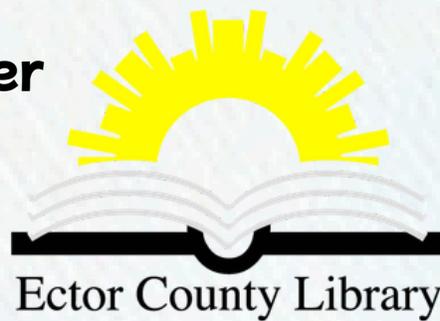


Monthly Newsletter



April 2026
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April 3 & 4 We will
reopen Monday,
April 6

Easter around the World...Did you know?

Eating Chocolate Easter Bilbies

Rabbits get a bad rap in Australia, where the cute little loppy-eared animals are considered more of a pest than a pet, according to National Geographic. This is why in 1991, Rabbit-Free Australia launched a campaign to replace the Easter bunny with the Easter bilby, a rabbit-eared bandicoot.

It would appear that the change did help the rabbit's image a bit, since many companies now make chocolate bilbies for Easter, according to HuffPost, with proceeds benefiting the endangered animals.

Throwing Water

On the morning of Holy Saturday, the traditional "pot throwing" takes place on the Greek island of Corfu. People throw pots, pans, and other earthenware often filled with water out of their windows where they crash down to the street below. Some say the custom derives from the Venetians, who on New Year's Day used to throw out all of their old items. Others believe the throwing of the pots welcomes spring, symbolizing the new crops that will be gathered in the new pots.

In Poland, pouring water on one another is an Easter tradition called Śmigus-dyngus, a.k.a. Wet Monday. People gather on Easter Monday to try and drench each other with buckets of water, squirt guns, or anything they can get their hands on. Legend says girls who get soaked on Wet Monday will marry within the year. "Sprinkling," a popular Easter tradition in Hungary, is observed on Easter Monday, also known as "Ducking Monday." Boys playfully sprinkle perfume or perfumed water on girls after getting their permission to do so and sometimes even ask for a kiss. People used to believe that water had a cleaning, healing, and fertility-inducing effect.

Starting a Bonfire

In some parts of Europe, people will celebrate Easter by striking a match. In Northwestern European communities, it's common to kick off a two-day celebration that begins on Sunday by starting a bonfire.

These fires are aptly named Easter Fires, and they were originally set to help chase the darkness of winter away. Over the years they've become a fun way for community members to come together and celebrate the coming spring. We have to imagine that they've kept their popularity over the years thanks to being the first big gathering following weeks of winter solitude.

Insert Shameless Plug here...

Reading Crime Novels

Those who live in Norway like to spend their Easter cozying up to a good book, according to Visit Norway. Many people use the holiday to hunker down in a cabin, ski, and read crime novels (or watch crime shows on television).

The tradition is said to have started in 1923 when a book publisher promoted its new crime novel on the front pages of newspapers. The ads resembled news so much that people didn't know it was a publicity stunt, so it received massive attention. The rest, they say, is history. It also helps that in Norway, there's plenty of time to relax and read, thanks to the length of the Easter holiday season.

This is just a small number of traditions around the world. Check out more here 35 Easter Traditions From Around the World and Ways to Celebrate

<https://www.womansday.com/life/travel-tips/g2175/easter-traditions/>



Programming Highlights

Children's Department

Passive Program all month long. Bunny Craft.

- 4/1 Storytime Bunnies 10am - 11:30am
- 4/3 & 4/4 Library Closed
- 4/8 Storytime Space 10am - 11:30am
- 4/9 Books and Babies 10am - 11am
Read to Felix 4pm - 5pm
Tween Book Tasting 4:30pm - 6:00pm
- 4/11 D&D Club 1pm - 5pm
- 4/15 Storytime Frogs 10am - 11:30am
- 4/16 Bilingual Storytime 10am - 11am
Read to Felix 4pm - 5pm
- 4/21 Family Craft Night Bubble Wrap
Flowers 4:30pm - 6pm
- 4/22 Storytime Wind 10am - 11:30am
- 4/23 Books and Babies 10am - 11am
Read to Felix 4pm - 5pm
- 4/29 Storytime Bugs 10am - 11:30am
Sensory Friendly Storytime 4pm - 5pm
- 4/30 Read to Felix 4pm - 5pm

Young Adult / Audio Visual Department

4/10 Tiny Planters in the Basement Activity Room 4:30-6:00

Adult Book Club

Tuesday, April

14th 5:30ish.



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- April
- Tuesday 7
Harmony 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Headlee 4:00pm - 5:45pm
- Wednesday 8
Deflourish 4:30pm - 5:15pm
Alafia Haven 5:15pm - 5:45pm
- Friday 10
Headlee Literary Event
Boys & Girls Club 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- Wednesday 15
Compass Academy 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Boys & Girls Club Woodson 3:45pm - 5:00pm
- Thursday 16
Deerings 10:30am - 11:30am
Brookdale Sherwood 1:15pm - 2:15pm
Madison Medical Resort 2:30pm - 3:30pm
- Saturday 18
YMCA Healthy Kids 9:00am - 12:pm
Harmony Home in the Park 11:00am - 2:00pm
- Tuesday 21
ECISD Outreach Center 10:30am-12:00 and
2:00pm - 3:00pm
YMCA 4:00pm - 5:45pm
- Saturday 25
ECISD Bookworm Literacy Event 9:00am - 1:00pm



Presenting **ECL Tech Talks:**

EXPLORING AI

Thursday, April 30 at 5pm
1st Floor

Angel Garcia, Founder & CEO, BAM Ventures
Abel Nunez, Owner, Creative Marketing Nerds & Nerd Academy
Jason Osborne, Chief Creative Officer at syglass
Curtis Rogers, Senior Learning Technology Analyst at UT Permian Basin

Moderated by **Howard Marks,**
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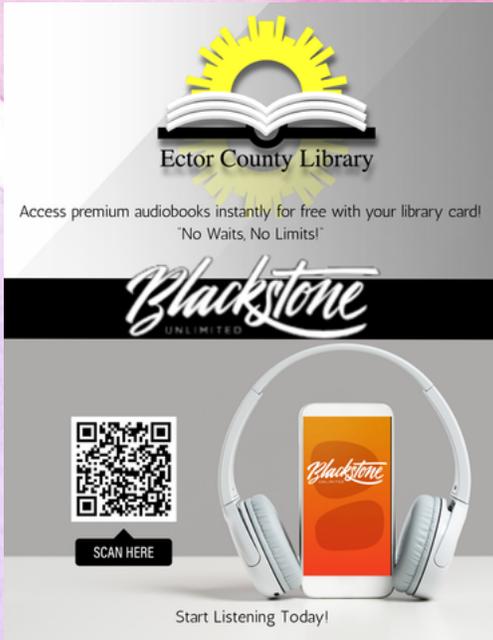
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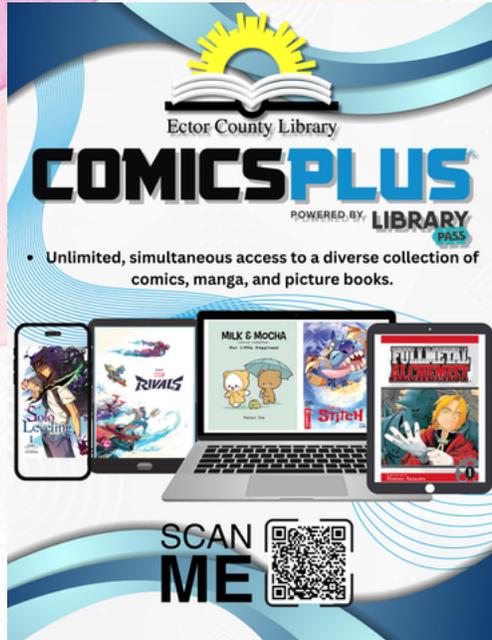
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