

# ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

### April 20-25

**MONDAY**

**National Right to Read Day**

**TUESDAY**

**National Library Workers Day**

**WEDNESDAY**

**National Library Outreach Day**

**THURSDAY**

**Take Action for Libraries Day**

**FRIDAY**

**The Librarians Screening, meal & panel @ 6 pm**

### CELEBRATE LIBRARY JOY DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!



We are gathering stories from our community about what the library means to you. Whether it's a special memory, a meaningful program, or simply a place you love to visit, we'd be honored to hear it. Please consider sharing a short note or stopping by to record a short message to help us celebrate the impact our library has made in your life.

**Estimation jar** - All week long, take a guess at the number of miniature books in the jar! Closest guess wins a prize!

**Monday - National Right to Read Day** - A day for readers, advocates, and library lovers to take action to protect, defend, and celebrate the right to read. Join us for a silent Read-In all day at the library. Participants receive a mini-button and snacks will be provided!

**Tuesday - National Library Workers Day** - A day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. Celebrate by making gratitude notes for your favorite librarians.

**Wednesday - National Library Outreach Day** - A day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are. Test your knowledge by partaking in our All Things Library Trivia!

**Thursday - Take Action for Libraries Day** - A day to rally advocates to support libraries. Write library support letters to your local and state officials.

**Friday - The Librarians Screening** - Join us for a light meal and the Indie Lens Pop-Up Screening of *The Librarians* on Friday, April 24 @ 6pm. A panel of local librarians will be there for discussion.

### A Message from the Director

Join us in celebrating National Library Week! This special week is a time to recognize the important role libraries play in bringing people together, inspiring curiosity, and supporting lifelong learning.

As we celebrate this week, we invite you to share what the library means to you. Please send us a short quote or stop in and let us record a brief video of you telling us how the library has made a difference in your life.

We welcome you to visit the library, explore our collections, attend our programs, and celebrate the joy of reading with us. Whether you're a longtime patron or a first-time visitor, there's something here for everyone.

*Sarah J. Sellon*

Sarah L. Sellon, Director

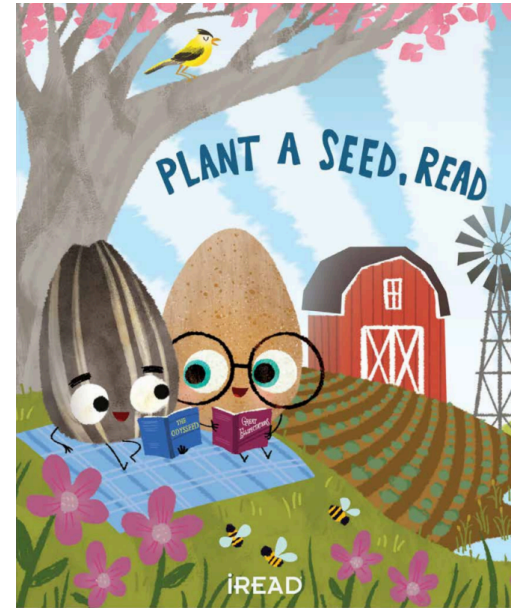
# Summer Reading Plans!

This year's summer reading theme is: Plant a Seed: Read. We'll offer programs every day again this year, for our youngest kids in the morning, and K-12 students in the afternoons. We'll also have some amazing family programs in the evening, including Karen Land, an Iditarod Musher, and the show Mesozoic Adventures from The Funny Farm. In 2026, plan on days devoted to STEM Activities, special animal guests, arts and crafts, movie themes, and more! Keep your eyes out for more information in the coming months.

- **Mondays - Movies and Snacks @ 2pm**
- **Tuesdays - STEM @ 2pm**
- **Wednesdays - Special Guests & Critters @ 2pm**
- **Thursdays - Food Fun @ 2pm**
- **Fridays - Crafting @ 2pm**

## Summer Block Party - Friday, June 5 from 5-8 pm

**One Book One Community** - Celebrate our 7<sup>th</sup> year of a community read and discussion! Title to be announced later and will be available at the Block Party!



**Register for Kid Connect**  
April 4 - May 23  
9:30-11 am

This fun playgroup series is design for families with young children.

## Upcoming Events:

### Drop-in Programs - for everyone - all month long!

Drop-in activities are designed to welcome everyone to the library with quick activities that appeal to all different ages and interests.

### Early Literacy

- Toddler Time - Mondays @ 10am
- Story Time - Thursdays @ 10am
- Music & Movement - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 10am

### Adult Programs

- Exercise Classes Mon., Wed., & Fri. @ 8am & 1pm
- Cuppa & Conversations - Mon. & Wed. @ 9am
- Tai Chi - Tuesdays @ 8am
- Chatty Crafters - Tuesdays @ 5pm
- Thursday - Morning Stretch @ 8am

### Book Clubs

- Silent Book Club - Thurs. @ 6pm
- Books on Tap - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. @6pm (meet at House Divided)
- Banned Books - 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. @7pm
  - 4/23 - *Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas
  - 5/22 - *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
  - 6/26 - *Breathless* by Jennifer Niven

### BINGO - Friends Fundraisers - Last one for the season is

**April 10 at the Ely Legion - Doors open @ 6:30 pm**

### Meal, screenings & disucssions:

- *The Librarians* - April 24 @ 6pm
- *The Grocery List Show* - May 22 @ 6pm

## Get Involved!

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.

### Library Board Meetings

First Wed. of the month @ 7pm  
April 8 May 4 June 3



### Friends of the Ely Public Library Meetings

Second Wednesday of the month @ 7pm  
April 8 May 11 June 10



## Check out our Program Guide!

