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JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



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## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

1/2 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

## LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY  
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

## LIBRARY NEWS

We're kicking off 2023 with a fresh outlook at the library with three new custom library card designs to choose from, our Winter Reading program that runs from January 16 - February 28 and a permanent Fine Free Policy!

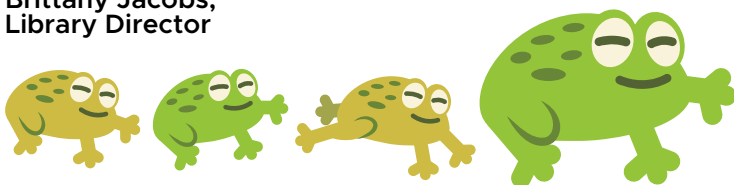
Our very own, and very talented, Joseph Burgus has designed three new library cards for readers of all ages to choose from. One taps into the classic nostalgia of reading with a row of books, another pays tribute to our pollinator garden with a frog and bees and a third that captures the beauty of our Great River Bridge. Check the back of this newsletter for images, and stop by to swap out your card for a new design - free of charge!

The Winter Reading Program will take place from Jan. 16 - Feb. 28. Stop by the library to grab your Winter Reading Punchcard with 5 spots to punch out for each library interaction - check out books, attend a program, visit the library. Participants will get an entry into a prize drawing for every completed punch card, so get your new library cards ready and bundle-up to beat the winter blues with us at the library!

In response to the unprecedented times during the past several years BPL went fine free in an effort to remove barriers and allow more access to our resources. After much research and discussion we have decided to move forward with a permanent Fine Free Policy, removing the burden of daily overdue fines. Patrons are still responsible for and will be charged for items that are lost or damaged. We're thrilled to be able to extend our resources beyond overdue fines and take another step towards making our library a welcoming and inclusive space.

Happy New Year & Happy Reading!

Brittany Jacobs,  
Library Director



## FRIENDS NEWS

Welcome to 2023! May this new year bring you happiness and good health!

What January brings for the Friends Organization is a **BOOK SALE**. Friday, January 20 will be open from 9-5 for paid Friends members. Saturday the 21st will be open from 9-5 for everyone, and Monday the 23rd will be open from 9-2 for a bag sale. Also, non-profit organizations may shop for free from 11-2 on Monday.

All genres of books will be on sale, and you never know what else you might find at a great price!

If you wish to volunteer at the sale, set-up will be from 9 until finished on January 19. Volunteer help inside the book sale assisting customers and keeping the books neat and cashiers are needed all times of the sale. We will remove the books from the room beginning at 2 on Monday until finished. If you wish to help, there will be a sign-up sheet in Footnotes. Just note your name and the shift or shifts you wish to work.

Happy Book Sale!

Cindy Murphy  
Book Distribution Chair



# JANUARY EVENTS

## ALL AGES PROGRAMS

### WINTER READING PROGRAM

**January 16 - February 28**

This year's Winter Reading Program kicks off 2023 with new library card designs, a permanent fine free policy and our fabulous collection of over 160,000 circulating items!! Stop by the library to swap out your old card with a fresh new one (FREE card replacement), sign up for winter reading and for every punch card you complete you'll be entered into a prize drawing.

### FAMILY NIGHT UNPLUGGED: FORT NIGHT!

**January 20 || 6:00 PM**

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. This month, we will be building blanket forts around the library, sharing stories, and playing hide and go seek in the dark! Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### BRICK MASTERS

**January 7 and 21 || 10:00-11:00 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 To Give initiative, and for every magical creation built and shared online with #BuildToGive, LEGO will donate a set of their bricks to kids in need. Make something magical and make someone's holiday season! No registration required; open to children in grades K and up.

### BABYGARTEN

**January 18 and 25 || 5:30-6 PM**

**January 19 and 26 || 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.

### STORYTIME

**January 19 || 6 PM via Zoom**

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!

### MINDFULLY ME

**January 20 and 27 || 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

**January 16, 23, and 30 || 6:00 PM**

**January 17, 24, and 31 || 10:00 AM**

**January 18 and 25 || 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.

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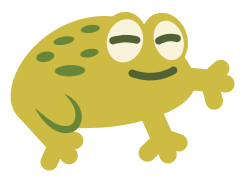
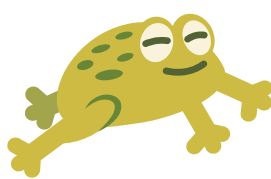
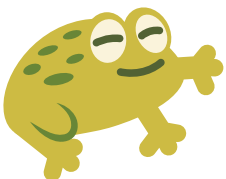
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### ART EXPLORERS

**January 20 and 27 || 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.



## TWEEN PROGRAMS

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### WINTER WONDERLAND

**January 17 || 6 PM**

Come and Celebrate all things snow! We will be creating our own snowflakes and winter slime, and having fun playing a snow game together. This program is geared toward kids in grades 3-7, and registration is encouraged.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

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### TICOS

**January 5 || 4:30-7 PM**

TICOS is a Junior Optimist Club with a library focus. TICOS stands for Teens Inspiring Change, Optimism & Service and is open to students in 6-12th grades. We meet monthly and usually have an activity or service project. This meeting counts as volunteer time. No registration necessary.

### TEEN D&D

**January 12 || 6-7:45 PM**

Calling all teen adventurers! Join Dungeon Master Norah for an exciting evening of Teen Dungeons and Dragons! This special event is sure to be an unforgettable journey. Come experience the thrill of exploring a magical world, creating your own character, and working together to achieve victory. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to have fun, build friendships, and sharpen your problem-solving skills. Sign up today and prepare for an adventure like no other! Please Register.

### NETWORK NIRVANA MINECRAFT

**January 19 || 6-7:45 PM**

The First Storm: The Season of Arcana begins with a grumble as the first Polterstorm makes landfall in NirvanaOnline. Players will head to the flying city of Ikarus to take down a Polterstorm in the newly-opened Pathfinder Canton. In addition to this new activity, players can explore this all-new district and engage with a new Game Update that seeks to make NirvanaOnline even more accessible to new and veteran players alike! Please Register.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

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### FIRST FRIDAY: MILITARY PATCH COLLECTING

**January 6 || 10 AM**

Brian McAtee's hobby of collecting military patches has delved him into historical research, collecting personal stories, and creating medal displays to honor individual veterans. Brian's enthusiasm and reverence for veterans and their stories is palpable in his presentation.

## THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

**January 7 || 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 notable performers from the Opera House, Memorial Auditorium & Steamboat Days! No registration required; all are welcome.

### CHESS CLUB

**January 7 & 21 || 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.

### DROP-IN TECH HELP

**January 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.

### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

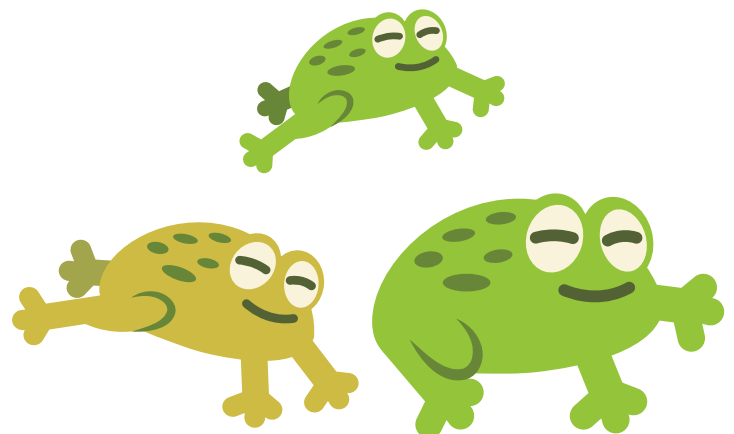
**January 24 || 12 PM**

This month, please join us as we discuss an Agatha Christie classic, "Mirror Crack'd (from side to side). Print copies are available at the Customer service desk. Both ebook and audiobook versions are available through Hoopla. Registration encouraged, please call or visit our online calendar to register.

### BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

**January 19 || 12-1 PM**

Join us as we discuss Five Little Indians by Michelle Good, which chronicles the desperate quest of five residential school survivors to come to terms with their past and, ultimately, find a way forward. The author is a Cree writer, poet, and lawyer from Canada. Print copies available at customer service desk, ebook and audiobook available on the Hoopla app and ebook on the Libby app. No registration necessary.





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