

ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS – FALL 2023

FRIENDS FALL BOOK SALE - The Ely, Iowa, Friends of the Public Library is having their Fall book sale on Saturday, September 23rd! \$5/bag of books, however many you can fit!

HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXCHANGE Our annual costume exchange will begin on September 11th. There is no need to donate a costume in order to receive one, but kids will need a parent to accompany them in order to receive a costume.



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 September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11 at 6pm!



BANNED BOOKS CLUB - We typically 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 at 7pm on the following dates: September 28 (The Call of the Wild), October 26 (All Boys Aren't Blue), November 16 (Looking for Alaska) and December 14 (Sold).



WE SHALL BE MONSTERS with Kathy Wilson

Wed. October 18 @ 5pm

This program looks at Mary Shelly's life to learn more about her and understand why the fascination with "Frankenstein" continues.

The daughter of 18th-century radicals, Mary Shelly was disowned by her family and ostracized by 19th-century society when she ran off with a married man at the age of 16. Despite continued criticism of her morals, her husband's philandering, and the death of loved ones, she still managed to write one of the most popular novels of all time while still a teenager.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS - The library will be closed for holidays on the following dates: November 11th, 23rd & 24th; December 23rd, 25th, 30th and January 1st.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK –

October 16-21 - Behind every great community is a great library, so take the time to celebrate National Friends of the Library Week and your library!

The 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! **We have a wonderful library and truly appreciate the support from our community! Thank you!**



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/>



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:

October 13, November 10, January 12, February 9, March 8 and April 12! Doors open at 6:30pm and BINGO starts at 7:00 pm. See you there!



CHATTY CRAFTERS Tuesdays from 5-7 pm

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.

EPL STORYWALKS -

Be sure to check out our StoryWalks located along the bike trail behind City Hall and on the way to Dan & Debbie's Creamery. Stories will be routinely changed, so get out and enjoy the outdoors together as a family.



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FREE EXERCISE CLASSES OFFERED

These classes are available at the library!

GERI-FIT Mondays & Wednesdays – 8 am and 1pm

TAI CHI Tuesdays – 8 am Tai Chi

YOGA Thursdays – 8 am Morning Stretch

Please consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program.

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.

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 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.

LIBRARY HOURS: (319)848-7616 www.ely.lib.ia.us

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

PAWS TO READ

Monday, September 25 @ 6:30pm

Every 4th Monday of the month

Please join us for Reading to Dogs! Therapy Dogs International will be joining us with therapy dogs who will listen to kids read once a month. We hope to see you there!



KIDS CONNECT

**Saturdays: September 30–November 18
9-10:30am**

Come join this fun playgroup series designed for families with young children.

Sign up online today!

SCHOOL YEAR 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.

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!**

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 and feminine hygiene products. **We are no longer accepting shoes and clothing.**