



OCTOBER 2026



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1-4:30p Makerspace 1p Introduction to Artificial Intelligence 3:30p Creative Explorers: Free Play (self-directed)	10:30a Wiggle Time 2-4p Memory Lab *	9a-12p Moose's Hours 10:30a Storytime: Meet Moose 4:30p American Mahjong Open Play*	3:30-5p Makerspace 5p Learn to Sew* (2/4) 5p Fiber Friends 6p Virtual Author Talk* TEENTOBER BEGINS!	10:30a Storytime: Meet Moose 2-4p Memory Lab *	12p Sensory Saturday 1:30p #52Stories 2p Chess Club
1-4:30p Makerspace 3:30p Creative Explorers: STEM/Science	10:30a Wiggle Time 1p Virtual Author Talk* 2-4p Memory Lab *	9a-5p lowaWORKS 9a-12p Moose's Hours 10:30a Storytime: Fall 4:30p Learn Mahjong! 5p No Pressure Book Club	CLOSED for Staff Development 1p Virtual Author Talk*	10:30a Storytime: Fall 2-4p Memory Lab * 7p Movie Night (Jurgensen Soccer Complex)	12p Sensory Saturday 1-4p FrankenPlush Open Workshop 1p Our Story Circle Genealogy Club 2p LEGO Club
1-4:30p Makerspace 3:30p Creative Explorers: Video Games	10:30a Wiggle Time 2-4p Memory Lab *	9a-12p Moose's Hours 10:30a Storytime: Five Senses	10a LibraryTALK (Deanna's) 3:30-7p Makerspace 5p Fiber Friends 5p Sustainability Club: Make Boomerang Bags!	10:30a Storytime: Five Senses 2-4p Memory Lab *	12p Sensory Saturday 1:30p Bring Your Own Book Club 2p All-Ages Chess Club 2p D&D Open One-Shot*
1-4:30p Makerspace 3:30p Creative Explorers: Arts & Crafts	10:30a Wiggle Time 2-4p Memory Lab *	9a-5p lowaWORKS 9a-12p Moose's Hours 10:30a Storytime: Block City 7p BookTok Bingo* (Tuscany Event Center)	3:30-7p Makerspace 5p Fiber Friends	10:30a Storytime: Block City 2-4p Memory Lab *	12p Sensory Saturday 1p Let's Dish: Potluck Club* 2p LEGO Club
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Kids (0-3) | Prek (3-5) | Kids (0-5) | Kids (K-6th) | Teen (12-18) | Family | Adult/General | Makerspace

* = Registration is required! Sign up online at clintonpubliclibrary.us/events or call (563) 242-8441.

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CLOSED ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 (STAFF DEVELOPMENT)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Teentober Reading Challenge & QC Libraries Art Contests | October 1 - 31

This October, get ready to step up and make your mark! Along with several other libraries, you'll be reading books or creating art that showcases what volunteering means to you. Choose your challenge or dominate both! **For ages 11-19.** Please visit our website for more information.

Movie Night!

Friday, October 9 | Gates open at 7PM

Jurgensen Soccer Complex

Movie will be announced a week or two prior!

Join Parks & Rec and the Clinton Public Library for a movie night! The movie will start at dusk. Before we watch the movie, come early starting at 7pm to play fun yard games. Don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets for a cozy movie experience. Concessions will be available for purchase.

FrankenPlush Open Craft Workshop

Saturday, October 10 | 1 - 4PM | 2nd Floor

Channel your inner mad scientist to tear apart stuffed animals and sew them back together to create your own plush monster! This is an open workshop so stop in anytime to bring forth your crazy creation! **For ages 12 and up.**

LibraryTALK @ Deanna's

Thursday, October 15 | 10 - 11AM

Deanna's Java North (2007 N 2nd St)

Share your thoughts on how the library is doing! We want to hear your ideas & feedback and library staff will be available to listen. You can drop in anytime during the session and it will take about 5–10 minutes. Your input will help us better serve our community! A sweet treat will be provided.

D&D Open One-Shot (BATTLE ROYALE)

Saturday, Oct 17 | 2 - 5PM | 2nd Floor

This October, we're inviting you to a special PVP (player versus player) battle royale! Come dressed in costume and gain an extra magic item! Characters should be level 15, and we will be using 5E rules.

Registration is required. Ages 18+.

BookTok Bingo Registration required!

Wednesday, October 21

Doors open at 5:30pm | Bingo starts at 7pm

Tuscany Event Center (2417 Cleveland St)

Grab your friends and join us to play BookTok bingo at The Tuscany! Bingo winners will get to pick a popular book to take home with them. Bingo cards are \$5 each with a limit of four cards per person. Cash or check at event check in is required to play. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library.

ACOTAR 6 Release Party

Friday, Oct 30 | 5 - 6:30PM | 2nd Floor

Sarah J Maas fans – the wait is over! Join us at the library for an after-hours party to celebrate the release of Book 6 in the *A Court of Thorns and Roses* series! Test your knowledge in some Maasverse trivia, vote on fan theories, show off your fave merch, enter the costume contest for a fun prize, and enjoy some refreshments and drinks!

OPEN HOURS

Moose's Office Hours | Wednesdays | 9AM - 12PM | Lower Level

Moose the therapy dog (in-training!) is here to remind you that sometimes, all you need is a little paws-itivity! Friends of all ages are invited to stop by the youth dept on Wednesday mornings to read with Moose, relieve stress, or just come hang out! Check our online calendar for upcoming Moose appearances.



Memory Lab Hours | Tuesdays & Fridays | 2:00PM - 4:00PM | 2nd Floor

Preserve your personal history by digitizing cherished items in our Memory Lab. Training is one-on-one, personalized guidance just for you. Turn your keepsakes into digital treasures and make sure your memories last a lifetime! Memory Lab hours are subject to change, based on staff availability. To make sure a time is available for you, please schedule an appointment by calling (563) 242-5355.

Makerspace Hours

**Mon 1 - 4:30PM; Thurs 3:30 - 7:30PM;
or by appointment**

Makerspace hours are subject to change, based on staff availability. To make sure a time is available for you, or to make an appointment, please call (563) 242-8441 or email cplmakerspace@gmail.com.

IowaWORKS Career Services

Wednesdays, Oct 7 & 21 | 9AM - 5PM

IowaWORKS services include Resume Assistance, Registered Apprenticeship, Virtual Workshops, and other service referrals for educational and unemployment insurance needs. Please call ahead for Soft Skills Training and Mock Interviewing Skills.

WEEKLY

Creative Explorers

Mondays at 3:30PM | Lower Level

Join us for an afternoon of play and learning! The Creative Explorers program offers a space for children of all abilities and stages of learning to create, explore, and discover the world around them in a hands-on way.

Wiggle Time

Tuesdays at 10:30AM | Lower Level

We will have songs, toys, and bubbles for you and your baby or toddler to interact! This is a great chance for kids and caregivers to socialize with each other and their peers. This program is for ages 0-3.

Storytime

Wed & Fri at 10:30AM | Lower Level

Storytime is offered continually, with breaks occurring in late December and August. Join us for fun, stories, songs, puppet shows, and crafts!

Fiber Friends

Thursdays, 5 - 7PM | 2nd Floor

Join us for a cozy and creative gathering of fiber arts enthusiasts! Whether you're passionate about crochet, knitting, or other fiber, this club is the perfect place to share your skills, learn techniques, and connect with fellow makers. For ages 14+.

Sensory Saturdays

Saturdays at 12PM | Lower Level

Sensory Saturdays is a hands-on, play-based program that invites young children to explore a variety of sensory stations designed to stimulate touch, sight, sound, smell, and movement. Each session features activities that support early childhood development, creativity, and social interaction, and encourages caregiver-child interaction.

PASSIVE PROGRAMS

Take & Sew Kits: Boomerang Bags **Sustainability Club: Living Well with CPL!**

The Clinton Public Library is looking for volunteers to sew Boomerang Bags at home! Boomerang Bags is a global movement to help tackle plastic pollution and to upcycle and recycle fiber to make home-sewn reusable tote bags as an alternative. These bags will then be provided to library patrons to carry their library books. Take & Sew Kits will be available at the front desk during library hours. You will return the bags when completed. To volunteer for this project, you will need your own sewing machine and thread.

FREQUENT

All-Ages Chess Club

Saturday, Oct 3 & 17 | 2-3PM | Lower Level

Welcome to the All-Ages Chess Club, a vibrant community where chess enthusiasts of all skill levels and ages come together to share their passion for the game!

LEGO Club

Saturday, Oct 10 & 24 | 2-3PM | Lower Level

Join us on 2nd and 4th Saturdays in an all-ages LEGO club. Show off your building skills, learn some tricks of the trade, complete a mini build challenge, or enjoy some open building time with buckets of bricks.

Virtual Author Talks from the Library Speakers Consortium

Visit library.org/clintonpubliclibrary to register for upcoming events or watch past recordings.

Courage, Choice, and What Comes Next with Dystopian Icon Veronica Roth

Thursday, October 1, 6PM

#1 *New York Times* and International Bestselling Author.

Art in Flight: Reinventing Postmodernism with Smithsonian Curator Carolyn Russo

Thursday, October 8, 1PM

A Library Speakers Consortium and Smithsonian Institution Collaboration.

Pasta with a Twist: A Fresh Take on Italian Classics with Food Network Star Joe Sasto

Tuesday, October 6, 1PM

National Bestselling Author, Celebrity Chef, and Pasta Innovator.

Liberated Love: Rewiring Your Heart for Authentic Connection with Mark Groves

Tuesday, October 27, 1PM

Bestselling Author, Human Connection Specialist, and Host of *The Mark Groves Podcast*.



MONTHLY

#52Stories

Saturday, Oct 3 | 1:30 - 3PM | 2nd Floor

On every headstone or plaque, there are two dates separated by a dash. How do you define your dash? The #52Stories genealogy project provides the inspiration you need to write down one story every week for a year. **Ages 18+.**

Let's Learn American Mahjong!

Wed, Oct 7 | 4:30PM - 6:30PM | 2nd Floor

Come join us for a beginner-friendly, two-hour workshop and learn to play American Mahjong! You will learn the basics of how this game is played with Clinton native, Lori Kennedy. This is a very welcoming space for total beginners—no experience necessary, just bring your curiosity and a willingness to learn. **Registration is required. Ages 18+.**

No Pressure Book Club

Wednesday, Oct 7 | 5 - 6PM | 2nd Floor

Join us for a no pressure book club! Each month, we'll curate a selection of books from a specific genre; pick a book from our list or choose your own! Visit clintonpubliclibrary.us/nopressure to view our recommended reads.

Our Story Circle Genealogy Club

Saturday, Oct 10 | 1 - 3PM | 2nd Floor

Do you love genealogy? Join us for the Our Story Circle Genealogy Club! This welcoming group brings together family-history enthusiasts of all experience levels to share research ideas and discoveries; get help with questions and brick walls; explore genealogy resources in our collection, Memory Lab, and online; and connect with other researchers and work on your projects. **Registration is encouraged.**

Help Us Make Boomerang Bags

Sustainability Club: Living Well with CPL!

Thursday, Oct 15 | 5 - 6PM | 2nd Floor

Do you like to sew? We are looking for volunteers to cut and sew tote bags and put together take-n-sew kits. Boomerang Bags is a global movement to help tackle plastic pollution and to upcycle and recycle fiber to make home-sewn reusable tote bags as an alternative to plastic. These bags will be provided to library patrons to carry their books.

Bring Your Own Book Club

Saturday, Oct 17 | 1:30 - 2:30PM | 2nd Floor

This club is relaxed and we have fun conversations about books and authors. We each read our own book and discuss it with our group. **Ages 18+.**

Let's Dish: Potluck Club

Saturday, Oct 24 | 1 - 2PM | 2nd Floor

October's theme: Oktoberfest. Food lovers, this one's for you! Join us each month for Let's Dish: Potluck Club, where great recipes and great conversations come together. Each month features a new theme—simply choose a recipe that fits, prepare it at home, and bring your dish (with serving utensils) to share family-style. **Ages 18+.**

American Mahjong Open Play

Wed, Oct 28 | 4:30 - 6:30PM | 2nd Floor

Interested in practicing your American Mahjong skills? Join us for an open play session! Open play is for those who already know how to play. It is an opportunity to enjoy the game with other members of the community in a relaxed and friendly environment. **Registration is required to use the library's Mahjong sets.** Registration is not required for groups that wish to bring a personal set and cards. **Ages 18+.**