



The Signal



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READING COLORS Your WORLD.

The Summer Reading Challenge is coming soon! This year's theme is "Reading Colors Your World." Summer Reading begins on **Monday, June 7** and runs through **Friday, July 30**. We will have more information available about registering and participating in mid-May on the website at fppld.org/src. You can also call the Info Desk or Kids Crossing Desk with any questions you might have.

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Curbside Service...It's More Than Books!

While the library building's reopening date is not set at the time of this publication, curbside service is an option. The two most popular ways to use curbside service are to request items for pick-up or to pick up kits. Visit fppld.org/curbside for more information.

Did you know that the Library offers more through curbside? Here are some highlights:

- Printing & photocopying services – Up to 10 pages per day can be printed free of charge. Contact the Info Desk for more details. Printouts and photocopies can be picked up at curbside once they are ready.
- Scanning & Faxing services are also available by request. Contact the Info Desk for more details.
- Reserve items - All library items

can be reserved for curbside service. This includes items such as new video games, STEAM and Early Literacy Kits, Rokus, and wifi hotspots.

- Video games - The library collects newly released video games for a variety of consoles, so go on hold to request the newest releases.
- Kits - STEAM Kits make science even more fun, and there are plenty to choose from. Our Early Literacy Kits are great for younger children and cover topics such as colors, shapes, ABCs and 123s.
- Rokus – You'll find Netflix and hundreds of movies in our digital collection to stream freely at home.
- Wifi hotspots – Check one out to have portable internet service at home, on the road, or outside.
- Magazines, audiobooks on CD,

DVDs, Blu-Rays, CDs, and more are available for request. New items are being added to the collection all the time.

- Reference services - In these uncertain times, you may have a lot of questions. Librarians can help you sort out the information you hear and connect you with community resources. For adult and teen-related questions, contact the Info Desk. For children's services, contact the Kids Crossing Desk.

If you're interested in reaching staff to take advantage of any of these options, you can contact the **Info Desk at 847-455-6016 x229** or email ask@fppld.org. The **Kids Crossing Desk** can be reached at **847-455-6016 x260** or by email at kidscrossing@fppld.org. We hope we will be able to see you in person again soon!

Staff Spotlight

We're continuing our quarterly feature to help introduce you to some of our staff. This quarter, we're shining the spotlight on **Sarah Sperry**, our Head of Technical Services.



What is your job here at the library?

I am the Head of Technical Services. My department is responsible for

ordering and receiving all the items that go on the Library's shelves. My specific job is to catalog and assign call numbers to each of those items. I make sure that each item is ready for patrons to check out.

How long have you worked at the library?

15 ½ years. I started out at the Info Desk as a Reference Librarian and have worked in Technical Services for the last 7 years.

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

Knowing that I indirectly help

patrons and other staff by getting all the materials ready for them to use.

When you're not working at the library, what do you like to do in your spare time?

I love to read and listen to music. I also enjoy going to the zoo and going to concerts when I am able.

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

I really enjoyed the book *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. I also just finished watching the first season of the remake of *All Creatures Great and Small* and another British show called *The Trouble with Maggie Cole*.

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

What a great resource we are for books, media, programs, and information and that if we don't have something in the Library we can usually get it from another library.

Lightning-Round:

Favorite Book: No favorite book, but my favorite author is Elizabeth Berg.

Favorite Movie: *The Commitments* and *Guys and Dolls*

Favorite TV Show: *MASH*

Favorite Song: "Sara Smile" by Hall and Oates.

Favorite Album: *Continuum* by John Mayer and *Call Me Irresponsible* by Michael Buble

Favorite Season: Autumn

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Food: Macaroni & cheese

Favorite Color: Purple

ADULT PROGRAMS

Register for adult programs at the Info Desk, by calling 847-455-6016, ext. 229, or online at fppld.org/adults/programs.

Special Programs

Fireside Chat with Author John Sandford

Wednesday, 4/14 @ 7-8 PM

Join us on Zoom for a fireside chat with *New York Times* bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize winner John Sandford. Sandford is the author of the *Prey* series featuring fan-favorite heroes Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers. Registration is required. We will email you the Zoom information the day before the meeting date.

The chat will also include time to answer your questions. If you'd like to submit a question, email it to mmitchell@fppld.org by April 6. Use "John Sandford question" as

the subject line and be sure to include your name and the name of your library in the email along with your question.

Fireside Chat with Author Alex Kotlowitz

Thursday, 5/6 @ 7-8 PM

Join us on Zoom for a fireside chat with author Alex Kotlowitz. His most notable books are *An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago* and the award winning national bestseller *There Are No Children Here*. Our guest also won an Emmy for the 2011 documentary *The Interrupters*. Our fireside chat will be moderated by

Pulitzer Prize winning *Chicago Tribune* columnist Mary Schmich. Registration is required. We will email you the Zoom information the day before the meeting date.

If you'd like to submit a question for the Q & A, email it to mmitchell@fppld.org by April 28. Use "Alex Kotlowitz question" as the subject line and be sure to include your name and the name of your library in the email along with your question.

A video recording of the event will be available to view for 2 weeks after the event date.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Health & Wellness

Tai Chi

Tuesdays, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18, 6/15, 6/29 @ 6-7 PM

Participate virtually through Zoom with Tom Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga in Riverside.

Registration is required. We will email you a Zoom invitation the day before the program date.

Chair Yoga

Mondays, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/24, 6/7, 6/21 @ 3-4 PM

Participate virtually with Susan Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga in Riverside through Zoom or by phone. Registration is required. We will email you the Zoom & phone information the day before the program date.

Franklin Park Stitchers

Thursdays, 4/8-6/24 @ 4-5 PM

Are you a beginner at crocheting or knitting? Join us for a weekly virtual meet-up to talk about what we're working on and give tips & tricks to help each other with future projects. This group is open to all ages. **Please Note:** We will not be instructing you how to knit or crochet. Registration is required. We will email you the Zoom information the day before the meeting date.

Take-Home Kits

NOTE: Our kits are now available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last. Registration is no longer required. To ensure you receive your kit, make sure to pick it up as early as possible in the week that it is available.

Stress Less Kit

Monday, 4/12 - Friday, 4/16

April is Stress Awareness Month. Help fight your stress with this kit that includes a DIY stress ball craft, coloring pages, and other stress busters.

Wildflower Seed Bombs Kit

Monday, 4/19 - Friday, 4/23

This Earth Day, create pockets of beauty and habitats for our fellow pollinators. Plant these DIY Wildflower seed bombs in a bare spot with full sun!

Shrinky-Dink Keychain Kit

Monday, 5/3 - Friday, 5/7

Write a note, shrink it and give it to your mother or any other loved

one to carry wherever they go!
Open to all ages.

Spring Painted Stencil Jars Kit

Monday, 5/10 - Friday, 5/14

Get creative painting your own spring stencil jar that you can use as a seasonal decoration or to display other items.

Rainbow-Krispy Treats Kit

Tuesday, 6/1 - Friday, 6/4

Let's celebrate Pride month with a little extra flavor! Taste the rainbow – literally!

Beach Terrarium Kit

Monday, 6/7 - Friday, 6/11

Celebrate your summer craftiness by creating an adorable, low-maintenance beach terrarium.

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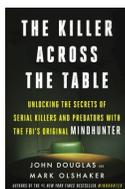
Killer Reads Book Club

Join us each month on Zoom to delve into the deep, dark world of true crime. Copies of the book can be picked up a month before the meeting date. Registration is required. We will email you the Zoom information the day before the meeting date.



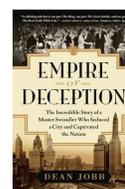
Tuesday, 4/27
@ 7-8 PM

The Library Book
by Susan Orlean



Tuesday, 5/25
@ 7-8 PM

The Killer Across the Table
by John E. Douglas &
Mark Olshaker



Tuesday, 6/22
@ 7-8 PM

Empire of Deception
by Dean Jobb

Virtual Programs

Find out more details about our virtual programs for teens and sign up for programs on our website at fppld.org/teens/programs.

Dungeons & Dragons

Friday, 4/23 & 6/4 @ 5-6 PM

Try out *Dungeons and Dragons*

with us online! We'll be using Roll20 and our Discord server to communicate and play together.

Visit our website for more information.

Smash Bros. Ultimate Virtual Tournament (Revived)

Friday, 4/30 @ 4-6:30 PM

Welcome the spring season with a fun virtual gaming meetup during our very first *Smash Bros. Ultimate*

Tournament online! This tournament will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. Find more details on our website. Sign-ups are limited. This program is for teens and adults.

FPPLDGamers

Friday, 5/21 @ 5-6 PM

We play and stream different video games every session.

Among Us, *Smash Bros. Ultimate*, *Jack Box Games*, and more! We will play *Roblox* games for this meet-up. Fill out your information

on our website to join our Discord server.

Annual Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Friday, 5/28 @ Starts at 2 PM

Test your skills, play with friends, and compete for prizes virtually during our annual tournament!

More information can be found on our website. This program is for teens and adults.

Bubble Tea (Cup Decorating)

Friday, 6/18 @ 2-3 PM

If you signed up and received your Bubble Tea Take-Home Kit, then join us to decorate your cup with fun colored paints! This program will be conducted outside and will follow social distancing guidelines.

Anime Club (Virtual Draw Along)

Friday, 6/25 @ 4-5 PM

Join our Virtual Anime Club meetup to draw different Anime characters. This program will be conducted on our YouTube channel. All skill levels are welcome.

Take-Home Kits

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Pokémon Gaming Diorama Take-Home Kit

Monday, 4/5 - Friday, 4/9

Construct your very own iconic video game themed art piece at home. Bring to life the famous "choose your own Pokémon starter" scene into a 3-D Diorama. This display will surely make any Pokémon fan proud!

Gaming Diorama Take-Home Kit

Monday, 5/24 - Friday, 5/28

Construct your very own iconic video game themed art piece at home. Bring a 3-D diorama to life. More information for this kit's theme will be posted on our website.

Bubble Tea Take-Home Kit

Monday, 6/14 - Friday, 6/18

Cool down with your very own bubble tea refreshment. Your kit will include ingredients to make one delicious drink. Bring your cup back to the library on Friday, 6/18 to decorate it with paints.

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Registration is required for all programs. You can sign up in advance at the Kids Crossing Desk, by calling 847-455-6016 ext. 260, or online at fppld.org/kids/programs.

KIDS CROSSING

Take-Home Craft & Activity Kits

Take some time away from your screens and complete a fun activity or craft! Every other week in April and May and every week in June, we will have **Grab-N-Go** kits for children in **grades K-5**. Each month, we will also have **Tween Take-N-Make** kits for kids in **grades 3-5**.

NOTE: Our kits are now available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last. Registration is no longer required. To ensure you get your kit, make sure to pick it up as early as possible in the week that it is available.

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool



Storytime & Craft @ Home

Fridays, 4/2-6/25

@ 10-10:30 AM

End your week with a super fun storytime at home with stories, songs, and a craft!

Ages 0-5 w/ caregiver.

Storytime @ Home (Facebook Live)

Wednesdays, 4/7-6/30 @ 3:30-3:45 PM

Join us on Facebook Live on Wednesday afternoons (or watch the recorded video anytime after) for stories, songs, and a craft! Ages 0-5 w/ caregiver.

School Age

Graphic Novel Book Club

Thursday, 4/1 & Tuesday, 6/15

@ 4-5 PM

Looking for your next favorite book? Want to meet some new friends and talk about graphic novels? Join us live on Zoom where we will be discussing a new graphic novel each meeting. A copy of the book will be provided for you to keep. Registration is required. Grades 3-6.



Disney Trivia

Friday, 5/28 @ 4-5 PM

What is Flynn Rider's real name? What does "Hakuna Matata" mean? All you need is a little faith, trust, and what else? If you know the answers to these questions, come join us for a night of Disney trivia live on Zoom. Registration is required. Grades K & up.

Kids of All Ages

Virtual Dance Party

Friday, 6/4

@ 4-4:30 PM

Let's dance! Bring your best dance moves to our live online Zoom dance party. Registration is required.



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Library News

New STEAM Kits

Our STEAM Kit collection is growing! We have added nine new and exciting Penworthy STEAM to GO! Kits to our Kids Crossing shelves. Each kit includes various educational toys and tools, books, and resource guides, all packaged in a handy carrying case for you to take home.

Topics to explore are: "All About Dinosaurs," "Sounds, Music and Band," "Everyday Science," "Food and Nutrition," "Machines and Contraptions," "Robotics and

Coding," "DIYs and Art," "Math Games and Trivia," and "Math Patterns." These kits are geared for children in PreK – Grade 3, however, the recommended interest level may vary by kit.

Have questions about STEAM Kits? Contact Kids Crossing at 847-455-6016 ext. 260, email kidscrossing@fppld.org or visit fppld.org/kids/steam-kits to see more details. Up to two STEAM Kits may be placed on hold and picked up through our curbside service.



Browse our selection of kits online at: fppld.org/kids/steam-kits

Kits are loaned for two weeks, and may be renewed as long as no one else is on hold. Try out one of our new kits or revisit a classic STEAM kit as a fun family activity.

Have Used Books, DVDs, or CDs?



If you are spring cleaning at home, you may need a place to drop off small quantities of gently used books, DVDs, and CDs. Right now, the Library is not directly accepting donated materials. However, the Library's bright green Better World Books bin is located on the southwest corner of the property, and ready for acceptable book and media donations.

Acceptable items include:

- Hardcover and paperback books in good condition
- CDs and audiobooks on CD in their cases or packaging
- DVDs and video games in their

cases

Unacceptable items include:

- Any materials that are musty-smelling, dusty, dirty, water-damaged, highlighted, stained, or in poor condition
- Encyclopedias and magazines
- Textbooks older than 3 years
- VHS tapes, cassettes, or vinyl records
- Computers, printers, or software
- Clothes, toys, and anything else

Due to high demand and limited space, the bin is known to fill up quickly. If the bin is full, please notify the Library or text the number on the bin. Please do not leave items outside the bin. These items are easily damaged by the elements and will be thrown away.

For more info, visit fppld.org/donations, email ask@fppld.org or call 847-455-6016 x 229. Visit betterworldbooks.com for more info on Better World Books.



The Library is in need of glass jars (preferably with lids) of all sizes to use in future craft kits. We especially need small jars (like glass yogurt jars & baby food jars). If you have clean glass jars that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Library and drop them off at our Curbside Pick-Up Service point. To use Curbside, park at the North Entrance and call the Circulation Desk at 847-455-6016 x230 and let them know you're here to donate glass jars. A staff member will come out to your vehicle and take them from you. Thank you!

Library News

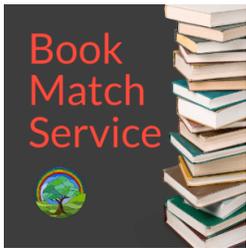
Library Receives Donations in Memory of Mary Ann Dohse and Pat Peterson

The Library would like to thank the families and friends of Mary Ann Dohse and Pat Peterson for the generous donations made in their memories.

Mary Ann and Pat were former library employees who both sadly passed away in 2020. Mary Ann could be found promoting the library's services at the Info Desk and running her favorite adult craft programs. Pat worked at the Kids Crossing Desk and also ran popular children's programs such as the Fun -Ologies series.

The donation in Mary Ann's name will go to fund future adult craft kits and programs, which she planned and happily led for many years. The donation in Pat's name will go towards the purchase of children's books for the Kids Crossing collection. Pat had a fondness for children's literature from her teaching career, and she enjoyed sharing her knowledge and making learning fun and entertaining for kids.

Discover New Books to Read



Are your favorite authors writing too slowly? Are you stuck re-reading the same books

and authors? Or are you in search of something different to read? Your librarians are here to suggest great new reads for you.

We have a few options for reader's services. The simplest is to call a librarian. Adult and teen readers should call the Info Desk at 847-455-6016, ext. 229. To request books for younger readers, contact the Kids Crossing Desk at 847-455-6016, ext. 260. Librarians are available for this service from 10 AM – 7 PM, Monday – Friday.

Librarians at either desk are prepared to help you find brand new books off the best seller lists,

order books from another library, find books similar to your favorite authors or series, locate books on cars or unicorns, or see what new graphic novels were added recently. Whatever your reading tastes are, we are ready to answer your questions.

If you'd rather not call, you can reach us by emailing ask@fppld.org. A librarian will be in touch with you by email in 48 hours, usually sooner.

If you'd prefer a quick and easy form, we have that, too. Fill out our online Book Match form (fppld.org/book-match) so we can figure out what books suit your reading tastes. There are two forms: one for adults and teens, and the other for kids. The more information you add to the form, the more we know to find books that truly fit your interests.

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UPCOMING CLOSINGS

Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day

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Photographs and/or videos may be taken at programs and in the Library for possible use in Library promotions, including (but not limited to) the newsletter, website, and social media. If you do not wish to be photographed/filmed, please notify staff.



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Please note that library hours, programs, and services are subject to change due to the ongoing pandemic. For the most up-to-date information, including hours of operation and additional library services, please visit our website at fppld.org or call us at 847-455-6016.

Friends of the Library



The Friends support the Franklin Park Library by providing volunteer services, sponsoring events, and funding programs. We are always on the lookout for new members!

The Friends generally meet on Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM once a month. Due to COVID-19 and restrictions regarding large group gatherings, the Friends will not be meeting until further notice. Any announcements about upcoming meetings and Friends events can be found on our website at fppld.org/friends-of-the-library.