

IN PRAISE OF THE PENCIL

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In connection with the current PENCIL exhibit at the German American Heritage Center and Museum, the Book Discussion Group will discuss the book "The Pencil" written by Henry Petroski. The discussion will be led by St. Ambrose University Professor Michael Hustedde.

Petroski's witty and unexpected history of the pencil includes a wide range of characters: from the American philosopher Henry David Thoreau, and Toulouse Lautrec, who declared, "I am a pencil", to the great nineteenth-century manufacturing families, such as Dixon and Faber. Petroski charmingly celebrates the design history of one of mankind's most essential, and yet undervalued tools.

The program will be held at the German American Heritage Center and Museum, 712 West 2nd Street. Davenport, at 2:00 on Sunday, August 28th

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Free to members, free to non-members with museum admission.

See the pencil art and collections on display at GAHC.

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Watch for information regarding the visit to the Quad-Cities of the author Henry Petroski.