



Quarterly Newsletter Sponsored by  
the Friends of the Estherville Public Library

## Imagination Library



The Friends of the EPL are excited to announce that we will soon be able to open registration for an Imagination Library in our community.

This service is geared toward children aged birth-5 in Emmet County. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in

your child's name directly to your home. The first book is always the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could™*. Best of all it is a FREE GIFT to your child through our partnership with The Dollywood Foundation.

When registering children we ask for the child's name, birthdate, mailing address, parent name and cell phone or email address. There are no eligibility requirements outside of being aged 0-5 and living in Emmet County. Watch our website at [www.estherville.lib.ia.us](http://www.estherville.lib.ia.us) for an announcement once we have everything in order to open registration.

Our pursuit of establishing this service for the children of our community began with the family of Dennis Ridout. Denny was a long-time member of the EPL Board of Trustees, and his family gave the memorials that were the start of this special fund. Since then, several other memorials, the proceeds of our 2020 Silent Auction, and a grant from the Eldon Wayne Williamson Designated Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta have made this project possible.

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# CURRENT EVENTS

## Tinker @ Home

In place of Tinker Tuesday, EPL has been offering Tinker @ Home with free STEM kits with directions, that can be picked up and competed at home. These are available on a first come, first served basis. Participants can join virtually via Zoom to ask questions or share their projects. Upcoming winter projects and Zoom dates are:

- Thursday, January 14, 2021 @ 5:00 pm - ***Edible DNA Model***
- Thursday, February 11, 2021 @ 5:00 pm - ***Knots***
- Thursday, March 11 ,2021 @ 5:00 pm- ***Toilet Paper Solar System***

## 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 next event is featured below:



The graphic is a promotional poster for a 'Maker Monday' event. It features a central portrait of Stacey Stoddard, the special guest. To the left are three smaller images: a blue bow, hands working on a project, and a finished blue bow. The text on the poster reads: 'Maker MONDAY BOW-MAKING WORKSHOP WITH SPECIAL GUEST STACEY STODDARD Learn to make two types of bows in this special Zoom event hosted by the Estherville Public Library on Monday, January 18th at 7:00 pm. Call 712-562-7731 to register.'

### *Upcoming Book Club Selections:*

#### Thursday, Jan 7

- A Christmas Blizzard

By Garrison Keillor

#### Thursday, Feb 4

- One Thousand White Women

By Jim Fergus

#### Thursday, Mar 4

- Sold on a Monday

By Kristina McMorris

#### Thursday, Apr 1

- The Woman in Cabin 10

By Ruth Ware

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.

## WINTER PROGRAMMING



### Story Time

Children in K-2nd grade, are invited to participate in a Virtual Storytime on Tuesday, December 22 at 10:30 am based on the book *If You Take a Mouse to the Movies*, via Zoom. The 15-minute event will include a reading of the book by Laura Numeroff, and a short and show and tell of the craft in the kit. Kits include a craft, a treat, and the Zoom link and password. Kits are available on a first-come, first-serve basis through curbside delivery. Another Virtual Storytime covering Seeds is planned for Monday, January 18th, 2021 at 10:30 am via Zoom. Dinosaurs, a Virtual Storytime, is planned for Friday, February 12 at 10:30 via Zoom.

## ***Regular Programs Continue Online***

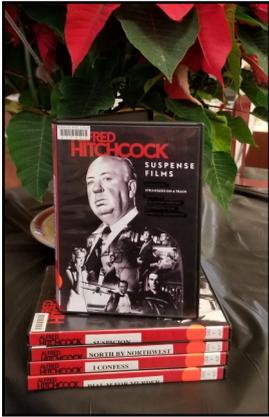
**Book Club** has provided the opportunity for members from near and far to meet online using Zoom. We have discussed our latest books and others we have been reading. Let the library know if you would like a link to join the group or book to read along with.

**Dungeons & Dragons** has been able to continue meeting online, using Zoom. We have continued the two campaigns still, attendance is great on the online platform. Participants love the stories we create!

**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. The link is included within the event on our Facebook page, and you may choose “interested” or “going” to get reminders via Facebook. People of all ability levels are welcome.



## Winter Promotions



### Theme Bundles

To make the selection process easier, the EPL has kids book bundles now available for check out. Themes include: Christmas, Legos, Mystery, Penguins, Kitchen, Winter, Owls, and Cats. Bundles may include books, magazines, DVDs, or audiobooks. For adults, we have movie bundles. Themes include: Western Weekend, John Wayne, The Golden Age of Hollywood, Alfred Hitchcock, and Comedy Classics. Contact the EPL via email, [www.info@estherville.lib.ia.us](mailto:www.info@estherville.lib.ia.us), Facebook messenger, or phone, (712) 362-7731, if you would like to check out one or more of these bundles.

### January & February Circulation Promotions

The EPL will be doing two circulation promotions, one will be January 1-31, and the second will run February 1-28. During each promotion adults who check out 5 physical books/magazines/audiobooks will be entered into a drawing to win. Children who check out 10 physical books/magazines/audiobooks will be entered into a drawing to win. One adult and one child winner will be chosen each month. No entry necessary! Winning patrons have 24 hours after notification to claim their prize, or we will draw again. Prizes are gift baskets full of fun treats.



# Winter Promotions

All are welcome to join the Friends of the EPL. Simply choose your membership level and pay online or via our drop box. Be sure to enter which way you'd like to receive your newsletter (mail or email).

We appreciate your continued support of our organization into 2021, and are working to provide more opportunities to offer quality services, whether those need to take place off-site or in the library.



## FRIENDS OF THE ESTHERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Renewal Letter 2021

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.esterவில்.lib.ia.us](http://www.esterவில்.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 1st, 2021, at 5:30 pm (watch for announcements as to whether this will be online). Members are also welcome at all quarterly board meetings.

Those who donate time or funds to the Friends of the Library will be added to the mailing list for our quarterly newsletter, a publication giving all the current news and behind-the-scenes information on what is going on at the library.

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"/>	Lyle Hevern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Becy Domsik, 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"/>
Dorothy Christensen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kim Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Membership Options:

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

*General donations and memorials are always accepted.*

Membership comes with a subscription to our newsletter. Please give your preferred mailing or email address below:

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## Upcoming Closures

- Friday, January 1 (New Years' Day)
- Monday, February 15 (Presidents' Day)

## Would you prefer an e-mailed newsletter?

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



# TECHNOLOGY

## New Website (coming soon)

The EPL will soon be releasing our new updated website provided by the State Library of Iowa using the Concrete 5 platform. This platform features many editing tools for staff to maintain this website. The enhanced format is more user friendly for mobile devices and tablets. We hope to offer improved access to the library's many online resources with the touch of a finger. The new site includes large icon buttons for the most requested services. The catalog search button is bookmarked on the top of the page. When the new site is released, it will be accessed from the same address, so you will not need to make any changes to your online bookmarks in order to find it. Let us know what you think! [www.esterhville.lib.ia.us](http://www.esterhville.lib.ia.us)



Featured Events

JAN 07	EPL Book Club	Jan 7, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
FEB 04	EPL Book Club	Feb 4, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MAR 04	EPL Book Club	Mar 4, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

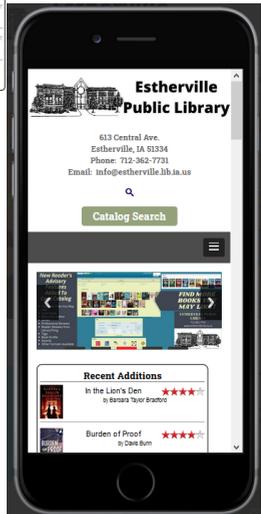
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Estherville Public Library

Welcome to Estherville Public Library! The library is your one stop source for all of your informational needs. We have a large selection of books, magazines, newspapers, and electronic resources available to be checked out by library card holders. Here you will also find electronic resources, news, announcements, and a calendar of upcoming library events.

- get a library card
- online newspaper archive
- text the library
- learn a language
- ebooks & downloadable audio
- online magazines
- genealogy information
- help for jobseekers
- help for students



## IN APPRECIATION

### Donations

- A donation was given through **United Way**
- **Hardee's** gave a donation
- **Mark Nauss** gave a donation to support the Silent Auction
- **Pam Kauffman** gave a donation
- **Cheryl Houseman** gave a donation
- **Richard & Anita Olsen** gave a donation to the EPL to be used for new fiction

### Williamson Grant

The Friends of the EPL have received a grant from the Eldon Wayne Williamson Designated Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta. With these funds, we will conduct phase one of our interior paint project, and will also be able to begin the Imagination Library project (described on the cover page).

### Silent Auction

The 2020 Friends of the EPL Silent Auction brought in \$1,940 which has helped to make the establishment of an Imagination Library for our community possible. Those who donated items or funds are as follows: American Family Insurance / Lili & Bob Jensen; Anonymous donors (2); Bank Plus; Blum & Leonard; Brey's on Seventh; Burrell Painting; Dorothy & Roger Christensen; Estherville Garden Club; Estherville News; The Eyecare Centre; First Christian Church; Rob Goebel of Blum & Leonard Real Estate; Joe Gregori; Diane Haisman; Tena Hanson; Cheryl Houseman; Marcia Huntsinger; Michaelson Inc.; Joan & Ed Nims; Northstar Bank & Agency; Northwest Bank; Carla Ridout; S&R Auto & Tire; LaVonne Slingerland; Thrivent Financial Action Team; WA TAN YE; and Dawn Webb.

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

- Carla Ridout gave a donation in memory of **Irene Tiervold**
- Memorials given directly to the library include:**
- Nora Weyl gave a donation in memory of **Lawrence and Dottie Jensen** to be used towards large print books
  - Northwest Bank gave donations in memory of **Eldon Fain and DeEtte Graettinger**

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