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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

SEPTEMBER 5TH
LABOR DAY

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

A THANK YOU FROM YOUR LIBRARY DIRECTOR

After twenty years at the library and fifteen as director, I am moving to a new library job in a new community. While I look forward to the new opportunities ahead of me, this is a hard place to leave.

I am leaving such a great staff team, a beautiful library facility, a supportive Foundation board, an active and generous Friends group, and a wonderful board of trustees. I've also gotten to work with great people throughout the larger city staff team and city council. On top of all that, I've enjoyed getting to know so many members of our community through their visits to the library.

Arriving in Burlington in 2002 as the Head of Reference Services, I had no idea the adventures that awaited me. I got to work in the historic Fourth Street building, experience the design and construction process for a new library, and be a part of the move to the Court Street building. In the fall of 2007, I was honored to be chosen to serve as director.

It has been a privilege to work with our team to make the library a community hub, build up outreach to connect with more people, and find new ways to improve service to residents and visitors. Looking back, there have been lots of changes, big and small, and all with the goal of better serving our community. The team has several great projects on the horizon that I wish I could be here to see come to fruition.

It is the people that are the hardest to leave. Thank you to all the staff team members and volunteers, present and past, with whom I've been honored to work. Thank you to our library users. It has been a joy serving you. I am grateful for the time I've been able to serve this community.

Thank you!

Rhonda Frevert,
Library Director

FRIENDS NEWS

If it is September, it must be a book sale! On Friday, September 23, the Friends members will be able to shop from 9-5. On Saturday, September 24, the public will be able to shop from 9-5. On Monday, everyone will have a chance to fill a (provided) bag for \$1 from 9-2. Non-profit organizations may shop for free from 11-2 on Monday.

So what are you shopping for? Approximately 10,000 books will be available for purchase, along with cds, dvds, audio books, puzzles, and maybe some surprises. The books are in all genres, including a large selection of children's books, mysteries, military, history, non-fiction, fiction, romance, and more. Prices are very reasonable, also. For instance, hardback adult books are \$1, paperback adult books are 50¢, hardback children's books are 50¢, and paperback children's books are 25¢.

Some of you may wish to be more involved than merely shopping. If so, on Thursday, September 22 we will begin setting up the book sale at 9:00 am. All are welcome (and encouraged) to help. A major perk is that if you help with set-up, you get to shop on Thursday after set-up is finished! We are often finished with set-up by about noon. You do not need to help the entire time; any amount of time is appreciated. If you are unable to lift heavy boxes, do not worry. You can help set out the books and can even sit down to do so. If you wish to volunteer, please sign up in Footnotes so we know how many to expect.

You can also volunteer to help work during the sale, either helping shoppers or working the treasurer table. Again, sign-up is in the Footnotes shop.

We hope to see you all at some point during the sale!

Cindy Murphy,
Book Distribution Chair

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

September 1 - 30

All month long we're celebrating library card users at the Burlington Public Library! Bring a non-card holder in to register for a library card and be entered into a prize drawing, while new card holders receive a coupon for the Footnotes book store! This month is all about celebrating you, the library card user, and we're convinced that patrons of the Burlington Public Library are the cream of the crop! Show your library card at Burlington By the Book for a discount!

KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS: SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE ACLU

September 8 || 6 PM

The Iowa chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, a nonprofit organization founded in 1920 "to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to every person in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States", will be presenting a free seminar to help update community members about new voting information, how to get registered, as well as absentee voting information. Open to all, no registration required.

FAMILY NIGHT UNPLUGGED

September 16 || 6 PM

Join us for the return of Family Night Unplugged! Free fun for all ages, Family Night Unplugged is an opportunity for families to spend time together free of electronic devices, and grow connections through fun and educational experiences. Theme of this month TBA. Follow us on Facebook for more information on the monthly theme.

AUTHOR VISIT: PROHIBITION IN IOWA WITH LINDA BETSINGER MCCANN

September 19 || 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening with author Linda Betsinger McCann who specializes in non-fiction Iowa history and will be speaking on Prohibition in Iowa.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY PARTY

September 20 || 5 PM - 7 PM

Register to vote, get free swag and celebrate your civic engagement with us at the library. Civic and voting activities will be available for the kids, so bring the whole family, grab a friend and meet us at the library. No registration required.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BRICK MASTERS

September 3 & 17 || 10 AM - 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 a World of Play initiative, and will have activities, research and information on this global movement. No registration required; open to children in grades K and up.

BABYGARTEN (0-24 MONTHS)

Wednesdays, Sep. 7, 14, 21 & 28 || 5:30 PM

Thursdays, Sep. 8, 15, 22 & 29 || 10 AM

STORYTIME (K-2ND GRADE)

Thursdays, Sep. 8, 15, 22 & 29 || 5 PM

WIGGLE TIME (2-4 YEARS)

Mondays, Sep. 12, 19 & 26 || 6 PM

Tuesdays, Sep. 6, 13, 20 & 27 || 10:30 AM

Wednesdays, Sep. 7, 14, 21 & 28 || 9:30 & 10:30 AM

Registration required for all story times; please visit our online calendar to register.

MINDFULLY ME (AGES 4+)

Fridays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 || 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.

ART EXPLORERS (AGES 3-6)

Fridays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 || 10 AM

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. No registration required.

SOCIAL JUSTICE BEGINS WITH ME: SJ BOOK CLUB PILOT

September 24 || 2:30 PM

As a pilot for this program, we will offer two opportunities for kids and their parents/caregivers to get a sneak peek at what this book club will be all about. This book club will allow families to explore complex social justice issues through books and conversation, while giving adults tools to continue these conversations at home. Registration is required.

TWEEN PROGRAMS

FINCH ROBOTICS

September 1 || 6 PM - 7 PM

Play with our flock of Finch Robots with some fun simple coding where everyone can feel successful whether this is their first time coding or they know several languages. This class is for 3rd grade and up. Registration is encouraged.

ROCK STARS

Sept 20th || 6 PM - 7 PM

Come and paint a beautiful Aurora Borealis Rock with a fun painting technique. Registration required; please visit our online calendar.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TICOS

September 8 || 6 PM - 7 PM

TICOS stands for Teens Inspiring Change, Optimism & Service. It is a Junior Optimist Club functioning as our teen advisory group. We do projects in the community and for the library. We welcome students in 6th-12th grades who would like to volunteer and make a difference.

TEEN D&D

September 15 || 6 PM - 7:30 PM

This month, our D&D is getting crafty with DIY resin die sets. If you have watched die making on TikTok and wanted to try it yourself, here is your chance. Class size is limited so register early to make sure we have supplies for you. 7th-12th grades. Please visit our online calendar to register.

ADULT PROGRAMS

DROP-IN TECH HELP

September 6, 13, 20 & 27 || 3 PM - 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.

FIRST FRIDAYS: BEHIND THE BEAT

September 2 || 10 AM

This presentation uses music to explore African American history, from the African beats to jazz of the Harlem Renaissance to popular music of the Civil Rights movement. To understand history, you just have to look behind the beat! No registration required; all are welcome.

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

Saturday, September 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, Terry will share tales from police court. No registration required; all are welcome.

CREATIVE CRAFTERS

September 8 || 2 PM

Join us to make a festive fall door decoration to celebrate the fall season. Registration is required.

SHELF INDULGENCE BOOK CLUB

September 8 || 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Adults who love Teen Lit, this is for you! Join Becky Ruberg to talk about your favorite books, get ideas for your TBR pile and meet other people equally obsessed. In this first meeting we will be deciding what we want to read for next time, how often we want to meet, and the best snacks to have for discussing books!

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

September 15 || 12 PM - 1 PM

Join us as we discuss *The Gone Dead* by Chanelle Benz. Inventive, gritty, and openhearted, *The Gone Dead* is an astonishing debut novel about race, justice, and memory that lays bare the long-concealed wounds of a family and a country. Print copies available at customer service desk, ebook and audiobook available on the Hoopla & Libby apps. No registration necessary.

THIRD THURSDAY AT HOOVERS: HOW THE HARD WINTER OF 1880-81 BECAME THE LONG WINTER BY LAURA INGALLS WILDER

Thursday, September 15 || 6 PM via Zoom

This illustrated talk begins with an overview of the Hard Winter of 1880-81 as found in the newspaper record, followed by an exploration of some of Wilder's struggles to convert her family's experiences into her nearly perfect novel, *The Long Winter*. Presented by award-winning author, Cindy Wilson. Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 27 || 12 PM

Do you love mysteries? Join this new group as we develop and grow the Burlington Mystery Book Club! This month, read one of your favorite mystery books and be ready to give a brief overview to the group. We'll also discuss what types of mystery books to read moving forward. Registration encouraged. Please call 319-753-1647 or visit our online calendar to register.

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