

ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS – FALL 2021

HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXCHANGE Our annual costume exchange will begin on September 27th. 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.



ELY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB - We meet the 2nd Monday of every month from 6-7pm. Ask about this month's theme at the circulation desk.



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



Card – choose up to 5 each month! We are excited to announce hoopla digital: a new

digital media service provided to you through which you may access and enjoy nearly half a million titles, from six different formats: Movies, TV, Music Albums, eAudiobooks, eBooks, and Comics/Graphic Novels. All in one location, from your computer, tablet or Smartphone! This service is available for residents of Ely and Rural Linn County. Stop by or call for help accessing this new service!

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 8, November 12, January 7, February 11, March 11 and April 8!** Doors open at 6:30pm and BINGO starts at 7:00 pm. See you there!

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP - We are looking for some good friends! Friends of the EPL help promote and support the library in a variety of ways. For more information, please contact us at eplfriends@ely.lib.ia.us. **Where else can you meet so many new Friends AND help the community? Join us today!**

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WEEK – October 17-23 - 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! Come all week long and enter your name in for some prize drawings. We have a wonderful library and truly appreciate the support from our community! Thank you!



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, and more!

LearnNow - Test anxiety is real! But it doesn't have to be. With your Ely Public Library card you can access practice tests, preparation guides, and study materials. Simply visit www.ely.lib.ia.us and access LearnNow.

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, and more!



VetNow (VetNow/JobNow) - 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.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS - The library will be closed for holidays on the following dates: October 11th; November 11th, 25th & 26th; December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st.

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NO SCHOOL DAY FUN BOX

Need a break from technology? Come to the library on No school for College Community days (Oct. 8, Nov. 8 and Dec. 22) to pick up a Fun Box! We will include an activity, a craft, a snack and a paperback book. Everything needed to create your own library activity. Call the library 848-7616 or e-mail tclair@ely.lib.ia.us to request a box. There will be a limited number available for those who do not register.

FREE YOGA AND TAI CHI CLASSES OFFERED

These classes are available through Zoom with direct links on our website.

Tuesdays – 8 am Tai Chi with Tom

Thursdays – 8 am Morning Stretch with Paula

Please consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program.



SCHOOL YEAR 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.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN - Children

who are read to at home are better prepared for school and continue to do well throughout their academic career. Every time you or another loved one read a book with your child you are providing early learning opportunities. We offer a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program to help you track the number of books read and provide little rewards along the way. If you would like to enroll your child in this free and fun initiative, give us a call 848-7616! **You do not need to live in Ely to register!**



ELY FOOD PANTRY - The food pantry is now



partnered with HACAP. 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.** Neighbors Helping Neighbors!

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING KITS -

We are planning to keep the tradition going and will have Gingerbread Kits available again this year on **Saturday, December 4th**!

Basic house structures, frosting and candy will be provided in each kit. **One house per family will be provided and**

registration is required. This family fun event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ely Public Library.



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 or Instagram.

LIBRARY HOURS: (319) 848-7616

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| Sunday | Closed |
| Monday | 9:00-8:00 |
| Tuesday | 1:00-8:00 |
| Wednesday | 1:00-8:00 |
| Thursday | 9:00-8:00 |
| Friday | 1:00-5:00 |
| Saturday | 9:00-4:00 |

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