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## Author Event with Nathan Jorgenson

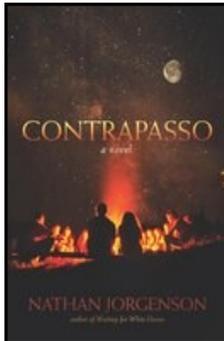


Thursday evening, January 9th, at 6:30 pm  
Minnesota author Nathan Jorgenson will be at the EPL to talk about his latest book, *Contrapasso*.

It's been 8 years since his last book,

*A Crooked Number*, and this time Jorgenson has woven themes of love, loss of innocence, and the losses that come with aging into this latest story. Fans of his earlier works, *Waiting for White Horses* (2004), *The Mulligan* (2007), and *A Crooked Number* (2011), won't want to miss this opportunity to hear him talk about the evolution of this latest book.

There are two opportunities to see him while he is in the area. Following our Thursday evening event he will be in Spirit Lake (at their library) on Friday the 10th at 2:00 pm.



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**THURS., JANUARY 9**

**6:30 PM**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# Classic Movie Matinee

The library will be hosting Library Movie Classics the last Wednesday of every month in the library community room. Each movie presentation starts at 1:30 pm. All movies include free popcorn.

January 29th, *The Miracle of Morgan's Creek - Betty Hutton*

February 26th, *Hang 'Em High - Clint Eastwood*

March 25th, *The Letter - Bette Davis*



# Maker Mondays

After a fall series featuring a guided painting and macramé / macraweave creations, we are gearing up for the winter and spring sessions. As always, registration is REQUIRED by calling 362-7731. While each event is free, supplies and seating are limited. (Note that registration does not open until each event is announced.) Following our website and Facebook page are both good ways to be one of the first to know!

- January 20th will be Crochet for Beginners
- February 24th will be Crocheted Shopping Bags (made out of shopping bags!)
- March and April will be announced soon!

### MAKER MONDAY CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM



#### CALL TO REGISTER: 712-362-7731

##### LEARN THE FOLLOWING:

- SLIP KNOT
- CHAIN
- SINGLE CROCHET
- DOUBLE CROCHET
- CHANGING COLORS / SKEINS

Note that basic crochet knowledge is required for the February session!



# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



## FRIENDS OF THE ESTHERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Renewal Letter 2020

Dear Friends,

The Friends of the Estherville Public Library exist to support programming and projects outside of our operating budget. We are able to accomplish this thanks to those who join as members or support the organization through donations and memorials. For your convenience, have recently added the option of paying for memberships online. See the "Friends" tab of our website: [www.esterவில்le.lib.ia.us](http://www.esterவில்le.lib.ia.us).

Joining the Friends of the Library is a gesture of support, and does not obligate you to attend meetings. All members are invited to attend our annual meeting on Thursday, April 2nd, 2020, at 5:30 pm. Members are also welcome at all quarterly board meetings, and will find these dates on our website.

Those who donate time or funds to the Friends of the Library will be added to the mailing list for our quarterly newsletter, a 12-page publication giving all the current news and behind-the-scenes information on what is going on at the library. Please fill in your address if you prefer an emailed newsletter.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your support of the Friends of the Estherville Public Library.

**Please check "yes" or "no" to re-select each member of The Friends of the Estherville Public Library Board:**

	Yes	No		Yes	No
Lili Jensen, President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dorothy Christensen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Becky Domek, Vice-President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joan Nims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheryl Houseman, Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Graves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dawn Webb, Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lavonne Phillips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tena Hanson, Staff Rep.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lyle Hevern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kim Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Donation Options:

\_\_\_ General \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Children's SRP Sponsor \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Memorial \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Options:

\_\_\_ Student or Senior \$5.00  
 \_\_\_ Individual Member \$10.00  
 \_\_\_ Family Membership \$20.00  
 \_\_\_ Business / Organization \$50.00  
 \_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

\_\_\_ Genealogical Society  
 \_\_\_ Occasional Special Children's Events  
 \_\_\_ Program Provider (list your talent and/or proposed topic): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Refreshments (provide for occasional events)  
 \_\_\_ Provide a collection for display cases:

\_\_\_ Other?  
 Call or email Tena Hanson with questions  
 (362-7731 or [tena.hanson@esterவில்le.lib.ia.us](mailto:tena.hanson@esterவில்le.lib.ia.us)).

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# Friends of the Library Board Meeting April 2, 2020 at 5:30 PM

COMING SOON

## *Friends Annual Meeting*



This year's Annual Meeting of the Friends of the EPL will feature a very special performance by Pippa White. White will perform her one-woman show, "The Story of the Orphan Train," on Thursday, April 2nd at 5:30 pm (following a brief business meeting). This event will be co-hosted by the Emmet County Historical Society and Museum Complex, and will

take place at the library.

From her website, "Fending for themselves on the streets of New York, homeless children were given a chance for a new life in America's heartland by riding the orphan train. Orphans who remember the experience come to life and share a heartrending and forgotten part of history."

White... "turned to solo performing after an extensive career in theatre and television on the West Coast, including five years hosting a daily morning television show on ABC in San Francisco." She's performed all over the country to rave reviews, and we are fortunate to have a chance to offer you the opportunity to see her, free of charge, at the library.



## MORE PROGRAMS



### Remembering the Apron

Sheila Craig of Preston, Minnesota, will be here on Thursday, February 27th at 6:30 pm to give her talk entitled Remembering the Apron. (The snow date for this program is March 12th.)

### Conversational Spanish

Every Friday at Noon all are welcome to join our informal group practicing Conversational Spanish in the Community room for 30-60 minutes. Volunteer leader David Morin will be there to answer your questions and guide you through the topic of the day. As this is not a formal class, those interested are welcome to join any day they are free to do so, and you will not have missed any pre-requisite information.

FRIDAYS AT 12:00 (NOON)

## Conversational Spanish

At the Estherville Public Library

An informal opportunity to engage in conversation and improve your skills.

With David Morin



### Knit / Crochet Group

Everyone is welcome to join our Saturday gathering of those who wish to work on handwork projects such as knitting or crochet. People of all abilities and skill levels are welcome, and beginners will find help among fellow participants. Come to share your progress, ideas, patterns, resources, and simply to enjoy the company of fellow crafters and a peaceful place to work. This takes place every Saturday from approximately 10:00-Noon.

## Wrapping-up Recent Programs

### ***The Piano Continuum with James Grebe***

On Saturday, November 16th, James Grebe offered an overview of the history and workings of the piano. Thanks to special promotion sponsored by Roy's Auto, word of the event spread far and wide and 55 people were in attendance. Grebe is a scholar of the instrument and offers his services for tuning. He also has a passion for theatre organs, and his writing has been featured recently in the Estherville News.



### ***Chocolate Walk and Silent Auction***

On Thursday, November 21st over 300 people came through the doors of the library to sample our volunteer's home-made chocolate treats and to take part in our annual Silent Auction fundraiser for the Friends of the EPL. This year the auction took in over \$2,000 which will bolster the programming budget allowing the library to bring in more speakers, partner with other area libraries, and purchase more items for use with children's programs. Thank you to all who helped with the event, those who attended, and to those who supported the auction with donations and purchases!



## Wrapping Up Recent Programs

### *Tuba Christmas*



A Tuba Christmas, a very popular holiday event is hosted the first Thursday of every December at

the library. The tuba, sousaphone, baritone and euphonium, all members of the tuba instrument family made for a glorious holiday music event enjoyed by the 45 people in attendance. One of the band members shared that it was Harvey Phillips who formulated the first Tuba Christmas in 1974. Harvey wanted the tuba tribute to honor his teacher and mentor William J. Bell, born on Christmas Day, 1902. This tuba tribute takes place worldwide to celebrate those who play, teach and compose music for this bass tone instrument. The first Tuba Christmas took place in New York City's Rockefeller Plaza Ice-rink on December 22, 1974. If you missed it this year, be sure to mark your calendar to join us on the first Thursday of December in 2020!

### *Upcoming Closures*

Wednesday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

Monday, February 17 (Presidents' Day)

*Would you prefer an  
e-mailed newsletter?*

Send us a message at  
[info@estherville.lib.ia.us](mailto:info@estherville.lib.ia.us) to change your newsletter  
format and save a tree!



## PUZZLE COMPETITION

Did you know there is an assortment of over 50 puzzles available for checkout in the children's department? This includes puzzles with pegs for toddlers to work on problem solving and hand and eye coordination. The larger puzzles for youth include 10 to 50 pieces. Take one home or complete one while visiting the library.

For a bigger challenge, the upper level of the library has a puzzle on a table for patrons to work on. Meet a new friend or start a conversation about the theme of the puzzle.

**JIGSAW  
PUZZLE  
COMPETITION**

Saturday, January 4, 2020  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Call 362-7731 to register your team  
of 4, as space is limited!

 Estherville Public Library, 613 Central Ave.

Complete 500 piece  
puzzle in 2 hours

Free for ages  
13 and up

Once completed a new puzzle usually appears the next day. Stay for five minutes or five hours your welcome to spend your time at the library.

The Jigsaw Jungle website ([www.jigsawjungle.com](http://www.jigsawjungle.com)) has a webpage dedicated to the health benefits of puzzles. Some of the benefits listed here include; a sense of accomplishment, working both sides of the brain, increasing concentration, and sharpening your memory. Why not try a puzzle today?

On Saturday, January 4th, 2020 the library is hosting a Jigsaw Puzzle Competition. This will be from 10:00 am -12:00 pm in the community room in which teams of four will race to complete identical 500 piece puzzles the fastest. This competition is free and open to those 13 years and up. Registration is required for each team of four members, as space is limited. Grab your favorite puzzle friends and family members and sign up by calling the library at 362-7731, email at [info@estherville.lib.ia.us](mailto:info@estherville.lib.ia.us), or stop at the library to add your name to the list.

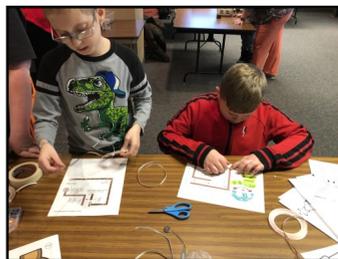
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Tinker Tuesdays*



At our most recent Tinker Tuesday, we crafted holiday cards that lit up from paper circuits with copper tape, coin batteries, and led lights. Trial and error was used to ensure good connections.

On January 14, we will be doing the Pringles ring challenge. With the unique shape of this chip, youth will be building and engineering a ring with stacked chips, steady hands, and teamwork.



### *Story Times*



Storytime is Thursday nights at 6:00 pm and Friday mornings at 10:30 am. Join Miss Beth and Miss Paula, in the EPL Storytime room, as we read books, sing songs, and have a craft or activity. January themes are boats,



pirates, spiders, and food fun. Miss Ashley from Emmet County Conservation will be our special guest at the Friday morning Spiders Storytime. Registration is not required.



## CURRENT NEWS

### IASHARES

IA Shares is a new delivery service program of the State Library designed to provide a method of sending and receiving library materials between public libraries and the State Library at no charge to individual libraries. The service provides one day per week delivery to every public library in Iowa. Here at Estherville, library staff have been receiving and sending inter-library loan books on Mondays using this new delivery service. With deliveries occurring only once a week, some items make take longer to receive through other libraries. We appreciate your patience as we work with this new service.



In mid-November this online resource which includes live tutoring, a writing assistance lab, and a skill surfer became available. The link is found on our website. Parents, K-12 students, and college students will find the resource helpful in studying or preparing for tests. This does require a login and password to keep track of your progress. This also includes a feature called Flashbulb which has flashcards for many subject areas and allows you to create your own. A dozen games are also available to practice reviewing these flashcards which makes studying more enjoyable.

### *Upcoming Book Club Selections:*

#### **Thursday, Jan 2**

- [Meet Me at Emotional Baggage Claim](#)

By Lisa Scottoline

#### **Thursday, Feb 6**

- [Secret Daughter](#)

By Shilpi Somaya Gwoda

#### **Thursday, Mar 5**

- [Before We Were Yours](#)

By Lisa Wingate

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

## IN APPRECIATION

### Donations

- ◇ The Gospel Meeting group gave a general donation
- ◇ The Thursday Girls gave a general donation
- ◇ Jan Greig donated a poinsettia
- ◇ Richard & Anita Olson gave a donation for new fiction
- ◇ John & Carolyn Walz gave a general donation
- ◇ The Waleh Family gave a general donation



### Those who gave donations to the 2019 Silent Auction:

Nathalie Anderson\*, Anonymous, Bank Plus\*, Blum & Leonard Insurance & Real Estate, Bob Jensen Agency, Brey's on Seventh, Dorothy Christensen, Lois Creech, Estherville Chamber of Commerce, Estherville Garden Club, E'ville Spinster Collective, Eyecare Centre, Fareway\*, Rob Goebel of Blum & Leonard Real Estate, Kathy Graves, James Grebe, Tena Hanson, Cheryl Houseman, Marcia Huntsinger, Iowa Lakes Community College, Isaac Walton League\*, Phyllis Martens & Sherry Shain, Mark & Lesa Nauss, New 2 U Consignment, Ed & Joan Nims, NorthStar Bank, Northwest Bank\*, Pearl Valley, Pelzer Law Firm / Jennifer Bennett Finn, Pro Co-Op, S&R Auto & Tire, LaVonne Slingerland, Thrivent \*, Sheryl Watkins / Damsel in Defense, Dawn Webb, Wild Rose Casino, and Wittneben Surveying. **Thank you all!**

### The following individuals made contributions to the Friends of the Library as memorials:

- Norma Beaver gave a donation in memory of **Arlene Nourse**
- Additional donations to our Friends group in memory of **Mary Hart** have come from Linda Nepl, Sandra & Gerald Wallace, Steven & Diana Pritts, Grace Spalding, N. Jean Auchampach, Lynn Fillenwarth, L. Thompson, Paul & Linda Wiegman, and Jerome & Barb Schacherer.
- Memorials for **Virginia Underdahl** (Tena Hanson's grandmother) were given by an anonymous donor, John & Julie Hanson, and Marcia Roehler

*Note that additional memorials have been given to the EPL (not via the Friends)*

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