



Quarterly Newsletter Sponsored by
the Friends of the Estherville Public Library

Off the Map



Our Friends of the Library Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4th at 5:30 pm, and all are welcome (and encouraged!) to attend. Following a very brief business meeting, we will host a special program with Rosa Snyder of Humanities Iowa. Her topic is ***Off the Map: Stories of Abandoned and Disappearing Towns Around Iowa.***

From the HI website, *“Thousands of towns and communities were established during Iowa’s pioneer and railroad era. In some instances, they were small towns built around the time of the height of a coal industry that just could not thrive while others supplemented the needs of the countless farmers, and still others were established for very different reasons. Many existed for a few years, some slowly faded away over time, and a few never existed except as “paper” towns... Towns are truly windows to our past and have helped form the history of our state. Discovering and learning about them helps to keep their names and memories from oblivion. Take a tour around Iowa exploring a sampling of these idiosyncratic communities in photographs and stories. Directions and a brief description of each town will be made available.”*

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

5:30 PM

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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.

- April 24th, *Citizen Kane*
- May 29th, *My Antonia*
- June 26th, *Little Shop of Horrors*



Maker Mondays

Concluding our season in April will be our monthly Maker Monday craft event for adults (teens welcome with an adult).

April's craft will be Tissue Dyed Silk Scarves, and will take place on the 15th from 6:30-8:00pm. Registration is REQUIRED by calling 362-7731. While the event is free, supplies and seating are limited.

Maker Monday

TISSUE DYED SILK SCARVES

Monday, April 15th at 6:30 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Story Times

Stories, crafts, singing, and activities are what you'll find on Thursday nights @ 6:00 pm and Friday mornings @ 10:30am in the children's dept. In April we will be hosting Where I Live, Sandwich, Easter, and Nursery Rhyme story time themes. This free program promotes school readiness skills, literacy, and allows social interaction with other children. We welcome any family who would like to join us and try it out!

A poster for a 'MAY DAY CRAFT' event. The left side features a photograph of pink cherry blossoms. The text on the right reads: 'MAY DAY CRAFT', 'Estherville Public Library', 'Tuesday, April 30, 2019', '4:00pm-5:30 PM', and 'CHILDREN 6TH GRADE AND YOUNGER ARE INVITED TO MAKE A MAY DAY BASKET TO GIVE AWAY!'. At the bottom right, there is a small image of the library building and the address '613 Central Estherville, IA'.

Business After 5

On Tuesday, June 11th from 5:00-7:00 pm all are welcome to attend our Business After 5 event which will be co-hosted by our partners from the Emmet County Historical Society and Museum Complex. Join us for food, networking, and learn more about what both organizations currently have going on. Our involvement is sponsored by the Friends of the EPL.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

April 4, 2019 at 5:30 PM

NEW FACES

Rosemarie Croner



Hi, I am Rosemarie Croner and have lived in Estherville most of my life. I am married to Jeff Croner and we have two beautiful daughters that are married. One lives in the Dallas Texas area and the other daughter lives in Spirit Lake. We were blessed with two grand children that are close to us in Spirit Lake. I enjoy working at the library as one of the two new library assistants. I enjoy many authors that write mysteries and suspense and I enjoy gardening and sewing. My favorite time spent is with our grandchildren.

Riley Kintzle

Hi, I'm Riley! I am one of the new library assistants, and am actively attending courses through Iowa Lakes here in town. In the fall I will continue pursuing my third collegiate degree. Thus far I am enjoying my time here at the library, a change of pace, but in a good way!



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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

The graphic features a dark background with a faint image of a person. It includes the text 'FRIDAYS AT 12:00 (NOON)', 'Conversational Spanish', 'At the Estherville Public Library', and 'An informal opportunity to engage in conversation and improve your skills.' There is also a small image of the library building and a portrait of David Morin.

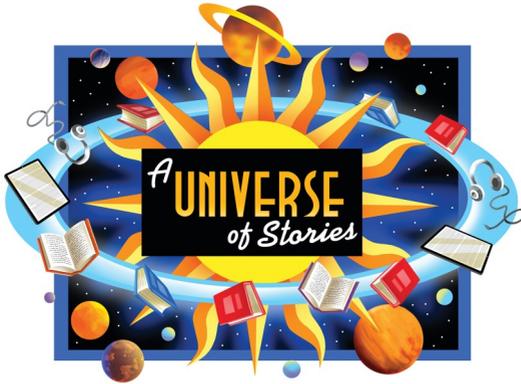
Knit / Crochet Group



For the past several weeks, the EPL has hosted a Saturday gathering of anyone interested in spending some time working 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 on the main floor.

Featuring: The 2019 SRP!

Birth—5th Grade



The 2019 children's summer reading program, A Universe of Stories, will be held June 1-22, 2019.

Children birth to 5th grade (Fall 2019) will participate in the children's summer reading program. Children going into 5th grade will be given the choice of participating in the children's program or the teen program. As in previous years, each child

will complete a game board of reading and activities to win prizes. Events include: story times, a Sun, Moon and Critters program by Ashley Reed from Emmet County Conservation, a come-and-go Saturn craft, a straw rockets craft, Lego League, a play by Treasure Village, and two lunar programs. We are hoping to have a visit from one of the Iowa Solar System Ambassadors.

Family Fun Night will be held on a Friday night, June 28th at Studio 12. Studio 12 is located at 12 S. 6th St. in Estherville. The EPL will provide a light meal for those children who have completed the program, as well as their families. We also have a special program planned that night! Participants and their families will have 2 hours to explore the Star Lab from the Grout Museum, located in Waterloo, Iowa. While waiting to go through the Star Lab, participants and their families will have the opportunity to participate in other engaging learning activities.

Miss Paula will be visiting the Demoney Library on April 24th and 25th for a summer reading visit. Make sure to check backpacks and/or folders for fliers that day. Miss Paula will also be handing out fliers at her other outreach events and fliers will also be available at EPL. Registration opens in-person, by phone @ 362-7731, or online at www.estherville.lib.ia.us starting May 13th.

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5th—12th Grade

Older youth in this year's summer reading program have a variety of programs to participate in. Try them all or just come when you can. Once again, weekly drawings will take place for prizes for books read during the month of June.

Tuesday, June 4 @ 10:00 am	<i>Galaxy Sime</i>
Monday, June 10 @ 10:00 am	<i>What's Your Story: Genealogy for Youth</i>
Wednesday, June 12 @ 10:00 am	<i>Needle Felting: Creatures from Outer space</i>
Friday, June 14 @ 2:00 pm	<i>Breaker Space</i>
Friday, June 21 @ 2:00 pm	<i>Soft Landing Challenge</i>
Monday, June 24 @ 2:00 pm	<i>Zoobots</i>

Adults

Just like last year, we will continue to hold a weekly prize drawing for adults. Throughout the month of June, fill out one entry slip for each book you've read. Prizes include gift cards to local grocery stores and various other items you may choose from when you win!



Upcoming Closures

- Saturday, May 25 (Memorial Day Weekend)
- Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day)
- Friday, June 7 (Closing early at 3:00 for Relay for Life)
- Thursday, June 27th (Closing early for SRP Finale)

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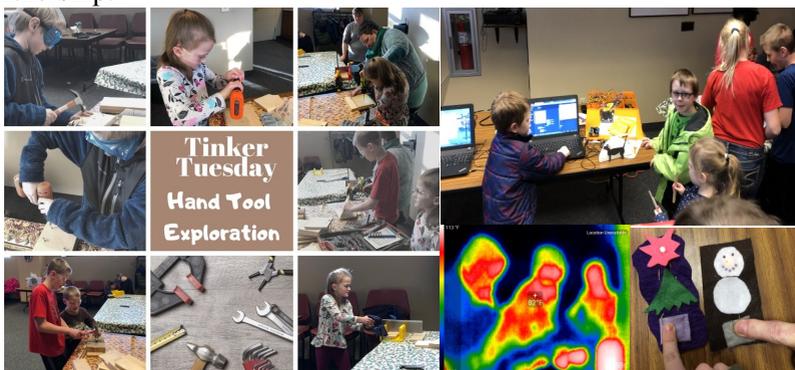
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EPL PROGRAMMING WRAP-UP

Tinker Tuesdays

Only two Tinker Tuesday sessions are left for this school year. April 9 we will be making felted creatures. Finally on May 14, we will be doing a past favorite, we will be outside with Alka-Sletzer Rockets. Both start at 3:45 pm. any of this year's events were provided in part from Making STEM Connections a Scale-up Program and NASA@ My Library Partnership.



Women in STEM Festival

On March 14, Beth and Paula presented at the Women in STEM Festival at ILCC on the Estherville campus for area 7th and 8th grade girls. This event was hosted the Northwest Region STEM Hub. During the day library staff talked about the historical roles women played in astronomy any fields. They showed how to use a planisphere when looking at the stars along with apps they could use. The library's telescopes were also available for them to explore and learn how to operate, despite it being a rainy and foggy day.



EPL EVENTS WRAP-UP

Our Neighbors, the Amish

Thanks to all who attended our special program featuring Don and Dianne Kramer of Dyersville entitled *Our Neighbors, the Amish*. Those present enjoyed authentic Amish treats and learned more about this unique culture and its history.



Hew to the Line



Jim Carpenter of Emmetsburg gave a fascinating demonstration on woodworking with hand tools, and talked about the development of his new book, *Hew to the Line*, on February 9th. Check out the book today!

The Day of the Hunter-Gatherer

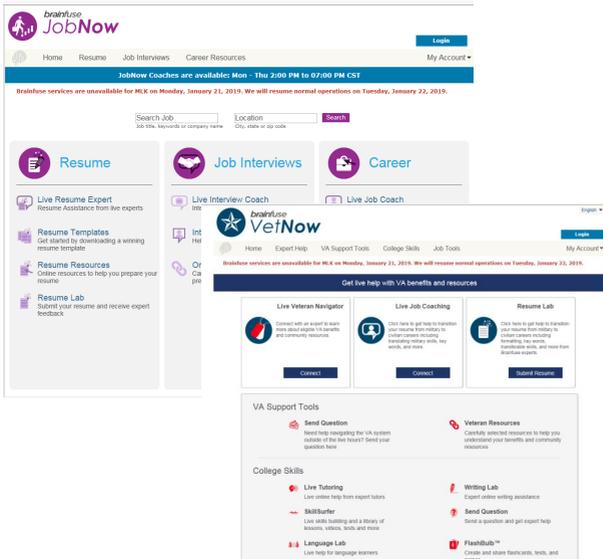
Robert Vavra, a Humanities Iowa speaker, shared with us this morning about tales from the Mississippi River including the people, industry, history, and wildlife. We had cute beaver treats too!



NEW DATABASE

Brainfuse

Brainfuse has been selected as the new online resource provider for career services, test prep, and software tutorials for Iowa libraries. This will replace Learning Express, previously offered by the State Library of Iowa. Iowa libraries will have access to the Brainfuse suite of academic and career resources including: **Job Now**, a one-of-a-kind career assistance that covers all major aspects of job hunting and **VetNow**, a resource supporting the community's veterans and their families with locating eligible benefits, live online academic tutoring, employment transition assistance, and finding community resources.



Upcoming Book Club Selections:

Thursday, Apr 4

- Being Mortal
by Atul Gawande

Thursday, May 2

- This Blessed Earth
by Ted Genoways

Thursday, Jun 6

- Red Clocks
by Leni Zumas

Thursday, July 11

- The Hate U Give
by Angie Thomas

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

- ◇ Kathy Knudson gave a general donation
- ◇ Randy and Kathy Asman gave a general donation
- ◇ Jennifer LeSieur gave a general donation
- ◇ The Estherville Noon Kiwanis gave a general donation
- ◇ Farmers Union Industries, DBA: Central Bi-Products gave a general donation

2019 Summer Reading Program Donations (since our last newsletter):

Rod Foster, Black Hills Energy, Molly Struve, Hardee's

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

- Jan Greig gave a donation in memory of Randy Cody
- Bernadette Duitsman gave a donation in memory of Ed Boucher
- Norma Beaver gave memorials for Ellen Johnson and Roseanne Hackett,
- N Edwin Demoney gave a memorial for Rosalie Demoney
- Memorials for Sherry Nauss have been given by Heidi and Robert Goebel,

- The following have given donations in memory of

Marilyn Syverson:

The Norwalk Firefighter's Association, Norma Beaver, Alice Mitts, Suzanne Mitts, Dave Howard, Diane Swalve, Grace Spalding, Dan, Marty Cae, and Kelli Klein, Susan Kroenke

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

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