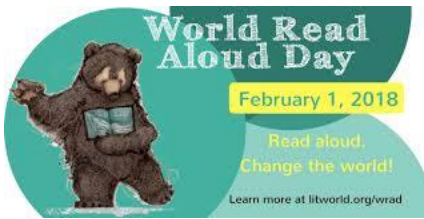


# Ely Public Library – February 2018 News!

Register online at [www.ely.lib.ia.us](http://www.ely.lib.ia.us) or call us at 848-7616 for our events



**WORLD READ-ALOUD DAY** – No need to cook on Thursday, Feb. 1. The library will be offering hot dogs and fresh popcorn during our 4-hour read-aloud marathon (4-8 p.m.) in honor of World Read-Aloud Day. Guests from Ely and Prairie high school will be reading both adult AND children's selections. Drop in and listen for a few minutes or for the entire time. It's up to you! This is a great event for both children and adults.

**WINTER READING PROGRAM** - Tackle the winter doldrums with our BINGO themed reading challenge designed with the whole family in mind! Complete a regular BINGO and receive a prize! This reading program will run January 1<sup>st</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup> so be sure to pick up your reading sheets early at the library.

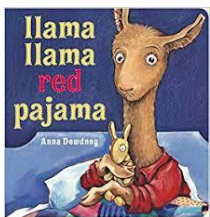


**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* KALEIDOSCOPE PLAY & LEARN – Every other Monday, beginning February 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm.**



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. Free play consists of multiple stations that emphasize different developmental areas giving children the chance to socialize and learn new skills. During circle time, caregivers and children will have the opportunity to sing, dance, read books and learn about community resources. 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. Play & Learn will take place at the Ely Public Library every other Monday from 6:00-7:30 pm beginning February 12th.

**CHILTON LIBRARY** – Through our GALE databases, you now have FREE access to Chilton Library. The Chilton database offers Service and repair manuals: model specific coverage with simple step-by-step procedures for the service, repair, and maintenance of your vehicle. Stop by the library today to learn how to use this FREE resource.



**LLAMA LLAMA PARTY** – Join us on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am to meet our special guest, Llama Llama from the popular children's picture book series by Anna Dewdney! This free event is open to all ages. We will read a Llama Llama story, and everyone will get to meet him and have their pictures taken. Be sure to arrive on time, because Llama Llama will stay until he's met everyone, then he'll need to get home to Mama Llama!

**SEED LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE** – Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm. Get a tour of the seed library! Check out garden seeds, our garden book collection, planting calendars and our new computer based seed checkout system! Connect with like minded local gardeners and get ready to garden!



**HOW TO HAVE DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS** – Heated conversations can be unsatisfying and emotionally draining. Learn some new strategies or brush up on your skills to handle these conversations in a new light. **Join us on Thursday, February 22nd @ 6:30 pm for this free discussion** led by Alison Oliver, from the University of Iowa School of Social Work.

**BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS** - Our next gathering is Tuesday, February 13th from 6-7pm. For February's session, read a romance book that you wish, or select one from our display!



**MASTER GARDENER SERIES** – Mark your calendars now for Thursdays @ 6:30 pm in March for our next series of free gardening classes. Topics covered to include: plants that changed history, beginning vegetable gardening, best annuals & perennials, ground covering plants, and pollinators.

## 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 a ball pit!\*\*\* **Please note: the main library will not be open at this time.**

**VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT** - We'll celebrate our friends and family on February 12th from 2-3 pm (No school for Prairie that day) by making heart trees. Join us for crafting and treats to celebrate the ones who stay by your side. All ages welcome, patrons under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



**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.



**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](http://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!



**THANK YOU-** We would like to thank everyone who donated to the library this past year. We are so fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful community and we appreciate you thinking of us!

**FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP** - We are looking for some good friends! Friends of the EPL help promote and support the library in a variety of ways. Join us at our next meeting on February 21 @ 7pm.

**Where else can you meet so many new Friends AND help the community?**

**SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS –March 12-16** - We have a fun Spring Break planned for you! All of these programs will take place at 2pm and are free and open to the public.



- \*Monday – Lego Lover's Building Bonanza
- \*Tuesday- Live Chickens Story Time
- \*Wednesday - Blank Park Zoo
- \*Thursday – Rick Brammer's Magic Show
- \*Friday – a recently released movie

**FOLLOW US** - Keep informed of all the latest EPL events by checking out our website at [www.ely.lib.ia.us](http://www.ely.lib.ia.us) or following us on Facebook, Instagram, Blogger, Twitter, or Pinterest.

LIBRARY HOURS		<a href="http://www.ely.lib.ia.us">www.ely.lib.ia.us</a>	848-7616
Sunday	Closed		
Monday	9:00-8:00		
Tuesday	1:00-8:00		
Wednesday	1:00-8:00		
Thursday	9:00-8:00		
Friday	1:00-5:00		
Saturday	9:00-4:00		