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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
VETERANS DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
CLOSING EARLY AT 5 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
THANKSGIVING

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

FRIENDS NEWS

Reader Voter Ready!

When you visit the library to check out a book, attend a program, use a meeting room, or just spend some time roaming the aisles you are helping to breathe life into a community hub. Even if you are a fully autonomous library user, never needing the help of library staff and never interacting with fellow library users, there is still value in being 'alone together' and building a quiet sense of community by sharing a space. There are many ways to participate in modern day society, and participation is key to a healthy community. The more time, energy, and resources we give to our shared spaces and resources the wealthier we all are. Our incredible parks system, library, downtown, and riverfront are all testament to the rich community spaces that we all have access to and have a responsibility to maintain so that our wealth compounds and future generations benefit from it. Thanks to the likes of big names like Crapo and the countless unheard-of names of people who championed, used, and helped to fund our shared spaces we now have access to multi-million dollar resources in our own backyard.

One of the best ways to support our spaces that bring us so much collective wealth is to use them, followed closely by exercising your right to vote. Our library, parks, pool, public safety, and so much more are all determined by the folks voted in during local elections. Tuesday November 4th is our next opportunity to vote in leaders that will help carry out the next chapter of Burlington's story. This election will call for voters to decide on 3 vacancies for Burlington's City Council, and 3 vacancies for the Burlington Community School District - voter information and a sample ballot can be found on the County Auditor's website. Be a reader, a voter, and an active-ready participant in our community this November and show up to make your voice heard at the polls.

Happy Reading,

Brittany Jacobs
Library Director

If you are thinking about the gift-giving opportunities coming up in the next few weeks, the Friends of the Library have an opportunity for you!

On Wednesday, November 26 from 1-5; Friday, November 28 from 9-5; and Saturday, November 29 from 9-5; We will again offer our best quality books for sale in Rooms A and B (and Footnotes) at the library. Hardcover books will be \$2, soft cover and paperback books will be \$1, and others will be priced as marked. This is a great time to pick up great books at an amazing price!

In addition to the great sale on newer books, we will also have an extensive selection of vintage books at special prices. Some of these books date from the 1800's! We will also have a large selection of children's books for \$1 or less. In all, we will be offering over 8,000 books for you to select from.

We hope to see you all at the annual Thanksgiving sale!

Cindy Murphy Book
Distribution Chair

We need your help! Please take a moment and tell City Council how valuable library programs are - citycouncil@burlingtoniowa.org

When the City cut all funding and support for programs in 2013, the Friends of the Library stepped in and have since paid roughly \$30,000 annually to ensure that BPL can continue to host high quality programs that are always FREE for all to attend. With a recent \$75,000 budget cut and additional proposed cuts for programming from Council, we need your help and support!



NOVEMBER EVENTS

STERLING LORD WRITERS AND READERS FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 8 || 9 AM - 4:30 PM

Join us for a day to celebrate hometown literary hero Sterling Lord with the Burlington Public Library Writer's and Reader's Festival! The day-long event will kick-off with an opportunity to talk with local authors and shop their collections. The afternoon will have several workshop opportunities and programming for a wide variety of topics related to reading, writing, publishing and more! This festival celebrates the writers among us and the reader in all of us. Check out the workshop schedule, and author showcase on our website. All are welcome; no registration required to attend as a learner. Authors; please register for a booth by visiting our online calendar.

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays, November 1 & 15 || 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.

MINDFUL MONDAYS

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24 || 6 PM

Join us each Monday evening in the Create Space to start your week off mindfully. Mindfulness is a practice that involves present moment-awareness and non-judgmental acceptance. Each week we will do a short mindfulness creative exercise, a short guided meditation, games, and tea.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturdays, November 8 & 22 || 9 - 10:30 AM

Join us for Breakfast Club in the Create Space. Enjoy a simple breakfast provided by generous donations and optional activities. No registration necessary, all are welcome.

VACATION THRU TIME: ANCIENT CHINA

Friday, November 14th || 1 - 5PM

Saturday, November 15th || 9AM - 5PM

Monday, November 17th || Noon - 6PM

Step back in time to Ancient China. Learn about two of the country's iconic landmarks; The Great Wall and The Forbidden City, as well as the famous Terracotta Army. Join us as we dive into the history, why they were built, and just what they were used for.

FAMILY NIGHT UNPLUGGED

Friday, November 14 || 6 -7 PM

Join us for Family Night Unplugged. This month is fort night! Join us at the library after hours with your family to build forts, enjoy snacks, and share stories. Hide and go seek in the dark to follow. Feel free to bring your own building supplies (sheets, clips, blankets, pillows, flash lights), or use the library's (supplies limited). Registration is required, please visit our online calendar to register.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WIGGLE TIME: LATE FALL SESSION

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25 || 10 AM

**No Class Veterans Day (Nov. 11)

Wednesdays November 5, 12, 19 & 26 || 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.

BABYGARTEN

Wednesdays, November 5, 12 & 19 || 5:30 PM

Thursdays, November 6, 13 & 20 || 10 AM

Babygarden is an early literacy program for children ages 0-23 months with a caregiver. We will be learning new sign language, sharing caregiver tips, and sharing songs, rhymes and a book. Please Register on our website.

BRICKMASTERS

Saturdays, November 8 & 22 || 10 AM

Brickmasters offers an open ended lego building experience for children ages 5 and up. No registration required!



TWEEN PROGRAMS

BRIGHT IDEAS

JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB

Tuesdays, November 4 & 25 || 5 - 6 PM

The Bright Ideas Junior Optimist Club is open to 3rd to 5th graders passionate about volunteering for the library and engaging with the community. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month, offering a chance to plan service projects and participate in group activities. Members can make new friends, learn the value of community service, and develop essential life skills. The club fosters creativity and leadership, providing hands-on learning experiences. Interested students or parents should plan to attend a meeting to join and start benefiting from this enriching opportunity.

TWEEN TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 18 || 6 PM

Join us for a fun and festive craft activity! We'll be creating adorable Wood Slice Turkeys complete with colorful feathers and a cute face. This simple and creative project is the perfect way to add a personal, handmade touch to your holiday decorations.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TICOS

Saturday, November 15 || 2 - 3 PM

TICOS is a Junior Optimist Club that doubles as our Teen Advisory Club. It is open to all students in 6-12th grades who want to volunteer for the library and in the community. We have a change in our usual schedule and will be discussing the Teen Space refresh. We welcome input.

READY SET SEW

Thursday, November 20 || 6 -7 PM

Ready Set Sew is a beginner sewing class for tweens and teens in grades 4-12. Learn how to use a sewing machine and make a simple project. Registration is required and class size is limited. This class meets every other month.

ADULT PROGRAMS

FIRST FRIDAY: THE SOLDIERS MUSIC

Friday, November 7th || 10 AM

Folk Singer, Storyteller, Musician and Music Historian, Mike Anderson brings the music of the American Civil War to life using Civil War era instruments of the men who fought the war. Stories of the formative years of the young man who became the 16th President will be artfully interwoven to create an educational, entertaining and memorable event.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Friday, November 7th || 6 - 8 PM

Friends and strangers alike are welcome to gather for our silent book club! Join us at Homestead 1839's barn (701 West Agency, West Burlington) the first Friday of the month to spread out, cozy up, and share in your love of reading. You can choose to socialize and share what you're reading (or not!) and enjoy mocktails and light appetizers. Registration requested.

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

Saturday, November 1st || 10 AM

Join local historian, Terry Abrisz, for some refreshments and Burlington history. Terry uses the local newspaper to share the story of the community with a different topic each month. This month, Terry presents "The 1960s in Burlington" No registration required; all are welcome.

BANNED CAMP BOOK CLUB

Saturday, November 8th || Noon - 1 PM

Join Burlington Public Libraries Board of Trustees as we read challenged and banned books. Each month, one of our trustees will host an exploration of books relating to a certain theme. For this month, choose a classic book that has been banned or challenged. Come join us to share about your book, and listen to others share about their books, and discuss common themes. Come with an open mind and be prepared to discuss the month's themes, the freedom to read, and specific banned and challenged books.

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

Thursday, November 20th || Noon - 1 PM

Join us to read a new book each month from unique authors. Books for each month are available at the Welcome Desk at the front of the library for check out. Check our website for future titles!

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 25th || Noon - 1 PM

Love connecting the dots and figuring out a good whodunit? From cozy mysteries to action-packed thrillers, there's something for mystery lovers of all kinds to enjoy with this book club. This group reads a selected book each month and meets on the last Tuesday of the month at noon.




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