



The Signal



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"Reading is So Sweet!"

2022 Winter Reading Challenge

Monday, January 10 - Friday, February 25, 2022

Discover how sweet reading is with our Winter Reading Challenge. Kids, teens, and adults are invited to read and be rewarded. Sign-up starting on Monday, January 10. Fill out your reading log and read as much as you like; books, audiobooks, magazines, ebooks and e-audiobooks all count. Check-in with your reading log along the way for

incentives at our service desks or participate online at fppld.org/wrp. If you complete a reading log before Friday, February 25, you'll earn a completion prize and an entry for the grand prize drawing. Sweeten up your winter by reading and joining the Winter Reading Challenge 2022.

Book-A-Librarian Program Resumes in 2022

Our Book-A-Librarian program resumes in 2022 for adults in need of basic technology training. All participants are required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccinations and must be correctly wearing a mask at all times. These free, one-on-one appointments run up to 45 minutes, and librarians offer basic help with:

- Creating and editing a resume,
- Applying for jobs online,
- Setting up and using email,
- Using Microsoft Office and other productivity software,
- Borrowing eBooks and other electronic media,
- Learning how to use your laptop as well as other personal devices,
- And much more.

Due to the evolving nature of the pandemic, the Library reserves the right to suspend or modify the program without notice. If you are ill, we ask that you reschedule your session. If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment, call 847-455-6016 or stop by the Info Desk.

Book-a-Librarian

AARP Tax-Aide Program Returns

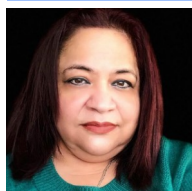
After a brief hiatus due to COVID-19, volunteers from the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program return in 2022 to prepare income taxes for our community. A limited number of appointments will be available on Thursday mornings beginning on February 10 and running through April 7. **To make your appointment, call or visit the Info Desk starting on Monday, January 17.** 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.



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



Local Author Visit: Pascuala Herrera

Wednesday, 1/19
@ 5-6:45 PM

Come hear

motivational speaker and award-winning local author Pascuala Herrera's inspirational presentation about disability, Latinx issues, overcoming insurmountable odds, and finding life's purpose. Book sales and a book signing will follow the program.

Herrera, an immigrant from La Purisima, Mexico and now a Franklin Park resident, is an educator, national presenter, and motivational speaker. She is the 2021 winner of De la Página a la Fama, a contest from the Soon To Be Famous Illinois Author Project. Her book, *Life is Not Always a Valley of Tears: A Memoir of a Life Well Lived*, was released in 2021.

As a Latina woman with a

disability, Herrera inspires and motivates others in working towards their aspirations despite any challenges they face. For more information, visit Herrera's website (pascualaherrera.com) and the Soon to Be Famous Author Project's website (soontobefamous.info).



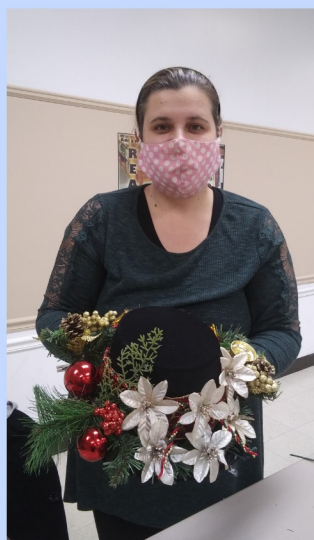
Make Mine a Mocktail!

Wednesday, 3/9 @ 6:30-7:30 PM

Enjoy some delicious adult beverages without the drawbacks of alcohol! We will demonstrate how to make 3 tasty mocktails, then send you home with samples and recipes. For adults. Limit 20. Registration is required.

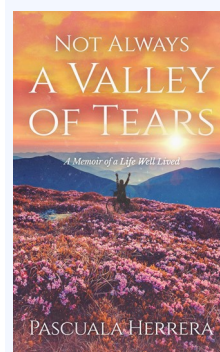


2021 in Pictures ...



Popular Page Turners Book Club

Join us each month for an evening of engaging conversation discussing books in our favorite genres and areas of interest. Copies of the book can be checked out at the Circulation Desk a month before the meeting date. This is a hybrid program. Registration is required.



Wednesday, 1/19
@ 7-8 PM

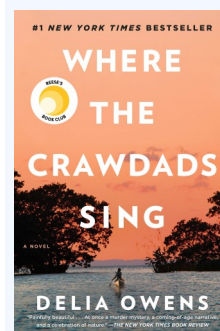
Not Always a Valley of Tears: A Memoir of a Life Well Lived
by Pascuala Herrera

Wednesday, 2/16
@ 6-8PM

Like Water for Chocolate
by Laura Esquivel



For this book club meeting we will meet at 6 PM and view the movie of the same title.



Wednesday, 3/16
@ 7-8 PM

Where the Crawdads Sing
by Delia Owens

Information about current and future book club titles & dates can be found on our website at fppld.org/adults/programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Health & Wellness

Tai Chi

Tuesdays, 1/4, 1/18, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22 @ 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, 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 3/7, 3/28 @ 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.

Take-Home Kits

NOTE: Our kits are available on a first come, first served 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.

Simple Cross Stitch Kit

Monday, 1/17 – Saturday, 1/22

Have you always wanted to try your hand at cross stitch but didn't know how to start? Give our simple cross stitch kit a try! It includes everything you need to create a fun and seasonal cross stitch creation.

Knit & Crochet Group

Saturdays, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12 @ 1-3 PM

New members are always welcome! Join fellow crafters from every skill level. Learn tips and tricks and share projects you're creating.

Library Quilt & Sew Club

Wednesdays, 1/12, 2/2, 3/2 @ 10 AM - 12 PM

Join us for casual discussion about quilting & sewing, and showing completed projects. We embrace all quilting and sewing skills.

Take-Home Kits for February & March will be announced on our website at www.fppld.org/adults/programs. Make sure to check our website frequently for additional programs, kits, and library updates!

Adult Craft Programs

Valentine Earrings Craft

Tuesday, 2/15 @ 3-4 PM – OR – 7-8 PM

Create a special Valentine for yourself, or give them to someone you love, when you make your own special pair of Valentine-inspired earrings. Limit 20 per session. Registration is required.

Sharpie Mug Craft

Tuesday, 3/22 @ 3-4 PM – OR – 7-8 PM

Create a one-of-a-kind coffee mug for yourself using special Sharpie markers. Limit 20 per session. Registration is required.

Adult Crafternoons

Wednesdays, 2/23 & 3/30 @ 3-4 PM

Are you an adult looking to get creative? Channel your creativity into a fun arts and crafts project! We will meet once a month to work on an easy project. All supplies will be provided. Please dress to get messy. Limit 20. Registration is required.

TEEN ZONE

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

FPPLDGamers

Thursday, 1/6 @ 4:30-6 PM

Join our videogame/gaming club and play with other enthusiasts in person or virtually. We play *Super Smash Bros*, *Jack Box* games, *Among us*, and more. Join our Discord server for virtual meet-ups and to keep in touch with other local gamers. Grades 3-12.

Pokemon Fan Club

Fridays, 1/14 & 2/18 @ 4:30-6 PM

Calling all Pokemon fans! Play all things Pokemon with us including *Pokemon* cards, *Pokemon Go*, *Pokemon* video games, and even *Pokemon* Trivia contests. Grades 3-12.

Spice Up Your Ramen!

Friday, 1/28 @ 5-6 PM

It's time to get creative in cooking! Craft your own delicious and

unique ramen to take home. Learn different ways to upgrade your meal.

Creative Cocoa & Coffee

Friday, 2/4 @ 4:30-6 PM

Customize your own signature beverage. We'll have different ingredients for you to use to make your own one-of-a-kind hot beverage.

Perler Bead it!

Friday, 2/25 @ 4:30-6 PM

Create different perler bead designs. We'll provide different perler bead colors and tools to help you get started.

Mini Game Mayhem

Friday, 3/4 @ 5-6 PM

Challenge yourself and participate in playing simple mini games with others. We'll have different easy

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Take-Home Kits will be announced on our website at www.fppld.org/teens/programs. Make sure to check our website frequently for additional programs, kits, and library updates!

mini games to play with a small tournament.

Anime Club

Friday, 3/11 @ 5-6 PM

Calling all anime fans! Discuss anime and manga with us. We'll watch anime episodes and have activities to do at each meet-up.

2021 in Pictures ...



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 all ages every two weeks. Find more information about kits at fppld.org/kids/programs. **NOTE:** Our kits are available on a first come, first served 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(s) that it is available.

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays, 1/29, 2/26, 3/26

@ 10:30-11 AM

Turn off the Saturday morning cartoons and power up with an enriching storytime at the library.

Ages 0-5 with a caregiver.



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Sunrise Storytime

Fridays, 2/4-3/25 @ 10:15-10:45 AM

Join us for stories, songs, and friends every Friday morning in the library. Ages 0-3 with caregiver.

Lil' Dinosaurs Storytime

Fridays, 2/4-3/25 @ 11-11:30 AM

Join us for stories, songs, playtime and new friends. Ages 3-5 with caregiver.



PJ Storytime

Tuesdays, 2/1, 3/1, 3/29 @ 6:30-7 PM

Get cozy, pop on your pajamas and come down to the Franklin Park Library for an evening storytime. PJ's, blankets, and teddy bears are encouraged but not

School Age

Mighty Monarch Club

Wednesdays, 1/12 & 2/9 and Thursday, 3/17 @ 5-6 PM

Calling all early elementary students! Join us for fun activities and discussions as we look at the Monarch Book Award nominees. The Monarch is an Illinois book award where the winner is chosen by kids just like YOU. Grades K-2.

Bon Appetit!

Mondays, 2/14 & 3/7 @ 5-6:30 PM

Travel around the world without leaving the library. Make both new and familiar recipes, guaranteed to take you on an unforgettable culinary adventure. Registration is required. Grades 3-6.

Kids Advisory Board

Friday, 2/11 @ 4:30-5:30 PM

Let your voice be heard! Share ideas with us so we can

work together to make your library even better. A take-home snack will be provided. Grades 2-6.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, 2/22 @ 4:30-5:30 PM

Want to meet some new friends and talk about books? Join us to talk about a different graphic novel each session. Sign-up is required. A copy of the book will be provided. Grades 3-6.



Slime Squad

Monday, 3/21 @ 5-6 PM

Join the squad for an ooey-goey fun time. You can't go wrong with a bit of slime. Registration is required. Grades 3-5. Limit 20.

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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 child is attending a program, please remain inside the building until the program is finished. Thank you.

KIDS CROSSING

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Kids of All Ages



Maker Mania

Wednesdays, 1/5, 2/2, 3/23 @ 5-6:30 PM
Join us for a night of painting or drawing or sculpting, oh my! Come to the library and uncover the artist within you. Family program. Registration is required.

Saturday Games

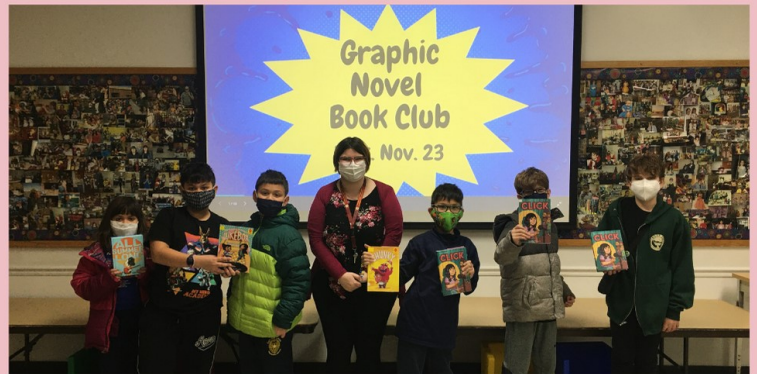
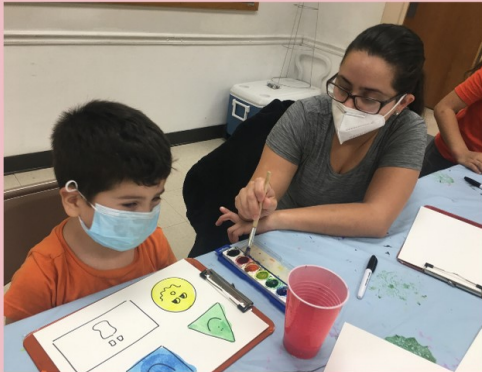
Saturdays, 1/8-3/26 @ 1-3 PM
Stop by the library to play board games with friends.

Monday Fundays

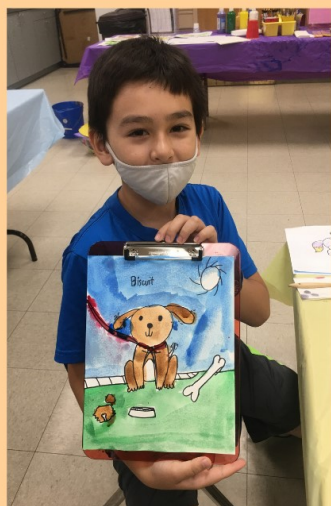
Mondays, 1/17-3/28 @ 6-7:30 PM
Drop-in to Kids Crossing every Monday evening for a rotation of board games, chess, Lego building, and movie nights. Check the program calendar on the website at fppld.org/kids/programs for the schedule, movie listings, and age restrictions.



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HOURS OF SERVICE

Monday-Wednesday	10 AM - 9 PM
Thursday-Friday	10 AM - 7 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 4 PM
Sunday	CLOSED

UPCOMING CLOSINGS

New Year's - Friday, December 31 & Saturday, January 1, 2022

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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.

★ **THANK YOU!** ★

Thank you to everyone in the community who donated glass jars to the Library. The jars were used in take-home kits and for craft

programs. We have plenty of jars still left, so we ask that everyone please cease with donating them at this time. Thank you!



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Due to fluctuating COVID-19 numbers and changing guidance from state and local authorities, all information in this newsletter is subject to change with little to no notice. For up-to-date information, visit our website at fppld.org or call us at 847-455-6016.

Friends of the Library



Friends of the
Franklin Park Library

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

The next meetings of the Friends of the Franklin Park Library are: **Saturdays, 1/22, 2/26, and 3/26 at 10:30 AM.** New members are always welcome.

Visit our page on the Library's website for announcements about upcoming meetings and events at fppld.org/friends-of-the-library.

Weekly Home Delivery from Your Library

Unable to get to the Library due to illness or disability?

Consider our Homebound Service, where a librarian brings items weekly to your home. For eligibility and more info, contact Marcin Wrobel at 847-455-6016, ext. 234 or email mwrobel@fppld.org.

