



Quarterly Newsletter Sponsored by
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Mosquito Kits



In August, children and their families will have the opportunity to learn more about mosquitos and their habitats and contribute their scientific data to NASA and worldwide through the Glove Observer App.

The Globe Observer website has this to say about the Mosquito Habitat Mapper, “By identifying potential breeding sites for mosquitoes, sampling and counting mosquito larvae, and by using optional equipment to examine, photograph and identify the genus of your specimens, you will be enabling scientists to verify predictive models of mosquito population dynamics. In addition, public health authorities can use your observations to inform where, when, and how to intervene in their communities to reduce disease risk.”

The Glove Observer App is free to download, available in several languages, and has other citizen science opportunities Clouds, Land Cover, and Trees. NASA @ My Library supplied a magnifier that can be used as a phone attachment or without the phone. It will enable kids and their families to see the mosquitos and their habitats up close.

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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. The remaining dates are:

- Thursday, April 8, 2021 @ 5:00 pm
Pipe-Cleaner Challenge
- Thursday, May 13, 2021 @ 5:00 pm
Spool Racer

Maker Mondays

The final Maker Monday of this season will be a “Choose Your Own Adventure” opportunity. Kits will include one item: a large wood slice! Attendees can make whatever they want with it,



and can then join Tena for a live Zoom session to enjoy a “show and tell” of what each person has done. These could be made into stools, footstools, cake stands, painted décor, they could be embellished with a wood burner or epoxy, they could be made into a clock, or anything you can imagine. Registration is required, as supplies are limited. Call 712-362-7731 to be added to the list.

Upcoming Book Club Selections:

Thursday, Apr 1

- The Woman in Cabin 10

By Ruth Ware

Thursday, May 6

- Little Faith

By Nickolas Butler

Thursday, Jun 3

- The Book That Matters Most

By Ann Hood

Thursday, Jul 1

- The Book of Longings

By Sue Monk Kidd

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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Programming Updates

Since we have not been able to meet in person, Storytimes have gone virtual. One time per month via Zoom, we read a book, explore a Storytime kit, and complete the activity. Each free kit includes the activity, instructions, and supplies. Participants can join live or do it on their own. Upcoming themes include Chickens , April 5th at 10:30 am, and Candy, May 11th at 5:00 pm.

EPL will have 3 Virtual Guest Storytellers, Cami Mayne, Liza Baker, and Norma Beaver. These events will be held via Zoon and will include reading one book per event. Event dates are March 25 at 5:00 on, April 15 at 6:00 pm, and April 20th at 5:00 pm.

National Library Week STEM Challenges Festival



Children's Librarian, Paula Spoo, was one of several librarians across NW Iowa who created a video reading STEM inspired children's books for the National Library Week STEM Challenges Festival. Over 700 students, K-4th, registered and received a free kit with supplies to

complete the STEM challenges related to each STEM book. The challenges can be completed virtually between April 1-April 30.

Mary Trent, NW STEM Region Manager, stated, "The goals of festivals are to promote, inspire and engage youth in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activities and to introduce students and parents to STEM careers in Northwest Iowa" and "to encourage families to go visit their local library often."

Many of the STEM books featured in the festival are already in the EPL collection and the rest have been ordered.



Summer Reading Program 2021

Children

Children 4th grade (Fall 2021) and younger are invited to participate in the 2021 Children's Summer Library Program. The theme is Reading Colors Your World and will run June 1st to June 30th.

Read what you want, when you want, and for how long you want. No reading logs. Check out library materials and attend virtual programs.

Weekly maker kits and virtual storytime kits available on a first come, first serve basis. Pick up via curbside or in the EPL entry. Prizes will be given away as random drawings.

On June 2 @ 10:30 am via Zoom, explore Animal Camouflage with Ashley, from ECCB. Virtual Storytime via Zoom will be 10:30 am on June 4, June 10, June 18, and June 25. On June 30, free books will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. A Zoom Bubble Party will be held June 30, 4:30 pm-5:00 pm. Free bubbles will be available for distribution prior to the event.



Summer Reading Program 2021

Teens

This summer teens (5th grade and up) will have four kits available for pick up from the library to complete at home. A new kit will be handed out each week and be available all month while supplies last. There will also be a weekly drawing for \$25 in Estherville Bucks for those that check out materials during the month of June.

- Tuesday, June 1 Flextangle
- Monday, June 7 Junk Drawer Robot
- Monday, June 14 Macramé Rainbow
- Monday, June 21 Mini Pinata

Adults

This year's adult program will feature the weekly drawings for grocery gift cards, as usual. This year, we will also have grand prizes for the top 3 readers of print and physical audio materials throughout the month of June! All you have to do is check out physical materials from the EPL to enter. June is a great time to kick your summer reading off right, and to gain eligibility for some great prizes at the same time!

Upcoming Closures

- Saturday, May 29th (Memorial Day weekend)
- Monday, May 31st (Memorial Day)
- Friday, June 4th closing at 3:00 pm (Relay for Life)
- Wednesday, June 30th closing at 5:00 pm at the latest
(Summer Library Program Finale)

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



CURRENT NEWS

Digital Lab Equipment Moved



We've moved one of the Digital Lab stations out to the public area on the main floor so you now have access to the machine that will scan 35mm film or carousel slides. Instructions are available, and staff can help you learn how to use the equipment as time allows. Make an appointment if you expect to need assistance by calling 712-362-7731.

Current Re-Opening Stage

WELCOME BACK!

- 10 people allowed in at a time
- One visit per day
- Returns via drop box only
- Observe 6' social distancing
- 60-minute time limit
- 60-minute computer usage
- Curbside check-outs still encouraged
- No restrooms
- No meeting rooms
- No drinking fountains
- We ask that you wear a mask
- We ask that you come to the library with your children (most need assistance with social distancing)
- Main floor only (children's materials available upstairs)

Mondays 10:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm
Wednesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm
Thursdays 10:00am - 6:00pm
Fridays 10:00am - 4:00pm
Saturdays 10:00am - 1:00pm



IN APPRECIATION

Donations

The following individuals gave general donations:

- Mary Beardsley, Ruth Ann Grebe, Judy Grethen, Cheryl Houseman, Jennifer LeSieur, Pro Co-op, Pam Spoo, Jim & Allison Sunde, United Way of Central Iowa

Anonymous Donation

The Friends of the EPL have received an anonymous donation of \$37,000 towards our Community Room expansion project. This generous gift will allow us to move forward with the project.

Grant for Family Kits

The Friends of the EPL have received a grant from the Elaine Berghefer Mission and Ministry Endowment Fund at Trinity Lutheran Church. This generous gift will allow us to distribute four different kits, one each week, to 50 families each time, during the month of July.

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

- John Larson gave a donation in memory of **Jeannene Larson**
- Norma Beaver gave a donation in memory of **Emil Rosenau**

Memorials given directly to the library include:

- Duane & Connie Dahna gave a donation in memory of **Ron Van Sickle**
- Dick & Shirley Barrett gave a donation in memory of **Dick Lund**
- Friends and family gave a donation in memory of **Ron Van Sickle**
- Northwest Bank gave donations in memory of **Judy Kurth, Boyd Quastad, Don Martens, Ione Brekke, Ruby Harris, and Darlene Brunskill**

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