

ESTHERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

SERVICE TO SCHOOLS, SPECIALIZED GROUPS, STORY TIME AND OUTREACH

Representatives of the school system are welcome to request materials, programming and class visits of the library and its staff. School librarians are encouraged to coordinate services with the library as much as possible to avoid duplication. It is appreciated when teachers keep the Estherville Public Library staff informed about assignments.

The Estherville Public Library will assist community members who would like to utilize the services of the Iowa Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Upon request, the Estherville Public Library will schedule specific programming for groups such as Day Care, Head Start, and Hope Haven. Any other groups that wish to use the library as a part of their activity are welcome, but must notify us of their desire to use the facility or to schedule programming time with our staff.

Children's Story Time Hours

Story Times are offered at least twice per week as scheduling and need permit.

Story Time may be cancelled due to holidays, weather or short staffing.

Day Care and Preschool Outreach

The library offers bookmobile services to daycare and preschool providers from mid-September through mid-May, continuing through the summer months only if requested. Books will be dropped off at daycare and preschool sites to promote early literacy and picked up two weeks later in exchange for more books. No size limitations are placed on bookmobile services.

Our second outreach involves providing story time programs to registered daycare providers. This service is provided from mid September through mid May. Library staff may visit daycare providers monthly or every two weeks and share a story time (sometimes including a craft activity) for 30-45 minutes, as schedules allow. This also includes books which will be left with the daycare until the next visit. In order to be eligible for off-site programming visits, providers must be registered and must serve 8 or more children. To account for the fact that there are always last-minute cancellations and absences, each provider needs to average at least 5 children in attendance (larger than the average family) over a 6-month period to remain eligible.

Special Outreach Programs

The library will provide special services to the hospital and care centers by special request. This is to be in compliance with HIPA.

The Estherville Public Library will not be involved in any fund-raising programs except those that raise money for the library.

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