

ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING DATES:

- * **October 6th from 4:30-6:30 pm**
Pop-up at Ely Farmer's Market @ City Hall
- * **October 9th 7:00-9:00 pm**
Pop-up at Friends' BINGO at Ely Legion
- * **October 21st 6:00-8:00 pm**
Information Open House at Ely Library
- * **November 3rd from 7 am - 8 pm**
Election Day - Vote at St. John Lutheran Church

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



Library Expansion News!

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



A Message from the Board President

Small town. Strong community. A library that reflects both.

Ely may be a small community, but the latest statistics show just how actively our neighbors use and support our library. Among the 26 similarly sized libraries in Iowa, Ely Public Library ranks #1 in total cardholders per population, #1 in total offsite program attendance, #2 in onsite program attendance, #2 in total library visits, and #1 in total digital and physical collection checkouts.

But there is a story behind the numbers: children and families learning and growing together, neighbors gathering for community activities, services beyond our town in the College Community district, and people using the library as a place to learn, connect, and participate in community life. These numbers offer a snapshot of the important role the library already plays.

As the community considers the proposed library expansion, these statistics provide some helpful context for the conversation. The proposal would increase the library's available space for collections, programming, community activities, meetings, and public use, building on our already strong foundation. We encourage everyone to learn more about the proposal, ask questions, and take part in the upcoming vote. Library staff, board members, and volunteers are available to share information about the project and listen to the ideas and concerns of community members.

Whatever the future holds, one thing is clear: Ely is a small town with a strong sense of community that makes active use of its library. We are grateful for everyone who reads, learns, gathers, participates, volunteers, and helps make the Ely Public Library part of our community.

Erika Uthe, Board President of EPL

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Drop-in Programs - for everyone

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

* Early Literacy @ 10 am

- Mondays - Toddler Time
- Wednesdays - Music & Movement
- Thursdays - Preschool Story Time

* Tweens (grades 5-8) @ 4:30 pm

- First Wednesdays - creative activity
- Last Mondays - challenge or special experience

* Teens (grades 9-12)

- October 15 @ 6pm - snacks and horror movie!
- November 13 @ 4pm DIY Tarot

* Adult Programs

- **Exercise Classes** (Geri-fit and more)
Mon., Wed., & Fri. @ 8am & 1pm
- **Cuppa & Conversations** - Mon. & Wed.
@ 9am (bring your morning cup!)
- **Tai Chi** - Tuesdays @ 8am
- **Chatty Crafters** - Tuesdays @ 5pm
- **Morning Stretch** - Thursdays @ 8am

* Master Gardener Classes at 6:30 pm

- 10/6 Winter Sowing
- 10/20 Fall Garden Prep
- 10/27 Native Iowan Plants

* Author Visits:

- **Melinda Wichmann - October 8 @ 6pm** - Discusses her books *How to Live with a Ghost* and *Exercise Finished* and Iowa Weird contributions.
- **Terri Leedom - October 13 @ 6pm** - Terri shares her story navigating dementia as a caregiver in her book *Play the Game*. Q&A to follow.

* Donate Blood - October 28 from 3-6pm

Call Sarah at 848-7616 to schedule your time.

* Ely Trunk or Treat October 28 from 5-7pm

Families are invited to stroll through the decorated trunks located throughout the event space to collect treats in a safe and festive environment.

* Winterfest - Saturday, December 12 from 9am-3pm

It's a celebration of winter and the holidays, with fun for the whole family! There are activities for all ages.

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: October 12;
November 11, 26, 27; December 24, 25, 31; January 1

Book Clubs:

Books on Tap - 6pm at House Divided

Join us to discuss your latest reads!
October 21; November 18 & December 16



Banned Books - 7pm at Ely Library

Join us as we peacefully discuss books that have banned or challenged across the United States.

- 10/22- *A Clockwork Orange* by Anthony Burgess
- 11/19- *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo
- 12/17- *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

Winter Reading Challenge- December - February

Prizes and fun for all ages!

Get Involved!

Join the Friends of the Library!



ELY IOWA FRIENDS
OF THE PUBLIC 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!



BINGO - FRIENDS FUNDRAISERS 7-9PM

Starting October 9th! At Ely Legion.

Doors open at 6:30pm.

Save the following dates: October 9;
November 13; December 11; January 8;
February 12; March 12; April 9

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.



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.

