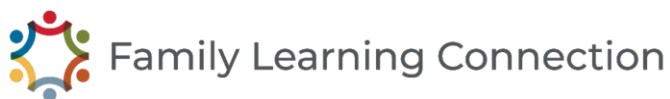


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KIDS CONNECT - Join us on for our next 8-week session on Saturdays from 9-10:30 am starting January 21st!

Never underestimate the power of play! Join us for a FREE 8-week interactive workshop that will explore how children learn through play! This workshop will include 60 minutes of child-directed free-play and a 30 minutes circle time including singing and dancing, a snack, and stories. Transportation and interpretation available upon request. **To register call us at 319-848-7616.**

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS - We meet the 2nd Monday of every month from 6-7pm. We read books based on a theme, so oftentimes no one reads the same book! Join the fun and discussion! Join us January 9, February 13, March 13, and April 10 at 6pm!



BANNED BOOKS CLUB - We meet the 4th Thursday of every month from 7-8 pm. We read a banned and/or challenged book and hold a peaceful discussion. Join us January 26 (Fahrenheit 451), February 23 (Slaughterhouse-Five), March 23 (Me and Earl and the Dying Girl) and April 27 (1984) at 7pm!

MASTER GARDENER SERIES – Save the date for our FREE gardening classes to be held on Tuesdays in April @ 6:30 pm starting on April 4th.



Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Join us on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30 pm to learn more about detection, causes, risk factors, stages, and treatment of Alzheimer's disease from Meagan Wagner, a community educator with the Alzheimer's Association.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS - The library will be closed for holidays on the following dates: at noon on December 16th, December 23rd -26th, December 30th - January 2nd.

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY - Register your child to receive FREE BOOKS! 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:

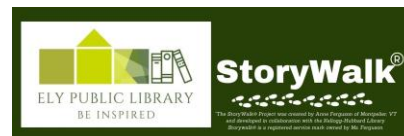
<https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/IAELY/>

BINGO – The Friends of the Ely Public Library will be hosting BINGO



fundraisers again this fall/winter at the Ely Legion! Mark your calendars for the following Friday dates: **January 13, February 10, March 10 and April 14!** Doors open at 6:30pm and BINGO starts at 7:00 pm. See you there!

EPL STORYWALK - Be sure to check out our



StoryWalk located along the bike trail behind City Hall. Stories are

routinely changed, so get out and enjoy the outdoors together as a family.

FREE EXERCISE CLASSES OFFERED

These classes are available at the library!

GERI-FIT Mondays & Wednesdays – 8 am

TAI CHI Tuesdays – 8 am Tai Chi

Please consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program.

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, water, paper towels, and cleaning supplies. **We are no longer accepting shoes and clothing.**

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, Twitter or Instagram.

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ASTC GIRLS IN STEM GRANT - The Association



of Science and Technology's Girls in STEM Grant offerings will continue in

December and January. Girls in grades 4-8 are invited to workshops at the library on the following dates: Dec. 8 – 5:00 pm Gone with the Wind
Dec. 20 – 5:00 pm Balloon Rockets
Jan. 10-5:00 pm Penny Shine
Jan. 28 – Noon pm Fantastic Fossils

The library will also have take-home STEM kits available on Dec. 12, Dec. 26, Jan. 9 and Jan. 23. Participants who meet the requirements will receive special recognition from the library.

DIY DEPOT – We have new crafts to pick up in the DIY Depot each month. Pick one up and lure your children away from their screens! **NEW! We now have offerings for Teens and Adults!**

1 ON 1 COMPUTER HELP - Do you need help with something on your computer, phone, tablet, or e-reader? Schedule a time to come in, and we can help you with it! Set up an appoint by calling 319-848-7616 or emailing rachel@elyiowa.com.

ONLINE RESOURCES:



BRIDGES/LIBBY

Check out magazines, audio-books, e-Books, and movies right from your smart phone, tablet, or computer using your

Ely Public Library card! This service is available for residents of Ely and Rural Linn County.



HOOPLA - Digital Movies, Music and More – Instantly Available – 24/7 – Free with

your Library Card – choose up to 5 each month!

Check out and enjoy nearly half a million titles, from six different formats: Movies, TV, Music Albums, eAudiobooks, eBooks, and Graphic Novels. All in one location, from your computer, tablet or Smartphone! This service is available for residents of Ely and Rural Linn County.

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Sunday	Closed	Monday–Thursday	9am–7pm
Friday	9am–5pm	Saturday	9am–4pm

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, & more!

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, & more!

VetNow - 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 & get free assistance from a veteran with your VA benefits. You can also get help with job hunting, resumes, interviews, & building your academic skills.

SCHOOL YEAR EARLY LITERACY SCHEDULE:



- **Babygarden:** Mondays at 9 AM.

Babygarden is an educational curriculum for babies and toddlers featuring songs, movement, literacy tips, and free play.

- **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 kiddos 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

If you would like to enroll your child in this free and fun initiative, ask the front desk for your welcome kit. You do not need to live in Ely to take part in this program!

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP - We are looking for some good friends to help us plan some fun upcoming programs! We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:30pm. **Where else can you meet so many new Friends AND help the community? Join us today!**