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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

NO SCHEDULED
CLOSINGS THIS
MONTH

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

LIBRARY NEWS

FRIENDS NEWS

This month on Saturday, October 12th we will join the City's Forestry Department to plant 25 of the 50 trees we collectively 'unlocked' this year during Summer Reading. What an amazing accomplishment that 1,486 people achieved by exchanging their weekly reading credit towards planting trees. With over 100,000 items checked out during June and July, not only were we engaging our minds with new ideas, but we did so in an environmentally friendly way. Each book circulated is a book shared, allowing us to use fewer materials and extend the shelf life of a given item. Typically, a book purchased by an individual is used once and then done. However, the life of a library book is exponentially longer as it's available for all 40,000+ of us in the BPL service area, and can be used many times over. Once a book has expired, due to damage, wear and tear or no longer circulating, it is given one last shot at a Friends' used book sale, or is taken apart and recycled. By adding trees to our urban canopy with initiatives like Summer Reading, and being conscious about our environmental impact by extending the life of a book and recycling the old ones, we are helping to build a better, greener future for the next generations. Thank you for your patronage at the Burlington Public Library, and happy reading!

Happy Reading,
Brittany Jacobs
Library Director

Thanks to everyone who made our September book sale a success. We appreciate all the help our volunteers provide as well as all the people who buy the books!

We have another opportunity coming up in November. We will once again do our Thanksgiving sale of Footnotes quality (nearly new) books. For our volunteers, we will do the heavy set up on Tuesday and will set out books on Wednesday morning. We will then be open for sales Wednesday afternoon, and all day Friday and Saturday. Clean up will take place on Monday. Dates are Tuesday, November 26 through Monday, December 2. The Sign-Up sheet will be in Footnotes shortly. Thanks for helping, and for buying!

Cindy Murphy, Book Sale Chair



NOVEMBER BOOK SALE

Friday, Nov. 29th, 9 am - 5 pm
(members only)

Saturday, Nov. 30th, 9 am - 5 pm
(open to the public)

Monday, Dec. 3rd, 9 am - 2 pm
(clearance)



OCTOBER EVENTS

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

DROP-IN TECH HELP

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 || 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, October 5 & 19 || 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.

SUMMER READING TREE PLANTING

Saturday, October 12 || 9 AM

Join us at the 2400 block of Bittersweet Place along with the City's Forestry Department to plant 25 of the 50 trees we collectively 'unlocked' this year during Summer Reading. What an amazing accomplishment that 1,486 people achieved by exchanging their weekly reading credit towards planting trees! Wear comfortable clothing that can get a bit dirty, as this will be a hands-on event. No registration required; all are welcome.

PUMPKINPALOOZA

Friday, October 18 || 1-4 PM

Decorate your very own silly or spooky pumpkin! A special thanks to the Friends of the Burlington Public Library for making this event possible. Space is limited and registration is required for a pumpkin; please visit our online calendar or call 319-753-1647 to register.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

WIGGLE TIME: FALL 1 SESSION

Mondays, October 7 & 14 || 6 PM

Tuesdays, October 1, 8 & 15 || 10 AM

Wednesdays, October 2, 9 & 16 || 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, October 2, 9 & 16 || 5:30-6 PM

Thursdays, October 3, 10 & 17 || 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.

BRICKMASTERS

Saturdays, October 12 & 26 || 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, October 10 || 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, please visit our online calendar or call to register. This class meets monthly.

TWEEN TUESDAY

Tuesday, October 15 || 6 PM

I want my Mummy! Come and make a Halloween mummy decoration. We will be making them from wood, paint and fabric to celebrate the spooky season. Registration is required. Please visit our online calendar or call to register.

TEEN PROGRAMS

TICOS

Thursday, October 3 || 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. We encourage all our teen volunteers to attend for event information.

RPG NIGHT

Thursday, October 17 || 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, October 18 || 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! All content is appropriate for all ages. Also available all month from home. See website for details.

ADULT PROGRAMS

(NOT THE) FIRST FRIDAY: DISASTER AT 39,000 FEET

Friday, October 18 || 10 AM

Please join us for a presentation by Enfys McMurry on her book "Disaster at 39,000 feet: How Small Town America Came Together in a Time of Crisis." Ms. McMurry has spent countless hours poring through accident investigation reports of the Federal Aviation Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reviewing newspaper accounts, and interviewing those who were there, those who still live in Iowa and Missouri and have memories of the horrific events that brought these communities together at a time of crisis.

THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS: DOWNTOWN BURLINGTON

Saturday, October 5 || 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 dive into the history of Downtown Burlington. No registration required; all are welcome.

SEW WHAT?

Thursday, October 24 || 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.

MOCKTAILS AND ME TIME

Monday, October 28 || 4-6 PM

Join us for Mocktails and relaxing activities! This month we will be sampling a mock-warm mulled cider. While you sip you can enjoy some simple fall coloring pages, card games, and other relaxing activities. No registration required!

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 29 || 12-1 PM

Our October book is Just Bones by Jeffrey Denhart: "Bishop, Iowa, seems to be a perfect picture of contentment with a special small town closeness until the discovery of seven skeletons during the demolition of a hotel. Bill Mullins, the medical examiner, finds a bullet embedded in one of the chest bones, and determines that the seven were murdered..." The Library's copies will be available at the Customer Service desk. No registration is needed; all are welcome!

LIBRARY BOARD NEWS

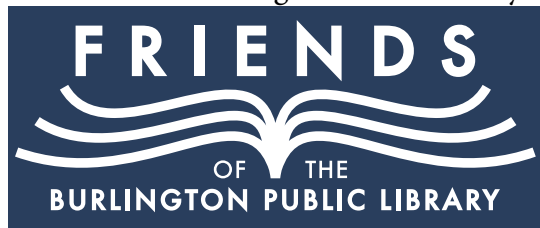
Hello from the Library Board of Trustees. There are seven of us on the board - Becky Godfrey, our chair, Don Schmidgall, our Vice Chair, Roger Hatteberg, Mary Weinand, Brandon Orth, Amanda Mansheim, and myself, Jennifer McMillan. As Trustees, we are the governing body for the Burlington Public Library and are appointed by City Council. Each of us serve a term of 6 years, and are involved in writing and approving policies, setting and approving the budget and related expenditures, strategic planning, monthly education, and advocating for the library in the community and with our legislators. Within the board, there are 4 committees - Building, Finance, Personnel and Policy, and Advocacy.

The Advocacy Committee's goal is to work for the betterment of library services in the community by advocating for funding, communicating with stakeholders and community organizations, and promoting library services to community members. Advocacy sounds like such a large task, but at the end of the day, advocacy is simply telling our story. When we tell the story of what we are doing here at the Burlington Public Library, and how the community is being served, we are advocating for its continued position in the future. Thank you for your patronage, and keep an eye out for monthly updates from the Advocacy Committee here in the Library's newsletter.

Genealogy Lock-In
Sunday, October 20th
12-4 PM



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