

ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS



ELY LIBRARY BANNED BOOK CLUB

We meet the 4th Thursday of every month from 7-8pm to peacefully discuss a banned and/or challenged book. You can attend in person or via Zoom (link available on our website or through our newsletter). Books are available at the circulation desk. Our upcoming books are as follows:

- January 25th – “Tricks” by Ellen Hopkins
- February 22nd – “The Great Gatsby” by F Fitzgerald
- March 28th – “Flamer” by Mike Curato

BINGO – The Friends of the Ely Public Library will



be hosting BINGO fundraisers again this winter/spring at

the Ely Legion! Mark your calendars for the following Friday dates: **January 12, February 16, March 8 and April 12!** Doors open at 6:30pm and BINGO starts at 7:00 pm. See you there!

FREE ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES -

Mondays & Wednesdays 8 am & 1pm

Geri-Fit. Geri-Fit® classes improve strength, balance and arthritic conditions for people 60 and over. Additional benefits include increasing flexibility, balance and mobility as well as helping prevent osteoporosis.

Tuesdays – 8 am Tai Chi with Tom. Attend in-person or see our website for the Zoom link.

Thursdays – 8 am Morning Stretch with Paula

Please consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program.

KIDS CONNECT- Saturdays: January 13-March 2,

9-10:30am Come join this fun playgroup series designed for families with young children.

Sign up online today!

HOTSPOTS - The Library has six Hotspots that are available for check out to Ely residents and rural Linn County residents. Wi-Fi hotspots work just as your Wi-Fi router does at home by providing wireless connection to the users in the covered range. This is a great service for people who need better coverage or coverage while travelling. Checkout time is one week. Residents who use this service have been very pleased with it.



MASTER GARDENER SERIES – Save the dates for our FREE

gardening classes to be held Tuesdays in March @ 6:00 pm.



AARP Virtual Reality events – Join us at the library from 1-2 pm on the 3rd Friday of the month. We will virtually visit places around the world, exercise or play a game.

Thanks to AARP for the grant to purchase our four Virtual Reality Devices.

HOOPLA - Digital Movies, Music and More – Instantly Available – 24/7 – Free with your Library Card – choose up to 5 each month! Hoopla is a digital



media service provided to you

through which you may access and enjoy nearly half a million titles, from six different formats: Movies, TV, Music Albums, eAudiobooks, eBooks, and Comics/Graphic Novels. All in one location, from your computer, tablet or Smartphone! This service is available for residents of Ely and Rural Linn County. Stop by or call for help accessing this service!

BLOOD DRIVE - The Library has collaborated with Impact Life to host another blood drive on Wednesday, January 31 from 3-6pm. Call the library to schedule your donation! Thank you!



ELY FOOD PANTRY - Items are available in the



lobby for anyone who needs them. We are accepting the following items: unexpired, non-perishable food items, no-heat meals, peanut butter, fruit in squeeze pouches, diapers,

wipes, formula, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, paper towels, and cleaning supplies. **We are no longer accepting shoes and clothing.** You can also provide a monetary donation for the Food Pantry through checks made out to the Friends of EPL or through our Venmo QR Code:



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HelpNow - Your library card is your ticket to learning. Get your Ely Public Library card and use HelpNow for free access to

online tutoring, homework help, practice tests, writing reviews, study tools, and more!

LearnNow - Test anxiety is real! But it doesn't have to be. With your Ely Public Library card you can access practice tests, preparation guides, and study materials. Simply visit www.ely.lib.ia.us and access LearnNow.

JobNow - Did you know that with your library card you can get FREE job coaching? Visit www.ely.lib.ia.us to find JobNow for professional assistance with all stages of job hunting including online applications, resumes, interviews, and more!

VetNow (VetNow/JobNow) - Are you a veteran, or do you know a veteran, who is transitioning from military to civilian life? Visit www.ely.lib.ia.us to find VetNow to connect with a live veteran navigator and get free assistance from a veteran with your VA benefits. You can also get help with job hunting, resumes, interviews, and building your academic skills.

SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS –March 11-15

Join us at the library from 2-3 for a variety of FREE activities, including: block building, bingo, a craft and a movie matinee. Watch our website and Facebook for more information.



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.

CLOSED - The library will be closed for the following days for holiday and/or staff trainings:

- Monday, January 1st
- Monday, January 15th
- Monday, February 19th

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP - We are looking for some good friends! Friends of the EPL help promote and support the library in a variety of ways, both library support and food pantry assistance.



DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

- Get FREE BOOKS for your child! Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails free high-quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five! The Ely, Iowa, Friends of the Public Library partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library ensures all children in our community, with a mailing zip code of 52227, can have a great selection of books at home. Sign up in the library or online at:

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/IAELY/>



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!

Preschool Story Time: Thursdays at 10 AM.

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

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN -

Children who are read to at home are better prepared for school and continue to do well throughout their academic career. Every time you or another loved one read a book with your child you are providing early learning opportunities. We offer a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program to help you track the number of books read and provide little rewards along the way. If you would like to enroll your child in this free and fun initiative, give us a call 848-7616! **You do not need to live in Ely to register!**



LIBRARY HOURS: (319) 848-7616

Sunday	Closed
Monday - Thursday	9:00 am-7:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am-4:00 pm

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