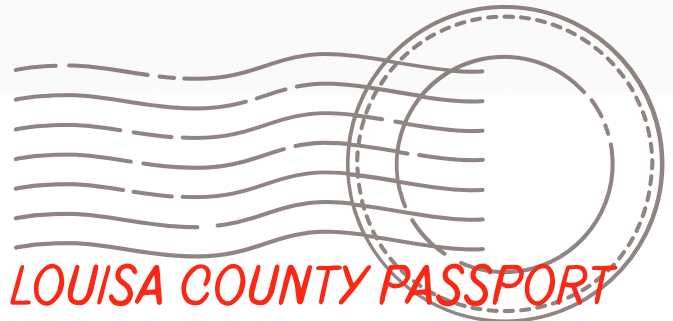
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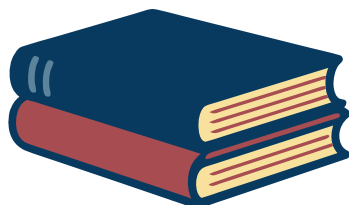
*LOUISA COUNTY PASSPORT
2026*

**Mellinger Memorial Library
Morning Sun, IA**

Mellinger serves the Morning Sun and surrounding areas. Check out their events page here:



Follow Mellinger on Facebook for photos, events, and Morning Sun related content!



185 HOURS COMPLETE

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

All Louisa County residents are invited to explore all that Louisa County has to offer! Even if events aren't taking place where you call home, we hope you'll explore and attend nevertheless!

Thank you for celebrating the Semiquincentennial with Louisa County Conservation and your local libraries!

We hope you enjoyed your year celebrating our nation!
We invite you to continue your exploration into 2027!

Make sure to turn your passport into your local library by Dec 31, 2026, for prize drawings!

For more information about Louisa County Conservation, please visit their website here:



Information about parks, camping site reservations, hours/closures, and amenities are all available here!

Additionally, other sites of interest are listed at the bottom of the page.

250th Website

All programs and events related to the 250th celebrations will be listed and available on this website:



In addition to other resources, sites, and information!

Conservation Events

Visit Louisa County Conservation's events page for all upcoming events, registration and payment details, and more!



Make sure to check back each season for additional events and details!

LOUISA COUNTY
CONSERVATION



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250 HOURS COMPLETE!

Return your completed 250 hours to your local library by December 31, 2026, in order to be entered into the prize drawing!

250 HOURS

THROUGH 2026, SPEND 250 HOURS READING,
HIKING/WALKING, OR VOLUNTEERING IN YOUR
COMMUNITY (OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF).

EACH STAR = 1 HOUR



35 HOURS COMPLETE ON THIS PAGE

BACKYARD ADVENTURES:

PARKS & OUTDOORS

BE A TOURIST IN YOUR OWN COUNTY! CHECK
OFF EACH LOCATION VISITED DURING 2026.

- ☐ TOOLESBORO MOUNDS
- ☐ VIRGINIA GROVE
- ☐ LANGWOOD EDUCATIONAL AREA
- ☐ CHINKAPIN PARK/HOOVER TRAIL
- ☐ EDEN PARK
- ☐ CAIRO WOODS
- ☐ KLUM LAKE
- ☐ INDIAN SLOUGH
- ☐ LAKE ODESSA
- ☐ HICKORY HOLLOW
- ☐ BAIRD TIMBER
- ☐ LOCK & DAM 17
- ☐ SWINGING BRIDGE
- ☐ WILSON PRAIRIE
- ☐ COUNTY LINE BRIDGE
- ☐ GIPPLE'S QUARRY BRIDGE

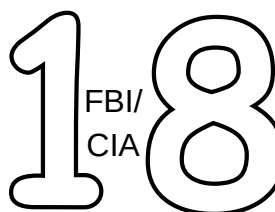


Columbus Jet Public Library Columbus Jet, IA

Columbus Jet Public Library serves
Columbus Jet, Columbus City, Fredonia,
Cotter, Conesville, and surrounding areas.
Check out their events page or follow on
Facebook for all the latest programs and
events!



Melting Pot





**Keck Memorial
Library**

**Keck Memorial Library
Wapello, IA**

Keck serves Wapello, Oakville, and
surrounding areas. Be sure to check out
Keck's list of events here:



Or follow them on Facebook!

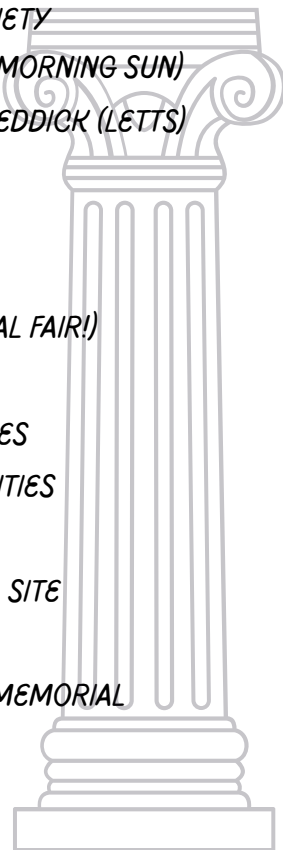
26 Books in 2026



85 HOURS COMPLETE

BACKYARD ADVENTURES: MUSEUMS, HISTORY, CELEBRATIONS

- ☐ LOUISA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- ☐ RURAL FREE DELIVERY MUSEUM (MORNING SUN)
- ☐ MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDEE LT. REDDICK (LETTS)
- ☐ COLUMBUS HERITAGE MUSEUM
- ☐ BETHEL CHURCH
- ☐ HOTEL WAPELLO
- ☐ LOUISA COUNTY FAIR (134TH ANNUAL FAIR!)
- ☐ CHIEF WAPELLO DAYS
- ☐ GRANDVIEW 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES
- ☐ MORNING SUN 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES
- ☐ LOUISA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
- ☐ FLORENCE COUNCIL ON THE IOWA SITE
- ☐ PIONEER CEMETERIES
- ☐ FREEDOM ROCK/ALL VETERAN'S MEMORIAL
- ☐ LITTLETON BROTHERS MEMORIAL
- ☐ LOUISA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

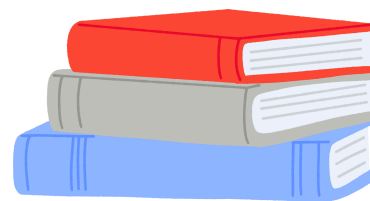




135 HOURS COMPLETE

BACKYARD ADVENTURES: FAMILY FUN

- ☐ HIKE THE HOOVER TRAIL
- ☐ GEOCACHE AT A PIONEER CEMETERY
- ☐ ATTEND A CONSERVATION PROGRAM
- ☐ ATTEND A LIBRARY PROGRAM
- ☐ GRAB ICE CREAM AT A LOCAL PLACE
- ☐ TRY A NEW RECIPE
- ☐ VISIT & READ A STORYBOOK ADVENTURE
- ☐ GET OUT ON THE WATER!
- ☐ FREE FISHING WEEKEND: JUNE 5 & 6
- ☐ GO ON A PICNIC
- ☐ TRY DISC GOLF
- ☐ TRY A NEW BOARD GAME
- ☐ ATTEND A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
- ☐ CREATE A SCAVENGER HUNT
- ☐ BUILD A FORT AND READ
- ☐ VISIT A NEW POOL



Letts Public Library Letts, IA

Letts Public Library provides service to Fruitland, Grandview, Letts and all surrounding areas! Make sure to check out their events page and follow them on Facebook for all the latest up-to-date events!



BACKYARD ADVENTURES:

- ☐ SEE A HIGH SCHOOL PLAY/SHOW
- ☐ ATTEND A HIGH SCHOOL GAME
- ☐ PICK WILDFLOWERS
- ☐ WATCH A PARADE
- ☐ TAKE FAMILY PHOTOS (WITH YOUR PHONE!)
- ☐ INVENT A NEW PIZZA
- ☐ LEARN SOMETHING NEW
- ☐ LOOK AT THE STARS
- ☐ TRY A NEW PLAYGROUND
- ☐ FEED THE BIRDS
- ☐ CREATE YOUR OWN GAME
- ☐ SEND A CARD TO SOMEONE
- ☐ COMPLETE A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS
- ☐ MAKE A SNOWMAN
- ☐ PLANT NATIVE FLOWERS FOR POLLINATORS
- ☐ DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW TO YOU IN LOUISA COUNTY!