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MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

MONDAY, MAY 29 -
MEMORIAL DAY

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

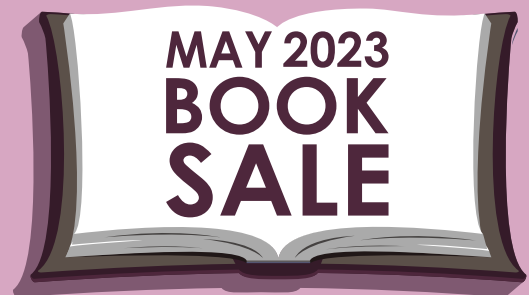
Thank you, dear library user, for your patience while we continue to fine tune our transition into a new integrated library system computer software. Similar to the construction we're seeing downtown with the construction on Main, Jefferson and Washington streets, the library is in a time of disruption, and while you don't see cranes, holes, dust and busted up concrete in the building our team is busy at work managing the transition of hundreds of thousands of digital data records.

Beautiful downtowns do not happen overnight, or with the flick of a magic wand. We must go through the disruption, the construction, the inconvenience and the frustration, but it is necessary for growth and for progress. Disruption is never easy and very rarely is it quick, but it allows us the chance to really dig deep and ask questions that will help identify the 'why' behind what we do and offers us the chance to realign our systems and workflows so that they're all pointing towards our mission statement.

Despite all of our current upheaval, May is a time of year for the library staff to pause and take a breath before the flurry of summer begins. As we take a break from some of our regularly offered programs this month, we'll continue to polish up the new system, take a breath and enjoy this magical time of year as flowers bloom and migrating birds return, and get our ducks in a row for what is going to be a fabulous summer! Again, thank you for your patience, and thank you for being a library user.

Brittany Jacobs,
Library Director

FRIENDS NEWS



LOCATED IN MEETING ROOMS A & B

FRIDAY
19TH

9 AM - 5 PM
FRIENDS PREVIEW

SATURDAY
20TH

9 AM - 5 PM

MONDAY, 22ND
CLEARANCE: 9 AM - 2 PM



MAY EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

SENSORY NIGHT!

Friday, May 19 || 6:00 PM

Join us for a quiet, slow-paced evening where kids with sensory processing needs and their families can hang out, check out materials, and participate in sensory activities. Registration requested; please visit our online calendar to register.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BRICK MASTERS

Saturdays, May 6 & 20 || 10 AM

Brickmasters is bringing a whole new meaning to LEGO building! Every first and third 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! Don't miss out on the fun - come and join us for a morning of LEGO fun!

TWEEN PROGRAMS

TWEEN TUESDAY: MOTHERS DAY TOWELS

Tuesday, May 9 || 6-7 PM

Come create a hand towel gift for Mother's Day. We will be using different methods to design it, bring your creativity and celebrate Mom! Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

Thursday, May 18 || 6-7:30

It's racing night down at the Burlington Public Library and the wheels are gonna be burnin' hot rubber for this one-night head-to-head Mario Kart 8 Tournament! Experienced and new racers alike will be able to get behind the wheel and push the throttle to the red, and the racers will be in a wide range, from 3rd graders to 7th graders! Two asphalt-hungry motor-revvers will go head-to-head in this three-round event! Prizes will be awarded to those who have crossed the finish line, and those who don't will have their chance to become victorious in two other rounds of this tire-burning competition! The race is Thursday, May 18th, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM so don't miss out on becoming the champion of Mario Kart Speedway! Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN D&D

Tuesday, May 9 || 6 PM

Gather your fellow adventurers! DM, Norah, is hosting a Teen Dungeons and Dragons event for both experienced and beginner players. Whether you have been playing for years or have never even heard of D&D, this event is for you. Join Norah for an evening 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. Registration requested; please visit our online calendar to register.

TICOS

Saturday, May 13 || 6-7

TICOS, a Junior Optimist Club and service organization for 6th through 12th graders, is meeting Saturday May 13, 2pm at the library, then will be going to the Post Office to assist with the postal worker's food collection. 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 hope to see you all there!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Thursday, May 25 || 6-7:30 PM

Want to get some volunteer hours this summer? How about the library? Teens 14-18 can shelve books and help with summer reading events. It's a fun way to earn silver cord hours! Just fill out the Volunteer Application on the library's website, then plan to attend one of the training sessions. Alternate sessions will be Thursday June 1 @6 or Friday June 2 @2. At training, we make sure you know how to shelve books and we talk about schedules for summer. Not quite 14 yet but want to help? Consider joining TICOS, our Junior Optimist Club. This club is open to any student entering 6th grade in the fall through high school. They help with Avenue of Flags and other events through the summer.

ADULT PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays, May 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.

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS: THE TRAINS WE RODE

Saturday, May 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 'the trains we rode.' No registration required; all are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAYS: IOWA VETERAN'S PERSPECTIVE

Friday, May 5 || 10 AM

Surviving a Prisoner of War (POW) Camp, describing the sight, sounds and smells of Vietnam, feeling the bitter cold of a Korean winter. Sara Maniscalco Robinson has heard them all and wants to share these amazing first-hand accounts with you. No one speaks better about the experiences of war than the veterans themselves. Sara preserves these stories through video to help educate the public about life in the military. You will hear accounts of the day Pearl Harbor was bombed and the morning the Twin Towers were attacked, what it was like to be a woman in the military in WWII and what it feels like to be in an IED explosion driving across Iraq. Snacks and coffee will be provided by Addington Place. No registration is required; all are welcome.

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Tuesdays, May 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.

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 18 || 12-1 PM

Join us as we discuss this month's book. Print copies available at customer service desk, ebook and audiobook available on the Hoopla app and audiobook on the Libby app. No registration necessary.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 23 || 12-1 PM

Join us as we discuss this month's book. Print copies will be available at the customer service desk, ebook and audiobook available on the Hoopla app and audiobook on the Libby app. Please join us in discussing this classic! Registration encouraged. Please call or visit our online calendar to register.

LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY

Thursday, May 25 || 6 PM

Join us for the Spring Lawyers in the Library Program sponsored by the ISBA Elder Law Section in honor of Older Iowans Month! This program will focus on financial power of attorney, health care power of attorney, living wills and the Final Disposition Act. Lawyers in Libraries is a joint effort by The Iowa State Bar Association, the State Library of Iowa, Iowa Legal Aid and the Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project to help provide free legal information to Iowans across the state. No registration required; all are welcome.

SPRING GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

Friday, May 12 & Saturday, May 13

Enjoy fascinating presentations from local historians, experienced genealogists, and regional experts; a dedicated learning lab for beginners to pros; a special book sale from the Friends of the Library and much more during this FREE two-day workshop! Some sessions will require registration as spots are limited. Please call or visit our online calendar for more information.

TWO-DAY WORKSHOP

- FEATURING LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PRESENTERS
- ON- AND OFF-SITE GENEALOGY AND RESEARCH INSTRUCTION
- DROP-IN LEARNING LAB
- LUNCH & LEARN SESSIONS ON BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
- SPECIAL TWO-DAY GENEALOGY/LOCAL HISTORY BOOK SALE FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE TO ATTEND!

REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS:

FRIDAY LUNCH & LEARN: PRESENTER TBA
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FRIDAY MORNING FIELD TRIP: DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH!
(WITH DES MOINES COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS AT DES MOINES COUNTY COURTHOUSE) LEAVING FROM THE LIBRARY AT 9:45 AM
FRIDAY AFTERNOON FIELD TRIP: DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH!
(WITH DES MOINES COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS AT DES MOINES COUNTY COURTHOUSE) LEAVING FROM THE LIBRARY AT 1:45 PM

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