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DELAYED HOURS

LIBRARY WILL OPEN
LATE MARCH 10TH
AT NOON

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

The Burlington Public Library is getting ready for a major update! In 1991 BPL went from using a card catalog system to an online computer system called an Integrated Library System (ILS). This computer software is what we use to manage all of our circulating items (a whopping 160,000 items!) as well as all patron records (over 16,000!). This software helps us to keep all 176,000 of our ducks in a row - no small feat! After 32 years of using the same ILS software, we are upgrading to a new system and couldn't be more thrilled about it!

The new system will help us to manage our collection on a more granular level, make the patron experience infinitely easier for searching for materials on our online catalog, and will be more financially friendly on our budget. It's a win-win-win!

Our current ILS will go offline on Saturday, March 4th at 5 PM and will remain offline until we go live with our new software on Friday, March 10th at 12 PM. With the immense amount of data we are migrating it will take a full week to complete the project. During that time (March 6th - 9th) our doors will remain open to the public, our WiFi and computers will be up and running and we will be able to manually check material in and out. What won't be available is our self-check out stations and patron accounts. We will have a delayed opening on Friday, March 10th at 12 PM in order to give library staff the morning to go through training and practice with the new ILS before we go live with it at noon that day.

This is an incredibly exciting and BIG project for us at BPL, and we ask for your patience during the migration week. We are constantly looking at how we can make our library cutting edge and accessible to all, and a new ILS will help launch us into a better experience for both staff and patrons. Thank you for your patience, support and enthusiasm during this exciting time! Happy reading!

Brittany Jacobs,
Library Director

FRIENDS NEWS

FOOTNOTES HOURS

**MONDAY - SATURDAY
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAYS
(EXTENDED HOURS)
10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

Gently used books, magazines, DVDs, and more are for sale in the Footnotes shop operated by the Friends of the Burlington Public Library. All sale proceeds are used to support library services.

Footnotes is staffed by Friends member volunteers. New volunteers are welcome.

The black box in front of the shop is available for receiving small donations. Call the library to make an appointment to deliver larger donations. Friends volunteers may be able to pick up for larger donations, too.



MARCH EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

NETWORK NIRVANA MINECRAFT

Thursday, March 16 || 1-3 PM

Celebrating Spring Break with Network Nirvana! Phoenix Pyre Aerie: The action in NirvanaArcana heats up with the latest 12-player Vault to appear near Briarwick Castle. Phoenix Pyre Aerie brings a group of students to the old mountain top lookout tower to the east of the castle in pursuit of a legendary Phoenix that has been stirring up chaos for both Briarwick Castle and Wickhaven Village. Students will proceed through the old mines underneath the mountain as they locate the old watchtower entrance, and then come face-to-face with a Vault Boss, unlike anything they've witnessed before!

SENSORY NIGHT!

Friday, March 24 || 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, participate in sensory activities. Registration requested; please visit our online calendar to register.

POP-UP LIBRARY @ POETRY SLAM

Friday, March 24 || 7 - 11 PM

Get a jump-start on poetry month in April at Cornerstone Event Center's Poetry Slam! This evening of spoken word and poetry is free and open to the public and will feature poet Kelsey Bigelow. Free to attend and free to perform. Register as a performer and reserve a spot in the line-up here: <https://www.thecornerstoneia.com/event-details/inaugural-poetry-slam>

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BRICK MASTERS

Saturdays, March 4 and 18 || 10:00-11:00 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 building!

STORYTIME

Thursdays, March 23 and 30 || 4:30 PM

Join Miss Donna in the Storytime Room as she reads some new books as well as old favorites! This program is geared toward Kindergarten-Second Graders and no registration is required!

GERMINATORS @ THE SCC GREENHOUSE

Thursday, March 16 || 1-2 PM

Interested in starting your own garden? Join us at the SCC Greenhouse for the kick-off of this new series where you'll explore plant sciences with a local organic gardener expert and Master Gardener. Best for elementary and tweens. Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

BABYGARTEN

Wednesdays, March 22 and 29 || 5:30-6 PM
Thursdays, March 23 and 30 || 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.

GERMINATORS @ THE LIBRARY

Thursday, March 30 || 4-5 PM

Interested in starting your own garden? Join us in the Library Create Space to get your hands dirty and learn about seed starting, hydroponics and plant sciences with a local organic gardener expert and Master Gardener. Best for elementary and tweens. Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

MINDFULLY ME

Fridays, March 24 and 31 || 4:15 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 4 and up.

WIGGLE TIME

Mondays, March 20 and 27 || 6:00 PM
Tuesdays, March 21 and 28 || 10:00 AM
Wednesdays, March 22 and 29 || 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.

ART EXPLORERS

Fridays, March 24 and 31 || 10:00 AM

Join us on Friday mornings for a morning of sensory-based and process art. Process art is all about allowing children to explore their own artistic abilities through the experience of creating art, rather than focusing on the end result. This program is geared for children 3-6. No registration required.

STORYTIME @ THE HERITAGE CENTER

Saturday, March 25 || 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Come join friends from the library and the Des Moines County Heritage Center for a fun morning of stories and activities! Museum admission is free for this day, so bring the family on down Catfish Corner, listen to stories, and explore the museum! No registration is required, and all are welcome.

TWEEN PROGRAMS

GOOD LUCK GNOME FOR YOUR HOME

Tuesday, March 14 || 6-6:45 PM

Come make a Leprechaun gnome. This little gnome will add a lucky touch to your St. Patrick's celebration.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TICOS

Thursday, March 2 || 6-7:30 PM

TICOS, a Junior Optimist Club and service organization for 6th through 12th graders, is meeting Thursday, March 2nd at 6pm. 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!

TEEN D&D

Monday, March 13 || 1-3 PM

Gather your fellow adventurers! DM, Norah, is hosting a Teen Dungeons and Dragons event for both experienced and beginner players on Monday, February 13th at 6pm. 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. Please Register.

ADULT PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays, March 4 & 18 || 9 AM - 12 PM

FIRST FRIDAYS:

IOWA COUNTIES AND THEIR NAMESAKES WITH JERRY RIGDON

Friday, March 3 || 10 AM

Jerry Rigdon is a sometime artist, a one-time community activist, and retired from a successful window cleaning business. Rigdon is a former mayor of Burlington and is also a retired Methodist Pastor. He defines himself as an amateur local historian in pursuit of his curiosities. One of those curiosities was how and why and for whom Iowa's counties were named. Snacks and coffee will be provided by Addington Place. No registration is required; all are welcome.

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS: THE GOLDEN GOOSE, THE HISTORY OF THE MACARTHUR BRIDGE

Saturday, March 4 || 10 - 11:30 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 history of the MacArthur Bridge. No registration required; all are welcome.

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 || 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.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 28 || 12-1 PM

Our Mystery book club will be discussing *Butcher's Hill* by Laura Lippman. 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.

LEOPOLD NIGHT: GREENFIRE SHOWING

Tuesday, March 14th || 6 PM

In partnership with the Leopold Landscape Alliance, we're celebrating hometown hero, Aldo Leopold, with a showing of *Greenfire*: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our time. No registration required.

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