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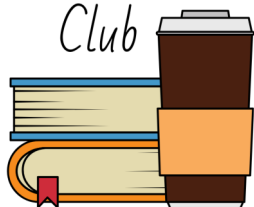
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Book Club Resources for You

Book Club



When you finish a book, do you want to discuss it with your friends and family? If so, you are a great candidate for a book club! Your Library has lots of resources for all kinds of book clubs and readers.

The Library currently has two book clubs to unite readers in our community. Our Graphic Novel Book Club is for kids in grades 3-6 and meets most months. There's also a new monthly book club for adults, Popular Page Turners, starting this fall. More information about these can be found on our adult (pg. 2-3) and kids (pg. 5-6) program pages in this newsletter. In 2022, we will be launching another book club for adults with a focus on nonfiction titles. Look for

more information about this club in the new year.

If you're looking to start your own book club or for book club resources, your Library has you covered! Beginning next year, we will offer book club bundles for check out. Bundles will include several paperback copies of the book and discussion questions or ideas. Our digital collections like Libby (OverDrive), axis360 (eReadIllinois), and hoopla also provide digital copies of some titles that you can read as ebooks or listen to as audiobooks on your eReader, tablet, phone, or computer. Find out more about our digital collections at fppld.org/digital.

Need further book club assistance? Librarians are ready to help at the Info Desk and the Kids Crossing Desk.

Stream Movies and More with Kanopy

Kanopy, the Library's new streaming video collection, has nearly 30,000 movies and other videos that inspire, educate, and entertain. Register for an account with your Franklin Park library card and you can stream 5 items each month. Kanopy's unique selection offers something for everyone: award winning indie films, important and timely documentaries, foreign films, popular cinema, children's shows and more.



Many of Kanopy's videos are not available on Netflix or any other streaming video platform, and the experience is easy-to-use and completely advertisement free. More videos are being added all the time. To sign up, visit fppld.kanopy.com.

Research Your Roots

Satisfy your curiosity about your heritage with genealogy tools that the pros use: Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest. These resources are stocked with billions of records, like census data, city directories, cemeteries, wills and probates, and immigration information.

Ancestry is normally available in-library only, however, remote access is extended to 12/31/2021.



Heritage Quest is always available for remote access.

As you prepare to research, make a list of relatives with details you know – birth and death dates, places where they lived, companies they worked for, military service, etc. That information will give you

starting points for your research and you'll add more details as your research progresses.

Genealogy is growing in popularity for a reason: it's fun, fascinating, and you can get started in your own neighborhood. Visit fppld.org/digital under the "Research" heading to start the search for your ancestors now.

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

A Killer Among Us: Serial Killers, Monsters, Creeps, and Weirdos in Our Town

Tuesday, 10/5 & Thursday, 10/7 @ 7-8 PM

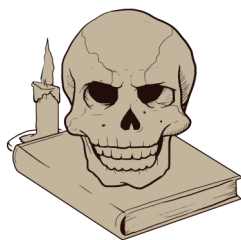
The largely American creature, the Serial Killer, has deep roots in Chicago. Come explore with Chicago historian and radio personality Clarence Goodman! This two-part event will be held live on Zoom. Registration is required. You will receive an email with the Zoom information the day before the program.

Halloween/Day of the Dead Earring Craft

Tuesday, 10/19

@ 3-4 PM – OR – 7-8 PM

Celebrate Halloween/Day of the Dead with your own beautiful holiday-inspired jewelry. Join us to make a pair of skull bead and tassel drop earrings. Limit 20 per session. Registration is required.



Author in the Spotlight: Chris Bohjalian

Wednesday, 10/27

@ 6:30-8 PM

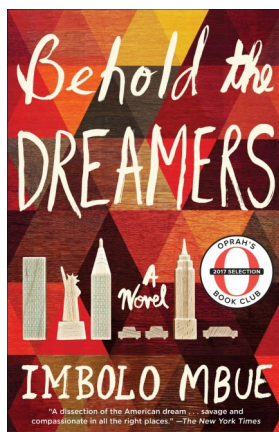
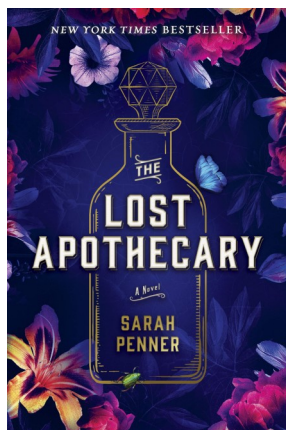
Author Chris Bohjalian, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of 22 books adapted into three movies and a TV series, will speak in this live virtual event about his newest release *The Hour of the Witch*. This event will be held live on Zoom. Registration is required.

Book Club



Popular Page Turners

Join us each month to discuss popular titles. Books are chosen from popular book club lists. Copies of the book can be checked out at the Circulation Desk a month before the meeting date. This will be a hybrid program: in person and on Zoom. Registration is required.



Tuesday, 10/26 @ 7-8 PM

The Lost Apothecary
by Sarah Penner

Tuesday, 11/16 @ 7-8 PM

Behold the Dreamers
by Imbolo Mbue

Tuesday, 12/14 @ 7-8 PM

The Christmas Cookie Club
by Ann Pearlman

Health & Wellness

Tai Chi

Tuesdays, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 12/7, 12/28 @ 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, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, 12/27 @ 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.

For Parents

Homeschool Connections

Wednesday, 11/17 @ 4-5 PM

Are you thinking about homeschooling? Did you start homeschooling and want to connect with other parents? Come join our Homeschool Connection group to learn about resources and discuss with other parents to help you on your homeschooling journey.

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.

Halloween Luminary Jar Kit

Monday, 10/11 - Friday, 10/15

Create your own spooky Halloween decoration with our take-home kit. We'll supply you with everything you need to make a magical and fun luminary at home.

Fall Picture Holder Kit

Monday, 11/15 - Friday, 11/19

Make a beautiful fall craft with our take-home kit. We give you

everything you need to create a seasonally-themed decoration that doubles as a picture holder.

Ugly Holiday Sweater Ornaments Kit

Monday, 12/13 - Friday, 12/17

Don't you want to hang some adorable mini ugly holiday sweaters on your tree this year? Our take-home kit contains everything you need to make these fun and festive decorations.



Franklin Park Crafters

*** New Day & Time ***

Wednesdays, 10/6 - 11/17 & 12/1 - 12/15 @ 5-7 PM

Wednesdays, 12/22 & 12/29 @ 3-7 PM

Calling all crafters! 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.

Virtual & In-Person Programs

Anime Club

Friday, 10/1 & Monday, 11/22
@ 3:30-4:45 PM

Drop in and meet fellow Anime fans! Talk about your favorite Anime, Manga, and play a few fun games. We'll watch shows on the projector and draw various Anime characters.

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Perler Bead It!

Thursdays, 10/7 & 11/4
@ 3-4:30 PM

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

Knights of the Square Table (Chess Club)

Thursday, 10/14 @ 5-6:45 PM
Queen's gambit, anyone? Join us for some lighthearted chess competition and instruction, if needed. Guaranteed to not be a stale(mate) evening! Grades 3 & up.

Young Adult Library Leaders (YALL)

Monday, 10/18 @ 3:30-4:30 PM
We're looking for Young Adult Library Leaders in our community. Voice your ideas on how we can better serve you. Help create exciting programs, events, and more!



Haunted Gaming Night (FPPLDGamers)

Friday, 10/22
@ 3:30-5:30 PM
Are you ready to play some bone-chilling games? Join our

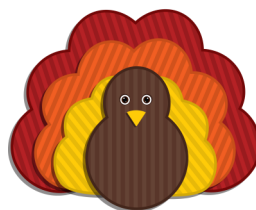
Halloween-themed gaming night! We'll bring out our scary video games and board games for you to enjoy. More information will be posted on our website.

String Things

Thursday, 11/11 @ 4-6 PM
Get ready for the chilly months by finger knitting a fun and colorful scarf. Limit 15. Grades 3 & up.

FPPLDGamers

Thursday 11/18 @ 3:30-5:30 PM
Play games with other gaming enthusiasts at your library. We play *Super Smash Bros*, *Jack Box Games*, *Among Us*, and more. Popular board games such as *King of Tokyo*, *Coup*, and *Betrayal at House on the Hill* are also available. Join our Discord Server to coordinate when we play in person and virtually.



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 get your kit, make sure to pick it up as early as possible in the week that it is available.

Head in a Jar Kit

Monday, 10/4 - Friday, 10/8
This spooky decoration is sure to cause a fright! Create your own head illusion stuffed in a jar. Visit our website for information on how to participate.

Autumn Themed Candle Holder Kit

Monday, 11/8 - Friday, 11/12
Create your own simple and decorative leaf candle holder. We'll provide you with the materials to make at home.

Sock Snow Babies Kit

Monday, 12/6 - Friday, 12/10
Make a soft and adorable snow baby decoration. This take home kit will warm anyone's heart.



Gundam Group

Friday, 11/19 @ 4-6 PM
Sign up to build an awesome Gunpla model kit! Build your own model kit and start enjoying this fun hobby with us. We'll be building the popular Nu Gundam SD from *Char's Counterattack*. Registration is required as spaces are limited.

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! 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 bi-weekly Preschool Craft kits for children ages 0-5. 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

Sunrise Storytime

*Fridays, 10/1-11/19; 12/3-12/17
@ 10:30-11 AM*

Join us for stories, songs, and fun every Friday morning at the library! Ages 0-5 with caregiver.



PJ Storytime

Tuesdays, 11/2 & 12/7 @ 6:30-7:30 PM

Get cozy, pop on your pajamas and come down to the Franklin Park Library for an evening storytime! Pajamas are encouraged but definitely not required. Limit 20. Ages 0-5 with caregiver.

School Age

Fiesta Friday: Alebrijes

Friday, 9/24 @ 4-5 PM

Learn about these brightly colored Mexican fantastical sculptures seen in the movie *Coco* and make your own! Limit 15. Grades K-6.

Fiesta Friday: Piñatas

Friday, 10/8 @ 4-5 PM

Learn about the history of piñatas and make your own for Hispanic Heritage Month! Limit 15. Grades K-6.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesdays, 10/12 & 11/23 @ 4-5 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.

Knights of the Square Table (Chess Club)

Thursday, 10/14 @ 5-6:45 PM

Queen's gambit, anyone? Join us for some lighthearted chess competition and instruction, if needed. Guaranteed to not be a stale(mate) evening! Grades 3 & up.

Fiesta Friday: Sugar Skulls

Friday 10/15 @ 4-5 PM

Learn about the history of sugar skulls and make your own for Hispanic Heritage Month! Limit 15. Grades K-6.

Tubular Tweens

Fridays, 10/22, 11/12, 12/3 @ 4-5 PM

Hang out with your friends while crafting, gaming, and exploring! Grades 3-6.

Haunted House Scavenger Hunt

Friday, 10/29 @ 3-5 PM

Join us for a spooky night of frights! Come play in our haunted house and complete a scavenger hunt for a Halloween-themed prize. Grades K & up.

Kids Advisory Board

Friday, 11/5 @ 4-5 PM

Let your voice be heard! Share your ideas with us so we can work together to make your library even better. A take-home snack will be provided. Grades 2-6.

String Things

Thursday, 11/11 @ 4-6 PM

Get ready for the chilly months by finger knitting a fun and colorful scarf. Limit 15. Grades 3 & up and families.

Cookies and Canvas

Thursday, 12/9 @ 5-6:30 PM

Paint-a-long a winter-themed artwork and enjoy a sweet treat. Grades 5 & up and families.



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Kids of All Ages

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Life-Size Candyland

Friday, 12/17 @ 3-5 PM

Celebrate the holidays with a nice game of Candyland! Come play a life-size version of the classic candy-themed board game.



Game On!

Tuesday, 12/28 @ 2-4 PM

Get your "game on" with games galore! Drop in and enjoy Nintendo Switch, tabletop and board games with friends.

For Parents

Homeschool Connections

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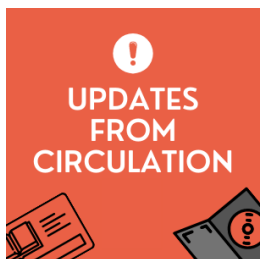
Kids Winter Reading Challenge

Monday, December 13 - Saturday, March 12, 2022

Calling all kids! Sign up for our Winter Reading Challenge starting on Monday, 12/13 and read during Winter Break...and beyond. Fill out your reading log, then check in at the Kids Crossing Desk for treats throughout the winter months. Check our website for more information: fppld.org/kids/programs.

LIBRARY NEWS

Updates from Circulation



There are some new changes that you may be interested in if you check out items and place holds:

- If you forget your library card, you can now check out with your Driver's License or State ID. You can still check out with your library card or SWAN Libraries App.
- The New DVD and New Blu-ray checkout limit increases from 2

to 5. This means that, out of a total of 10 DVDs and Blu-rays, a maximum of 5 can be new.

- You can now check out unlimited New Audiobooks.
- There is no longer a fee if you happen to lose your library card and need a replacement.
- There is a limit of 35 holds per Franklin Park Library card.

The SWAN library consortium has updated their universal policy when checking out video games at other libraries:

- A library card can have a total

of 10 video games checked out. A maximum of 5 can be new video games. There is still a limit of 2 video games loaned at a time from Franklin Park Library. With the new rules, if you visit another library, you would be limited to 10 video games total.

Questions? Visit or call the Circulation Desk at 847-455-6016, ext. 230 or email us at cservices@fppld.org.

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Reading Challenge Wrap-Up

All ages enjoyed learning how “Reading Colors Your World” during our 8-week Summer Reading Challenge this year. Thank you to everyone who spent a colorful summer reading with us! We finished with a total of 100,290 minutes read at the end of the challenge.

We also awarded grand prizes to lucky readers in all age groups. This year’s grand prize winners were:

Kids Grand Prize Winners:

Nora S. – Shedd Aquarium Gift Certificate

Annalisa K. – Brookfield Zoo Membership

Nella M. – Windy City Ninja Gift Card

Teen Grand Prize Winners:

Derek E. – Aspiring Artist Starter Kit

Daniel F. – Shading Markers

Adult Grand Prize Winners:

Donna Rae S. – \$25 Gift Certificate to LuLu Belle’s

Judy P. – \$25 Gift Certificate to LuLu Belle’s



New Roku & Streaming Services

New streaming services are coming this fall. Roku Streaming Sticks will be replacing our older devices, and more will be available for checkout. (Rokus are a device plus a remote that makes it simple to stream movies on your TV. Internet service is required.)

Along with upgraded Rokus, more streaming services are being added. Look for Disney+, HBO Max, Hulu, ESPN, and Amazon Prime Video along with old favorites Netflix and the library’s ever-growing digital

movie and TV collection on VUDU. This is the perfect opportunity to catch up on a show or movie that’s only available via streaming or to preview a streaming service before committing to your own subscription.

Rokus are available at the Circulation Desk and check out for 7 days. View our website for more info: fppld.org/roku. Check out a new Roku to take your pick from the variety of streaming services.



A huge “thank you” goes out to everyone in the community who has donated glass jars and other craft supplies to the library for us to use in take-home kits. We are still looking for large glass jars (e.g. pickle jars or larger) with lids (they must be clean when donated).

We would also like to thank Classic Cinemas, Chicago’s Professional Ultimate Frisbee Team, and Wendy’s (Franklin Park) for their donations to our Summer Reading Challenge.

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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

Thanksgiving – Wednesday, November 24 @ 5 PM, Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26
Christmas – Friday, December 24 & Saturday, December 25
New Year’s - Friday, December 31 & Saturday, January 1, 2022

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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 about Library programs and services, 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, 10/30 & 11/20 @ 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.

Fall Book Sale

**Saturday, 10/2 @ 11 AM - 3 PM
 (rain date: Saturday, 10/9)**

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! We're holding a special outdoor sidewalk sale in front of the library this year to keep everybody safe. Happy shopping!

