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## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

NO SCHEDULED  
CLOSINGS THIS  
MONTH

## LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY  
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

## LIBRARY NEWS

## FRIENDS NEWS

On Friday, April 25th the Friends of the Burlington Public Library will host their annual meeting and dinner, and I do hope to see you there! Friends are vital support groups for public libraries, and our Friends group is not only a fabulous resource that has stepped in and is carrying the entire operations budget for the Programming and Outreach department, but they are a genuinely lovely group of people who make the library better just by being in it. As a library director, it is an absolute dream to have so many community members who choose to give their time, energy, and expertise towards the Friends for the betterment of our library and to ensure that our programs and events are always free to the public. With an average of 4,500 hours volunteered annually, the Friends set an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community. Thank you all for all you do and thank you for being a Friend!

Happy Reading,

Brittany Jacobs  
Library Director

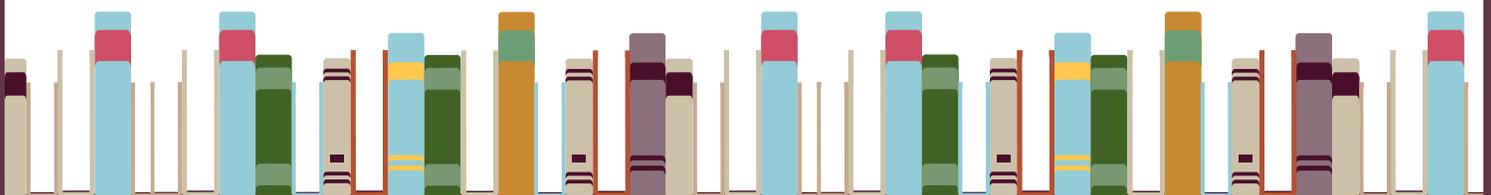
The Friends of the Burlington Public Library operates an annual calendar that begins May 1 and ends April 30. So April is an important month for our organization.

At the end of April we always have our annual meeting. This is a time for the membership to learn what we have done the past 12 months, and what we are looking forward to. In addition, board members are elected (or reelected). We also have a speaker and a dinner. You should have received an invitation to the meeting if you are a paid member. If you did not receive one, please contact the Friends.

This year, the annual meeting will be on Friday, April 25. Billy Sims Barbeque will do the catering, and several vegetarian options will be provided along with the usual meats. The speaker is our very own Library Director, Brittany Jacobs. The annual dinner is only for paid members. If you wish to attend and are not a member, memberships are only \$10 and can be purchased at Footnotes or when you make your reservation. Please note that a person must have been a member of the organization for 30 days in order to vote on the board member positions.

Also at the meeting, reports from each of the major divisions of the organization will be given. It is fun to see what we have accomplished in 12 short months!  
See you at the annual meeting!

Cindy Murphy,  
Book Sale Chair



# APRIL EVENTS

## FREE SHREDDING SERVICES

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## ALL AGES PROGRAMS

### CHESS CLUB

**Saturdays, April 5, 19 || 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.

### BEADS ON ONE STRING

**April 1 - 17**

**Thursday, April 17 || 7 PM**

Burlington's Art Center, Capitol Theater, Downtown Partners, Rand Trust, Rotary Club, and Public Library have teamed up with musician Dennis Warner to share his Beads on One String Project with our community.

The Beads on One String Project, named after the song and children's storybook written and sung by Dennis Warner, celebrates kindness and connectedness and has numerous ways to participate throughout April.

April 1-17, stop by The Art Center's bead-making station to design your own unique oversized bead that will be strung throughout downtown or drop by the Burlington Public Library to participate in or watch their 'What connects us?' interviews with local community members.

On April 5th, take a stroll along Jefferson Street and enjoy the Beads on One String story walk by Dennis Wilson, presented by Downtown Partners. To wrap up the celebration, attend a free concert on April 17th at 7PM. This will be free and open to the community where Dennis Wilson himself will put on a charming evening of music and storytelling at The Capitol Theater.

### WHAT CONNECTS US: TELL YOUR STORY

**April**

The Burlington Public Library has long been a place of connection by offering resources and providing access to new and emerging forms of information and technology, and this spring we're bringing our stories to life with a new initiative modeled on the international Human Library Project. Video interviews will ask participants, 'what connects us?' and will encourage us all to share our stories, passions, ideas. These interviews will be recorded, cataloged and held in the Burlington Archive as well as integrated within our collection so that patrons can 'check out' a person's story. By connecting with our fellow community members in this unique way we are not only preserving today's stories for generations to come, but we are bridging divides

and bringing people together for we have more in common than what separates us. People from all walks of life and folks of all ages are encouraged to come in for an interview, and we invite the community to celebrate our shared stories this April during the Beads on One String celebration week.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### BRICKMASTERS

**Saturdays, April 12, 26 || 10 - 11 AM**

Brickmasters is bringing a whole new meaning to LEGO building! Every second and fourth Saturday morning from 10-11am, 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.

### BABYGARTEN

**Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7 || 5:30-6 PM**

**Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1 & 8 || 10-10:30 AM**

Babygarten is an early literacy lapsit program for children ages 0-23 months with a caregiver. Each week we will be learning new baby signs, sharing caregiver tips, and sharing songs, rhymes, and a book. Please register!

### WIGGLE TIME

**Mondays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28 || 6 PM**

**Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 || 10 AM**

**Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 || 10 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 requested; please visit our online calendar to register.

## TWEEN PROGRAMS

### TWEEN TUESDAY

**Tuesday, April 8 || 6 PM**

Hop in and make a bunny banner to celebrate the spring season. Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### 3D PRINT CLASS

**Saturday, April 12 || 2 - 3:30 PM**

Learn how to use the library's 3D printers on Saturday, April 12, 2-3:30pm. We recommend that you create an account at Tinkercad, review the

tutorials found in the Resources: Learning Center before the class, and know your login information so you are ready to design and send a print to our printers. This class has a limited class size. Registration is required; please visit our online calendar to register.

## 3D PRINT LAB

**Thursday, April 17 || 6 - 7:30 PM**

If you visited one of our 3D print classes recently and would like to spend some time working in Tinkercad, stop in on Thursday April 17 for some printing time. New to 3D printing? We recommend that you create an account at Tinkercad, review the tutorials found in the Resources: Learning Center before the class, and know your login information so you are ready to design and send a print to our printers. No registration required.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### FIRST FRIDAY:

### ROSIE THE RIVETERS OF IOWA

**Friday, April 4 || 10 AM**

Rosie the Riveter was a name used to encourage women to go to work during WWII. They needed to take the place of the men who were fighting the war. Iowa had 55 businesses that used women to meet production of military needs. Linda was able to speak with 35 women who had worked as Rosie's. Some worked in Iowa and others went to the West Coast. She shares their experiences when she speaks. Linda will have copies of all her books for sale. The books are \$20 each and she can only take cash or checks. No registration required; all are welcome.

### THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS: MISSING TRACKS, MISSING TRAINS, & FALLEN FLAGS

**Saturday, April 5 || 10 AM**

Join local historian, Terry Abrisz, for some coffee, pastries and Burlington history. Terry uses the local newspaper to share the story of the community with a different topic each month. This month Terry is looking back at the lost railroads of Southeast Iowa and West Central Illinois. No registration required; all are welcome.

### BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, April 17 || 12-1 PM**

The magic of books is that they allow you to travel when you have to stay where you are. Join the Beyond the Book Club to explore new places, people, and culture. This group reads a selected book each month and meets on the 3rd Thursday at noon. No registration required; all are welcome.

### SPRING GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

**Friday, April 18 || 9 AM - 5 PM**

**Saturday, April 19 || 9 AM - 5 PM**

The Spring Genealogy & Local History Workshop

at Burlington Public Library is for anyone who: Wants to learn about genealogy and/or local history. Enjoys fascinating presentations from local, regional and national speakers. Is interested in browsing an exclusive genealogy- & local history-themed book sale from the Friends of Burlington Public Library. Whether you're a genealogy beginner or an experienced researcher, you're sure to find something for you during this FREE, two-day event. Don't miss our keynote speaker, Burlington native, author, Iowa Historical Foundation member and founder of Roots to Branches Genealogy, Ricki King! Registration required for Lunch & Learn sessions; please visit our online calendar to register.

## MOCKTAILS & ME TIME

**Thursday, April 24 || 4 - 5:30 PM**

Celebrate the essence of spring with our signature Spring Equinox peach mocktail, perfectly crafted for you to enjoy with your favorite person. As you sip this refreshing drink, immerse yourself in seasonal coloring pages, catch up on your favorite magazine, and indulge in other mindless activities that promote relaxation and creativity. Embrace the beauty of the season and take some time to unwind with us! No registration required; all are welcome.

## SEW WHAT?

**Thursday, April 24 || 6 - 7 PM**

Sew What is a beginner sewing class for adults. This class is for you if: 1 You haven't sewn in ages and need a refresher. 2. You have a sewing machine but no clue what to do with it. 3 You want to learn some new skills and have some fun. Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

## SPICY BOOK CLUB

**Saturday, April 26 || 10 AM**

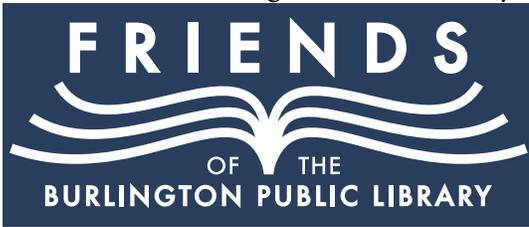
Explore flavors, food, and friends in our new book club. Each gathering will feature a spice, and participants are encouraged to read a book that is in some way connected. Lavender is native to the Mediterranean though now thrives in Southern Europe and the United States, though it is well known for thriving in France. Choose a book related to one of those geographic areas or to the spice itself, and come prepared to share your read and taste test some delicious treats. No registration required; all are welcome.

## MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, April 29 || 12 - 1 PM**

Our book this month will be Brass Verdict by Michael Connelly. This is the 2nd in the Lincoln Lawyer series. Just as defense attorney Mickey Haller's life is going back to normal, a Hollywood lawyer named Jerry Vincent is murdered and Mickey takes on the case of the accused, which could take his career into the big leagues. Haller learns that the killer may be looking for him and Harry Bosch. With danger mounting, Bosch and Haller decide to work together. No registration required; all are welcome.

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