“When . . . I saw the [Eureka College] campus for the first time . . . I was bowled over. It was even lovelier than I’d imagined it would be. . . . I knew I had to stay. . . . Eureka, of course, is a Greek word that means I have found it and it described perfectly the sense of discovery I felt the day I arrived there in the fall of 1928. Eureka was everything I had dreamed it would be and more.”

~Ronald Reagan, An American Life

It is homecoming season, and the Eureka Public Library is celebrating our community services and the 90th anniversary of Ronald Reagan’s first arrival in Eureka. Two highlights for the fall season include the Welcome Home! Community Services Series and a Ronald Reagan Film Fest!

The Welcome Home! Community Services Series initiative will give area residents a chance to learn more about community services. The programs will be held at the library on Saturdays at 10 a.m. The first program on Saturday, September 15 will feature the Woodford County Health Department. The department offers a wide variety of public health programs and services to keep all residents in the county healthy and safe. Come learn about these programs and have all of your questions answered. Free donuts and coffee will be provided! Register by September 13 by calling the library. Additional upcoming programs include Advocate Eureka Hospital (October 27), Eureka Mayor Scott Zimmer (November 3), and Eureka Police Department (December 1).

To celebrate the anniversary of Reagan’s arrival in Eureka, the library will be showing four of his films as part of a Ronald Reagan Film Fest. On Monday, September 17 Knute Rockne, All American will be shown at the library at 1:15 p.m. and again at 6:15 p.m. This 1940 movie tells the story of young Norwegian immigrant Knute Rockne (Pat O’Brien) who enrolls at Notre Dame University and becomes the first star of its hitherto undistinguished football team. Coaching the team after his playing days are through, Rockne turns the school into a football powerhouse thanks in part to freshman halfback George Gipp (Ronald Reagan). Free popcorn and water will be provided! Call the library to register. Additional upcoming movies include The Hasty Heart (October 15), Storm Warning (November 19), and The Winning Team (December 17). All movies will be shown at 1:15 and 6:15 p.m. if people are registered.
September is Library Card Sign Up Month!

If you have a friend, relative, or neighbor that does not have a library card—encourage them to stop in and see what we have to offer! Library cards are available to those who own or lease property within Olio or Cruger townships. For out-of-district residents, annual library cards for the family can be purchased for $246 (resident property tax equivalent). Applicants should bring a photo ID and a piece of mail or document with their current address when they come in to sign up. If you lease or own agricultural or commercial property, please bring a copy of your lease agreement or tax bill.

For students enrolled in Community Unit District 140 and school staff, the school district has purchased special annual student library cards for each student and staff member not eligible for a regular library card. For K—4th grades, a parent should bring their driver’s license to verify school district residence. For staff and 5th—12th grades, applicants should bring their student or staff ID card. Students under the age of 14 must have a parent present to register for a card. The cards are good through July 31 and can be renewed each August.

The student card allows students and staff the ability to check out books, download ebooks, and access online databases and interlibrary loan services. The card is for students and staff only, not family members, and is designed to provide access to additional educational resources to aid studies.

Already have a library card? Please review and update your current card information! Everyone that signs up for a new card, renews their student card, or updates their information will be entered into a special drawing for a gift basket!

The Great American Read! September 11—October 23

Join Eureka Public Library in participating in PBS’ Great American Read program! The Great American Read is an eight-part series that explores and celebrates the power of reading told through the prism of America’s 100 best-loved novels (as chosen by national survey). It investigates how and why writers create their fictional worlds, how we as readers are affected by these stories, and what these 100 different books have to say about our diverse nation and our shared human experience.

The series, hosted by Meredith Vieira, will air Tuesday evenings on WTVP beginning September 11 at 7 pm with Episode 2 (Episode 1 aired May 22, but can be viewed online at www.wtvp.org/the-great-american-read). Viewers can vote for their favorite novel through October 18.

The library will have a special Great American Read display on the main floor. Some of the 100 best-loved novels will be displayed and available for checkout. We will have listings of all 100 novels (with PBS’ voting instructions) available for you to take home, and we will also have a place for you to write down your favorite out of the 100 novels so we can find out which novel is Eureka’s favorite!

Join us in this national reading experience!
Programs, Programs, Programs!!

What’s It Worth? Antique Appraisals Event

Thursday, September 6
Eureka Public Library
5 to 8 pm

Antiques Roadshow expert Mark Moran will be appraising your antiques & collectibles at the library. $15 per item. Appointment registration required. Sign up at the adult circulation desk.

Moran is not able to appraise weapons, traps, Nazi items, money, fine jewelry, and Beanie Babies.

Meet Bentley!! Join Kelli Peterson and therapy dog Bentley for a free informational program about therapy dogs at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 13 at the library. Learn about the positive benefits therapy dogs provide to those they interact with, and the different roles dogs serve and the rights and laws that apply. To register, contact the library by September 12.

Friends of the Eureka Public Library District News

• The next Friends meeting is Tuesday, September 20 at 1 pm at the library. 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 plus you receive an annual thank you gift. Join us!

• The annual Friends of the Eureka Public Library District bus trip to the Chicago Premium Outlet Mall and Louis Joliet Mall will be Tuesday, October 16. The cost is $50 per person. Bus leaves at 8 am from Liberty Bible Church and returns approximately 8:30 pm. There are 10 seats left, so call the library to reserve your seat soon!

• Save the date! The Friends’ annual Quarter Auction at the Eureka Christian Church is scheduled for Monday, December 3.

September & October Program Highlights

• Crochet 101, Saturdays, September 22 and 29, 10 am (two-part class)
• Researching American Revolution Ancestors, Saturday, September 22, 10 am
• Winter & Spring Landscape Care, Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 pm
• Parenting Our Parents, Thursday, September 27, 6:30 pm
• Basics of your Android Smartphone, Monday, October 1, 6:30 pm and repeated Thursday, October 11 at 1:30 pm
• Craft Swap, Saturday, October 6, 9:30 am—12 pm
• The Who, What, When & How of Researching the Women in your Family Tree, Saturday, October 13, 10 am
• Simmer Up To Soup, Tuesday, October 23, 6:30 pm
• Credit Scores and Reports, Monday, October 29, 6:30 pm

The library will be closed Monday, September 3 for Labor Day!
Welcome Home to New Books & Movies

FICTION
F Andrews - Echoes in the Walls
F Beaberlin - Paper Ghosts
F Bentley - On the Mountain of the Lord
F Brown - Tailspin
F Brunstetter - The Hope Jar
F Chiklis - Smothered
F Coes - Bloody Sunday
F Coulter - Paradox
F Deutermann - The Iceman
F Eason - Called to Protect
F Gould - A Simple Singing
F Graham - Pale as Death
F Hamilton - Serpentine
F Hawke - City of Lies
F Headley - The Mere Wife
F Herman - A Treacherous Mix
F Higgins - Good Luck with That
F Jones - The Other Woman
F Joy - The Line That Held Us
F Kearsley - Bellewether
F Keller - Bone on Bone
F Kellerman - A Measure of Darkness
F Lapena - Unwanted Guest
F Michaels - Safe and Sound
F Miller - The Lady of Tarpon Springs
F Morgan - How to Keep a Secret
F Parker - The Shortest Way Home
F Parker - Sweet Vengeance
F Patterson - Texas Ranger
F Saunders - The Distance Home
F Scottoline - Feared
F Slaughter - Pieces of Her
F Steinhauer - The Middleman
F Turano - Caught by Surprise
F Wilson - Baby, You're Gonna Be Mine
F Woods - The Money Shot
F Woodsmall - As the Tide Comes In
F Youngson - Meet Me at the Museum

Mystery
M Andrews - Toucan Keep a Secret
M Bowen - Four Funerals and Maybe a Wedding
M Dornbush - The Coroner
M Ellis - Hiding in Plain Sight

NONFICTION
236 FRA - What Happens After You Die
248.4 LUC - Praying the Promises
618.92 SHE - Asperger's Children
635.9 BAL - Succulents Simplified
641.59 SIX - Copycat Cooking
649 REB - Differently Wired: Raising an Exceptional Child in a Conventional World
808.02 PER - Welcome to the Writer's Life
929.107 BEI - Trace Your German Roots Online
940.4 BEL - Days of Perfect Hell
940.54 BEN - Wounded Tiger
YA 646.4 GOO - Epic Cosplay Costumes
YA 792.026 ASH - Cosplay World

MOVIES
DVD 3766—3768 E - Endeavor: Seasons 3—5
DVD 3772 I & B-R 467 I - Isle of Dogs
DVD 3775 S - Sniper
DVD 3777 B - The Bone Collector
DVD 3778 M - Master & Commander
DVD 3780 K - King Kong
DVD 3781 I - Intolerable Cruelty
DVD 3782 S - S.W.A.T.
DVD 3783 S - Superman Returns
DVD 3785 W - When the Heart Calls: My Heart is Yours
DVD 3786 I - I Feel Pretty
DVD 3787 C - Chappaquiddick
DVD 3788 L - Longmire: Season 6
DVD 3799—3792 M - The Middle: Seasons 1—4
DVD 3794 H - Heroes: Season 2
DVD 3760, 3797—3802 N - NCIS: Seasons 7—13
DVD 3804 M - The Miracle Season
DVD 3809 K - Kings
DVD 3811 A & B-R 468 A - Avengers: Infinity War
B-R 466 Q - A Quiet Place

DVD - CHILDREN'S
DVD 3763 W CH - Wild Kratts: Adventures on the African Savannah
DVD 3764 W CH - Wild Kratts: Australian Adventures
DVD 3765 W CH - Wild Kratts: Bugging Out
DVD 3807 B CH - The Boxcar Children, Surprise Island
DVD 3808 R CH - Rusty Rivets
DVD 3810 L CH & B-R 468 L - LEGO: Aquaman: Rage of Atlantis

To see ALL of the new books, movies, and audio CDs: visit the library's website at www.eurekapl.org
NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
AGES 3 through 5
October & November
Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday Mornings
REGISTRATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 4

If this train car has arrived at your house, please return it to the rail yard at the Eureka Public Library. Thanks!

EUREKA PUBLIC LIBRARY IS BACK TO SCHOOL!

It’s "back to school" time for us, too, at the Eureka Public Library. We’ll be meeting with teachers at Davenport, Congerville and Goodfield elementary schools to show them all of the things we can offer to and for their classrooms.

We’ll be seeing kids from Eureka Community Nursery School and Jacob’s Ladder as well as visits to and from Davenport classes. And the after-school crowd will be looking for books for nightly reading, lit logs, school projects, and reading just for fun.

FLY HIGH WITH NEW CHILDREN’S BOOKS

Here’s a sample of just some of the new books in the children’s library!

PICTURE BOOKS:
Hello, Hippo! Goodbye, Bird!, Kristyn Crow
Llama, Llama Loves to Read, Anna Dewdney
Bear Likes Jam, Ciara Gavin
Ready or Not, Woolbur Goes to School, Leslie Helakoski

CHAPTER BOOKS:
The Mouse House, Poppy Green (Adventures of Sophie Mouse)
Alexander Hamilton: American Hero (Chapter Book Biography)
4 volumes of The Lighthouse Family, Cynthia Ryland
Super Solar System, Sarah Snashall

FICTION:
Life According to Og the Frog, Betty Birney
The Red Fox Clan, John Flanagan (Ranger’s Apprentice Royal Ranger)
Lost!, Terry Lynn Johnson (Survivor Diaries)

NONFICTION:
Mason Jar Science, Jonathan Adolph
100 Backyard Activities That Are The Dirtiest, Coolest, Creepy-Crawliest Ever!, Colleen Kessler
Look at Me!: How to Attract Attention In the Animal World, Steve Jenkins
50 Wacky Inventions Throughout History, Joe Rhatigan
Women Athletes Who Rule!, Elizabeth McGarr McCue

BIOGRAPHIES:
The Story of Tennis Champion Arthur Ashe, Crystal Hubbard
Astrid Lindgren: Storyteller to the World, Johanna Hurwitz (Women of Our Time)
September Adult Programs

Tuesdays, September 4 and 25, 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.

Tuesdays, September 4 and 18, 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, September 6, 5—8 pm, What’s It Worth? Antique Appraisals by Mark Moran  Curious if your family heirloom is valuable? Antiques 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.

Monday, September 10, 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 mysteries and thrillers they've been reading lately.

Monday, September 10, 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 locker organizers—perfect for storing pencils, pens, notebooks, and more. This is a free program, but registration is limited to 10 participants. Register by September 8.

Monday, September 10, 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 10, 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 $2. Register by calling the library by Sep. 8.

Tuesday, September 11, 5:30—8 pm, Wool Ewe Join Us Rug Hookers  Do you enjoy rug hooking or other fiber arts? Join us 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.

Thursday, September 13, 6:30 pm, Therapy Dogs: Just What Do They Do?  The role of therapy dog/handler teams has been a hot topic as we learn about the positive benefits therapy dogs can provide to those they interact with. Much confusion has also evolved as pet owners, schools, health care providers, and businesses must learn to navigate between the different roles dogs serve and the rights and laws that apply. If you would like to learn more about the job of a therapy dog and the required training as it compares to service dogs, guide dogs, and emotional support dogs, please join therapy dog Bentley and handler Kelli Peterson for a free informational session. Register by September 12.

Saturday, September 15, 10 am, Welcome Home! Community Services Series: Woodford County Health Department  Do you know what the Woodford County Health Department does to keep all residents in the county safe and healthy? Attend this free program and learn about the wide variety of public health programs and services the Health Department offers to our county. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Register by September 13.
**September Adult Programs (continued)**

**Monday, September 17, 1:15 & 6:15 pm, Ronald Reagan Film Fest: Knute Rockne, All American** Calling all classic movie and Ronald Reagan fans! The Eureka Library is celebrating the 90th anniversary of Reagan enrolling in Eureka College with a monthly movie showing this fall. This 1940 movie tells the story of young Norwegian immigrant Knute Rockne (Pat O’Brien) who enrolls at Notre Dame University and becomes the first star of its hitherto undistinguished football team. Coaching the team after his playing days are through, Rockne turns the school into a football powerhouse thanks in part to freshman halfback George Gipp (Ronald Reagan). Free popcorn and water; call to register.

**Thursday, September 20, 1 pm, Friends of the Eureka Public Library District Meeting** Interested in becoming involved in the community and want to support the library? Attend this general membership meeting of the Friends of the EPLD to get started! The Friends promote and support the mission and programs of the library, and they provide extra funds for projects through fundraising and volunteer support. A Friends membership is just $15 annually.

**Thursday, September 20, 3–5 pm, Cosplay Sewing** Whether it’s for Halloween, Civil War Reenactments, or Comic Book Conventions, kids and adults love dressing up. During this meeting of the Sewing Guild, participants will learn about the new fabrics and techniques used by Cosplayers. Participants will learn how to make simple super-person gloves and/or capes. New and experienced sewers are welcome; the class is free and open to the public. For information, call Robin Staudenmeier 309-370-2696.

**Thursday, September 20, 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. Meets the third Thursday evening each month.

**Saturday, September 22 and Saturday, September 29, 10 am, Crochet 101** This two-part introductory crochet class presented by Sharon Myers will teach attendees crocheting basics. Participants will create a simple potholder. Participants should bring a ball of 100% cotton white or ivory yarn (i.e., Sugar and Cream), a skein of colored acrylic yarn (i.e., Caron Super Soft), and an “H” crochet hook. This is a free class. Call to register by September 20.

**Saturday, September 22, 10 am, Researching Your American Revolution Ancestor** Did you have an ancestor who fought in the Revolutionary War, or think you do, and want to learn more? If so, come hear Karen Heinrich, MA, MLIS, professional genealogist and lecturer with over 18 years’ experience, and learn what records are available and how to trace your ancestor’s connection to the American Revolution. Societies and organizations will also be discussed. Free class. Register by September 20.

**Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 pm, Winter & Spring Seasonal Care for the Home Landscape** Every season there are things that need to be done in our home landscapes and gardens. Our lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, and vegetable gardens need to be taken care of to keep them looking and producing their best. This class will offer tips and advise for basic maintenance December through May. For more information and to register, call the library by September 24. This program is presented by the Woodford County University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program.

**Thursday, September 27, 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.

**Thursday, September 27, 6:30 pm, Parenting Our Parents** As parents age, adult children often struggle to assist parents with both daily and major life decisions. Roles have changed and knowing how to deal with this change can be difficult. This educational program presented by Evergreen Senior Living will help you determine the appropriate care for your parent, provide helpful communication tips, and where to get Senior Care information. To register, call the library by September 25.

*Check out our adult program calendar at www.eurekpl.org for upcoming October—December programs!*