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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

SEPTEMBER 2,
LABOR DAY

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

FRIENDS NEWS

With over 150,000 physical items and another 100,000 digital items for public use, the Burlington Public Library has something of interest for everyone. Seasoned library staff who continually attend training, six of whom have master's degrees in library or information science, help to curate this vast collection of resources that is made available to the Greater Burlington public. There is a theory of library science proposed by S.R. Ranganathan in 1931 that states the following:

**Books are for use
Every reader his/her book
Every book its reader
Save the time of the reader
The library is a growing organism**

This September 22nd-28th is nationally known as Banned Books Week, and is a time to celebrate the freedom to read. Ranganathan's five points are a good reminder that while we have a massive collection at BPL that surely has something in it for everyone - every reader his/her book - there are also books that will upset, offend, or simply don't align with everyone's ideology and beliefs about the world.

The ability to self-censor and decide that you do not want to read a particular book, watch a particular movie, or otherwise not engage with information is an important part of our freedom to read; and this choice is at the heart of a free and democratic society. If a certain book is not for you, then it must remain on the shelf because it certainly is for someone else - every book its reader.

For 139 years the Burlington Public Library has stood as a community anchor for the purpose of collective education and self edification by curating timely, accurate, and relevant collections of information for the public to access. Help us carry on this legacy by joining us this month, and every month, to celebrate our freedom to read!

Happy Reading,
Brittany Jacobs
Library Director

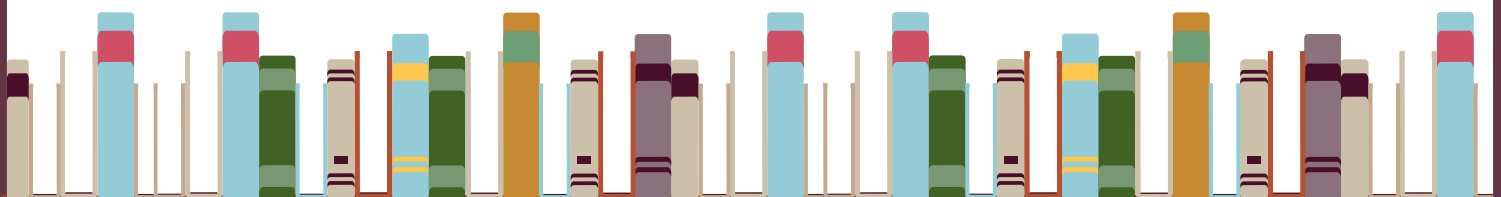
It is time to think about the September book sale. The sale will be open to paid Friends members on Friday, September 20. The public will be welcome on Saturday, September 21, and the bag sale will be on Monday, September 23. Friday and Saturday the sale runs 9-5 and Monday from 9-2, with nonprofits - including teachers - able to shop for free after 11.

If you would like to volunteer to help with setup or tear down, please do! I cannot make personal contact with everyone to ask if they are interested in helping, so consider this your invitation. We will do heavy setup (move shelves and tables, bring boxes of books up from the basement) on Wednesday. On Thursday, we will unpack the boxes and put the books out for sale. On Monday at 2, we will clean out the room for the next user. In between, we need people to help during the sale assisting customers and taking money. There is a sign-up sheet in the Footnotes Store if you wish to work. It is nice if you sign up so I know if we will have enough help at any given time.

Also, please remember that we are always happy to receive your donations in terms of books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and games. Your donations are what let us have the book sales!

Whether you work at the sale, purchase books, or just send kind thoughts our way, we really do appreciate all that our Friends members do!

Cindy Murphy, Book Distribution Chair



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24 || 3 - 4 PM

Bring in your iPad, Kindle, Chromebook, smart-phone 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..

CHESS CLUB

Saturdays, September 7 & 21 || 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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WIGGLE TIME: FALL 1 SESSION

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30 || 6 PM

Tuesdays, September 10, 17 & 23 || 10 AM

Wednesdays, September 11, 18 & 25 || 10 AM

Wiggle Time is a music and movement program for children ages 2-4 with their caregiver. Each week in this 6 week session 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.

BABYGARTEN: FALL 1 SESSION

Wednesdays, September 11, 18 & 25 || 5:30-6 PM

Thursdays, September 12, 19 & 26 || 10-10:30 AM

Babygarten 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.

BRICKMASTERS

Saturdays, September 14 & 28 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!

TWEEN PROGRAMS

READY, SET, SEW!

Thursday September 12 || 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, please visit our online calendar or call to register. This class meets monthly.

CRAFT STICK PUMPKIN

Tuesday, September 17th || 6 PM

Join us at the library to celebrate the arrival of fall. Add to your fall decor collection by making craft stick pumpkins with us! Registration is required; please visit our online calendar or call to register.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TICOS

Thursday, September 5th || 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. No registration required, all are welcome.

MINDY MCGINNIS WRITING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 18 || 9:30-11:30 AM

Teens and adults are welcome to join us for a writer's workshop in our Local History Room. From her website: "Mindy McGinnis is the author of multiple novels that span many genres. From historical to fantasy, contemporary to gothic thriller, you can always count on Mindy's books to deliver grit, truth, and an unflinching look at humanity and the world around us."

RPG NIGHT

Thursday, September 19 || 6-7 PM

Role Playing Games are a fun and creative way to do active storytelling. Join us in our Teen Space to play D&D or other RPG's. No registration required, all are welcome.

NETWORK NIRVANA MINECRAFT

Friday, September 27 || 2:30-4:30 PM

Something wicked this way comes... Baba Yaga is back, and this time she's brought a friend. Baba Yaga is teaming up with Marie Laveau to bring havoc down upon NirvanaOnline this Season. Players will have to work together to discover the origins of their evil plan and foil it before their spell consumes all of Nirvana! Season 27 of NirvanaOnline brings 4 large content drops, and a variety of smaller drops in between with the goal of improving the core NirvanaOnline experience! No registration required, all are welcome!

ADULT PROGRAMS

FIRST FRIDAY: IOWA ROCKS

Friday September 6 || 10 AM

Joe LeValley grew up in Dayton, Iowa. He used proceeds from a paper route to buy his first set of drums while in the 8th Grade, and has been playing in rock bands almost continuously ever since. Joe has been a member of numerous bands, and has had the opportunity to open for Dobie Gray and Kenny Rogers. One of his drum recordings received some airplay (a song written by T.C. Dakin of Posse). Joe was inducted into the Iowa Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame in September 2016 as a member of the Mourning Glory Rock Band.

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

Saturday, September 7 || 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 we'll explore the mystery of the Pilotless plane. No registration required; all are welcome.

WEST COAST SWING AT THE HOMESTEAD

Tuesday, September 17 || 6-8 PM

Join us at The Homestead in West Burlington (701 W. Agency) for a West Coast Swing basics lesson! No partner or experience required! West Coast swing is a modern style of improv partner dancing with roots in lindy hop. This dance is versatile across many music genres and is a great dance to start with, even if you've never danced before! No Registration Required, Come Join us!

MINDY MCGINNIS: AUTHOR VISIT

Wednesday, September 18 || 1-2 PM

Author Mindy McGinnis joins us to feature her newest book, *Under This Red Rock*. "Via a horror-tinged psychological thriller, McGinnis uses the lens of a whip-smart teen from a family with a history of mental illness to sensitively explore relevant themes. Striking a careful balance of dry humor and occasionally harrowing depictions of Neely's mental health challenges, McGinnis delivers a compassionate and gripping read." — *Publisher's Weekly*

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB

Thursday, September 19 || 12-1 PM

Join us as we discuss *Happy* by Celina Baljeet Basra. Set against the enmeshed crises of global migration and the politics of labor within the food industry, *Happy* argues for the things that are essential to human survival: food, water, a place to lay one's head, but also pleasure, romance, art, and the inalienable right to a vivid inner life. Print copies available at customer service desk, audiobook available on the Hoopla app. No registration necessary.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 24 || 12-1 PM

Our September mystery title is *Vanishing Edge* by Claire Kells. This is the first book in her National Parks mystery series. "The rugged landscape of Sequoia National Park is a challenge on the best of days-but when a park ranger discovers an abandoned exclusive campsite with an empty tent and high-end technical gear scattered on the shores of an alpine lake, the wilderness takes on a sinister new hue. Thirty-two-year-old Felicity Harland-a former FBI agent who left the service in the wake of a personal tragedy and has taken her skills off the grid-is brought in as chief investigator. As a federal agent with the Investigative Services Bureau, she tackles crimes that occur on National Parks unexplained falls, domestic disputes, and now a possible murder case..." No registration required, all are welcome!

SEW WHAT?

Thursday September 26 || 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 is required; please call or visit our online calendar to register.

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OF THE
BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



LOCATED IN MEETING ROOMS A & B

SEPTEMBER

Friday, Sep. 20th, 9 am - 5 pm
(members only)

Saturday, Sep. 21st, 9 am - 5 pm
(open to the public)

Monday, Sep. 23rd, 9 am - 2 pm
(clearance)

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