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Waukee Library and Arts Council Partner for Upcoming Concert Series

Waukee, **Iowa**— The Waukee Public Library and the Waukee Area Arts Council announced they are partnering to present the Saturdays in Centennial concert series. Throughout July and into August, the two organizations will welcome dozens of live musicians to perform for crowds at Waukee's Centennial Park. The series is made possible with support from Stivers Ford Lincoln.

"For our Rock & Read Summer Reading Program, we really wanted to embrace the music theme and take the program to a new level," said Waukee Adult Services Librarian Alex Coggeshell. "When I reached out to the Waukee Area Arts Council, they were very enthusiastic about partnering with us for this great concert series."

Saturdays in Centennial will kick off Saturday, July 14 at the Waukee Arts Festival. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., more than a dozen musicians will play consecutive sets at two different locations within Centennial Park. The library will host drop-in crafting throughout the day, and the Book Bike will be on the scene handing out goodies. Musicians include:

East Stage	West Stage
10 a.m. – Chris Ranallo	10 a.m. – Josh David
11 a.m. – Sara Routh	11 a.m. – Courtney Krause
12 p.m. – Adam Bruce	12 p.m. – Andrew Droogsma
1 p.m. – Jess DeWitt	1 p.m. – Ryan O'Rien
2 p.m. – Mississippi Jake	2 p.m. – Bethany Joy Johnson
3 p.m. – Dang Felton	3 p.m. – Austin Brown
4 p.m. – Luke Fox	4 p.m. – Chris Falcon

Other individual Saturdays in Centennial concerts will be held July 21 (The DM Project), July 28 (The Host Country) and August 4 (Courtney Krause). These artists will play from 6:30-8 p.m.

"We couldn't be more excited about working with the library to present our summer concert series this year. And, the music lineup is quality – every performance," said Waukee Area Arts Council President Cody Kilgore. "If you've never brought a blanket or chairs out to the park to relax and enjoy a summer Saturday evening with music in the park, you certainly will want to do it this year."

The Arts Council will also present a free concert from The Nadas on Friday, July 13 from 5:30-9 p.m. to kick off the Waukee Arts Festival.

All concert events are free to the public. More information can be found at waukeepubliclibrary.org/summer and waukeearts.org.

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The Waukee Public Library operates as part of the City of Waukee. It is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. In 2017 alone, nearly 111,000 visitors walked through the library doors and more than 178,000 items were checked out. In addition to providing books, digital materials, meeting space and computer access, the Waukee Public Library hosts hundreds of programs and events each year to educate and enlighten Waukee area citizens of all ages.

The Waukee Area Arts Council is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life through the fine arts in the western suburbs of Des Moines and the surrounding area.