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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

Love is in the air in February, and we're tickled pink for Library Lover's Month! From access to over 150,000 physical items, over 300,000 digital items, sewing classes, STEM kits, wireless internet hotspots, free meeting room access, and so much more there is something for everyone to fall in love with at the Burlington Public Library.

February is also a time of year for us to celebrate Black History and from famed authors like Maya Angelou to groundbreaking filmmakers like Spike Lee, we have a rich collection celebrating Black voices for you to explore. Our local chapter of the NAACP will be hosting a display in our entryway display case, so be sure to swing by and celebrate Black History Month with us at BPL.

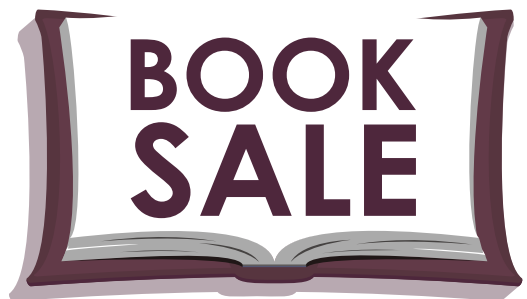
One of the things that I personally love about public libraries is that they are a socially funded point of resource, refuge, and recreation for all community members at every moment in life. From the new book we give to every child born at Great River Medical Center to Memory Care Kits for those experiencing dementia and/or Alzheimer's, and a million services for all the in-between moments, we cast a wide net and have a long-lasting impact.

What do you love about our public library? Stop by and let us know, or better yet, share with a friend, family member or neighbor! A win for one library is a win for all libraries, and in a time when we are seeing an unprecedented amount of anti-library legislation, now is the time to share your library love!

Brittany Jacobs  
Library Director

## FRIENDS NEWS

MAY 2024



LOCATED IN MEETING ROOMS A & B

FRIDAY  
17TH

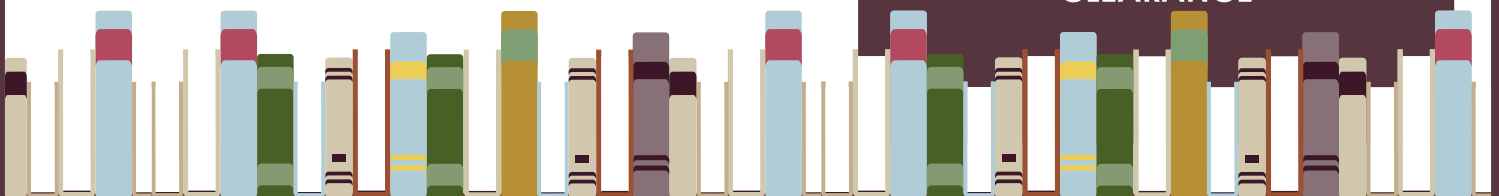
9 AM - 5 PM  
FRIENDS PREVIEW

SATURDAY  
18TH

9 AM - 5 PM

MONDAY  
20TH

9 AM - 2 PM  
CLEARANCE



# FEBRUARY EVENTS

## ALL AGES PROGRAMS

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### THE FROST FAIR:

#### (RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY)

**Friday, February 23 || 9 AM - 5 PM**

Come Join the Wintery Fun! See what all the library has to offer while enjoying a flurry of festivities, like a Mini Vacation Thru Time, where we will explore the London Frost Fairs, demonstrations throughout the day of our children's programming, Sip on Hot Chocolate, make cold weather crafts, and much more! (Please see January's insert or visit our website for details)

### WINTER BEES

**Saturday, February 10 || 10 AM**

Where do bees go in the winter? How many queens are there in each hive? Do the female worker bees really kill all the male honey bees in the fall?? Join library director and backyard beekeeper, Brittany Jacobs for a cup of coffee and conversation about bees. Answers to these questions and many more fascinating facts will be shared, a learning hive will be on display, refreshments provided, and late season Burlington honey will be available for tasting. No registration necessary; all are welcome.

### SEED SWAP

**Saturday, February 24 || 10 AM**

Join us for Iowa's largest simultaneous seed swap! In partnership with Nine Square Feet, libraries across the state will be hosting a seed swap on February 24 to promote home gardening and "backyard food producers." We're looking ahead to spring by offering seeds for you to start in order to have a bountiful summer and fall. Iowa State Extension and local Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and share their expertise. No registration required; seeds available while supplies last.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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### BRICK MASTERS

**Saturdays, February 3 and 17 || 10-11 AM**

Join us in the Storytime room for a fun morning of free building with LEGO bricks! The Burlington Public Library has partnered with the LEGO Foundation to participate in the Build To Give initiative, and for every magical creation built and shared online with #BuildToGive, LEGO will donate a set of their bricks to kids in need. Make something magical and make someone's holiday season! No registration required; open to children in grades K and up.

### BABYGARTEN

**Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28 || 5:30-6 PM**

**Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, & 22 || 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 online calendar to register.

### WIGGLE TIME

**Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, & 26 || 6:00 PM**

**Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27 || 10:00 AM**

**Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, & 28 || 10:00 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, February 5, 12, 19, & 26 || 7:00 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.

## TWEEN PROGRAMS

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### READY SET SEW!

**Thursdays, February 1-29 || 6-7 PM**

Ready Set Sew! is a beginner sewing class that takes place on Thursdays from 6-7pm and is open to ages 9 and up. 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.

### TWEEN TUESDAY

**Tuesday, February 13 || 6 PM**

Come and make a no sew fleece heart pillow for your favorite valentine. Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### TICOS

**Friday, February 23 || 3 PM**

TICOS, a Junior Optimist Club and service organization for 6th through 12th graders, is meeting Friday February 23rd @3pm. 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. We will be sharing info about the JOI conference in Des Moines on March 16 at this meeting. We hope to see you all there!

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### FIRST FRIDAY: BHS JAZZ BAND

**Friday, February 2 || 10 AM**

Join us for an enjoyable performance by the BHS Jazz Band directed by Derrick Murphy.

### THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS: THE RISE OF ROOSEVELT AVENUE

**Saturday, February 3 || 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 the rise of Roosevelt Avenue. No registration required; all are welcome.

### BE MINE VALENTINE

**Wednesday, February 7 || 1-3 PM**

Come and join us to make Valentines for our Seniors in the community. You can also make one for your favorite valentine. Celebrate the ones you love!

### BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, February 15th || 12-1 PM**

Join us as we discuss *In the Time of Our History*, by Susanne Pari. Inspired by her own Iranian-American heritage, Pari tells the story of mothers and daughters, secrets and lies, and defying expectations-even when those choices come with an irrevocable cost. Print copies available at customer service desk, ebook & audiobook available on the Hoopla app. No registration necessary.

### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, February 27 || 12 PM**

We will be discussing *All Her Little Secrets* by Wanda M. Morris. Print copies will be available at the customer service desk, ebook and audiobook available on the Hoopla app and the Libby app.

## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

**Wednesday, February 7 || 1-3 PM**

Give your heart a little love and stop by for a free blood pressure check with the team from Bickford. Resources for heart health will be highlighted and available for checkout, and free snacks will be provided. No registration necessary. First come, first serve.

## WEST COAST SWING

**@ THE HOMESTEAD**

**Tuesday, February 20 || 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!

## LIBRARY LOVER'S MONTH PROCLAMATION

**Monday, February 5 || 5:30 PM**

Join us at City Hall for the reading of the Love Your Library Proclamation. Monday February, 5th @ 5:30 PM - Thomas J Smith Council Chambers. City Hall, 400 Washington St. Burlington, IA 52601.





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# Frost Fair

February 23  
9 AM - 5 PM



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