

ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS - SUMMER 2023

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FIND YOUR VOICE: SUMMER OF INCLUSION

Because Libraries are for EVERYONE and should represent EVERYONE, we have a series of new offerings to bring awareness on how to best serve and include all community members. Our StoryWalk and Events have been scheduled with this in mind and are free and welcome for EVERYONE to attend. Space is limited.



ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY: This is our fourth year of providing a community-wide reading program centering around one title geared for the whole family to read together. This year we will be providing a copy (one per family please) of the

title **"Wonder" by R.J. Palacio.**

Discussion Date: Monday, July 17 at 6:30pm

Outdoor Movie Showing: Friday, July 21 at 8:30pm

BEHIND THE BEAT: on display

June 8-20. For more than 400 years, African Americans have pioneered diverse musical

styles that influenced, and were influenced by, historical events and cultural trends. From spirituals to the blues, jazz to soul, and funk to hip-hop, this music is a narrative about African American history and the American experience.



**AFRICAN
AMERICAN
MUSEUM
OF IOWA**

ELY FIRE DEPARTMENT VISIT Wed., June 14, @ 6pm



The Ely Fire Department will be at the library to discuss fire safety, what medical personnel needs from you in an emergency, and how to

keep your family safe in an emergency. This truly is an all ages event! They will also bring some of their gear and their truck to show our youngest community members what they might look like during an emergency.

LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND & PRINT DISABLED PRESENTATION: Monday, June 19, 6:30-8pm For all ages!

Connie Mendenhall, Chief Information Officer for the Iowa Department for the Blind, will give a presentation about the many programs provided by the Iowa Department for the Blind. Connie will also share her story about finding her own voice. Connie's presentation will provide insight on learning to find your voice in your community.



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION - Thurs, June 22nd @ 7pm

A light meal will be served from 6:30-7:00 pm. Stay for the sharing of stories, partake in crafts and be sure to check out our Behind the Beat display from the African American Museum.



AUTHOR VISIT - ALEX GINO – Thurs. June 22 @ 7pm



Alex Gino writes queer and progressive middle grade novels, including the Stonewall and Lambda Award-winning *Melissa*. They love glitter, ice cream, gardening, wordplay, and stories that reflect the complexity of being alive. Alex

is from Staten Island, NY and now lives in Western Massachusetts with Thunder the Wonder Cat. We expect this to be an extremely popular event! **You may begin picking up tickets on June 8th at the Ely Public Library.** Space will be limited so ticket holders must be at the library by 6:50pm for the event. After 6:50pm, we will open the event to those waiting in line. There will be a book signing available after the event. Please be courteous of those who would like to attend and only pick up tickets for those in your immediate family who will be attending the event. **A limit of four tickets per household is in place. All tickets must be picked up in-person, no holds.**

PAWS TO READ - Monday, June 26 & July 24 @6:30pm Every 4th Monday of the month

Please join us for Reading to Dogs! K-9 Ambassadors will be joining us with therapy dogs once a month. We hope to see you there!



RICK BRAMMER MAGICIAN - Wednesday, July 26, 7pm Magician and balloon artist, Rick Brammer, will put on a magic show and dazzle us with his magic!

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES @ 2PM

These activities were created with children ages 5-11 in mind, but everyone is welcome! Reference the June and July calendar for the specific program.

Voices of Survivors Mondays- Using the popular "I survived" book and graphic novel series as the starting point, we'll do a variety of STEAM activities based on natural disasters throughout history.

Talented Tuesdays- With special activities and guests, we will celebrate talents like dancing, design and more.

Welcome Wednesdays - join us as we welcome special guests you won't want to miss!

Arts and Activities Thursdays- We will be doing arts and activities, time to get creative!

Friday Flix - Enjoy a cool afternoon in the library as we watch a variety of PG rated movies and enjoy a snack.

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Teen events are for youth ages 12-17. No exceptions.

Monday - Cooking (Be aware of possible allergens)

Tuesday - Teen Tinker Tuesdays (DIY Projects)

Wednesday - Special Guests

Thursday - Arts

Friday - Movie & Snack

TEEN EXPRESSIVE ARTS – 3:30-5PM

June 14 and 28, July 12

The intention is to build an open, and supportive space for LGBTQIA+ teens and allies. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to share artistic ideas, and help design a youth program that support their needs. We can experiment through improvisation, painting, slam poetry, curating music playlists, song parodies, sharing life stories, writing monologues and healing through humor. Led by Kelli with Tanager Place.



TEEN PRIDE PARTY – Sunday, June 25th 4-7 pm. This Event is for youth ages 14-18. No exceptions.

Calling teens! Drop in any time

between 4-7 pm to hang out with your friends! Enjoy pizza and snacks! Make your own mini-buttons, key chains, and flag.

ADULT EVENTS

Exercise Classes-

GeriFit- Mondays & Wednesdays at 8am & 1pm

Tai Chi- Tuesdays at 8am (in-person & on [Zoom](#))

Chatty Crafters- Every Tuesday from 5-7pm join us for time to sit down with crafters and chat.

Thirsty Thursday Trivia at House Divided- Every Thursday in June and July at 7:30pm (starting June 8), join us at House Divided Brewery for trivia! There will be drink specials and gift card prizes. Come out and enjoy the beautiful weather with us!

Preserving Your Pieces of History- Tues. June 20 at 6pm: The Ely Historical Society will be presenting on how to best maintain and preserve historical documents and items.

Hills Bank Presentations- Summer Reading Program sponsor, Hills Bank, will be presenting on beginner Investing (Wed. June 21 at 6pm), and Financial Basics (Wed. July 19 at 6pm). This is a great opportunity for young adults or new financial learners to learn some of these essential skills.

Book Clubs-

Well Read Book Club

Mon. June 12 @6pm Theme: Fatherhood

Mon. July 10 @6pm Theme: Wildlife

Banned Book Club

Thur. June 29 @7pm "1984" by George Orwell

Thur. July 27 @7pm "Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger



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.

BLOOD DRIVE – Please consider donating blood at our next upcoming blood drive to be held on July 26th from 3-6 pm. Contact Sarah to schedule your donation time.

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.

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.

