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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4TH -
LABOR DAY

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

If a picture is worth a thousand words, I'd have to write an anthology on par with great literary masters to capture the wonder and joy of our new wheat paste mural. Featuring photos from the BPL archive as well as the Hawk Eye's archive, Ottumwa artist Isaac Campbell pieced together a collage that showcases the rich history of our beloved community library.

Although wheat pasting was once an illegal form of street art, we are using it to tell our story in a visually appealing and unique way. By mixing together flour, sugar and water, about 30 volunteers helped to soak our east facing retaining wall with this mixture and paste up massive 25 foot sheets of paper. The result is a temporary masterpiece that has captivated the community, and significantly slowed down traffic on our driveway! Isaac tells me that, "traffic problems are the sincerest form of street art flattery."

In digging through our archive stories of the library's history have come up, and with over 100 year's of operation, there are many stories to be shared! Photos showcasing the library staff highlight the heartbeat of our organization and speak to the passion that this place inspires. Today we benefit from the vision of those who fought and forged new waters for us to be able to operate in our stunning 210 Court St. location. The center of our mural features previous Director Kay Weiss during the groundbreaking ceremony for our current building. This is my favorite piece of this artwork as Kay's photo is beaming at our current entrance - the library that she, the Trustees and community members envisioned and persevered towards.

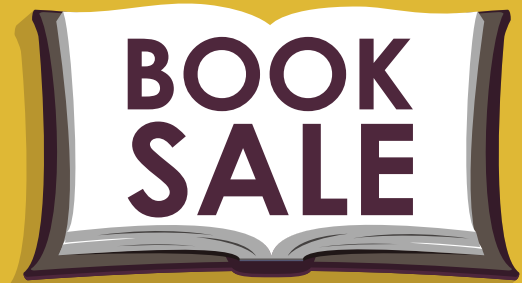
This mural serves as a good reminder that what we do today not only benefits us now, but impacts the library for generations to come. Libraries build community and communities build libraries. Thank you to Isaac Campbell for capturing our story in such a fabulous way, and thank you for engaging and supporting your community through the Burlington Public Library.

Happy August,
Brittany Jacobs,
Library Director



FRIENDS NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023



LOCATED IN MEETING ROOMS A & B

FRIDAY
22ND
9 AM - 5 PM
FRIENDS PREVIEW

SATURDAY
23RD
9 AM - 5 PM

MONDAY, 25TH
CLEARANCE: 9 AM - 2 PM



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays, September 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.

NETWORK NIRVANA MINECRAFT

Friday September 15 || 2-5

The Season of the Swashbuckler introduces all-new sources of loot, brand-new adventures, and an epic new pirate adventure that allows players to tell their own stories in whole new ways. A massive update to NirvanaOnline's central loot systems kicks off the season by bestowing players with all-new levels of power to help them access late-game content. Following the update, players will dive into RogueWatersOnline, a massive new pirate game world that's completely different from most other content in Nirvana. Then, in the later season we'll introduce a new Wonder Heist that takes players to Davy Jones' Locker and a new 12-player Vault that sees players go face-to-face with the Kraken of legend! This season is set to introduce some sweet new surprises and a refreshing level of variety like nothing we've released before!

FAMILY NIGHT UNPLUGGED: STUFFED ANIMAL FRIENDS

Friday, September 22 || 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 stuffing our own new stuffed friends, reading stories, and having a snack. Then don't miss out on next month's follow up; Family Night: Stuffed Animal Sleepover! Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

KINDNESS CLUB'S NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

Saturday, September 30 || 1-4PM

In recognition of National Good Neighbor Day, which is Thursday, September 28, join the library and our community to celebrate what it means to be a good neighbor! Kindness Club is kickstarting its monthly meet-ups with a drop-in program to make your own "Giving Plate". This program is open to all ages, and no registration is required; however, supplies for plates are limited so are available while supplies last.

KINDNESS CLUB ART CONTEST: NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

Entries Due: September 22nd

Display and Voting: September 25th- 30th

In recognition of National Good Neighbor Day the library will be hosting an art contest! Bring in a drawing, a photo, or one of the National Good Neighbor Coloring pages that represents what being a Good Neighbor means to you! Your art will be displayed in the Windows of the Create Space here in the library, and winners of each category will be voted on to win a prize! PLEASE HAVE ENTRIES IN BY September 22nd!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BRICK MASTERS

**Saturdays, September 9 and 23 ||
10:00-11:00 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, September 6, 13, 20, 27 ||
5:30-6 PM**

**Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28 ||
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.

MINDFULLY ME

Mondays, September 11, 18, & 25 || 7:00 PM

Join us for a fun evening 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, September 11, 18, & 25 || 6:00 PM

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26 || 10:00 AM

Wednesdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27 || 10:00 AM

Wiggle Time is a music and movement program for children ages 2-5 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.

STEAM EXPLORERS

Fridays, September 8, 15, 22, & 29 || 10:00 AM

Join us on Friday mornings for a morning of STEAM play and exploration. Whether we're learning about science or art, little ones will have fun participating in hands-on learning! 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

YOU GOT A PHONE: NOW READ THIS BOOK!

Wednesdays, September 6, 13, & 20 || 6PM

Do you have a child that is the new owner of their very own cell phone, or is your child getting close to getting their own phone? This is a huge responsibility for kids, and this book study is designed for kids and teens with a parent or caregiver to learn how to safely, responsibly, and appropriately explore this new area of independence. Each participant will receive their own copy of "You Got a Phone, (Now Read This Book!)", and each week we will do activities and have discussions on different topics related to phone use. This class is designed for children ages 10+ and their parent or caregiver. Registration is required and class size is limited!

TWEEN TUESDAY

Tuesday, Sept 19th || 6pm

Come join us to decorate a light bulb with your favorite design and then take it with you and let your light shine.

READY SET SEW!

Thursdays, Sept 14-Oct 12 || 6-7pm

Ready Set Sew! is a beginner sewing class that takes place on Thursdays from 6-7pm. The first session runs from September 14 to October 12 and is open to ages 9 and up. Students will learn about sewing machine parts, safety, and basic machine sewing techniques, and will have the opportunity to make simple projects. Session 2 runs from November 2-December 14 and builds on the skills learned in session 1. Registration is required and class size is limited.

ADULT PROGRAMS

FIRST FRIDAYS: GUITAR & FIDDLE MUSIC

Friday, September 1 || 10 AM

Join us for a morning of guitar and fiddle music with Forrest McCurren. Blazing his own trail while stylistically tipping his hat to the songwriting giants of the past, McCurren wields the magic of lyricism to cast a light on the many intricacies of everyday life set against vignettes of Middle America. Refreshments provided by Addington Place. No registration required.

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS: BACK TO SCHOOL

Saturday, September 2 || 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 history of Burlington's schools. No registration required; all are welcome.

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26 || 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

Thursday, September 21 || 12-1 PM

Join us as we discuss Last Summer on State Street by Toya Wolfe. Profound, reverent, and uplifting, Wolfe explores the risk of connection against the backdrop of racist institutions, the restorative power of knowing and claiming one's own past, and those defining relationships which form the heartbeat of our lives. Print copies available at customer service desk, ebook and audiobook available on the Hoopla app and audiobook on the Libby app. No registration necessary.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 26 || 12-1 PM

Our Mystery book club will be discussing Eight Perfect Murders by Peter Swanson. Print copies will be available at the customer service desk, audiobook available on the Hoopla app and audiobook and ebook on the Libby app. No Registration necessary.

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