

# Norwegian Heritage Center

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Iowa, with whom Livsreise shares a curator.

Additionally, Livsreise is home to a genealogy center that operates in cooperation with the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library. The genealogy area features a "Getting Started Guide," Norwegian naming patterns, genealogical terms along with additional tools. Visitors can also review online databases

that include marriage records, emigrants, Norwegian-American birth records, cemetery records, and U.S. Census data.

A trained staff is on site to assist visitors with their personal searches. There is also a beautiful 68-seat, handicap accessible auditorium where visitors can view videos focusing on Norwegian culture, history, folk art, music and delightful Norwegian humor. Live presentations by

local, national and international speakers are also held periodically in the auditorium.

Norwegian immigrants were best described by Rev. Adolph Bredesen, a Lutheran Clergyman, on Oct. 10, 1894:

*"Our Norwegian pioneers were poor, but they were not paupers. It was not their ambition to be organ-grinders, peanut-vendors, or rag-pickers. They had come to make, by the sweat of their brows, an honest living. They possessed stout hearts, willing hands, and robust health."*

Since its opening, Livsreise has attracted thousands of visitors from local communities, the Midwest, and Norway as well as dozens of other states and foreign countries.

The board of trustees of the Edwin E. and Janet L. Bryant Foundation, Inc. operates Livsreise as a cultural and educational center.

Livsreise is located on the corner of South Page Street and West Main Street in downtown Stoughton. Free parking is located across the street. Livsreise is open Tuesdays through Saturdays between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or for special occasions such as Syttende Mai. Admission is free to the public.

For further information call 608-873-7567, visit Livsreise's website ([www.livsreise.org](http://www.livsreise.org)) or find the center on Facebook.



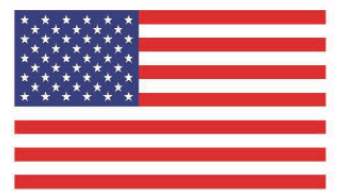
Above: A Livsreise volunteer assists a group of student visitors. Below: Inside the center. (Photos courtesy of Livsreise)



Exterior of Livsreise. (Photo courtesy of Livsreise)



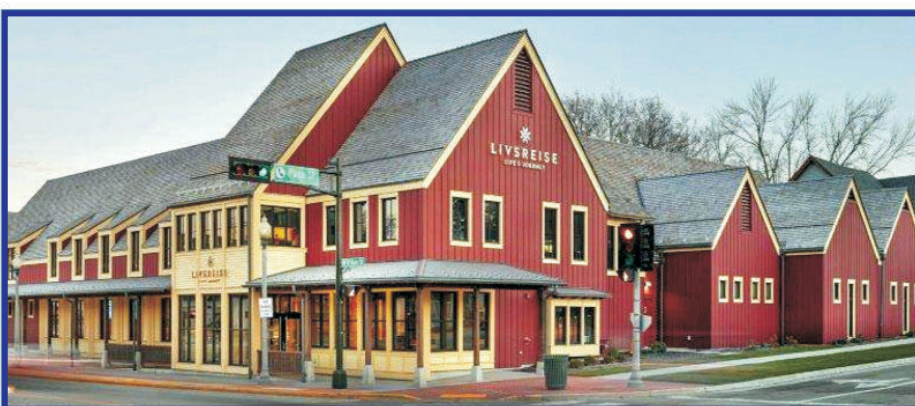
One of the speakers over the past year who has visited the Norwegian Heritage Center (Livsreise) was Liv Marit Haakenstad from Hamar, Norway. "She has been doing genealogy research for more than 30 years," said Marg Listug, center manager. "She shared tips on getting started researching your Norwegian roots." (Photo courtesy of Livsreise)



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### Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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