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orange city, iowa



## mark your calendars

### Registration for Spring Semester OCStages Orange City Youth Theatre

Register for performing arts classes  
for students grades 1-12

Date: January 2-January 30

Additional info: [ocstages.org](http://ocstages.org)

Email: [contact@ocstages.org](mailto:contact@ocstages.org)



### Director Retirement Party

January 10, 2-5 pm

Sue Kroesche, Director of the  
library since 2014, will be retiring  
in January. Come wish her a fond  
farewell at her retirement party on  
January 10. Refreshments will be  
served.



### Realistic Watercolor for Beginners

Taught by Pam Harp

Date: Sat., Jan. 14, 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Register online by Jan. 7

Location: NWC Korver Art Center

Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)

Email: [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com)

### Magicians in the Making

Taught by Lisa Laird, Grades K-5

Date: Jan. 18 & Feb. 1 for Gr. K-2

Jan. 25 & Feb. 8 for Gr. 3-5

Register online by Jan. 13

Location: Orange City Town Hall

Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)

Email: [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com)



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## fire station construction is progressing

The new Orange City fire station construction is moving along nicely according to Fire Chief Denny Vander Wel. The frame for the new addition is up. Bar joists are being erected for the roof. A temporary wall is being constructed between the new section and existing section to begin connecting the two. The project is 5 weeks ahead of schedule. Completion is projected for October of 2017.



## artist's showcase: orange city arts' regional exhibition

Artists: submit your work! The sixth annual  
Artist's Showcase: Orange City Arts' Regional  
Exhibition — March 31-April 8—will be bigger  
and better than ever.

Location: Northwestern College DeWitt  
Theatre Arts Center.

The exhibit is open to artists from Iowa or within a 350-mile radius of Orange City. Any adult, college or high school-age artist may submit up to three works of 2-D or 3-D art created in the past three years. There is no theme and no entry fee. Work must be submitted digitally to Orange City Arts. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 24.

The exhibit will be held in conjunction with the Northwestern College production of *Dancing at Lughnasa*.

Best of show and honorable mention awards will be given, with \$100 and \$40 cash prizes. Artists accepted for exhibit will receive complimentary tickets to the theatre production.

For more information, email [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com), phone 712-707-4885, or see the Call for Art at [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net).

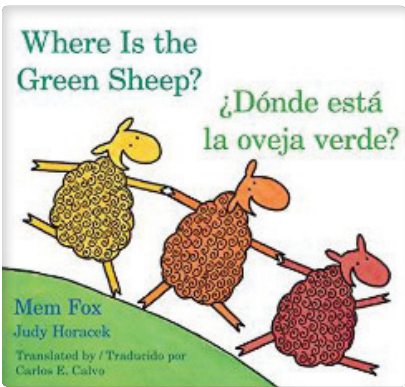
## shrek the musical - 2017 tulip festival night show

The Tulip Festival Steering Committee has announced the annual night show musical production for May 17-20, 2017, as *Shrek the Musical*.

Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, *Shrek the Musical* is a Tony Award-winning fairy tale adventure, featuring all new songs from Jeanine Tesori (Thoroughly Modern Millie) and a sidesplitting book by David Lindsay-Abaire. Shrek brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears.



Auditions will be held January 11 & 12, 2017, from 7 to 9 pm and on January 14, 2017, from 9 to 11 am. All auditions will take place at the MOC-FV High School Music Room (SE Corner entrance of campus). Those wishing to try out do not need to prepare any material prior to the auditions. Auditions are open to those in high school and adults of all ages.



**Rhythm & Rhyme/ Ritmos y Rimas**  
New! Bilingual Storytime on Saturdays, Jan. 21- March 25, at 10 am. Learn Spanish & English words through stories, songs, & play! Storytimes will feature bilingual books and activities great for both English and Spanish speakers. ¡Aprendan palabras en Español y Inglés a través de cuentos, canciones, y juegos!



**Art Start: Watercolor Journaling**  
Taught by Judy Thompson  
Date: Sat., Jan. 28, 9 am-3 pm  
Register online by Jan. 15  
Location: NWC Korver Art Center  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
Email: [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com)



**An Evening of Dance**  
Date: Sat., Jan. 28, 7:00 pm  
Location: Unity Knight Center  
Tickets available online  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
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## progress continues on the sioux county regional airport

There has been a lot of progress in 2016 at the new Sioux County Regional Airport. Portions of the runway, taxiway, and connectors are complete. About half of the apron paving is complete. The remainder of those areas will be completed in 2017. There is one building in the terminal area complete, with a great deal of terminal area construction that will continue into next year. The goal is to have the new airport open in 2018.

## pushing the limits



Orange City Public Library will host a free four-part reading, viewing, and discussion series for adults called “Pushing the Limits” starting January 26 at 6:30 pm. The library is one of 100 rural public libraries nationwide receiving grants to host the series. “Pushing the Limits” brings together books and videos featuring authors, scientists, and everyday people who thrive on exploring the natural world.

The “Pushing the Limits” program will explore the ideas of Survival, Knowledge, Connection, and Nature in discussions that will include feature film quality videos and recommended popular books. The overarching theme is one of real people, real stories, and real science.

Group discussion events will be held once per month on the following topics and books:

- **SURVIVAL:** *Clive Cussler, Arctic Drift* – January 26 at 6:30 pm
- **KNOWLEDGE:** *Jean Auel, The Land of Painted Caves* – February 23 at 6:30 pm
- **CONNECTION:** *Erik Larson, Thunderstruck* – March 23 at 6:30 pm
- **NATURE:** *T.C. Boyle, When the Killing’s Done* – April 27 at 6:30 pm

At our first meeting, Sara Tolsma, Professor of Biology at Northwestern College, will facilitate a discussion of the books and videos of author interviews and human interest stories. Read the books ahead of time if you are able. A free copy of the book is available for the first 25 registrants. Also available to loan from the library will be hard copies, with ebook & audiobook versions to download from OneClick Digital. Stop by the library, or contact Amanda at [amanda.vazquez@orangecity.lib.ia.us](mailto:amanda.vazquez@orangecity.lib.ia.us), or call 707-4302 with any questions.

This national program has been developed by a team of library professionals, scientists, and filmmakers. Their organizations include Dartmouth College, the Association for Rural and Small Libraries, the Califa Group (a California-based library consortium), Dawson Media Group, and Oregon State University – with generous funding from the National Science Foundation.



Left to right: Emma De Jong, Olivia Duesenberg, Queen Karli Lang, Sydnee Olson & Noelle Sampson

## 2017 tulip queen crowned

Karli Lang was crowned the 2017 Tulip Festival Queen on Monday, Nov. 14. Karli will reign over the 77th annual Tulip Festival set for May 18, 19, and 20, 2017.