



The Signal



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READING COLORS Your WORLD.

The Summer Reading Challenge is well under way, but there's still time for you to participate! Summer Reading began on **Monday, June 7 and runs through Friday, July 30**. You can still sign-up and participate at the

Info Desk or Kids Crossing Desk or through our website at fppld.org/src. We have lots of exciting events and prizes this year for readers of all ages. Explore how "Reading Colors Your World" with us this summer!



Library Services Expanding

As Illinois reopens, the Library is restoring services and public areas but with modifications. Here's what's returning: tables and seating options, in-person programs, more public computers, increased computer time limits, our volunteering program, and homebound services. Due to room capacity limits and social distancing, programming will be a hybrid mix of take-home kits, online and in-person programs.

Meeting room reservations and our Book-a-Librarian service continue to remain unavailable at this time,

and services may be changing over the next few months. Visit fppld.org or call 847-455-6016 ext. 229 if you have any questions about what's available.

We are happy to have you visit the Library again, and are always interested in how we can serve you better than before. Please reach out at a service desk for a suggestion form or email suggestions@fppld.org with your feedback.

New & Coming Soon...

While the library building was closed, a new local history artifact corner was established, new library signage was hung up, the Friends Book Sale was relocated, and a number of collections (young adult fiction and nonfiction, adult biographies, adult Spanish, adult Polish, and adult graphic novels) were relocated to allow for interior adjustments.

There are even more changes coming. You will see new color photocopiers and public printers, a new space for teens, new furniture, new adult public computers, larger public computer monitors, and a new, more user-friendly library website. The library's website, fppld.org, will list updates, and we hope to share more in the next library newsletter.

Library Hours Are Changing

Our hours are changing. The new schedule will be:

Monday-Wednesday 10 AM - 9 PM
Thursday-Friday 10 AM - 7 PM

Saturday hours will be added on again as soon as possible. Visit fppld.org for updates or call 847-455-6016.

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 **Norma Mora**, our cleaning & maintenance person.

What is your job here at the library?

I'm in charge of cleaning the library and also do some maintenance work.

How long have you worked at the library?

2 ½ years

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

That I get to help people and also that I get to check out books to read.

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

I love to go out and take a walk in the forest preserve by my house or watch a movie.



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

I liked the movie *Greenland* and the Netflix series *The Crown*.

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

How hard the librarians work to provide them with all the new stuff and the programs they put together for them.

Lightning-Round:

Favorite Book: Don't have a favorite book, but I love Romance books.

Favorite Movie: *The Lovely Bones* and *I Am Legend*

Favorite TV Show: *Grey's Anatomy* and *911*

Favorite Song: "Rise" by Katy Perry

Favorite Album: *Hybrid Theory* by Linkin Park

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Color: Black and Dark Blue

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

Wright Brothers, Wrong Story

Thursday, 7/22 @ 7:00 PM

Join author William Hazelgrove as he deconstructs the Wright Brothers' myth of who created the first "flying machine." Revealing the differences in the Wright Brothers' personalities and abilities, and focusing on their early years of trial and error at Kitty Hawk, Hazelgrove reveals how Wilbur was the first to find success. Registration is required. You will be emailed the Zoom information the day before the program.

Bullet Journaling for Beginners

Thursday, 8/26 @ 6:00 PM

Want to try bullet journaling, but have become too intimidated by the museum-quality examples on Pinterest? Learn the basics of bullet journaling from Jez Laymen, including sample layouts and possible uses to find the right fit for you and remove some stress from your life with artful organization. Registration is required. You will be emailed the Zoom information the day before the program. The first 18 people to register for this program will receive a kit to help get them started with their bullet journaling.

The Essential Great Chicago Fire

Tuesday, 9/21 @ 7:00 PM

2021 marks the 150th Anniversary of the fire! It started in a barn and, two days of flaming hell later, nearly destroyed a city. In The Essential Great Chicago Fire, William Pack weaves together technical details of the fire with vivid firsthand accounts from those who lived through the conflagration of 1871, bringing alive all the excitement and terror in a multimedia storytelling event that will not soon be forgotten. Registration is required. You will be emailed the Zoom information the day before the program.

Health & Wellness

Tai Chi

Tuesdays, 7/6, 7/20, 8/3, 8/17, 8/31, 9/21 @ 6-7 PM

Tai chi is a type of low-impact, weight-bearing, and aerobic – yet relaxing – exercise. People of almost any age or condition can learn it. 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, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 9/13, 9/27 @ 3-4 PM

Chair Yoga classes are wonderful movement opportunities for any adult with limited mobility who wants to increase and maintain flexibility. 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 Crafters

Thursdays, 7/1-7/29 & 9/2-9/30 @ 4-5 PM

Do you like to crochet or knit? Are you into painting, drawing, or coloring? Crafters of any kind can join us for a weekly meet-up to talk about what craft projects we're working on and show off our crafty skills. We will meet both virtually on Zoom and in-person at the Library. This group is open to all ages. Registration is required. There is a strict limit of 14 people for our in-person meetings. We will email you a Zoom invitation the day before each meeting date.

Take-Home Kits

NOTE: Our kits are available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last. Registration is not required. To ensure you receive your kit, make sure to pick it up as early as possible in the week that it is available.

Galaxy Jar Take-Home Kit

Monday, 7/12 - Friday, 7/16

Hold the galaxy in your hands with your very own galaxy jar! Pick up your kit to create this fun and colorful craft that's also a perfect sensory bottle or calm-down jar.

2021 The Kindness Rocks Project™

Monday, 7/12 - Friday, 7/16

Help spread kindness to others with The Kindness Rocks Project™. Pick up a kit and paint a rock at home. Give your decorated kindness rocks away to lift someone's spirits. All Ages.

Sticker-by-Number Take-Home Kit

Monday, 8/9 - Friday, 8/13

Relax and complete your very own picture paint-by-numbers style, but with stickers instead of paint! Pick up your kit and create your own nature-themed piece of artwork.

DIY Firestarter Take-Home Kit

Monday, 8/16 - Friday, 8/20

With just a few simple items, you can make a helpful tool to start your next campfire. Pick up your kit

and use it just in time for bonfire season!

Clothespin Picture Holders Take-Home Kit

Monday, 9/13 - Friday, 9/17

Looking for a decorative way to display pictures or notes on your refrigerator or filing cabinet? Pick up your kit and make your own set of lovely (and easy) picture holders out of clothespins and tissue paper.

DIY with Dairy: Ice Cream Kit

Monday, 9/13 - Friday, 9/17

Learn how to make your own food products! Pick up your take-home kit to make delicious homemade ice cream. Find out more about the in-person program related to this kit on the Teen Services page.

DIY with Dairy: Butter Kit

Monday, 9/20 - Friday, 9/24

Learn how to make your own food products! Pick up your take-home kit to start making savory butter at home. Find out more about the in-person program related to this kit on the Teen Services page.

For Parents

Homeschool Connections

Wednesdays, 7/21, 8/25, 9/22 @ 4-5 PM

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TEEN SERVICES

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

Virtual & In-Person Programs



and available for anyone to take at the Library. All Ages.

Minecraft Meet-Up (Java Edition)

*Monday, 7/12 & Friday, 8/13
@ 2:30-3:30 PM*

Join us virtually and play Minecraft with other game enthusiasts. We will be playing the Java edition on these program dates. Java Edition has cross-platform play between PC, Linux, and Mac only (players must be on the same game version).

Minecraft Meet-up (Bedrock Edition)

*Monday, 7/19 & Thursday, 8/12
@ 2:30-3:30 PM*

Join us virtually and play Minecraft with other game enthusiasts. We will be playing the Bedrock edition on these program dates. Bedrock edition has cross-platform play between Xbox One, Xbox Series X|S, PS4, PS5, Nintendo Switch, Android, iPhone, iPad, and Windows only (players must be on the same game version).



Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament (2021)

*Friday, 7/23
@ 1-5 PM*

Our annual Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament is here! Chicago Gaming League returns to host this highly anticipated event. Come to the Library to play with friends and



interact with other gaming fans. Prizes will be awarded! More information will be posted on our website. Sign-ups are limited.



Cartoons & Color

Saturday, 7/31 @ 3-4 PM

Draw fun cartoons with your fellow librarians on Zoom. Doodle and chat with us as we sketch and color characters together. Sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge to pick up some basic art supplies. All skill levels are welcome.

DIY with Dairy: Ice Cream

Wednesday, 9/15 @ TBD

Learn how to make your own food products! Stop by the Library to make ice cream with us. We'll provide extra toppings for you to customize your treat. Check on our website for program updates and a scheduled time.

DIY with Dairy: Butter

Wednesday, 9/22 @ TBD

Learn how to make your own food products! Stop by the Library to make customizable butter. Check on our website for program updates and a scheduled time.



Dungeons & Dragons

*Friday, 8/6 & Saturday, 9/4
@ 3-4 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.

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Friday, 7/16 @ 2-3 PM

Spread a little joy to others with The Kindness Rocks Project™. Join us to paint a kindness rock at the Library or pick up a kit from July 12th – July 16th and make one at home. Give your decorated kindness rocks away to lift someone's spirits. Finished kindness rocks will be displayed

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Survival Paracord Bracelet Kit:

Make 1 Donate 1

Monday, 6/14 - Friday, 7/30

Learn how to make this life-saving tool that doubles as a beautifully woven bracelet. You'll get supplies to make your own bracelet and to make another bracelet to be donated to Operation Gratitude. Your donation will go to troop care packages and first responder and recruit care pouches.

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Anime Club (*Demon Slayer*) Kit

Monday, 8/9 - Friday, 8/13

This anime theme will be on the hit series *Demon Slayer*. Take home and paint your own Kitsune mask. Kitsune masks are worn during Japanese festivals for fun.

Arnold Palmer Iced Tea Kit

Monday, 8/23 - Friday, 8/27

Enjoy a refreshing iced tea recipe that's easy to make. Feel free to

customize your own personal Arnold Palmer and tell us all about it!

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KIDS CROSSING

Take-Home Craft & Activity Kits

Take some time away from your screens and complete a fun activity or craft! 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. We will also have weekly Storytime @ Home crafts kits for children ages 0-5. **NOTE:** Our kits are available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last. Registration is not 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

Sunrise Storytime

*Fridays, 7/9-7/30 & 9/3-9/24
@ 10-10:30 AM*

Start your morning off at the library with a fun storytime full of stories & songs! Ages 0-5 w/ caregiver.



School Age

Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesdays, 7/27 & 9/28 @ 4-5 PM

Want to meet some new friends and talk about books? Join us on Zoom to talk about a different graphic novel each session. Sign-up is required. Grades 3-6.

Gummy Bear Ice Pops Kit

Monday, 7/26 - Friday, 7/30

There are only two simple ingredients to these gummy bear ice pops, but they are nothing short of tasty, refreshing, and beautiful to look at! Grades K-6.

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Kids of All Ages

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Color-Changing Lemonade Kit

Monday, 6/28 - Friday, 7/2

This recipe could very well be called a science experiment, too. Because butterfly pea flower tea is PH-sensitive, it changes from a beautiful blue to a gorgeous pink/purple hue when you add an acid such as lemonade. The best part is it tastes just as good as it looks!

Messy Storytime II

Friday, 7/2 @ 4-5 PM

Come to the library for colorful stories and songs and messy art. Celebrate "Reading Colors Your World" as well the lives of our good friends Eric Carle and Lois Ehlert, children's book authors/illustrators! We will be reading and singing color-filled songs and creating a beautiful collage. This is a family program. Limit 10 families. Sign-up is required.

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Giant Bubble Bash

Wednesday, 7/14 @ 3-4 PM

Build your own giant bubble wand and create and play with giant bubbles on the library lawn! Create bubble art and hear bubble stories and songs! Limit 25. Sign-up is required. Rain date: Tuesday, 7/20.

Color Your Library Bookend Event

Friday, 7/23 @ 4-5 PM

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with us! Join us outside and spend some time coloring and designing the library's bookends. Design two and you'll be able to take one home and leave the other with us to display somewhere in the library. Sign-up is required. Limited slots are available.

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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are encouraged to sign up and log 1000 books before entering kindergarten and win a t-shirt! Earn a small stuffed animal for logging 500 books and small prizes and stickers for every other level. Visit us in Kids Crossing or at fppld.org/1000books to sign up and learn more.

Library News

Fine Free @ The Library!

The Franklin Park Library is undergoing a four-month-long Fine Free trial. Beginning on June 1st, the Library will no longer charge patrons overdue fines for most items.

- Each item checked out will still have a due date and you are still responsible for honoring that due date. Returning items on time allows your neighbors access to those items sooner.
- Specialty items including Wifi Hotspots, Rokus, and VHS Converter Kits will continue to accumulate overdue fines, if not returned before the due date.
- If an item reaches 14 days overdue, your library account

will be blocked.

- After an item is 42 days overdue, that item will be considered lost and you will be charged the replacement fee.

While fines are going away during this trial period, fees are still charged. As before:

- If you damage or lose an item, you will be charged a replacement fee.
- If you check out items at another library, you follow that library's rules including paying fines.

The Fine Free trial will last through September.

Receiving Library Notifications

Did you know you can receive notifications for hold pickups, overdue notices, and billing notices through text messages, email, or automated calls? You can also receive printed notices by mail for overdue and billing notices. The choice is yours to make! If you prefer to receive printed forms, a staff member will call you when your holds become available to pick up.

Stop by the Circulation Desk or call 847-455-6016 ext. 230 to set up your notification preferences and make sure your contact information is up to date.



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Thursday - Friday 10 AM - 7 PM
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

UPCOMING CLOSINGS

Monday, July 5 - Independence Day
Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

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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 once a month. Visit our page on the Library's website for

announcements about upcoming meetings and events at fppld.org/friends-of-the-library.

Book Sale is Open for Business

The Friends of the Library's on-going book sale is open again and in a new location near the magazines section of the Library. The Book Sale runs year-round during library hours. You'll find a varying selection of fiction and nonfiction books for all ages, DVDs, audiobooks, or music CDs, depending on availability.

If you wish to buy an item, place cash or coins in the black lock box to the left of the shelving. Items on sale change frequently, so check back each week to see what's new!