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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

NO SCHEDULED
CLOSED DAYS THIS
MONTH

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

FRIENDS NEWS

May is an exciting time of year in Burlington with the Snake Alley Criterium, the beginning of the farmer's market, and the giddy anticipation for school to let out. Here at the library we're busy putting the final touches on our biggest initiative of the year - summer reading! We're excited to host 8 weeks of exciting and fun-filled events, reading programs, and our first ever Read to Grow initiative.

In partnership with the City's Park & Rec. and Forestry Departments we are re-vamping summer reading and encouraging people of all ages to check in at the library this summer to credit your reading towards planting 50 new trees in the community. This exciting program will be the first of its kind, leading the way for libraries to help usher in a new era where in addition to championing reading with incentives, we're fostering community, sustainability, and a collective focus on the health of our environment now and in the years to come.

The Ancient Greek's said that, "a society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit." Tree planting isn't only for the old men as we're inviting the young and the young at heart to find new stories, make new friends and read to grow our urban canopy this summer at the Burlington Public Library. Registration opens this month; details available on our website - www.burlington.lib.ia.us

Happy May & Happy Reading!
Brittany Jacobs
Library Director

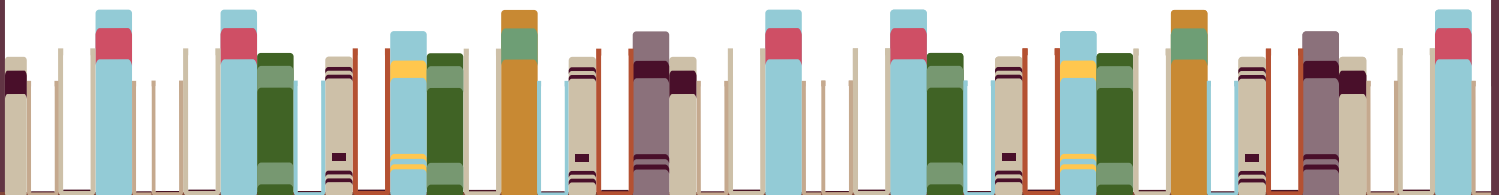
The May Book Sale will be as follows: May 15 the heavy items will be brought up from the basement. May 16 the books will be displayed. May 17 is Friends of the Library shopping day. May 18 is the public shopping day. May 20 is the bag sale until 2:00 pm, then taking the necessary items to the basement. If you wish to volunteer, please sign up on the volunteer sheet that is in Footnotes.

Thank all of you so much for the support you already provide. Simply being a paying member of our organization helps. Shopping at our store and book sales help. I know that many of you do much, much more than that. We just wanted to mention opportunities available for additional involvement.

If you wish to volunteer, you will need to fill out the volunteer form on the Library's website. Once a simple background check is completed, we will be given your name and someone will contact you about your desired volunteerism. If you have already done the volunteer form, then contact Footnotes and the correct person will contact you. Thanks for considering!

Cindy Murphy
Book Distribution Chair

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MAY EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28 || 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.

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays, May 4 & 18 || 9AM-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.

PETER FLETCHER; CLASSICAL GUITARIST

Monday, May 6th || 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of musical entertainment with a performance by Peter Fletcher, a classical guitarist.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BACK IN TIME

Saturday, May 18th || 2-3 PM

Back in Time is an opportunity for kids in 2nd-4th grades to learn how much our world has changed over time. As we go through the years from dinosaurs to saber toothed tigers, kids will get to explore their understanding of how things of the past are still important today. Join our Spring Intern, Sadie, for games and activities that explore the earth's creatures and their time on our planet. No registration needed.

TWEEN PROGRAMS

TWEEN TUESDAY

Tuesday, May 21st || 6 PM

Let's get growing! Come help us plant flowers for the library and take one home for your own garden!

TEEN PROGRAMS

TICOS

Thursday May 16th || 6:30-7:30 PM

TICOS, a Junior Optimist Club and teen library service organization for 6th through 12th graders, is meeting Thursday May 16th @6:30pm in the Teen Space. TICOS is a club dedicated to inspiring teens to make positive changes in their community and serve the library. If you would like to have an opportunity to help with plans for this area, we welcome the input. TICOS provides a great opportunity for teens to learn and practice leadership and service skills. We hope to see you all there!

SUMMER VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Thursday, May 23rd || 6-7:30 PM

Thursday, May 30th || 6-7:30 PM

Friday, May 31st || 3-4:30 PM

Want to get some volunteer hours this summer? How about the library? Teens 14-18 can shelve books and help with summer reading events. It's a fun way to earn silver cord hours! Just fill out the Volunteer Application on the library's website, then plan to attend one of the training sessions. At training, we make sure you know how to shelve books and we talk about schedules for summer. Not quite 14 yet but want to help? Consider joining TICOS, our Junior Optimist Club. This club is open to any student entering 6th grade in the fall through high school. Registration Required.

ADULT PROGRAMS

SPRING GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 3-5 ||
Check our website for schedule!**

The Spring Genealogy & Local History Workshop is a weekend of all things genealogy & local history, with a Learning Lab for 1:1 help, an exclusive book sale from the Friends of the Library, and two full days of workshop sessions - all free to attend! The Sunday Lock-In will be open only to registered attendees for 1:1 research & tech help, quiet study time and a special presentation on Iowa Fortepan.

For more information, call the library at 319-753-1647 or email nhalls@burlington.lib.ia.us.

Registration required for some presentations and classes associated with this event; Please visit our online calendar or call to register.

THAT'S YESTERDAYS NEWS: BUILT A PARKING LOT

Saturday, May 4th || 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 the evolution of Burlington's skyline and buildings. No registration required; all are welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY: IOWANS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Friday, May 3rd || 10 AM

Jeff Stein tells the stories of the famous and not-so-famous. From elected officials who prevented presidential impeachment, to record-setting athletes..from famous firsts to displays of strength and grace under pressure..these biographical stories are as inspirational as they are informative. Stories are culled from Stein's daily "Iowa Almanac" radio show.

CLUE CHRONICLES

Monday, May 13th || 5:30-6:30 PM

Join us for a night of true crime. Bring your favorite books, blogs, and detective skills to this open roundtable discussion of sources about famous true crime cases from the Victorian Era (approx. 1820-1914). Share your favorite fiction titles too as we collect clues to these real life mysteries. From Jack the Ripper to unsolved crimes in our home state of Iowa we hope to share theories, book titles, blogs and more, to add to your ever growing "TBR" (To Be Read) list. No registration required.

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 16th || 12-1 PM

Join us as we discuss Enter Ghost by Isabella Hammad. Enter Ghost is a story of diaspora, displacement, and the connection to be found in family and shared resistance. Print copies available at customer service desk, ebook and audiobook available on the Hoopla app and ebook on the Libby app. No registration necessary.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 28th || 12-1 PM

Mystery Book Club will meet on May 28th at 12:00 in the Create Space. Attendees are invited to bring a mystery book they are reading (or a favorite you've read) to share with the group.



YOUR FRIENDS ORGANIZATION HAS A FEW REQUESTS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER:

- We need a volunteer who would like to work selling special items on eBay. One of our previous sellers would be willing to help get the person started and give some limited assistance but is no longer able to do it full-time.
- We need sturdy people to help bring books and shelves from the basement on Book Sale Set-up Day and return necessary material to the basement following each sale. We also need people who are able to take the books out of the boxes and display them. And finally, we need people to work at the actual sale both helping customers and taking money.
- Volunteers to work in the Footnotes Shop are always greatly appreciated. It is fun and easy work, and you get to be around books for your three-hour shift!
- As you find you have books, CDs, DVDs, and magazines you no longer want to keep, please keep the Friends organization in mind to receive them. It is donations such as those that keep our Footnotes Store and Book Sales running.

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