

The Signal



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Ring in the Holidays!



Fun family events and programs for all ages will be held in-person this fall. Kick off Hispanic Heritage Month with a ¡Hispano Fiesta! for the whole family. Go on a trick-or-treat scavenger hunt in October and visit our Halloween Haunted House on October 26. Learn how to create special effects movie makeup, get creative with cocoa, and paint a masterpiece.

Activities are offered for ages 0 through adult: cook amazing recipes, create holiday-themed crafts, play games, attend storytimes followed by crafts, try your hand at soap-making, learn American Sign Language, and brush up on your technology skills.

Our fall special event series for adults kicks off with a genealogy primer



from Debra Dudek (October 5, Genealogy for Beginners) and follows

up with a brief detour down the Midwest's darker paths with historian and entertainer Terry Lynch (October 25, Haunted History). Master gardener Peggy Garvin will help you usher in holiday cheer with a winter centerpiece workshop (December 10). Lastly, our special guest, Animal Quest, will amuse your kids with their live, exotic animal zoo (December 28).

Visit fppld.org to see the full event calendar. Sign-up online, by phone (847-455-6016) or at the Kids Crossing Desk or the Info Desk. Space may be limited depending on popularity and room capacity.



Thanks to Our Summer Reading Volunteers and Sponsors

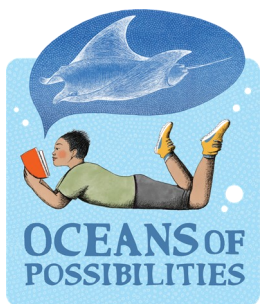
This year's Summer Reading Challenge ended with a bang. On Saturday, July 30, over 300 people joined us for two hours of fun in the sun. It was awesome to see everyone there.

The event was a big success thanks to these volunteers, sponsors, and partners:

- A huge thank you to the families who ran the lemonade stand: the Murrays, the Scarlatos, and the Castellans. You guys rock!
- Special thanks goes to the Friends of the Library, Wendy's of Franklin Park, Catvando, local author Pascuala Herrera, Taylor and her dog Bailey from Tail Waggin' Tutors, and the Village of Franklin Park's Public Works Department.

THANK YOU!

Summer Reading Recap



All ages experienced "Oceans of Possibilities" during our 7-week Summer Reading Challenge

this year. Thanks to everyone who spent the summer reading with us!

This year's grand prize winners were:

Kids Grand Prize Winners:

- Leon S. - 100 Piece Set Magna Tiles
- Oliver D. - \$100 Gift Card for Shedd Aquarium
- Emma B. - \$100 Gift Card for Shedd Aquarium

Teen Grand Prize Winners:

- Sophia A. - Cinemark Gift Card, Starbucks Gift Card, and Amazon Gift Card

Adult Grand Prize Winners:

- Jennifer E. - \$50 Gift Certificate to LuLu Belle's
- Wes H. - \$50 Gift Certificate to LuLu Belle's

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Special Programs

Genealogy for Beginners

Wednesday, 10/5 @ 7-8 PM

Join genealogist Debra Dudek for the fundamentals of genealogical research. Learn how to start your family history search and organize what you find. You will also receive recommendations for free webinars, resources and online courses to stay engaged and motivated.



Haunted History

Tuesday, 10/25

@ 6:30-7:30 PM

Sit back and listen, if you dare, to the entertaining and chilling tales of historical Midwest hauntings as told by actor and storyteller Terry Lynch. Stories of the S.S. Eastland, Brookfield Zoo, Fort Dearborn Massacre, and John Dillinger (to name just a few) will guarantee spooky goosebumps!



Illinois Libraries Present (Virtual Programs)

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

A Conversation with Jesmyn Ward

Wednesday, 10/12 @ 7-8 PM

Join us for an evening with two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward as she discusses how her literary vision and personal experiences address urgent questions about racism and social injustice.

A Conversation with Caitlin Doughty

Wednesday, 11/16 @ 7-8 PM

Join us for an evening with Caitlin

Doughty, mortician, author, advocate, and founder of the funeral reform collective *The Order of the Good Death*, which has spawned the death positive movement.

A Conversation with Shauna Sever

Tuesday, 12/13 @ 7-8 PM

Join us for a conversation with Shauna Sever, author of *Midwest Made: Big, Bold Baking from the Heartland*, as she celebrates baking this holiday season.

Technology Programs

Electronic Recycling Event

Saturday, 10/15 @ 10 AM - 2 PM

Rain Date: Saturday, 10/22

Got junk? The Library is partnering with Midwest Computer Recycling to accept all manner of unwanted electronics - most of it free of charge (see website or call the Library for details). Come join us in the south parking lot.

Tech Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, &

12/13 @ 2-3:30 PM

Check out the various courses we will be offering this quarter. We'll go over topics like Microsoft Word, Windows 10, Google Docs, iOS and more. Bringing your own device (BYOD) is encouraged.

Friday Flicks

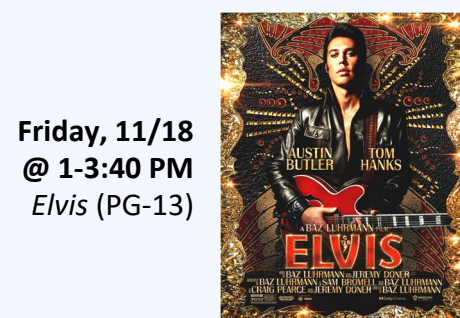
Stop by each month to watch a newly released movie.



Friday, 10/21

@ 1-3:05 PM

Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG)



Friday, 11/18

@ 1-3:40 PM

Elvis (PG-13)



Friday, 12/16

@ 1-3:15 PM

Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13)

Health & Wellness

Chair Yoga

Mondays, 10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 11/28, 12/5, & 12/12 @ 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.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Craft Programs

Special Effects Makeup

Monday, 10/17 @ 5-6 PM

Come get your spooky on! Learn how to make scars to impress your friends and finish off your Halloween costume. Watch a demo of different scar techniques and then try some on yourself. Allergy warning: we will be using materials that contain latex. Limit 18. Registration is required. Grades 6-12 & adults.

Halloween Shadow-Box Pumpkin

Tuesday, 10/18 @ 7-8 PM

Looking for something new to decorate your house for Halloween this year? Come and create a festive and unique holiday decoration with us. Limit 20. Registration is required.

Fall Ombre Candleholder

Wednesday, 11/9 @ 7-8 PM

Create a lovely addition to your fall décor that can be used all season long and enjoyed for years to come. Limit 20. Registration is required.

Anime Glass Painting

Monday, 11/21 @ 5-6:30 PM

Take your favorite anime characters and learn how to paint them on glass using a reversed painting technique. Limit 20. Registration is required. Grades 6-12 & adults.

Soap Making

Thursday, 12/1 @ 5-6 PM

Get creative making homemade soap for the holidays. This soap could be an excellent gift for this holiday season. Limit 20. Registration is required. Grades 6-12 & adults.

Holiday Centerpiece

Saturday, 12/10 @ 11 AM - 1 PM

Join Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens to make your own seasonal centerpiece with fresh evergreens and lovely holiday accents. All materials will be included. Please bring your own garden pruners. Limit 20. Registration is required.

Adult Craft Clubs

Library Quilt & Sew Club

Wednesdays, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7 @ 10 AM - 12 PM

Join us for casual discussion about quilting and sewing projects and techniques. We embrace all skills and levels.

Knit & Crochet Group

Saturdays, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 11/19, 12/10, & 12/17 @ 1-3 PM

Relax and work on a project or receive basic instruction from experienced crafters. New members are welcome, and basic supplies and tools are provided.

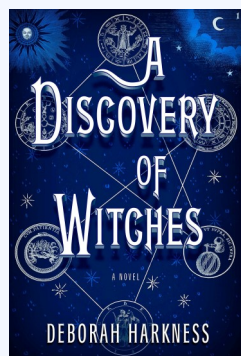
Crafter's Corner

Thursdays, 10/20, 11/3, 12/15 @ 5-6:30 PM

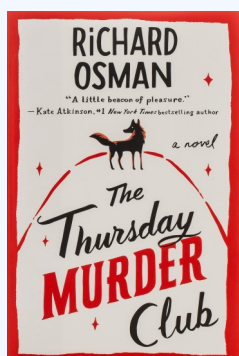
This program is crafting free time for all ages. Is there a craft that you've always wanted to try? Or do you need some extra space for a craft that you've been working on? Drop in anytime and stay for however long you need. All ages.

Popular Page Turners Book Club

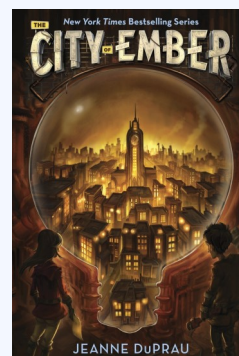
Join us monthly for an evening of engaging conversation about our favorite books and genres. Copies of the book can be checked out at the Circulation Desk a month before the meeting date. Registration is required.



**Wednesday,
10/19
@ 7-8 PM**
A Discovery of Witches
by Deborah Harkness



**Wednesday,
11/16
@ 7-8 PM**
The Thursday Murder Club
by Richard Osman



**Wednesday,
12/14
@ 7-8 PM**
The City of Ember
by Jeanne DuPrau

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/events/category/teen-programs.

Game ON!

Thursday, 10/6 @ 4:30-6 PM

Join our video game program to play new and classic games. We'll host different friendly tournaments like Super Smash Bros. and more.

Anime Club

*Fridays, 10/14, 11/18, 12/16
@ 4:30-5:45 PM*

Talk about all things anime and manga. Register to receive a copy of our club's current manga. We'll have anime-themed activities and a manga book discussion every meet-up. Grades 4-12.

Special Effects Makeup

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Come get your spooky on! Learn how to make scars to impress your friends and finish off your Halloween costume. Watch a demo of different scar techniques and then try some on yourself. Allergy warning: we will be using materials that contain latex. Limit 18. Registration is required. Grades 6-12 & adults.

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@ 5-6:30 PM*

Get crafty at Crafter's Corner. This program is crafting free time for all ages. Drop in anytime and stay for however long you need.

Try Dungeons & Dragons

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

Come by to play a Dungeons & Dragons session. Beginners are welcome. Grades 6-8.

Anime Glass Painting

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Take your favorite anime characters and learn how to paint them on glass using a reversed painting technique. Limit 20. Registration is required. Grades 6-12 & adults.

International Games Day

Tuesday, 11/22 @ 3:30-5 PM

Celebrate all things gaming. We'll have board games and video games available to play. Grades K-12.

Soap Making

Thursday, 12/1 @ 5-6 PM

Get creative making homemade soap for the holidays. This soap could be an excellent gift for this holiday season. Limit 20. Registration is required. Grades 6-12 & adults.

Creative Cocoa

Friday, 12/9 @ 4-5 PM

Create and enjoy your own custom hot cocoa. Grades 3-12.

Ultimate Taste Test Challenge

*Wednesday, 12/21
@ 3:45-4:45 PM*

Challenge your taste buds and try store brand vs name brand snacks. Can you taste the difference? Grades 3-12.

Let's Paint!

Thursday, 12/29 @ 3:30-5 PM

Grab your paint brushes and join Ms. Mariela for an afternoon of creative, colorful, paint-smeared fun. This program is appropriate for artists of all skill levels. Registration is required. Grades K-12.

Halloween ComicFest Costume Contest

Saturday, 10/1 - Saturday 10/22

Celebrate comic books and support comic book shops during this bone chilling event. Submit a picture of your best Halloween costume for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to Gem Comics in Elmhurst. Visit fppld.org for details. All ages.

Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool

Tinker Tots

Tuesdays, 10/4, 10/18, 11/8, 11/22, & 12/6 @ 11 AM - 12 PM

Get your wiggles out with a toddler playtime! Different toys and games will be available each week. Ages 0-5 with caregiver.



featured each week. There will also be some bilingual Spanish. Ages 0-5 with caregiver.

Scales-N-Tales Storytime

Fridays, 10/7-11/18 & 12/2-12/16 @ 11-11:30 AM

Start your Friday morning off at the Library with a fun storytime all about animals. A new animal will be

PJ Storytime

Wednesday, 10/12; Tuesdays, 11/29 & 12/20 @ 6-6:30 PM

Get cozy, pop on your pajamas, and come in for an evening storytime with

Miss Elizabeth. PJs are encouraged but not required. Ages 0-5 with caregiver.

School Age

Knights of the Square Table Chess Club

Mondays, 10/3, 10/17, 11/7, 11/21, 12/5 @ 5-6:30 PM

Join us for lighthearted chess competition and instruction, if needed. Guaranteed to not be a stale (mate) evening! Grades 1 & up.

the 2-year-old Newfoundland! Grades Preschool-5.

Draw-Along

Tuesday, 10/4 & Wednesday, 12/7 @ 5-6:30 PM

Follow along in guided drawing sessions to create seasonal bookmarks and greeting cards. Grades K-3.

Bon Appetit

Wednesdays, 10/12 & 11/16; Tuesday, 12/20 @ 5-6 PM

Try your hand at cooking! See the tastes we have in store for your future chefs. Grades K-3 with adult.

Maker Mania

Monday, 10/10 & Thursday, 11/10 @ 5-6 PM

Calling all crafty kids! Get those creative minds cranking with a special craft. Grades K-3.

Book Buddies

Thursday, 10/13; Friday, 11/11; Thursday, 12/8 @ 4:30-5:30 PM

Grab a partner, read a book, discuss, draw, share a snack, and play a game (or have a dance party). Grades Preschool-8.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, 11/29 @ 4:30-5:30 PM

Read and talk about a different graphic novel each session. Registration is required to receive a copy of the book. Grades 3-6.

Creative Cocoa

Friday, 12/9 @ 4-5 PM

Create and enjoy your own custom hot cocoa. Grades 3-12.



Tail Waggin' Tutors

Tuesday, 10/11 @ 6-7:30 PM

Thursday, 11/3 @ 5:30-6:45 PM

Tuesday, 11/8 @ 3-4:30 PM

Thursday, 12/1 @ 5:30-6:45 PM

Thursday, 12/15 @ 5:30-6:45 PM

Tuesday, 12/27 @ 3-4:30 PM

Friday, 12/30 @ 3-4:30 PM

Practice your reading skills with Bailey, the Certified Therapy Dog. Be prepared for a kiss and cuddle from

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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.

School Age, cont.

Ultimate Taste Test Challenge

Wednesday, 12/21 @ 3:45-4:45 PM

Challenge your taste buds and try store brand vs. name brand snacks. Can you taste the difference? Grades 3-12.

Silly Science: The Science of Ice Cream

Tuesday, 12/27 @ 4:30-5:30 PM

Put on your lab coats and learn the science behind ice cream, then make your own! Grades K-5.

Animal Quest

Wednesday, 12/28 @ 3-4 PM

Lizards and rabbits and frogs – oh my! Come to an exotic animal show brought to you by Animal Quest – petting is

allowed. Registration is required. Grades PreK-5 with caregiver.

Let's Paint!

Thursday, 12/29 @ 3:30-5 PM

Grab your paint brushes and join Ms. Mariela for an afternoon of creative, colorful, paint-smeared fun. This program is appropriate for artists of all skill levels. Registration is required. Grades K-12.

Perlermania

Friday, 12/30 @ 3-4 PM

Create different Perler Bead designs. We'll provide different Perler Bead colors and tools. Grades 3-12.

Kids of All Ages

ASL Club

Wednesday, 10/19; Thursday, 11/17; Wednesday, 12/14 @ 4:30-5:30 PM

Play games and have fun while learning the American Sign Language alphabet and simple words and phrases.



Cookie-Craft Family Storytime

Mondays, 10/24, 11/14, 12/12 @ 5-6:30 PM

Enjoy holiday stories, sing songs, and make a sweet holiday-themed treat to eat.



Haunted House

Wednesday, 10/26 @ 5-7 PM

Walk through the haunted house and crack the code for a cool prize. Are you brave enough?

Monday & Friday Nite Movies

Friday, 10/28 @ 5-6:15 PM - *Nightmare Before Christmas* (PG)

Monday, 11/28 @ 5-6:30 PM - *Paddington* (PG)

Monday, 12/19 @ 5-6:30 PM - *The Grinch* (PG)

See popular, award-winning animated features on the big screen and enjoy freshly-popped popcorn.

International Games Day

Tuesday, 11/22 @ 3:30-5 PM

Celebrate all things gaming. We'll have board games and video games available to play. Grades K-12.

Holiday Maker Mania

Wednesday, 11/30 @ 5-7 PM

Bring the family to create ornaments and enjoy hot chocolate and holiday music at this special session.



Trick-or-Treat Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, 10/1 - Monday, 10/31

Stop by all October to go on a scavenger hunt. Find all of the Halloween ghouls hidden in Kids Crossing and pick up a sweet treat!



Kids' Election Day

Tuesday, 11/1 - Tuesday, 11/8

Ninjas or pirates? You decide! Stop in Kids Crossing to cast your vote in our very own election booth. Let your voice be heard! All ages.



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LIBRARY NEWS

Winter Clothing Donation Drive

The Library is accepting donations for the American Legion Post 974's Stand Down 2023.

Beginning in November, the Library will begin accepting donations of new, unused winter clothing items. The public is welcome to drop off jackets, hats, mittens, scarves, blankets, sweaters, and other relevant items at the Circulation Desk.

The collection efforts will be further assisted by the generosity of our Knit & Crochet and Quilt & Sew groups. Both will be donating quantities of hand-made winter accessories and other items. The drive will run until early January 2023, and your generosity will help keep someone warm this winter.

Repurpose Unused Craft Supplies and Tools

Do you have spare fabric, yarn, thread, beads, or other crafty supplies and tools such as knitting needles or crochet hooks?

The Library accepts craft tools and craft supply donations year-round. Donations are

either repurposed for programs or used for charity projects and instruction by the Library's Craft Clubs.

Your donations will benefit the Franklin Park community. Donations can be dropped off at the Info Desk.

New Digital Magazine Collection

Our eMediaLibrary collection from Overdrive now includes digital magazines. You'll find popular magazines like *Newsweek*, *Reader's Digest*, *Money*, *Rolling Stone*, *Food Network*, *HGTV*, *Us Weekly*, and plenty more.

There's no wait, checkouts are unlimited and titles are loaned for

up to 3 weeks. Look for Magazines on the Libby app or visit fppld.org.



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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, 11/23 at 5 PM, Thursday, 11/24, & Friday, 11/25
Christmas - Saturday, 12/24 & Monday, 12/26
New Year's Eve/Day - Saturday, 12/31 & Monday, 1/2/2023

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



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

The next meetings of the Friends of the Franklin Park Library are: **Saturdays, 10/22 and 11/19 at 10:30 AM.** New members are always welcome.

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.