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Calendar of Events

December 22, 2025 Grinchmas Day Camp - Lied Irwin Public Library

Lied Irwin Public Library

509 Ann Street Irwin, IA 51446

9 am

Monday, December 22, 9 am. Lied Irwin Public Library, 509 Ann Street, Irwin.

Registration is required. Call the library, 712-782-3335.

December 24, 2025

Shelby County Chamber Office Closed for the Holidays

- January 2, 2026 Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and Industry

1901 Hawkeye Avenue

Harlan, IA 51537

Closed December 24 at noon through January 2 2026

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industy Office will be closing at noon on Wednesday, December 24 and will remain closed through Friday, January 2, 2026. We

will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 5, 2026

December 30, 2025

Craft Lab - Harlan Community Library

Harlan Community Library

718 Court Street Harlan, IA 51537

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM CST

Tuesday, December 30, 5 - 6 pm. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.

Everyone will meet in the large meeting room.

December 31, 2025

Community Coffee - Elk Horn Public Library

Elk Horn Public Library 2027 Washington Street Elk Horn, IA 51531

9 am

Wednesday, December 31, 9 am. Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street, Elk

Horn.

December 31, 2025

New Year's Noon Party - Elk Horn Public Library

Elk Horn Public Library 2027 Washington Street Elk Horn , IA 51531

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Wednesday, December 31, 11 - 1 pm. Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street,

Elk Horn.

December 31, 2025

Teen New Year's Party - Elk Horn Public Library

Elk Horn Public Library 2027 Washington Street Elk Horn, IA 51531

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Wednesday, December 31, 9 - 11 am. Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street,

Elk Horn.

January 1, 2026

Celebrate New Year's Day at Milk & Honey

Milk & Honey 919 7th Street Harlan, IA 51537

07:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST

Thursday, January 1, 2026, 7 - 2 pm. Milk & Honey, 919 7th Street, Harlan. Come celebrate the new year at Milk & Honey. Mimosa flights and brunch specials. Take outs available. Call 712-235-6455 or email milkandhoneyiowa@gmail.com.

January 3, 2026

Adult Board Game Night - Elk Horn Public Library

Elk Horn Public Library 2027 Washington Street Elk Horn , IA 51531

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST

Saturday, January 3, 6 - 9 pm. Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street, Elk Horn.

January 5, 2026

After School Movie - Harlan Community Library

Harlan Community Library

718 Court Street Harlan, IA 51537

3:30 pm

Monday, January 5, 3:30 pm. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.

Showing: "Under the Boardwalk". The library staff will be serving free popcorn.

January 8, 2026

GRC Reading Rave Pop In - Harlan Community Library

Harlan Community Library

718 Court Street Harlan, IA 51537

05:00 PM - 07:00 PM CST

Thursday, January 8, 5 - 7 pm. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.

Pop in to grab your 2026 Great Reading Challenge materials and chat with fellow readers!

January 13, 2026

Library and Lunch - Harlan Community Library

Harlan Community Library

718 Court Street Harlan, IA 51537

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST

Tuesday, December 13, 12 - 1 pm. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan. This book club is open to the public.

The January book is Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murders. See the library staff to get the book.

January 14, 2026

5 O'Clock Somewhere Book Club - Harlan Community Library

Harlan Golf & Country Club

2503 12th Street Harlan, IA 51537

5 pm

Wednesday, January 14, 5 pm. Hosted by the Harlan Community Library. This book club will take place at the Harlan Golf & Country Club, 2503 12th Street, Harlan.

January 15, 2026

Forest Friends - Lied Irwin Public Library

Lied Irwin Public Library

509 Ann Street

Irwin, IA 51446

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Every third Thursday of the month, September through April, 10 am - noon. Lied Irwin Public Library, 509 Ann Street, Irwin.

Join us to learn about our forest friends through books and hands-on learning.

January 15, 2026

Adult Craft - Harlan Community Library

Harlan Community Library

718 Court Street Harlan, IA 51537

06:00 PM - 07:30 PM CST

Thursday, January 15, 6 - 7:30 pm. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.

sia Adult Craft will be Planner December Decine

This Adult Craft will be Planner Decorating. Bring your own planner and decorate it with the provided supplies: lots of stickers, washi tape, & colored pencils! REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: https://harlan-ia.whofi.com/calendar/event/5605915

January 19, 2026

Friends of the Library - Elk Horn Public Library

Elk Horn Public Library 2027 Washington Street Elk Horn, IA 51531

5 pm meal, 6 pm Emily Paulsen with Brunco Farms

Monday, January 19. Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street, Elk Horn.

Brunco Farms with Emily Paulsen, 6 pm. A meal will be served at 5 pm.

January 21, 2026

Classic Movie Morning - Harlan Community Library

Harlan Community Library

718 Court Street Harlan, IA 51537

10 am

Wednesday, January 21, 10 am. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.

Showing: The Grapes of Wrath. The library staff will be serving donuts and popcorn.

January 21, 2026

International Day of Education - Coffee for Retired Teachers - Elk Horn Public Library

Elk Horn Public Library 2027 Washington Street Elk Horn, IA 51531

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

Wednesday, January 21, 2 - 4 pm. Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street, Elk Horn.

January 22, 2026

Family Fun Night - Harlan Community Library

Harlan Community Library

718 Court Street Harlan, IA 51537

6:30 pm

Thursday, December 22, 6:30 pm. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.

Theme: Turtle Time

January 22, 2026

NFL Trivia Night - Elk Horn Public Library Event

The Norse Horse Tavern

4224 Main Street Elk Horn , IA 51531

06:30 PM - 08:00 PM CST

Thursday, January 22, 6:30 - 8 pm. This is a Elk Horn Public Library event that will be held at the Norse Horse, 4224 Main Street, Elk Horn.

January 27, 2026

The Craft Lab - Harlan Community Library

Harlan Community Library

718 Court Street Harlan, IA 51537

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM CST

Tuesday, January 27, 5 - 6 pm. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.

Crafters and DIYers are invited to our dedicated makerspace called the Craft Lab on the last Tuesday of every month! You bring your ideas, projects, and supplies, and we'll supply the space. Chat with like-minded individuals while working on your creations.

January 28, 2026

Senior Safety Video Series Coffees - Presented by Marne Elk Horn Communications

See locations and times listed below

See information listed below

Elk Horn, Avoca, and Walnut, IA 00000

See dates and times below

Marne Elk Horn Communications is inviting the public to a gathering with coffee, treats, and cyber safety. Three different dates, three different locations.

Choose the most convenient location for you. Please RSVP. Approximately a two hour event.

January 28, 2026

Coffee & Coloring - Harlan Community Library Event

Coffeegirl

612 Market Street

Harlan, IA 51537

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Wednesday, January 28, 10 -11 am. This is a Harlan Community Library event which will be held at Coffeegirl, 612 Market Street, Harlan.

Come to Coffeegirl in Harlan to color and unwind for an hour. Coloring books and supplies will be provided.

January 28, 2026

Book & Banter Book Club - Harlan Community Library

Harlan Community Library

718 Court Street

Harlan, IA 51537

7 pm

Wednesday, Janaury 28, 7 pm. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.

Kick back and relax with this easy going group. Each month we choose a new book to read. It can range from historical fiction, thriller or just warm and cozy.

If you are interested in joining the club please contact the library for location details at info@harlanlibrary.org or 755-5934.

January 29, 2026

Murder Mystery Dinner - Event by hosted by Harlan Community Library & Milk & Honey Milk & Honey

919 7th Street

Harlan, IA 51537

Doors open at 5 pm, the event starts at 5:30 pm, and the meal will be served at Thursday, January 29, 5:30 pm. Join us for a murder mystery experience and buffet-style dinner at Milk & Honey, 919 7th Street, Harlan. It's a collaborative storytelling game in which we'll create and see how the murder mystery plays out as a group.

Doors open at 5 pm, the event starts at 5:30 pm, and the meal will be served at 6 pm.

Purchase tickets here: bit.ly/HCLMurderMysteryDinner2

January 30, 2026

Silent Book Club - Event by the Harlan Community Library

Milk & Honey 919 7th Street Harlan, IA 51537

05:30 PM - 06:30 PM CST

Friday, January 30, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. This is a Harlan Community Library event that will be held at Milk & Honey, 919 7th Street, Harlan.

February 11, 2026

Senior Safety Video Series Coffees - Presented by Marne Elk Horn Communications See locations and times listed below

See information listed below

Elk Horn, Avoca, and Walnut, IA 00000

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February 18, 2026

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See information listed below

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See dates and times below

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February 19, 2026

Forest Friends - Lied Irwin Public Library

Lied Irwin Public Library

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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

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March 19, 2026

Forest Friends - Lied Irwin Public Library

Lied Irwin Public Library

509 Ann Street Irwin, IA 51446

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

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March 21, 2026

Legislative Coffee - Milk & Honey

Milk & Honey 919 7th Street Harlan, IA 51537

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Saturday, March 21, 10 am. Milk & Honey, 919 7th Street, Harlan, will be hosting the March Legislative Coffee.

April 16, 2026

Forest Friends - Lied Irwin Public Library

Lied Irwin Public Library

509 Ann Street Irwin, IA 51446

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

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Coming Soon

5K Run for Project Eliminate

Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and Industry

1901 Hawkeye Avenue

Harlan, IA 51537

5K Run for Project Eliminate Family Event scheduled for Spring 2016