

CALENDAR

- January 1 – New Year’s Day (city office closed)
- January 4 – Puzzle Exchange (see library corner)
- January 8 – Regular Monthly Council Meeting
- January 10 – Sunday Ford Program (see library corner)
- January 15 – Club 56 (see library corner)
- January 15 – Book Club (see library corner)
- January 16 – Chop, Chop (see library corner)
- January 23 – Lego Club (see library corner)
- January 25 – Newsletter Deadline

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**REMINDERS/NOTICES*

--**Snow Removal**- State and City Code prohibit property owners from moving snow from private property or sidewalks onto the street or alleys. Doing so creates hazardous driving conditions upon the roadway.

--**Sidewalk Snow Removal**- City Code states that it is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to maintain a safe and hazard-free condition of any sidewalk outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines or traveled portion of the public street. This includes where the sidewalk flows into the street at intersections. Maintaining safe paths to the churches and to the elementary school is important for everyone’s safety. Please scoop the snow off your sidewalks so they are safe for pedestrian travel, especially for the children and elderly within our community.

--**Fire Hydrants**- If you have a fire hydrant on your corner or near your property, the Fire Department is asking for your help. If possible, please take the time to scoop the snow away from the hydrant in case of an emergency. Doing so will save the department valuable time during an emergency situation.

--**Snowmobiles**- Please remember that snowmobiles are not allowed to drive on private property unless you have the permission from the property owner. Please remain on the public road right of way when riding in and out of the city limits. Snowmobiles are not allowed in the city parks, on playground-sidewalks, or on any municipally owned property.

--**Extra Weekly Garbage** – Do you find yourself having extra garbage or recycling weekly? If so, don’t forget you can purchase an “Extra Garbage Tag” from the City Office for \$1/tag. Each tag will be the equivalent of one 35-gallon garbage can OR two garbage bags. You are NOT limited to one tag per week. If you have a 60-gallon garbage can, but feel you’d like to exchange it for a 95-gallon can, please contact O.C. Sanitation at 737-2645 and make arrangements with them to make that switch. This extra charge will show up on your water bill.

--**Parking Restrictions**- there is no overnight parking on Boyden City streets November 1 through April 1. Vehicles left overnight on city streets during this time will be ticketed.



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The 2023 Boyden Charities Drive will be ending soon! Thank you to everyone who has supported this year’s drive. The charities it supports are very grateful!

Thank you to the mayor and council members for their continued service to the Boyden Community!

Wm. Monster Post 272
Gold Star Mothers + Families

WM Monster Post 272, Boyden is having a monument made to place at the city park. It will be dedicated to the Gold Star Mothers & families.

It will be black marble with a gray base like the ones at the park. It will measure, 42” wide & 24” tall.

Our goal is to raise \$6,500. If you would like to support us in this project, you can send donations to the American Legion, PO Box 5, Boyden, IA 51234

Boyden Public Library Corner

Happy New Year! We look forward to serving our patrons in the year 2024! If you have never been to the library before we hope you make it your resolution to visit us soon. Maybe you are new to town and would like to meet more people. Make it a point to attend some of the programming that our library provides. Or maybe you hear about other people who are downloading books and you decide that this is the year you are going to learn how to do that. Whether it be books, magazines, DVD's we have something new every day!

Puzzle Exchange.... We will be having a puzzle exchange on Wednesday, January 4 from 4:00pm-6:30pm. This is a come and go event...come and see what we have and take a "new" puzzle home. If you know that your puzzle has some pieces missing, keep those at home. If there is interest, we will do this again on February 7 from 4:00-6:30. It would be great if you could bring your puzzles to the library before January 3. Let me know if you have questions!

Sunday Ford will be coming to the library on Wednesday, January 10 at 3:45 for a program. She will be talking about Bald Eagles. Make sure you make plans to come to the library. All ages are welcome to attend.

Club 56 will meet January 15 at 3:45pm at the library. All girls in the 5th and 6th grade are welcome to attend! I am giving you a hint...." you will have a taste of many different countries!"

Boyden Book Club will be meeting on Monday, January 15 at 7:00pm. We will be reading the book "*The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner. I have extra copies of this book at the library so let me know if you need a copy. Call the library with questions at 725-2281.

Chop, Chop will be meeting on Tuesday, January 16 right after school. At this point, this group is full. I look forward to seeing you all on the 16th as we learn to cook new things!

Lego Club.... we will be meeting after school on Tuesday, January 23 until 4:45pm. Come to the library and be creative!

E-books Did you receive a new device to enjoy the gift of reading? Make sure to use the library's apps, Libby (Bridges) and Tumblebooks to access the library from anywhere at any time with your library card. Stop in the library if you need help.

In response to our communities' needs, Alton, Boyden, Hawarden, Hospers, Hull, and Orange City have created a peer-to-peer lending consortium. The consortium authorizes users to directly search other libraries for materials and request these items as easily as if the materials were at their home library. Library card holders from each of these libraries can use their home library card at each location. That means that **you only need one card to access six libraries!** These six libraries also serve as book drops for each other. Return all your loans to one library and the items are checked in and sent back to the home library for you!

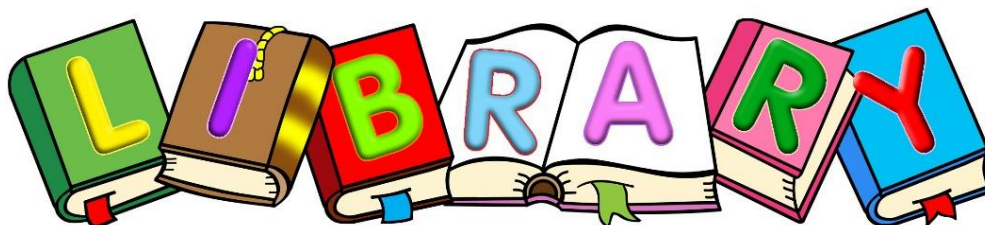
With the Flexshare, you can quickly reserve a material from the participating libraries, and either have the material sent to your home library or pick it up there. To do so:

- Log in to the library catalog and search for an item.
- Select "Search other libraries" and designate which ones to search.

To reserve an item and have it shipped to the Boyden Public Library, simply select "Reserve this item."

Any questions, please ask and I will be happy to help you!

Weather...It's that time of the year again when the weather can change suddenly and the roads get slick and snow covered. If the library needs to be closed due to weather, we will post it on our Facebook page and on KIWA.





*On December 4, 2023, the Boyden Community Club held their Annual Community Christmas Celebration. This year 9 trees were entered in the **Festival of Trees** event by area businesses and organizations.*

Those participating were:

Boyden Fire Auxiliary
Boyden Fire Department
St. John Lutheran Altar Guild
Boyden Hull Elementary
Farmers Coop Society
Demco
SIG International
Citizens State Bank/Boyden Insurance
Boyden Bash Committee

THANK YOU to everyone that helped with making this a fun event!

Congratulations

2023 Tree Winners:

1st Place: St. John Lutheran Altar Guild
2nd Place: CSB/Boyden Insurance
3rd Place: Boyden Hull Elementary
Santa's Choice: Boyden Fire Department

Sue Reimers was the winner of the arrangement sponsored by the Boyden Community Club.

Coloring Contest Winners

Age 0-5: Ian Diekevers
Age 6-10: Kiyanna Olsem
Age 11-15: Makenna Kleinwolterink
Adult: Danielle Diekevers

Guessing Jar Winners: Adults: Leroy Woelber
Kids: Cole Van Tilburg

Chili Cook Off Participants

Rod Bergstrom	Daniel Van Roekel
Alex Frick	Wendy Soule
Shari Fedders	Angie Diekevers
Paul Van Donge	Shayla Schmith
Heath De Jong	Casey Schafer
Wendy De Jong	Danielle Diekevers

Chili Winners: 1st Place: Casey Schafer
2nd Place: Shari Fedders
3rd Place: Danielle Diekevers

*Happy
New Year*