

ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS - SPRING 2023

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FRIENDS BINGO

FUNDRAISER – The last BINGO fundraiser for the

season will be held at the Ely Legion hall on Friday, April 14th at 7pm with doors opening at 6:30 pm. Thank you for another fun filled season!



UNDER CONSTRUCTION – No, it is not a new library, but we are currently working on some great new programming coming your way!

Therapy Dogs International, Kitty Cat Café, E4 Everyone partnership with Tanager, Pride Party for Teens, and Juneteenth Celebration to name a few!

BOOK CLUBS!

THE WELL READ BOOK CLUB - Meets the 2nd Monday of every month from 6-7pm. We read books based on a theme, so often no one reads the same book! Join the fun and discussion! Join us April 10, May 8 and June 12 at 6pm! Find our themes on our website and/or newsletters.



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 April 27, May 25 and June 22 at 7pm! We provide copies of the books we have chosen to read!



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK – April 23-29:

Behind every great community is a great library, so take the time

to celebrate National Library Week and your library! The Ely library would like to thank everyone who has donated their time, talents and/or monetary support. You make a difference in the life of your library. **Thank you!** Stop in daily for a new challenge, including I-spy, scavenger hunt, guessing game, and more.

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE DAY – May 6th - The Friends of EPL is sponsoring the city wide garage sale day.



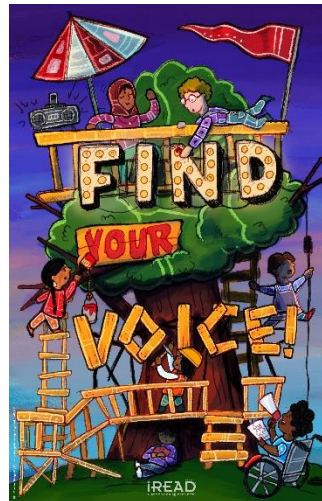
Everyone who has a garage sale is encouraged to register. Registration only costs \$5.00 and the money is used to buy signs to place along area highways and to purchase ads in area newspapers.

Registration forms are available at the library and on the library website. Please complete your form and turn it into the library by 7pm Wednesday, May 3 to be on the maps. Registered garage sales receive a poster identifying them as a registered sale. The maps will be available on our website Friday, May 5th. Thanks for making Garage Sale Day a big success!

CINNAMON ROLLS - It can be a long day looking for garage sale deals, so start your Saturday morning out right with a fresh baked cinnamon roll! The Friends group will be selling cinnamon rolls, popcorn and shaved ice to raise money for continued support of the library.



USED BOOK SALE - The Friends of the Library will hold our annual used book sale May 6th during the Ely City Wide Garage Sale Day. Come early for the best pick of books. The sale will be in the meeting room and will start at 8:00 am. We will offer an early bird sale on Friday, - May 5 from 5-7 pm.



SUMMER READING BLOCK PARTY – JUNE 2nd FROM 6-8PM!

The whole family is invited to join us for a FREE family night of fun, entertainment, prizes and food! A free fair-themed meal will be served. Pick up the entire summer schedule for children, teens and adults and be sure to register for our reading program and for reading support!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM – starts June 1st!

Find Your Voice! The team at the library has been planning an exciting 2023 summer reading program! We will have programs and prizes for babies, children, teens, and adults – **including daily youth programs at 10 and 2. We also have some exciting family fun events planned!** Themed youth programs include: I Survived Mondays, Talented Tuesdays, Welcome Wednesdays, Theatrical Thursday, and Friday Flix. We will also have our One Book One Community Read! **New this year are plans for some fun adult summer programming – hint: think Thirsty Thursdays and Summer of Skills!**

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SUMMER READING SUPPORT –

Reading over the summer is very important for children to maintain or improve their current reading achievement levels. This summer we will provide reading support for children from 10-10:30 am or 1:30-2 pm Monday – Friday. **Space is limited so please call 848-7616 to register.** We are also looking for volunteers to help us provide this support. Call Sarah with any questions. All of our programs are free and open to the public and we hope you can join us often. Sign up for the reading program, earn some great prizes, and get the most out of your summer by reading!



SEED LENDING LIBRARY - Since 2012, the Ely Seed



Lending Library has provided rookie growers and seasoned green thumbs with hundreds of varieties of heirloom seeds. Thanks to generous donations, we have 100+ new varieties this season! Stop by the library today to begin borrowing and ask about our available print resources.

FREE GERI-FIT AND TAI CHI CLASSES –

Geri-Fit on Mon. & Wed. @ 8am.

Tai Chi Tuesdays @ 8am.



BLOOD DRIVE – Please consider donating blood at our next upcoming blood drive to be held on May 24th from 3-6 pm. Contact Sarah to schedule your donation time.

LOCAL AUTHOR LINDA MCCANN – Save the date as Linda McCann will visit in the evening on Wednesday, May 17th to speak on Iowa History.

EARLY LITERACY SCHEDULE:



- **Babygarten:** Mondays at 9 am.

Babygarten 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.

CHATTY CRAFTERS – Join us on Tuesdays from 5-7pm.



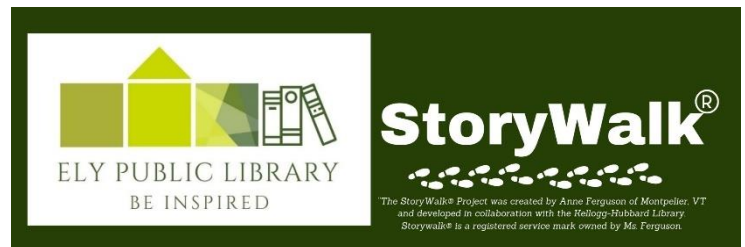
Crafters are invited to bring your own crafts and socialize with other crafters. We'll provide the tea and coffee! Not currently working on a craft project? No problem! We will have colored pencils, coloring sheets, and other crafting supplies available.

LEGO CHALLENGE – Drop in anytime from 4-6:30 pm on April 13 and May 11 to participate. We will give you a list of ideas and if you create something from the list, we will display your creations for the rest of the month!



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!



EPL STORYWALK - Be sure to check out our two StoryWalks located along the bike trail behind City Hall and along the bike trail headed toward Ely City Park. Stories will be routinely changed, so get out and enjoy the outdoors together as a family.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP - We are looking for some good friends! We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:30 pm. Join us and learn how you can be involved!

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP- email Rachel at rachel@elyiowa.com to sign up for some tech help.

FOLLOW US - Keep informed of all the latest EPL events by:

- checking out our website at www.ely.lib.ia.us
- following us on Facebook (@elylibrary)
- signing up for our newsletter by emailing Rachel @ rachel@elyiowa.com