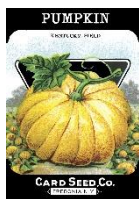


Ely Public Library – April 2018 News!

Register online at www.ely.lib.ia.us or call us at 848-7616 for our events



FINE AMNESTY- The next fine amnesty days will be **April 2-7**. We will accept all variety of seeds (flower, herb or vegetable) donations to forgive your fines. These donated seeds will then be a part of our Seed Lending Library Collection! Please call or stop in with any questions. Thank you for making sure your account is current!

FREE MEALS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 0-5 - The library is excited to host the "Gearing up for Kindergarten" workshop in cooperation with the Parent Education Consortium. Each workshop will begin with a free family meal, followed by a parent-child activity and ending with an hour-long workshop. Childcare is provided during the workshop. The workshop focuses on different aspects of children's development and empowers caregivers with resources to become their child's first teacher and help prepare children for Kindergarten. The workshop will be Thursdays from April 5 - May 10 from 5:30-7:30. **Registration is required and can be found on our Facebook page.**





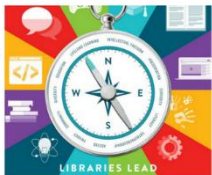
FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH @ AMERICAN LEGION HALL IN ELY WITH BINGO TO FOLLOW!

The Friends of the Ely Public Library will be hosting a Spaghetti and BINGO Fundraising event! Zio Johnno's spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and beverages will be served starting at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$6 for 10 and under and \$8 for everyone else. The Ely Legion will have their cash bar available during the

event. A limited number of dinner tickets will be available at the door, so be sure to purchase your tickets ahead of time! **Pre-sale tickets will be available at the Ely Public Library through April 6th. BINGO will follow the meal starting at 7pm and is available for all ages!** BINGO winnings will be 50% of cash earnings per game. The Friends of the EPL help promote and support the library in a variety of ways. For more information, call Sarah at 848-7616.



APRIL 8-14, 2018
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



CELEBRATE WITH US!

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK – April 8-14: This is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and library workers and to promote library use and support. From free access to books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining, libraries offer opportunity

to all. To celebrate National Library Week, we will be holding a **coloring contest** for all ages, as well as several prize drawings! Come all week long to enjoy some free delicious treats: **Monday** – freeze pops; **Tuesday** – fruit snacks; **Wednesday** - chocolate; **Thursday** – coffee/hot chocolate; **Friday** – cookies

BEANIE BABIES BRUNCH – Join us on Saturday, April 14th @ 10 am as we enjoy a delicious brunch, make new friends, and learn about local animals and their habitats. Each child participant will be sent home with their own Beanie Baby! **Registration is required for this event and will fill up fast.** Register online at www.ely.lib.ia.us or call 848-7616.



KALEIDOSCOPE PLAY & LEARN –Mondays April 9 & 23 from 6-7:30 pm.



Kaleidoscope Play & Learn is an organized play group for parents and caregivers with children ages 0-5 years! Play & Learn offers 60 minutes of child-directed free play and a 30 minute circle time where children have the opportunity to explore and learn through the art of play. This is a great opportunity for caregivers to make connections with other adults and support the growth and development of the child in their care through play. Registration is not required – so stop on by!

RELAXING, WRITING AND CHATTING - Do you like to write but never make the time? Let's get together and form a writer's group. Whether you like to journal, write poetry, fanfiction, blogs or something else, it's always nice to be social when trying to write. The library will share a writing prompt, and if you'd like, you can choose to incorporate it into your writing. We will write for approximately 45 minutes, then take another 15 minutes to socialize and share, if desired. Join Tracy at **4:00 p.m., Saturday, April 7** at the library. Bringing your own beverage and food to share is welcome, but not required. Hope to see you there!



PARKS & ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP – Save the date for Saturday, April 21st @ 8:30 am for our city-wide parks and roadside clean-up. Odie's will be providing a free meal following our work. For more information please contact Sarah at 848-7616 or Callie at 319-936-8056.

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS - Join in on our latest discussion! Our next gathering is **Tuesday, April 10th** from 6-7pm. For our next session we will read a memoir book or a book on true crime.

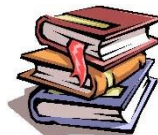




CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE DAY - May 5th - The Friends of EPL is sponsoring the city wide garage sale day. **Everyone** who has a garage sale is encouraged to register. **Registration only costs \$5.00** and the money is used to buy signs to purchase ads in area newspapers, provide printed sales maps and to place along area highways. **Registration forms are available at the library and on the library website. Please complete your form and turn it into the library by Wednesday, May 2.** Registered garage sales receive a poster identifying them as a registered sale. The maps will be available on our website May 4th. Thanks for making Garage Sale Day a big success!



CINNAMON ROLLS - It can be a long day looking for garage sale deals, so start your Saturday morning out right with a fresh baked cinnamon roll! The Friends group will be selling **cinnamon rolls, popcorn and shaved ice** to raise money for continued support of the library.



USED BOOK SALE - The Friends of the library will hold our annual used book sale May 5th during the Ely City Wide Garage Sale Day. Come early for the best pick of books. The sale will be in the meeting room and will start at 8:00 am. **We will offer an early bird sale on Friday, May 4 from 5-7 pm.**

FREE YOGA AND TAI CHI CLASSES OFFERED – Paula Bradway continues her morning yoga stretch on



Thursdays @ 8am. Paula has several years’ experience with yoga and has much to share. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. **Thomas Moore** has 30+ years’ experience with Tai Chi and looks forward to seeing you on **Tuesdays@ 8am.** To confirm dates classes are offered, please check out our calendar available online at www.ely.lib.ia.us. *Space size is limited, so first come, first served.*

MEDITATION – Pamela Read is offering free Mediation classes on Wednesdays @ 1pm. Please wear comfortable clothes and join us!

SCHOOL YEAR EARLY LITERACY SCHEDULE:



Toddler Time: Mondays at 10 AM. Toddler Time features stories, rhymes, songs, and interactive activities designed to get babies and toddlers acclimated to loving the library. Big siblings are welcome to join in the fun.

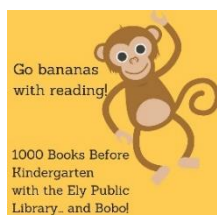
Alphabet Art: Mondays at 10:30 AM - Join us as we talk about our letter of the day, read a story, and do a craft using that letter. While this program is designed for 2 ½ -4 year olds, all ages are welcome.

Preschool Story Time: Thursdays at 10 AM. Designed for kiddos aged 3-5 but open to all, preschool story time is a half hour of books, songs, and activities followed by a craft.

Bedtime Books – Tuesday evenings from 7-7:30 PM: We’ll read some of our favorite new picture books. Feel free to come in your jammies!



Tuesday Tot Time: Children and their caregivers are invited to playdates on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in the library's meeting room. Come and go as your schedule allows! We will provide an assortment of toys and books for children to play with, and the rest is up to you. *****New to our playgroup rotation – an indoor bouncy house and ball pits!*** Please note: the main library will not be open at this time.**



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN – Ely Public Library is excited to celebrate our 2nd year of our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a national movement to promote reading with newborns, toddlers, and children and encourage parent and child bonding through sharing stories. Stop by the library to pick up your starter kit and visit back to redeem prizes, check out books, and share literacy tips.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM- Libraries Rock! The team at the library has been planning an exciting summer reading program! We will have programs and prizes for babies, children, teens, and adults – including daily youth programs at 2pm. **Summer reading will start June 1st!**



Reading over the summer is very important for children to maintain or improve their current reading achievement levels. ****SUMMER READING SUPPORT**** this summer we will provide reading support for children from 1-2 pm Monday – Friday. **Space is limited so please call 848-7616 to register.** We are also looking for volunteers to help us provide this support. Call Sarah at 848-7616 with any questions.

All programs are free and open to the public and we hope you can join us often. Sign up for the reading program, earn some great prizes, and get the most out of your summer by reading!

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP - We are looking for some good friends! We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7pm. Join us and learn how you can be involved!

FOLLOW US - Keep informed of all the latest EPL events by checking out our website at www.ely.lib.ia.us or following us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or Pinterest.

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Monday	9:00-8:00	
Tuesday	1:00-8:00	
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Thursday	9:00-8:00	
Friday	1:00-5:00	
Saturday	9:00-4:00	