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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

NO SCHEDULED
CLOSED DAYS THIS
MONTH

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

FRIENDS NEWS

This April we are thrilled to announce our newest initiative at the Burlington Public Library - Kid Librarian! With so many fabulous young readers in our library community, we wanted to take a moment to highlight and celebrate some of our library kids by honoring them with the designation of Kid Librarian.

Six students will be chosen throughout the year to carry this title, and will serve as Kid Librarian for two months at a time. During their tenure they will be highlighted in our Newsletter, on our website, and celebrated with their very own curated display in the library.

To kick things off, our very first Kid Librarian might just be your future Library Director, as Jermaine Thomas is aiming for that job title when he grows up. As a 4th grade student at Notre Dame, Jermaine is paving the way to his dream job every time he picks up a book, or shares his love of the library. He especially enjoys books that get him thinking and solving mysteries like in *Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs.

"I love reading in the treehouse, and making new library friends," says Jermaine. "I love the large selection of books the library has to offer."

I couldn't agree more, and have a great deal of hope for the library's future with someone as passionate and creative as Jermaine heading to direct the library one day. Stop by the library anytime from April to May to take a look at some of the books that Jermaine recommends reading on his very own book display. For more information on our Kid Librarian program, please visit the library's website.

Happy Reading,
Brittany Jacobs
Jermaine's Predecessor & current Library Director

Save the Date!



Friends of the Library Annual Dinner



Friday, April 26th @ 5:15 PM

Celebrate our successful
year with a picnic at the
library!



APRIL EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 || 3-4 PM

Bring in your iPad, Kindle, Chromebook, smartphone and more to the Burlington Public Library for technology help. We can assist you in setting it up and even show you some great library resources that you can use on your digital device. No registration necessary.

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays, April 6 & 20 || 9 AM - 12 PM

Interested in learning chess or brushing up on your skills? Join us for this drop-in chess club in the Create Space. No registration required; all skill levels welcome.

FAMILY NIGHT UNPLUGGED:

EARTH DAY

Friday, April 5 || 6-7:30 PM

Free fun for all ages, Family Night Unplugged is an opportunity for families to spend time together free of electronic devices, and grow connections through fun and educational experiences. This month, we will be partnering with Green Iowa Americorps to learn about ways we can help the Earth, planting seeds, and doing activities to bring out into the community to make our city and world a cleaner, more just and equitable, and more beautiful area. Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

VACATION THRU TIME: STONEHENGE

Friday, April 19 || 1pm-5pm

Saturday, April 20 || 9am-5pm

Monday, April 22 || 12am-6pm

Join the Vacation Thru Time Team on a trip through time as we travel back 5,000 years to understand the construction and purpose of Stonehenge. Come enjoy this museum like experience with interactive exhibits, our guest from NASA, and information from our partners at English Heritage. This trip we are also partnering with the Art Center of Burlington to present a pottery class! (more information to follow) No registration required to attend the exhibits, All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BRICK MASTERS

Saturdays, April 13 & 27 || 10 AM

Brickmasters is bringing a whole new meaning to LEGO building! Every second and fourth Saturday morning from 10-11am, Brickmasters is offering a unique and creative LEGO building experience for kids in K+. Come join us and explore your inner creativity! No registration is required.

WIGGLE TIME

Mondays, April 1, 8, 15 || 6:00-6:30 PM

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 || 10:00-10:30 AM

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 || 10:00-10:30 AM

Wiggle Time is a music and movement program for children ages 2-4 with their caregiver. Children and grownups will sing, dance, and read together as we continue to work on establishing the 5 building blocks of early literacy: read, write, sing, talk, and play! Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

MINDFULLY ME

Mondays, April 1, 8, 15 & 29 || 7:00-7:30 PM

Join us for a fun afternoon of yoga and mindfulness practice with literary elements. Help children learn calming strategies, breathing practices, fun beginner yoga poses, and emotional regulation skills. No experience or registration is necessary; for children ages 5 and up.

BABYGARTEN

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 || 5:30-6 PM

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25 || 10-10:30 AM

Babygarten is an early literacy program for children ages 0-23 months with a caregiver. Each week we will be learning new sign language, sharing caregiver tips, and sharing songs, rhymes and a book. Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

TWEEN PROGRAMS

TWEEN TUESDAY

Tuesday, April 16th || 6 PM

Come make whimsical beaded garden ornaments to adorn your flower or vegetable garden. Use these special ornaments to add some happiness to your garden or bring joy as a gift to a friend or family member!

READY SET SEW!

Thursdays, April 11 & 25 || 6 PM

Ready Set Sew! is a beginner sewing class that takes place on Thursdays April 11 & 25 from 6-7pm and is open to ages 9 and up. Only 2 classes this month. Students will learn about sewing machine parts, safety, and basic machine sewing techniques, and will have the opportunity to make simple projects. Registration is required and class size is limited.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TICOS

Friday, April 12 || 3-4 PM

TICOS, a Junior Optimist Club and teen library service organization for 6th through 12th graders, is meeting Friday, April 12@3 in the Teen Space. TICOS is a club dedicated to inspiring teens to make positive changes in their community and serve the library. If you would like to have an opportunity to help with plans for this area, we welcome the input. TICOS provides a great opportunity for teens to learn and practice leadership and service skills. We hope to see you all there!

D&D

Thursday, April 25 || 6 PM

Gather your fellow adventurers, DM, Zay is hosting a teen Dungeons & Dragons quest on Thursday April 25, from 6-7:30 in the Teen Space at the library. Join Zay for an afternoon of imaginative storytelling and adventure. All materials will be provided. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to explore a fantasy world and make friends along the way.

NETWORK NIRVANA MINECRAFT

Friday, April 26 || 1-3 PM

NirvanaOnline is an innovative new way to play Minecraft in the form of an MMORPG. With our pre-built game worlds and servers, we offer players the chance to experience game worlds they won't find anywhere else. From the world's largest underwater city to creepy carnivals and from single player Strikes to epic 12-player Vaults, the NirvanaOnline Suite has a little something for every gamer. Des Moines county students will have access all month and have the ability to play from home using Java format. Ask for details.

ADULT PROGRAMS

TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD: MOCKTAILS AND ME TIME

Monday, April 1 || 3-5 PM

Join us for Mocktails and some self-care! This month we will be sampling mock-mojitos and a lavender lemonade mocktail. While you sip you can make a DIY facemask and other relaxing activities. No registration Required!

FIRST FRIDAY: LEWIS AND CLARK IN IOWA

Friday, April 5 || 10 AM

"Lewis and Clark in Iowa" begins with the story before the expedition: the sale of the Louisiana Purchase to the United States. Tracing the 1803 course from Elizabeth, Pennsylvania to St. Charles, Missouri, Shurr discusses the background of the many "players" of the expedition. The audience will be exposed to the many "firsts" that occurred in Iowa, and the true peril of this journey. Presented by Donald G. Shurr, an author, and professor of Physical Therapy at the University of Iowa. This program is made possible through a grant from Humanities Iowa and the State Historical Society.

THAT'S YESTERDAYS NEWS: BURLINGTON LOVES BASEBALL

Saturday, April 6 || 10 AM

Join local historian, Terry Abrisz, for some coffee, rolls and Burlington history. Terry uses the local newspaper to share the story of the community with a different topic each month. This month we'll explore Burlington's love of baseball. No registration required; all are welcome.

WEST COAST SWING @ THE HOMESTEAD

Tuesday, April 16 || 6 PM

Join us at The Homestead in West Burlington (701 W. Agency) for a West Coast Swing basics lesson! No partner or experience required! West Coast swing is a modern style of improv partner dancing with roots in lindy hop. This dance is versatile across many music genres and is a great dance to start with, even if you've never danced before! No Registration Required, Come Join us!

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

Thursday, April 18 || 12-1 PM

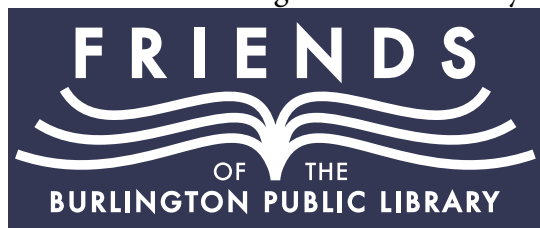
Join us as we discuss In the 8 Lives of a Century-Old Trickster, by Mirinae Lee. which consists of eight dark and spellbinding chapters that follow this remarkable character and her family as they struggle to survive during the most turbulent times of modern Korean history. Print copies available at customer service desk, ebook & audiobook available on the Hoopla app. No registration necessary.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 30th || 12-1 PM

This month, we will be discussing The Dry by Jane Harper. Print copies will be available at the customer service desk, ebook & audiobook available on the Libby app, audiobook available on the Hoopla app.

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