Elevate Reading Gala To Be Held January 26

Help the Eureka Public Library District raise funds for the Elevate Reading campaign by attending the Elevate Reading Gala on Thursday, January 26. The event will be held at Eureka College’s Cerf Center. Doors open at 5 pm, and the dinner will start at 6 pm. Bidding for over 30 silent auction items will take place between 5 and 6:30 pm. There will be a series of brief speeches by community and library leaders following the dinner, and then a live auction called by Eureka coach Craig Gerdes.

Currently, there are 15 items up for the live auction. Items include antiques, furniture, vacation condo stays, art, and more! See below for a current listing and visit our website (http://www.eurekapl.org/elevate-reading-gala.html) for pictures of the items.

Tickets are $50 each and can be purchased at the library. A limited number of tickets are available, so purchase yours soon. The gala will be a fun community event to support the installation of an elevator for disabled access to our children’s library. Join us!

Current Live Auction Items List

- Nineteenth-century wood yarn winder
- Two vintage wood children’s library chairs
- Nineteenth-century wood library door
- Late nineteenth—early twentieth century twin bed frame
- Lucky Hunter Jewelry Designs $500 gift card
- San Pedro Island, TX, vacation condo stay
- Two Branson, MO, vacation condo stays
- Pair of Ben Zobrist’s batting gloves (signed)
- Eastbay catalog featuring Ben Zobrist (signed)
- Ashley Furniture round, wood coffee table
- Erin Miller Photography session and wrapped canvas print
- Antique-style 34.5” wall clock
- Signed, framed Terry Redlin limited edition print
- Signed, framed Sharon Somers watercolor painting
Construction Progress

The construction crew has been making progress! The new addition housing the elevator has been enclosed, and stucco trim and new roofing are in progress. The elevator components will be delivered and installation will begin on Monday, January 9.

Due to noise and construction safety issues, the library will be closed Monday, January 9 through Wednesday, January 11. Items can be returned via the west entrance drop box those days, and items can be renewed by calling the library at 309-467-2922.

Titanic Disaster Discussion

The Past & Present Book Club will be discussing the Titanic disaster at their next meeting on Wednesday, January 18 at 10 am. The Titanic sunk on April 15, 1912, and the wreck was not discovered until 1985. Currently, the national traveling exhibit—Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition—is showing at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. The exhibit is open through March 12 and features extensive re-creations of the ship’s interior as well as an interactive iceberg. View the exhibit, read or watch more about the Titanic through library books and movies, and join us for a fascinating discussion!

Winter Travelogues

Three travelogue presentations will be held at the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home’s Activity Room this winter. The programs are free and open to the public!

Thursday, January 19 at 6 pm—Dina Emser, China
Thursday, February 16 at 6 pm—Rev. Jennie Churchman, Camino de Santiago, Spain
Thursday, March 23 at 6 pm—Don Samford, Egypt

“Guess The Number Of Hershey’s Kisses® ” Winners

Over 60 people tried to guess the number of chocolate Kisses in the Christmas jar—and only one person got the number exactly right! Madi Meyer was the winner with a guess of 90 Kisses! Madi chose the Christmas box filled with Christmas-themed items. The second place winner was Tiffany Wyse-Fisher. She won the jar filled with Kisses.

Congratulations to both winners!
Warm Up With A Good Book: Annual Adult February Reading Program

The annual February reading program for adults is coming up soon! To participate, fill out a registration card between January 30 and February 11. Read a minimum of two hours a week for four weeks (February 6 though March 4). Get your card stamped each week, and at the end of the program enter your card for a chance at a special prize. Not enough time to read one week? Attend a library program during the month and that will substitute for one week of reading. Look for more information in the February newsletter.

New Year . . . New Skills: Book-A-Librarian For Help!

The library offers more than just books, magazines, and movies! We offer cardholders a wide variety of helpful databases and services. To learn more about any of the services listed below, contact the library at 309-467-2922 or ask a staff member for details. One-on-one appointments can be scheduled to assist you with getting started with each of the options below.

- Universal Class—need to learn a new skill for work or just curious about something? Universal Class offers over 500 different online classes that you can access for free with your library card! Visit www.universalclass.com for more information and then make an appointment to get started.

- Genealogy Services—want to research your family tree? The library offers Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest databases for free on our public computers. We also have Woodford County Journal issues from 1938 to the present and a selection of county history books and atlases. A staff member can help you learn the basics and start researching.

- Downloadable Books, Audiobooks, and Music—interested in using your smartphone, tablet, or computer to checkout books and music? The library offers free ebooks and audiobooks through Alliance Digital Media/Overdrive, eRead Illinois/Axis360, Freading, and Tumblebooks; and free music through Freegal. Make an appointment with a staff member to get your device set up and learn the basics.

- Online Account—need help learning how to renew items, place holds, pay fines, and check due dates online? We can help you get started so you can manage your account from home or on the go!

Winter Mitten Tree

Thank you! Our winter mitten tree is overflowing with donations of hats, mittens, and scarves. All items will be donated to Davenport Elementary School and Heartline/Heart House in early January.
New Year . . . New Books & Movies!

**Fiction**
- F Aarsen – Wrangling the Cowboy’s Heart
- F Camden – From This Moment
- F Camden – Until the Dawn
- F Cantrell – The Feathered Bone
- F Chabon – Moonglow
- F Clipston – The Cherished Quilt
- F Coelho – The Spy
- F Cornwell – The Flame Bearer
- F DeLima – Celtic Moon
- F DeLima – Summer Moon
- F Feehan – 23 New Titles To Choose From!
- F Flagg – The Whole Town’s Talking
- F Goodkind – Nest
- F Harper – Chasing Shadows
- F Ivey – To the Bright Edge of the World
- F Jiles – News of the World
- F Kastner – A Daddy for her Triplets
- F Lamb – I’ll Take You There
- F Mallery – Daughters of the Bride
- F Minton – The Cowboy’s Christmas Courtship
- F Moser – The Pattern Artist
- F Newport – Amish Turns of Time
- F O’Brien – You’ll Miss Me When I’m Gone
- F Oke – Love Takes Wing
- F Patterson – Cross the Line
- F Pintoff – City on Edge
- F Preston & Child – Beyond the Ice Limit
- F Ranney – The Virgin of Clan Sinclair
- F Rice – Prince Lestat and the Realms of Atlantis
- F Ross – Her Small-Town Cowboy
- F Ryan – Say No More
- F Ward – Blood Vow

**Nonfiction**
- 070.4 LAS – Eve of a Hundred Midnights
- 248.863 CUL – Josiah’s Fire
- 362.19 FRA – How to Survive a Plague
- 523.1 TYS – Star Talk
- 610 JAC – Meditations for Caregivers
- 616.08 MAT – When the Body Says No
- 617.7 LAT – The Dry Eye Remedy
- 636.7 ALD – The Mutt Book
- 641.56 HOB – Living Vegetarian for Dummies
- 641.56 MOR – The Best 30-Minute Vegetarian Recipes
- 641.56 VEG – Vegetarian: 100 Everyday Recipes
- 746.43 CHA – Unexpected Afghans
- 746.46 JEN – Thimbleberries New Collection of Classic Quilts
- 746.46 JOH – Block Magic
- 940.54 BRU – Indestructible
- 940.54 SUM – A Matter of Honor

**Mystery**
- M Block – Sinner Man
- M Dodson – The Key in the Attic
- M Fields – The Cats and the Riddle
- M Fields – Road Trip!
- M Fields – The Legends of Fuller’s Island
- M George – A Spicy Secret
- M Kelly – Guns and Roses
- M Kelly – Jazzed
- M McCrite – Stony Point Christmas
- M ODO – The Tapestry in the Attic
- M Stanton – Angel Condemned
- M Stanton – Angel’s Advocate
- M Stanton – Defending Angels

**Movies**
- DVD 3284—3288 S CH – Sesame Street movies
- DVD 3289 B CH – Blaze: Rev Up and Roar
- DVD 3290 F & B-R 361 F – Finding Dory
- DVD 3291 N – X-Men Apocalypse
- DVD 3292 X – X-Men Apocalypse
- DVD 3293 C – Camelot: Season 1
- DVD 3294 P – Person of Interest: Season 5
- DVD 3295 O – Once Upon a Texas Train
- DVD 3296 H – Heartbreak Ridge
- DVD 3298 D – Doctor Thorne
- DVD 3299 V – Vantage Point
- DVD 3300 D – Definitely, Maybe
- DVD 3301 B – Big Bang Theory: Season 9
- DVD 3302 S – Scorpion: Season 1
- DVD 3303—3305 N – Night Court: Seasons 1—3
- DVD 3306 B – Jason Bourne
- DVD 3307 S & B-R 362 S – Star Trek: Beyond
- DVD 3308 W – The 2016 World Series
- DVD 3309—3311 N – NCIS: Los Angeles: Seasons 1—3
- DVD 3312 C – The Closer: Season 4
- DVD 3313 K & B-R 364 K – The King and I
- DVD 3314 S & B-R 365 S – The Secret Life of Pets
- DVD 3315 M & B-R 366 M – Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children
- DVD 3316 H – Hogan’s Heroes: Season 1
News From The Children’s Library

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME IS MOVING TO MARCH AND APRIL 2017!!**

**WATCH FOR REGISTRATION IN FEBRUARY.**

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**WAITING ON NEW PICTURE BOOKS?**

Just a few of the new books in the children’s library

**Picture Books**

- *One-Dog Sleigh*, Mary Casanova
- *5 Little Ducks*, Denise Fleming
- *Work Dogs Work*, James Horvath
- *Into the Snow*, Yuki Kaneko
- *Bunny Slopes*, Claudia Rueda
- *Best in Snow*, April Pulley Sayre
- *Before Morning*, Joyce Sidman
- *Big Bear, Small Mouse*, Karma Wilson

**Chapter Books**

- *From Cotton to T-Shirt*, Robin Nelson
- *Tarantula vs. Scorpion*, Jerry Pallotta (Who Would Win?)
- *The Cool Story Behind Snow*, Joe Rao

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**Fiction**

- *The Crown of Fire*, Tony Abbott (Copernicus Legacy)
- *The Traitor of Belltroll*, Lindsay Cummings (Balance Keepers)
- *Train Wreck: Kansas, 1892*, Kathleen Duey (Survivors)
- *The Battle of Hackham Heath*, John Flanagan
  (Ranger’s Apprentice: The Early Years)
- *The Lost Property Office*, James R. Hannibal (Section 13)
- *Blizzard Night*, Marlane Kennedy (Disaster Strikes)
- *Wild Trek*, Jim Kjelgaard

**Non-Fiction**

- *National Geographic KiDS Almanac 2017*
- *Wind: Explore, Create, and Investigate!*, Isabel Thomas
- *Scaly Spotted Feathered Frilled: How Do We Know What Dinosaurs Really Looked Like?*, Catherine Thimmesh
- *The Deadliest Creature in the World*, Brenda Z. Guiberson
- *Frozen Wild: How Animals Survive in the Coldest Places on Earth*, Jim Arnosky
- *Scholastic Year in Sports 2017*, Scholastic
January 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 e-reader 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.

**Tuesdays, January 3, 17, and 31, 5:30—8 pm, Sit and Stitch** Join fellow knitters, crocheters, needlework-ers, 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 8:00 pm.

**Wednesdays, January 18, 10 am, Past and Present Book Club** Do you enjoy reading nonfiction or biographies? The Past and Present Book Club meets monthly to discuss fascinating books, people, and events. For the January meeting, the group will be discussing the Titanic tragedy. The Titanic sank in 1912 and over 1,500 people perished. Join us for an interesting discussion.

**Thursday, January 19, 6:00 pm, at Eureka Apostolic Christian Home Activity Room, Travelogue: China** Dina Emser of Eureka will be sharing stories and photographs of her travels in China. Emser has made 6 trips to China to teach parents and teachers about how to train children to be problem solvers, respectful and resourceful. She will be making her next trip in March of 2017, and she is eager to share stories about this fascinating country and its people. This free program will be held in the Activity Room of the Eureka Apostolic Christian Home, 610 W. Cruger.

**Thursday, January 19, 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.

**Mondays, January 23 and 30, 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.

**Thursday, January 26, 10 am, Book Gossip** Be in the know! Stop by the library for the latest book gossip! Participants will share what they’ve been reading, what authors they like and don’t like, and library staff will share the latest in book trends, author news, and what’s new on the shelves.

**Thursday, January 26, 6 pm, Elevate Reading Gala at Eureka College Cerf Center** Join Eureka Public Library friends, staff, and supporters for the community event of the season! To help raise funds for the Elevate Reading campaign, the Friends of the Eureka Public Library District are hosting an evening gala including dinner, speakers, silent auction, and live auction. Doors open at 5 pm, and the dinner begins at 6 pm. An incredible variety of items will be auctioned off. Tickets are $50 and can be purchased at the library in advance. A limited number of seats are available, so buy your tickets soon. For more information, contact the library.

**Monday, January 30, 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 January project is creating a hot chocolate holder. This is a free program, but registration is limited to 10 participants. Register by January 28.

**Monday, January 30, 6:30 pm, Make-It & Take-It 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 January 28.