

# CHECK IT OUT

DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

TUESDAY 12/24  
CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY 12/25  
CHRISTMAS DAY

12/31 - CLOSE AT 5 PM

## LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY  
9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
9 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

# LIBRARY NEWS



# FRIENDS NEWS

As 2024 comes to a close, and I reflect back on the past 12 months here at the Burlington Public Library I'm filled with a deep appreciation for all of the ways in which BPL has created opportunities for people to connect with others, to learn about the world around them, and to imagine the futures before them. Thanks to funding provided by the Friends, we were able to host over 700 events that reached over 20,000 people! Over 300,000 items were checked out by the community, which includes additions to our non-traditional collection such as ukuleles, cake pans, memory care kits and more. Beyond the events and resources available for checkout, our building proved to be a valuable asset with over 4,000 meeting room reservations and over 100,000 visitors passing through our doors. The Burlington Public Library is a hub of connection, providing access to ideas, people, and resources. We are a valuable resource for people in times of need and when they're at their best. We provide service for newborns up to senior citizens. We offer access to the digital world, and expertise in learning how to navigate it. Public libraries are America at its best, and the Burlington Public Library is a shining example of a community-led organization that sits at the heart of the community. Thank you for joining us this year, and cheers to another fabulous year of connection, learning, and imagining!

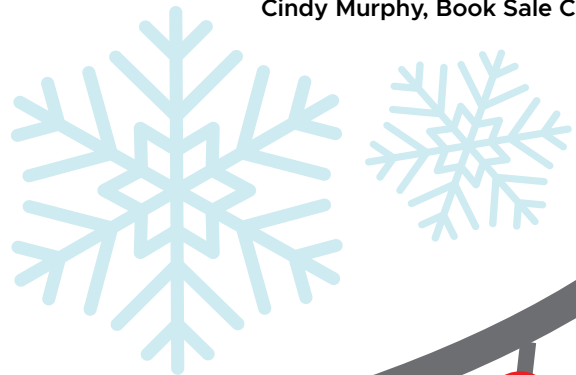
Happy Holidays,  
Brittany Jacobs  
Library Director

Happy Holiday season - however you celebrate!

Thanks to all of our volunteers, the people who donate books and other materials to us, and the people who purchase our books, either through the Footnotes store, or one of our book sales, Friends of the Burlington Public Library can celebrate this season too. We have had a great year and a lot fun bringing books to you. We are fortunate to have a great organization filled with dedicated people who believe in this library. What more can we ask for?

Enjoy the season, and we will see you at the January book sale!

Cindy Murphy, Book Sale Chair



# DECEMBER EVENTS

## ALL AGES PROGRAMS

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### TECH HELP ALL DAY EVERY DAY!

Technology help is now available during all open library hours! If you've got a new phone, an old computer, or anything in-between, bring your device and questions to the library's Tech Help Desk and we'll do our best to help you out. Do you need more tech help beyond a drop-in session? Call or email to schedule an appointment for one-on-one assistance. 319-753-1647 or email us at [lowaBPL@gmail.com](mailto:lowaBPL@gmail.com)

### CHESS CLUB

**Saturdays, December 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.

### BEL CANTO CHORALE

**Saturday, December 14 || 11 AM**

Get in the holiday spirit with a Bel Canto concert at the library. Join us at our great window overlooking the Mississippi as local singers serenade us with holiday sounds. No registration required; all are welcome.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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### WIGGLE TIME: FALL 2 SESSION

**Mondays, December 2, 9 || 6:00 PM**

**Tuesdays, December 3, 10 || 10 AM**

**Wednesdays, December 4, 11 || 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 2 SESSION

**Wednesdays, December 4, 11 || 5:30-6 PM**

**Thursdays, December 5, 12 || 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

**Saturday, December 14th || 10am**

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

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### FLOWER HOUR

**Tuesday, December 10 || 4:30-5:30 PM**

Flower hour at the library! Let's brighten up this winter with some flowers! Join us after school to learn how to make various flower crafts. From flowers made out of newspaper, tissue paper, tube cleaners, and more! This event is recommended for tweens. No registration is required.

### TWEEN TUESDAY

**Tuesday, December 17 || 6 PM**

This month we will be designing our own flour sack towels! This will make a great gift for a loved one or add to your own joy during this season of giving. Registration required; please visit our online calendar to register.

### READY SET SEW!

**Thursday, December 19 || 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

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### TICOS

**Thursday, December 12 || 6:30-7:30 PM**

Wear your PJ's and make Pop Tart houses this Thursday night at TICOS! 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.

## NETWORK NIRVANA MINECRAFT

Friday, December 20 || 2:30-4:30 PM

Kick off your Holiday Break at the library playing Minecraft with Network Nirvana. Players will have to work together to discover the origins of the evil plan and foil it before their spell consumes all of Nirvana! Bonus: Enjoy access to the Nirvana worlds all month. See BPL's website for details.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### FIRST FRIDAY: BHS CHOIR

Friday, December 6 || 10 AM

The BHS Choir, under James Flaherty's guidance, has prepared a performance that promises to inspire, uplift, and showcase the talented voices of the choir, inviting everyone to experience the power of music together. So sit back, enjoy the harmonies, and let the melodies take you on a journey!

### THAT'S YESTERDAY'S NEWS

Saturday, December 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's discussion will be on when Eagles and Hy-Vee Come to Burlington. No registration required; all are welcome.

### MOCKTAILS AND ME TIME

Monday, December 9 || 4-6 PM

Join us for Mocktails and relaxing activities! This month we will be sampling a Snowball Mocktail. This creamy coconut infused drink will quell your winter blues. While you sip you can enjoy seasonal coloring pages, card games, and other relaxing activities. No Registration Required!

## LIBRARY BOARD NEWS

Check out the Board of Trustees new advocacy page!



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