

# Ely Public Library – January 2019 News!

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



**NEW LIBRARY SOFTWARE – ATRIUM** - We are excited to announce that in January we will have a new software system in place. This software is used to keep the records on library collections, patrons and circulations. After months of research and testing we have chosen Atrium by Book Systems. This new automated system has many new features and tools and will provide a more robust system for staff and patrons alike to interact with. **The library will be closed on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** for staff training on our new software. One on one sessions and how-to videos will be made available for community use to familiarize yourself.

**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.



**GERI FIT EXERCISE CLASSES** - We are excited to announce a **FREE** new health and wellness opportunity! **Classes begin January 14<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://www.ely.lib.ia.us), stop in, or call us at 848-7616.



**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 Meditation classes on **Wednesdays @ 12:00 pm**. Please wear comfortable clothes and join us!



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

**ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE VISIT THE ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY!** Come meet Elephant and Piggie from the Mo Willems books on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am! Dress as your favorite book character, hear amazing stories, make awesome crafts, and get your picture taken with Elephant and Piggie. All ages. Free and open to the public. Registration is not required.



## MEDICAL DISCUSSION: CHRONIC ILLNESS



High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, asthma, osteoporosis, thyroid disease, and any one of hundreds of other conditions is considered a chronic illness. We can learn from each other by sharing experiences, knowledge, advice and understanding. If you or a loved one has a chronic illness and you'd like to connect with others in the community, join us from 4:00-5:00 on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in the library meeting room. Registration is required. Call 848-7616, or RSVP on the library's website.



**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, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm. Join us for discussion, recommendations, laughter, and fun. The theme for this month is to read a book that has a non-human as the main character.



**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!

**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.**

**1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN** – Ely Public Library is excited to celebrate another year of our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! This national movement promotes reading with newborns, toddlers, and children and encourages parent and child bonding through sharing stories. Stop by the library to pick up your starter kit and return to redeem prizes, check out books, and share literacy tips.

**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!

**FINE AMNESTY** – The next fine amnesty days will be **January 7-12**. We will forgive your fines if you bring in any of the following non-perishable food items: **peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned soups, canned meat, canned fruit and/or fruit cups, canned ready to eat meals (stew, chili, etc.), or instant oatmeal. We will not accept any expired items.** Even if you do not have any fines, we will be happy to collect food donations. Please call the library with any questions. Thank you for making sure your account is current, we appreciate it!



**FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP** - We are looking for some good friends! Friends of the EPL help promote and support the library in a variety of ways. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 7pm. For more information, please contact us at [epfriends@ely.lib.ia.us](mailto:epfriends@ely.lib.ia.us). **Where else can you meet so many new Friends AND help the community?**

**THANK YOU-** We would like to thank everyone who donated to the library this past year. There were many memorials, donations of cash, books, snacks, miscellaneous material and items from our giving tree. We are so fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful community and we appreciate you thinking of us!



**LIBRARY CLOSING** – We will be closed on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for staff training and special projects.

**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, or Twitter.

<b>LIBRARY HOURS</b>	<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	