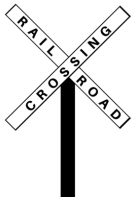


The Signal



A Newsletter of the Franklin Park Public Library

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Library Service Updates



As COVID-19 case counts decrease, the Library is looking to bring back some services and relax some policies. By the time you read this, wearing a mask will likely be optional for general library usage but still required for program attendance. Shields will remain at our service desks, and staff may continue to wear masks.

In-person programs are steadily resuming. Masks are required to attend a program, and social distancing is highly encouraged. Basic masks will be available if needed. Due to limited room capacity, registration may be required, and advance registration

is highly encouraged to guarantee a spot. Sign-up on our website, fppld.org, or by calling 847-455-6016.

We know many of you love our cooking programs. While cooking programs are resuming, food will likely not be served like before; however, it may be pre-packaged and sent home. We hope you understand this safety measure.

Our Book-a-Librarian service returns this spring. Masks are required along with social distancing measures. Contact the Information Desk to make an appointment for free technology help.

The Library's meeting rooms are

not yet available for public bookings. Check back later this spring to see if they are available.

Curbside pick-up of your items is still available by request. Call the Circulation Desk at 847-455-6016, ext. 230 and they will bring your holds out to your vehicle.

Covered drinks can be enjoyed again throughout the Library; however, the water fountain remains shut off. Eating food is not allowed.

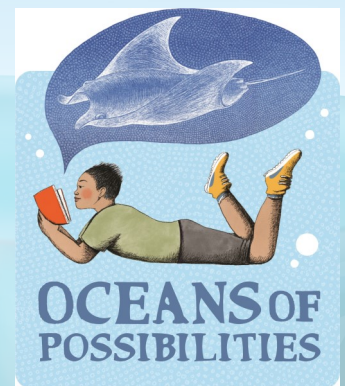
We appreciate your patience as we've had to adjust our policies continually for public safety. We hope you get a chance to stop by this spring, say "hi" and see what's changed since your last visit!

2022 Summer Reading Challenge

Discover "Oceans of Possibility" at your library during our Summer Reading Challenge! The challenge **begins on Monday, June 6**. Sign up at the Info Desk or Kids Crossing Desk and receive your reading packet. Help us meet our challenge of 350,000 minutes by reading this summer. Every minute you read gets us closer to the goal. Everyone who participates in the Summer Reading Challenge will be rewarded with a special completion prize at the end of the summer.

The Library will also host exciting programs for all ages this summer, many fitting into the "Oceans of Possibility" theme. These programs begin in June and continue through July. More information can be found on pages 2-6 of this issue and the next issue of *The Signal*, as well as on our website: fppld.org/src.

The Summer Reading Challenge **ends on Saturday, July 23**. Kids, teens, and adult grand prize winners will be notified after July 30 of their prizes and how to pick



them up.

We look forward to discovering oceans of possibilities with you this summer!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Register for adult programs at the Info Desk,
by calling 847-455-6016, ext. 229, or online at
fppld.org/adults/programs.

Simple Summer Meals

Tuesday, 6/7 @ 6:30-8 PM

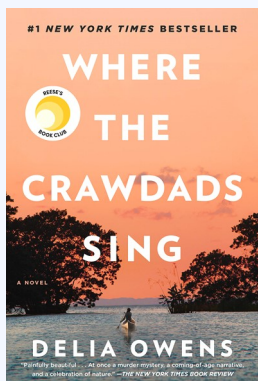
Chef Susan Maddox returns to demonstrate a delicious summer menu utilizing the fresh ingredients found in local grocery stores and early farmer's markets. Guests will learn that using a recipe with only a few ingredients, when used properly, provides incredible flavors. She will illustrate and discuss some



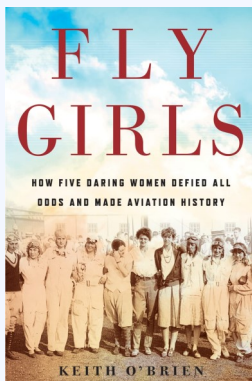
great methods and techniques which make your time in the kitchen more efficient and fun. Samples of each dish will be provided for you to take home to try. Registration is required. Limit 25.

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, 4/13 @ 7-8 PM
Where the Crawdads Sing
by Delia Owens



Wednesday, 5/18 @ 7-8 PM
Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History
by Keith O'Brien



Wednesday, 6/15 @ 7-8 PM
I Miss You When I Blink
by Mary Laura Philpott

Friday Flicks

Stop by on the third Friday afternoon of each month to watch a newly released movie.



**Friday, 4/15
@ 1-2:45 PM**
Belfast
(PG-13)



**Friday, 5/20
@ 1-3:30 PM**
King Richard
(PG-13)



**Friday, 6/17
@ 1-3:30 PM**
West Side Story (PG-13)

ADULT PROGRAMS

Health & Wellness

Tai Chi

*Tuesdays, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 6/7,
6/21 @ 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, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23,
6/13, 6/27 @ 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 Gamers

GAME ON Fridays!

*Fridays, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6, 5/20, 6/3,
6/17 @ 4:15-6:15 PM*

Calling all gamers! Join our gaming nights to play various games with us. We'll host different friendly tournaments such as *Super Smash Bros.* and more. Space is limited so registration is required. Grades 9 – adults.



Library Quilt & Sew Club

*Wednesdays, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1
@ 10 AM - 12 PM*

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

Knit & Crochet Group

*Saturdays, 4/9, 5/14, and 6/11
@ 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.

Adult Craft Programs

Adult Crafternoon

*Wednesdays, 4/27, 5/25, 6/29
@ 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.

Wine Cork Memo Strip Craft

*Tuesday, 5/17
@ 3-4 PM -OR- 7-8 PM*

Create a cute and useful mini memo strip to display notes,

pictures, or other small ephemera with this simple craft. Limit 20 people per session. Registration is required. Registration begins on Monday, 4/4.

Flip Flop Door Hanger Craft

*Tuesday, 6/21
@ 3-4 PM -OR- 7-8 PM*

Looking for some tropical decor that's perfect for summertime? Make an adorable door hanger during this fun craft! Limit 20 people per session. Registration is required. Registration begins on Monday, 5/16.

Take-Home Kits

We will have a kit available each month for you to take and make at home. Kits will be announced at fppld.org/adults/programs. Make sure to check our website frequently for additional programs, kits, and library updates. Note: Kits are available on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last. To ensure you receive your kit, make sure to pick it up as early as possible in the week that it is available.

Programs for Teens

FPPLDGamers

Fridays, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27, 6/10, 6/24 @ 4-5 PM

Join our gaming club and play with other enthusiasts in person or virtually. We play *Super Smash Bros*, Jack Box games, *Among Us*, and more. Grades 3-8.

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Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesdays, 4/12 & 6/28 @ 4:30-5:30 PM

Looking for your next favorite book? Want to meet some new friends and talk about books? Join us to read and talk about a different graphic novel each session. A copy of the book will be

provided. Registration is required. Grades 3-6.

Pokemon Fan Club

Thursdays, 4/14, 4/28, 5/26, 6/30 @ 4:15-5:15 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.

Perler Bead it!

Monday, 4/18 @ 3:45-5 PM
Create different perler bead designs. We'll provide different perler bead colors and tools to help you get started. Grades 3-12.

Anime Club

Thursdays, 4/21 & 6/16 and Wednesday, 5/25 @ 4:45-6 PM
Discuss all things anime and manga with us. We'll have anime themed activities and a manga book discussion every meet-up. Sign-ups will receive a free copy of our club's current manga to read and discuss. Space is limited, so make sure to sign up.

Miniatures Monday

Mondays, 5/23, 6/6, 6/20 @ 1:30-3:30 PM
Are you interested in painting and



playing with miniatures like Warhammer 40k and Dungeons & Dragons? Visit the Library to paint miniatures, or learn how to play different games with others! Whether you're new to miniatures or not, all are welcome. We'll provide basic paint and art tools for you. Feel free to bring your own figures to paint. Play sessions may be limited, so make sure to sign up.

Retro REVIVE

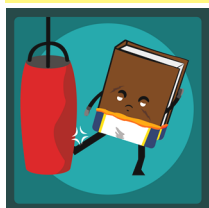
Tuesday, 5/31 & Thursday, 6/23 @ 3-4:30 PM

If you're interested in what electronics look like on the inside, this program is for you! We'll take apart retro gaming consoles to conduct basic cleaning and problem solving.

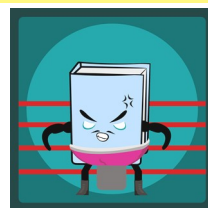
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YA Book Battle



Vote for the best YA book during our Summer Reading Challenge! Beginning on June 6th, the most popular recently released books will go head-to-head in a tournament style voting system. You can vote on our website (fppld.org) or at the Library. The best YA book will be announced at the end of Summer Reading.



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 during April and May. Starting in June through July, kids can pick up a new kit every week. 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, 4/1-5/6 & 6/10-6/24 @ 10:15-10:45 AM

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



PJ Storytime

Tuesday, 4/26; Mondays, 5/16 & 6/13 @ 6-6:30 PM

Put on your pajamas and come down to the library for an evening storytime. PJs are encouraged but not required. Ages 0-5 with caregiver.

Li'l Dinosaurs Storytime

Fridays, 4/1-5/6 & 6/10-6/24 @ 11-11:30 AM

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

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays, 5/14 & 6/18 @ 10:30-11 AM

Turn off the Saturday morning cartoons and power up with an enriching storytime at the library. Ages 0-5 with caregiver.

School Age

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Knights of the Square Table Chess Club

Mondays, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16, 6/6, 6/20 @ 5-6:30 PM

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

Nailed It!

Tuesday, 4/5; Wednesday, 5/11 @ 5-6 PM
Wednesday, 6/8 @ 4-5 PM

Try your hand at dessert decorating! Projects will be themed around the season or holiday. The best part is that your masterpiece will be completely edible. Grades 3-6.



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Mighty Monarchs Book Club

Tuesday, 4/19 & Thursday, 5/19
@ 4:30-5:30 PM
Tuesday, 6/7 @ 4-5 PM
Hop over to the library for some fun
activities and discussions about 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.

Sea Creature Drawing and Painting

Thursday, 6/9 @ 4-5:30 PM

Dive into "Oceans of Possibilities"

by learning to
draw and paint
some fascinating sea creatures, real
and imagined. Submit your best
drawings to be turned into
bookmarks for the Summer Reading
Challenge theme, "Oceans of
Possibilities!" Grades K-8.



Little Paint-N-Sip

Wednesday, 6/22 @ 4-5 PM

Dive into an ocean of watercolors,
explore paint properties, and learn about
the world under water in this paint-along
for families with children up to age 8.



Kids of All Ages

Maker Mania

Monday, 4/11 & Tuesday, 5/3
@ 5-6:30 PM
Wednesday, 6/15 @ 4-5:30 PM
Calling all crafty kids! Get your
creative minds cranking with a
special monthly craft.
4/11: Sculpt Your Own Chia Pet
5/3: Mother's Day Paper Flower
Wreath
6/15: Father's Day: Paint on Apron
This is a family program.
Registration is required.

Family Flicks

Tuesday, 6/14 @ 2-3:45 PM
Join us for a family-friendly movie
that shares our Summer Reading
theme. This month's movie is *Luca*
(Rated PG): *On the Italian Riviera,*
an unlikely but strong friendship
grows between a human being and
a sea monster disguised as a
human.



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LIBRARY NEWS

Technology Upgrades at Your Library

Here are details about the recent upgrades to our scanning station, printing station, and public computer software:

New Scan Station

Our new and upgraded Scan Station has a Restore Pictures option. Bring old, faded photos and documents back to life with the scanner and software features.

There are new accessibility options for those with vision impairments, and you can now select from 24 different languages if you prefer a language other than English.

Pay for faxes directly at the coinbox with a credit card. Most major cards are accepted, and you can even use Apple Pay, Google Pay and Samsung Pay with your smartphone or smartwatch. If your card has the contactless symbol on it, that works too.

New Print Station

The print station and print station coinbox were merged into an easy-to-use kiosk. Scan your library card or guest pass and select the documents to print. Pay with cash, change, or the new credit card reader.



New Mobile Printing Portal and App

Print from home or from your phone/tablet with our new mobile printing portal and app. Look for 'Public Print Locations' on the Apple App Store or go to fppld.org and then "Services" – "Mobile Printing."

New Computer Logon Experience

For our cardholders, the experience is the same as usual but with a refreshed look. Guest passes use shorter numbers to make logging on to our computers even faster.

Questions? Call the Info Desk at 847-455-6016 ext. 229 or visit for a demonstration.

Donations Needed

Do you have old gaming systems you don't need anymore? Our library is looking for donations! Game consoles that are functioning or not functioning would be greatly appreciated! Gaming console examples: Gameboy, Gameboy COLOR, Gameboy Advance, GBA SP, Playstation, X-Box, Nintendo, N64, etc.

We are also in need of pieces of scrap fabric (plain or with designs), size 5" x 5" or larger. The fabric will be used in an upcoming craft take-home kit.

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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

Memorial Day – Monday, May 30

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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
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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, 4/30, 5/21, and 6/25 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.

Summer Book Sale

Saturday, 6/11
@ 11 AM - 3 PM
(rain date: Saturday, 6/18)

Looking for a great deal on new or gently used books, CDs, and DVDs? Come to the Friends of the Library's Summer Book Sale! We're holding a special outdoor sidewalk sale in front of the library to keep everyone safe. Happy shopping!

