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JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

JANUARY 1 -
NEW YEAR'S DAY

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

As we welcome in 2024 and reflect on 2023 there are so many things to celebrate from the past year. From thrilling events like Jurassic dinosaurs at the Port, to our First Friday series, and hundreds of story times, book clubs, and serendipitous meetings in the stacks, the library was a hopping place in Burlington this past year. One of the things that I think about often, but especially around this time of year, is that public libraries are charged with not just the lending of books but serving as a resource for the edification of a community. Over the decades the way that libraries have supported communities has morphed along with the rapid change in society, and no more evident than in the past years as technology has so thoroughly changed our world. Libraries have transitioned into the digital age with creativity by creating e-libraries (Hoopla & Libby), offering access to in-house technology, circulating hot spots with unlimited internet access, and including new technology into our programs like VR headsets in our Vacation Thru Time series. While technology has undoubtedly brought us closer together and created a global society where we can connect with people the world over in real time, ushered in medical advancements and a scientific revolution, it's becoming increasingly evident that in-person connections are still a vital piece of our humanity. How wonderful it is that the Burlington Public Library is able to keep people connected with all of our technological advancements, but at this same time is still a place for gathering and connecting with neighbors, friends, and community members. May we carry that spirit of connection into 2024 and continue gathering at the library to feed our minds and our hearts.

Cheers to the new year!

Brittany Jacobs
Library Director

FRIENDS NEWS

With the holiday season behind us, it is time to relax and think about new plans. We have a suggestion ... you could volunteer at the Footnotes Book Store! Each shift is 3 hours in length (10-1 and 1-4). The store is open Monday through Saturday. Once you are trained, you have the flexibility to sign up for any open slot on the calendar.

Trained! Is it that difficult? No! During your shift, you would help any customers who come into the store, write receipts and make change for purchases, and restock where books have sold. We do the training just so we all do things the same way. If you don't have customers, you can read a book, work on your electronic device if you brought one, or watch people come and go in the library.

If you are interested in volunteering in Footnotes, please go to the Burlington (Iowa) Public Library website, click on "Friends of the Library", then click on "Footnotes Used Book Store", and click on "Learn More" under Volunteer Opportunities. Then click on "Apply to Volunteer" and fill out the form. Once the background check is completed, someone will contact you about setting up the training.

Also, the January Book Sale is this month, and could use volunteers to set up or work the sale. Set up is on January 18; the sale is January 19, 20, and 22; and clean up is on January 22. A sign up sheet is in the Footnotes Store if you can help. Even if you can't help, hopefully you can shop!

May you have a Happy New Year, and thanks for thinking about volunteering and otherwise supporting the Library through Friends of the Library!

Cindy Murphy, Book Distribution Chair



JANUARY EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB

Saturday, January 6 || 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.

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 || 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.

FAMILY NIGHT UNPLUGGED: FORT NIGHT!

Friday, January 19 || 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 will be building blanket forts around the library, sharing stories, and playing hide and go seek in the dark! Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

STORYTIME WITH DENISE, BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

Friday, January 26th || 10 AM

Join us in the Storytime room for a special adaptive storytime with Denise Bean from the State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE BLIND OR PRINT DISABLED TO ATTEND.** Come learn about a different way to read, hear fun stories, and maybe learn a bit of Braille!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BRICK MASTERS

Saturdays, January 6 and 20 || 10:00-11:00 AM

Join us in the Storytime room for a fun morning of free building with LEGO bricks! The Burlington Public Library has partnered with the LEGO Foundation to participate in the Build To Give initiative, and for every magical creation built and shared online with #BuildToGive, LEGO will donate a set of their bricks to kids in need. Make something magical and make someone's holiday season! No registration required; open to children in grades K and up.

BABYGARTEN

Wednesdays, January 17, 24, & 31; February 7, 14, 21, & 28 || 5:30-6 PM

Thursdays, January 18 & 26; February 1, 8, 15, & 22 || 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.

WIGGLE TIME

Mondays, January 15, 22, & 29; February 5, 12, 19, & 26 || 6:00 PM

Tuesdays, January 16, 23, & 30; February 6, 13, 20, & 27 || 10:00 AM

Wednesdays, January 17, 24, & 31; February 7, 14, 21, & 28 || 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.

MINDFULLY ME

Mondays, January 15, 22, & 29; February 5, 12, 19, & 26 || 7:00 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 5 and up.

TWEEN PROGRAMS

TWEEN TUESDAY

Tuesday, Jan 23 || 6 PM

Bring the magic of winter inside and make a melted snowman magnet from felt and foam to hold your favorite pic or note. We will also make indoor snow.

ADULT PROGRAMS

READY SET SEW!

Thursdays, Jan 11-25 || 6-7 PM

Ready Set Sew! is a beginner sewing class that takes place on Thursdays from 6-7pm and is geared for adults who want an introductory class in sewing. Participants will learn about sewing machine parts, safety, and basic machine sewing techniques, and will have the opportunity to make simple projects. Registration is required and class size is limited. February will be a teen/tween series.

FIRST FRIDAY: GARDENING FOLKLORE

Friday, January 5 || 10 AM

Join us with Master Gardener, Mary Ann Hunter, to learn about plants and how to best take care of them!

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

Saturday, January 6 || 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 Civil War. No registration required; all are welcome.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

January 30th || 12-1 PM

We will be discussing Talking God by Tony Hillerman. This is the 9th book in the popular Leaphorn & Chee series. Print copies will be available at the customer service desk, ebook and audiobook available on the Hoopla app and audiobook on the Libby app.

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

Thursday, January 18th || 12-1 PM

Join us as we discuss Bird Summons by Leila Aboulela. Bird Summons delivers a lively portrait of three women who embark on a journey of self-discovery while grappling with the conflicting demands of family, duty, and faith. Print copies available at customer service desk, ebook & audiobook available on the Hoopla app. No registration necessary.

LOOKING FOR MITTENS!

December 26th - January 12th

Do you have mittens or gloves that no longer have a partner? We can use them! We are hosting a children's program and need some mittens! Specifically, mismatched ones. If you have clean mittens you would like to donate, please bring them to the customer service desk at the library. Thank you!

**GRAB A BOOKMARK
AT THE CUSTOMER
SERVICE DESK OR
CUT THIS ONE OUT!**



FROST FAIR EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

FROST FAIR

Monday, January 15th

Come Join the Wintery Fun! See what all the library has to offer while enjoying a flurry of festivities, like a Mini Vacation Thru Time, where we will explore the London Frost Fairs, demonstrations throughout the day of our children's programming, Sip on Hot Chocolate, make cold weather crafts, and much more!

VACATION THRU TIME: THE LONDON FROST FAIRS

Monday, January 15th || 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM

Join us as we travel back in time to explore the London Frost Fairs. Vacation Thru Time is an immersive history program that allows attendees to travel back in time and experience historical destinations. This trip we will be traveling back to the Frost Fairs of London. These fairs took place from the 17th century to the early 19th century. Come explore this historical winter wonderland!

ICE SKATING AT MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Monday, January 15th || 12:00-3:00 PM

Come skate at Memorial Auditorium! This is a FREE program hosted by the library at the auditorium specifically for the Frost Fair. Feel free to bring your own skates! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR RENTAL SKATES.** See the online calendar or call the library to register for skates.

ICE CARVING DEMONSTRATION

Monday, January 15th || 4:00-6:00 PM

Come see Ice Carver Rob Storm Make a Magnificent masterpiece out of Ice! This demonstration of frozen fun will take place just outside the main entrance of the library.

DISNEY'S FROZEN SHOWING AT THE CAPITOL THEATER

Monday, January 15th || 2:00 PM

Join us at the Capitol Theater for a FREE showing of Disney's Frozen! Come dressed up as a Frosty Ice Princess, a King of the snow, or even a fun loving snowman!

BUNDLED YOGA

Monday, January 15th || 9:30-10:30 AM

Join us at the Great Window in the library for our version of Hot Yoga! Come bundled in your warmest fuzzy socks and thermal leggings, maybe a sweater... or two to keep yourself toasty. We will be doing some gentle yoga stretches and guided meditations. No experience necessary!

TASTY TREATS AT THE FROST FAIR!

Monday, January 15th || 9:00am-6:00 PM

Did you know you could make candy with snow? Check out our Maple snow booth and learn how to make a sweet treat with just syrup, and snow in less than 10 minutes! Later in the afternoon, stop by and get some Hot Cocoa to help you keep warm while you watch the Ice Sculpture work his magic!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

**Monday, January 15th || Sign up open
December 15th- January 12th**

Interested in helping the library? Sign up to help with the Frost Fair! This is an all day event happening January 15th. The library will be hosting a full day of frosty fun and we need your help! Call or Visit our Online Calendar to register.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STORYTIME WITH MISS DONNA

**Monday, January 15th || 10:30-11:00 AM &
12:30-1:00 PM**

Join Miss Donna for a fun wintery storytime full of warmth and friendship!

POETRY SNOWFLAKES

Monday, January 15th || 1:30-2:30 PM

Every snowflake is unique, just like you! Join us in writing your own uplifting poem expressing the unique being that is you, then craft a special snowflake to put your poem on. Recommended age for this program is older elementary.

STORYTIME WITH MISS KATHY

Monday, January 15th || 3:00-3:30 PM

Join Miss Kathy for a frosty afternoon storytime full of wintery warmth.

NASA KIDS! ALL ABOUT AURORAS!

Monday, January 15th || 9:00am-10:30 AM

Learn all about the auroras found at the north and south poles, and enjoy crafting your own aurora! NASA/JPL California Institute of Technology Solar System Ambassador Mellissa Smith will be showing videos from NASA's Space Place, and teaching kids of all ages about auroras, what causes them, and what makes their different colors! See you there!

WIGGLE TIME WITH MISS ALLISON

Monday, January 15th || 6:00 PM-6:30 PM

Join us in the Storytime Room for a demo session of Wiggle Time: a music and movement storytime designed for toddlers and preschoolers.

FROSTY YOGA

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Join us in the storytime room for a demo of our Mindfully Me program: a 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 5 and up (grownups welcome too!)

TWEEN PROGRAMS

TWEEN CRAFTS!

TP ROLL SNOWFLAKES

Monday, January 15th || 4:00-5:00 PM

Recycle Toilet paper or paper towel rolls and make them into beautiful snowflakes!

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PERLER SNOWFLAKES

Monday January 15 || 10:30-11:30 AM

Drop in and make a Perler Snowflake with Library Intern, Becca! Turn your unique creations into magnets or hang up for Frosty Fun. Third Grade & up.

TICOS LUNCH

Monday Jan 15 || 12-1 PM

Library TICOS teens are inviting 6th-12th graders for pizza and Nerdflakes! TICOS is a Junior Optimist Club and service organization for 6th through 12th graders, dedicated to inspiring teens to make positive changes in their community and serve the library. TICOS provides a great opportunity for teens to learn and practice leadership and service skills. We hope to see you all there!

NETWORK NIRVANA MINECRAFT

Monday Jan 15 || 2-4:45 PM

Zombie Avalanche takes players to the fictional town of Glacier Canyon, Colorado to battle the latest zombie outbreak. Take to the ski slopes or fight off zombies at the Alpine Resort. Engage with the new Shivering Siphons or ride the rides at Sarsaparilla City. Glacier Canyon has all of the zombie survival action of Zombies In Paradise, with a few chilly new twists!

NASA TEENS: S(NO)W BIG DEAL

Monday, January 15th || 1-2:30 PM

We know about evaporation and the water cycle, but what causes the weather, and are there other forces at play? What, if anything, can be done to manipulate weather? How far ahead can weather be predicted, and how can we best use this information? Join NASA/JPL California Institute of Technology Solar System Ambassador Mellissa Smith to learn about NASA's many weather research programs and how they affect humanity now, and in the future, and what learning about Earth's weather has taught us about the history of other planets!

ADULT PROGRAMS

REPURPOSING LEFTOVERS INTO SCRUMPTIOUS MEALS

Monday, January 15th || 11 AM-12 PM

Regardless of whether you are cooking a home cooked meal or eating a large meal at a restaurant, you may go home with leftovers. Sometimes, eating the same meal day after day after day gets old. However, you likely don't want to waste the food by simply throwing it away. So, why not repurpose it? If you struggle to find new and innovative ways to eat your leftovers, then you've come to the right place!

NASA'S WEATHER WATCHERS!

Monday, January 15th || 3-4 PM

NASA uses satellites all around the globe to track, record, and even help predict weather patterns. This can be advantageous for several reasons—but specifically for what, and how does it work? Join NASA/JPL California Institute of Technology Solar System Ambassador Mellissa Smith for this NASA adult session. We will discuss the satellites currently studying weather here on Earth, and delve into the functionality of satellites orbiting our planet, and how they use their technologies to study weather.

FOREST MCCURREN

Monday, January 15th || 12:30 PM

Forrest McCurren comes from the heart of the heartland, where the foothills of the Ozarks meet the Big Muddy: The Middle-of-Missouri. 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.

SENIOR CRAFT

Monday, January 15th || 1:30-2:30 PM

Come make an adorable wood block snowman with his winter scarf. He is sure to warm your heart.

LEARN LIBBY

Monday, January 15th || 3:30-4:30 PM

Come and learn how to download, sign up for, and use Libby! Libby is a free library app that allows you to check out a plethora of materials digitally.

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