

“IDITAREAD” CHALLENGE!



For kids! Runs all of March!

Each year in March, men, women and dogs from around the world converge on the state of Alaska to take part in what has become known as the “Last Great Race” on Earth. This is the IDITAROD, a trail sled dog race.

You can take a reading journey along with the mushers and sled dog teams, following the race from Anchorage to Nome. Kids can set a reading goal and check in at each step of the race, while the Iditarod participants reach their racing goals!

Pick up a packet to participate beginning Friday, March 1.

Return your completed challenge to the library by Friday, April 5.

Everyone who completes their goal will receive a dog tag and a certificate of completion! **L**

Craft Swap

Friday, March 22, 9:30a-5:30p

Saturday, March 23, 9:30a-11:30a

Calling all crafty people! Need some craft supplies?

Have some craft items that you no longer need?

Come to our gigantic craft swap!

Drop in with items to share and leave with your new treasures.

There should be plenty of items to take even if you have nothing to bring. Inventory should be constantly changing to shop more than once. All Ages. Free! **L**

YOUTH SERVICES

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Email aedgar@dunlaplibrary.org for Zoom meeting invites to youth programs or with any questions.

Requests for registration links will be accepted until 60 minutes before program begins.

KIDS

Book Babies

Mondays, 9:30a

This is a short storytime designed for parents and caregivers with babies 0-23 months old. Join us for some gentle baby bounces, songs, and rhymes. **L**



Storytime with Ms. Amy!

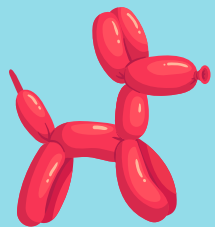
Wednesdays, 10:00a

Join us at the library each week for a new storytime theme with books, songs, rhymes, playtime, and a craft. **L**

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, 2:30-4:00p

Join us in the Children's Area where we will put out our collection of LEGOs! Free build or take our building challenge. **L**



***Learn to Make Balloon Animals**

Saturday, March 2, 9:30-11:30a

Learn how to make balloon animal creations! A balloon artist from The Unique Twist will teach students the tips of the trade in this hands-on workshop.

Ideal for ages 9 and up. ***Reservation required.**

Sign & Sing with Communication Junction

Tuesday, March 5 & 19, 11:30a

Join Communication Junction for an in-person storytime at the library that is designed to engage your child and encourage their love of books. Each Sign & Sing is created around a theme and filled with stories, songs, movements, and new signs. **L**

Growing Readers

Tuesday, March 12 & 26, 10:00a

This program will offer early literacy stations for preschoolers to play, learn, and develop early reading skills. Stations will include fun activities like collage art, play dough shaping, and practice cutting with scissors to help 3-5 year-olds develop hand strength and fine motor coordination. **L**



Ag in the Classroom, Topic: Monarch Butterfly

Thursday, March 14, 1:30p

Pollinators are vital creatures in the production of our food. The monarch butterfly has diminished in numbers. One reason is due to the lack of adequate habitats for butterflies. We will share facts about the monarch

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butterfly, give details about the monarch butterflies' cycle and migration pattern, and identify the plants native to Illinois that are vital for pollinators. We will discuss how students can help provide natural habitats for pollinators. Students will create and plant a seed bomb to provide food for pollinators. Presented by the Peoria Farm Bureau. **L**



KAB, Kids Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 19, 6:00p

Do you love to read books from the Library? Or maybe you like to come here to play video games or make art projects with friends? If you're a kid between the ages of 9 and 12, we want you to join our club and share your ideas about how to make our Library even better. **L**

The Pokemon Project

Thursday, March 21, 3:30p

Meet up with other Pokemon fans to trade your cards and do Pokemon activities while watching a Pokemon movie! **L**

Coffee & Crayons

Monday, March 25, 10:30a

While the big kids are at school, come join other parents and caregivers at the library for coffee and snacks, plus coloring and toys for the babies and preschoolers. **L**

TWEEN & TEEN

Tween/Teen Drop-In

Wednesdays, 2:30p

Stop by the library for a different activity each week. We may create art or enjoy a movie! **L**

3/6, sand art; 3/13, scratch rainbow bookmarks; 3/20, DIY wind chimes; 3/27, movie and popcorn

TAB, Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00p

Do you want a say in the materials and programs offered by the Library? Join the Teen Advisory Board! Middle and high schoolers welcome. TAB meetings and activities count toward student volunteer hours. **L**

Let's Taco 'Bout It

Tuesday, March 19, 7:30p

Join us at our YA book club to talk about whatever you're reading and get recommendations for your next book! **L**

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Mah Jongg Monday!

Mondays, 1:00-3:00p

Let's play this ancient Chinese tile-based game! All skill levels welcome, including those who just wonder what Mah Jongg is and want to learn about it. **We are playing the 2023 National Mah Jongg League card.** If you have a Mah Jongg set, please bring it along! **L**

Chair Yoga

Mondays, 3:30p and Wednesdays, 8:30a

Interested in trying yoga, but don't think you can do it? You may join us at the library OR from the comfort of your home using Zoom. In-person: chairs provided, no mat needed, no registration. Joining our class from home: grab an armless chair and your device. If you have a strap/belt, block/books, and a ball/round object, we may use them during our practice. Instructor led. **L Z**

Yoga

Tuesdays, 5:30p and Thursdays, 8:30a

No class on Thursday, March 28. Enjoy the diversity of yoga. Join our yogi masters for a live yoga practice! You may join us in the library OR from the comfort of your home using Zoom. **L Z**

CACTUS

Friday, March 1, 9:30-11:30a

It's an artsy day! Meet in person and bring your unfinished projects to work on, meet others, and share ideas. The challenge this month (should you choose to participate) is bees. CACTUS is an acronym for Creative Artists and Crafters Tackle Unfinished Stuff. **L**

Early Voting for the 2024 General Primary Election

Saturday, March 9, 10:00a-1:00p

Friday, March 15, 10:00a-6:00p

Saturday, March 16, 10:00a-1:00p

You may vote at any early polling site in Peoria County, regardless of your assigned election day polling site. **L**

Understanding Eclipses

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00p OR

Wednesday, March 13, 11:30a

Get ready for the total solar eclipse that will cross the United States on Monday, April 8, 2024. The next eclipse like this to cross North America won't happen until August 23, 2044! Join this virtual presentation as Nick Rae, Senior Planetarium Educator at the Peoria Riverfront Museum, explains the science behind the eclipses and how to view them safely. **Z**

Live a Vivacious Life at Any Age

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00p

Do you suffer from decreased energy, weight gain around the hips and waist, low libido, foggy thinking, depression, mood swings, decreased muscle mass, severe PMS symptoms, infertility, or erectile dysfunction - just to name a few? Has your "get up and go, got up and went"? These may be signs of inadequate hormone levels. Hormone levels can change or decline at any age. Learn how bio-identical hormone replacement therapy can help you regain an active and vivacious life. Presented by Bill Kalman of Essential Wellness Pharmacy. **L**



Illinois Libraries Presents:
Ruth E. Carter Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design
Wednesday, March 20, 7:00p

Academy Award winning costume designer Ruth E. Carter explores the passion that inspires her pieces spanning Spike Lee costume design to *Wakanda*. Join us for a special event with Ruth E. Carter, the first Black person to win an Oscar (let alone two!) for Best Costume Design. She won her first Academy Award for the movie *Black Panther* and the second for its sequel, *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*. Ruth E. Carter's ability to develop an authentic story through costume and character made her one of the most sought after and renowned costume designers today. Best known for turning the Black Panther superhero into an African king, Carter is the first Black woman to win multiple Academy Awards in any category and the first costume designer to win for a film and its sequel. She also garnered additional Academy Award nominations as well as an Emmy nomination. Carter is known for her research and diligence to the craft of costume design, specifically for her work on historical films such as Spike Lee's *Malcolm X*, Steven Spielberg's *Amistad* and Ava DuVernay's *Selma*. Ruth E. Carter will be joined in conversation with Aisha Harris, co-host of NPR's *Pop Culture Happy Hour* and author of *Wannabe*. **Z**

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). To request accommodations, please email illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com



Use this link or QR code to register:

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Rigid Heddle Weaving Rabble

Thursday, March 21, 11:00a-12:30p

Get your loom, wind a warp, work on a project. If you don't know what all of this means, join us and we'll show you how we creatively use up our yarn stash. **L**

Coming Soon!

Illinois Libraries Presents - Dr. Temple Grandin: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinking

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00p

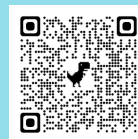
Prominent speaker and professor, Dr. Temple Grandin, shares on the gifts of neurodiversity. **Z**



Estate Planning

Wednesday, April 24, 11:30a

Covers wills, trusts, power of attorney, health care directives, asset transfer, charitable intent, and tax control. Presented by Fran McKay of Catalyst Wealth Management. **Z**



Library News

- The Autism Collective of Peoria has donated sensory kits to the library to be used to make patrons visits to the library more comfortable. The kits contain headphones for loud/busy noises, a visual timer for switching activities, a fan to keep cool and move air, sunglasses for bright lights, and fidgets for movement. Simply ask at the circulation desk if you would like to borrow one during your library visit.
- Remote printing will be available at the library beginning March 1. You will be able to print from your mobile device or even send printing jobs to the library from your home. Your job will not be released to print until you personally come to the library. Instructions will be available on our website.
- Please join us in congratulating our director, Laura Keyes, on five years of being part of the Dunlap Public Library District team!
- There's still time to be a part of the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library Logo Contest! All instructions and rules can be found on our website or at the library. Design an original logo for our newly formed Friends group and win a prize package worth \$200. Ends March 11th.
- RSA hopes to have a resolution to the RSACat mobile app problem soon. Watch our website and social media for updates!

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9:00a-8:00p
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BOOK CLUBS

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Cozy Little Book Club

Wednesday, March 6, 11:00a

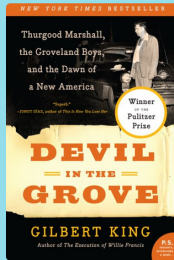
Do you like a light and entertaining read? We do too! This month's cozy book is ***A Curious Beginning*** by Donna Raybourn. On April 3 we will discuss ***The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections*** by Eva Jurczyk. M Z



Page Turners Book Club

Thursday, March 7, 1:00p

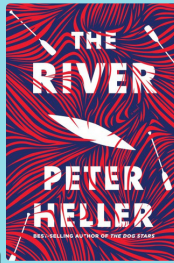
Join Dunlap Library's longest running book club! This month we'll discuss ***Devil in the Grove*** by Gilbert King. Our title for April 4 will be ***The River We Remember*** by William Kent Krueger. K L



An Hour to Kill Book Club

Monday, March 11, 6:30p

Mystery, suspense, thriller - fiction or nonfiction! No cozy titles here! Join us to discuss ***The River*** by Peter Heller. On April 15 our title will be ***Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*** by Benjamin Stevenson. K Z



Inside Out Book Chat

Wednesday, March 13, 10:00a

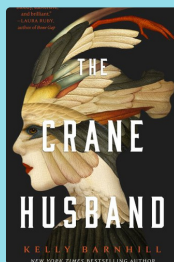
What have you been reading? There are so many books out there - it's time to share! You'll have a chance to talk about your recent reads...good, bad, or mediocre. M Z



*Artful Reads with Creative Soul

Wednesday, March 13, 5:00p

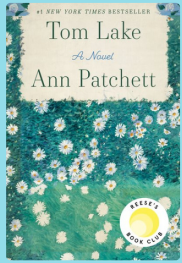
Creative Soul Gallery in Dunlap and the Library are joining together to discuss "arty" reads. This month we will be talking about ***The Crane Husband*** by Kelly Barnhill. Email to receive the Zoom invite to attend virtually or to be added to the in-person discussion. In your email please indicate how you wish to attend and your phone number if attending in-person. On April 10 our read will be ***All the Lost Places*** by Amanda Dykes. M L Z



"Who Picked This?" Book Club

Tuesday, March 19, 10:00a

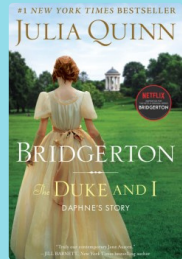
This month we will be discussing ***Tom Lake*** by Ann Patchett. Our book for April 16 will be ***The Bookbinder*** by Pip Williams. M Z



Afternoon Delight Book Club

Wednesday, March 20, 1:00p

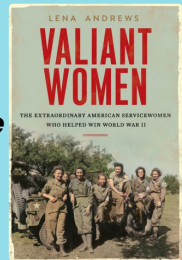
Romance is the theme for this virtual book club. Our title this month will be ***The Duke and I*** by Julia Quinn. On April 17 we will discuss ***Zora Books Her Happy Ever After*** by Taj McCoy. M Z



Stranger Than Fiction

Thursday, March 21, 10:00a

Let's get down to the facts. Our next nonfiction title will be ***Valiant Women: The Extraordinary American Servicewomen Who Helped Win World War II*** by Lena S. Andrews. On April 25 we will be talking about ***The Diary of a Bookseller*** by Shaun Bythell. M Z

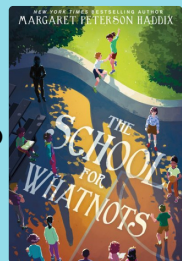


For Kids

Top Secret Book Club

Monday, April 1, 5:00p

Seeking new agents for our Top Secret Book Club! Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to read ***The School for Whatnots*** by Margaret Peterson Haddix. L



For Tweens & Teens

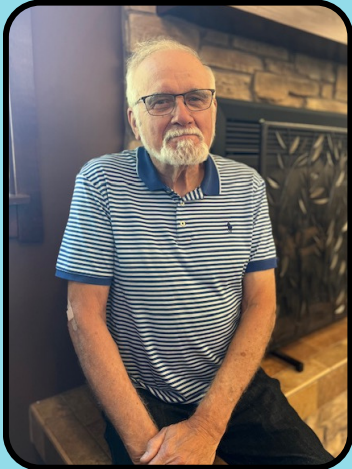
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RON HOLOHAN

BOARD MEMBER SINCE NOVEMBER 2019

What brought you to Dunlap?

I have lived in Dunlap since 1970, coming here by way of Cincinnati, where I had taught English at Miami University. Attracting me to the area was the new community college. The first in my family to attend college, I understood the tremendous impact an institution of learning can have upon lives. My career at Illinois Central College, first as a teacher and then as an administrator, was fulfilling. My wife and I raised two children, a boy and a girl, both of whom attended Dunlap schools.

Why did you want to be a Dunlap Public Library District Trustee?

Having reaped the benefits of living in a community, I feel obliged to give something back. I have done this by serving on boards, including the Dunlap School Board. As indicated by the profession I chose, books have a special importance to me. Even as a child, I hung out at the library. Long before the invention of the Internet, the library has been a hub of learning and it still is.

What is your favorite way to use our library?

During my professional life, I would go to the library to get the information I needed, information that was verified and reliable. The Dunlap Public Library is a conduit for information from libraries throughout the state. Like many former English teachers, I blush to admit I like to write, and in retirement, I indulge that secret pleasure. When researching a subject, I can trust our local librarians to get that book I need, no matter specialized or esoteric, even one from the massive library at the University of Illinois (one of the best in the country).

Retirement also provides me time for entertainment, and I get that at a nominal cost. My neighbors amaze me at their readiness to pay exorbitant monthly rates for the various media services, when the same movies and popular television series are available for free from the library on DVD's or through its hoopla stream. This is also true for magazine and newspaper subscriptions.

What is something about the library you want the community to know?

Finally, I enjoy the library as a place. From a world of noise and constant motion, it is a haven of quiet and comfort, a perfect place to concentrate or just to breathe out and relax. This is especially true of a small, rural library like our own.

A Note from the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library

There's Still Time to enter the Logo Contest

Create and win! Library fans of all ages are invited to create an original logo for the new Friends of the Dunlap Public Library (FDPL) group! The creator of the winning design will receive a prize package worth \$200. All contestants will be entered in a raffle to win prizes. Review the contest rules and get an entry form on the library website. Submit your FDPL logo design to friends@dunlaplibrary.org by March 11. The winning logo will be revealed during a celebration for the launch of the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library on Thursday, April 11, 2024, during National Library Week!



Continuing with the introduction of members of the FDPL leadership team, this month we are chatting with **Jessica Gingerevans, Vice President.**

What brought you to Dunlap?

My husband and I are both originally from Illinois. After living in Boston, MA for school and Louisville, KY for work we knew we wanted to find somewhere to set down roots. In 2019, a new job opportunity for my husband found us returning to Central Illinois and starting our little family in Dunlap. We couldn't be happier with that decision!

Why are you interested in establishing the Friends of Dunlap Public Library?

The library has been such an important resource for my family that I really wanted to find a way to give back. Libraries are vital to a healthy community, but are often underappreciated and underfunded. My hope is that through the Friends, we are able to rally around the library as the true center of the Dunlap community.

What is your favorite way to use our library?

All of the children's programming! There are just so many opportunities for learning and entertainment. It is common to find my two little ones and me at the library three times a week or more! We adore Ms. Amy and storytime. I also love using Libby to check out eBooks for myself.

*The Friends of the
Dunlap Public Library*

The Friends of the Dunlap Public library in collaboration with the library leadership, enables the library to achieve goals not previously possible due to lack of resources. The ambassadorship role of the friends group results in significant growth of usage of the library offerings and as a center for community programming.

The Friends of the Dunlap Public Library is a volunteer organization. The organization is composed of individuals interested in providing various types of support to the library.

The Friends of the Dunlap Public Library:

- Provides an option for giving, volunteering, and socializing for those passionate about the Dunlap library.
- Supports selected building, program, and other enhancements desired by library leadership via dues and fundraising efforts.
- Serves as Dunlap Library ambassadors by encouraging the use of the library and participation in programs with their social, family, and work groups.

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