CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

In April the Eureka Public Library will join libraries of all types in celebrating the many ways libraries build strong communities by providing critical resources, programs, and expertise. The theme for National Library Week (April 7-13) is Libraries = Strong Communities. The Eureka Public Library District helps lead the community by providing free or low-cost educational programs for all ages, partners with community organizations to help promote Eureka and its services, and strives to continually improve their resources and services to benefit all members of the Eureka community. “Libraries are cornerstones of strong communities, and Eureka is a strong community,” states library director Ann Reeves.

Here are our National Library Week events:

- **Celebrating Eureka: Perspectives on Strong Communities with Craig Gerdes and Dr. Junius Rodriguez ~ 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 11 at the library**
  Gerdes and Rodriguez will share their perspectives on what makes a strong community, including libraries, schools, churches, and a shared historic commitment to support each other. Call the library to register at 309-467-2922.

- Guess the number of candies contest
- National Library Week word search puzzle
- Register to win a Kindle Fire tablet (extra drawing entries for returning word search & attending the April 11 program!)
- Special displays
- Commemorative bookmark to the first 100 patrons checking out items

**EUREKA PUBLIC LIBRARY SEED LIBRARY!**

Our free seed library has recently been restocked with hundreds of seeds including vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Don’t forget to come check it out this spring!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Annual Book Sale and Craft Swap
Saturday, May 18 from 8 am—12 pm!

Clean, new, or gently used craft supply donations will be accepted May 13—17 and during the sale.
STONE SOUP READING PROGRAM

Congratulations to Barb Zimmerman! Barb was the drawing winner for our February Stone Soup reading program. She won a Taste of Home soup cookbook and a $10 Eureka Business Association gift check. Forty-eight people registered and read at least 2 hours a week through February. In addition, the community donated 100 items for the Eureka Area Food Pantry and shared 15 of their favorite soup recipes as part of the program. Thank you to everyone who participated!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK: APRIL 7—13
THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!!

April 7—13 is National Volunteer Week! National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society’s greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. We could not meet our mission without the help of a great group of volunteers at the Eureka Public Library District. The following individuals donate their time and talents to a variety of tasks. We greatly appreciate their enthusiasm and all of their hard work!

- Olivia Blunier
- Peg Heinold
- Curt Jones
- Sue Knepp
- Wanda Robinson
- Pam Terry
- Deb Snyder
- Julia Wiegand
- Gerry Wilder
- Diana Fawley
- Kathy Zeid
- Robin Staudenmeier
- Marj Crowe

WINTER SHAKE-UP PROGRAM WRAPS UP

The library launched a three-month Winter Shake-Up: Better Choices, Better You program in January. Thirty-three individuals registered to participate, and there have been many positive responses to the program. Participants have been adding healthy habits to their daily routine, watching their weight, and participating in Friday morning stretching classes. The weight loss group has collectively lost 48.6 pounds since their first weigh in! Participants in the 8-Week Healthy Habit Challenge have until April 6 to turn in their completed challenge log sheet to be entered into a drawing for a $25 Eureka Business Association gift check. The drawing will take place on April 8. Improving your health is never an easy journey, but we hope the program has helped participants learn new healthy habits they can continue or start anytime throughout the year.

APRIL ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Saturday, March 30, 10 am—Identity Theft, Data Breach, & Credit Reports
- Monday, April 1, 6 pm—Medicare Made Clear
- Saturday, April 6, 10 am—Love & Money: Positive Conversations About Money
- Saturday, April 13, 10 am—Craft Saturday: Create a Spring Door Decoration
- Monday, April 15 & Tuesday, April 16, 9 am—1 pm—AARP Driver’s Safety Class
- Monday, April 15, 6:30 pm—Nature Photography & Spring Bird Migration
- Monday, April 22, All day—Earth Day: Special Children’s Activities All Day
- Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 pm—Container Gardening Inspiration
- Thursday, April 25, 6:30 pm—Stop Counting and Romaine Calm: Healthy Eating Tips
NEW BOOKS AND MOVIES

FICTION
F Alexander – When Love Arrives
F Berry – The Malta Exchange
F Bishop – Wild Country
F Box – Wolf Pack (Joe Pickett)
F Cabot – A Tender Hope
F Cameron – Open Carry
F Carlson – Courting Mr. Emerson
F Carty – Queenie
F Coben – Run Away
F Collins – The Winter Sister
F Connealy – The Unexpected Champion
F Deveraux – A Justified Murder
F Downie – The Gardener of Eden
F Eggers – The Parade
F Feehan – Toxic Game
F Fielding – All the Wrong Places
F Graham – A Lethal Legacy
F Harper – American Duchess
F Harrel – The Secret of Paper & Ink
F Heller – The River
F Hilton – The Amish Candymaker
F Iles – Cemetery Road
F Kothari – The Object of Your Affections
F Ladd – The Weaver’s Daughter
F Landvik – Chronicles of a Radical Hag
F Lee – The Line Between
F McCracken - Bowlaway
F Mallery – California Girls
F Margolin – The Perfect Alibi
F Mason – The Highest of Hopes
F Parks – The Last Act
F Patterson – The First Lady
F Quinn – The Huntress
F Reid – Daisy Jones & the Six
F Ridker – The Altruisists
F Rosenberg – The Persian Gamble
F See – The Island of Sea Women
F Shusterman – Dry
F Steel – Silent Night
F Swanson – Before She Knew Him
F Ward – Beautiful Bad
F Warren – Knox
F Winslow – The Border
F Wiseman – Hearts in Harmony
F Yttrup – Convergence

NONFICTION
031.02 TIB – Ripley’s Believe it or Not!
155.3 SAG – Brave, Not Perfect
158 RUB – Outer Order, Inner Calm
158.1082 HOL – Girl, Stop Apologizing
306.3 MOR – Girl in Black & White
323.1196 JON – Bending Toward Justice
332.024 SCH – The Dumb Things That Smart People Do With Their Money
355.009 TOL – Women Warriors
363.17 HIG – Midnight in Chernobyl
364.152 HAR – Murder by the Book
615.321 SMI – Healing Spices
616.07 RIC – An Elegant Defense
629.45 DON – Shoot for the Moon
635 REA – The Ultimate Book of Vegetables
641.555 STE – Effortless Entertaining Cookbook
641.6 BUR – The Complete Jerky Book
641.86 BUS – Sweet Cravings
745.592 FIN – Tilda’s Toy Box
810.8 HOW – Writings from the Handy Colony
914.1504 DAI – Back Roads Ireland
940.53 KOC – Hitler’s Pawn
975.5 DEV – Mrs. Lee’s Rose Garden

BLU-RAY
B-R 498 N – Norm of the North: Keys to the Kingdom
B-R 499 S – A Star is Born
B-R 500 R – Robin Hood
B-R 501 G – Green Book
B-R 502 I – Instant Family

DVD
DVD 3944 S – A Star is Born
DVD 3938 D – Dragons: race to the edge, seasons 1 & 2
DVD 3941 N – Norm of the North: Keys to the Kingdom
DVD 3942 L – Looney Tunes: Golden Collection
DVD 3943 L – Looney Tunes: Platinum Collection
DVD 3945 R – Robin Hood
DVD 3954 G – Green Book
DVD 3955 I – Instant Family
DVD 3956 A – All of my Heart: the wedding
DVD 3957 G – The Gilded Age (nonfiction)
DVD 3959 V – Victoria
DVD 3961 F – Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald

DVD – CHILDRENS
DVD 3946 L CH – Lego Ninjaga: Masters of Spinjitzu
DVD 3947 L CH – Liberty’s Kids: the complete series
DVD 3948 P CH – Pinkalicious & Peterific: Pinkatstic Pets
DVD 3949 B CH – Blaze & the Monster Machines: Robot Riders
DVD 3950 B CH – Blaze & the Monster Machines: Heroes of Axle City
DVD 3951 P CH – Peppa Pig: Peppa’s Christmas
DVD 3952 P CH – Peppa Pig: Bubbles
DVD 3953 P CH – Peppa Pig: Stars
DVD 3958 D CH – Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood: School Time Fun!

For a complete listing of all new books & movies, visit www.eurekapl.org
NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

TAKE THE APRIL READING CHALLENGE
For readers (& listeners) preschool through 6th grade.
Pick up a challenge sheet. Complete 5 challenges.

READ TO YOUR BABY WEEK: APRIL 1—5
Parents of children ages birth to 12 months are invited to visit the library April 1 – 5 to explore our large collection of boardbooks, pick up information about the importance of reading to your baby and take home a boardbook for your child.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY
APRIL 22!
When you visit the Children’s Library on Monday, April 22, be sure to make a recycled bookmark, play an Earth Day Memory Game and check out some books about Earth and the environment!

A KALEIDOSCOPE OF NEW CHILDREN’S BOOKS!

PICTURE BOOKS:
ABC Dinosaurs, American Museum of Natural History
Everything Spring, Jill Esbaum
The Good Egg, Jory John
Toad Weather, Sandra Markle
Do Your Ears Hang Low?, Topp Twins
How to Catch a Unicorn
How to Catch the Easter Bunny, Adam Wallace

FICTION:
The Disappearance, Franklin W. Dixon (Hardy Boys Adventure #18)
Sign of the Dove, Susan Fletcher (Dragon Chronicles)
Lion Down, Stuart Gibbs (Funjungle)
Opening Moves
Pawn’s Play, Phil Lollar (Blackgaard Chronicles)
The Giver: The Graphic Novel, Lois Lowery
Auggie & Me: Three Wonder Stories, R.J. Palacio

BOARDBOOKS:
Good Night Diggers
Good Night Museums, Adam Gamble

NONFICTION:
A Seed is the Start, Melissa Stewart
The Egg, Britta Teckentrup
Weird Insects, Michael Worek

BOOKS-ON-CD:
The War That Saved My Life, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
The Case of the Midnight Rustler
The Case of the Tender Cheeping Chickies
The Case of the Three-toed Tree Sloth, John R. Erickson (Hank the Cowdog)
The Lost Campers
The Mystery Cave
The Mystery Thief, Paul Hutchens (Sugar Creek Gang)
The Amusement Park Mystery
The Castle Mystery
The Haunted Cabin Mystery
The Mystery Horse
Mystery Ranch, Gertrude Chandler Warner (Boxcar Children)

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We’ll see you at the Davenport School Carnival on Friday April 12.
Stop by and say Hi!

Children’s Book Week
April 29-May 3
Reading is for Everyone!
APRIL PROGRAMS

April 1—5, Read to Your Baby Week Parents of children ages birth to 12 months are invited to visit the children’s library this week. You can explore our large collection of boardbooks, pick up information about reading to your baby, and take home a free boardbook for your child.

Monday, April 1, 6 pm, Medicare Made Clear A free informational presentation, "Medicare Made Clear," will be offered at the library. This is ideal for anyone desiring updated information on Medicare Parts A-D or Medicare Supplements. All are welcome and preregistration is available by contacting the library at 309-467-2922. For further information, please contact Julie Bicksler at 309-231-5371 or at bixmix7@gmail.com. For educational purposes only; no specific company's plan details will be shared.

Tuesday, April 2, 9 am—12 pm, Heart of Illinois Knitters Looking for a daytime knitting and handcraft group? Stop in and join this informal group of crafters and enjoy each other’s company as you work on your own project. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. Not able to make it at 9? Feel free to stop by anytime.

Tuesdays, April 2, 16, and 30, 5:30—8 pm, Sit and Stitch Join fellow knitters, crocheters, needleworkers, and crafters for this informal gathering. We enjoy each other’s company as we work on our own projects and help each other with pattern ideas and projects gone awry! The group will gather starting at 5:30 pm at the library on the first, third, and fifth Tuesdays each month. Not able to make it at 5:30? Feel free to stop by anytime between 5:30 and 8 pm.

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 5—7 pm, Homework Help Brian Boggs of Eureka is offering free tutoring and homework help for high school and middle school students in the subjects of math, science, history, and English. Students can attend 30 minute one-on-one help sessions each Tuesday evening when school is in session. Walk-ins are welcome, but priority will be given to students who make appointments. Parents and families are welcome to sit in on the sessions. Contact the library to register for an appointment. For more information, contact Brian Boggs at homeworkhelp@mediacombb.net.

Wednesdays, April 3 and 17, 9 am & Thursdays, April 4 and 18, 9 am, Baby Bookworms A special story time geared toward babies! Baby Bookworms is open to babies up to 18 months old. Babies and their caregivers will enjoy stories, songs, and more. Space is still available for Thursday sessions; call to register.

Saturday, April 6, 10 am, Love and Money: Positive Conversations about Money Money is an important factor in relationships. Regardless of socioeconomic status, many individuals and families face financial uncertainties. This Money Smart Week (MSW) program explores how to have positive conversations about money, identify unhealthy patterns of communication, and to develop effective strategies that support healthy financial habits. For more information about this program, please contact Camaya: University of Illinois Extension, Consumer Economics Educator at cawb17@illinois.edu or (309) 663-8306. To register, contact the library by April 4.

Saturday, April 6, 9 am—12 pm, Stuffed Animal Workshop Registration is closed for this event.

April 7—13, National Library Week: Libraries = Strong Communities! We are celebrating National Library Week! Stop by the library this week for a word search sheet, guess the number of candies contest, and special displays. We will also be giving away a commemorative bookmark to the first 100 patrons checking out items and will be providing drawing slips for a new Kindle Fire tablet all week. Participants in the Kindle Fire drawing must have their own Eureka Public Library card (student or general public card). If under the age of 14, children must have a parent sign their drawing slip for permission to enter. Turn in your word search sheet or attend the April 11 event for an additional drawing slip.

Monday, April 8, 10 am, Monday Morning Mystery Book Club Join the Monday Morning Mystery Book Club to help solve crimes of mystery, mayhem, and murder! The club meets the second Monday of each month to discuss their favorite authors, what they are currently reading, and different themes and authors within the mystery and suspense genres. For the April meeting, participants will be sharing some stormy & rainy reads.
Monday, April 8, 3:30—5 pm, Middle School Paper Crafters Does your middle school-aged child enjoy making cards, scrapbooking, or craft projects? Instructors Danielle Husted and Debi Smith teach participants different decoration techniques using a variety of fun paper designs. In April the group will be creating a scrapbook page and playing bingo. This is a free program, but registration is limited to 10 participants. Register by April 6.

Monday, April 8, 6:30 pm, Make & Take Cards Night Join instructor Debi Smith for a fun night of paper crafting at the library. You will make two to three different types of cards and take your creations home at the end of the evening. Class fee is $2. Register by calling the library by April 6.

Tuesday, April 9, 5:30—8 pm, Wool Ewe Join Us Rug Hookers Do you enjoy rug hooking or other fiber arts? Join the Wool Ewe Join Us Rug Hookers group at the library for some quality craft time the second Tuesday of each month. Open to the public, you can drop in anytime and work on your own project in the company of fellow fiber enthusiasts. For more information, call Linda deFreese at 309-830-2626.

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 pm, Celebrating Eureka: Perspectives on Strong Communities with Craig Gerdes and Junius Rodriguez Join library staff and friends in celebrating National Library Week with a special event celebrating the strength of Eureka as a community. Former Eureka sports coach Craig Gerdes and Eureka College history professor Dr. Junius Rodriguez will share their perspectives on what makes Eureka a strong community, including libraries, schools, churches, and a shared historic commitment to support each other. Register by calling the library by April 10.

Saturday, April 13, 10 am, Craft Saturday: Create a Spring Door Decoration Welcome spring with a new door decoration! Join Susan Buchanan of Virginia Lee’s in El Paso, to create an elegant seasonal door decoration using wood, a glass jar, and some paint. Class fee is $25; all supplies will be provided. Register and pay class fee by April 10.

Monday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 16, 9 am—1 pm, AARP Driver’s Safety Program An AARP driving instructor will be at the library to teach a driver safety refresher course especially designed for drivers age 50 and over. Since 1979, the course has helped over 14 million drivers learn proven safety strategies and tips for how to adapt one’s driving to compensate for physical and cognitive changes that may come with aging. After taking the two-day course, you may even be eligible for a discount on your car insurance. Class fee is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. Space is limited, call the library to register.

Monday, April 15, 4:30—6 pm, Master Gardener Plant Clinic Bring your gardening questions, landscape problems, and unidentified plant and insect samples to the Eureka Public Library and get free information and advice from University of Illinois Extension Woodford County Master Gardeners.

Monday, April 15, 6:30 pm, Nature Photography & Spring Bird Migration Spend a relaxing and humorous evening enjoying Central Illinois birds and nature through the images of local photographer, Dave Weth. Weth has won numerous nature photography contests as well as having his work published in Birds and Blooms, Birdwatching, National Wildlife, Pastelle and Bluebird Journal. Weth will share some of his favorite photographs taken the past year and give some tips for enjoying the spring bird migration. This is a free program. Call the library to register by April 12.

Thursday, April 18, 4—6 pm, Sewing Guild Join the Eureka Chapter of the American Sewing Guild as they share sewing techniques, respond to each other’s questions, and show their latest sewing projects. In April the group will be learning about sewing with beads. People of all ages and skill levels are welcome to attend. For information, call Robin Staudenmeier 309-370-2696.

Thursday, April 18, 6:30 pm, Writer’s Circle Have you thought about becoming an author, would like to write down your family’s stories, or simply love to express yourself through writing? Join this informal writer’s group to share your ideas and writings. Members offer positive support, feedback when requested, and incentive to keep writing. This group meets on the third Thursday evening each month.
Saturday, April 20, 10 am, Researching Your Civil War Ancestor Did your ancestors serve in the Civil War? Participants will learn the different genealogical resources available for both the Union and the Confederate governments as well as possible state, local, and veterans organization records. This is a free program. Register at the library by April 18.

Monday, April 22, All Day, Celebrate Earth Day Celebrate Earth Day all day in the children’s library by making a recycled bookmark, playing an Earth Day memory game, and checking out books about Earth and the environment.

Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 pm, Container Gardening Inspiration Amazing plant combinations are everywhere. Ginny Hodgson, from Ball Horticultural Company, will share tips, ideas, and pictures garnered from landscape professionals and home gardens alike. Prepare to be inspired! To register, call the library by April 22. This program is presented by the Woodford County University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program. For reasonable accommodation to participate, contact U of I Extension at 309-467-3789.

Thursday, April 25, 10 am, Book Chat Love to read? Stop by the library to share your love for reading with like-minded others. Staff will share what’s new on the shelves and what’s being published the next month. Participants will share what they’ve been reading recently and help advise the library on new selections based on a review of the latest LibraryReads list. Join this informal group of book lovers and help select new releases.

Thursday, April 25, 6:30 pm, Stop Counting & Romaine Calm: Erasing Everything You Know About Healthy Eating Join Eureka resident Leslie Rusch-Bayer, Registered Dietician, Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist, and Certified Personal Trainer, to learn where focus should be placed in order to improve health through diet and lifestyle changes. Many recommendations include attaching a numerical number and goal to calories and macronutrients, yet symptoms, weight, laboratory values, and overall health do not show improvement. Join us for an evening of enlightenment and different perspective. Free program. Register by April 23.

Friday, April 26, 3:45—5 pm, Middle School Makers: Bicycle Maintenance Learn how to get your bicycles ready for spring. Joe Russell of Russell’s Cycling and Fitness Center in Washington will be teaching kids bicycle maintenance skills. Middle School Makers is a free after-school program designed to teach skills to fifth and sixth graders. Space is limited, call the library to register by April 24.

Saturday, April 27, 10 am—12 pm, Teen Time @ The Library Teens are invited to join the library for book chats (with treats!). Share what you’ve been reading and find out what’s new in our collection. It’s a perfect time for a break from homework—bring a friend! Bring your ideas for future programs too—we’d love to hear your ideas. For more information, contact the library.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
SUMMER READING REGISTRATION IS MAY 21—31