

# ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## WINTER PROGRAMS

**December 2025 – February 2026**





# PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

## Gingerbread House Kits

### Pickup Saturday, December 6

To register please call us at 319-848-7616. Space is limited and registration is required. The cost is only \$5 and kits are limited!



## Winterfest

### Saturday, December 13 9am-3pm

Join the tradition for this fun festive day throughout downtown Ely! The library will have winter themed tattoos from 9am-3pm, crafts from 10am-12pm, and cookie decorating from 1-3pm.



## BINGO at the Ely Legion

### Fridays @ 7pm December 12, January 9, February 13

You won't want to miss out on the fun! The Friends of the Ely Public Library will be hosting another BINGO fundraiser at the Ely Legion!



## Silent Book Club Thursdays @ 6pm

Do you want to spend a peaceful hour with a book?

Then bring a book or borrow one of ours and enjoy a hot cocoa on us while you relax and read.

## Winter Reading Program

### December - February

Receive a small prize for each BINGO on the Winter Reading log. Those who complete a blackout will be entered for a \$25 gift card drawing! Stop by and pick up your logs today!



## DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Drop-in activities are designed to welcome everyone to the library with quick activities that appeal to all different ages and interests. One day there may be information on health and wellness, another day there may be a craft, game or puzzle. All ages are always welcome to attend and the day's activity will be shared on our Facebook page, website, and in our newsletters and calendars. Feel free to call 319-848-7616 for more information.

## DECEMBER DROP-INS

**December 1, all day** - Make a Holiday Countdown Paper Chain

**December 4, all day** - Make Your Own Notebook

**December 8, all day** - Decorate Your Own Paper Gingerbread Man

**December 12, all day** - Make a Paper Dreidel

**December 16, all day** - Create and decorate snowflakes

**December 18, all day** - Make a reindeer hat

**December 22, all day** - GIANT Winter Themed Word Search

**2 December 29, all day** - Complete a Color By Number



# JANUARY DROP-INS

**January 2 @ 10am** - Learn about Kwanzaa for the whole family with stories and activities.

**January 5, all day** - In honor of National Popcorn Day (1/19), the library will have popcorn available while supplies last.

**January 6, 5:30-6:30** - Join us at the library to play UNO. All ages welcome!

**January 8, all day** - Design a Bookmark

**January 13, all day** - Use the VR Headsets

**January 14, all day** - In honor of National Dragon Day, stop in to make a dragon.craft.

**January 15, all day** - Sculpting With Air-dry Clay

**January 20, all day** - Tiny Art Show make and display your masterpiece!

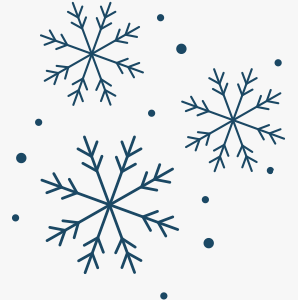
**January 22, 3-5pm** - Stop in and make mocktails. All ages welcome.

**January 23, all day** - Diamond Art Stickers

**January 27, all day** - National Ladybug day, make a ladybug craft

**January 28, 6 pm to end of game** - Play the boardgame Catan with the librarian

**January 29, all day** - Guess the number of marbles in the jar for a prize!



# FEBRUARY DROP-INS

**February 2, all day** - Learn about Black History Month by checking out our display & craft

**February 3, all day** - Celebrate Elmo's Birthday with a craft

**February 5, all day** - Take a quiz about heart health and be entered into a drawing for a prize

**February 10, all day** - Make Valentine's Day cards (adults too!)

**February 11, all day** - Make Valentine's Day buttons

**February 12, all day** - Abraham Lincoln's birthday activities

**February 17, all day** - Lunar New Year, make lanterns (adults too!)

**February 19, all day** - Random Acts of Kindness Day - the library will have lots of ideas for you

**February 24, 7:00-8:00** - Play the boardgame Ticket to Ride with a librarian (10+)

**February 26, all day** - In honor of National Fairy Tale Day, test your knowledge with our trivia challenge!



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS IN A SERIES

## **Toddler Story Time**

**Mondays @ 10am**

Toddler Story Time features stories, rhymes, songs, and interactive activities designed to get babies and toddlers acclimated to loving the library.

Big siblings are welcome!



## **Preschool Story Time**

**Thursdays @ 10am**

Come listen to stories, sing songs and make a craft! Preschool Story Time is intended for ages 3-5, but younger siblings are welcome to join the fun!



## **Music & Movement**

**First Wednesdays of the month @ 10am**

**December 3, January 7, February 4**

This time together combines music with physical movement. This includes singing, dancing, playing instruments, and moving to the beat.

# STANDALONE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## **Elf Movie Showing**

**Monday, December 22 @ 7pm**

Get your sugar on and watch the movie!



## **LEGO Build**

**Wednesday, January 21 @ 4-7pm**

Bring your creativity and engineering skills to design and build whatever your imagination inspires. This event is perfect for Lego enthusiasts of all ages.

## **Watercolor Affirmation Cards with Tanager**

**Monday, February 2 @ 11am**

Draw an affirmation card and create beautiful watercolors.



## **Valentine's Day Party**

**Saturday, February 14 @ 10-11am**

Celebrate today with crafts, treats, and games!

# TEEN PROGRAMMING

## **VR Headsets Wednesdays @ 5pm**

**Starting January 7th**

Try out the games and travel apps we have.

## **Board & Card Games Thursdays @ 5pm**

**Starting January 8th**

Stop by and play a classic game or learn a new one!

## **Teeny Tiny Art -January 29th @ 4-7pm**

Make your own masterpiece and display it!

## **Sweet and Crunchy Valentine's Day Party Mix**

**Wednesday, February 11 @ 6pm**

Make your Valentine a no-bake sweet treat!





# ADULT PROGRAMS IN A SERIES

## MONDAYS:

### Low-Impact Exercise Classes @ 8am & 1pm

Attendees select between an assortment of low-impact DVD guided classes, including Geri-fit.

### Cuppa & Conversations @ 9am

Bring your favorite morning beverage and join the conversations!



### Lunch with the Librarians

#### Second Monday @ 12pm December 8, January 12, February 9

A light lunch will be provided, but feel free to bring a side to share! Join your librarians in conversations.

## TUESDAYS:

### Tai Chi @ 8am

Come gather with Tom for a relaxing morning session of Tai Chi! Available in-person and via Zoom. The link for Zoom can be found on [www.ely.lib.ia.us](http://www.ely.lib.ia.us).

### VR Headsets

#### First Tuesdays @ 2pm December 2, January 6, February 2

Stop in to experience different travel destinations, play games or enjoy some exercise activities with our Virtual Reality Headsets.

### Chatty Crafters @ 5-7pm

Crafters are invited to bring their own crafts and socialize.



## WEDNESDAYS:

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### Cuppa & Conversations @ 9am

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### Books on Tap Book Club

#### Third Wednesdays @ 6pm December 17, January 21, February 18

#### House Divided Brewery

Join us at House Divided as we chat about what we've been reading each month! Enjoy some beverages and company in this low-key book club.



## THURSDAYS:

### Morning Stretch @ 8am

Join Paula as she incorporates elements of yoga for all mobility levels.

### Banned Book Club

#### Typically the fourth Thursdays @ 7pm

Join us as we peacefully discuss a challenged and/or banned book each month. We meet In person and via Zoom. Visit [www.ely.lib.ia.us](http://www.ely.lib.ia.us) for Zoom link.

- 12/18 - *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
- 1/22 - *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt
- 2/26 - *Balzac and the little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie



# ADULT PROGRAMS IN A SERIES

## FRIDAYS:

### Low-Impact Exercise Classes @ 8am & 1pm

Attendees select between an assortment of low-impact DVD guided classes, including Geri-fit.

### Friday Film Classics

#### Fridays @ 2pm

Join us each Friday as we view a classic movie!

- 12/5 - *It's a Wonderful Life* (2 hr. 11 min.) Not Rated
- 12/12 - *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street* (1 hr. 36 min. ) Not Rated
- 1/2 - *A Raisin in the Sun* (2 hr. 8 min.) Rated PG
- 1/9 - *Casablanca* (1 hr. 42 min.) Rated G
- 1/16 - *Breakfast at Tiffany's* (1 hr. 55 min.) Rated G
- 1/23 - *Citizen Kane* (1 hr. 59 min.) Rated PG
- 1/30 - *Psycho* (1 hr. 54 min.) Rated R
- 2/6 - *Laura* (1 hr. 28 min.) Rated G
- 2/13 - *The Women* (2 hr. 13 min.) Rated G
- 2/20 - *Meet Me in St. Louis* (1 hr. 53 min.) Not Rated
- 2/27 - *Roman Holiday* (1 hr. 58 min.) Not Rated



## STANDALONE ADULT PROGRAMS

### Counted Cross Stitch Class

#### Saturday, December 6 @ 12-3pm

Registration is required! All materials will be supplied. Beginners are welcome!



### Romantic Reads

#### Thursday, February 5 @ 7pm

Join us for this no-pressure book club! Talk about your favorite romance reads, what you're reading now, and get recommendations for your next favorite!



### Indie Lens Pop-Up Screening & Light Meal

#### *The Inquisitor*

#### Friday, February 20 @ 6pm

Thanks to a grant we received from iTVS and Indie Lens Pop-Up, we will be providing a FREE light meal prior to viewing the screening of *The Inquisitor*.



This screening explores the life and legacy of Barbara Jordan. Jordan was a groundbreaking Texas congresswoman whose sharp intellect and moral clarity transformed U.S. politics. From Nixon's impeachment to civil rights battles, her voice demanded accountability, while she privately faced struggles few ever knew of.

Following the screening, we will have a Q&A featuring local politicians, Molly Donahue and Kirsten Running Marquart.

# BE INVOLVED

## Be a Part of the Discussion

The Library Board and Friends of the Library are actively looking at how best to serve our community with our town's growth and the library space needs. Please consider this invitation to be part of this discussion! The Library Board Meetings and Friends of the Library meetings are open to the public. We hope to see you there!

### Library Board Meetings

#### First Wednesday of the month @ 7pm

Library Board Meetings are open to the public. Join us in person or get a link for zoom at [www.ely.lib.ia.us](http://www.ely.lib.ia.us). Our next scheduled meetings are:

- **December 3, 2025**
- **January 7, 2026**
- **February 4, 2026**



### Friends of the Ely Public Library Meetings

#### Second Wednesday of the month @ 7pm

We are looking for some good friends to help us plan some fun upcoming programs, and to advocate for the library! Join us and learn how you can be involved! Our next scheduled meetings are:

- **December 10, 2025**
- **January 14, 2026**
- **February 11, 2026**



Avoid **FOMO!** Stay Informed by following us on our socials @elylibrary and sign up for our e-newsletter by scanning the QR code below!







## **Ely Public Library**

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### **Library Closures:**

**December 19, 24, 25, 31**

**January 1, 19 MLK Day**

**February 16 President's Day**

### **Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday: 9am-7pm**

**Friday: 9am-5pm**

**Saturday: 9am-4pm**

**Sunday: Closed**