

# NEWSLETTER

Orange City, Iowa August 2024

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm  
 Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**A Book Discussion of  
 "Don't Look Back"**  
**Thursday, August 22 at 6pm**  
**Orange City Public Library**

*Pick up a copy of the book at the library.*



**ONE BOOK**  
 One Sioux County  
**2024 SELECTION**

Many are familiar with the stories of the Lost Boys of Sudan. Our One Book, One Sioux County choice for 2024 is a memoir of a girl who survived the Sudanese Civil War and fought to save her own life. Achut Deng walked miles through a war-torn country, ending up in a refugee camp where she lived for 10 years; she eventually had the opportunity to move to the United States and settled in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Her powerful story details her experiences, her unwavering perseverance, and her will to live.

Deng's story, written with author Keely Hutton, chronicles the terrifying reality of growing up in a war zone, a situation faced by far too many children across the world. Yet the book is also a testament to the goodness in humanity and the power of moving forward, overcoming the seemingly insurmountable obstacles in the way.

"Don't Look Back" is the One Book One Sioux County read for 2024. Please join us for a book discussion on August 22 at the library and then in November join us for a county-wide visit with the authors at Dordt University.

## FEATURED THIS MONTH: TUMBLE BOOK LIBRARY

The library has a subscription to TumbleBookLibrary, and your family can access it from home for free!



TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of e-books for children. There are animated-talking picture books, read-along chapter books, nonfiction books, and games and puzzles! There are also books available in Spanish, French, and Mandarin.

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### July Happenings

## BOOK REVIEW:

**"Light and Air" by Mindy Nichols Wendell, Reviewed by Abby**

"A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest."



I very much like this quote from C.S. Lewis. As someone in her late 20's, there are some books in the children's area, the juvenile fiction area, and the young adult fiction area that I have "outgrown." But you never know what treasures may be waiting, and you are never too old to check out a book written for kids.

I recently read the book Light and Air by Mindy Nichols Wendell. It's a historical fiction novel set in New York, 1935, when a young girl's mother contracts tuberculosis. At this time, there were isolated sanitariums for patients with tuberculosis. There was no "cure," so treatment consisted of rest, nutrition, and exposing patients to a lot of natural light and clean air, hence the title of the book. Wendell uses historical details to create a heart wrenching and heartwarming tale of a family's tragedy and healing – not only from the disease but from their broken relationships.

## Books To Get the Kids Ready for School



## AUGUST EVENTS

Visit our website for more details on these events and others coming up.  
[orangecitylibrary.org](http://orangecitylibrary.org)

### ALL AGES

**Dog Therapy**  
 Monday, August 12, 4:00-5:00 pm

### CHILDREN

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation**  
 Tuesday, August 20, 6:30-7:30 pm

### ADULTS

**Board Games & Snacks**  
 Tuesday, August 6, 6:30-7:30 pm

**English Conversation Class**  
 Mondays, July 8-August 19, 6:00-7:00 pm

**Clase de inglés básico**  
 Thursdays, July 11-August 29, 6:00-7:45 pm

**One Book One Sioux County Book Discussion**  
 Thursday, August 22, 6:00-7:00 pm

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