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AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

FRIDAY,
AUGUST 22ND
STAFF DAY

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations, Burlington! For the second year in a row you have successfully 'unlocked' 50 trees to be planted in our parks through your weekly reading check-ins! This is a fabulous accomplishment that will have long-term impacts for generations to come. The library runs on a June/July fiscal year, so we are celebrating all of the incredible moments from Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) this month as we look back over the last 12 months of service. Take a look at our highlight reel inside this newsletter and keep an eye out on our website for the annual report that will be published soon.

FY25 marked 140 years of offering free library service with the May 18th anniversary of Ordinance 21 establishing us as a FREE public library, yet it was also a challenging year as we lost funding on a federal, state, and local level. Thanks to generous support from our Friends of the Library and our Foundation we were able to offer high quality services, free for all, helping us to carry on with our 140-year tradition.

One of the best ways to support the library is to use the library, so thank you all for reading, learning, and growing with us this past year. Burlington has a gem in this library and the thousands of individuals that walk through our doors breathe life into this organization. A BIG thank you for the BPL staff and volunteers is also in order, as they keep this community hub rolling day in and day out. Here's to another year of connecting, learning, and imagining together at the Burlington Public Library!

Happy Reading,

Brittany Jacobs
Library Director

FRIENDS NEWS

If you are looking for something to do in your spare time and somehow to give back, think about the Friends of the Public Library organization. We need help in several ways.

- Help is always needed in the Footnotes Book Store. The store is open from 10-4 Monday through Saturday, with shifts running 10-1 and 1-4. It is an opportunity to help others find books they are interested in, to be around like-minded people, to help our organization, and sometimes to get some reading done when the store isn't busy! If you are interested in working in Footnotes, please contact Anita Wagner at 319-671-1512. You will need to fill out a volunteer form and submit to a simple background check.

- Help is always needed at the Book Sales held throughout the year. We need people to help set up, to help customers during the sale, to accept money, and to help clean up when the sale is over. There is a sign-up sheet in Footnotes at least two weeks prior to an upcoming sale which allows you to sign up for the activity you are interested in and the time(s) you are available. If you are interested in working at a Book Sale, please contact Cindy Murphy at 319-759-4855. You will need to fill out a volunteer form and submit to a simple background check.

- Help is sometimes needed in the actual Book Distribution area. Jobs included could be starting the processing of books, sorting books into the appropriate quality, categorizing the genre of the book, boxing up books, moving boxes of books around, and even picking books up from exterior locations. If you are interested in working behind the scenes in the Book Distribution Area, please contact Cindy Murphy at 319-759-4855. You will need to fill out a volunteer form and submit to a simple background check. Thanks for considering helping YOUR Friends organization out.

Cindy Murphy Book
Distribution Chair



AUGUST EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays, August 2 & 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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Taking a break after Summer Reading! Check for fall programming on our website.
burlington.lib.ia.us

TEEN PROGRAMS

NETWORK NIRVANA MINECRAFT

Friday, August 1 || 2-4 PM

Hang out at the library playing Minecraft with Network Nirvana. Players will have to work together to discover the origins of the evil plan and foil it before their spell consumes all of Nirvana! Bonus: Enjoy access to the Nirvana worlds all month. See BPL's website for details.

TICOS

Thursday, August 7 || 2-4 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. It meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month. We will be making plans for the upcoming school year and would love to hear your ideas. Join us!

ADULT PROGRAMS

FIRST FRIDAY: LAUGHTER & JOY

Friday, August 1 || 10 AM

August Green is a professional storyteller based in Eastern Iowa. He has been passionate about storytelling as an art form since his teenage years, often being told by those around him that the only thing he was truly qualified to do was talk. With a mission to bring laughter to all people in all places, August has dedicated his life to sharing stories that connect and entertain. Once being described as, "A modern day Andy Griffith blended with Garrison Keillor," August Green has developed a distinctive style that combines traditional storytelling methods steeped in Southern tradition while seasoning the pot with a distinctively Midwestern attitude.

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

Saturday, August 2 || 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 Terry presents "The Post War Boom Continues - Burlington in the 1950s" No registration required; all are welcome.

SPICY BOOK CLUB

Saturday, August 16 || 12-1 PM

In partnership with Thyme & Spice, the Burlington Public Library is excited to offer an opportunity to explore flavors, food, and make new friends in the library's spiciest book club. Each gathering will focus around a spice, and participants are encouraged to read a book that is in some way connected to its geography or culture. We'll gather in August to learn about Allspice, the dried berry of the Pimenta tree native to the Caribbean and Central America, sample it in foods and drinks, and share our books related to the berry or its native geographic area. No registration required.

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

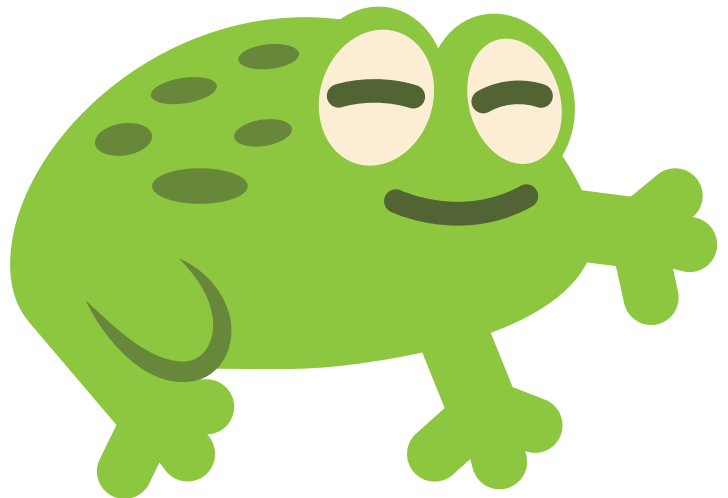
Thursday, August 21 || 12-1 PM

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!

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 26 || 12-1 PM

Solve the mystery of what to read next by joining the Mystery Book Club! This club meets once a 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. Our book for August is golden gate by Amy Chua. Please join us!



Connect - Learn - Imagine

July 2024 - June 2025

What a fabulous year! Thank you for connecting, learning, and imagining with us at the Burlington Public Library.



Library Visitors: 119,844
New Library Cards: 1,291
Total Registered Users: 19,272
Programs: 559
Program Participants: 16,823
Total Collection Use: 342,168
Inter Library Loans: 1,809

WiFi & Computer Connections: 56,877
Successful Retrieval of Electronic Information: 90,266
Website Visits: 63,300
Meeting Room Reservations: 4,565



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**Applications
Due:
August 15th**

Fall Internship Program



**Teens
Ages 16-18**

Intern Duties:

- Program and Outreach
- Lead a Project
- Marketing and Networking

September-December

\$575 for 60 Hours

Apply Here:



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