

The Signal



A Newsletter of the Franklin Park Public Library

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Limited Library Services Continue

The Library will continue with limited services for Fall 2020.

Library hours are Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, and closed Saturday and Sunday. We strive to keep our patrons and staff safe and healthy by following proper cleaning guidelines and quarantining returned materials.

We ask that you follow these guidelines during your visit:

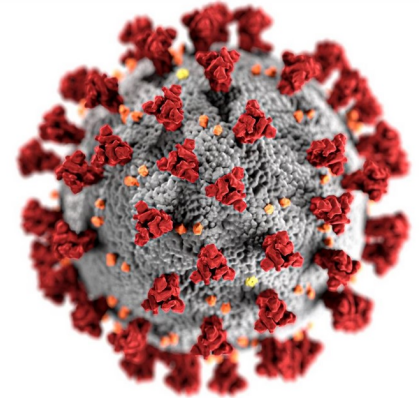
- Wear a mask or face covering over your mouth and nose
- Follow social distancing recommendations of 6 feet
- Keep your library visit brief. 25 people are allowed in the library at any one time
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or use hand sanitizer
- If you are feeling unwell, stay

home and utilize our digital services

The following services are available: browsing, checkouts, holds pickup, library card sign-up and renewal, restrooms, computer use of one hour per day, copying, scanning, faxing, printing, and curbside pickup by request.

The following services are unavailable: most seating, water fountains, in-person programs, meeting rooms, Local History room, iPads and toys. Staff will not be handling money, and no eating or drinking is allowed.

While we are happy to have you visit the Library, we reserve the right to refuse service if you do not comply with library policy



(including wearing a face mask) during this challenging time. Additionally, the Library is prepared for the possibility of going back a phase and closing if COVID-19 case numbers increase. Visit our website, fppld.org, for updates. Follow us on Facebook or sign up for our e-newsletter to stay informed: fppld.org/programming-eblast.

Summer Reading Challenge Wrap-Up



This year's Summer Reading Challenge was even more challenging than usual with the unexpected requirement of remaining socially distant. We thank all of you who participated in

our 9-week challenge and learned how to "Imagine Your Story" from home. The total number of minutes read this summer ended up at 118,030 for kids, teens, and adults.

We awarded grand prizes to lucky readers in all age groups. The grand prize winners were:

Kids Grand Prize Winners:

Age 0-4: **Adeline J.** - fairy-tale themed prize pack
Age 5-7: **Emma L.** - fairy-tale

themed prize pack

Age 8-11: **Adelen Y.** - fairy-tale themed prize pack

Teen Grand Prize Winners:

Annaliese T. - Wireless Earbuds
Andrea T. - \$25 gift card
Tucker N. - \$25 gift card

Adult Grand Prize Winners:

Jennifer J. - \$25 gift card
Lisa O. - \$25 gift card
Mercy B. - \$25 gift card
Suzanna P. - \$25 gift card

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 **Michelle Frigo** and **Joann Bosas**, our new Kids Crossing Librarians.

Michelle:

What is your job here at the library?

I am a Youth Services Librarian here at FPPL, with a focus on early childhood and school outreach.



How long have you worked at the library?

I have worked here since July 2020.

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

I love being able to do storytimes every Friday morning. It is so wonderful to get to know patrons and we have so much fun reading and singing, even if it is virtually.

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

I love to run in my spare time. I also enjoy reading, cooking, and hanging out with my family and friends.

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

My new favorite book, possibly my favorite of all time, is *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah and I definitely recommend adding it to your reading list! I have been watching the second season of *The Umbrella Academy* on Netflix, which I have really been enjoying.

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

I wish people knew more about our online digital collections and databases. We have so many helpful resources that could be very useful to parents and students during this time of remote learning.

Lightning-Round:

Favorite Book: *Throne of Glass* series by Sarah J. Maas

Favorite Movie: *Leap Year*

Favorite TV Show: *New Girl*

Favorite Song: "Annabelle Lee" by Sarah Jarosz

Favorite Album: *Graffiti U* by Keith Urban

Favorite Season: Spring

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving

Favorite Food: Popcorn

Favorite Color: Blue

Joann:

What is your job here at the library?

Youth Services Librarian

How long have you worked at the library?

2 months



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

Definitely the people. I enjoy seeing people come into the library and use our materials. I enjoy the people I work with and everyone has been so welcoming. They are always willing to answer any questions I have.

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

I enjoy reading books, especially fantasy and romance books. I also love to play video games. I'm a huge fan of Nintendo and play on my Switch constantly. I'm currently playing *Pokémon: Shield* as well as *Animal Crossing* and *Final Fantasy 7* (the original).

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

I recently watched all of *Avatar: the Last Airbender* and *Legend of Korra* (even though they came out a long time ago). Both are timeless and amazing. I'm currently reading *Throne of Glass* by Sarah J. Mass and *Red, White, & Royal Blue* by Casey McQuiston

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

I wish people knew about how much virtual programming we do. We offer take home crafts for all patrons no matter what their age. And while our in-person programs are limited, we do offer a great selection of live virtual programs as well.

Lightning-Round:

Favorite Book: *Harry Potter*

Favorite Movie: *Tangled*

Favorite TV Show: *Gravity Falls*

Favorite Song: "Hey Look Ma, I Made It" by Panic at the Disco

Favorite Album: *Wicked: The Musical* Soundtrack

Favorite Season: Spring

Favorite Holiday: Halloween

Favorite Food: Tacos

Favorite Color: Purple

ADULT PROGRAMS

Health & Wellness

Tuesdays' Mini-Meditation

*Tuesdays, October 6 - December 29
@ 2:30-3 pm*

Join us weekly for 30 minutes of guided meditation via conference call. Registration is required.

Tai Chi

*Mondays, October 6 & 20,
November 10 & 24, and December
8 & 15 @ 6-7 pm*

Tai Chi classes are back! Participate virtually through Zoom with Tom Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga in Riverside. Registration is required. We will send you a Zoom invitation by email before the program date.

Chair Yoga

*Mondays, October 12 & 26,
November 16 & 30, and December
14 & 28 @ 3-4 pm*

Chair Yoga classes are back! 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 before the program date.

Take-Home Kits

Crafty Scarecrow Take-Home Kit

*Monday, October 12 - Friday,
October 16*

Create your own mini-scarecrow to deck your fall halls! All supplies included: terra cotta pots, paint, bells, hay, and more. Limit 15. Registration is required.

For the Birds Take-Home Kit

*Monday, November 9 - Friday,
November 13*

Feed the birds with your very own hanging bird feeder, which you create! Included is a fall-shaped cookie cutter (which will be used as a mold). Limit 20. Registration is required. *Sign-up for this kit begins on Monday, October 12.*

Paint-by-Sticker Take-Home Kit

*Monday, November 16 - Friday,
November 20*

Relax and complete your very own picture paint-by-numbers style, but with stickers instead of paint! Limit 22. Registration is required. *Sign-up for this kit begins on Monday, October 12.*

Clothespin Snowflake Take-Home Kit

*Monday, December 7 - Friday,
December 11*

Craft your own glittering snowflake out of clothespins, paint, glue, ribbon and more! Limit 20. Registration is required. *Sign-up for this kit begins on Monday, November 9.*

Haunted Book Club



**Tuesday,
October 28
@ 7-8 pm**

Join us via Zoom in a discussion of *White is for Witching* by Helen Oyeyemi. If

you like horror stories with creepy twins or haunted houses, you are in luck, as this book has both! Copies will be available for checkout at the Circulation Desk at the end of September.

Adult Winter Reading Program

It might be cold and snowy outside, but you can keep warm with the library. The Adult Winter Reading Program runs from **Monday, December 14 through Friday, January 29**. Participation is easy! Register at the Info Desk and receive your sign-up packet. Want to participate from home? You can register and enter your reading progress on our website at fppld.org/wrp. 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 (limit one per person). Everyone who reads at least one book will also be entered into the drawing for the grand prize.



TEEN SQUARE

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are open to teens in grades 6-12. Register for programs at the Info Desk, by calling 847-455-6016 ext.229, or online at fppld.org/teens/programs.

Virtual Programs

Fright Night! (FPPLD Gamers)

Saturday, 10/24
@ 6:30-7:30 pm

We're playing spooky games tonight, gamers! Play or watch our streams as we try different scary games. Join our Discord through our homepage to coordinate with us and other game enthusiasts. See you there...if you dare! Grades 7-12.



Tabletop Gaming Club

Friday, 10/9 @ 6:30-7:30 pm
Saturday, 11/21 @ 3-4 pm
Saturday, 12/19 @ 3-4 pm

We're back board game fans: virtually! Sign up now to play board games with us online. We'll use various methods to play different board games together. Details will be on our web page. For teens & adults.

Haunted Library! Online Escape Room

Starts Friday, 10/23
Participate in our very first online Escape Room from home! Solve puzzles, find clues, and help us reach the truth behind the spooky events going



on at our Library. More details can be found on our website at fppld.org/teens/programs.

Pumpkin Patch

Monday, 10/26 -
Friday, 10/30

Visit the Kids

Crossing Pumpkin Patch during the week of Halloween and pick out a pumpkin and a decorating kit. Submit a photo of your creation online to enter a raffle for a local sweet treat! Open to all ages, while supplies last.



FPPLD Gamers (Video Game Club)

Saturdays, 11/7 & 12/12 @ 3-4 pm
We play and stream different video games every session. Smash Bros. Ultimate, Jack Box Games, and more! Join our Discord server to keep in touch with all of our gaming sessions. Connect with other players and give us feedback on what games to play for each session. Sign up on our web page. Grades 7-12.

Take-Home Kits

Graveyard Terrarium Take-Home Kit

Monday, 10/26
- Friday, 10/30

Create your own spooky graveyard with our take-home kit. All the supplies you'll need are included. Limit 20. Registration is required.



Marshmallow Snowman Take-Home Kit

Monday, 11/30 - Friday, 12/4

Design and eat your own marshmallow snowmen. Kit includes marshmallows, icing, candy, and more!

Limit 15. Registration is required. *Sign-up for this kit begins on Monday, 10/26.*



Knit & Crochet Take-Home Kit

Monday, 12/14 - Friday, 12/18

Interested in making your own home-made hats, scarves, and more? Sign up to take home our Knit and Crochet starter kit. We'll have everything you'll need to craft warm and soft knit projects. *Sign-up for this kit begins on Monday, 11/16.*

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 14 through Friday, January 29**. Participation is easy! Stop at the Info Desk and receive your sign-up packet. Want to participate from home? You can register and enter your reading progress on our website at fppld.org/wrp. 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 (limit one per person). Everyone who reads at least one book will also be entered into the drawing for the grand prize. Stay warm during these chilly months and read during our Winter Reading Program!



Registration is required for all programs. You can sign up in advance at the Kids Crossing Desk, by calling 847-455-6016 ext.236, or online at fppld.org/kids/programs.

KIDS CROSSING

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool

Storytime & Craft @ Home

Fridays, 10/2-11/20 @ 10-10:30 am

Join us live for stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft each week. The craft can be picked up at the Kids Crossing desk each week prior to the program. Register online and we will email you a Zoom link. Birth-K w/ caregiver.

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 14 and read through Friday, January 29**. Children from birth through 5th grade are all welcome to participate. Earn a prize for completing your first reading log and enter into the Grand Prize drawing!

Take-Home Craft & Activity Kits

Take some time away from your screens and complete a fun activity or craft! Stop by the Kids Crossing desk to pick up a different craft kit each week. We will have Grab-N-Go kits for children in grades K-5 and Tween Take-N-Make kits for kids in grades 4-6.

School Age

Columbus Day - DC Virtual Trivia Program

Monday, 10/12 @ 4-5 pm

Excited to see Wonder Woman this fall? Looking for something to do with your friends on Columbus Day? Join us live on Zoom to test your knowledge on all things DC. The winner will receive a prize! Register online and we will send you a Zoom link. Grades 3-5.

Halloween Party

Friday, 10/30 @ 4-5 pm

Join us on Zoom for a night of Spooky BINGO and scary stories. Stop by the Kids Crossing desk between Monday and Friday wearing your Halloween costume to pick up a bag of candy. Winners of Spooky BINGO will receive a prize. Grades K-5.



Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, 11/3 @ 4-5 pm

Looking for your next favorite book? Want to meet some new friends and talk about books? Join us live on Zoom where we will be reading Raina Telgemeier's *Smile*. Registration is required. A copy of the book will be provided. Grades 3-6.

Kids of All Ages

Hispanic Heritage Month

Tuesday, 9/15 - Thursday, 10/15

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by picking up a Grab-N-Go kit at the Kids Crossing desk! During this month, we will be making papel picado, maracas, mini-piñatas, and tissue paper flowers. Visit us on our YouTube channel to listen to a bilingual Storytime told by Miss Joann and Miss Laura.

Pumpkin Patch

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Visit the Kids Crossing Pumpkin Patch during the week of Halloween and pick out a pumpkin and a decorating kit.

Submit a photo of your creation online to enter a raffle for a local sweet treat! Open to all ages, while supplies last.



Free Online Tutoring



Studying will come easy with their flashcards and games. Check it out on our website at fppld.org/homework-help.

Looking for a tutor? Brainfuse HelpNow offers live free online tutoring from 2-11 pm for students in grades kindergarten through college. Tutoring is also available in Spanish! ¡Las tutorías está disponible en español! Students will also have the ability to collaborate and study privately together through Brainfuse "Meet" sessions.

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.

Library News

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Initiative



Kids Crossing offers its 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative on behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation. This initiative promotes the importance of early literacy in preparation for your child's schooling.

The goal is simple: read 1,000 books to your child before they

start kindergarten while creating life-long memories in the process. Re-reading books counts, and you don't have to read 1,000 different books, unless you wish to.

Pick up your starter packet at the Kids Crossing Desk. Packets include a reading log for your child's first 100 books and instructions. Check in at the Kids Crossing Desk after every 100 books read, and your child will receive a small prize. (You can also use the free 1000 Books app to track your child's progress.)

For more info, visit the Kids Crossing Desk, call 847-455-6016 ext. 260 or visit 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org

New to Our Digital Library



Visit our Digital Library (fppld.org/digital) to see the newly added resources. You'll find familiar product ratings and reviews from Consumer Reports magazine with the Consumer Reports collection. The Home Improvement Center and the Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center both offer plenty of projects, patterns and articles from fixing up your home to crafting up a storm. The Legal Reference Center has ebooks and how-to's about common legal topics. Use the Science, Literary, History or Points of View Reference Centers for your topical research needs. View the Consumer Health collection for factual articles, magazines, and more expert health information. Finally, check out the EBSCO ebooks collection for ebooks for all ages. Need help? Ask at the Info Desk or call 847-455-6016 ext. 229.

STEAM & Early Literacy Kits Return

The Library's STEAM and Early Literacy Kits are making a comeback this fall. At the start of the pandemic, circulation of our kits was suspended. Now we are ready to bring back these fun and educational resources to help supplement homeschooling and provide screen-free activity time.

Two kits can be checked out at a time per library card, and kits are loaned for two weeks. As a safety precaution, kits will be quarantined like other library items once returned. Right now, kits are take-home only, and may not be used in the library.

Visit Kids Crossing or browse online at fppld.org/kids/steam-kits

Check out our new



Stop by the Kids Crossing Department to browse our selection of kits or browse online at:

<https://www.fppld.org/kids/steam-kits/>

to see what kits are available. Ten new STEAM kits on topics such as music, weaving, math, dinosaurs, nutrition, chemistry, and robotics will be joining the collection this fall. Questions? Ask at the Kids Crossing Desk or call 847-455-6016 ext. 260.

AARP Program Seeks Volunteers

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide makes it easier for older and low-income taxpayers to file their tax returns and get the credits and deductions that they've earned. The Tax-Aide service is run completely by community volunteers. Volunteers provide free, in-person assistance in local neighborhoods, including at the Franklin Park Library, and receive training and IRS certification each year. Find out more and sign up to volunteer today at aarp.org/taxaide.



Library News

Building Damage Being Repaired

Repairs are being made to the library building after it was damaged by a van last fall. The exterior work is now complete, and painting, shelving installation, and other interior work is being started in the Kids Crossing area of the library. By this fall, the work should be complete and the Kids Crossing area restored to normal. The

relocation of the children's graphic novels and children's nonfiction collections will be the last step in the lengthy repair process. We are very much looking forward to having Kids Crossing fully opened up again for you to explore and enjoy!



Introducing Autorenewals



We are now offering autorenewals by default for the majority of our items.

How automatic renewals work:

- The majority of items will now renew automatically up to 2 times.
- Items on hold for other patrons cannot be renewed.
- Items belonging to "special" collections cannot be renewed.
- Items will be automatically renewed 2 days before the

original due date.

- An item renews for its borrowing period. For instance, if an item has a 2 week borrowing period, then it will be renewed for an additional 2 weeks.
- You will be notified by email when an autorenewal takes place.

Questions? Call the Info Desk at 847-455-6016, ext. 229, or email ask@fppld.org.

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HOURS OF SERVICE

Monday - Friday 10 am - 7 pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

UPCOMING CLOSINGS

Wednesday, November 25 @ 5:00 pm
Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27
Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
Friday, December 25 - Christmas
Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve
Friday, January 1, 2021 - New Year's 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:

The Library is currently not accepting donations. If you have books you wish to donate, you may still deposit them in the green Better World Books bin in the parking lot behind the building.

We are not accepting donations of any other materials at this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 again for the rest of 2020. Any announcements about upcoming meetings and Friends events can be found on our website at fppld.org/friends-of-the-library.