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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

February is Love Your Library Month, and here at the Burlington Public Library there is something for everyone to fall head over heels for. From access to over 140,000 physical items available for checkout, to our robust digital libraries on the Libby and Hoopla apps we have stories galore for readers of all inclinations and ages! Our continuous lineup of free events brings people together for incredible learning opportunities where friendships are forged, and community is built. Our stunning facility offers breathtaking views of the Mississippi River while offering a warm and comfortable place to relax, gather with friends, work on a puzzle or dig into your family history.

For 140 years the Burlington Public Library has been a beacon of hope and a rich resource for all in the SE Iowa region. The BPL staff continues to work hard to maintain our robust collection of resources, offer relevant classes and events, and maintain a beautiful building for all to enjoy. I am so proud of our team of paid staff, Friends, Trustees, and volunteers who day in, and day out make BPL a place to fall in love with and they are what I love most about the Burlington Public Library. I'd love to hear what you love about our library, so please reach out and celebrate Love Your Library Month with me this February!

Happy Reading,

Brittany Jacobs
Library Director

Usually in this space, we talk about book sales. This month I want to focus on something different: the Footnotes Store.

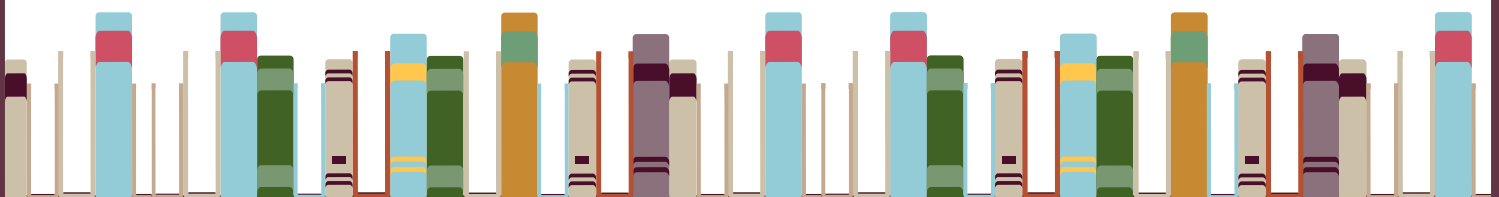
Located to the left in the lobby when you enter the library, Footnotes is open 10-4 Monday through Saturday. The store is staffed exclusively by volunteers. As with the book sales, money raised goes to help the library, usually with programming.

The store features gently used books (often, you can't tell they aren't brand new!), magazines, carry bags, cards, calendars, CDs, DVDs, and surprises. Our hardback books are generally \$3, the larger paperback books are \$2, and paperback books are \$1. Children's books are 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, or \$1. Books on the sales carts are \$1. Cards are 10¢. Magazines are 20¢. CDs are \$2, and DVDs \$2. Some items do not conform to these prices, but nearly all do. You can purchase a lot of items for very little money at those prices! We do only take cash or checks, though.

Frequently throughout the year we have featured items in the store that are of particular interest. These featured items are usually promoted on the library's Facebook page.

Next time you are in the library, stop by the store and see what you need to add to your book collection!

Cindy Murphy,
Book Sale Chair



FEBRUARY EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays, February 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.

COMMUNITY VALENTINES

Thursday, February 6 || 3 - 5 PM

This program is a great way to give back to the community while making fun crafts! Create valentines day cards for people who are homebound, seniors in living facilities, and anyone else who could use a pick-me up. No registration required, all are welcome.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BRICKMASTERS

Saturday, February 8, 22 || 10 AM

Brickmasters is bringing a whole new meaning to LEGO building! Brickmasters offers a unique and creative LEGO building experience for kids in K+. Come join us and explore your inner creativity! Don't miss out on the fun - come and join us for a morning of LEGO building! No registration is required!

BABYGARTEN: SPRING 1 SESSION

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26 || 5:30-6 PM

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 || 10-10:30 AM

Babygarden is an early literacy program for children ages 0-23 months with a caregiver. Each week in this 6 week session 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: SPRING 1 SESSION

Mondays, February 10, 17, 24 || 6 PM

Tuesdays, February 11, 18, 25 || 10 AM

Wednesdays, February 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.

TWEEN PROGRAMS

TWEEN TUESDAY

Tuesday, February 11 || 6 PM

Come and make colorful friendship bracelets and share them with people you care about. Fun string and decorations will be provided to make these the most exciting friendship bracelets you can come up with! Registration is required, please call or visit our online calendar to register.

READY SET SEW!

Thursday, February 13 || 6 - 7 PM

Ready Set Sew is a beginner sewing class for tween 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 monthly.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TICOS

Tuesday, February 6 || 6:30 - 7:30 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. It meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month and usually has a second event/project sometime in the month.

RPG NIGHT

Tuesday, February 20 || 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Role Playing Games are a fun and creative way to do active storytelling. Join us in the Create Space to play D&D or other RPG's.

ADULT PROGRAMS

FIRST FRIDAY:

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

Friday, February 7 || 10 AM

Did you know that Iowa was the first state in the country to integrate its public school system, and that it did so in 1868? This and so much more is part of Iowa's wealth of African American history! From York, the first African American to enter Iowa and member of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and into the present day, this presentation explores how Black history is Iowa's history.

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

Saturday, February 1 || 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 previous generations' not so proud moments. No registration required; all are welcome.

MOCKTAILS AND ME TIME

Thursday, February 13th || 4 - 6 PM

Join us for Mocktails and relaxing activities! This month enjoy the sweet, bubbly and super cute pink drink with your favorite person. While you sip you can enjoy seasonal coloring pages, card games, and other relaxing activities. No Registration Required!

SPICY BOOK CLUB

Saturday, February 22 || 10 - 11:30 AM

Explore flavors, foods, and friends in our new Spicy Book Club. Each meeting will feature a spice and participants are encouraged to read a book that is in some way connected. We'll gather to learn about the aromatic world of spices and sample delicious foods and drinks together. Hailing from the India subcontinent and Indonesia, Cardamom is our first featured herb that is commonly used to spice foods in Asia, the Middle East, and Scandinavia. 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.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 25 || 12 - 1 PM

Our February book is *Murder Past Due* by Miranda James. A brief summary: "A famous author returns to his hometown and is murdered. It's up to Charlie Harris, the town's librarian, and his cat Diesel, to find the killer before the wrong person is arrested for the crime. The trouble is, every last one of Charlie's friends and coworkers had a score to settle with the novelist." All are welcome!

SEW WHAT?

Thursday, February 27 || 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.



LIBRARY BOARD NEWS

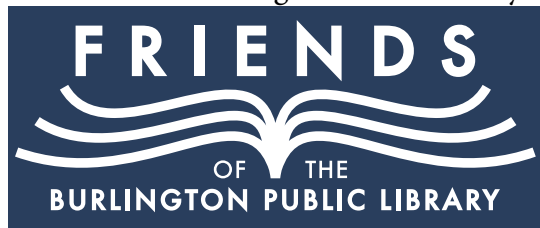
Did you know that Libraries are a key partner in addressing social determinants of health?

Libraries play a critical role in improving the social determinants of health by providing equitable access to resources and services that address the broader conditions influencing well-being. By offering free access to education, job training, and technology, libraries help reduce economic disparities and empower individuals to secure stable employment and income—key drivers of health outcomes. Libraries also offer programming that supports literacy, digital skills, and lifelong learning, which directly impacts individuals' ability to navigate healthcare systems, access reliable health information, and make informed decisions about their health.

Beyond these resources, our library serves as safe, inclusive spaces that foster social connection and reduce isolation, an often-overlooked determinant of mental health. Our library provides free programs like nutrition workshops, and mental health resources, ensuring that health education is accessible to all. The Burlington Public Library also connects patrons with local social services, addressing immediate needs that impact physical and mental health. By bridging gaps in access and reducing barriers, libraries are vital community partners in promoting health equity and improving overall community well-being.

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