

Ely Public Library – December 2018 News!

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

GERI FIT EXERCISE CLASSES - We are excited to announce a **FREE** new health and wellness opportunity!



Classes begin January 14th and will be held on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8 am. Geri-Fit® classes improve strength, balance and arthritic conditions for people 60 and over. Additional benefits include increasing flexibility, balance and mobility as well as helping prevent osteoporosis. Register online at www.ely.lib.ia.us, stop in, or call us at 848-7616.

PINTEREST PRESENTS – Join us on Saturday, December 1st from 9am-12pm as we make several Pinterest inspired projects! The classes are free with supplies provided and the finished projects make great gifts. **Registration is required** so call us at 848-7616. Sponsored by the Friends of EPL.



GRINCH-TASTIC GATHERING – Prairie Schools are not meeting on Monday, December 3rd – so join us @ 2pm to make a Merry Grinch Mix to enjoy while watching the original animated movie “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY - Join us for this family fun tradition on **Saturday, December 8th** anytime from 10 am – 2 pm! Basic house structures, icing and candy will all be provided. However, feel free to drop off any donations for decorating! One house per family will be provided, with additional houses available for \$5 each. **Registration is required** to participate, so stop by or call us at 848-7616 by **Wednesday, December 5th**. This family fun event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ely Public Library.



WRAP AND YAP – Socialize while wrapping your gifts! This will be a great opportunity to get those “special” gifts wrapped without prying eyes! Wrapping supplies will be available thanks to our Friends of the Ely Public Library, but feel free to bring your own paper and/or embellishments. Wrap and Yap sessions are **FREE** and do not require registration. Mark your calendars for the following dates:



- * **Odie’s Bar and Grill** on Tuesday, December 11th 6:30-9:30 pm (adult beverages available for purchase!)
- * **Ely Public Library** on Sunday, December 16th from 2:00-5:00 pm (hot chocolate and snacks provided)



ELY’S WINTERFEST – Ely’s Third Annual Winterfest will be held on Saturday December 15th. The fun starts at 8 am with the Winter Vendor Fair and 5K fun run registrations! It is complete with a lit parade that night! Be sure to check out all the details on the Ely Winterfest Facebook page or www.downtownely.com. The library will be hosting the Chili Cook-Off from 11-1, Cookie Decorating from 2-4, and the LIVE reindeer will be in our green space from 10-1. Be sure to stop out and get in the holiday spirit!



NOON YEAR’S EVE PARTY –Friends of EPL will be hosting our annual family fun party to celebrate the New Year on **Monday, December 31st**. Walking tacos will be served from 11-11:30 with fun games following as well as a special countdown to noon activity! Be sure to register online or by calling 848-7616.



Chocolate Bingo: Ready for some fun and a little competition? We’ll be hosting Chocolate Bingo on **Wednesday, December 26 @ 2pm**. The prize? Chocolate, of course!

Chess & Board Games: Join us at **2:00 pm on Thursday, December 27th** to play chess or choose from our collection of board games. Snacks will be provided!

Friday Flicks: Join us **Friday, December 28th @ 2pm** for a recently released movie about a super hero family. Rated PG; 118 min. Special treats will be served.





The Friends of the Ely Public Library will be hosting another BINGO fundraiser at the Ely Legion! Mark your calendars for Friday, January 11th from 7-9 pm. Beverages and snacks refreshments will be available for purchase during this event.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP – Our next meeting is scheduled for December 12 @ 7:30pm. Join us and learn how you can make a difference in your community!



COFFEE & CRAFTING – Thursday evenings @ 7pm. Stop by and socialize while working on your latest craft project - knitting, crochet, scrapbooking, beading, sewing, etc! We will provide the space and coffee!

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS - Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 11th from 6-7 pm. Join us for discussion, recommendations, laughter, and fun.



FREE YOGA, TAI CHI & MEDITATION CLASSES OFFERED – Paula Bradway continues her morning yoga stretch on **Thursdays @ 8am.** Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat.



Thomas Moore teaches Tai Chi and looks forward to seeing you on **Tuesdays @ 8am.** Pamela Reed will be offering free Mediation classes on **Wednesdays @ 12:00 pm.** Please wear comfortable clothes and join us!

FREE MUSEUM ENTRANCES – We now have Library Membership to a couple of nearby museums that allow for FREE admission for your family! Our library membership allows for 5 guests to the Putnam Museum in Davenport and 4 guests (2 adults & 2 children) to the Grout Museums in Waterloo. Additional guests will be responsible for paying their own entrance fees. Stop by today to checkout/reserve the pass for your next family trip! This new service is available now through June 30, 2019!



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 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 - Bedtime Books is offered weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7-7:30 pm! We'll read some of our favorite picture books! Feel free to come in your jammies!

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS – We will also be closed the following dates: Monday, December 24, Tuesday, December 25th, Monday, December 31 (Except for our Noon Years Eve Party!), and Tuesday, January 1. Enjoy your Holidays!

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, or Twitter.

LIBRARY HOURS		www.ely.lib.ia.us	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		