

Vinton's Big Read

A Community-Wide Celebration of the Arts and Humanities

Sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, Arts Midwest, the Charles and Helen Yundt Charitable Foundation and the Friends of the Vinton Public Library

The mission of Vinton's Big Read is to strengthen connections within our community. We encourage adults to participate by reading our selected book and attending programs highlighting themes in the book!

Pick up your free copy of 'Bewilderment' at the Vinton Public Library, and register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/vintons-big-read-4482653>

FALL

Sept. 4, 2025 Vinton's Big Read Kickoff Party, 1pm

Sept. 13, 2025 Community Book Club Discussion of 'Bewilderment' by Richard Powers, 9:15am

Sept. 25, 2025 Eastern Iowa Carnegie Libraries Bus Tour 1**, 9am-6pm

Oct. 1, 2025 Community Art Contest Begins

Oct. 25, 2025 Live Astronomy Presentation with the Cedar Amateur Astronomers**, held at Dows Observatory, depart from the Vinton Public Library at 6:30pm

Nov. 1, 2025 Iowa Threatened and Endangered Painting Class**, held at the Benton County Nature Center, 5718 20th Ave Drive, Vinton, 10am

Nov. 13, 2025 Eastern Iowa Carnegie Libraries Bus Tour 2**, 9am-6pm

Nov. 15, 2025 Digitalis Astronomy Presentation, held at the Vinton REC Center, 10am

****Registration required: visit www.vinton.lib.ia.us**

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WINTER

Dec. 1, 2025 Community Art Contest Deadline

Dec. 7, 2025 Film screening of 'How to Dance in Ohio,' held at the Vinton Palace Theatre, 2pm

Jan. 12-17, 2026 Community Art Display

Jan. 17, 2026 Rebel Poetry Writing Workshop**, 9am-11am

Jan. 18, 2026 Film Screenings of 'Charly' and 'Flowers for Algernon' along with book discussion of 'Bewilderment', held at the Vinton Palace Theatre, 2pm

Jan. 19-31, 2026 Community Art Contest Winners Display, Downtown Vinton

Jan. 24, 2026 Cli-Fi Writing Workshop**, 9am-11am

Jan. 31, 2026 Paints and Pollinators art class with VGFA**, held at Custom Millwork & Finishing, 1901 W E St, Vinton, 10am

Feb. 7, 2026 Writing Memoir Workshop**, 9am-11am

Feb. 21, 2026 Creative Editing Workshop**, 9am-11am

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SPRING

Mar. 1, 2026 Literary Open Mic and Wine Pairing Event, held at the Red Cedar Wine Bar, 2pm

Mar. 5, 2026 Eastern Iowa Carnegie Libraries Bus Tour 3**, 9am-6pm

Apr. 21, 2026 Discussion of 'Bewilderment' by Richard Powers, 6pm

Apr. 25, 2026 Spring Ephemeral Hike and Sketch**, held at the Wildcat Bluff Boat Ramp, 3141 57th St Trail, Vinton, 11am

Apr. 30, 2026 Eastern Iowa Carnegie Libraries Bus Tour 4**, 9am-6pm

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