

New Year, New Look

We READ You! That's been our slogan since we began over 16 years ago and with this change to a new format for our newsletter, we are hoping more and more book lovers will READ us as well. We thank you for shopping with us this past year and look forward to seeing you in 2023. We love to see familiar faces AND we love to see new ones--so please tell your friends about us, too!

We had a great holiday season and now we are ready to hit the ground (snow?) running--launching new books, hosting a workshop on creativity, a children's story time and coat drive, and wonderful presentations by local authors. This month, we have partnered with the Des Moines Public Library for a conversation with author Stephen Markley as he rocks the publishing world with *The Deluge*--a book that has already received high praise from Stephen King.

READ more books! Is that on your list of resolutions? That's one of ours and January is the perfect time to begin. Hopefully, you received some titles that were on your own gift list, but if you are needing a recommendation, we have you covered. Simply click here to see [WHAT WE'RE READING](#).

Alice & Hunter

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 3 @ 6:30 p.m.
Book Launch

Sean Adams | [The Thing in the Snow](#)

Wednesday, January 4 @ 6:30 p.m.
Creativity Workshop & Booksigning
Mary Potter Kenyon | [Called to Be Creative: A Guide to Reigniting Your Creativity!](#)

Tuesday, January 17 @ 6:30 p.m.
Bob Nandell | [First Editions: Silent Warfare Inside a Chain-Owned Newspaper](#)

Saturday, January 28 @ 7:00 p.m.
Author Spotlight @ Central Library
Stephen Markley | [The Deluge](#)

Monday, February 6 @ 6:30 p.m.
Jolene Stratton Philo | [See Jane Sing!](#)

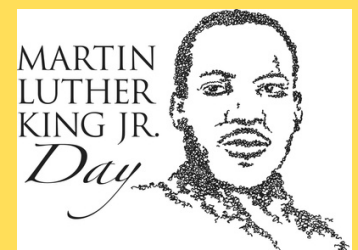
Wednesday, February 8 @ 6:30 PM
Storytime & One Warm Coat Drive
Norene Paulson | [Nila's Perfect Coat](#)

Saturday, February 11
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Beaverdale Books Local Author Fair

Monday, February 13 @ 6:30 p.m.
Tyler Granger | [Iowa Trouble](#)

Monday, February 20 @ 6:30 p.m.
Joy Neal Kidney | [Leora's Early Years: Guthrie County Roots](#)

STORE HOURS
Monday-Friday
10:00 - 8:00
Saturday
10:00 - 5:00
Sunday
12:00 - 4:00



CLOSED
Sunday, January 1
Monday, January 16

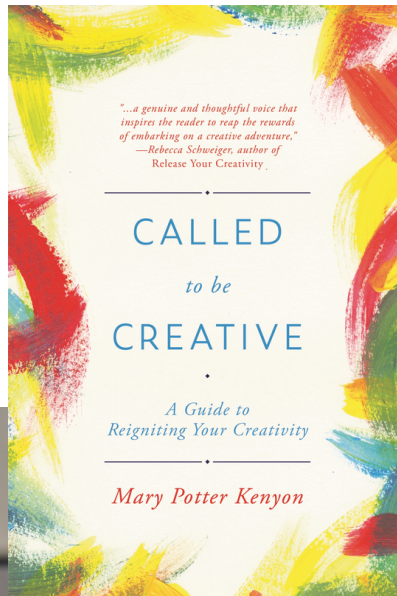
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Book Launch**Sean Adams****Tuesday****January 3****6:30 p.m.****@Beaverdale Books**

From the critically acclaimed author of *The Heap*, a thought-provoking and wryly funny novel—equal parts satire and psychological thriller—that holds a funhouse mirror to the isolated workplace and an age of endless distraction.

Sean Adams is a graduate of Bennington College and the Iowa Writers' Workshop. His fiction has appeared in *Electric Literature's Recommended Reading*, *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, *The Normal School*, *Vol. 1 Brooklyn*, *The Arkansas International*, and elsewhere. He lives in Des Moines, Iowa with his wife, Emma, and their various pets.

Moderated by
Kali White Van Baale

Meet the Author**Mary Potter****Kenyon****Wednesday****January 4****6:30 p.m.****@Beaverdale Books**

Make 2023 a creative year with this mini workshop from the author of *Called to Be Creative: A Guide to Reigniting Your Creativity!* Think you don't have a creative bone in your body? Think again. Mary Potter Kenyon demonstrates how we are all designed to be creative and walks attendees through a series of exercises guaranteed to jumpstart your innate abilities.

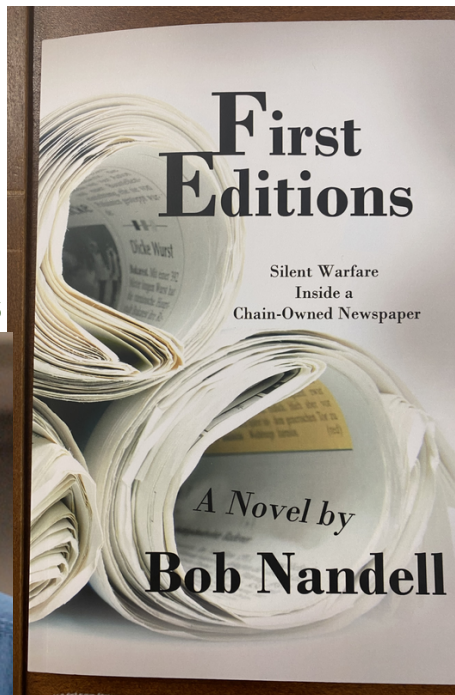
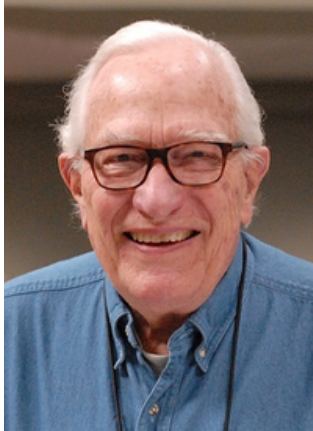
Mary Potter Kenyon is the author of seven books and is widely published in newspapers, magazines, and anthologies, with essays featured in ten *Chicken Soup for the Soul* titles. Her children's book on grief will be released in April 2024.

Meet the Author

Bob Nandell

**Tuesday
January 17
6:30 p.m.**

@Beaverdale Books



Quint Markham is at the peak of his career when the newspaper he's poured his soul into is purchased by a heartless corporation. The losses are only beginning... but Quint isn't about to give up. Is there life after corporate news gathering?

About the Author

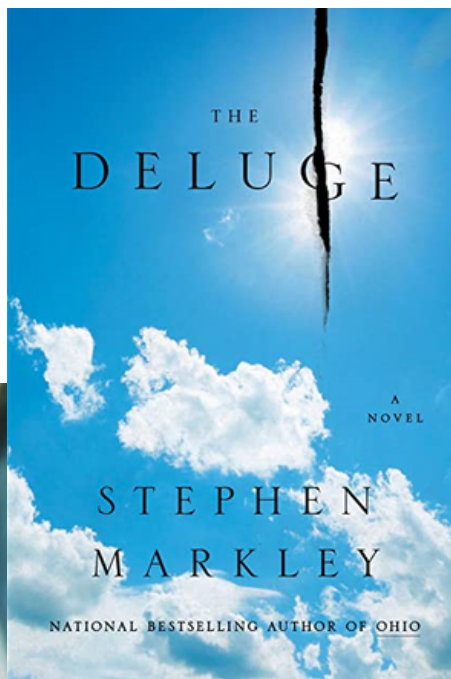
Bob Nandell is a 43-year veteran of newspaper newsrooms, working as a reporter, photographer, and picture editor. He worked for newspapers in Iowa City, Davenport, Milwaukee, Mason City, and Des Moines. He is a 1964 graduate of the University of Iowa School of Journalism.

Author Spotlight

Stephen Markley

**Saturday
January 28
@ 7:00 p.m.**

@ Central Library



Join the Des Moines Public Library and Beaverdale Books for a special evening with Stephen Markley, the best-selling author of *Ohio*. His new book, *The Deluge* (on sale January 10), has been called “a modern classic” and “prophetic, terrifying, uplifting” by legendary author Stephen King.

Stephen Markley is an author, screenwriter, and journalist. A graduate of the Iowa Writer's Workshop, Markley's previous books include, *Ohio*, the memoir *Publish This Book: The Unbelievable True Story of How I Wrote, Sold, and Published This Very Book*, and the travelogue *Tales of Iceland*. He lives in Los Angeles.

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The event will be moderated by author Sean Adams.

Read All About It!



Calling All Teachers!

Last month, a generous customer asked for a way to help local teachers and we were thrilled to accept a donation of \$500 for teachers needing books for their classrooms. **If you are a teacher, stop in and mention this story to learn more about this opportunity.**

And remember, teachers are also eligible to receive a 10% discount on titles for their classrooms all year long.

A Word From the Owners

Last January, Alice Meyer proudly announced a change in ownership with store manager Hunter Gillum becoming the co-owner of Beaverdale Books. Now that a year has passed, it's only fitting to have Alice and Hunter weigh in on the changes during the past year.

Hunter reports that "it's been crazy busy and it's hard to believe it's already been a year." He says being an owner hasn't changed his daily work that much, but he wanted to be sure to thank our customers for so many kind words of encouragement and congratulations.

Alice says she is "slowly learning to let go and that feels great!" She appreciates that Hunter has "lots of new ideas, including the store's new apparel and expanding Giving Sundays throughout November." She is "looking forward to several more innovations our customers are sure to appreciate in the coming year."

December 2022 Bestsellers

These were the Top Ten sellers in our store last month - see what everyone's reading!

1. *The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*, Michelle Obama
2. *Demon Copperhead*, Barbara Kingsolver
3. *Lessons in Chemistry*, Bonnie Garmus
4. *And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle*, Jon Meacham
5. *Baking Blue Ribbons: Stories and Recipes from the Iowa State Fair Food Competitions*, Kay Fenton Smith* and Carol McGarvey*
6. *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams*, Stacy Schiff
7. *Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human*, Siddhartha Mukherjee
8. *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us*, Ed Yong
9. *Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships*, Nina Totenberg
10. *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*, Gabrielle Zevin

*Iowa Author!



Meet the Author

Jolene Stratton

Philo

Monday

February 6

6:30 p.m.

@ Beaverdale Books



Prepare for another hilarious misadventure as Jane Newell and her zany friends tackle the next Little Missouri mystery in *See Jane Sing!*

Before Jolene Stratton Philo became an author, she taught elementary school for 25 years. Seven of those years were spent in northwestern South Dakota. Her first child was born while she and her husband lived there, and their experiences with him resulted in six books for the special needs community.

Storytime & Coat Drive:

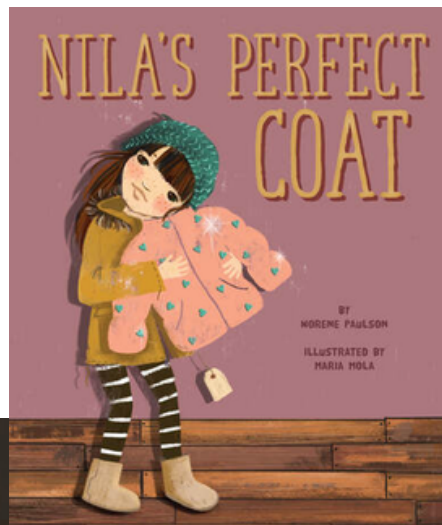
Norene Paulson

Wednesday

February 8

6:30 p.m.

@ Beaverdale Books



Nila and her mom love shopping at the thrift store. But when Nila finds the most perfect, shiny, puffy coat, Mom says no: Nila's winter coat still fits her just fine. With a lot of determination and some birthday money from Dad, Nila sets out to prove the coat really is perfect—but along the way, learns maybe it's perfect for someone else.

Norene Paulson writes picture books that celebrate friendship, acceptance, and inclusion. She is the author of *Benny's True Colors* and *What's Silly Hair Day with No Hair?* A former language arts teacher, Norene is passionate about sharing her love of words with young readers. She's a member of SCBWI and lives in Iowa.

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Donations of new and gently used coats will be accepted from 6 - 8 p.m.

Meet the Author

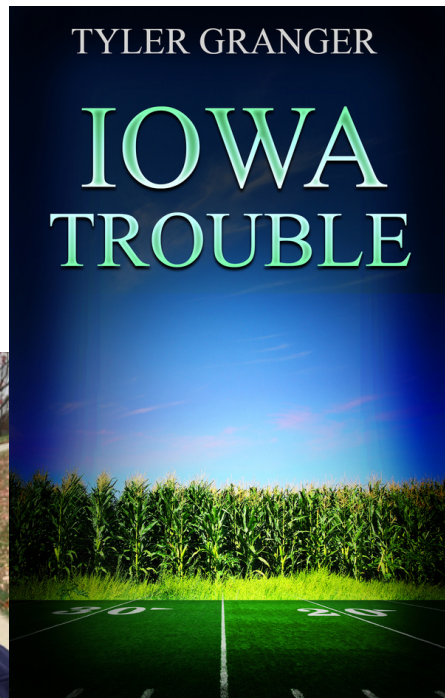
Tyler Granger

Monday

February 13

6:30 p.m.

@ Beaverdale Books



Iowa Trouble is a memoir of political violence across Iowa, including horror stories from punk-subculture to Iowa gangsters and the politics of the Iowa Caucus.

As a lifelong Iowan, Tyer Granger wanted to share his life journey in his new book, *Iowa Trouble*. In 2020, he was inspired to write the book for his daughter, so she would have a book about her father and her family’s history. Granger’s memoir includes “stories ranging from football to Warped Tour to working for the Obama campaign.” He has a degree in political science from Northwestern College and has worked on a variety of political campaigns and non-profits across Iowa.



Meet the Author

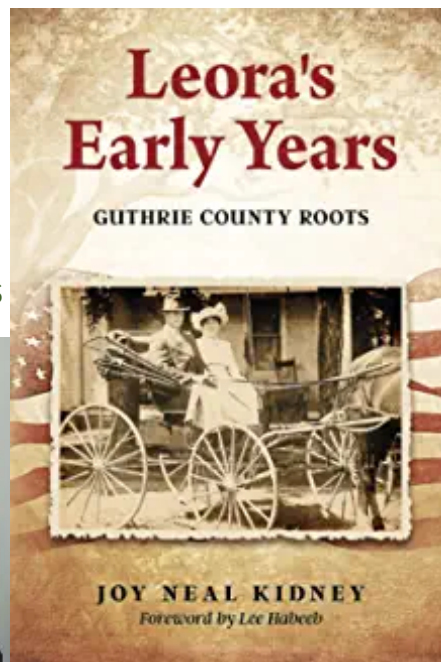
Joy Neal Kidney

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February 20

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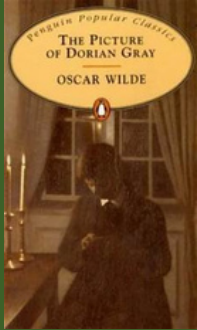


During Leora Goff’s early decades, she gathered the tenacity, optimism and hope she would need throughout her long life. When she married Clabe Wilson, they became forged into parents who would shepherd their own family through two more great eras of world and local history—the Great Depression and WWII.

Joy Neal Kidney is an Iowa author who grew up on a farm, now living in a Des Moines suburb with her husband, Guy, an Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War and a retired Air Traffic Controller. With God’s help, Joy is aging gratefully. Living with fibromyalgia for two dozen years has given her plenty of home-bound days to write blog posts and books. *Leora’s Early Years: Guthrie County Roots* is her third book in the “Leora Stories” series. Her research from decades ago has helped tell her grandmother’s stories.

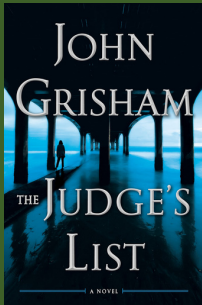
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Join A Book Club!



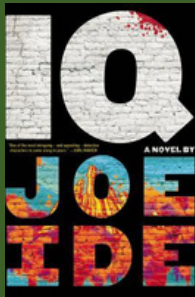
Hunter's Classics Book Club
Second Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 10

The Picture of Dorian Gray, by Oscar Wilde
(New Members Welcome)



Beaverdale Book Browsers
Second Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 12

The Judge's List, by John Grisham
(New Members Welcome)



Mystery Book Club
Fourth Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 24

IQ, by Joe Ide
(New Members Welcome)



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