Welcome, Fall! With cooler days and nights on the horizon, we have two great opportunities to find heartwarming romances to read. We will also be hosting a new reading challenge—20 Books in 20 Days!

First, we welcome Amish fiction/romance author Jerry Eicher to the library on Monday, September 18 at 6:30 pm. Eicher’s bestselling Amish fiction has sold more than 800,000 copies. After a traditional Amish childhood, Eicher taught for two terms in Amish and Mennonite schools in Ohio and Illinois. Since then he’s been involved in church renewal, preaching, and teaching Bible studies. Currently, he works with Choice Books of Midwest in Metamora. He is the author of over 25 works of fiction and several nonfiction books, including an autobiography titled My Amish Childhood. A book sale and signings will follow a question and answer session. Space is limited, call soon to register for this big event!

Save the date! On Saturday, October 7 from 10 am to 12 pm the library will be hosting a Romance Author Faire. Seven regional romance authors will be here to share their love of the romance genre with attendees. Each author will have a table displaying their latest works, which you can purchase and have signed. It’s a great opportunity to support area authors and find a new romance to read during the upcoming chilly days. The romances span from Christian to fantasy, traditional to romantic suspense, and from spicy to heartwarming. Authors currently slated to attend include: T. R. Cromer, J. L. Brandenburg, Victoria H. Smith, C. A. Harms, Donna Dull, K. C. Bateman, and Laurie Larsen. Stop by anytime between 10 am and 12 pm and meet the authors!

Looking for a reading challenge? An individual or a team up to five people (any combination of adults/children/families) can try reading 20 Books in 20 Days. Stop by the adult circulation desk to register by September 20. Pick up a log sheet and read between September 18 and October 7. Book length requirements are a minimum of 100 pages for adults/young adults and 30 pages for children (can be read aloud). Attend either the Eicher event or the Romance Author Faire and have your book log stamped for one book credit. Complete the challenge and turn in your log sheet by October 14 to be entered in a drawing for a $20 gift card to Mika’s Bistro or Uncle Bob’s Ice Cream. Five winners will be drawn.

Happy Fall Reading!
Library Patrons Enjoy Viewing Eclipse Together

Monday, August 21 was a day to remember! Over 60 patrons stopped by and received free eclipse glasses and viewed the partial solar eclipse during our Eclipse Viewing Party. Patrons moved back and forth between the north side library lawn to view the eclipse in progress, and the program room where we watched live broadcasts of the total solar eclipse across the U.S. It was an awe inspiring sight! Over 30 patrons also had a chance to hear about the sport of eclipse chasing on August 7 when Sheldon Schafer, former director of the Peoria Riverfront Museum Planetarium, gave a presentation at the library. Schafer talked about past solar eclipses he witnessed, as well as the best spots to see the total eclipse on August 21. Miss the excitement? The next total solar eclipse will cross the United States again on April 8, 2024—just 7 years away!

Answer: Bring them to the library! Bring your scratched CDs, DVDs, Blu-Rays, and game discs to the library and we will run them through our EcoPro2 cleaner for just 50 cents each. The cleaner will remove fine and shallow scratches. Drop off your discs anytime during library open hours. Depending on staff availability, discs may be able to be cleaned while you wait. Cleaner may not be able to repair deeper scratches.

Check These Out!

We’ve added several new magazines to our collection—Magnolia Journal, Field & Stream, Outside, Shape, and Travel: 50 & Beyond. We have 70 magazines total in our collection. Magazines check out for one week. Stop by and take a look!

Last Call For Bus Trip!

Reminder! The annual Friends of the Eureka Public Library District Fall shopping trip to the Chicago Premium Outlet Mall and Louis Joliet Mall will be Tuesday, October 17. Cost is $50 per person, payable in advance. A few seats are still available!
Thank you, Friends of the Eureka Public Library!

We are pleased to announce the addition of a train table to the Children’s Library. The table was a gift from the Friends group.

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

Interested in helping? The next Friends meeting is Tuesday, September 19 at 1 pm at the library. Join us!
News From The Children’s Library

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Registration begins for Preschool Story Times on Tuesday, September 5. Preschool Story Times will be in October and November for children ages 3 through 5. Children must be 3 by October 1 and able to sit by themselves with other children. Sign-up for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning for the 7 weeks. Story Times begin at 9:30 am and include stories, songs, and a hands-on activity.

CELEBRATE LITTLE GOLDEN BOOKS

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of Little Golden Books with any of the following activities:

Come to the library on Thursday, September 21 or Saturday September 23 at 9:30 am for a Family Story Time that includes stories and activities from Little Golden Books.

Students grades K-4 can visit the library on Thursday, September 21 from 3:15 to 3:45 pm for Little Golden Book stories and activities.

DISCOVER! Reading Program

Kids ages 3 through 6th grade can stop by the library after September 20 to pick up a book log for the Discover! Reading Program. Read a nonfiction book every week during October, visit the library weekly to get a sticker, and receive a book at the end of the program. There’s lots to Discover! in nonfiction books at the library!

FLIGHT OF NEW BOOKS!

Picture Books

Old MacDonald’s Things That Go, Jane Clarke
Jabari Jumps, Gaia Cornwall
Push! Dig! Scoop!, Rhonda Gowler Greene
I’m Smart, Kate & Jim McMullan
One Lonely Fish: A Counting Book with Bite!, Andy Mansfield
If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, DON’T, Elise Parsley

Fiction

Darkness of Dragons (Wings of Fire), Tui T. Sutherland
Bones of the Sun God (Pyramid Hunters), Peter Vegas
The Door Before: Prequel to 100 Cupboards, N.D. Wilson

Nonfiction

Would you Rather Have Teeth Like a T-Rex or Armor Like An Ankylosaurus?, Camilla de la Bedoyere
Apex Predators: The World’s Deadliest Hunters, Past and Present, Steve Jenkins

Biographies: Andrew Carnegie: and the Steel Industry, Lewis K. Parker & All About Frederick Douglass, Robin L. Condon

Books-on-CD

Ellen Tebbits, Beverly Cleary
The Ghost of Grey Fox Inn, Carolyn Keene
The Dark Prophecy (Trials of Apollo), Rick Riordan
Tales From a Not-So-Glam TV Star, Rachel Renee Russell
The Clue in the Papyrus Scroll, Gertrude Chandler Warner (Boxcar Children Great Adventure)
September Adult 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 at 309-467-2922. Max appointment time is 30 minutes.

Tuesday, September 5, 9 am—12 pm, Heart of Illinois Knitting Guild Knitting fans are invited to join this monthly knitting group to learn a new technique, get help with a project, and meet new friends. The September program will feature a discussion of favorite knitting books. For more information, contact Kim Beenders at 309-923-7464 or Sue Wilkins at 309-275-5777.

Tuesdays, September 5 and 19, 5:30—8 pm, Sit and Stitch Join fellow knitters, crocheters, needle-workers, 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, September 5, 12, 19, and 26, 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.

Saturday, September 9, 9:30 am, Medicare 101 Looking into Medicare? If you will be enrolling in the program or already participating, this educational class will give you up-to-date information on what you should know and answer any questions you have. This is a free class taught by Julie Bicksler. To register, contact the library.

Monday, September 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 September meeting, participants will be discussing their recent favorite reads. All are welcome!

Monday, September 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 September the group will be creating Buggles—a cool locker decoration. This is a free program, but registration is limited to 10 participants. Register by calling the library by September 9.

Monday, September 11, 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, September 11, 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 September 9.

Tuesday, September 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.
September Adult Programs (continued)

**Thursday, September 14, 5:30—7 pm, Create a Gourd Wren House** Join fellow gourd enthusiasts for an educational discussion and demonstration of making a wren house out of a gourd. Class fee is $5. Bring a metal dinner fork; all other supplies provided. Call the library to register. For more information on this monthly gourd educational program series, contact Bill Walter at 309-467-3881.

**Saturday, September 16, 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 September 14 to register.

**Monday, September 18, 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.

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**Wednesday, September 20, 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 September meeting, the group will be discussing cyber security. Join us for an interesting discussion.

**Thursday, September 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, September 23, 10 am, Introduction to Brush Calligraphy** Jessica Cranford, a local calligrapher, will be teaching the basics of brush calligraphy! If you’ve been on the internet or in a store lately, you probably know that calligraphy is all the rage. This is your chance to learn how you can do it at home. In this class, you will get two pens, a pad of tracing paper, practice sheets, and a list of internet resources to use later. Class fee is $20 per person. Call the library to register by September 19.

**Thursday, September 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.