

# vibrant

orange city, iowa



mark your  
calendars



**Shanren of China-Beyond Onstage**  
Workshops, assemblies, concert  
Dates: Jan. 11-16, concert Jan. 16 at  
7:30pm - Tickets required.  
Concert location: Unity Christian  
Knight Center  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
Email: [ocArts@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:ocArts@orangecityiowa.com)



**Contra-Tiempo-Beyond Onstage**  
Urban Latin dance theatre from LA  
Full.Still.Hungry  
Date: Jan. 31, 8:00pm.  
Tickets required.  
Concert location: Unity Christian  
Knight Center  
Additional info: [orangecityarts.net](http://orangecityarts.net)  
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## community survey results

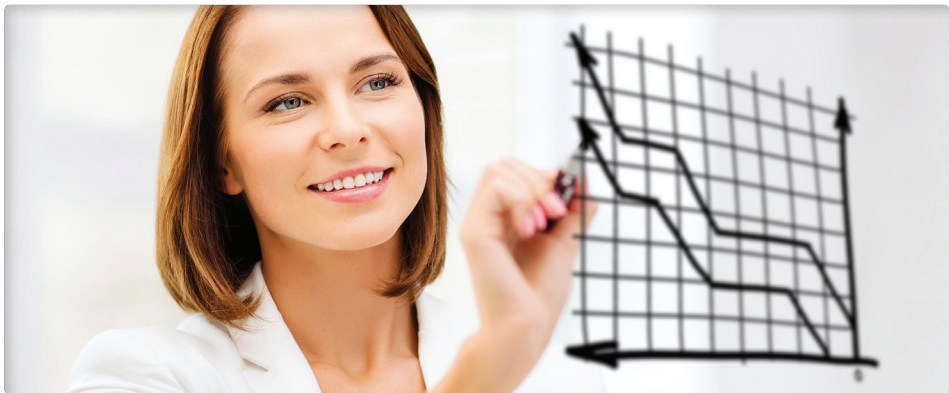
In the October City of Orange City utility billings, there was a community survey in which we asked for your feedback. Northwestern College Consumer Behavior Class created the survey, distributed it, and organized the results. The survey results were presented to the Orange City Council on 12/15/14.

The results included items such as satisfaction with community services, amenities, and development. Approximately 2,000 surveys were sent out and 460 of them were returned.

We would like to thank all of those who participated. We would also like to thank the Northwestern College Consumer Behavior Class for their hard work in creating, distributing, gathering the results, and providing a final report. They put many hours into this project.

Congratulations to Darrell and Georgia Johnson on winning the free month's utility bill for participating in the survey.

In order to see the survey results, please go to the Orange City website at: [www.orangecityiowa.com](http://www.orangecityiowa.com)



## orange city growth strategy /study

The City of Orange City and Orange City Development Corporation partnered to do a Growth Study and Develop a Growth Strategy from that. The purpose of the Growth Strategy Study was to identify successful communities that are similar in characteristic to Orange City and determine what they are doing to cause that success.

Seven communities were studied including Decorah, Iowa, Fairfield, Iowa, Lexington, Nebraska, New Ulm, Minnesota, Pella, Iowa, Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin, and Yankton, South Dakota.

The first step of the process was to identify what Orange City has done and is doing to cause growth. From there, the comparative communities were interviewed to determine what they are doing to cause growth. Those were then compared to Orange City to create the Orange City Growth Strategy. Orange City's Growth Strategy focuses on four areas;

- ✓ Existing Business / Workforce
- ✓ Quality of Life
- ✓ Entrepreneurial Development
- ✓ Targeted Attraction / Marketing

For each of those categories, there are a number of strategies identified. Both the City of Orange City and Orange City Development Corporation are working through each of those strategies to create an action plan and to begin to implement those strategies here in Orange City. This process has helped us identify what has worked well in Orange City and to give us additional goals moving forward.



the gift of good health

OC Area Fitness gift certificates are available! What could be better than the gift of good health this holiday season?


Not sure where to find us? MOC-FV High School east end, enter on Hwy 10. Zumba, Kickboxing, and Body Blast classes are also available.

Questions? Contact us:  
Phone: 712-707-9494  
Email: [wellnessdir@orangecityiowa.com](mailto:wellnessdir@orangecityiowa.com)

The Orange City Public library will close at 3 pm on New Year’s Eve, and be closed on New Year’s Day. We will be open during regular hours on January 2 & 3.



The City Offices will be closed on January 1st  
For non-emergencies during that time, the OC Police Department may be contacted at 707-4251  
For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000

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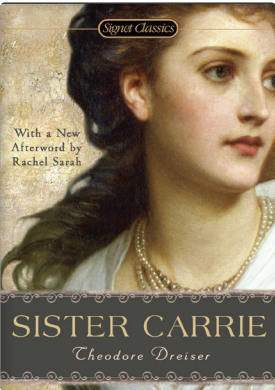
honor the past celebrate the present & inspire the future

The Orange City Library had its beginnings 100 years ago in January of 1915 as one of the projects of the Orange City Women’s Club. The first library building was in a small room in the old municipal building. For 38 years, Mrs. BH Vande Waa served as the appointed librarian.



The library board and staff are pleased to be able to bring all sorts of centennial celebration activities to the community during this special year. Our very first one begins in December as we provide all of our patrons with new library cards. Our patrons will be required to present these cards every time materials are checked out from the library. These new cards have 14 digit barcodes. These new barcodes, without the last letter, are currently active on WILBOR, so you should log in with your new barcode number. Starting January 1, OneClickDigital will begin authenticating with your new library card numbers. You will need to set up a new account to access OneClickDigital, using your new barcode number. We’ll be able to help you with that if you have problems. If you are having trouble accessing our resources, please call: 712-707-4302 or email: [circulationdesk@orangecity.lib.ia.us](mailto:circulationdesk@orangecity.lib.ia.us).

Next comes our Centennial Year Kick-Off. You are all invited to the January 30th Chamber Coffee Kick-Off and to enjoy coffee, cake, and entertainment. The whole community is invited at 9:30 am for the fun!



Patrons can also look forward to a “100 Years of Books” Book Club at 5:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in 2015. The books for the January 13th book club, “Sister Carrie” by Theodore Dreiser, are available for you to check out now. After attending the book discussion, head over to the Old Factory Coffee Shop on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm to watch the movie version and chat about that too!

The new year of programs will start up in January, with regular story times beginning on January 19th. See the Centennial pamphlet for more information about our programs!



let’s go 5-2-1-0 family challenge

The Let’s Go 5-2-1-0 Family Challenge is coming your way in 2015. Join in the fun and challenge your whole family to start making 2015 a healthy new year!

What is it? A weekly challenge for your family that will start on January 12th for four weeks. You can choose to sign up to receive the challenge by e-mail or visit the Let’s Go Sioux County facebook page for each week’s challenge.

How do I sign up? Visit Let’s Go Sioux County or <http://www.jotformpro.com/siouxcounty/5-2-1-0> to sign up. You’ll receive your first challenge the week of Jan. 12th.

You may have seen Let’s Go Orange City this summer in the park on Wednesday nights as we had kids from 0-18 participate in a summer program. Let’s Go 5-2-1-0 promotes daily healthy habits:

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or more servings of fruits & vegetables

hours or less recreational screen time\*

hour or more of physical activity

sugary drinks, more water & low fat milk

\*Keep TV/Computer out of the bedroom. No screen time under the age of 2.