



Quarterly Newsletter Sponsored by the Friends of the Estherville Public Library

2020 Silent Auction



The Friends of the EPL will host their annual Silent Auction, with a few modifications this year. Auction items are currently being accepted, and can come from businesses,

organizations, or individuals.

Items will be displayed in the library November 2-19, though this time all bidding will take place online. Items can also be viewed, and bids can be placed at www.32auctions.com/EPLFriends2020. For those who don't have access to an internet-connected device, or



who would like assistance, library computers can be utilized to access the bidding site. Bidding will be closed at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 19th, and winners will be notified. Payment can be accepted online, and curbside delivery of your items will be available, or you may pick them up inside the library.



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CURRENT NEWS

Chad Lewis (online)

The graphic features a black background with yellow and white text. On the left, it says 'SATURDAY, OCT. 17 AT 10:30 AM' in white, followed by 'GANGSTER HISTORY OF THE MIDWEST' in large yellow letters. Below that, it provides the Zoom link: 'JOIN US ONLINE VIA ZOOM: HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/93562812487'. On the right, there is a photograph of Chad Lewis standing on a road, with his name 'Chad Lewis' written in yellow cursive over the image. At the bottom, logos for 'ESTHERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY' and 'MILFORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY' are displayed, along with a small circular logo.

Join us via Zoom for a fascinating look at the Gangster History of the Midwest with the ever-popular Chad Lewis! Enjoy this live session from the comfort of home.

Maker Mondays

Maker Mondays are back, but with a new twist. Kits will be assembled and made available to pick up ahead of each date, and registered attendees can then join Tena for a live Zoom session to assemble each project together from home. Registration is required, as supplies are limited. Our fall projects are as follows:

- **Monday, October 12th at 6:30 pm Wood Slice Pumpkins**
- **Monday, November 16th at 6:30 pm Twig Star Wreaths**
- **Monday, December 7th at 6:30 pm Sock Knome Ornaments**

Call 362-7731 to register!

Upcoming Book Club Selections:

Thursday, Oct 1

- Batting Rocks Over the Barn

By Lawn Griffiths

Thursday, Nov 5

- Homegoing

By Yaa Gyasi

Thursday, Dec 3

- The Man Who Quit Money

By Mark Sundeen

Thursday, Jan. 7

- A Christmas Blizzard

By Garrison Keillor

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

FALL PROGRAMMING

Bird House STEM Kits



Learn more about the world around you with a Bird STEM Kit from the EPL

- Kids K-6th grade
- Pick up in EPL entry Sept. 25, 10:00 am-6:00 pm
- First come, first serve to the first 200

NASA @
My Library

613 Central Ave.
Estherville, IA



The EPL will be handing out a STEM Kit featuring birds Monday, Sep. 28th, 10:00 am-6:00 pm in the library entry on a first-come, first-served basis. This kit for K-6th graders includes a birdhouse which patrons assemble and decorate. QR codes provide the links to bird information and to a free bird app and online NASA survey.

Regular Programs Continue Online

Book Club has provided the opportunity for members from near and far 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.



KNIT & CROCHET GROUP
SATURDAYS AT 10:30
VIA ZOOM

CONTACT THE EPL FOR THE LINK
INFO@ESTHERVILLE.LIB.IA.US
717-462-2781
OR CALL 800-451-2262

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fall Programs

Tinker @ Home

With in-person programming being postponed, the library has created Tinker @ Home kits in place of Tinker Tuesday this season. These free kits are geared for grades K-6th on a first come, first serve basis and can be picked up from the library during open hours. Each kit will include the directions and materials needed to complete the activity. There will also be the option to join library staff on Zoom to ask questions, view samples, and review directions. The following will be the Tinker @ Home Activities and Zoom programs.



Sun Prints
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
@ 5:00 pm

Orizomegami
(Japanese Tie Dye)
Thursday, November 12, 2020 @
5:00 pm

LED Light-Up Cards
Thursday, December 10, 2020 @
5:00 pm

Fall Events

Staff Development Day



This year, due to the pandemic, our state's annual conference will be a one-day-only online event. We close one day in October each year for a full-staff training opportunity, so it made sense to allow the programming to be provided by this conference.

On Thursday, October 15th the library will be closed to allow all staff members to attend training. Our drop box and online services will continue to be available, but we will not open our doors or have anyone available to man the phones that day. Friday the 16th our normal hours will resume. Thank you for your patience as we take this annual opportunity to ensure that all staff have a chance to attend training.

Upcoming Closures

Thursday, October 15 (Staff Development Day)

Wednesday, November 11 (Veterans' Day)

Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27 (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, Dec. 24 closing at 2:00 pm (Christmas Eve)

Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

*Would you prefer an
e-mailed newsletter?*

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



TECHNOLOGY & DONATIONS

New Website (coming soon)



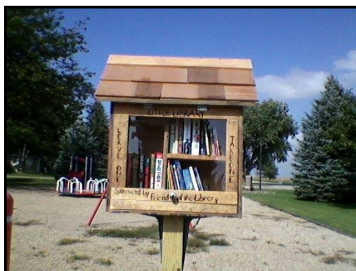
Our state-hosted website is about to get an upgrade. We are currently working on preparing content for a whole new site, which will have a more clean and clear image and navigation system.

The site will be available at the same address you're used to (estherville.lib.ia.us), but will feature a new chat service and layout. No date has been set, as of yet, for the changeover, but feel free to reach out if you have questions about how to use it once we are able to make this shift.

Donated Materials

We've had several calls about donating materials to the EPL since the beginning of the pandemic. At this time, the only donations we are able to accept are children's materials which we can quickly re-distribute to our Little Free Libraries throughout our city parks. We, too, have cleaned and re-organized our storage areas. Because we've made use of all available carts and shelving to bring children's materials to the main floor, we simply don't have anywhere to store excess materials on site for the time being.

If you'd like to donate children's books for our Little Free Libraries, you may place them direction into those units (at Thoreseon, Lincoln, Trinity, and Spurgin Parks), or you can place them in our drop box. Donated items go through the same cleaning and quarantine procedure as all other returned materials.



IN APPRECIATION

Donations

- **Shell Oil Company Foundation Matching Grants** gave a donation thanks to **Eric Brink**, who also gave individually
- A donation was given through **United Way**
- The **HyVee Reusable Bag Program** gave a donation
- **Grace Spalding** gave a donation



The following individuals made contributions to the EPL directly as memorials:

- Northwest Bank gave a donation in memory of **Loren Vreeland**

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



- Denna Hill gave a donation in memory of **LaBerta Andre**

- Joan Lauritsen gave a donation in memory of **Larry Smith** towards the Imagination Library fund



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