

The Signal

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2020 Summer Reading Challenge

"Imagine Your Story" at the library this year by participating in our Summer Reading Challenge. Sign up **beginning on Monday, May 4** by visiting the Info Desk or Kids Crossing Desk. Help meet our challenge of 375,000 minutes by reading this summer! Every 15 minutes you read gets us closer to the goal. If you reach or surpass the goal, the Friends of the Library will make a generous donation to a local charitable organization. The Summer Reading Challenge **ends on Saturday, July 18**.

IMAGINE — YOUR — STORY

There will be special programs for all ages this summer, many with an "imagination" theme. These programs begin in June and continue through July. More information can be found on pages

2-6 of this issue and in the next issue of *The Signal*, as well as on our website: fppld.org/src.

The Summer Reading Challenge will wrap up a little differently this year. Kids, teens, and adults will each get their own age-related party or special event toward the end of July. Prize winners for each age group will also be announced at each event.

We look forward to seeing you at the library this summer!



Look inside! If you notice this icon next to a program, that means it is part of our Summer Reading Challenge. Registration for most Summer Reading programs begins on Monday, May 4th.



Staff Spotlight



We're continuing our quarterly feature to introduce you to some of our staff. This month, we're shining the spotlight on **Allie Mendelson**, one of our Public Services Librarians.

What is your job here at the library?

I am the Evening Public Services

Librarian.

How long have you worked at the library?

I have worked at FPPLD for 3 months.

What's your favorite thing about working at the library?

I love getting creative with programs and displays.

When you're not working at the library, what do you like to do in

your spare time?

I enjoy outdoor activities, spending time with friends, playing board games, reading, watching movies, and painting.

Have you read any good books lately? Or discovered any good movies or TV shows that you would recommend to others?

My favorite book of late is *The Silent Companions* by Laura Purcell. The epistolary format and nesting of stories makes the work all the more frightening.

What's one thing you wish more people knew about the library?

We have book-a-librarian sessions

available where you can get one-on-one technology help or quick training on: creating and editing a resume, applying for online jobs, setting up and using email, borrowing eBooks, learning how to use your laptop, transferring pictures from your smartphone or digital camera, installing apps on your tablet or smartphone, and much more.

Lightning-Round:

Favorite Movie: *Pan's Labyrinth*

Favorite TV Show: *Adventure Time*

Favorite Food: Chocolate in its various forms

Favorite Color: Blue

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult programs are free but **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. Register at the Info Desk or by calling 847-455-6016, ext. 2.

Special Programs

Estate Planning Tips & Pitfalls (Money Smart Week®)

Thursday, April 9 @ 7-8 pm

Barrett Pedersen, Attorney at Law, discusses the different elements of estate planning: living wills, trusts, and powers of attorney.

Top 5 Scams (Money Smart Week®)

Friday, April 10 @ 2-3 pm

Learn about how to protect yourself from consumer scams, free services to help resolve consumer complaints, and tips on protecting yourself from identity theft. Presented by the Office of the Attorney General of Illinois.

Earth Day Plant Swap

Friday, April 24 @ 3:30-6:30 pm

Celebrate Earth Day with this drop-in swap. Bring in any healthy house or outdoor plants and swap them with others plants.

Sustainability Bingo

Monday, April 27 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

Win great prizes while learning about what you can do to help our planet. Limit 25. **Registration is required.**

Crafts in Vogue

Tuesday, April 28 @ 7-8:30 pm

Add a bit of style to your home with a trendy yarn wall hanging. We will be using wooden dowels, scissors, and, of course, yarn! Limit 15. **Registration is required.**

Spring Craft: Planter & Plant

Tuesday, May 5 @ 2-3:30 pm

Wednesday, May 6 @ 6-7:30 pm

Join us in painting a planter and planting a plant. Adults only. Limit

25. **Registration is required.** Sign-up begins on Monday, April 6th.

Storm Chasing 101

Wednesday, May 13 @ 7-8 pm

Nick Bartholomew from Illinois Storm Chasers will teach you about local climatology, how storms form, why storms form specifically the way they do in our region, and offer an in-depth look at storm chasing and spotting.

Upcycled Crafts: Mini Flower Wreath

Thursday, May 28 @ 7-8:30 pm

Make your own mini flower wreath using egg cartons, paint, and construction paper! Limit 15.

Registration is required. Sign-up begins on Monday, April 27th.

Astrology 101

Wednesday, June 3 @ 7-8:30 pm

Presenter Jez Layman will teach you about the sun, moon, and rising signs, planets, and houses during this introduction to astrology.

Summer Craft: Memory Wrap Bracelet

Tuesday, June 9 @ 2-3:30 pm

Wednesday, June 10 @ 6-7:30 pm

Use our supply of beads and accessories to make your own memory wrap bracelet. Feel free to bring any special charms you want to include. Adults only. Limit 15.

Registration is required. Sign-up begins on Monday, May 11th.

Paint 'n' Sip

Saturday, June 20 @ 12:30-4 pm

Enjoy an afternoon of painting and mocktails (non-alcoholic

beverages)! Librarian Allie will provide step-by-step instructions on how to create your own masterpiece. Limit 10. **Registration is required.** Sign-up begins Monday, May 18th.

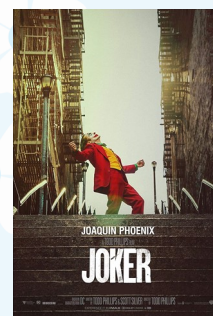
★ Before You Call the Handyman

Monday, June 29 @ 6:30-8 pm

Dan Findley, professional handyman and licensed building engineer, discusses several of the most common fixes you can do yourself with a small home tool kit.

Friday Flicks

Stop by each month to watch a newly released movie. Refreshments will also be available.



April 17
@ 2-4 pm

Joker (R)

May 15
@ 2-3:50 pm

JoJo Rabbit
(PG-13)



June 19
@ 2-3:50 pm

Bombshell (R)

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Health & Wellness

Strength & Stability Class ***NEW***

Thursdays, April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21, and June 4 & 18 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

A physical therapist will introduce you to resistance-based exercise. This class is appropriate for beginners. Registration is required. Limit 25. Ages 18 & up.

Tai Chi

Mondays, April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18, and June 1 & 15 @ 6:30-7:30 pm

Led by Tom Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga. Please note: you must be able to stand and walk on your own, unassisted, for the duration of the class. Registration is required. Limit 25. Ages 16 & up.

Chair Yoga

Mondays, April 13 & 27, May 11, and June 8 & 22 @ 2-3 pm

Led by Susan Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga. Great for those with limited mobility. Registration is required. Limit 25. Ages 16 & up.

Needlecraft Programs

Library Quilt & Sew Club

Wednesdays, April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20, and June 3 & 17

@ 10 am - 12 pm

Join us for casual discussion about quilting & sewing, and showing completed projects. All skill levels welcome!

Knit & Crochet Group

Saturdays, April 11, May 9, & June 13 @ 1-3 pm

Learn tips & tricks and share projects you're creating!

Needlecrafters Drop-In

Tuesdays, April 21, May 19, & June 16 @ 6-8 pm

Need some help with those crochet, knitting, or cross stitch projects? Stop by and ask questions or share tips and tricks with others.

Book Clubs

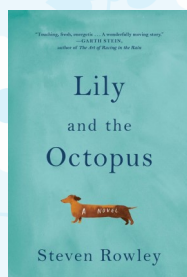
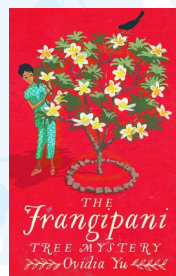
Copies of each book are available at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion date.

Thursday Page Turners

Join us to discuss popular titles.

Thursday, April 9
@ 2-3 pm

The Frangipani Tree
Mystery by Ovidia Yu



Thursday, May 14
@ 2-3 pm

Lily and the Octopus
by Steven Rowley

Thursday, June 11
@ 2-3 pm

The Bromance Book
Club by Lyssa Kay Adams

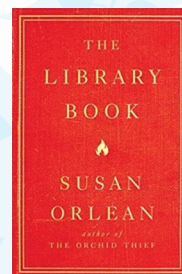


Killer Reads

Join us to delve into the deep, dark world of true crime.

Thursday, April 23
@ 7-8 pm

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

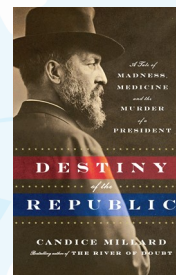


Thursday, May 28
@ 7-8 pm

The Grim Sleeper: The Lost Women of South Central by Christine Pelisek

Thursday, June 25
@ 7-8 pm

Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President by Candice Millard



Gaming Programs

Tabletop Gaming Club

Wednesday, April 22 @ 5:30-7 pm

Drop in and play from our selection of new and classic tabletop games. We've played *Pandemic*, *Coup*, *Monopoly Gamer*, *Dungeons & Dragons*, *Dread*, and more. For teens & adults.

Dungeons & Dragons ***NEW***

Friday, May 29 @ 5-6:30 pm

D&D is a role-playing game where players cooperate through a constructed story to overcome puzzles, riddles, battles, and more.

Beginners welcome. Sign-ups are limited. For teens & adults.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament (Teens/Adults Division)

Friday, June 19 @ 3:30-6:30 pm

CGL returns as we host our 2nd annual Summer Smash. Compete for a chance to win prizes and meet with other gamers. Sign-ups are limited. Rules and regulations will be posted on our website along with any updates. Ages 16 & up.

TEEN SQUARE

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are open to teens in grades 6-12.

Animal Crossing Meet-up

Thursday, 4/9 @ 5:30-7 pm

Meet other fans to talk, share, help, and hangout as we play the newest installment, *Animal Crossing: New Horizon*. Bring in your Nintendo Switch + game to make new friends and neighbors. Grades 4 & up.

Tabletop Gaming Club

Wednesday, 4/22 @ 5:30-7 pm

If you enjoy playing new or classic board games, then this is the program for you! Drop in and play from our selection of tabletop games. We've played *Pandemic*, *Coup*, *Monopoly Gamer*, *Dungeons & Dragons*, *Dread*, and more. Teen & adult program.

Anime Club

Thursday, 4/30 & Tuesday, 5/26

@ 5:30-7:00 pm

Friday, 6/26 @ 4-5 pm

Love all things manga or anime? Stop on by with other fans to discuss and share. We'll have fun anime themed activities and anime showings every club meeting. Snacks and drinks included!

Tabletop Gaming Club

Tuesday, 5/5 @ 5:30-7 pm

Drop in and play from our selection of new and classic tabletop games. We've played *Pandemic*, *Coup*, *Monopoly Gamer*, *Dungeons & Dragons*, *Dread*, and more.

★ **Candy Sushi**

Wednesday, 5/27 @ 6-7 pm

Make your own candy sushi with Rice Krispie Treats, Fruit Roll-Ups, M&M's, Swedish Fish, and more. No actual fish will be harmed during this program. Please register



so that we have enough supplies to go around.

★ **Dungeons & Dragons**

Friday, 5/29 @ 5-6:30 pm

Embark on an epic adventure at your local library! D&D is a role-playing game where players cooperate through a constructed story to overcome puzzles, riddles, battles and more! So roll for initiative and sign up online. Beginners are welcome! Sign ups are limited. Teen & adult program.

★ **Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament (Junior Division)**

Friday, 6/5 @ 3:30-6:30 pm

CGL returns as we host our 2nd annual Summer Smash. Compete for a chance to win prizes and meet with other gamers. Sign-ups are limited. Rules and regulations will be posted on our website along with any updates. Ages 10-15.

★ **DIY: Sharpie Edition**

Thursday, 6/11 @ 6-7:30 pm

Do you want to add a bit of fab to

your room? Create your own hanging picture decor using sharpies, clothespins, beads, and hemp. Stop by to find out how! Snacks will be provided.

★ **Spicy Sauce Challenge**

Wednesday, 6/17 @ 4-5 pm

See how far you can go up the spicy sauce gauntlet! We're challenging you to try out different levels of hot sauce while completing fun activities. Come and sample sauce like a boss! Caution: we will be tasting hot pepper sauces ranging from mild to hot. Taste at your own risk. Registration required.

★ **Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament (Teens/Adults Division)**

Friday, 6/19 @ 3:30-6:30 pm

CGL returns as we host our 2nd annual Summer Smash. Compete for a chance to win prizes and meet with other gamers. Sign-ups are limited. Rules and regulations will be posted on our website along with any updates. Ages 16 & up.

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KIDS CROSSING

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool

Night Owls

Tuesdays, 4/14, 5/19, 6/30 @ 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us for a storytime with your little owlets. There will be reading, singing, and playing. It will be a HOOT! Ages 0-5 with caregiver.

Morning Movers

Fridays, 4/17-6/19 @ 10-11 am

Introduce your little ones to early literacy skills through reading, rhymes, songs and play. Ages 0-3 with caregiver.

Sensory Art

Tuesday, 4/21 & Wednesday, 6/24 @ 4-5 pm

Encourage your little ones to explore their senses with art projects chosen for smaller hands. Ages 0-2 with caregiver.

Cooking with the Kiddos

Wednesday, 4/29 @ 4-5 pm

Introduce your child to the joys of food with a hands on

cooking program for the younger crowd. Grades PreK-1 with caregiver.

Craft with Me

Wednesdays, 5/13 & 6/3 @ 4-5 pm

Create a fun craft or two with your child. Ages 3-5 with a caregiver.



Fairy Tale Explorers

Thursday, 5/21 & Tuesday, 6/16 @ 4-5 pm

Let's dive into classic fairytales and learn more about them. We will have stories, activities, and a snack! Grades PreK-1.

Musical Munchkins

Wednesday, 6/10 @ 4:30-5:30 pm

Explore the joys of music with your child. Ages 0-5 with caregiver.

School Age

Get Crafty!

Monday, 4/6 @ 4-5 pm

Show off your crafting skills when you attend this make and take program. Grades 1-6.

Doodlemania

Tuesdays, 4/7 & 5/12 @ 4-5 pm

Create miniature origami, design bookmarks and doodle fans. Drawing and doodling encouraged! Grades 1-6.

Animal Crossing Meet-up

Thursday, 4/9 @ 5:30-7 pm

Meet other fans to talk, share, help, and hangout as we play the newest installment, *Animal Crossing: New Horizon*. Bring in your Nintendo Switch + game to make new friends and neighbors. Grades 4 & up.

Perlermania!

Wednesday, 4/15 @ 3:30-5 pm

Create fused bead designs of all kinds. Grades 3 & up.

Día! Storytime

Friday, 4/17 @ 4-5 pm

Come celebrate Children's Day/Book Day (El día de los niños/ El día de los libros) with bilingual stories, food, and fun! Grades K-6.

Fun-ologies

Mondays, 4/20 & 5/18 @ 4:30-5:30 pm

Explore a variety of interesting topics. Grades 3 & up.
April 20: National Park-ology
May 18: Marvel-ology

Earth Day Ocean Party

Wednesday, 4/22 @ 4-5 pm

We will watch a BBC nature documentary on our stunning seas. Discuss climate change and our oceans while enjoying a special "surf and turf" themed treat. Grades 1-6.

Crafts are for the Birds!

Monday, 4/27 & Tuesday, 6/23 @ 4-5 pm

Create crafts for birds. Grades 1-6.
4/27: Pinecone bird feeder
6/23: Paint a birdhouse

Kids Knit & Crochet Club

Wednesday, 5/20 @ 4-5 pm

Learn crochet basics. Supplies will be provided. Grades 2 & up.



A Fairy Tale Feast

Wednesday, 5/27 @ 4-5 pm

Discover global versions of your favorite fairy tales through activities and crafts. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Grades 2 & up.

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KIDS CROSSING

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School Age, cont.

★ We Love Unicorns!

Thursday, 6/4 @ 4-5 pm

Celebrate these magical creatures with stories, songs, and science. Grades 1 & up.

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament (Junior Division)

Friday, 6/5 @ 3:30-6:30 pm

Compete for a chance to win prizes and meet with other gamers. Rules and regulations will be posted on our website along with any updates. **Registration is required.** Ages 10-15.

★ Fairy Tale Scavenger Hunt

Monday, 6/8 @ 4-5 pm

Search the library for clues from your favorite fairy tales. Grades 2 & up.

Book BINGO

Friday, 6/12 @ 4-5 pm

Learn about new books while playing BINGO for small prizes. Grades 2 & up.



Reader's Puppet Theater: Imagine Your Story!

Monday, 6/15 @ 4:30-5:30 pm

We'll act out fairy tales, myths, and more with puppets to bring our stories to life. Grades 3 & up.



Mermagical Stories & Crafts

Monday, 6/22 @ 4-5 pm

Dive into some underwater fun with mermaids and other sea creatures. Grades K & up.



Dragons: Return of the Ice Sorceress

Friday, 6/26 @ 4-6 pm

In a faraway world, two brave villagers go on a daring journey to release the dragons and save the entire kingdom from the evil ice sorceress. This interactive story features amazing special effects that will bring this fantasy to life! **Space is limited and registration is required.** Grades PreK-5.



DIY Enchanted Gardens

Monday, 6/29 @ 4-5 pm

Assemble your own fairy and gnome gardens. Grades K & up.

Kids of All Ages



Spring Break Movie

Friday, 4/3 @ 4:30-6:30 pm

Kick back and enjoy some pizza while you watch Toy Story 4.

Kids Advisory Board

Wednesday, 4/8 @ 4-4:30 pm

It's time to make your voice heard! Share your ideas with us so we can work together to make your library even better. Registration is required. Grades 1-6.

Parents Advisory Board

Wednesday, 4/8 @ 4:30-5 pm

Calling all parents and caregivers! We would love to hear from you regarding your ideas and the kinds of programs you would like to see in Kids Crossing.

LEGO Club

Monday, 4/13 @ 4-5 pm

Bring a friend to this drop-in program and complete the monthly LEGO challenges together.



May the 4th Be With You!

Monday, 5/4 @ 4-5 pm

Kick off the start of our Summer Reading season with a May the 4th celebration! There will be *Star Wars* stories, games, crafts, and snacks.

Mother's Day Craft

Friday, 5/8 @ 4-5 pm

Show Mom how much you love her with a beautiful handmade gift.

Father's Day Craft

Thursday, 6/18 @ 4-5 pm

Let Dad know that he is number one with a make and take craft.



Peppa Pig Party

Friday, 6/26 @ 12-1 pm

Join Peppa Pig and friends in this special program. We will read books, play games, and eat like pigs!

SAVE THE DATE

Kids Crossing will celebrate the end of Summer Reading with special interactive animal shows from Animal Quest on **Friday, July 24th!**

Reminder to Parents & Caregivers: As per the Library's policy, children under the age of 9-years-old must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult 18 years or older. If your children are attending a program, please remain in the building until the program is finished. Thank you!

Library News

Our Collections are On the Move!

You may have noticed lately that some of our collections have been shifted or changed locations completely. We are constantly looking for ways to better utilize space while trying to make things easier for you to find and browse.

- Have you had a trickier time finding that DVD you're searching for? That's because we're in the process of rearranging our DVD collection into genres, which will make it easier for you to browse the shelf for the type of movie that you're in the mood to watch. Feature film DVDs are sorted into the following genres: Action/Adventure, Anime, Comedy, Drama, Family, Horror, and Musicals.

- Are you looking for an adult graphic novel? They have been relocated to the shelves between the New Non-fiction and the laptop area behind the Info Desk.
- Do you want to play one of our games or build a puzzle while you're in the library? We've moved the games and puzzles to the shelves directly behind the Info Desk.

In the upcoming weeks and months, look for changes in our adult fiction and non-fiction areas as we shift books. Can't find an item you're looking for or not sure which genre a movie falls under? Just ask at the Info Desk and we would be happy to help!

More Wifi Hotspots Available

The Library has added 5 more wifi hotspots, bringing us to 10 total in our collection. Check out a hotspot to access the internet from anywhere.

If you don't have home internet or wifi, you can connect your phone, tablet, or laptop to the hotspot.

Here are a few other ideas:

- Borrow a hotspot to take on vacation or to a friend's or relative's house



- Use a hotspot out in your backyard, in a park or in a coffee shop

- Help your small business or organization access the internet or

process payments at community events

Hotspots may be renewed (if no one is waiting), and placed on hold. Ask at the Info Desk for more details.

The Library is in need of items to be used for future craft programs. We are specifically looking for the following:

- ♦ Jewelry (especially beads and small charms)
- ♦ Paper egg cartons

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HOURS OF SERVICE

Monday - Thursday	9 am - 9 pm
Friday	9 am - 7 pm
Saturday	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday	CLOSED

UPCOMING CLOSINGS

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Board meetings are open to the public. They are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

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Friends of the Library



programs. We are always on the lookout for new members!

The Friends will next meet on
**Saturdays, April 11, May 9, and
June 13 at 9:30 am.**

The Friends support the Franklin Park Library by providing volunteer services, sponsoring events, and funding



Spring Book Sale

Saturday, May 16 @ 10 am - 3 pm
NEW DAY AND TIME

Looking for a great deal on new or gently used books, CDs, and DVDs? Come to the Friends of the Library's spring book sale! The Friends always

offer a special deal: buy one of their reusable bags for \$3 and fill it with as much as you want. Then, bring it back to future sales and fill it again for \$3. Special for this sale: an Avon representative will be on-hand to take your orders as a special fundraiser for the Friends.