National Library Week

Come and celebrate National Library Week with us. We will be saluting Luther Burbank — for whom our city is named. Mr. Burbank was a famous botanist and horticulturist. He is known for developing more than 800 varieties of flowers and vegetables including the Shasta Daisy and Russet Burbank Potato.

During National Library Week, patrons checking out materials will be able to select a seed packet of their choice (flowers or vegetables) while supplies last. We wish to salute Mr. Burbank by planting flowers and vegetables all over the city!

Family Jam Tales: Spring Fling!

Monday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Children of all ages and their families

Length: 45 minutes

No registration is required for this special program, but space and supplies are limited. In honor of Luther Burbank we will be celebrating spring during this special version of Family Jam Tales. This storytime, designed for the whole family, will feature stories, music, and a planting project. Supplies will be provided to plant your own seed in a biodegradable pot!

At Home with Flowering Plants

Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

What every home needs is the pizzazz that flowers add to the beauty of a landscape. Kathleen Obirek, landscape designer and educator, will talk about new perennial flower introductions and “improved” old reliables including Luther Burbank’s hybridization of mums to develop the beloved Shasta Daisy.

Everyone in attendance will receive handouts featuring these plant recommendations and “The Gardener’s Idea Booklet” a guide to designing with flowering plants in the home landscape.

This program is limited to 50 participants. This event is free but advance registration is required.

PTPLD patrons have priority and may register up to two guests. You must be 18+ to attend.

You are invited to attend a Farewell Reception

For

Ruth E. Faklis – retiring Director

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Cake – Coffee – Punch

Featuring 1950’s-’60’s music from the live band

♫ Claremont Drive ♫
Registration is required for the following youth and teen events unless otherwise noted. To register you must have a Prairie Trails Public Library card. You can register online or in person, we do not register over the phone. An adult can register up to three children on one adult library card IN PERSON only.

Registration begins Monday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m.

To register online, go to our webpage under About Us and click on Calendar. Select the program you want to register for and fill out the online form. Your child’s library card must be used. Make sure you read all information as you register and follow the age and grade restrictions for programs.

Storytimes

Registered storytimes are continuing through the week of April 18th and include Baby Bounce, Toddler Time, Music Movement and Stories, After School Club, and Tween Scheme. Call or see the Youth Services desk for information and availability.

April Youth Events

Family Jam Tales
Every Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Children of all ages and their families
Length: 30 minutes

Join us for a storytime designed for the whole family. A wide variety of stories, music, and more will be shared.

*No registration is required for this storytime, but space is limited.*

LEGO Zone
Saturday, April 2nd at 11:00 a.m.
Ages: 3-12 years
Limit: 30 Length: 45 minutes

Imagine, create, and BUILD! Join us for LEGO fun. We provide the Legos, and you provide the imagination. All materials must stay at the library, so parents bring a camera to capture your child's creations. *Any child age 5 or under must have caregiver present in the program room.*

Spring Craft
Saturday, April 9th
Drop-In Between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Children of all ages and their families

No registration is required for this program, but supplies are limited. Stop by the library and create a unique craft. Bring your creativity and be ready to have some fun. *Any child age 5 or under must have caregiver present in the program room.*

*NOTICE*

Children 8 years old or younger **must** be accompanied by someone aged 16 years or older at all times in the library.

If it is determined that a child has been left unattended and a responsible party cannot be reached, the police will be called.
Spy Training Academy
Saturday, April 23rd at 11:00 a.m.
Ages 3-12 years
Limit: 30        Length: 45 minutes
Do you want to become a super stealthy spy? Can you escape laser beams unnoticed, create the best disguise, solve the right clues, and break all the codes? Train to become a sneaky spy and test your skills! In this program you’ll learn highly sophisticated and proven techniques in various exercise stations.

Spring Playtime
Monday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m.
Ages: Birth – 5 (not yet in Kindergarten)
Limit: 20        Length: 45 minutes
Come and meet other children and parents while playing with toys, puzzles, puppets and more! Caregiver must remain with child throughout program.

Find the Kite!
During the month of April, in preparation for our giant outdoor Kite Fly on May 7th, a picture of kites will be hiding amongst the books in the Youth Services area of the library. A prize is given each day to the child that finds him first! This contest is designated for children birth – 6th grade.

From the Prairie Path
This will be my final article, as I am retiring from PTPLD as of May 1st. I have spent twenty-six years of my forty-two year career as Director of the Prairie Trails Public Library District. Together, with Trustees and Staff, I truly feel that we have worked in making a positive difference to you - the patrons we serve. Together we increased the amount of materials available to our patrons, increased the program offerings, increased our technical capabilities, and increased the physical structure of the facility and perhaps, most of all increased our relevance to those we serve.

It has not only been an honor, but a true joy in serving as your library Director. Thank you – so very much – for the support and trust you have afforded my directorship, and for the friendships we have forged. It has truly been appreciated. – and I shall always be grateful for having served the communities of Burbank and Nottingham Park. PTPLD is truly ...the heart of the community.

Sincerely,
Ruth E. Faklis
April Teen Events

These events are designated for teens in 7th-12th grade. Registration is required using a Prairie Trails Public Library card unless otherwise noted. Registration opens Monday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m. either online or in person.

Teen Advisory Board & Blackout Poetry
Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
No registration is necessary, but a Prairie Trails Library card is required.
Need to earn service hours? Join our Teen Advisory Board! This is a great opportunity for you to earn hours AND take part in teen services at the library. At each monthly meeting you can share your thoughts and ideas on future teen programming and suggest titles to purchase for the collections. In this meeting teens will be provided with supplies to create their own Blackout Poetry work of art in honor of National Poetry Month.

Teen DIY Cork Art
Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m.
Limit: 20 Length: 1 hour
Come make some cork-tastic art! There are so many cool DIY (do-it-yourself) cork projects out there. See how you can change a room’s appearance with a new artsy addition. We’ll provide the corks and you’ll provide the creativity!

Mini-Magnet Terrariums
Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.
Limit: 20 Length: 1 hour
Celebrate Earth Day and everyday by making your own mini-magnet terrarium. Be creative as you can be with the supplies provided and build something lovely, detailed, or grisly.

Stories & Snacks: Wicked Girls
Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.
Limit: 15 Length: 1 hour
Join us for this teen book discussion and a variety of snacks! We will be discussing Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials by Stephanie Hemphill. This is a fictionalized account, in verse, of the Salem witch trials told from the perspective of three young women living in Salem in 1692: Mercy Lewis, Margaret Walcott, and Ann Putnam, Jr.

Please stop by the Circulation Desk to checkout a copy of the book after you register.

Donations Needed!

Youth Services is looking for paper towel tubes for upcoming craft programs. If you have any and are looking to do some clearing out, please think of us. All donations can be dropped off in Youth Services. Thank you!

Become a Book Spine Poet
Teens celebrate National Poetry Month by creating your own book spine poetry!
We’ve got the book spines; we just need your creativity to bring the poems to life.
April 2016 Adult Programs

Registration is required for the following adult programs unless otherwise noted.

To register you must have a Prairie Trails Public Library card. You can register online, in person, or by phone.

Registration begins the week of Monday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m.

To register online, go to our webpage under About Us and click on Calendar.
Select the program you want to register for and fill out the online form.

Make sure you read all information as you register.

Wednesday, April 13 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Blood Pressure Screening
Stickney Township Health Clinic professionals will be here to provide free blood pressure screening.

Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Kitchen Cleanout with Kate Bradley

Are your fridge and cabinets full of condiments and spices that you aren’t quite sure about when they expire? Do these ever expire? Chef Kate Bradley returns to give advice on the shelf life of food and other items in your pantry you should examine.

This program is limited to 50 participants. This event is free but advance registration is required.
PTPLD patrons have priority and may register up to two guests.

Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Prairie Poetry: Four Essential Illinois Poets

Much like Illinois evolved from a rural society to an urban one, so did Illinois poetry. Storyteller William Pack highlights poets: Vachel Lindsay, Edgar Lee Masters, Carl Sandburg, and Gwendolyn Brooks. William tells the remarkable stories of four significant poets while sharing some of their finest writing.

This program is limited to 50 participants. This event is free but advance registration is required.
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New Movie Wednesdays

Wednesdays, April 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th at 2:00 p.m.

Come in and watch a newly released DVD movie on our projector system. Call the adult reference desk a day or two ahead to find out what we will be showing. Movies are free. You must be 18 or older to attend.

Registration is not required.

Wild Prairie Book Club

Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Join us in discussing The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure.

A limited number of copies will be available at the circulation desk beginning March 17th.

Registration is not required.

THANK YOU

Congratulations to the twenty – five (25) library patrons who won gift certificates in February for participating in our annual “Heart of the Community” month long event. Daily drawings were held for whoever checked out 5 or more items at our Circulation Desk. The library wishes to thank the following local business for participating:

Andy’s Frozen Custard * Burger King * Chuck’s Southern Comfort Café * Dunkin’ Donuts * Geo’s * Jimmy John’s * Maple and Jam * McDonalds * Nick’s BBQ * Panera * Pepe’s Mexican Restaurant * Starbucks*