Summer Reading Program Registration: May 20—31

We will be having our annual adult, teen, and children’s summer reading programs from June 3 to July 12 this year. Registration will be open May 20—31. To register, stop by the library, fill out a registration card, and pick up your weekly reading card.

Children will enjoy all their favorite summer activities and a few new ones through the “It's Showtime at Your Library” theme this summer. Adults and teens will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing through special astronomy programs, crafts, and movies. There will also be 3-D printing open houses. Look for more summer program details during the month of May and in the June newsletter.

Annual Book Sale & Craft Swap—Saturday, May 18

It's the Eureka Community Garage Sale weekend and we will be having our annual book sale from 8 am to 12 pm on Saturday, May 18. Stop by for some bargain prices on adult, teen, and children’s books, DVDs, and audio books. We will also be hosting our craft swap at the same time. Clean, new or gently used craft supply donations will be accepted May 13—17 and during the sale. Clean out your craft stash and stop by to pick up some new treasures for summer projects! The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Eureka Public Library District.

Reminder! 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!
National Library Week Recap

Thank you to everyone for helping us celebrate National Library Week in April! A special thank you to Craig Gerdes and Dr. Junius Rodriguez for sharing their thoughts on Eureka’s strengths to an appreciative audience for the keynote event on April 11. We are truly thankful to be a part of a special community!

Congratulations to our two National Library Week drawing winners! Bruce Baldwin was the winner of the Fire HD8 tablet, and Mike Thurwanger was the winner of the Easter candy jar. In case you were wondering: there were 88 pieces of candy!

Happy Retirement, Laura!

A new stage of life begins on May 1 for Laura Siscoe. After working at the Eureka Public Library for the past 12 years, Laura is ready to fill her days with new and exciting adventures. We wish her much happiness!

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 22 people signed up! Come and join the fun!

Red Cross Babysitting Certification Classes

An American Red Cross Babysitting Safety instructor will be at the library from 9 am to 4:30 pm on Wednesday, June 12 and Tuesday, June 25 to teach babysitting certification classes. The classes are 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 and an email address. Space is limited to 15 participants in each class; call the library to register.

Closings and Summer Hours

The library will be closed on Saturday, May 25 and Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day weekend.

The library will also be closed on Saturdays for the summer months beginning June 1. Saturday hours will resume on September 7.
Eureka High School Celebrates a Slice of the American Story

The public and area veterans are invited to attend a special tribute at the Eureka High School library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7. The tribute will feature the work of Eureka High School juniors under the direction of teacher Deborah Bertschi. Since 1997, Bertschi has guided students in researching the stories of area residents as well as from around the country. Interviewees spoke to students about a slice of their lives; these experiences were taken from any part of their 65 or so years of experience. These interviews were turned into narratives and collected into a book titled Their Lives: Our History. Interviews with veterans Wilmer Blunier and Harold Roth were also videotaped and submitted to the online Illinois Veterans History Project with the assistance of the Eureka Public Library. The videos can be accessed through the Illinois Veterans History Project YouTube site (www.youtube.com/user/ilveteransproject).

During the May 7 event, excerpts from the videos of the Blunier and Roth interviews will be shown and students will read some of their narratives; copies of the Their Lives: Our History book will be available for $10. After the event, the book will also be available for purchase at the Eureka Public Library. Proceeds from the book sales will support the continuation of this annual local history research project and book production. For more information, contact the Eureka Public Library at 309-467-2922.

Thank you, Friends of the Eureka Public Library!

The Friends of the Eureka Public Library District (EPLD) recently made two large purchases to help support library patrons and programming. In April, the Friends purchased a desktop-size Eris 3-D printer. The printer has the capability of creating an endless number of 3-D images using plastic filament. The printer will be on display this summer for several all-ages open houses. The printer will also be used for future children’s programming. Watch our summer schedule for open house dates.

The Friends of the EPLD also assisted with the purchase of a staff desk and new tables and chairs in the sitting area outside of the program room. The purchases are part of an ongoing project to revamp spaces and increase seating options for patrons and staff. Thank you, Friends!

Introducing...
Explore More Illinois

New! Eureka Public Library patrons can now receive instant online access to free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, sporting events, zoos, park districts, theaters, and other fun cultural venues as part of the Explore More Illinois initiative. Some attractions include: Peoria Riverfront Museum, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum, Chicago’s Children Museum, Discovery Center Museum, and more. Attractions are being continually added! Eureka Public Library patrons can reserve passes in advance through the Explore More website. Visit www.eurekapl.org to access the link to Explore More. Log in requires your library card number and PIN.
New Books and Movies!

Fiction
F Ahern – Roar
F Baldacci - Redemption
F Bunn – Outbreak
F Burke – The Better Sister
F Graves – The Girl He Used to Know
F Hannon – Driftwood Bay
F Hunter – A Return of Devotion
F James – Black Leopard Red Wolf
F Jance – The A List
F Kingsbury – Two Weeks
F McCall Smith – The Department of Sensitive Crimes
F Martin – Fumbled
F Patrick – The Library of Lost & Found
F Patterson – The 13-Minute Murder
F Patterson – The 18th Abduction
F Patterson – Miracle at St. Andrews
F Peterson – When You are Near
F Ross – Miss Julia Takes the Wheel
F Sandford – Neon Prey
F Sands – The Trouble with Vampires
F Sawyer – A Silken Thread
F Thornton – American Princess
F Ward – The Savior

Mystery
M Harrod-Eagles – Headlong
M Hepworth – The Mother-in-law
M Lorac – Murder by Matchlight
M Hillerman – The Tale Teller
M Perry – Triple Jeopardy

Biography
B Arnold – Running Home
B Brown – I’m Still Here
B Patrick – The Lady from the Black Lagoon

Nonfiction
031.02 NAT – Nat’l Geographic Almanac 2019
363.25 BAR – Handy Forensic Science Answer Book
613.2 GUN – The Longevity Paradox
616.4 WEN – Hashimoto’s Food Pharmacology
635.9 CHE – Seasonal Flower Arranging
641.5 LIL – Hungry Girl: Simply 6
641.6 LAC – Cali’flour Kitchen
641.73 RES – The Bone Broth Miracle
641.86 SCH – Instantly Sweet
650.1 GAR – The Genius Habit
917.69 LUD – Presidents, Battles & Must-See Civil War Destinations
977.353 WOO – Woodford County Veterans: Respect and Remember

Movies
DVD 3960 H – Home Alone (5-movies )
DVD 3962–364 C – Chesapeake Shores: Seasons 1–3
DVD 3965 L – Like Arrows
DVD 3967 S & B-R 504 S – Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse
DVD 3968 R & B-R 505 R – Ralph Breaks the Internet
DVD 3969 M & B-R 506 M – Mary Poppins Returns
DVD 3970 A & B-R 507 A– Aquaman
DVD 3971 C & B-R 508 C – Creed II
DVD 3972–3974 T – 3rd Rock from the Sun: Seasons 1–3
DVD 3975 M – Moving to Mozart with Ann Smith (nonfiction)
DVD 3976 B - Bumblebee
DVD 3977 H & B-R 509 H – Hop
DVD 3978 S & B-R 510 S – Second Act
DVD 3980 V – Victoria: Season 3
DVD 3982 S – Swiss Family Robinson
DVD 3983 O – 100 Yards
DVD 3984 D & B-R 512 D – A Dog’s Way Home

DVD – CHILDREN’S
DVD 3966 B CH – Barbie and the Secret Door
DVD 3979 H CH – Here Comes Peter Cottontail
DVD 3981 P CH – Paw Patrol: Ultimate Rescue

New! Latest Additions Newsletter!

The Eureka Public Library District buys hundreds of new books and movies each year. Starting May 1, you can receive weekly email alerts showing you the newest books, DVDs, and audio books we’ve purchased. We hope you’ll enjoy hearing about the many exciting bestsellers, movies, and recorded books almost the very moment they are placed on the shelves. Whenever you spot something of interest, you’ll be able to click instantly, reserve it, and check it out at your convenience. This service is free!

To sign up, visit https://wowbrary.org/signup.aspx?zipshow=61530. You can quit the weekly emails any time you wish.
News from the Children’s Library

It’s Showtime At Your Library!

Registration for
Summer Reading
May 20 – May 31

Activities for the Children’s Library begin June 3 and will include crafts, programs for readers of all ages, Story Times, movies, an Art Show, a Fantasy Book Club and more. Calendars with all information will be available at registration. There are 2 weeks for registration and we would like to get all readers signed up in those 2 weeks, so that we’re ready to go with Summer Reading fun.

Read

NEW CHILDREN’S BOOKS!

Just a few of the new books in the children’s library! See the whole list for May on the library’s website—www.eurekapl.org.

Picture Books:
Baby Shark: Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo Circle, Mac Barnett
Ocean Animals From Head to Tail, Stacy Roderick
The Babysitter From Another Planet, Stephen Savage

Chapter Books
Humphrey’s Big Birthday Bash, Betty G. Birney
5 volumes of Owl Diaries, Rebecca Elliott

Fiction:
13 volumes of Notebook of Doom, Troy Cummings
Terror in the Tunnel, Marianne Hering (Imagination Station)

Non-Fiction
Termites, Valerie Bodden (Creepy Creatures)
Seeds Move!, Robin Page
The Babysitter’s Backpack: Everything You Need To Be a Safe, Smart, and Skilled Babysitter, Rebecca Rissman
Lost in the Antarctic: The Doomed Voyage, Tod Olson
May Programs

Wednesdays, May 1 and 15, 9 am & Thursdays, May 2 and 16, 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, May 3, 10 —11:30 am, Android Smartphone Apps: The Good, The Bad, & The Safe  If you have questions about downloading and installing an “app” on your android smartphone, then this class is for you! Instructor Nancy Komlanc will answer questions about apps and go over step-by-step instructions on what are apps and their uses, how to install and uninstall apps, how to determine whether an app is safe, and how to safely shop online using an app. Plus, Nancy will share some helpful apps that she has used for a long time. This workshop is geared towards people over 50, and participants will receive step-by-step instructions to take home. Workshop fee is $20. Bring your android smartphone to the workshop to make these phone adjustments. Space is limited; contact the library to register.

Friday, May 3, 1—2:30 pm, iPhone Apps: The Good, The Bad, & The Safe  If you have questions about downloading and installing an “app” on your iPhone, then this class is for you! Instructor Nancy Komlanc will answer questions about apps and go over step-by-step instructions on what are apps and their uses, how to install and uninstall apps, how to determine whether an app is safe, and how to safely shop online using an app. Plus, Nancy will share some helpful apps that she has used for a long time. This workshop is geared towards people over 50, and participants will receive step-by-step instructions to take home. Workshop fee is $20. Bring your iPhone to the workshop to make these phone adjustments. Space is limited; contact the library to register.

Saturday, May 4, 10 am, Tax-Free Investing: It’s Not What You Make, It’s What You Keep  Do you want more control over the taxes you pay? Choosing tax-free investments is one of the ways you can help reduce your tax burden. Join financial advisor Nicole Miller for this free informational presentation to learn the basics of tax-free investing today so you may reap the benefits next tax season. This event is for educational purposes only and no specific company's plan details will be shared. Call the library to register by May 2.

Monday, May 6, 6:30 pm, Morel Mushroom Hunting in Central Illinois  It’s morel mushroom season! Andy Bugos of Adventure Outdoors Sports Magazine will be at the library to offer tips for hunting morel mushrooms. Bugos will also review how to protect yourself from ticks and Lyme disease while you are scouring the forests and pastures. Free program. Call the library at 309-467-2922 to register.

Tuesday, May 7, 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, May 7, 14, and 21, 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, May 7 and 21, 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.

Thursday, May 9, 6 pm, Warm Water Fly Fishing  Join instructor Tim Baer for a free program on fly fishing in central Illinois and the Midwest. Baer will cover the fish, flies, and techniques for fishing the Midwest’s lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers. Call the library at 309-467-2922 to register for this program.
May Programs (continued)

Saturday, May 11, 10 am, Probate Records: What Our Ancestors Left Behind Did your ancestor leave a will or was their estate handled by an administrator? Whether they had a will or not, probate records can provide a unique glimpse into the lives of your predecessors. Join professional genealogist Kimberly Mullins for this free genealogy program and learn where and how to locate these records and discover what records are available based on the time in which your ancestor lived. Register at the library by May 9.

Monday, May 13, 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 May meeting, participants will be sharing garden, flower, and tea-themed mysteries and thrillers.

Monday, May 13, 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 May the group will be creating thank you cards for teachers and playing bingo. This is a free program, but registration is limited to 10 participants. Register by May 11.

Monday, May 13, 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 May 11.

Tuesday, May 14, 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, May 16, 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 May Cathy Kieser will demonstrate how she uses the Sure-Fit method for fitting sewing patterns. People of all ages and skill levels are welcome to attend. For information, call Robin Staudenmeier 309-370-2696.

Thursday, May 16, 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 18, 8 am—12 pm, Annual Book Sale and Craft Swap It’s the Eureka Community Garage Sale weekend and the Eureka Public Library will have their annual book sale and a craft swap! Stop by for some bargain prices on books, and pick up some free craft supplies for summer projects. Have fun mingling with fellow book lovers and crafters and discover new treasures. Craft donations will be accepted May 13—17 or the morning of the sale/swap. Donations should be clean and new or gently used. Any remaining craft supplies will be donated to the Et Cetera Shop. For more information, contact the library.

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Monday, May 20, 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.
May Programs (continued)

Thursday, May 23, 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.

Thursday, May 23, 6:30 pm, Senior Living: What Are My Options & How Can I Afford It?  Learn about the options of senior living at home with home care, community day services, specialized dementia care, assisted and supportive living, and independent living. Evergreen Senior Living staff will discuss costs and how these option can be paid for, including: private pay, long-term care insurance, Medicaid, and VA pension benefits. This is a free, education-only program. Call the library to register by May 21.

Saturday, May 25 & Monday, May 27, Library Closed For Memorial Day Weekend

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 pm, Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening  Don’t have usable ground space to grow vegetables? The University of Illinois Extension Woodford County Master Gardeners will be presenting a free class on how to use above ground growing systems for safe and fruitful production of your favorite backyard vegetables. Methods to increase production through space maximization, soil and fertilizer practices, and construction material options will be reviewed. To register, call the library. This program is presented by the Woodford County University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program. If you need reasonable accommodation to participate, contact the U of I Extension office at 309-467-3789.

Wednesday, May 29, 10—11:30 am, Android Smartphone Adjusting Settings: The Heart Of Your Smartphone  Join us for this popular class to unlock the secrets of your android smartphone to make it really easy to use. Instructor Nancy Komlanc will show participants the global settings that can increase icon sizes, change or stop notification sounds, personalize ringtones, adjust screen light-up time and brightness, and close all apps with one command to save battery power. This workshop is geared towards people over 50, and participants will receive step-by-step instructions to take home. Workshop fee is $20. Bring your android smartphone to the workshop to make these phone adjustments. Space is limited; contact the library to register.

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Mark Your Calendar! June Program Highlights

◊ Tween/Teen Monday Programs—Mondays, June 3—July 1, 2—3:30 pm  
   Join the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Educators for a summer of fun! Weekly topics will include creative writing, ozobots, set design, Makey Makey poetry, and LED art.

◊ The Summer Night Sky with Sheldon Schafer—Monday, June 3 at 6:30 pm

◊ Teen Summer Popcorn & Movie Night—Thursday, June 13. Time TBA.

◊ The 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 with Renae Kerrigan of Peoria Riverfront Museum’s Dome Planetarium—Monday, June 17 at 6:30 pm

◊ 3-D Printer Open House—Thursday, June 27, 6—8 pm