

# CITY OF NEWTON WEEKLY REPORT

Week of March 16, 2018

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR...



The Newton Fire Department's (NFD) 3rd Annual Citizen Fire Academy will take place in the Spring of 2018. The goal of this program is to enhance relationships between Newton residents and the Newton Fire Department. Deadline for applications is March 28. More information can be found here: [www.newtongov.org/DocumentCenter/View/3450](http://www.newtongov.org/DocumentCenter/View/3450)

Newton Development Corporation, Newton Housing Development Corporation and the City met with 6 different developers in the last couple of weeks who have expressed an interest in building market rate apartments.

The Get to Know Newton Leadership Class will be having their graduation on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at DMACC. The class has heard from a variety of speakers about economic development, local government, education, workforce, law enforcement, health services and social services. Members of the class will be sharing their experiences and feedback on the class.

The Newton Public Library will be closed for renovations from March 26th through late May. Read more about the closure and what services will be available inside the weekly report.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Discussion about Concussion and Other Brain Injuries on March 19, 2018, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM @ Newton Public Library - Come join our FREE community event to learn more about brain injury services in Iowa. Annie Randolph, Neuro Resource Facilitator with the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa (BIAIA), will be providing an overview of the BIAIA's services and how we connect Iowans to brain injury services and supports in their communities.
- "Powerful Tools For Caregivers" Series Sponsored by Park Centre, WesleyLife & Jasper County Extension on March 21, 2018, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM @ Park Centre - Learn the tools necessary to be a great caregiver!

Find more events at [www.newtongov.org/communitycalendar](http://www.newtongov.org/communitycalendar)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE NEWTON  
PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

# LIBRARY

## FEBRUARY OVERVIEW

- 9,296 check-outs
- 7,270 people visited the library
- 43 groups used the Meeting Room
- 26 programs
  - 398 children attended
  - 45 teens attended
  - 302 adults attended

## DOWNSIZING OF COLLECTION

In preparation of Library Renovations the Library underwent a deep weeding. Weeding is a library term that means withdrawing books that are old, hold inaccurate information, have not checked out in years, or are simply gross and need to be taken out of circulation. Since January 1st, 2018, the Library has withdrawn 5,266 items! Due to the massive weeding we now have empty ranges and shelves that will be removed in the new layout allowing for more study space and an open floor plan. While the Library generally withdraws 3% of its collection each year, this year we will be sitting closer to 10%.

## LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY

Youth Services Librarian Phyllis Peter met with Representative Wes Breckenridge on Library Legislative Day, Wednesday, March 14th on Capitol Hill.

## LIBRARY RENOVATION

The Newton Public Library will be closed for renovations from March 26th through late May. During this time period the library office will offer limited services, beginning April 2nd. Library office hours will be Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Story times will be held at the Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa (709 1st Ave W Suite 1, Newton, IA 50208) and the Newton YMCA (1701 S 8th Ave E, Newton, IA 50208) at regularly scheduled times. All other programs will be paused until the building re-opens in May. Ongoing updates will be announced on the Library website and Facebook page.

## SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING THE RENOVATIONS

- Library office open Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- New book requests and inter-library loan
- Hold pickups on new items
- Notary services by appointment
- Storytimes at the Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa & Newton YMCA
- Public Wi-Fi and daily newspaper in the library lobby

For additional information, please contact the Library at (641) 792.4108. We look forward to welcoming you back!



Youth Services Librarian Phyllis Peter with Representative Wes Breckenridge at the State Capitol



## Storytimes during the Library renovation

### March 26 until the end of May

Our Monday morning Baby Storytime and Tuesday Toddler & Two's will be held at the *Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa, 709 1st Ave W Suite 1, Newton, IA 50208.*

Thursday Preschool storytime will be held at the exercise studio at the Newton YMCA.

Following are the dates storytimes will be held:

**Monday Baby Storytimes for ages 0 to 18 months**  
at 10:30 a.m. at the Pregnancy Center: March 26, April 2, April 9, April 16, April 23, May 14 and May 21

**Tuesday Toddler Storytimes for 18 months to age 3,**  
at 10:30 a.m. at the Pregnancy Center: March 27, April 3, April 10, April 17, April 24, May 15 and May 22

**Thursday Preschool Storytimes for ages 3 to 5,**  
at 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA: March 29, April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26, May 17 and May 24




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