It’s hard to believe a year ago the library was in the midst of elevator construction and planning for the big Elevate Reading Gala! Time has flown this past year, and we are amazed at everything that has happened. Thank you to everyone who made the past year possible. Here are the highlights:

January — Our Elevate Reading Gala on January 26 brought in over $16,000. Over 150 people attended the dinner event at Eureka College, which featured silent and live auctions with 65 donated items. Coach Craig Gerdes served as emcee and kept everyone in good spirits. The top live auction items were a one-week condo stay on South Padre Island and two Ben Zobrist-signed items. Between the Gala, corporate donations, and private donations, the Elevate Reading fundraising goal of $80,000 was met by February.

February — Just 5 months after construction began in October 2016, the elevator was officially opened for passengers! One of the first to take a ride was Brantley Williams. Williams was finally able to roll his wheelchair into the Children’s Library on his own. Since installation, the elevator is used everyday. The Children’s Library also features new shelving and other updates.

April — The library celebrated Spring with a special Elevate Reading Family Open House on April 8. Over 70 people visited with Peoria Chief’s mascot, Homer; had their face painted; took home a balloon creation; and checked out the new elevator. The library also celebrated national poetry month with a special Poetry Night on April 13. A joint project with Eureka College Communication students, about 55 people attended and listened to poetry by Dr. Kathy Whitson, Aozora Brockman, and local students.

July — We hosted a new end-of-summer-reading party at Lake Eureka. The event featured root beer floats, inflatables, and music. The event closed out a fun Read, Imagine, Design summer reading program featuring lots of youth classes, adult craft programs, and a quilt display. The Children’s Library had a record-breaking program with 416 children registered and 16,177 books read! The whole community also had a blast with #EurekaRocks this summer. The library gave out free eclipse glasses to all who brought in a painted rock.

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August—Eclipse mania struck the library. Thanks to a grant, the library had 2,000 eclipse glasses which were shared with CUSD #140 students, the public, and attendees to our August 21 eclipse viewing party.

September & October—The library entered into an agreement with CUSD #140 to provide library cards for all enrolled students. The school district provides services in exchange for the cards. To date, 93 students have taken advantage of the new opportunity and signed up for cards. The library also offered new adults programs: Amish fiction author Jerry Eicher, a Romance Author Faire, and a 20 Books in 20 Days reading program.

November—The library offered a new program for grandparents and their grandchildren: It’s A Grand Day at the Library! Over 60 people attended and enjoyed lots of fun activities in the Children’s Library.

Thank you for making 2017 a fabulous year!!

Friends Of The Eureka Public Library District News

The Friends of the Eureka Public Library District also had a great year supporting the library. The Friends, through membership dues and fundraising, were able to both volunteer and provide funds for the Elevate Reading Gala. The event would not have been possible without their assistance. The Friends also hosted antique appraiser Mark Moran at the library on May 5. Moran appraised over 50 antiques and collectibles—some of which were quite valuable. Additional fundraising events included the annual May book sale and November quarter auction. Both events were well attended with great bargains for participants. As a result of these fundraising efforts, the Friends purchased a new train table and magnetic maze board for the Children’s Library. Both have been a big hit with children and have been played with everyday since their installation. A Friends membership is just $15 annually. Call the library or stop by the adult circulation desk to join. Interested in helping? The next Friends meeting is Tuesday, March 13 at 1 pm.

Upcoming Christmas & New Year’s Hours

The library will be closed on the following days:

- Monday, December 25
- Tuesday, December 26
- Monday, January 1
Library Welcomes New Employees

The library is pleased to announce two new staff members. Rachael Fitz is the new Assistant to the Director. Rachael previously worked at the library when she was a high school student (2002—2005) and again after college (2008—2013). She earned a Master’s in Library Science degree in 2011 from San Jose State University. She will be assisting Director Ann Reeves with policies, collections management, records management, and other tasks. She has a four-year old daughter, Jaci, with her husband, Daniel. Joining Rachael on staff is Abbie Phillips. Abbie is a senior at Eureka High School and will be working in the Children’s Library.

Donation Tree To Benefit Heartline & Davenport Elementary School

Through January 3 the Eureka Public Library will be accepting donations of new adult and youth mittens, scarves, and hats; and youth socks and sweat pants for a special winter donation tree. All donated items will be delivered to Heartline and Davenport Elementary School in early January.

December Adult & Teen Program Highlights

- **Rules Of The Road**—Friday, December 1 at 9:30 am
- **Oy Vey! Where Is All My Comfort And Joy?**—Monday, December 4 at 6:30 pm
- **Smartphone Basics**—Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 pm
- **Weave A Holiday Card Basket**—Saturday, December 9 from 9 am to 1 pm
- **LEGO EV3 Robotics**—Thursday, December 14 from 3:30—5 pm (for teens)
- **Christmas Papercuts**—Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 pm
- **Everything You Want To Know About Genealogy**—Saturday, December 16 at 10 am

See pages 6—7 for details and full program listing

Enter Our December Drawing For A Gift Basket

From December 1 through December 16, patrons can stop by the adult circulation desk and try guessing how many Hershey’s Kisses® are in the candy jar. The person with the closest guess will win this holiday basket. The basket includes a Longaberger ceramic tray, Longaberger ceramic spice jar, three cookbooks, four cloth napkins, an ornament, and a notepad.
## Holiday Treats: New Books & Movies
(For the complete list of new adult and teen items, visit www.eurekapl.org/new-items)

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News from the Children’s Library

DIY Paper Christmas Trees
Make-it Take-it Craft for grades 4-6 and older
December 6-11
Each day after school.

POP-UP ART PARTY
Tuesday, December 5
3:30 – 4:15 pm
Grades 4-6
Artists will use paper engineering techniques to make Christmas pop-ups.

Snowy Blowy Reading Program
Use cold, snowy blowy January days to read for fun or information. For ages 3 through 6th grade.

- Pick up a book log in December.
- Read a winter-themed book each week in January.
- Bring your book log in each week for a sticker.
- When the month is over, pick out a new book to take home for a February winter day.

SIGN UP FOR ANIMAL ANTICS
Stretching Fun for Moms & Kids
Thursdays
January
4, 11, 18 & 25
9:30 am
Moms and kids ages 1-5
Register by December 21.
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SWEET NEW BOOKS IN THE CHILDREN’S LIBRARY!

(For the complete list of new children’s items, visit http://www.eurekapl.org/new-childrens-titles.html)

Picture Books
Pug Meets Pig, Sue Lowell Gallion
Splat the Cat for President, Rob Scotton

Easy Readers
Max Finds an Egg, Wiley Blevins
Peek Otter!, Shira Evans
JoJo and the Magic Trick, Jane O’Connor
Elephants, Kate Riggs

Fiction
Stick Dog Tries to Take the Donuts, Tom Watson

Non-fiction
What are the Ten Commandments?, Yona Zeldis McDonough
Periodic Table: The Definitive Visual Catalog of The Building Blocks of the Universe, Sean Callery
Aardvarks, Josh Gregory
Machines at Work on the Farm, Ian Graham
All-Star Sports Trivia, Matt Chandler
Where is Easter Island?, Megan Stine

GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT
WITH A FAVORITE JAN BRETT TALE!

The Mitten
The Hat
The Night Before Christmas
The Twelve Days of Christmas
Gingerbread Friends
December Programs

**Book-A-Librarian** Would you like to be able to download free library books or music on your phone, Nook, iPad, or other device? Call the library and schedule a one-on-one session with a library staff member to assist you with ereader set up and using your library card to get free ebooks, audiobooks, and music. To make an appointment, call the library. Maximum appointment time is 30 minutes.

**Friday, December 1, 9:30 am, Rules of the Road** The Illinois Secretary of State’s Office will be presenting this free review of the Rules of the Road course for anyone preparing to apply for or renew their license. Call the library for more information and to register by November 30.

**Monday, December 4, 9—10 am, Baby Talk** The Woodford County Special Education Association is offering a parent-child workshop for Eureka-area residents. Baby Talk will positively impact your child’s development and nurture your relationship with your child during the critical early years from 0 to 36 months. Topics will include play, behavior management, toilet learning, separation anxiety, car seat safety, and more. To register, contact the Woodford County Special Education Association at 309-367-4901 or the library.

**Monday, December 4, 6:30 pm, Oy vey! Where is all my comfort and joy?** People struggle with stress at the holidays. Linda Cherry, MS, LCPC, will be at the library to discuss causes of stress, grief, and disappointments that seem to come with the holidays; ways of coping with it (because some of it is inevitable); and even more ways to be pro-active and avoid it! Come find ways to create comfort and joy this holiday season. This is a free program. Call the library to register by December 2.

**Tuesday, December 5, 3:30—4:15 pm, Pop-Ups Art Party** Interested youth artists (grades 4th—6th) will do paper engineering with pop-ups for Christmas in the Children’s Library. No registration required.

**Tuesdays, December 5 and 19, 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, December 5 and 12, 5:30—8 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.

**Wednesday, December 6—Monday, December 11, 3:30 pm—Close & all day Saturday, DIY Paper Christmas Trees** Children 4th grade and older are invited to stop by anytime after school for a make-it and take-it Christmas craft.

**Thursday, December 7, 6:30 pm, Smartphone Basics** Smartphones come with many functions and apps, but few instructions on how to use them. This free program will cover basic smartphone functions such as calling, texting, camera, internet searching, and email. Bring your device (fully charged) and passwords (email, Google Play, Apple, iTunes as applicable). There will be time for specific questions at the end of the program. Space is limited to 12 attendees; call the library to register by December 5.
December Programs

Saturday, December 9, 9 am—1 pm, Weave a Holiday Card Basket Create a great basket to display holiday cards or fill with greenery for a festive centerpiece. In this class, you’ll learn traditional basket weaving techniques plus many hints and tips on shaping from longtime basket weaver Dianne Mockler. You’ll leave class with a completed basket, ready for staining. Several color choices will be available. Suitable for all weaving levels—beginners welcome. Dress for a fun, wet mess. Bring a dishpan or bucket for water, spray bottle, and an old towel. Class limited to 8 weavers, ages 16 and up. Cost is $20, which includes all materials and use of instructor’s tools. To register, contact the library by December 6.

Monday, December 11, 10 am, 3 M Mystery Book Club Join the 3 M Mystery Book Club to help solve crimes of mystery, mayhem, and murder! The 3 M Mystery Book 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 December meeting, participants will be discussing what they’ve been reading lately and share some holiday treats. The club will meet at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Nursing Home, 610 W. Cruger Ave.

Monday, December 11, 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 December the group will be creating Christmas cards for Advocate Eureka Hospital patients. This is a free program, but registration is limited to 10 participants. Register by calling the library by December 9.

Monday, December 11, 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 December 9.

Tuesday, December 12, 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, December 14, 3:30—5 pm, LEGO EV3 Robotics What do you get when you combine a catapult with a robot?? A Cata-Bot!!! Youth 5th grade and up are invited to join University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development staff for a fun, interactive class. Participants will learn how to build and program with the LEGO EV3 Robotics kits. This class is free. Space is limited to 12 participants; call the library to register by December 13.

Thursday, December 14, 6:30 pm, Christmas Papercuts Learn the art of papercutting in an introductory class. This easy craft can be used to create ornaments, gift labels, wall decorations, candle holder designs, and more. Participants will work on a few simple patterns and have extra patterns to take home. Participants should bring a craft knife (with cushioned or comfort handle if possible) and a cutting mat; all other materials provided. This is a free class. Call the library to register by December 12.

Saturday, December 16, 10 am, Everything You Want To Know About Genealogy Join Karen Heinrich, MA, MLIS, a professional genealogist with over 17 years’ experience, for this workshop about the fundamentals of researching your family tree by discovering how to collect, organize, record, and document data. This workshop will help you to understand how and where to research, document, and organize your findings within your family history. This is a free program. Call the library by December 15 to register.

Monday, December 25; Tuesday, December 26; Monday, January 1—Library Closed