A Busy April . . .

What a month! The Eureka Public Library was bursting at the seams with some great programs and crowds in April! Two of our biggest events were the Elevate Reading Open House on April 8 and the Poetry Night on April 13.

The Elevate Reading Open House brought in over 70 people of all ages to check out the new elevator, hug Peoria Chief’s Homer, get their face painted by Sandi Sylvester, take home a balloon animal by Jenny Otte, and have fun! The library displayed some new wall decorations in the Children’s Library and a new wall plaque honoring the top Elevate Reading donors.

Thanks to the hard work of Eureka College Communication students Kaileigh Stephens, Bobby Mathius, and Taylor Huber, the Poetry Night was a huge success! About 55 people attended and listened to Dr. Kathy Whitson and Aozora Brockman talk about their love of poetry. A poetry contest was also held for all age ranges, with a number of middle school, high school, and college students participating. It was a fun evening! Thank you to all who participated in both events!
An Even Busier May!

April was busy, and May looks to be even busier! We have several new programs lined up, as well as our annual Book and Plant Sale. Check out the highlights below and view our full program listing on pages 6—7.

- **What’s It Worth? Antique Appraisals**—Friday, May 5 from 4—7 pm. Antique expert Mark Moran will be at the library to tell you more about your prized items and give you an informal estimate of their worth. Proceeds go to the Friends of the Eureka Public Library District. (Update: only a few appointment slots are still available)

- **Cast Iron Cooking with Chef Bill More**—Monday, May 15 at 6:30 pm. Peoria chef Bill More will be making his debut appearance at the library! He’ll be teaching you all about cooking with your cast iron pans. You’ll receive food samples and take home recipes. Cost is $10. Call to register.

- **Book and Plant Sale**—Saturday, May 20 from 8 am to 12 pm. Stop by the library for great deals on lots of books and DVDs! The U of I Extension Woodford County Master Gardeners will also have annuals, perennials, herbs, and more for sale.

- **AARP Driver’s Safety Course**—Tuesday, May 23 and Wednesday, May 24 from 9 am to 1 pm. Need to renew your driver’s license? This two-day course will review everything you need to know! Cost is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non members. Call to register.

- **Medicare Basics**—Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 pm. If you will be enrolling in the Medicare program soon or already participating, this class will give you up-to-date information on what you should know and answer any questions you have. Free class. Call to register.

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**Summer Reading Program Registration May 22—June 2**

This year’s summer reading program theme is “Reading by Design,” and we have several classes and fun, creative activities in the works for adults and young adults! More details and the full June calendar will be available in May. Here are a few previews:

*Make A Garlic Basket with Dianne Mockler (June 6 at 6:30 pm)*
*Coloring classes with Dawn Maloney (June 8 and 19 at 6:30 pm)*
*E-Reader Basics (June 16 at 10 am and 1 pm)*
*Crafting with Alice Mooberry (June 22 at 6:30 pm)*
*Lace Knitting with Robin Robinson (July 17 and 24 at 6:30 pm)*
*Exploring China with Mary Beth Leatherman (July 25 at 6:30 pm)*
*Quilt Displays & Community Quilt Block Party (TBA)*
Attention E-Reader Users!

Have you been having an issue downloading library books through the Axis360 or Overdrive apps lately? You are not alone! A recent app update contained a few issues that would not allow books to be downloaded or returned. A revised app update is now available. Please update to this latest version. To check if the app has automatically updated on your device: open your app store, tap on the menu button (the icon with three lines in the top left corner), and then tap App Updates. You should see the Axis 360 app icon with an Open button next to it. If the app did not automatically update, you can manually update it at that time. Although the problem has been primarily associated with the Axis360 app (and on KindleFires), it is a good idea to check and make sure you have the latest Overdrive app installed as well. If you have any questions or issues, please contact Cindy at the library. She would be happy to make an appointment to sit down with you and work out the issue or show you how to download library books.

Annual Fall Shopping Trip

Mark your calendar! Laura has scheduled the annual Friends of the Eureka Public Library District Fall shopping trip to the Chicago Premium Outlet Mall and Louis Joliet Mall for Tuesday, October 17. The cost is $50 per person, payable in advance. We already have 26 people signed up! Come and join the fun!

Spots still available for June Babysitting Class

An American Red Cross Babysitting Safety instructor will be at the library from 9 am to 4 pm on Tuesday, June 27 to teach a babysitting certification class. The class is open to youth, ages 11 to 15. Youth will learn how to supervise children, care for common injuries and emergencies, gain confidence to make smart decisions and stay safe in any babysitting situation. Class fee is $80, and youth will need to bring a sack lunch. Space is limited to 10 participants; call the library to register. We also have one spot still available for the Thursday, June 8 class, which is also 9 am—4 pm.

Friends of Eureka Public Library District
Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 1
1 pm

The Friends of the Eureka Public Library District promote and support the mission and programs of the library. They provide extra funds for projects through fundraising and volunteer support. A Friends membership is just $15 annually.

Join us!

Closings and Summer Hours

The library will be closed on Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day weekend.

The library will also be closed on Saturdays for the summer months beginning Saturday, May 29. Saturday hours will resume on September 9.
A Few of our New Books & DVDs

(see the complete list of new books and DVDs on our website—

Fiction
F Albert – The General’s Women
F Armstrong – The Watcher
F Backman – Britt-Marie was Here
F Baldacci – The Fix
F Bell – A Simple Favor
F Berry – The Lost Order
F Blackstock – If I’m Found
F Christie – The Little Things
F Daly – The Trophy Child
F Deaver – The Burial Hour
F Dye – Walking Into The Unknown
F Hannon – Sandpiper Cove
F Hatcher – You’ll Think of Me
F Hilton – The Amish Firefighter
F Irvin – The Saddle Maker’s Son
F Jackson – Ominous
F Jenoff – The Orphan’s Tale
F Kline – A Piece of the World
F Lewis – The Ebb Tide
F McCall Smith – My Italian Bulldozer
F Mallery – A Million Little Things
F Miller – The Chapel Car Bride
F Mills – Deep Extraction
F Patterson – The Black Book
F Rooney – Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk
F Ross – Miss Julia Weathers the Storm
F Sawyer – Grace and the Preacher
F Schmidt – A Stranger’s Gift
F Scottoline – One Perfect Lie
F Shreve – The Stars are Fire
F Strout – Anything is Possible
F Turano – Behind the Scenes
F Wade – Her One and Only
F Woods – Fast & Loose

Nonfiction
170.44 AND – The Little Things
306.3 BRO – The Fifth Trimester
332.024 ROB – Unshakeable
362.19 KIR – The Sandwich Years
381.19 COD – Liquidating an Estate
618.92 CAR – Iris Grace
631.53 SQU – Home Gardener’s Propagation Specialist Guide
631.7 FOS – Compost
635 COR – Grow a Living Wall
635.9 MAR – Plant This Instead
664 MAR – The Mini Farming Guide to Fermenting
690.8 PET – Building with Secondhand Stuff
745.1 KOV – Kovels’ Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide 2017
746.46 NEL – Dreamy Quilts
791.437 ONE – 1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die
914.21 JON – Frommer’s 24 Great Walks in London
917.304 NAT – National Geographic Guide to State Parks of U.S.
929.1 OAT – Tracing your Ancestors Through Local History Records
940.54 TUN – The Last Escaper
944.595 MOO – Village of Secrets: Defying the Nazis in Vichy France
973.9 WHI – The Gatekeepers

Mystery
M Albert – The Last Chance Olive Ranch
M Clark – All By Myself Alone
M Ellis – Sunset in Old Savannah
M Flanders – A Murder of Magpies
M Florio – Reservations
M Hillerman – Song of the Lion
M Leon – Earthly Remains
M Perry – Murder on the Serpentine

DVDs & Blu-Rays
DVD 3377 W – When the Games Stands Tall
DVD 3378 A – Adventures of the Wilderness Family
DVD 3380 I – Inferno
DVD 3381 B & B-R 379 B – BFG
DVD 3382 A & B-R 380 A – The Accountant
DVD 3383 G – Ghostbusters: Answer the Call
DVD 3384 S & B-R 381 S – Sing
DVD 3387 P – Passengers
DVD 3389 M & B-R 382 M – Moana
DVD 3390 F & B-R 383 F – Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
DVD 3391 P – Patriots Day
DVD 3393 H – Home Fires: Season 1
DVD 3395 S – Sherlock: Season 4
DVD 3396 D – Doctor Who: Fifth Series
DVD 3397 H & B-R 384 H – Hidden Figures
DVD 3398 P – Pokemon: The Rise of the Darkrai
DVD 3399 D & B-R 385 D – Doctor Strange
DVD 3401—3404 S – Supernatural: Seasons 1—4
DVD 3405 B – Bones: Season 11
News from the Children’s Library

Registration for Summer Reading
May 22-June 2 during regular library hours
Activities begin June 5.

BUZZ IN FOR NEW CHILDREN’S BOOKS!

Picture Books
Triangle, Mac Barnett
Stanley’s Store, William Bee
We are the Dinosaurs, Laurie Berkner
Gaston, Kelly DiPucchio
I Do Not Like Al’s Hat, Erin McGill
Plant the Tiny Seed, Christie Matheson

Chapter Books
Misty Copeland, Laurie Calkhoven (You Should Meet)
Women Who Launched the Computer Age, Laurie Calkhoven (You Should Meet)
Babysitting Bandit, Carolyn Keene (Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew)
Alexander Hamilton: From Orphan to Founding Father, Monica Kulling

Fiction
The Wearle, Chris D’Lacey (Erth Dragons)
Baseball Genius, Tim Green
The 65-story Treehouse, Andy Griffiths
The Titanic Mission, Dan Gutman (Flashback Four)
Light in the Lion’s Den, Marianne Hering (Imagination Station)
Shattered Sky, Erin Hunter (Warriors: Vision of Shadows)
Escape to Australia, James Patterson (Middle School)
Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas, Jonathan W. Stokes

Nonfiction
Octopuses One to Ten, Ellen Jackson
Sloths, Josh Gregory
Encyclopedia of Horses, Debby Sly

Children’s Book Week
May 1-7
Stop by the children’s library during Children’s Book Week for drawings, a craft, and more. Be sure to check out some of the awesome new books available now!

Check out our website for the complete listing of children’s books added this past month ~ www.eurekapl.org
May Programs for Adults

**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.

**Monday, May 1, 9 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, May 1, 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.

**Tuesdays, May 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.

**Friday, May 5, 4—7 pm, What’s It Worth? Antique Appraisals by Mark Moran** Curious if your family heirloom is valuable? Antique expert Mark Moran will provide informal appraisals for your antique and collectible items. Moran has contributed to *Antique Trader* magazine, appeared on *Antiques Roadshow*, and authored over 25 books on antiques and collectibles. Appraisals are $15/item. Appointment registration is required; limited space is available. (Update: only a few appointment slots are still available)

**Monday, May 8, 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 May meeting, Jim Conover, Pekin mystery author and past police officer/private investigator, will be talking about his books and experiences. All are welcome—come join the fun!

**Monday, May 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. The May project is creating a picture frame. This is a free program, but registration is limited to 10 participants. Register by calling the library by May 6.

**Monday, May 8, 6:30 pm, Make & Take Cards Night** Join instructor Debbi 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 May 6.

**Tuesday, May 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 deFreeese at 309-830-2626.

**Saturday, May 13, 10 am, Military Research** Join Karen Heinrich, MA, MLIS, a professional genealogist with over 17 years’ experience, for this workshop about research techniques and tips for finding your ancestor’s military records. She will cover popular internet database sites such as the National Archives, FamilySearch, Ancestry, Fold3, and more. All of these things plus reference materials and finding aids will be discussed. This is a free program. Call the library by May 12 to register.
More May Programs for Adults

Monday, May 15, 6:30 pm, Cast Iron Cooking: The Pan of the Past, the Pan of the Future Chef Bill More will be at the library to present a demonstration and tips for cooking with cast iron. He will discuss myths about cast iron, as well as the Ten Commandments of cooking with cast iron. Participants will taste cooking samples and have recipes to take home. Class fee is $10 per person. Space is limited; call the library to register by May 12.

Wednesday, May 17, 10 am, Past and Present Discussion Group Do you enjoy discussing history and current events? The Past and Present Discussion Group meets monthly to discuss countries, people, and events. For the May meeting, the group will be discussing the Battle of Gettysburg, which was fought on July 1—3, 1863. The largest battle of the Civil War, it was a pivotal victory for the Union, but came at a steep price for both sides as approximately 51,000 lives were lost. Four months later Gettysburg was the site of President Abraham Lincoln’s most famous speech.

Thursday, May 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, May 20, 8:00 am—12:00 pm, Book & Plant Sale It’s the Eureka Community Garage Sale weekend and the Eureka Public Library and the University of Illinois Extension Woodford County Master Gardeners will have their annual book and plant sale! Stop by for some bargain prices on books, annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, flowers, and more. Check out the library’s Seed Library too—free seeds are available along with resources on how to harvest and save seeds for next year.

Tuesday, May 23 and Wednesday, May 24, 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.

Tuesday, May 23, 6:30 pm, It’s Tomato Time! Join Woodford County Master Gardener Gretchen Strauch and learn how to grow tomatoes at home in the garden or on your patio in containers! Gretchen will discuss how to plant, stake and harvest this bright tasty fruit. You’ll also learn about the pests and diseases that impact tomato health. Call the library to reserve a seat. This program is provided by the University of Illinois Extension Woodford County Master Gardeners. If you need reasonable accommodation to participate, contact the U of I Extension office at 309-467-3789.

Thursday, May 25, 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. LibraryReads is a monthly listing of the top 10 new books librarians across the country are excited about and loved to read. Join this informal, fun group of book lovers and help select new releases for Eureka Public Library’s shelves.

Thursday, May 25, 6:30 pm, Medicare Basics A representative from the Illinois Department of Aging’s Senior Health Insurance Program will be at the library to discuss the Medicare program. If you will be enrolling in the program or already participating, this class will give you up-to-date information on what you should know and answer any questions you have. This is a free class. Call the library by May 23 to register.