

City Newsletter

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**CITY OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS
WILL BE CLOSED** for the
New Year Holiday on
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2025.



HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE

**R&S WASTE will pickup garbage and recycling
on Saturday, Jan., 4th**

Remember, weather can play a factor in pickup.

**The Avoca City Burn Site will accept discarded Christmas trees
the first two weeks in January.**

PLEASE: Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and other non-organic materials.
(This includes tree stands.)

The burn site is located south 300 block of Locust St.

Important: Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. Pines, firs
and other evergreens have a high content of flammable turpentine oils. Burning the tree may contribute to creosote buildup and risk a chimney fire.



Enjoy all the celebrations of the season:

HAPPY NEW!

Please, make sure “you and yours” have no regrets!





THERE IS NO SERVICE FEE OR CONVENIENCE FEE FOR SIGNING UP FOR ACH BETWEEN YOUR BANK AND THE CITY.

CITY OF AVOCA
UTILITY AUTOMATIC PAYMENT REQUEST

NAME: _____ TODAY'S DATE: _____

UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

BANK NAME: _____

BANK LOCATION: _____

BANK ACCOUNT #: _____

BANK ROUTING #: _____

TYPE OF ACCOUNT: _____ CHECKING _____ SAVINGS

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

Bills are processed and mailed on the last day of the month.

Automatic payments will be presented to your bank on the 15th day of each month or the following Monday, if the 15th falls on a weekend.

If a draft or automatic bank debit is not honored by the financial institution for any reason when presented the first time, the utility account shall immediately be deemed unpaid and delinquent, as if the customer had no payment at all. Customer shall be notified by ordinary mail that the account is in default by the amount of dishonored draft or automatic bank debit. Utility services will be disconnected as of the date specified in the notice. The notice shall also state the fees that will be due for reconnection of service and dishonored check charge. After such notice, only payment in cash, certified check or money order for the delinquent amount shall be accepted.

The City reserves the right to pursue all their collection remedies available under law and to discontinue automatic payments at any time.

I hereby authorize the automatic payment of my utility billing on the 15th of each month.

Customer Signature

Date

Animal Control Service Through Pott. County

- Pottawattamie Animal Control Officers work with the community to identify animals in distress, at risk, or who are a disturbance.
- Animal Control will also help owners looking for lost animals.

Contact Pott County Animal Control at:

712-328-5851 or 712-366-1143

You can also call the non-emergency number:

712-328-5737

Follow Animal Control at:

<https://www.publichealth.pottcounty-ia.gov/>

Look for the paw print !



Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue

DECEMBER CALLS FOR SERVICE through the 29th:

14 EMS Avoca

3 EMS Oakland

3 Fire Avoca

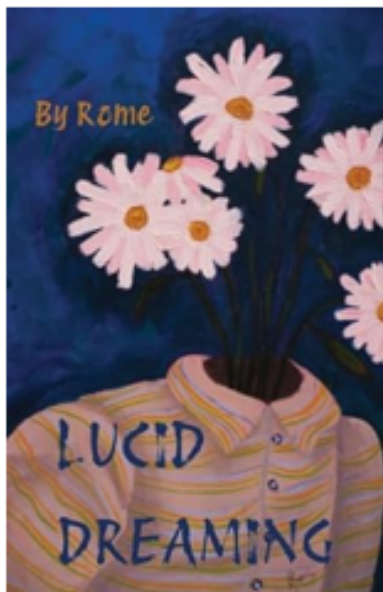
3 Good Intent

PLEASE CONDUCT A “NEW YEAR” SMOKE DETECTOR TEST

To check your smoke detector, press the "test" button once a month to ensure it is functioning properly; if it doesn't sound, replace the battery or the entire unit if it's more than 10 years old; also, clean the detector regularly to remove dust buildup that could impede its effectiveness; consult your manufacturer's instructions for specific maintenance guidelines.



Author Visit



The Avoca Public Library will be hosting local author Rome, who will be reading a selection from her debut book, *Lucid Dreaming*, a fiction novel of personal growth and mystery. The reading will be accompanied by a presentation and book sale and signing for anyone interested.

Wednesday
January 15, 2025
5:30 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

12/31:	LIBRARY CLOSED	
1/1:		
1/3:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
1/8:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
1/9:	1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.	League of Human Dignity Visitation
1/10:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
1/13:	6:00 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
1/15:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	5:30 p.m.	Author Visit
	7:00 p.m.	Read-It-or-Not Book Club
1/17:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
	7:00 p.m.	Trivia Night
1/22:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
1/27:	10:00 a.m.	Movie Monday
1/29:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
1/31:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club

Trivia Night

Friday, January 17, 2025

Join us for our second Know-It-All Trivia Night, to test your expertise across five rounds of general-knowledge categories. Register your team of four to six people early, as slots are sure to fill up quick!



Library Staff Pick

Be sure to check out the Avoca Public Library's website for a fantastic January read. Kim has a great recommendation for you! As always, you can find any previous picks there that you may have missed. Find them all in the Reading Suggestions section under the Services tab.

Please note the library will be closed on 12/31/24 and 1/1/25 and will reopen on Thursday 1/2/25.

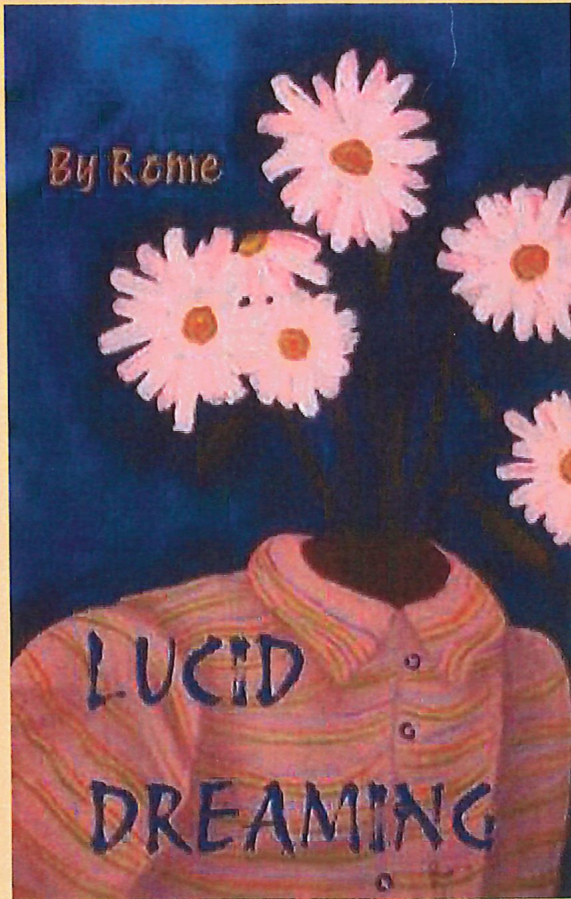


Hours of Operation

Monday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

November by the Numbers

Visitors to the library:	1,016
Physical check-outs:	942
Digital items:	262
New items to the collection:	87
Number of programs:	15
Program attendees:	163



Avoca Public Library

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5:30 p.m.

Join us at the Avoca Public Library for a presentation, reading selection, and book signing, by Avoca's local author Rome, for her debut book, *Lucid Dreaming*.

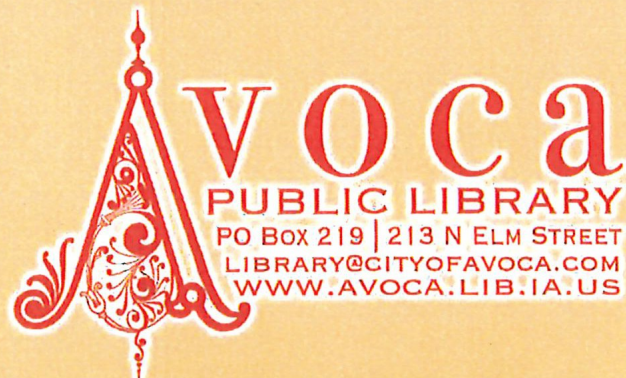
From the book copy

How can someone live outside of their own body? For Casey, it's lonely. So Casey does the only thing he thinks can make everything better: he stops taking his medications. And it works . . . for a time.

But it doesn't take long for the nightmares to start. Nightmares of a little girl, a house, two strangers, and a white van.

When the dreams start to feel like memories, Casey confides in his friend Ed, and the duo begin to unravel the terrifying truths that are Casey's new reality.

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TRIVIA NIGHT

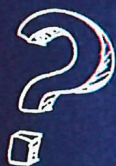
AT THE AVOCA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Know-It-All Edition: #2



Join us for a night of trivia to test your expertise across 5 rounds of general-knowledge categories.

Register your team of 4-6 people early, as spaces are sure to fill up quickly!



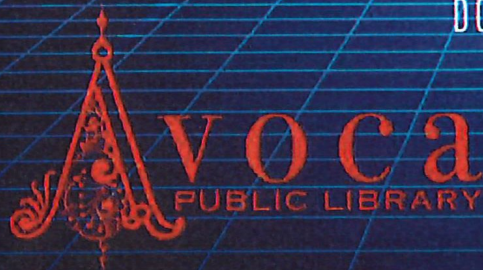
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024



LIBRARY@CITYOFAVOCA.COM
712-343-6358

CALL OR EMAIL THE LIBRARY
TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW!

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM,
BEGINNING AT 7:00





Happy
2024
NEW YEAR

*Celebrate Safely!
It's an Avoca-Do!*



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YELLOW LEVEL WATER MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS

Please remember that the recent rainfall is not filling the aquifers that supply the water towers.

Top soil or sub-soil may have benefited from past rainfall, but Regional Water has not removed their restrictions.

- A. Outdoor watering or irrigation of lawns is prohibited.
- B. Outdoor watering of any kind is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily.
- C. Water or irrigation of flower and vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs less than 4 years old, and new seeding or sod is permitted once per week with an application not to exceed one inch.
- D. **Car washing is prohibited** except in commercial establishments that provide that service. In these cases, hours of use will be restricted to 8:00 am to 8:00 PM.
- E. ***No water shall be used to fill private/residential swimming pools, children's wading pools, reflecting pools, or any other outdoor pool or pond.***
- F. No water shall be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or building exteriors.
- G. Large volume water users, including industries, motels, hotels, and eating establishments may be requested to scale back services.
- H. Schools will be required to cancel their physical education activities and inter-scholastic competitions that require showers or attract crowds and take other actions to reduce water consumption at sport complex.
- I. Water shall be served at restaurants only upon the request of the customer.

Please call City Hall at 712-343-2424 option 1 to be informed about WATERING NEW SOD.

If you are a LARGE VOLUME WATER USER, and have any questions, please call our City Administrator, Tyler Trout, at the same number as listed above.