



Quarterly Newsletter Sponsored by the Friends of the Estherville Public Library

Library Re-Opening

WELCOME BACK!

- 10 people allowed in at a time
One visit per day
Returns via drop box only
Observe 6' social distancing
30-minute time limit
30-minute computer usage
Curbside check-outs still encouraged
No restrooms
No meeting rooms
No drinking fountains
We ask that you wear a mask
We ask that you come to the library with your children (most need assistance with social distancing)
Main floor only (children's materials available upstairs)

Welcome back! We are happy to be able to see many of our regular patrons again, and are also happy to continue to provide services curbside for those who find that more comfortable right now. Our new summer hours apply to both visits inside the library and the availability of curbside service.

We have been diligently cleaning our door handles, railings,

and high-touch surfaces, and also both clean and quarantine checked-out materials upon return. This means that checking them in takes longer than usual (they will continue to show up on your account until they leave quarantine). We intend to do everything we can to help prevent the spread of the virus, and appreciate all of our visitors who have kindly worn masks, used hand sanitizer, and observed social distancing along with our new limitations.

- Mondays 10:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm
Wednesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm
Thursdays 10:00am - 6:00pm
Fridays 10:00am - 4:00pm
Saturdays 10:00am - 1:00pm

SUMMER OPEN HOURS BEGIN JUNE 15TH!

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CURRENT NEWS

Curbside Service Continues



CURBSIDE PICK-UP

- Reserve your items online or call ahead with your request(s)
- Wait for notification that your items are ready for pick-up
- Call when you arrive at our designated parking space and a staff member will bring your items to your vehicle
- Pick up is available during our new summer hours:
 - Monday / Thursday 10:00-6:00
 - Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday 10:00-4:00
 - Saturday 10:00-1:00



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We are happy to continue to take materials to your vehicle at our Curbside Pick-Up parking space on the north end of the building. This service will continue all of the hours we are

open. Contact us with any questions about how to use it (712-362-7731 or info@estherville.lib.ia.us).

Printing Via Email

We will also continue to offer to accept print jobs via email and deliver them to you curbside. Regular fees apply, and you may either bring exact change or use the button on the home page of our website to pay online.



CURBSIDE PRINTING

EMAIL YOUR DOCUMENT TO:
PRINTING@ESTHERVILLE.LIB.IA.US

- Email your completed document to the EPL at printing@estherville.lib.ia.us
- Wait for a response stating that your print job is ready
- Pick up your printed items during our summer hours:
 - Monday / Thursday 10:00-6:00
 - Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday 10:00-4:00
 - Saturday 10:00-1:00
- Regular prices apply. Bring exact change or pay online at www.estherville.lib.ia.us

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Upcoming Book Club Selections:

Thursday, Apr 2

- The Mothers

By Brit Bennett

Thursday, May 7

- The Night Tiger

By Yangsze Choo

Thursday, June 4

- Where the Crawdads Sing

By Delia Owens

Thursday, July 2

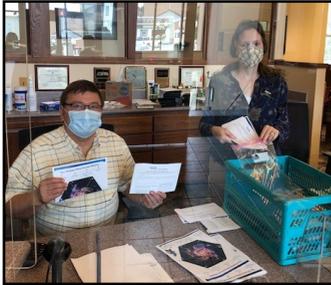
- The Confessions of a Domestic Failure

By Bunmi Laditan

The Estherville Library's Book Club meets at 12:00 pm (Noon) the first Thursday of every month. Meetings last approximately one hour.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

NASA @ My Library STEM Kits



In July library staff will be distributing 200 NASA STEM kits for kids in K-6th grades. Kits will be distributed on a first-come fist-serve basis from 10 am– 1:00 pm in the library entry way on July 11, July 18, July 25, and July 31st. Each week will be a different theme. Kits are straw rocket, pin-wheel galaxy, marshmallow 3-D Build, and lunar phases. STEM Kits were funded through the NASA @ My Library grant,

which is in its final year.

Regular Programs Continue Online

Book Club has provided the opportunity to meet online using Zoom. We have discussed our latest books and others we have been reading. Let the library know if you would like a link to join this group.

Dungeons & Dragons has been able to continue meeting online, using Zoom. We have continued the two campaigns we are running, and have had a boost in attendance since moving to the online platform!

Knitting Group (which welcomes crocheters and any other hand-work enthusiasts) meets each Saturday at 10:30 AM. This group now meets online via Zoom, and anyone is welcome to join at any time. Contact Tena for the link by reaching out on our Facebook page, choosing “interested” or “going” on the event there, or by emailing us at info@estherville.lib.ia.us.



Summer Library Program



For Children

We had 56 children register, birth to 4th grade (Fall 2020). Ashley, ECCB, did 2 virtual programs via Facebook Live, one was on woodland animals and the other on seeds. Weekly STEM kits were handed to those aged K-4th grade., catapults, parachutes, and germinating seeds. Through library checkouts or use of the apps Overdrive and Libby, and attendance at virtual programs, Legos were added to make a Lego creation. Pictures were posted to the EPL Facebook for patrons to see how it grew. Any prizes received were done through random drawings. On June 24th, each participant will receive 2 free books and a finale come and go will be held June 30 via Zoom.

For Teens

Youth in 5th grade and up that had checked out items during the week were automatically included in a drawing for a \$25 Estherville Bucks certificate. We had four lucky winners this summer.

For Adults

Adults involved in this year's Summer Library Program were automatically enrolled in a weekly prize drawing based on their circulation activity. Each week we drew for a \$25 Estherville Bucks certificate, and everyone who had checked items out that week had a chance to win.

We also featured a program we had planned to hold one evening in person, but decided to stretch out across the month so more people could enjoy it. Cookies of the World featured the baking of dedicated volunteers Lois Creech, Norma Beaver, Brandi Cellan, and Jeanne Handeland. Those who picked up materials curbside received samples of each week's featured cookie, and our website still shows the recipes, photos, and excellent videos they provided. Check it out at <https://www.estherville.lib.ia.us/use-the-library/cookies-of-the-world>



Behind the Scenes

Behind the Scenes During Our Closure

Staff have been working throughout our closure for COVID-19. We've been assisting members remotely, providing curbside service, deep cleaning, hosting online programs, completing inventory, updating labeling, processing new materials, updating digital newspaper collections, and completing many of those projects we don't normally have time to tackle.



Upcoming Closures

Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4 (Independence Day)

Saturday, August 1 (Sweet Corn Days)

Saturday and Monday, September 5 and 7 (Labor Day Weekend)

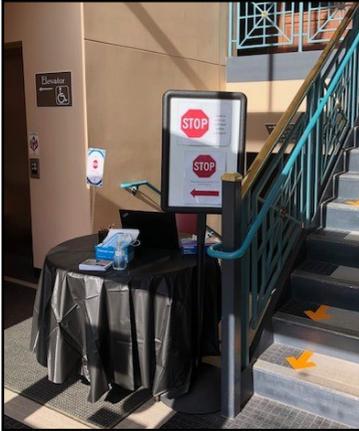
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Send us a message at info@estherville.lib.ia.us to change your newsletter format and save a tree!



CURRENT CHANGES

Things we can't do (for now)



Like many other agencies and businesses, there have been changes we've had to make to provide service as safely as possible. For now, there are some things we are not able to provide:

- In-person programs or meetings
- Restrooms
- Access to the lower level (samples of the children's collections have been brought upstairs, and we are happy to go get anything you like)
- Newspapers, puzzles, knitting needles

What we continue to offer

We are attempting to keep the library experience as normal as possible, and we appreciate everyone's patience as we all get used to the new procedures. Most of our services are still available:

- Online programs for all ages and access to library board meetings
- STEM kits for children (provided throughout the Summer Library Program in June, and there will be more to come as we announce future kits through the NASA @ My Library series)
- Curbside pick up and curbside printing continue all the hours we are open
- Browsing the collection



- Computer use & printing (30 minutes per day)
- Magazines can be checked out (though not used in-house)
- 24/7 Access to a wide array of online services, including free-to-you downloadable e-books, audio books, and magazines

IN APPRECIATION

Donations

- **The WA TAN YE Club** gave a generous donation towards a special event for our Summer Library Program. Stay tuned for announcements as to when we will be able to hold in-person programming again.



We appreciate all of our community members who have donated cleaning supplies, waited

patiently for their curbside materials, and who have been gracious about accepting the new procedures we must all follow. Thank you for helping us make library service as safe as possible for everyone involved.

The following individuals made contributions to the Estherville Public Library as memorials:

- Heidi & Robert Goebel gave a donation in memory of **Diane Elling**



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