

## April 2021 Director's Report:

### Friends Membership Drive Report

- **So far, the 2021 Membership Drive has brought in:**
  - 104 total members
  - \$3,355.00 total income
  - 13 have used the online payment method

### Library Programming / Events:

- As follows are some programs we've been able to hold under the current circumstances, and those we have planned as upcoming events:
  - **Maker Mondays (monthly)**
    - This program came back last October, with the final event happening later this month. There are still openings for April 19<sup>th</sup> if you'd like to register for our wood slice DIY event!
  - **Online Knit & Crochet Group (continual)**
    - We continue to host weekly Zoom meetings, hosted by Tena.
  - **Dungeons & Dragons (continual)**
    - Both groups of D&D participants have had better attendance since moving this program online, hosted by Riley.
  - **Book Club (continual)**
    - Beginning with the May 2020 session, our book club has been meeting online. There are fewer participants for this program when meeting this way, hosted by Beth.
  - **Virtual Story Times**
    - Beginning in December, Paula has been hosting a virtual Story Time, complete with take-home craft kits, via Zoom.
  - **Virtual Tinker @ Home**
    - A Zoom / take-home kit version of our former Tinker Tuesday after school sessions began in October and continues monthly.
      - **Upcoming:**
        - Summer Reading Program for all ages will take place in June.
        - If funded, we will be distributing kits to families in July.
        - Regular programs continue
  - **NW Iowa STEM's Virtual Library Festival**
    - In April Miss Paula will serve as a guest reader and the EPL will serve as a distribution site for STEM kits for this event organized by NW Iowa STEM. Children in grades K-4 can



APRIL 19 @ 6:30 PM

# MAKER MONDAY

CALL 712-362-7731 TO REGISTER

**WOOD SLICE DIY**

Use the wood to make whatever you like (footstool, painted decor, try a wood-burned design, attempt epoxy, etc.) Then, join us for show & tell on April 19th. Wood slices are free though supplies are limited. Call to register!

Zoom link provided within the kits for registered participants.



**KNIT & CROCHET GROUP**

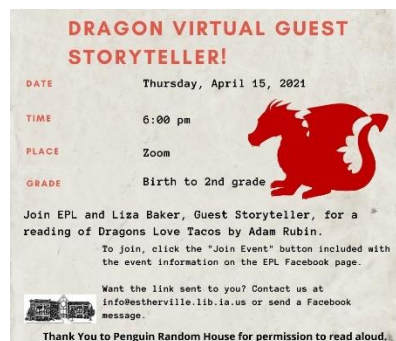
SATURDAYS AT 10:30 VIA ZOOM

CONTACT THE EPL FOR THE LINK

INFO@ESTHERVILLE.LIB.IA.US  
712-362-7731  
OR SEND A FACEBOOK MESSAGE



ALL ARE WELCOME!



**DRAGON VIRTUAL GUEST STORYTELLER!**

DATE Thursday, April 15, 2021

TIME 6:00 pm

PLACE Zoom

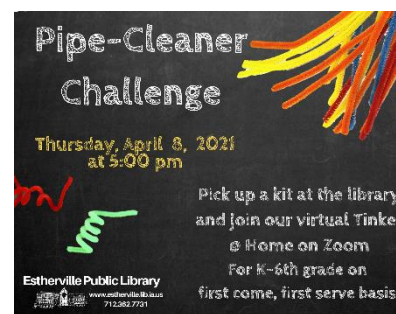
GRADE Birth to 2nd grade

Join EPL and Liza Baker, Guest Storyteller, for a reading of *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin.

To join, click the "Join Event" button included with the event information on the EPL Facebook page.

Want the link sent to you? Contact us at [info@estherville.lib.ia.us](mailto:info@estherville.lib.ia.us) or send a Facebook message.

Thank You to Penguin Random House for permission to read aloud.



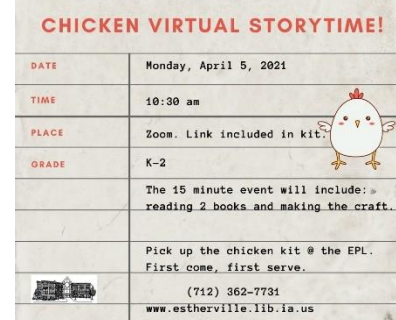
**Pipe-Cleaner Challenge**

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Pick up a kit at the library and join our virtual Tinker @ Home on Zoom

For K-6th grade on first come, first serve basis.

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**CHICKEN VIRTUAL STORYTIME!**

DATE	Monday, April 5, 2021
TIME	10:30 am
PLACE	Zoom. Link included in kit.
GRADE	K-2

The 15 minute event will include: » reading 2 books and making the craft.

Pick up the chicken kit @ the EPL. First come, first serve.

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register by March 15<sup>th</sup> to take part in this event that happens during National Library Week in April.

### **Grant Updates:**

- Williamson (via the Friends of the Library)
  - Paint Project
    - Phase I of our paint project included nearly the entire lower level of the facility. Burrell Painting worked with us on some wall repair and preparation issues, and completed two coats of paint in the lower hall, both restrooms, community room, and children's room. Light fixtures were also painted in the children's room. (Back hallways and stairwells can be completed at a later time.)
  - Imagination Library
    - We've done all we can to process paperwork and prepare for this project to start. Since December we have been waiting on approval from the postal service (Des Moines office). I've recently spoken with our Imagination Library representative and we've decided to apply through the Tennessee postal office which is local to the Dollywood Foundation. She expects they may be more responsive.
- Trinity Lutheran Application
  - At the suggestion of Deb Seylar we have applied for the Elaine Berghefer Endowment fund grant for a family kit project which, if funded, would take place in the month of July. Depending on how much is approved, we may need to request support from the friends for shipping or other related expenses. We applied for \$1,528 for 4 kits which would be distributed to 50 families, each. The application was entered on behalf of our Friends group.
- Anonymous
  - In March, an anonymous donor approached me about our Community Room Renovation Project, which is currently on hold. The donor decided to give \$37,000 to the Friends group towards this project, but wishes to remain anonymous. We can discuss next steps now that we have this funding in place.

**CANDY VIRTUAL STORYTIME!**

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 5:00 pm




Pick up the Virtual Storytime kit for kids birth to 2nd grade @ the EPL. First come, first serve.

Then, join Children's Librarian, Paula via Zoom, for a reading of *Little Pea* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and the activity.

\*\*Zoom link & passcode included in kit or join directly from the event on the EPL Facebook page.

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**VIRTUAL GUEST STORYTELLER!**

DATE	Tuesday, April 20, 2021
TIME	5:00 pm
PLACE	Zoom
GRADE	Birth to 2nd grade

Join EPL and Norma Beaver, Guest Storyteller, for a reading of *Baby Goes to Market* by Atinuke and illustrated by Angela Brooksbank.

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