

ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS - SPRING 2024

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HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY!



We are celebrating this momentous achievement of 50 years serving the Ely community with an entire year of special events. From reading challenges for all ages to special programming and activities, be sure to join us at the library all year long!

FRIENDS BINGO FUNDRAISER – The last BINGO fundraiser for the season will be held at the Ely Legion hall on Friday, April 12th at 7pm with doors opening at 6:30 pm. Thank you for another fun filled season!



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

– **April 7-13:** 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.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION – No, it's not a new library, but we are currently working on some great new programming coming your way! Email Rachel@elyiowa.com to sign up for the library's e-newsletter and you will receive information about all of the programs for all ages every month.



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 25, May 23 and June 28 at 7pm! We provide copies of the books we have chosen to read!



BLOOD DRIVE – Please consider donating blood at our next upcoming blood drive to be held on May 29th from 3-6 pm. Contact Sarah@elyiowa.com to schedule your donation time.

FREE EXERCISE CLASSES:

Geri-Fit on Mon. & Wed. @ 8am and 1pm.
Tai Chi Tuesdays @ 8am.
Morning Stretch Yoga Thursdays @ 8am.



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ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES

– The American Library Association held a second round of a special grant through the Libraries Transforming Communities Action initiative. This grant focuses specifically on ways to make small and rural libraries more accessible to persons in the community with special needs. We are thrilled to be awarded a \$20,000 grant to create a private space in the library that may be used for appointments, private conversations, and quiet spaces when needed. In the upcoming year, you will find a new privacy booth at the library that can be reserved for your use. This was an extremely competitive process, with numerous excellent proposals submitted. We are very proud of this accomplishment!

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE DAY – May 4 - The Friends of EPL is sponsoring the City Wide Garage Sale Day. **Everyone who has a garage sale is encouraged to register.**

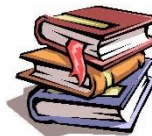


Registration only costs \$5.00 and the money is used to buy signs to place along area highways and to purchase ads in area newspapers. **Registration forms are available at the library and on the library website. Please complete your form and turn it into the library by 7pm Wednesday, May 1 to be on the maps.** Registered garage sales receive a poster identifying them as a registered sale supporting the Friends of the Library. The maps will be available on our website Friday, May 3rd. Thanks for making Garage Sale Day a big success!

CINNAMON ROLLS - The Friends group will be selling cinnamon rolls on garage sale day 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 4th 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 3rd from 5-7 pm.



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SUMMER READING BLOCK PARTY -



JUNE 7th FROM 6-8PM! The whole family is invited to join us for a FREE family night of fun, entertainment, prizes and food! A free birthday-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!

CHEERS TO 50 YEARS! Special programs and prizes will be available for babies, children, teens, and adults. Learning and socializing activities will be available at 10 am for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Fun and educational programs will be available at 2 pm for school aged kids. The themes for the weekdays include: Birthday Party Mondays, Love the Planet Tuesdays, Welcome Wednesdays, Recycled Crafts on Thursdays, and Friday Flix.



ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY- This summer marks us celebrating our 6th year of our **One Book One Community** read! This year we have chosen, *The Unforgettable Guinevere St. Clair*, by Amy Makechnie. This mystery takes place in Iowa and is one the whole family will get a kick out of!

THIRSTY THURSDAY TRIVIA

Back by popular demand, mark your calendars for the library's Thirsty Thursdays Trivia at House Divided Brewery at 7pm. This will start May 16 and continue through August 29.

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.

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 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.

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@elyiowa.com