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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

From a discussion with a documentary film director about a civil and human rights hero, to puzzle and seed swaps, your library is keeping you connected and growing this chilly, winter month. Bring by your old puzzles and swap them out for a new-to-you one, check out our bird-watching kit to get an up-close view of the Bald and Golden Eagles that migrate here for the season, join us for a book discussion in our Mystery Book Club and so much more!

Our library is a vibrant and exciting place to be! Your BPL team continually offers stellar events for community members of all ages and abilities, while hosting an environment that is welcoming and comfortable. Whether you're visiting for a story time, connecting with a friend, attending an event, printing off a document or researching your genealogy we're here and ready to welcome you.

Thriving community spaces, such as ours, are essential to healthy communities. While the world advances at break-neck speeds, libraries continue to think up creative ways to connect people with resources, encourage and promote learning for people of all ages, and imagine new and brighter futures. Thank you for your patronage and for helping to make the Burlington Public Library such an exciting and dynamic place to be!

Brittany Jacobs,
Library Director

Are you familiar with our Footnotes store? If not, you are missing out! The store carries nearly new books in most genres, CDs, DVDs, calendars, greeting cards, and more. Most books are priced at \$3 or less. We even have a number of children's books priced at 10¢, 25¢ and 50¢!

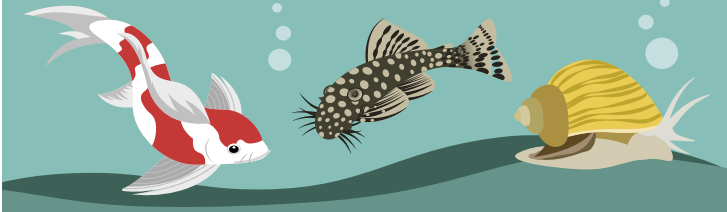
Ron Givens, the Footnotes Manager, frequently offers short-term sales of items. Watch Facebook and the pull-up sign in the lobby for details on those.

If you wish to become a volunteer in the Footnotes store, there is a volunteer form on the Library's website to fill out. That starts the process!

Whether as a volunteer or as a shopper, we hope to see you in Footnotes soon!

Cindy Murphy
Book Distribution Chair

CHECK OUT OUR IOPONICS LAB IN THE LIBRARY LOBBY!



FEBRUARY 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.

PUZZLE SWAP

February 4, 11, 18 & 25 || 9 AM - 5 PM

Have an old puzzle lying around? Swing by the library to swap it out for a new-to-you puzzle! Stop by the East side of the Customer Service desk to drop off your old puzzle (with all pieces accounted for, please) and grab a new one to keep you busy during the cold February days.

SEED SWAP

February 25 || 10 AM - 12 PM

Join us for Iowa's largest simultaneous seed swap! In partnership with Nine Square Feet, libraries across the state will be hosting a seed swap on February 25 to promote home gardening and "backyard food producers." We're looking ahead to spring by offering seeds for you to start in order to have a bountiful summer and fall. Iowa State Extension and local Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and share their expertise. No registration required; seeds available while supplies last.

FAMILY NIGHT UNPLUGGED

February 17 || 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'll be exploring the library's newest board game collection! Snacks provided. Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BRICK MASTERS

February 4 and 18 || 10:00-11:00 AM

Join us in the Storytime room for a fun morning of free building with LEGO bricks! Make something magical and make someone's holiday season! No registration required; open to children in grades K and up.

BABYGARTEN

February 1, 8, 15, 22 || 5:30-6 PM

February 2, 9, 16, 23 || 10-10:30 AM

Babygarden 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

February 2, 9, 16, 23 || 4:30 PM

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

February 3, 10, 17, 24 || 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

Mondays, February 6, 13, 20 || 6:00 PM

Tuesdays, February 7, 15, 21 || 10:00 AM

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 || 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.

ART EXPLORERS

February 3, 10, 17, 24 || 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.

STORYTIME @ THE HERITAGE CENTER

February 18 || 10:00-11:00AM

Come join friends from the library and the heritage center for a fun morning of stories and activities! Museum admission is free for this day, so bring the family on down, listen to stories, and explore the museum! No registration is required, and all are welcome.

TWEEN PROGRAMS

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

February 14 || 6:00-7:00 pm

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and it's time to show the special people in your life how much you care! Join us on Tuesday, February 14th at 6pm for a fun evening of activities specially designed for 3rd-6th graders. We will have a creative I Spy game, the chance to make a unique and thoughtful valentine for a loved one, and some delicious treats! Register now and don't miss the chance to share this special day with us.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TICOS

February 2 || 6-7:30

TEEN D&D

February 13 || 6-7:30

Gather your fellow adventurers! Join Norah for an evening of imaginative storytelling and adventure. All materials will be provided. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to explore a fantasy world and make friends along the way. Please Register.

NETWORK NIRVANA MINECRAFT

February 25 || 1-3 PM

NirvanaArcana arrives this February to transform NirvanaOnline as a whole. Keepers will be invited to attend a magical wizarding school at Briarwick Castle. Students at Briarwick will engage with a multitude of different classes and complete "assignments" for each to earn Grade Points. Successfully leveling up in each class will reward students with new skills, tools, and even new magical spells! Students will take trips to Wickhaven, the quaint village near the castle to engage with a number of new characters (outside of the professors and other students in the castle). Delve into the dungeons to enroll in Potions Class, or explore the dazzling depths that expand for miles beneath Briarwick Castle. Players will have a new collection of Strikes, Dungeons, Mazes, Arenas, and more to explore in NirvanaArcana. Lastly, a fire-breathing threat lurks in the skies and shadows around Briarwick Castle. Dragons descend upon NirvanaArcana in a new form of Wild Hunts! Players must band together to locate and eliminate these draconic threats in order to claim epic dragon-themed rewards and even the special Scalebreaker Supreme Title!

ADULT PROGRAMS

BE MINE VALENTINE

Feb 1 || 1 - 3:30 PM

Come join us to make Valentines! We will be making them for the community, nursing homes, hospice, & homebound patrons. You can also take some for your favorite valentine!

FIRST FRIDAYS:

ALICE'S ORDINARY PEOPLE

February 2 & 3 || 10 AM

Join us for a showing of the film, Alice's Ordinary People, on Thursday in preparation for a discussion with the Director, Craig Dudnick on Friday, February 3rd. The film is also available to watch for free on the library's streaming service, Kanopy. No registration necessary; all are welcome.

CHESS CLUB

February 4 & 18 || 9 AM - 12 PM

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS: CHEAP DATE NIGHT

February 4 || 10 - 11:30 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 cheap movies in Burlington theaters and inexpensive places to eat. No registration required; all are welcome.

DROP-IN TECH HELP

February 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.

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

February 16 || 12-1 PM

Join us as we discuss Don't Cry For Me by Daniel Black. Spare as it is sweeping, poetic as it is compulsively readable, Don't Cry for Me is a monumental novel about one family grappling with love's hard edges and the unexpected places where hope and healing take flight.

THIRD THURSDAY AT HOOVERS: LINCOLN & HOOVER

February 16 || 6 PM via Zoom

Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum Director, Dr. Thomas Schwartz looks at the lives and similarities of these two great presidents. As the past president of the Lincoln Library, Dr. Schwartz has a deep well of knowledge to share about these two great leaders. Registration required. Please visit our online calendar to register.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

February 28 || 12-1 PM

Our Mystery book club will be discussing Karin Fossom's, I Can See in the Dark. Please join us in discussing this classic! Registration encouraged. Please call or visit our online calendar to register.

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Winter Reading 2023

FEBRUARY 1 - 28

**Stop by the library and start your
winter reading journey today!**

