

It's Almost...

national library week

April 19-25

~ Lime Springs Library Lines ~



welcome new people.

April 6 the Library will have a special game time for children Kindergarten through 1st grade. There will be a variety of games available from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to play. Children are encouraged to come and have a fun time.

On April 9 there will be a program called "Fall Prevention" at 1:00 p.m. at the Lime Springs Library. Lattie Sindelar and Bailey Martin from the therapy department at Regional Health Services of Howard County are the presenters. They will be talking about fall prevention, balance and safety. Please join us for this fun, interactive presentation.

The next Book Discussion will be April 14 at 7:00 p.m. when we will be sharing thoughts about the book *The Sacred Acre* by Mark Tabb.

Stop by the library anytime during the week of April 19-25 to register for free books to be given away in observance of National Library Week. The Library is also having Amnesty week during National Library Week. This is your opportunity to bring in those lost books, magazines, DVD's without paying a fine. Get busy and look under the beds, in between the cushions on the couch and chairs, in the back seat of the car or even under the seat. This week of amnesty is for overdue materials and does not apply to fines already assessed in the past.

The Lime Springs Library will be showing a special movie for Kindergarten through 6th grade. They are invited to come April 20 to have a fun time at the library. The movie will start at 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. A snack will be provided during the movie.

There will be no Bingo on April 18. The next time will be May 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A reminder that you can download books and audios for adults and children by using Overdrive. Go to <http://bridges.lib.overdrive.com> or our website. Click the sign in, select the Lime Springs Library, and enter your library patron number.

~ The Cresco Library Chapter ~



Use the library's supplies, or bring your own for the Community Art Group, which meets on Tuesdays from 1 - 3 pm in the library Program Room. Independently work on your project while conversing and connecting with other local artists. No registration is required and intended audience is adults.

Join Jess the Youth Services Librarian on Tuesdays from 4-5:00 pm for Cresco Kids Club! There are age-appropriate activities including arts and crafts, building challenges, and more! No registration required and intended audience is children ages 6 - 11. Children under 9 must be supervised by an adult or responsible party.

The Cresco Public Library offers technology help without appointments each week to address specific issues with technology. Staff are available Tuesdays from 11 am - 1 pm, Wednesdays 4 - 6 pm, and Thursdays 9 - 11 am. If those times do not work, please contact the library, and we can organize an appointment.

Teens ages 12-18 can join Youth Services Librarian Jess in the Program Room for arts and crafts each Wednesday from 4:00-5:00. Bring your own art project or use library supplies to show your creativity! No registration required.

Meet a new friend with the library's Coffee Club on Thursdays from 2 - 3 pm in the Program Room. The library's own free coffee bar is on the main floor, so grab a free cup of joe and visit with Adult Librarian Roxie Zubrod and other community members to foster connection and conversations. No registration required and the intended audience is adults.

Ages 8 - 12 are welcome to join us for Tween Time on Thursdays from 4 - 5:00 pm in the library Program Room. Join Youth Services Librarian Jess for crafts, games, chats, and more during this event! No registration re-

quired. Unwind and relax with *Calm & Color* on April 10, at 10:30 in the Program Room. Use library art supplies to relax with calming music. Free and open to the public. Intended audience is adults. No required reading for this book club! Join Roxie at 4 pm on April 10 in the Program Room for the UnBook Club! Casual conversations about what you are reading, viewing, or listening to. Free and open to the public. Intended audience is adults.

The Teen After Hours Party occurs 6-8 pm on Friday, April 10 for ages 12-18. Visit the library to socialize, make crafts, and laugh with other teens. Free and open to the public.

Larry Reis presents on Florida Birds & Nature on Friday, April 17, at 10 am in the Library Program Room. Reis is a conservationist with Winneshiek County Conservation. No registration required and the intended audience is adults.

Parent Support Group for Children with Disabilities and Oppositional Defiant Disorder continues to meet at the library with the next meeting on April 22 at 5:30. Bring yourself and your children to receive resources and support from those in similar situations. Free and open to the public. No registration required and intended audience is adults and their children. Mark your calendars for Sensory Bin Saturday on April 25 at 10 am in the Children's Department in the basement of the library. Youth Librarian Jess has curated sensory bins for a variety of ages and themes. No registration required and intended audience is children 6 and under and their caretakers.

Hotspots are available for patrons 18+ at no charge with a Cresco Public Library card. Checkouts are for 1 week. Free Wi-Fi is available 24/7 outside the library in the parking lot and streets.

The library is open from 9 am - 6 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 am - 7 pm on Wednesdays, 9 am - 6 pm on Thursdays and Fridays, and 9 am - 12 pm on Saturdays. Please call 563-547-2540 or email webmaster@cresco.lib.ia.us with any questions or ideas.

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Hiring Library Assistants and Library Pages

Contact the Library at 563-547-2540, email jordyn@cresco.lib.ia.us, or visit their website at www.cresco.lib.ia.us for more information.

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Howard County Historical Society News

On Sunday March 1, 2026, members of the HCHS met at 1:30pm at the CUSB Bank Grange Hall. After introductions President Jed Becker opened the meeting with information concerning the Kellow House Museum and the Museum/Education center at the Fairgrounds.

The Kellow House Museum renovation on the first floor is almost completed. Dale Ernst and Don & Lois Recker have spent many hours getting the house in order. The painting of some walls and wallpapering is complete. The upstairs former maids rooms will now be used as an information/research room. The floor boards are being replaced. The Rubber roof and 2 porch roofs need to be repaired.

A new Kellow House Museum sign will be installed at the corner of 3rd Street

West and 4th Avenue West in Cresco. The 2 small buildings on the East entrance to the Howard County Fairgrounds need repair and update. Don Ricker and Suzanne Ollendick will work with Fairboard members on this project.

Dale Lickteig has 2 Case tractors lined up to be displayed at the fair in June. Also on display we would like to have donations of baseball caps with farm advertisements. Dale Ernst and Joyce Becker are in charge of this event. Check with HCHS members for further information.

Many new displays will be featured at the Museum during The Mighty Howard County Fair.

The next HCHS Meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2026 at 7pm at the CUSB Bank Grange Hall. Light lunch will be served.

Ho-Winn CSD

Howard-Winneshiek Schools
Notice of Public Meeting
03/25/2026 04:30 PM
NICC Cresco Campus
Room 102
Cresco, IA

2026-2027 School Year at 4:30 p.m.
II. Public Input
President Holten asked for public input.
III. Call to Close the Public Hearing
President Holten closed the public hearing at 4:49 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Public Hearing to Set Property Tax Maximum for 2026-2027 School Year
I. Call to Order
President Holten called the Public Hearing to set the property tax maximum for the

Robyn Lane, Board Secretary
Alison Holten, Board President

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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

City of: PROTIVIN

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Protivin City Hall 221 South Main Street Protivin, IA 52163 Meeting Date: 4/14/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property	10.27779
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is	3.00375

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Phone Number (563) 569-8401 City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Amy Panos

	Budget FY 2027	Re-estimated FY 2026	Actual FY 2025
Revenues & Other Financing Sources			
Taxes Levied on Property	1 134,592	152,000	129,221
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2 0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3 134,592	152,000	129,221
Delinquent Property Taxes	4 0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5 0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6 49,131	52,350	51,637
Licenses & Permits	7 1,200	1,200	653
Use of Money and Property	8 12,680	16,700	23,823
Intergovernmental	9 65,100	47,412	44,259
Charges for Fees & Service	10 205,940	200,225	169,041
Special Assessments	11 0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12 7,000	0	16,750
Other Financing Sources	13 0	598,310	194,583
Transfers In	14 49,600	0	121,988
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15 525,243	1,068,197	751,955
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	16 36,000	35,800	19,001
Public Works	17 145,700	126,550	84,794
Health and Social Services	18 500	500	269
Culture and Recreation	19 54,930	45,350	67,870
Community and Economic Development	20 4,000	2,400	2,400
General Government	21 89,600	62,749	221,279
Debt Service	22 0	0	0
Capital Projects	23 0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24 330,730	273,349	395,613
Business Type / Enterprises	25 192,502	520,167	517,103
Total ALL Expenditures	26 523,232	793,516	912,716
Transfers Out	27 49,600	0	121,988
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28 572,832	793,516	1,034,704
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29 -47,589	274,681	-282,749
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30 550,533	275,852	558,601
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31 502,944	550,533	275,852