

Ely Public Library – February 2020 News!

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



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

Special guest Steve Doser will emcee the event!

EXPIRED LIBRARY CARDS – It's that time of year again when your library cards will expire. We do this annually to make sure we have your correct contact information. Confirming your contact information is quick and easy – stop in or call us today!

CURIOUS GEORGE VISITS EPL! - The library has scheduled Curious George to meet and greet children on Saturday, February 8. The visit begins with a Curious George story at 10 am. Following the story, we'll get to meet the fun-loving monkey himself! There will be time for everyone to give a high-five or a hug and have their photo taken with George.



WINTER READING PROGRAM - SNAP UP A GREAT BOOK! – Our new Winter Reading Challenge will take place during January and February! Take a picture of yourself and the book you just read or drop by the library and we'll do it for you. The library will post your snapshot along with your review of the book in five words or less. For each snapshot you will receive an entry in our prize drawings! Prizes awarded in early March.

VALENTINE'S COOKIE DECORATING – Join us on Thursday, February 13th @ 7 pm to decorate Valentine's cookies using the flood frosting technique! This class is for ages 12 and up! **Registration is required and class size is limited!**



COMMUNITY INPUT - As the library prepares for an expansion and remodel, input is needed from everyone in the community regarding the library's look, feel, and services. Please plan to drop in anytime on Tuesday, February 18th from 6-8pm to share your ideas about the future of Ely Public Library.

MASTER GARDENER SERIES – Mark your calendars now for Thursdays @ 6:30 pm in April for our next series of FREE gardening classes. Topics covered to include: 4/2 - Native Bee Houses, 4/9 – Straw Bale Gardening, 4/16 – Gentle Yoga for Gardeners, 4/23 – Micro Prairie Gardening!



COFFEE & CRAFTING – Tuesday evenings @ 5:30 pm. Stop by and socialize while working on your latest craft project - knitting, crochet, scrapbooking, beading, sewing, etc! We will provide the space and coffee!

LIBRARY CLOSING – We will be closed on Monday, February 17th for staff training and special projects.



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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 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:30 pm. **Where else can you meet so many new Friends AND help the community?**

GERI FIT EXERCISE CLASSES - We are excited to be offering these great classes for FREE! Classes are held on Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings at 8 am. Geri-Fit® classes improve strength, balance and arthritic conditions for people 60 and over. Call us at 848-7616 with any questions. Hope to see you there!



FREE GERI-FIT, YOGA, TAI CHI & MEDITATION CLASSES OFFERED – Library staff offer Geri-fit classes on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings at 8 am.** **Paula Bradway** continues her morning yoga stretch on **Thursdays @ 8am.** **Thomas Moore** teaches Tai Chi and looks forward to seeing you on **Tuesdays @ 8 am.** **Pamela Read** will be offering free Mediation classes on **Fridays @ 12 pm.** Please wear comfortable clothes and join us! *Space size is limited, so first come, first served.*



BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS - Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th from 6-7 pm. Join us for discussion, recommendations, laughter, and fun. The theme for this month is to read a book that is about poverty.



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, sing, 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 ages 3-5 but open to all, preschool story time is a half hour of books, songs, and activities followed by a craft.



Preschool STEAM: Celebrating children and learning through play! Join us on Thursdays after story time for preschool STEAM! Topics of play and learning will be Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math and are designed for kiddos ages 3-6.

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!



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN - If you would like to enroll your child in this free and fun initiative, ask the front desk for your welcome kit. **You do not need to live in Ely to register!**



TWEEN TEASER BOOK CLUB - Attention Creek and Point Kids: **Drop by after school every Tuesday from 3:45-4:45 for our Tween Teaser book club.** We will read aloud the first chapter of several books to see if we can get you to check out the book or place it on hold. We bet we will find some you can't resist. **Snacks will be provided** and there is no homework or preparation!

SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS –March 16-20: We have a fun Spring Break planned for you! Blank Park Zoo, a Magic Show, Chocolate Bingo, Lego Building Challenge and a recently released movie are all planned! These programs will take place at 2pm and are free and open to the public.



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: Sun closed; Mon 9-8; Tues 1-8; Wed 1-8; Thurs 9-8; Fri 1-5; Sat 9-4