

Genealogy and history abound

A library opened in Fort Dodge years before the first shot of the Civil War was fired and some form of library has existed ever since.

However, the initial library, which was opened in 1855 by the Fort Dodge Literary Society, was a private operation available only to those who paid a \$2 membership fee.

The current library is open to the public at no cost and offers 32,000 square feet of books.

History buffs can take advantage of the presence of resources from the Webster County Historical Society and the Webster County Genealogical Society. Society members are readily available to patrons who seek to learn more about their family “story” or the region’s rich heritage.



The Fort Dodge Public Library sits nestled on Fort Dodge’s City Square. The \$5.4 million library opened in January 2000 and is a state-of-the-art facility.



A rural cemetery movement that started on the East Coast influenced Oakland Cemetery’s winding roads and hills. The 40-acre cemetery, located off North 15th Street, was designed in 1859. The graves of many influential people from the community’s past are in this graveyard, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. This year, the annual fund-raising cemetery walk will be held June 13 at the cemetery with costumed actors portraying characters from the community’s past.

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