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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

SEPTEMBER 7TH-
LABOR DAY

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

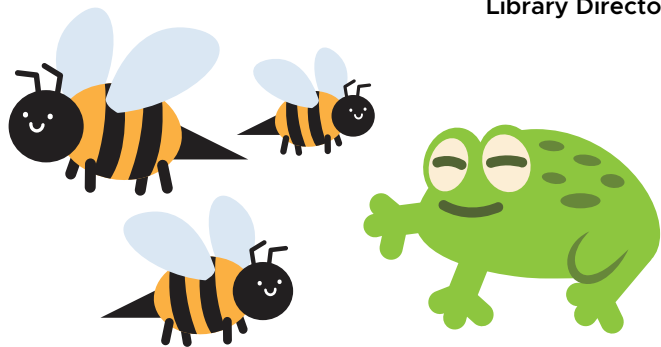
LIBRARY NEWS

Did you know that one of the cards you carry around in your wallet carries a multi-million-dollar value?? With a higher value than any credit card limit, your Burlington Public Library card gives you access to millions of dollars' worth of books, movies, events, meeting rooms, and a stunning facility. September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month, and with resources, events, and a 55,000 square foot facility there is something for everyone at the Burlington Public Library!

This resource belongs to all of us and is made all the more valuable with your input and use. If you're as excited about your library card as we are, then I encourage you to take home one of our "I got my library card" yard sign and display it in your front yard. Better yet, invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come on down and get a card of their own! While you're here, be sure to take a tour through the Americans and the Holocaust exhibit on display through the end of the month or attend one of our programs listed in the pages that follow.

The best way to support your library is to use it, so I thank you all for being library users!

Happy Reading,
Brittany Jacobs
Library Director



FRIENDS NEWS

September! The month of going back to school, of returning to "normal" rhythms, and of the Fall Friends of the Library Book Sale!

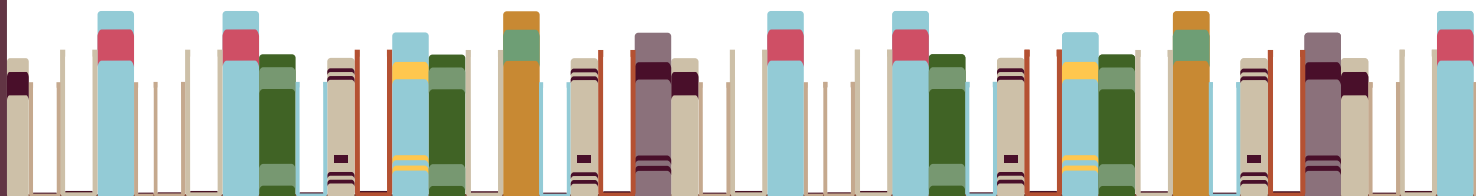
The sale will be held Friday, September 25 from 9-5 for paid Friends members; Saturday, September 26 from 9-5 for the general public; and Monday, September 28 from 9-2 for a \$1 a bag sale. Also, on Monday from 11-2, non-profit organizations may shop and take bags of books for free. Nearly 10,000 books from nearly all genres will be placed on sale. New for this sale is the category of "Christian Fiction".

A feature from the past is also being brought back to this sale. The former "Collector's Corner" is being renamed the "Vintage Area", and will house books that are not priced at the regular low prices. Prices will begin at \$3 and go up to an appropriate market value. These books are unique, with some having copyrights as early as the late 1800s. A large selection of books that many of us remember from our childhoods will also be available to purchase.

If you wish to help set-up or clean-up the sale, set-up will be on Wednesday, September 23. This is the day we set up tables, bring up shelves, and bring the boxes of books up. It is a day for muscles! On Thursday, September 24 the boxes of books will be unpacked and placed in the correct location on the tables. No lifting heavier than a book is required - we have people who can help with the heavier lifting! Both days we begin at 9 and stay until the work is done. On Monday, the clean-up does not start until 2 and is usually finished by 5.

You may also sign up to work during the book sale itself. We need people to take money at the Treasurer's Table and to help customers and keep the displays neat. Shifts are 9-11, 11-1, 1-3 and 3-5 on Friday and Saturday and 9-11:30 and 11:30-2 on Monday. If you wish to work any of these days or times, a sign-up sheet is available in Footnotes. Thanks for helping, shopping, or just sending good thoughts our way!

Thanks,
Cindy Murphy
Book Distribution Chair



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays, September 5 & 19 || 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 MONDAY

Mondays, September 14, 21, 28 || 6 PM

Join us 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 may do short creative exercises, gentle yoga, a short guided meditation, and enjoy herbal tea. Please register on our website.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WIGGLE TIME

Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22, 29 || 10 AM

Wednesdays, September 9, 16, 23, 30 || 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.

BABYGARTEN

Wednesdays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30 || 5:30 PM

Thursdays, September 10, 17 & 24 || 10 AM

Babygarten is an early literacy program for children ages 0-23 months with a caregiver. We will be learning new sign language, sharing caregiver tips, and sharing songs, rhymes and a book. Please register on our website.

BRICKMASTERS

Saturdays, September 12 & 26 || 10 AM

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

TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMS

BRIGHT IDEAS

Thursdays, September 10 & 24 || 5 - 6 PM

The Bright Ideas Junior Optimist Club is open to 3rd to 6th graders passionate about volunteering for the library and engaging with the community. Meetings include a Bright Idea for others, a Bright Idea for fun, and Bright Ideas for future meetings. Members can make new friends, learn the value of community service, and develop essential life skills.

GIRLS WHO CODE

Thursdays, September 10 & 24 || 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Girls Who Code is an international nonprofit organization working to close the gender gap in technology, and leading the movement to inspire, educate, and equip students who identify as girls or nonbinary with the computing skills needed to pursue 21st-century opportunities.

READY SET SEW

Thursday, September 17 || 5 - 6 PM

Ready Set Sew is a beginner sewing class for ages 10+. Learn how to use a sewing machine and make a simple project. Registration is required and class size is limited.

POKEMON CLUB

Saturday, September 19 || 2 - 3 PM

Calling all Pokémon fans! Gather at the library for the Pokémon trading card game, video games (bring your own portable console), or even Pokémon Go. Skilled players will guide participants in how to play, and beginner TCG decks are provided if you don't have one, so no experience is necessary. No registration required.

TICOS

Saturday, September 19 || 2 - 3 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. For this meeting we will be touring the Holocaust exhibit at the library and planning for October.

TWEEN TUESDAY

Tuesday, September 22 || 6 - 7 PM

Autumn begins! Celebrate the colors of the season by creating a felted fall foliage scene. Use rich autumn hues to design a one-of-a-kind piece to take home and enjoy all season long. Please register on our website.

EVERDEEN'S LITERARY ARENA

Thursday, September 24 || 6:30 - 7:30 PM

District readers, prepare for a literary showdown! Our Hunger Games-themed Book Club invites tributes of all ages to explore Suzanne Collins' gripping series. Join us for lively discussions inspired by Panem as we dive into themes of courage, rebellion, and resilience. This month we are talking about President Snow's back story in *Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*.

ADULT PROGRAMS



RAMBLING RIVER WRITERS GROUP

Tuesday, September 1 || 3:30 - 5 PM

Introducing the Rambling River Writers Group! The Writers Group will start September 1st from 3:30 - 5pm. This is an ongoing gathering the first Tuesday of each month. Writers are invited to network on issues writers face including publishing, webpage, or social media. Sharing information about local writing events, book signings in our area, author gatherings where we can showcase our writing, and market our book(s). Bring along a piece of your writing if you would like to share. Come join in - be a part of an exciting group of fellow writers.

MAHJONG MEET-UP

Tuesdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 || 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17 & 24 || 1:00 - 3:30 PM

Enjoy an afternoon of strategy, connection, and friendly competition at our Mahjong Meet-Up! This relaxed, peer-led group is perfect for both beginners and experienced players. Participants learn from one another, share tips, and build their skills together as they play. Whether you're brand new to Mahjong or looking to sharpen your game, this is a welcoming space to ask questions, practice, and enjoy the social side of the game. Please bring your own Mahjong set if you have one.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, September 4 || 10 AM

Alongside the "Americans and the Holocaust" exhibition coming to BPL this fall, join us to view episode 3 of Ken Burns documentary "The U.S. and the Holocaust"

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

Saturday, September 5 || 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, follow Terry as he explores the local newspaper articles reporting the Holocaust and exploring the themes related to Americans and the Holocaust Exhibit coming from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. No registration required; all are welcome.



THE MAKERS TABLE: AN ADULT CRAFT CLUB

Wednesday, September 9 || 5 - 6 PM

Get your crafty self to the library! Learn a new craft, meet others, and enjoy a fun, laid-back atmosphere. Whether you're a seasoned maker or just trying something new, there's a seat at the table for you. No registration required.

BANNED CAMP BOOK CLUB

Saturday, September 12 || 10 AM

Join Burlington Public Libraries Board of Trustees as we read challenged and banned books. Each month, one of our trustees will host an exploration of books relating to a specific theme or book. For this month, we will be reading *Night* by Elie Wiesel. We will also tour the Americans and the Holocaust exhibit after our meeting. Come with an open mind and be prepared to discuss your book, the freedom to read and other topics related to banned and challenged books.

BACK TO BRIDGE

Tuesdays, September 15, 22 & 29 || 1:00 - 3:30 PM

BACK TO BRIDGE is for people who have some experience with this card game, but do not feel confident playing with others at this time. The class will run for 90 minutes with about 15-30 minutes of instruction before free play begins. Registration is required, visit our on-line calendar to register.

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

Thursday, September 17 || Noon - 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 check out. Check our website for future titles!

DISCOVERY READERS: A NON-FICTION READING CLUB

Saturday, September 19 || 10 - 11 AM

The Discovery Readers is a non-fiction reading club for anyone who loves learning something new. Each month highlights a different theme, and participants bring a book or article connected to that topic to share with the group. For September, in conjunction with the Americans and the Holocaust exhibit on display at the library, bring something related to the Holocaust, World War II, propaganda, misinformation, or the power of information. A guided tour of the exhibit will be provided after the meeting.

QUIET MINDS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, September 24 || Noon - 1 PM

A welcoming book club exploring mindfulness, compassion, and personal growth through thoughtful books and open discussion. Readers of all backgrounds and experience levels are welcome.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 29 || Noon - 1 PM

Solve the mystery of what to read next by joining the Mystery Book Club! The club meets at noon on the last Tuesday of the month to investigate a new mystery book. Books for each month are available at the Welcome Desk at the front of the library for check out.

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SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

Stop by the library and replace your old card with one of these designs for free, or bring a friend or family member to get them signed up!

