

# CHECK IT OUT

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



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## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

DECEMBER 25 -  
CHRISTMAS DAY

## LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY  
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

## LIBRARY NEWS

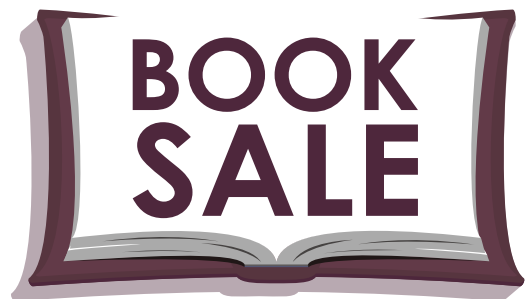


## FRIENDS NEWS

As we near the end of 2023 I can't help but beam as I look back on all the fabulous memories created this past year. We kicked 2023 off with new library card designs and adopting a fine free policy, then continued on to install our first permanent story walk in Crapo Park, launch a seed library and puzzle swap, migrate into a new integrated library system, host a Jurassic sized summer extravaganza, re-arrange our entryway and genealogy room, and so much more! We've accomplished a lot this past year, and it's thanks to our hard-working and creative staff, our passionate volunteers and Friends, and champions like you whose patronage and dedication supports not only the library, but the community at large. The Burlington Public Library is a vibrant beacon of hope allowing us to connect with others, to learn about the world around us, and to imagine the futures before us. As we end 2023, we'd love to hear from you as we detail goals and objectives for the next 5-year roadmap. Please visit our website or stop by the library to fill out a survey and let us know what you value about BPL, and what your wish is for the future of this thriving community organization. Thank you for all the wonderful memories, and cheers to another year full of wonder, magic, and community!

Brittany Jacobs  
Library Director

## JANUARY 2024

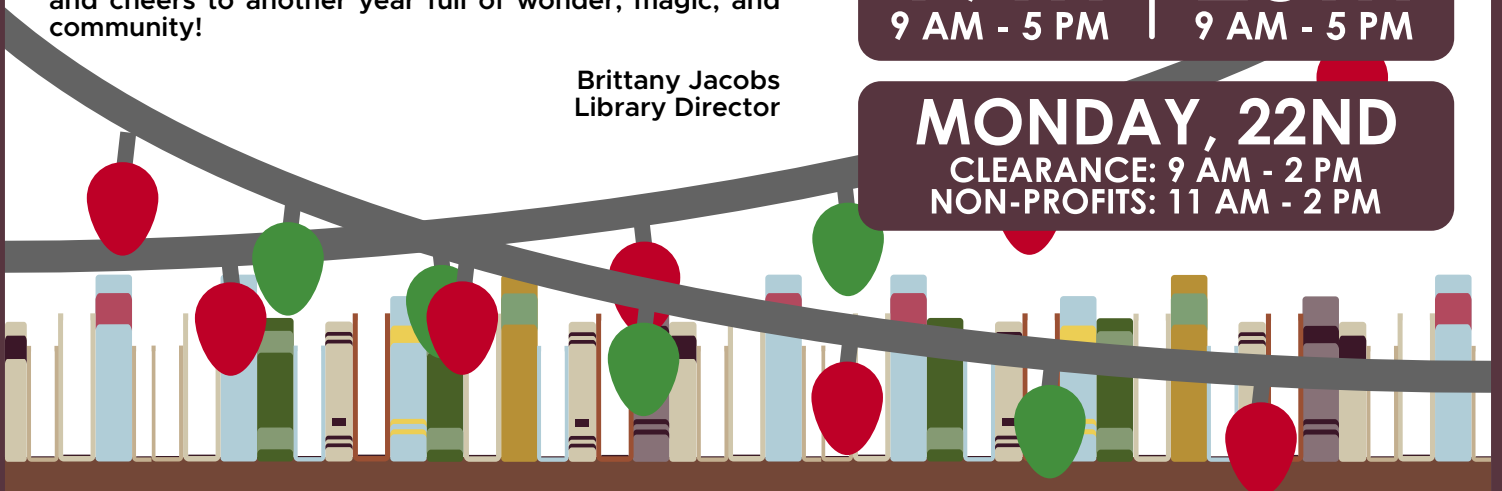


LOCATED IN MEETING ROOMS A & B

FRIDAY  
**19TH**  
9 AM - 5 PM

SATURDAY  
**20TH**  
9 AM - 5 PM

**MONDAY, 22ND**  
CLEARANCE: 9 AM - 2 PM  
NON-PROFITS: 11 AM - 2 PM



# DECEMBER EVENTS

## ALL AGES PROGRAMS

### CHESS CLUB

**Saturdays, December 2nd & 16 || 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.

### BEL CANTO CHORALE

**Saturday, December 9 || 11 AM**

Get in the holiday spirit with a Bel Canto concert at the library. Join us at our great window overlooking the Mississippi as local singers serenade us with holiday sounds. No registration required; all are welcome.

### POLAR EXPRESS

**Friday, December 22 || 2:00 PM**

Hop aboard the magical Polar Express. Join us for activities, hot cocoa, and a showing of the film. No registration is required, and all are welcome! © Warner Bros Entertainment

### NETWORK NIRVANA MINECRAFT

**Friday, December 29 || 2-4:45**

The Season of the Swashbuckler introduces all-new sources of loot, brand-new adventures, and an epic new pirate adventure that allows players to tell their own stories in whole new ways. A massive update to NirvanaOnline's central loot systems kicks off the season by bestowing players with all-new levels of power to help them access late-game content. Following the update, players will dive into RogueWatersOnline, a massive new pirate game world that's completely different from most other content in Nirvana.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### BRICK MASTERS

**Saturday, December 2 & 16 || 10:00-11:00 AM**

Brickmasters is bringing a whole new meaning to LEGO building! Brickmasters is offering a unique and creative LEGO building experience for kids in K+. Come join us and explore your inner creativity! No registration is required.

### MINDFULLY ME

**Mondays, December 4 & 11 || 7:00 PM**

Join us for a fun evening 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.

## BABYGARTEN

**Wednesdays December 6 & 13 || 5:30-6 PM**

**Thursdays December 7 & 14 || 10-10:30 AM**

Babygarten is an early literacy program for children ages 0-23 months with a caregiver. Each week, for 6 weeks, 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. \*Final 2 weeks of this session\*

## WIGGLE TIME

**Mondays, December 4 & 11 || 6:00 PM**

**Tuesdays, December 5 & 12 || 10:00 AM**

**Wednesdays, December 6 & 13 || 10:00 AM**

Wiggle Time is a music and movement program for children ages 2-5 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. \*Final 2 weeks of this session\*

## TWEEN PROGRAMS

### TWEEN TUESDAY

**Tuesday, December 12 || 6 PM**

Celebrate the Holiday and come make a gingerbread house decorated with candy treats and sweets. Registration required.

### READY SET SEW!

**Thursdays, Dec 7-21 || 6-7pm**

Ready Set Sew! is a beginner sewing class that takes place on Thursdays from 6-7pm and is open to ages 9 and up. Students will learn about sewing machine parts, safety, and basic machine sewing techniques, and will have the opportunity to make simple projects. Due to popularity and wait lists, we are offering a second session of Level 1 skills before we move on to level 2 in January. Registration is required and class size is limited.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### TICOS

**Saturday, Dec 16 || 2pm**

TICOS, a Junior Optimist Club and service organization for 6th through 12th graders, is meeting Saturday Dec 16@2. 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!

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### HOLIDAY BAKING WITH LOIS

Wednesday, Dec. 13 || 6 PM

OR

Saturday, Dec. 16 || 9:30 AM

I have fond memories of baking with my Mom and youngest brother, who ate more of the cookie dough than helping mix. We started baking in October for care packages that we sent to my brothers and their buddies who were stationed in Vietnam, Korea, and North Carolina. I can remember the smells and textures of the various cookies and breads we would make. Come and share with others your favorite recipes and memories. Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

### FIRST FRIDAY: THE MAN WHO REINVENTED CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 1st || 10 AM

Would you believe Christmas used to be a very low-key affair? It's true! Until the mid-19th Century, people did little to mark it & businesses didn't consider it a holiday. Yet by 1900 it was our largest & most popular annual celebration. What changed society's view of Christmas? The answer may be Charles Dickens & "A Christmas Carol". Historian Kathy Wilson investigates how a novel about social reform transformed Christmas from a date on the church calendar into the holiday we know today. Refreshments provided by Addington Place. No registration required.

### THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS: IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE...

Saturday, December 2nd || 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 Christmas time in Burlington. No registration required; all are welcome.

### BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

Thursday, December 21st || 12-1 PM

Join us as we discuss *Furia* by Yamile Saied Méndez. Filled with authentic details and the textures of day-to-day life in Argentina, heart-soaring romance, and breathless action on the pitch, *Furia* is the story of a girl's journey to make her life her own. Print copies available at customer service desk, ebooks & audiobooks available on the Hoopla and Libby apps. No registration necessary.

### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

No meeting in December - Happy Holidays! See you in 2024!

## CHRISTMAS WRAPPING

Wednesday December 13th || 6-7:30

Thursday December 14th || 10:30-12:30

Join us to wrap your holiday presents. Patrons may bring their own supplies and utilize the library space! Light refreshments are available.

## JANUARY PREVIEW

### FROST FAIR

January 15th

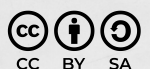
Come Join the Wintery Fun! See what all the library has to offer while enjoying a flurry of festivities, like a Mini Vacation Thru Time, where we will explore the London Frost Fairs, demonstrations throughout the day of our children's programming, Sip on Hot Chocolate, make cold weather crafts, and much more!



FORTEPAN IA

Fortepan.us is an open source archival platform that is inspiring cultural heritage institutions to rethink and revolutionize digital archiving practices. Look forward to this service coming to Burlington Public Library where you can upload and view photos of people of Burlington's history.

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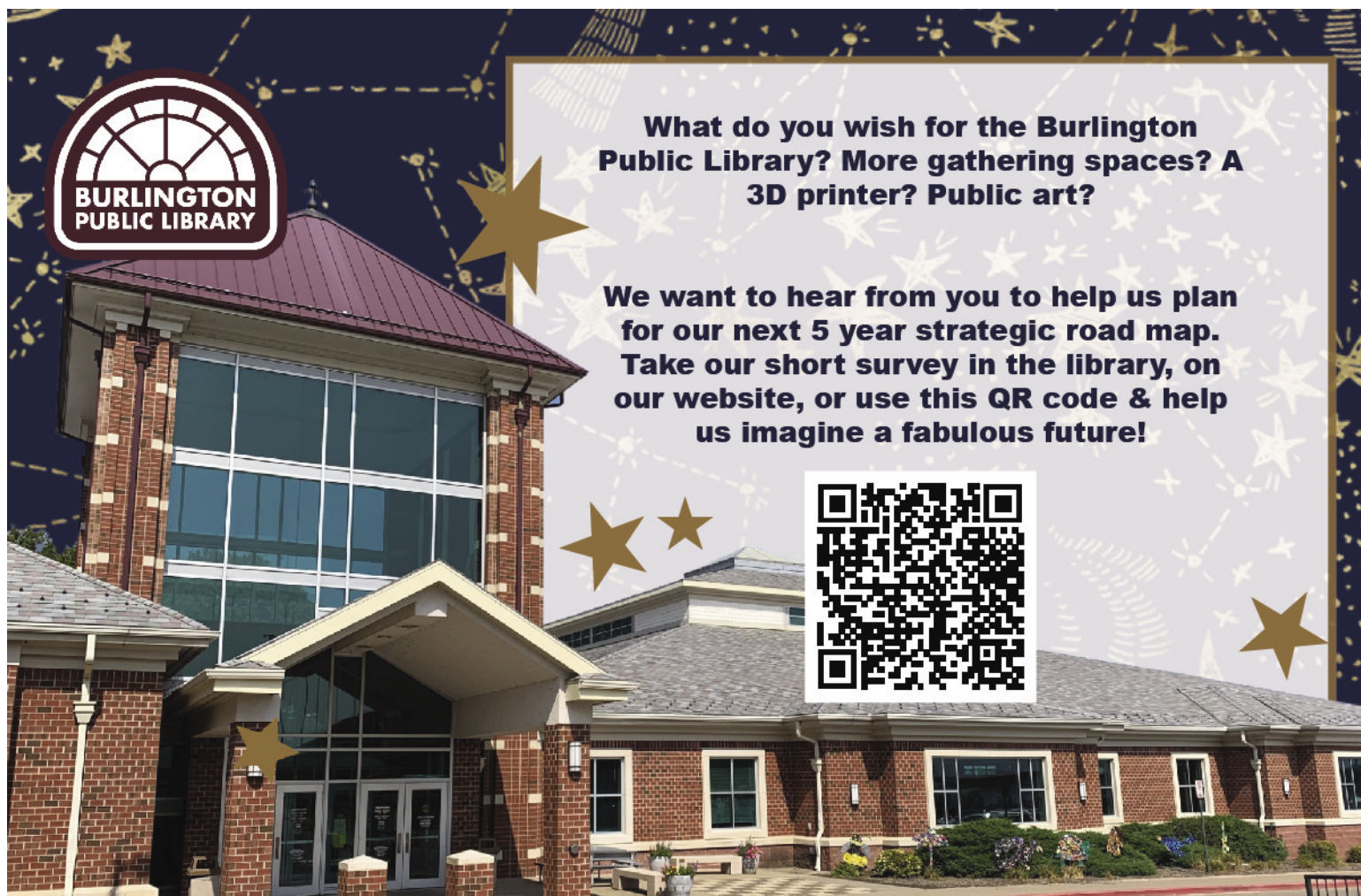


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**What do you wish for the Burlington Public Library? More gathering spaces? A 3D printer? Public art?**

**We want to hear from you to help us plan for our next 5 year strategic road map. Take our short survey in the library, on our website, or use this QR code & help us imagine a fabulous future!**

