

ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Learn more by attending any of the following information sessions!



* OPEN HOUSES @ ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY

- July 10 from 6-8pm
- August 9 from 2-5pm
- August 21 from 6-8pm
- September 17 from 6-8pm
- October 21 from 6-8pm

* POP-UP SESSIONS

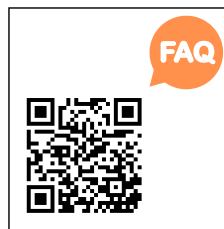
- 1st Mondays - Senior Meals 12-1:30pm @ St. John Church
- 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Farmer's Markets 4:30-6:30pm @ City Hall
- Thursdays - El Sol Truck 6-8pm @ City Hall
- Thursdays - Thirsty Thursday Trivia 7-9pm @ House Divided
- August 20 5-8pm @ Odie's
- September 20 9-11am @ City Park
- September 26 9-3pm @ Fall Fest

Library Expansion News!

More space. Better access. A stronger community hub for all. Designed for Ely today and the future.



Learn more about this exciting project by checking out our website and FAQ section. Be sure to sign up for our expansion newsletter!



A Message from the Board President

With summer in full swing, we hope you have participated in some of the high-quality daily programming the Ely Public Library has made available for the friends and neighbors of our community. We also hope you have noticed just how integrated the library has become within downtown Ely's culture. Bikers visiting our community stop for a drink and discover the new businesses and homes in town. Anyone who pauses at Dan & Debbie's Creamery for a cool treat on a sweltering day also experiences the updated streetscape, the American Legion, and the Main Street Legacy building. The library plays an important role in keeping our downtown vibrant and welcoming.

The library expansion project is another exciting opportunity for Ely Public Library to contribute to the revitalization of downtown Ely. This expansion will ensure our ability to continue offering outstanding programming while also creating additional community and rental space for public use. We encourage you to visit one of the library's open houses or pop-up events this summer. Staff members, board members, and volunteers will be happy to answer questions and hear your thoughts and ideas about the project.

Whatever else you have planned this summer, Ely Public Library looks forward to being a part of it. On behalf of the Ely Public Library Board,

Erika Uthe

Erika Uthe, Board President of EPL

July Summer Programming



Early Literacy @ 10am

Monday - Toddler Stories
Tuesday - STEAM for littles
Wednesday - Music & Movement
Thursday - Preschool Story & Craft
Friday - Stories in the park



School Age @ 2pm

Monday - Movies & Munching
Tuesday - STEM Fun
Wednesday - Special Guests
Thursday - Build It!
Friday - Craft & Create

Special Guests!



- Reptiles Through Time July 1 @ 2pm
- Dinosaur Adventures July 7 @ 5pm
- Toadally Awesome Amphibians @ 2pm
- Magic Show with Rick @ 2pm July 13
- Cold-Blooded Redhead July 15 @ 2pm
- Blank Park Zoo July 22 @ 2 and 2:45 pm
- Absolute Foam Blaster July 29 @ 2p,



TEENS @ 4pm

July 10 - Wire Keychains
July 14 - MarioKart Tournament
July 17 - Minecraft Bee Papercraft
July 21 - International Snacks
July 24 - Literary Lanterns
July 28 - Foil-dip Canvas

Thirsty Thursday Trivia @ House Divided @ 7:30pm
July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30



July 14 @ 6pm - Iowa Legislation Discussion

Join Attorney Ellen Ramsey-Kacena for a discussion on Iowa legislation on topics such as censorship, government overreach and more that may have gone under your radar! Learn how you use your rights to make meaningful change in your communities. Open to teens, young adults, and adults!

July 23 @ 6pm - Local Author Gin Griffith Visits

Gin Griffith is a traditionally published romance author based in Swisher, IA, where she writes action-packed love stories set in vibrant fantasy worlds. Her Hellbound series revolves around a tight-knit team of elite fighters as they battle demons and desire under the cover of darkness. Join us on July 23rd at 6pm to meet Gin, learn about her writing process, and grab a signed copy of her special sprayed-edge editions.

Thank you to all of our Summer Reading Sponsors!

Hills Bank	New Leader Manufacturing	South Slope	Gateway Rotary
Blank Park Zoo	Burger King	Caseys	
Children's Museum	Dan & Debbie's	Friends of EPL	
Fun Station	Harger's Acoustics	Hoosier Creek Wash	
House Divided	Iowa State Fair	Kernels	
My Mom's Bakery	Scooter's	Spare Time	
Texas Roadhouse	Thrivent	Waste Mgmt.	

Explore EPL's Free Digital Resources

Available to residents of Ely and Rural Linn County.

BRIDGES/LIBBY: Check out magazines, audiobooks, e-books, and movies. (Available to residents of Ely and Rural Linn County).

HOOPLA: Instantly borrow up to five movies, TV shows, music albums, e-audiobooks, e-books, and graphic novels each month. (Available to residents of Ely and Rural Linn County).

Kanopy: Stream a wide selection of films and documentaries.

Mometrix: Get free access to online test prep.

Get Involved!

Join the Friends of the Library!



The Friends of the Library works to improve and support the library for our entire community. It's a great way to meet new people and help your community.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. We can't wait to hear your ideas!

Hours and Holiday Closings:

Monday 9-7	Tuesday 9-7	Wednesday 9-7
Thursday 9-7	Friday 9-5	Saturday 9-4
Closed Sundays		

We will be closed the following dates: July 3, July 4 and September 7

Build Your Child's Home Library for Free!

Thanks to a partnership with the Friends of the Public Library, you can enroll your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The program mails a new, age-appropriate book to children from birth to age five. This is available for children within the 52227 zip code. Stop by the library to sign up.



Banned Book Club



We meet once a month from 7-8 pm at the library or join us via Zoom! We read a banned and/or challenged book and hold a peaceful discussion. Join us at 7pm on the following dates: July 23 (Snow Falling on Cedars) and August 27 (The Circle).

