

# CHECK IT OUT

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## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 1ST  
LABOR DAY

## LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY  
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

## LIBRARY NEWS

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month, and with 19,272 current card holders at BPL we are casting a wide net of service to the Greater Burlington area. In fact, it's not just Burlington with high library card numbers, as there are 1,821,707 registered library users in the state of Iowa as of FY23!

Your library card is your ticket for a trip back in time with our historical resources such as Newspaper Archive, the local history collection, or our historical fiction and natural history books. If the past isn't your cup of tea, then let your library card blast you off into the future with our sci-fi collection (books and movies) or the Turing Tumble coding kits available for checkout. Library cards allow us to travel when we have to stay where we are, connect us with people and ideas outside of our own communities, and act as a springboard for our curiosity.

With a Burlington Public Library card in your pocket, you have access to a multi-million-dollar resource at your fingertips - making it perhaps the most valuable card in your wallet! With 5 fabulous library card designs to choose from, over half a million items in our physical and digital libraries to check out, and 55,000 square feet of welcoming space with the best riverfront view, there's something at the library for everyone. Encourage your friends and neighbors to come in and sign up for a card if they don't already have one, and keep using your card - the best way to support the library is to use the library!

Happy Reading,

Brittany Jacobs  
Library Director

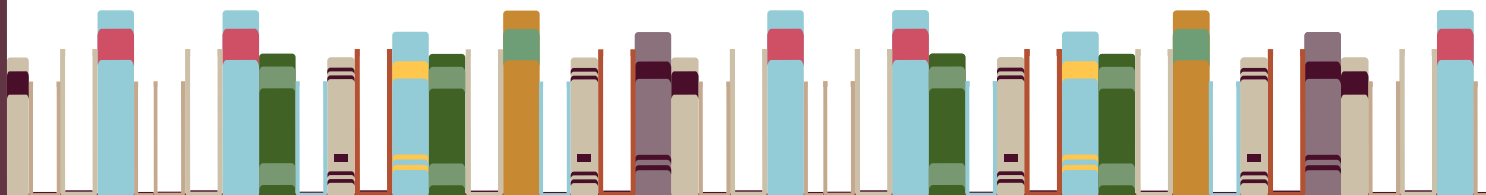
## SEPTEMBER MEANS ANOTHER BOOK SALE IS UPON US.

The sale will be September 19, 20, and 22. Friends only can shop on Friday, September 19 from 9-5 (memberships will be available at the door). The Public can shop on Saturday, September 20 from 9-5. And Monday, September 22 from 9-2 will be Clearance Day, with everything that fits in one (provided) bag for \$1, with multiple bag purchases encouraged! All non-profit organizations may shop for books for free on Monday from 11-2 only. If you wish to help with set-up, which involves the putting out of shelves, arranging of tables, and bringing up of boxes, that will be on Wednesday, September 17. Putting out the books will occur on Thursday, September 28. Clean-up happens at the 2:00 pm closing.

Sign-up sheets will be available in Footnotes a couple of weeks before the sale for your convenience. Or you can contact Cindy Murphy at 319-759-4855, especially if you have any questions.

Each sale between 9,000 and 10,000 books are available for purchase. These generally cover all genres from children to mystery to military and history to fiction and many more. We also generally have some special books offered at a slightly higher price and frequently have puzzles and games and other odds and ends. We hope to see you working or purchasing at the sale!

Cindy Murphy Book  
Distribution Chair



# SEPTEMBER EVENTS

## ALL AGES PROGRAMS

### CHESS CLUB

**Saturdays, September 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.

### MINDFUL MONDAYS

**Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, 29 || 6 PM**

Join us each Monday evening in the Create Space to start your week off mindfully. Mindfulness is a practice that involves present moment awareness and non-judgmental acceptance. Each week we will do a short mindfulness creative exercise, a short guided meditation, games, and tea.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

**Saturdays, September 13, 27 || 9- 10:30 AM**

Join us for Breakfast Club in the Create Space. Enjoy a simple breakfast provided by generous donations and optional activities. No registration necessary, all are welcome.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### WIGGLE TIME: FALL SESSION

**Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 || 10 AM**

**Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24 || 10 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 requested; please visit our online calendar to register.

### BRICKMASTERS

**Saturdays, September 13, 27 || 10 AM**

Brickmasters offers an open ended lego building experience for children ages 5 and up. No registration required!

## TWEEN PROGRAMS

### BRIGHT IDEAS

#### JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB

**Tuesdays, September 9, 23 || 5-6 PM**

The Bright Ideas Junior Optimist Club is open to 3rd to 5th graders passionate about volunteering for the library and engaging with the community. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month, offering a chance to plan service projects and participate in group activities. Members can make new friends, learn the value of community service, and develop essential life skills. The club fosters creativity and leadership, providing hands-on learning experiences. Interested students or parents should plan to attend a meeting to join and start benefiting from this enriching opportunity.

### TWEEN TUESDAY

**Tuesday, September 16 || 6 PM**

Creating a wood block painted apple is a fun and festive way to celebrate the harvest season and bring cozy fall vibes into your home. Come craft with us! Please register on our online calendar.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### TICOS

**Thursday, September 4 || 6:30-7:30 PM**

TICOS is a Junior Optimist Club that doubles as our Teen Advisory Club. It is open to all students in 6-12th grades who want to volunteer for the library and in the community. It meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month. We will be making plans for the upcoming school year and would love to hear your ideas. Join us!

### READY, SET, SEW!

**Thursday, September 18 || 6-7 PM**

Ready Set Sew is a beginner sewing class for tweens and teens in grades 4-12. Learn how to use a sewing machine and make a simple project. Registration is required and class size is limited. This class meets every other month.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### FIRST FRIDAY: A LOOK AT KROJE FROM THEN TO NOW

**Friday, September 5 || 10 AM**

Join us for a presentation from the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, "A Look at Kroje from Then to Now." No registration required, all are welcome.

## SILENT BOOK CLUB

**Friday, September 5 || 6-8 PM**

Friends and strangers alike are welcome to gather for our Silent Book Club! Join us at Homestead 1839's barn (701 West Agency, West Burlington) the first Friday of the month to spread out, cozy up, and share in your love of reading. You can choose to socialize and share what you're reading (or not!) and enjoy mocktails and light appetizers. Registration requested.

## THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

**Saturday, September 6 || 10 AM**

Join local historian, Terry Abrisz, for some refreshments and Burlington history. Terry uses the local newspaper to share the story of the community with a different topic each month. This month Terry presents "The history of the Burlington Police Department." No registration required; all are welcome.

## SUMMER'S END

### SUNSET SIP MOCKTAIL

**Thursday, September 11 || 4-5 PM**

Join us for a relaxing afternoon to celebrate the changing seasons. Enjoy mindful activities such as adult coloring and bracelet making, paired with our signature Summer's End Sunset Sip mocktail. Unwind, create, and embrace the transition from summer to fall in a cozy, social setting.

## BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, September 18 || 12-1 PM**

Join us to read a new book each month from unique authors. Books for each month are available at the Welcome Desk at the front of the library for checkout. Check our website for future titles!

## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, September 30 || 12-1 PM**

Solve the mystery of what to read next by joining the Mystery Book Club! This club meets once a month to investigate a new mystery book. Books for each month are available at the Welcome Desk at the front of the library for checkout. Please join us!

## LOOKING AHEAD!

## STERLING LORD WRITERS AND READERS FESTIVAL

**Saturday, November 8**

Are you a local author wanting to showcase your work? Register to be a featured author at the celebration of hometown literary hero, Sterling Lord with the Burlington Public Library Writers and Readers Festival! The day-long event will kick-off with an opportunity to talk with local authors and shop their collections.

**Authors:** Please register for a booth by visiting our website.

**Learners:** Keep a lookout for our session schedule coming soon!

## Happy Library Card Sign up Month!

Through the month of September, all new card holders will receive a yard sign proudly announcing their new library membership. Already a Card Holder? You can get a sign too! Either: 1) Refer someone to get a card. When that person gets a card you get a sign! Just have them mention that you referred them! 2) Come in and update or verify the information on your card. Let's fill Burlington with library love! Get your sign today!





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# SUMMER READING TREE PLANTING

Join the Burlington Public Library, Burlington Parks and Forestry departments as we plant the trees that were unlocked in this summer's reading program!

No registration required; all are welcome. We will meet at the small shelter house in Dankwardt Park.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH  
9AM - 12PM