

# CHECK IT OUT

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



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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

Spring is right around the corner and as the world thaws around us there's plenty to look forward to at the library this month. With hundreds of books on gardening, landscaping, nature and conservation there's something for everyone to learn from as we watch the world around us burst into bloom. As a backyard beekeeper I love watching my winter bees emerge to stretch their wings and get ready for their busy season. Spring brings an air of hope with it as we see new generations of plants, insects, and birds usher in the next cycle of life.

If the great outdoors isn't your cup of tea, then perhaps our collection on interior design or organization will inspire you for a 2024 spring cleaning. If that doesn't sound appealing then why not friends and family? March is a great time to shake off that cabin fever and get out of the house to meet up with friends and to make some new ones. From a tea ceremony with the Japan America Society of Iowa on Friday, March 8th to a presentation on Black Women in Iowa by the African American Museum of Iowa on Monday, March 18th, we've got plenty of opportunities for you to connect, learn, and imagine with others at the library.

Happy Spring!  
Brittany Jacobs  
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!



# MARCH EVENTS

## ALL AGES PROGRAMS

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### DROP-IN TECH HELP

**Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 || 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, March 1 & 15 || 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.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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### BRICK MASTERS

**Saturdays, March 2 & 16 || 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, March 18 & 25 || 6:00-6:30 PM**

**Tuesdays, March 19 & 26 || 10:00-10:30 AM**

**Wednesdays, March 20 & 27 || 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, March 18 & 25 || 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, March 20 & 27 || 5:30-6 PM**

**Thursdays, March 21 & 28 || 10-10:30 AM**

Babygarden 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 on-line calendar to register.

## TWEEN PROGRAMS

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### TWEEN TUESDAY

**Tuesday, March 12 || 6 PM**

It's your lucky day! Come Celebrate St. Patrick's Day! We will be making a framed shamrock to decorate your table or wall. Wear something green and join the fun!

## TEEN PROGRAMS

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### NETWORK NIRVANA MINECRAFT

**Thursday, March 14 || 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.

### TICOS CLUB MINI CONFERENCE

**Saturday, March 16 || 10 AM-2 PM**

TICOS, a Junior Optimist Club and service organization for 6th through 12th graders, is meeting in the Teen Space at the library. TICOS is a club dedicated to inspiring teens to make positive changes in their community and serve the library. TICOS provides a great opportunity for teens to learn and practice leadership and service skills. The Conference Schedule will be posted on our website. We hope to see you all there!

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### (NOT THE) FIRST FRIDAY: ORIGAMI & JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

#### Tea Ceremony:

Friday, March 8 || 11 AM

Learning about other cultures, ceremonial practices, food, and the arts can help us gain an appreciation and understanding of them. The Japan America Society of Iowa will provide an hands-on Japanese Tea Ceremony. Learn the history and importance of the Tea Ceremony in Japanese culture.

#### Origami:

Friday, March 8 || 1:30 PM

The art of paper folding (Origami) can be an intricate array of folds that create amazing art. Part two of our adventure into Japanese culture is learning to fold a crane.

### THAT'S YESTERDAYS NEWS: 4 BIG FLOORS OF FASHION - J.S. SCHRAMM'S

Saturday, March 2 || 10am

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 the bustling history of Shramm's department store. No registration required; all are welcome.

### BLACK WOMEN IN IOWA: PRESENTED BY THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF IOWA

Monday, March 18 || 5:30 PM

Join the African American Museum of Iowa for the premier of our new program on Black women's history in Iowa! From the Underground Railroad through the Civil Rights Movement, celebrate women's history month with a special look at the work of Black women in Iowa.

### SEW WHAT!

Thursdays March 14, 21, 28 || 6-7 PM

Sew What! is a beginner sewing class that takes place on Thursdays from 6-7pm and is geared for adults who want an introductory class in sewing. Participants 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. If participants have a sewing machine at home, they are welcome to bring it in for classes so you learn your own machine. Please remember cords, a bobbin, and your machine manual.

## WEST COAST SWING

### @ THE HOMESTEAD

Tuesday, March 19th || 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, March 21 || 12-1 PM

Join us as we discuss In the Daddy Was A Number Runner, by Louise Meriwether. This modern classic is a tough, tender, bitter novel of a black girl struggling towards womanhood in 1930s Harlem with a foreword by James Baldwin. Print copies available at customer service desk, audiobook available on the Hoopla app. No registration necessary.

## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 26 || 12-1 PM

This month, we will be discussing The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections by Eva Jurczyk. Print copies will be available at the customer service desk, ebook and audiobook available on the Hoopla app and the Libby app.

## St. Patrick's Day Photo Scavenger Hunt

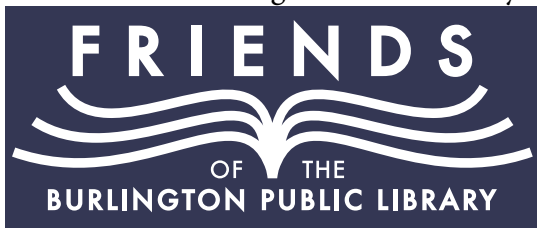
Find these in the library, take a picture and tag us on social media!:

- ☐ Something rainbow
- ☐ A green item outside
- ☐ A green item inside
- ☐ A "lucky" item
- ☐ Someone being "mischievous"





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