



Quarterly Newsletter Sponsored by
the Friends of the Estherville Public Library

Current Offerings

The EPL has been steadily increasing our offerings to the public as virus positivity levels have subsided locally. We know all of the changes are hard to keep up with, so we will highlight a few of them here:

New Hours:

- Mondays 9:30-6:00
- Tuesdays 9:30-6:00
- Wednesdays 9:30-6:00
- Thursdays 9:30-8:00
- Fridays 9:30-5:00
- Saturdays 9:30-1:00



Meeting Rooms:

- Group Study Room capacity is now limited to 2 people. Inquire at the desk if you'd like to use the space.
- Community Room capacity is now limited to 15 people. Contact Tena if you'd like to fill out an application to hold your meeting in this space by emailing tena.sunde@estherville.lib.ia.us or calling 712-362-7731, or stopping by!

Read on for more details about our current events!

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CURRENT EVENTS

Sweet Corn Days



On August 7th, 9:00 am-10:30 am, EPL staff will distribute 200 Mosquito Habitat Mapper kits funded by NASA @ My Library. Kits are available on a first come, first serve basis in the front of the EPL (East side). Through the

kit, children and their families will have the opportunity to learn more about mosquitos and their habitats and become Citizen Scientists as they contribute their data to NASA and GLOBE through the free app Globe Observer.

The Globe Observer website has this to say about the Mosquito Habitat Mapper: “By identifying potential breeding sites for mosquitos, 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 Globe Observer app is free to download, available in several languages, and has other Citizen Science opportunities. These include clouds, land cover, and trees. Kits include instructions, information, and a cell phone attachment that will enable kids and their families to see mosquitos up close. The magnifier can also be used on its own, without a cell phone.

Upcoming Book Club Selections:

Thursday, Jul 1

- The Book of Longings

By Sue Monk Kidd

Thursday, Aug 5

- Fire on the Mountain

By John Maclean

Thursday, Sep 2

- With the Fire on High

By Elizabeth Acevedo

Thursday, Oct 7

- The Orphan Collector

By Ellen Marie Wiseman

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 and in the community room.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING



Summer Story Times

In-person Storytime will start July 23 at 10:30 am. Bring your blanket and join us for stories and an activity outside on the East side of the EPL. Storytime will also be held 10:30 am on July 30, August 6, and August 13. Storytime is cancelled in inclement weather.

July Kits

Thanks to a very generous donation by the Elaine Berghefer Mission and Ministry Endowment Fund at Trinity Lutheran Church, the EPL will be distributing free weekly family kits. Kits are available on a first come, first serve basis. One weekly kit per family. Kits are DIY Cork Boat on July 6, Dinosaur Habitat on July 12, Thumbprint Art on July 19, and Sticker Mosaic on July 26. Kits can be picked in the EPL Children's Dept. or via curbside delivery.

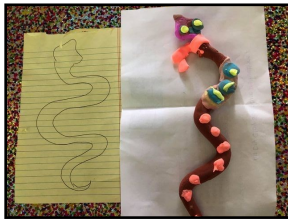


Summer 2021 Happenings

Summer Reading Program Wrap-Up



The children's summer library program distributed 2 weekly kits, 50 each time, to kids 4th grade and younger. The last week of the program free bubbles and books were distributed. Free coupons for Casey's cookies, individual Blank Park Zoo passes, and a Blank Park Zoo family 4 pack were awarded by participating in virtual events, such as Storytime, bubble party, and an Animal Camouflage program by Ashley from ECCB, random drawing or first come, first serve.



The teen summer library program provided 20 weekly kits to teens 5th grade and older along with a free book. Four lucky winners had their names drawn for checking out library books from the previous week. They each received \$20 in Estherville Bucks.

Adults enjoyed weekly drawings for \$20 in Estherville Bucks based on circulation activity. At the close of the month, the top two individuals to check out print or audio books received BBQ or S'mores gift baskets, while the person who checked out the most DVDs received a Movie Night basket.



Summer 2021 Happenings

Imagination Library

The Friends of the EPL's Imagination Library project is off to a great start. So far, 89 children from all over Emmet County have registered to receive one book per month mailed to their home from birth through age 4 (children "graduate" at age 5). Visit our website to register your child for our free program, which has been sponsored by local donors and grant funding.



Enroll your child & give them the gift of reading...**FREE!**

Upcoming Closures

- Monday, July 5 closed for Independence Day
- Saturday, August 7 closed for Sweet Corn Days
- Saturday, September 4 closed for Labor Day
- Monday, September 6 closed for Labor 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!



CURRENT NEWS

Family Storywalk

The library along with several local businesses are participating in Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Family Storywalk from July 3rd through 17th. Each of the eight businesses will be displaying a few pages from Mercer Meyer's book "Just Saving My Money". Learn about spending and saving and support our local small businesses as you walk along the way.

A second book will be available in August. For any questions, contact Megan Janssen at Emmet County Extension office, 712-362-3434.

FAMILY STORYWALK MAP

The map shows a route along Central Ave, bounded by N 6th St and N 7th St. The route is marked with eight numbered stops:

- #1: Estherville Public Library
- #2: Brey's on 7th
- #3: Estherville Printing Company
- #4: Style Loft
- #5: Estherville Court, Inc.
- #6: Steve's Sales and Service North Star Music Supply
- #7: SMART TECHNOLOGY TEAM SOLUTIONS
- #8: NORTHWEST BANK

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS:

- ISU Extension and Outreach
- Estherville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Bank Plus
- ESTHERVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- BANK PLUS
- IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

IN APPRECIATION

Donations

The following individuals gave general donations:

- **Rob Goebel** donated a portion of his real estate commissions “to be used locally to help our friends and neighbors make our part of the world a better place.”
- **United Way of North Central Iowa** gave a general donation
- **HyVee** gave a donation from their reusable bag program

ARPA Grant

The EPL has been approved for a \$5,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) after taking part in an application process through the State Library. Our project will fund updates to Community Room technology including a new multimedia projector and screen.

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

- Norma Beaver gave a donation in memory of **Mary Jo Huntley**
- Norma Beaver gave a donation in memory of **Lonnie Huntley**

Memorials given directly to the library include:

- Northwest Bank gave donations in memory of **Mary Jo Huntley, Lulabelle Schwidder, Ruth Mastbergen, and Lonnie Huntley**
- A local book club gave a donation in memory of **Bob Grange**

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