The Eureka Public Library’s annual February reading program will begin February 3 and run through March 2 this year. To participate, fill out a registration slip between January 28 and February 9, and read (or listen to an audio book) at least two hours a week beginning February 3. Get your reading card stamped each week, and at the end of the four weeks enter your card for a chance at a prize. Not enough time to read one week? Attend a library program during the month and that will substitute for one week of reading. Turn in your reading card by March 9 for the prize drawing.

The classic children’s Stone Soup tale teaches us the joys of sharing. Our annual February reading program will include two ways for us to share with our community:

- Food drive for the Eureka Area Food Pantry. A donation box will be located near the public computers through March 4. Suggested donations include canned chicken or tuna; spaghetti and cans of sauce; pork and beans; boxes of pudding or gelatin; cans of mixed vegetables; cans of fruit cocktail, peaches or mandarin oranges; and toilet paper.

- Drop off a copy of your family’s favorite soup recipe, and we will add it to a special Stone Soup display. There will be a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like a copy of all the recipes posted by the end of the program.
2018 Tax Forms

Currently, the library has not received any 2018 tax forms yet. Although we normally receive a number of the basic forms, we cannot guarantee their availability this year. Please call the library before stopping by to check on their status. As the IRS and the Illinois Department of Revenue offer all of their tax forms online, we are happy to help you find and print the forms you need on the IRS website: https://www.irs.gov or the Illinois Department of Revenue website: https://www2.illinois.gov/rev/forms/Pages/default.aspx

You can find links to both sites on the library’s webpage: www.eurekapl.org. If you do not have access to a home computer or printer, the library has both available. Printing of black and white forms is available for $0.25/page.

Take Your Child To The Library Day—Saturday, February 2nd

Bring your child or grandchild to the library for a fun pirates- and princess-themed family adventure from 10 am to 12 pm on Saturday, February 2! Kids can make crafts, dig for buried treasure, practice treasure map reading skills, and create fun things with Legos. Each child will take home crafts and prizes. This is a free program; no registration required.

Lincoln Blunier, Jackson Krug, and Miles Blunier are excited about the upcoming Take Your Child To The Library Day event!

February Program Highlights

- **Middle School Makers: Sewing Skills**—Friday, February 8 at 3:30 pm
- **Craft Saturday: Personalized Ceramic Mugs**—Saturday, February 9 at 10 am
- **Germans to America Genealogy Class**—Saturday, February 16 at 10 am
- **Travelogue: Kenya**—Thursday, February 21 at 6 pm at Eureka Apostolic Christian Home Activity Room, 610 W. Cruger
- **Teen Time @ The Library**—Saturday, February 23 at 10 am

*See pages 5—7 for details and full program listing*

Program Cancellation Notice: The Android and iPhone classes scheduled for February 4 and 13 have been canceled by the instructor. We do plan to reschedule the classes at a later date. Please watch our program calendars and newsletters for more information.
Stay Warm With New Books and Movies!

FICTION
F Alexander – With This Pledge
F Barry – Freefall
F Barton – The Suspect
F Bergren – Once Upon a...Montana Summer
F Cameron – A Dog’s Way Home
F Cameron – Oath of Office
F Clipston – Seasons of an Amish Garden
F Delinsky – Fulfillment
F George – The Little Paris Bookshop
F Hendricks – An Anonymous Girl
F Johnston – The Current
F Jonasson – The Accidental Further Adventures of the 100-year-old Man
F Lescroart – The Rule of Law
F MacLaren – A Love to Behold
F Patterson – Liar Liar
F Petrie – Tear it Down
F Quirk – The Night Agent
F Ramsay – The Cottage on Rose Lane
F Rollins – Crucible
F Rous – The Au Pair
F Stabenow – Death of an Eye
F Taylor – Daughter of War

MYSTERY
M Ellis – Sweet Taste of Revenge
M Pronzini – The Flimflam Affair

WESTERNs
W Johnstone – Torture of the Mountain Man

SCIENCE FICTION
SF Walker – The Dreamers

LARGE PRINT – FICTION
M Brown LGPR – Homeward Hound
F Brunstetter LGPR – The Betrayed Fiancee
F Davis LGPR – The Dollhouse
W Johnstone LGPR – Day of Red
F Lewis LGPR – The First Love
F Liggett LGPR – The Sisters of Sugarcreek
W Robbins LGPR – Brother’s Keeper
F Sawyer LGPR – Ours for a Season
F Shipman LGPR – The Charm Bracelet

BIOGRAPHY
B Al Samawi – The Fox Hunt
B Land – Maid
B Rezaian – Prisoner
B Warner – The Warner Boys

NONFICTION
282.092 FRA – God is Young
305.26 PIP – Women Rowing North
320.53 ALB – Fascism
362.29 MCG – American Overdose
641.5 WIL – Instant Loss Cookbook
641.59 VEN – Comfort Food Shortcuts
973.4 MEL – The First Conspiracy

LARGE PRINT – NONFICTION
636.8 LOU LGPR – The True Tails of Baker & Taylor
B Cox LGPR – Swimming in the Sink
B Kelly LGPR – The Year of Fear

CHILDREN’S DVD
DVD 3908 C CH – Caillou’s Playschool Adventures
DVD 3909 C CH – Caillou’s Train Trip & Other Adventures
DVD 3912 P CH – Paw Patrol: Pups Save Puplantis
DVD 3916 L CH – Lego Ninjago Masters of Spinjitzu

DVD
DVD 3907 T – Time Freak
DVD 3910 B – The Bookshop
DVD 3911 G – Goosebumps 2
DVD 3913 S – Stranger Things, Season 2
DVD 3914 G – The Good Place, Season 2
DVD 3915 G – The Good Place, Season 1
DVD 3917 G – God’s Not Dead 2

BLU-RAY
B-R 492 E – E.T. the Extraterrestrial
B-R 493 G – God’s Not Dead 2
News from the Children’s Library

TAKE THE FEBRUARY READING CHALLENGE
For readers (& listeners) preschool through 6th grade

Pick up a challenge sheet
Complete 5 challenges

Return at the end of February and pick out a book just for you

Play and Learn Science from PBS Kids

Play and Learn Science from PBS Kids was recently awarded the 2019 award for best early learning literacy digital media by the American Library Association. According to PBS, “the games in the app encourage kids to see the science in their world. The related hands-on activities and parent notes prompt families to “try it” at home and provide tips for engaging in conversations.”

Take a look at Play and Learn Science at PBS Kids online and see if it’s an app you want for any of your family’s digital devices. Follow this link to learn more: https://pbskids.org/apps/play-and-learn-science-.html

NEW CHILDREN’S BOOKS STACK UP!

Just a few of the new books in the children’s library!
(See the whole list for February on the library website.)

Picture Books:
What’s for Breakfast?, Denys Cazet
Let’s Go ABC!: Things That Go From A to Z, Rhonda Gowler Greene
Ten Grouchy Groundhogs, Kathryn Heling
Harold Loves His Woolly Hat, Vern Kousky
No Nap! Yes Nap!, Margie Palatini

Easy Readers:
Paddington Plays On, Michael Bond
Snowy Weather
Windy Weather, Sally Lee (All Kinds of Weather)

Fiction:
On a Mission for Her Majesty, Jeff Brown (Flat Stanley’s Worldwide Adventures)
Digging for Trouble, Linda Fairstein (Devlin Quick Mysteries)
Dust Storm!, Terry Lynn Johnson (Survivor Diaries)
Sled Dog School, Terry Lynn Johnson
Max and the Midknights, Lincoln Peirce

Chapter Books
Warriors in Winter, Mary Pope Osborne (Magic Tree House)

Non-Fiction
The Slime Book
Seeing Stars: A Complete Guide to the 88 Constellations, Sara Gillingham
Slugs, Valerie Bodden (Creepy Creatures)
Knit, Hook, and Spin: A Kid’s Activity Guide to Fiber Arts and Crafts, Laurie Carlson
Year in Sports 2019, James Buckley Jr.

Biographies
Who Was Napoleon?, Jim Gigliotti
Who Was Nikola Tesla?, Jim Gigliotti
February Adult & Young Adult Programs

**Stone Soup: February Adult Reading Program** The classic children’s *Stone Soup* tale teaches us the joys of sharing within our community. This February our annual adult reading program will incorporate two ways for us to share with our community: a food drive for the Eureka Area Food Pantry and a special community soup recipe display. The reading program will run for four weeks between February 6 and March 4. To participate, fill out a registration card between January 28 and February 9, and read at least two hours a week. Get your card stamped each week, and at the end of the month enter your card for a chance at a prize. Not enough time to read one week? Attend a library program during the month and that will substitute for one week of reading. When you register, you will receive a Eureka Area Food Pantry donation list. The donation box will be located by the computers through March 4. There will be a display of the community's favorite soup recipes near the west entrance. Bring a copy of your favorite recipe, and we will add it to the display. We will also offer a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like a copy of all of the recipes posted at the end of the program. For more information, call the library.

**Winter Shake Up: Better Choices, Better You** Our Winter Shake Up programs continue through February!

- **A Weight Loss Club** will run from January 8—March 29. Participants will set a goal, attend weekly weight check ins on either Tuesday evenings (5—8 pm) or Friday mornings (9—10 am), and receive weekly health resource sheets. For an added incentive, participants must donate a $1 to the Friends of the EPLD if they gain more than 2 pounds between weight check ins.

- **Eight-Week Healthy Habit Challenge**: For people needing some pre-set goals for new healthy habits, the library will have an eight-week challenge to try. Choose any 8-week period between January 7 and March 29, and register and pick up a log sheet at the library. When your eight-week challenge is done, turn in your log sheet and you’ll be entered into a drawing for a Eureka Business Association $25 gift check. Healthy habit challenges include increasing activity, steps walked, fruits/vegetables, and water intake. Instructions provided at registration.

- **Senior Stretch**: Every Friday morning (January 11—March 29) beginning at 8:45 am and again at 9:30 am, the library will host a Senior Stretch program featuring a 30 minute DVD stretching program. No registration necessary. An activity waiver form will be required at your first class. DVD selections will include stretching programs by Ann Smith.

**Saturday, February 2, 10 am—12 pm, Take Your Child To The Library Day!** Come and enjoy our annual Take Your Child to the Library Day event! This is a free event and open to all parents and grandparents with children. This year’s theme is pirates and princesses—feel free to come in costume! Children can make crafts, dig for buried treasure, practice treasure map reading skills, and create fun things with Legos. Each child will take home crafts and prizes. This is a free program; no registration required.

**Tuesday, February 5, 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, February 5, 12, 19, and 26, 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.

**Tuesdays, February 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.
February Programs (continued)

**Wednesdays, February 6 and 20, 9 am & Thursdays, February 7 and 21, 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 the Thursday sessions; call the library to register.

**Friday, February 8, 3:30—5 pm, Middle School Makers: Sewing Skills** Middle School Makers is a new, free after-school program designed to teach skills to fifth and sixth graders. For the February program, kids will learn basic sewing skills and create a button-studded pillow cover. Space is limited to 14 participants, call the library to register by February 6.

**Saturday, February 9, 10 am, Craft Saturday: Personalized Ceramic Mugs** Personalize a ceramic mug for yourself or as a gift in this fun workshop. Participants will decorate a white ceramic mug using Sharpie markers. Free class; all supplies will be provided. Register by February 6.

**Monday, February 11, 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 February meeting, participants will be discussing new authors.

**Monday, February 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 February the group will be creating folded paper bracelets and EMS bookmarks. This is a free program, but registration is limited to 10 participants. Register by February 9.

**Monday, February 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 February 9.

**Tuesday, February 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.

**Saturday, February 16, 10 am, Germans to America** Have you discovered German ancestry in your family tree? If so, come hear Karen Heinrich, MLIS and a professional genealogist with over 20 years’ experience, speak in her workshop “Germans to America.” During this workshop, we will explore a little bit of German history, we will briefly look at German immigration patterns to the U.S. and we will talk about what resources are available to help you find your German ancestors in the United States. This is a free program. Register at the library by February 14.

**Thursday, February 21, 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. If you are new or experienced to sewing, you are welcome to join the group. In February the program will be on vintage Valentine’s Day cards. People of all ages and skill levels are welcome to attend. For information, call Robin Staudenmeier 309-370-2696.

**Thursday, February 21, 6 pm, Eureka Apostolic Christian Home Activity Room, Travelogue: Kenya** World traveler Debra Blunier will discuss her recent mission trip to Kenya in eastern Africa. Blunier worked with children in a school located an hour outside of Nairobi. She will share stories from her mission work as well as some sightseeing. Program will take place at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home’s Activity Room. Call the library for more information.
February Programs (continued)

Thursday, February 21, 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, February 23, 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.

Thursday, February 28, 10 am, Book Chat Love to read? Stop by the library to share your love for reading with like-minded others. Library 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, fun group of book lovers and help select new releases.

Thank you! Our winter mitten tree was once again overflowing with donations of hats, mittens, and scarves. Here are the totals: 8 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of pants, 25 pairs of gloves/mittens, 51 hats, and 64 scarves. All items were donated to Davenport Elementary School and Heartline/Heart House in early January.

Mark Your Calendar!
Upcoming March 2019 Programs

Saturday, March 2, 10 am: Cornwall Travel Adventures
Saturday, March 9, 10 am: Flow Painting Class with Michelle Holthe
Friday, March 15, 9:30 am: Rules of the Road
Friday, March 15, 3:30 pm: Middle School Makers (topic to be announced)
Saturday, March 16, 10 am: Genealogy Research - Southern U.S.
Thursday, March 21, 1 pm: Friends of the EPLD meeting
Monday, March 25, 6 pm: Travelogue: Greece at Eureka Apostolic Christian Home
Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 pm: U of I Extension Master Gardener program (topic to be announced)

Examples of flow paintings by Michelle Holthe