

The Signal



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New Hours in 2020

Starting on Friday, January 3, 2020, the Library's Friday hours will be changing, with the Library closing at 7:00 pm. All other hours and days open will stay the same. The Library is still open Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm for your later evening needs. Hours for the rest of the week is the new Friday hours from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Sunday closed.

Stockings for the Troops Thank You!



The Library would like to thank all of our patrons, American Legion Post 974 of Franklin Park, the Library Quilt & Sew Club (who made over 400 stockings), USW-LU7999 for contributing \$200, and everybody who gave very generously to Stockings for the Troops, especially Esther Schroeder and Nora Lee Harty. Your generosity will make the holidays brighter for our troops serving overseas.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program

Volunteers from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program return to the Library in 2020 to prepare income taxes for our community. Appointments will be available on certain mornings beginning February 6 through April 9. **To make your appointment, call or visit the Info Desk starting on Monday, January 20.** Please note: we will not schedule appointments before this date. Anyone wishing to have their taxes prepared **MUST** have an appointment. Walk-ins will not be permitted.



Staff Spotlight



We're starting a new quarterly feature to introduce you to some of our staff. This month, we're shining the spotlight on **Jennifer Susina**, one of our Youth Services Librarians.

What is your job here at the library?

Youth Service Librarian with

a focus on outreach.

How long have you worked at the library?

3 years

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

Working with the children. I love visiting schools to tell them about what the library can offer them and sharing wonderful books with them.

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

your spare time?

Spend time with my family and friends, tap dance, volunteer, and read.

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

I am currently reading Michelle Obama's *Becoming* (finally!) and a TV show I LOVE is *The Good Place* (and its podcast).

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

How hard the librarians work to create free, quality programs for them. The Kids Crossing team has such a good time putting together

programs that instill curiosity in children ages 0 through 6th grade.

Lightning-Round:

Favorite Book: *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Philip Stead

Favorite Movie: *White Christmas*

Favorite TV Show: too many to list, but *Golden Girls* is definitely in my Top 10

Favorite Song: "Weekend in New England" by Barry Manilow

Favorite Album: *Emotion* by Carly Rae Jepsen

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Food: pizza

Favorite Color: pink

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

Get (and Stay) Organized

Wednesday, January 8 @ 6:30-8 pm

Erin Kelly of Arranged By Erin Professional Organizing presents her top tips on how to get and stay organized. There will be a Q&A session after the presentation where Erin will answer all your organizing questions.

Parents Advisory Board

Wednesday, January 15

@ 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.

Murder, Mayhem, and the Mob: Chicago's Beer War

Thursday, January, 30 @ 7-8:30 pm

2020 is the 100th anniversary of the start of Prohibition in the United States. Come and learn about the local connections: the lead-up to Prohibition, the rise of Al Capone, the "Beer War," and the eventual end of Prohibition with Chicago history presenter Clarence Goodman.

Chocolate Fest

Tuesday, February 4 @ 2-3:30 pm

Wed., February 5 @ 6-7:30 pm

Come to enjoy a tasting and celebration of chocolate. Bring a favorite recipe to share, if you have one. Adults only. Limit 25.

Registration is required.

Spring Craft: Tall Terrarium

Tuesday, March 10 @ 2-3:30 pm

Wed., March 11 @ 6-7:30 pm

Let's look forward to Spring by making a DIY tall terrarium to brighten a spot in your home or office. Adults only. Limit 25.

Registration is required. Sign-up for this program beginning on Monday, February 3rd.

Seasonal Pies, Tarts, and Crisps

Wed., March 25 @ 6:30-8 pm

Spring is the season of renewal and reminders of great desserts. Chef Susan Maddox returns to prepare three new "favorite" pies, crisps, and tarts. Along with enjoying the pastries, guests will learn some great tips and techniques for making great crusts and toppings. Limit 45. **Registration is required.**



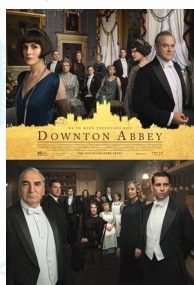
What's It Worth? An Antique & Collectible Appraisal Event

Saturday, March 28 @ 12-3 pm

Author and antiques expert Mark Moran will provide informal appraisals on your antiques and collectibles. Mark has been working with antiques for more than 30 years and has written over a dozen books on the subject. Items accepted for evaluation include art, furniture, ceramics, glassware, vintage photographs, folk art, assorted toys, clocks, costume jewelry, musical instruments, books, sports memorabilia, and much more. Mark is not able to appraise any weapons, traps, coins & paper money, Nazi memorabilia, fine jewelry (including precious gems), or Beanie Babies. For a complete list of accepted and excluded items, please see our website. Appraisals are limited to the first 40 people registered. Only one item per person. **Registration is required.**

Friday Flicks

Stop by on the third Friday afternoon of each month to watch a newly released movie. Refreshments will also be available.



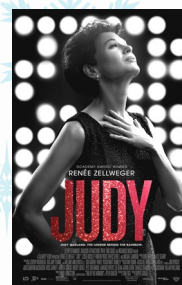
January 17
@ 2-4 pm

Downton
Abbey
(PG)



February 21
@ 2-4:45 pm

Once Upon a
Time in...
Hollywood
(R)



March 20
@ 2-4 pm

Judy
(PG-13)

ADULT PROGRAMS

Health & Wellness

Tai Chi

Mondays, January 6 & 20, February 3 & 17, and March 2 & 23

@ 6:30-7:30 pm

Led by Tom Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga in Riverside. Please note: this is an active class. While you may take occasional breaks, 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 and up.

Chair Yoga

Mondays, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, and March 9

@ 2-3 pm

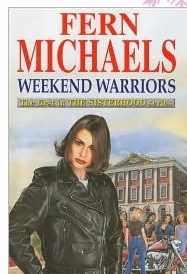
Chair Yoga classes are wonderful movement opportunities for any adult with limited mobility who wants to increase and maintain flexibility. Led by Susan Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga in Riverside. Registration is required. Limit 25. Ages 16 and up.

Thursday Page Turners Book Club

Join us to discuss popular titles each month. Copies of the book can be picked up at the Circulation Desk a month before the meeting date.

**Thursday,
January 9
@ 2-3 pm**

Weekend Warriors
by Fern Michaels



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**Thursday,
February 13
@ 2-3 pm**

To Be Announced

**Thursday,
March 12
@ 2-3 pm**

To Be Announced

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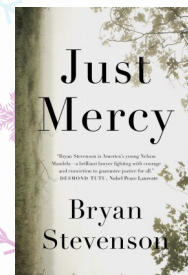
Killer Reads Book Club

Join us each month to delve into the deep, dark world of true crime. Copies of each book are available at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion date.

******* Killer Reads will not meet during the winter months. We will resume our meetings in March 2020. *******

**Thursday,
March 26
@ 7-8 pm**

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson



Winter Reading Program

It's cold and snowy outside, but you can keep warm with the library. The Adult Winter Reading

Program runs from **Monday, December 16 through Saturday, February 29**. Participation is easy! Register at the Info Desk and receive your sign-up packet. Track the books you read on your reading log and turn it in at the end of the program. All participants will receive a completion prize of a \$5 gift card to Jewel (limit one per person). Everyone who reads at least one book will also be entered into the drawing for the grand prize. This year's grand prize is a tote bag with various wintery and reading-related goodies inside.

Regular Programs

Tabletop Gaming Club

Fridays, January 10 & March 13

@ 5-7 pm

Play from a selection of classic and new tabletop games. This program is for teens and adults.

Knit & Crochet Group

Saturdays, January 11, February 8, and March 14 @ 1-3 pm

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

Library Quilt & Sew Club

Wednesdays, January 15, February 5 & 19, and March 4 & 18

@ 10 am - 12 pm

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

Intro to Needlecrafts * NEW *

Tuesdays @ 6:30-8 pm

Join us each month for an introduction to a different needlecraft. You'll learn the basics and get started on an easy project. Supplies will be provided. Limit 15.

Registration is required.

January 21: Intro to Crochet

February 18: Intro to Knitting

March 24: Intro to Cross Stitch

TEEN SQUARE

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

Tabletop Gaming Club

Fridays, 1/10 & 3/13 @ 5-7 pm

If you enjoy playing various board games, then this is the program for you! Grab some friends and visit your library to play from a selection of classic and new tabletop games. This program is for teens and adults.

Spicy Sauce Challenge

Friday, 1/24 @ 4-5 pm

See how far you can go up the spicy sauce gauntlet! In this program we'll be challenging you to try out different levels of hot sauce while completing fun activities. Join us to sample sauce like a boss!

Teen Volunteer Meeting (TAB)

Monday, 2/3 @ 4-5pm

Do you have a passion for your library? If you're interested in sharing your ideas, gaining work experience, and improving the library for teens, then becoming a

volunteer member is for you. Attend our meeting to talk about various topics, help make plans, and feast on pizza.

Anime Club

Friday, 2/7 @ 3:45-5 pm

Love all things anime? Stop on by with other anime enthusiasts to discuss and share. This meet up's activities will be based on the anime *Dr. Stone*. We'll be testing your anime knowledge through anime opening bingo and tasting homemade Senku Cola. Get excited!

Kit Kat Tasting

Friday, 3/27 @ 4-5 pm

So many Kit Kat flavors have been made to date, it's about time we tasted them all! We'll be taste testing which Kit Kat is the best. Take a break, and try flavors from green tea to grape.

Introducing Your New Teen Programming Coordinator: Yanni Grande



Many of you will recognize our new **Teen Programming Coordinator, Yanni Grande**. Yanni is from the area and graduated from West Leyden High School in 2013. From there he went on to Triton College, then University of Illinois – Chicago, where he graduated in 2018 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Law & Justice.

Yanni has worked for the Library since 2014, starting in the Circulation Department, then moving over to the Public Services department in 2015. As our Teen Programming Coordinator, Yanni will be in charge of planning programs for teens, running the Teen Advisory Board, and doing outreach to the area middle and high schools.

In his free time, Yanni enjoys playing games (tabletop and videogames), reading (graphic novels, manga, and anime), and cooking.

If you have questions, are looking to volunteer, want to know more about our teen programs, or just need recommendations for a great graphic novel or video game, email Yanni at ygrande@fppld.org.

Teen Winter Reading Program

It's cold and snowy outside, but you can keep warm with the library.

The Teen Winter Reading Program runs from

Monday, December 16 through Saturday,

February 29. Participation is easy!

Stop at the Info Desk and receive your sign-up packet. Track the books you read on your reading log and turn it in at the end of the program. All participants will receive a completion prize of a \$5



gift card to Amazon (limit one per person).

Everyone who reads at least one book will also be entered into the drawing for the grand prize. This year's grand

prize is a high-speed portable charger.

Stay warm during these chilly months and read during our Winter Reading Challenge!

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool

Night Owls

Tuesday, 1/7 & 2/4 @ 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.

Cooking with the Kiddos

Thursday, 1/16 @ 4:30-5:30 pm

Introduce your child to the joys of food with a hands-on cooking program for the younger crowd. Grades PreK-1st with caregiver.

Sensory Art

Tuesdays, 1/21 & 2/18 @ 4-5 pm

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

Morning Movers

Fridays, 1/24-3/27 @ 10-11 am

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

Kiddie Fun * NEW *

Thursdays, 1/30, 2/20, 3/19

@ 11 am - 12 pm – OR – 2-3 pm

Come visit the library with your little one! We will mix it up every month and have music, storytimes, crafts and playtime! Ages 3-5 with caregiver.

S.T.E.A.M Jr.

Thursday, 2/13 @ 4-5 pm

All the fun of Full STEAM Ahead for the younger set. We will have fun diving into the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math! Grades PreK - 1st with caregiver.

Craft with Me

Wednesdays, 2/26 & 3/25 @ 4-5 pm

Stop by to create a fun craft or two with your child. Ages 3-5 with a caregiver.

Musical Munchkins

Wednesday, 3/11 @ 4:30-5:30 pm

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

School Age

Get Crafty!

Mondays, 1/6, 2/3, 3/2 @ 4-5 pm

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

Fun-ologies

Mondays, 1/20, 2/17, & 3/16 @ 4:30-5:30 pm

Explore a variety of interesting topics. Grades 3 & up.

January 20: Astrology

February 17: Quizology

March 16: Rainforestology

Perlermania!

Wednesday, 1/22 @ 4-5 pm

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

Dog Man Party

Monday, 1/27 @ 4-5 pm

Part dog, part man, and ALL HERO! Join us as we

celebrate the wildly popular series *Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey. Grades 1-6.

Kids Knit & Crochet Club

Wednesday, 2/12 @ 4-5 pm

Learn how to knit by making a basic project. Supplies will be provided. Grades 2 & up.

Now You're Cooking!: Family Edition

Monday, 2/24 @ 4-5 pm

Have fun making yummy recipes and then sampling your culinary creations with the whole family. Due to the popularity of this program, no walk-ins will be accepted. Grades 2-8.

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KIDS CROSSING

Registration is required for all programs before the day of the event. You can sign up in advance at the Kids Crossing Desk or by calling 847-455-6016 ext.3.

School Age, cont.

This or That?

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

Would you rather swim with a great white shark or a poisonous jellyfish? We will test your decision-making skills and have fun with brain-teasing questions about animals, sports, survival, and other topics. Grades 3 and up.

Book BINGO

Friday, 3/20 @ 4-5 pm

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

Full STEAM Ahead

Monday, 3/23 @ 4-5 pm

Join us as we travel full STEAM ahead into science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Grades 2 & up.

Kids of All Ages

Family Game Night

Friday, 1/3 & Monday, 3/30 @ 4-6 pm

Looking for a way to keep your whole family entertained? Join us for an evening of board games, card games, and more! All ages.

LEGO Club

Mondays, 1/13, 2/10, 3/9 @ 4-5 pm

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

Love is Everywhere!

Friday, 2/7 @ 4-5 pm

Come celebrate the season of love with us as we share stories, crafts, and a special treat. All ages.

Family Art Night

Friday, 3/13 @ 4-5 pm

Unleash your creativity and spend quality time with family. We will provide a variety of supplies for you to create a masterpiece! All ages.

Jammin' in your Jammies

Friday, 3/27 @ 5-6 pm

Come in your most comfortable sleepwear to this very special storytime. We will read, sing, craft and even have a nighttime snack! All ages.

Kids & Parents Advisory Boards

Kids Advisory Board

Wednesday, 1/15 @ 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. Grades 1-6.

Parents Advisory Board

Wednesday, 1/15 @ 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.

Kids Winter Reading Program

Cozy up with good books this winter during our Kids Winter Reading Program. Sign-up at the Kids Crossing Desk starting on **Monday, December 16 and read through Saturday, February 29**. Children from birth through 5th grade are all welcome to participate, and there will be special activities for our littlest patrons. Challenge yourself to read, fill out reading logs, and be entered in our grand prize drawings!

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

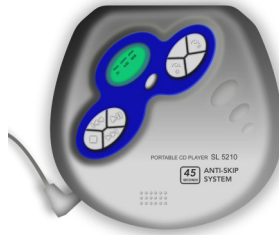
Early Literacy Kits Are Here!



Help the children in your life develop their little minds from the comfort of your home with an Early Literacy Kit. Librarians have selected educational materials such as books, puzzles and toys, and created some nifty themed kits. Topics cover ABCs, 123s, colors, trains and more. The kits are perfect for interactivity with young ones from birth - age 5, and the kits are loaned for two weeks. Pick up a kit from Kids Crossing to start your family's learning adventure today!

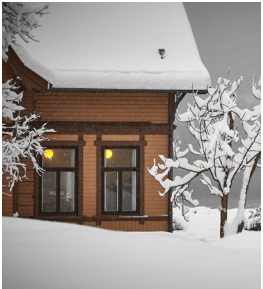
CD Player for Loan

Although the popularity of CDs has waned, your library still offers audiobooks



and music CDs, including current releases and classic titles, for all ages. Due to technology changing, we realize that your new vehicle or your household in general may not have a CD player. That's where your library comes in handy! A portable CD player can be borrowed for 4 weeks with your Franklin Park library card. Ask at the Kids Crossing Desk.

Snowed In? Our Digital Library is Open 24/7!



Don't let winter keep you away from your library! Your Franklin Park Library card offers access to a robust digital collection via our website. You'll

find ebooks, comics, audiobooks, music, movies and TV shows that you can stream or download. Need to research or study? There are tools to search for articles, practice for exams, learn a language or take an online class. View the full collection at fppld.org/digital while you stay warm and cozy at home.

CreativeBug Online Arts & Crafts Classes



Ignite your creative spark with CreativeBug, you'll find loads of high-quality arts and crafts tutorials, projects, and inspiration, all from renowned artists and designers. There are options for absolute beginners to advanced

makers. New videos are added every day on topics such as drawing, painting, journaling, baking, cooking, crochet, knitting, quilting, sewing, and kids crafts. Templates and patterns are available, too. Visit fppld.org/digital and choose "Creativebug" to sign-up and get crafting.

FRANKLIN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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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

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 - New Year's Day

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Frank Grieashamer, President
Joseph Reyes, Vice President
Michael Vallone, Treasurer
Kay Frey, Secretary
Jessica Krieter
Jeremy Mazur
Teresita Zaretsky

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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PHOTO/VIDEO POLICY:

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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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 will meet on
Saturdays, January 11, February 8, and March 14 at 9:30 am.

Winter Book Sale

Saturday, February 15 @ 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 fall book sale! The Friends are offering 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.

**Book
Sale!**