

Kids Events

African Folktales

From the desert lands of the Sahara to the plains of the Serengeti to Mount Kilimanjaro and beyond – join a variety of characters from a wide range of cultures in stories that celebrate the various folk tale traditions of the continent of Africa. **Ages 5 & up. 6/11 @ 4 PM**



Bon Appetit

Try your hand at cooking! Come to the library and see the tastes we have in store for your future chefs. This quarter, our young chefs will be making parfait, pasta salad & oreo sushi. **All Ages; 4/23, 5/7, 6/9 @ 5 PM**

Spanish Club

Join the club & explore the Spanish language through games, songs, and exciting activities!

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Ages 5 & up. 5/28 @ 5 PM

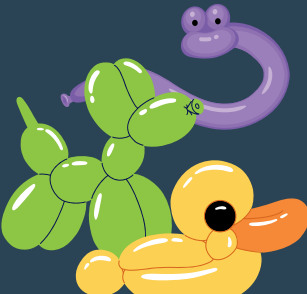
Read to a Dog

Give your child the chance to practice their reading skills in a judgment-free space! Each child is given a private 10-minute session where they will read to Joey the Corgi a book of their choice. Time slots given on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Ages 4 & up. 6/23 @ 4 PM**



Princess Tea Party

You are cordially invited to Franklin Park Public Library for a Princess Tea Party! With a very special guest... Rapunzel! Rapunzel will be joining us for stories, songs, and pictures. Tea, sandwiches, and sweets will be served. **All Ages. 4/18 @ 11 AM**



Smarty Pants' Magical World of Balloons

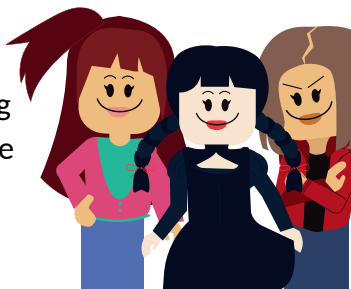
Smarty Pants is back to the Library for an epic and magical twist on his balloon show! The Magical World of Balloons is a theatrical style balloon stage show featuring tons of amazing magic, hilarious laugh out loud comedy and of course, Smarty's award-winning, world's biggest balloon props. **All Ages. 6/5 @ 4 PM**

Family Gaming Night

Spend time as a family playing games together. We will have games available for all age and ability levels throughout the Library for you to try! **All Ages. 6/13 @ 4 PM**

ROBLOX Tycoon

Think like a gamer with the help of Arrayscape Gaming instructors. In Roblox's Tycoon, we will compete to see who can build up their base the fastest and come out on top! **Ages 8 & up. 6/25 @ 4 PM**



These kids programs require registration. Sign up @ fppld.org:



APRIL PROGRAMS

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	1 11 AM — Rockin' Tots @ We Rock the Spectrum 5 PM — Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club	2 10 AM — Quilt & Sew Club 4 PM — Life-Sized Candyland	3 4 PM — Emerald City Extravaganza (Wicked Party)	4 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime	5 1 PM — Learn Origami with CHAOS
7 11 AM — Storypalooza 5:30 PM — Kids & Crafts 3 PM — Mat Yoga (virtual)	8 11 AM — Tinker Tots with The Soft Play Life	9 4:30 PM — Teen Cuisine	10 11 AM — Polish Storytime 5 PM — Ready, Set, Game 5:00 PM — The Write Stuff 7 PM — Illinois Libraries Present: The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson (virtual)	11 4 PM — Drop-in Tech Help 6 PM — Library's 125th Anniversary Party	12 11 AM — Friends of the Library Book Sale 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
14 11 AM — Storypalooza 4 PM — Drop-in Tech Help 5 PM — Pressed Bookmarks	15 11 AM — Rockin' Tots 11:30 AM — Sensory Playtime 5:30 PM — Flirty Fiction Romance Book Club 7 PM — Spring Floral Arrangement with Peggy Garvin	16 5 PM — Virtual Field Trip: Rainforests 7 PM — Popular Page Turners Book Club	17 4:30 PM — Teen Crafternoon: Laminated Bookmarks	18 11 AM — Princess Tea Party 4:30 PM — Graphic Novel Book Club	19 9 AM — Skills Toolkit 1-on-1's 10:30 AM — Friends of the Library Meeting
21 11 AM — Storypalooza 3 PM — Chair Yoga (virtual)	22 11 AM — Tinker Tots 7 PM — Simple Spring Meals with Chef Maddox	23 5 PM — Bon Appetit	24 3 PM — Tech Thursday: Microsoft Excel Basics 5 PM — Ready, Set, Game	25 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 1 PM — Friday Flicks 4 PM — Drop-in Tech Help 5 PM — Game On+	26 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
28 11 AM — Storypalooza 3 PM — Mat Yoga (virtual) 4 PM — Drop-in Tech Help 5 PM — Cook the Book Book Club	29 11 AM — Rockin' Tots 11:30 AM — Sensory Playtime 4:30 PM — Teen Taste Test	30 5 PM — Family Trivia Nite			

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MAY PROGRAMS

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			1	2 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime	3 1 PM — Paint-N-Sip 2 PM — Illinois Libraries Present: Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat (virtual)
5 11 AM — Storypalooza 3 PM — Chair Yoga (virtual) 4 PM — Perler Bead-It!	6 11 AM — Tinker Tots 5 PM — Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club 6 PM — Needle Felted Hedgehogs with Natasha Lehrer Lewis	7 10 AM — Quilt & Sew Club 5 PM — Bon Appetit	8 11 AM — Polish Storytime 5 PM — The Write Stuff 6 PM — Pollinators in Your Community	9 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 4 PM — Drop-in Tech Help	10 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
12 11 AM — Storypalooza 5:30 PM — Kids & Crafts 3 PM — Mat Yoga (virtual) 4 PM — Drop-in Tech Help	13 11 AM — Rockin' Tots 11:30 AM — Sensory Playtime 7 PM — Illinois Libraries Present: Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond (virtual)	14 4:30 PM — Teen Cuisine	15 4:30 PM — Teen Crafternoon: Paint-n-Sip	16 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 5 PM — Game On+	17 9 AM — Skills Toolkit 1-on-1's 10:30 AM — Friends of the Library Meeting
19 11 AM — Storypalooza 3 PM — Chair Yoga (virtual) 5 PM — Cook the Book Book Club	20 11 AM — Tinker Tots 5:30 PM — Flirty Fiction Book Club	21 5 PM — Virtual Field Trip: Volcanoes!	22 3 PM — Tech Thursday: Google Drive Basics 5 PM — Ready, Set, Game	23 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 4 PM — Drop-in Tech Help 4:30 PM — Teen Taste Test	24 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
26 LIBRARY CLOSED Happy Memorial Day!	27 11 AM — Rockin' Tots 11:30 AM — Sensory Playtime	28 5 PM — Spanish Club 7 PM — Popular Page Turners Book Club	29	30 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 1 PM — Friday Flicks	31 11 AM — Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

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JUNE PROGRAMS

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2 11 AM — Rainbow Storytime 3 PM — Mat Yoga (virtual) 5 PM — Let's Paint!	3 11 AM — Tinker Tots 4:30 PM — Full Glam Make-Up Tutorial with Summer K 5 PM — Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club	4 10 AM — Quilt & Sew Club 4:30 PM — Teen Cuisine	5 4 PM — The Magical World of Balloons	6 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 4 PM — Drop-in Tech Help 5 PM — Game On+	7 11 AM — RAIN DATE: Summer Reading Kick-Off Party
9 11 AM — Storypalooza 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Chair Yoga (virtual) 4 PM — Drop-in Tech Help 5 PM — Bon Appetit	10 11 AM — Rockin' Tots 11:30 AM — Sensory Playtime 12 PM — Summer Meals	11 12 PM — Summer Meals 4 PM — African Folktales	12 11 AM — Polish Storytime 12 PM — Summer Meals 5 PM — Rainbow Storytime 5 PM — The Write Stuff	13 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 12 PM — Summer Meals 4 PM — Family Gaming Night	14 11 AM — Friends of the Library Book Sale 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
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Teen Events

Looking for Teen Volunteers!

Do you need volunteer hours for school, church, or a club? The Library is looking for teen volunteers (grades 6-12) who are passionate about helping others, are flexible, and have a positive attitude.

Volunteers can do any of the following: In-Person Volunteering, Take, Make & Bring Back, Book Reviews, and Program Reviews.

For more information or to register visit: fppld.org/teen-volunteers



Teen Taste Test

Each month we'll try new snacks from a different country and rate them best to least best! So far, we've tried fried egg chips, sweet corn puffs (yes! Like the corn you eat), and even chocolate from Spain! **Grades 5-12 @ 4:30 PM**

Tuesday April 29th

Friday May 23rd

Friday June 27th



Teen Crafternoon

A crafting program just for Teens. Each month we'll feature a different crafting type. Learn how to crochet, knit, paint, and more! **Grades 5-12 @ 4:30 PM**

April 17th: Laminated Bookmarks

May 15th: Neon Paint-n-Sip



Ready, Set, Game

An open gaming club, with snacks! Come play retro and new video games, even board or card games!

Grades 2-6 @ 5 PM 4/10, 4/24, 5/22, 6/26

Game On+

Take your gaming to the next level. Join our video game program to play new and classic games. Participate in friendly competitions and win prizes.

Grades 7-12. Fridays 4/25, 5/16, 6/6 @ 5 PM

Teen Cuisine

Cook your own delicious meals and treats with us! Learn basic cooking skills and a delicious new recipe every meetup. All cooking skills are welcome.

Grades 5-12 @ 4:30 PM

April 9th: Ooey Goey Grilled Cheese

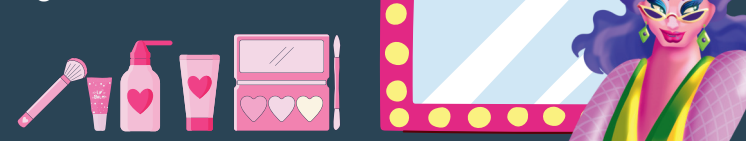
May 14th: Gnocchi

June 4th: Rainbow Marble Cake

Full Glam Makeup Tutorial

Join local drag queen, Summer K in the art of full glam make-up! We will provide all the materials (including some to take home), you just have to bring yourself in to practice on.

Ages 12+ 4:30 PM



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Board meetings are open to the public. They are generally held on the **second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.**

Friends of the Library

Support your library by volunteering. New members are welcome.

We will meet on **Saturdays, 4/19, 5/17, and 6/21 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.**

The Book Sale will take place on Saturdays, 4/12 and 6/14 from 11 AM to 2 PM.

For more info, visit fppld.org/friends

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FRANKLIN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Building Our Future — Preserving Our Past

April 2025 - June 2025 Newsletter

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Level Up at Your Library this summer & enjoy all that fun that comes with learning & reading! Summer Reading kicks off on **Saturday, May 31st from 11AM- 2PM** with a party at your library. There are good times to be had by all, whether it's getting messy at the Foam Party (bring mess-ready clothes), jumping in bouncy houses, dancing to music, eating ice cream, & face painting.

Adventure into all of the game-focused programs the Library has to offer with an action-packed session of D&D, Bingo hosted by Coco Sho-Nell for Teens & Adults, a kids Dress-to-Impress competition, a family game night, & so much more.

Summer Reading Challenge participants (ages 0-99) will receive check-in goodies and raffle tickets to put towards amazing prizes. Summer Reading Challenge wraps up Saturday, August 9th.

125th Anniversary Party

Our 125th year of serving the Franklin Park community comes to a close with a huge party! Here's the line-up:

- 6:00 PM - "Scary Objects...A Wizardly Magic Show" by the The Great Boodini**
- 6:45-7:15 PM - Refreshments**
- 7:15 PM - The Barefoot Hawaiians**

Join us for an entertaining night for all ages!



National Library Week (April 7-12)

Celebrate how libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination & inspire lifelong learning for all ages during this annual event. Stop by to discover the neat resources your library offers and make sure you have a library card to take advantage of it all. Plus, bookmarks, coffee & treats will be available during the week (while supplies last!).



Summer Meals Return

Starting on **Monday, June 9**, free lunches will be available to all youth, ages 18 & younger, no registration required. Meals will be offered daily, **Monday-Friday, from 12 to 2 PM and end on August 8.**



The program is offered in partnership with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education with funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Please see fppld.org for details or call the Info Desk.

Polish Storytimes / Czas na bajki

Polish Storytimes are coming soon to Franklin Park Library! Join The Language Labs' presenter, Ada, as she teaches, sings songs, plays games, and offers crafts in Polish. **4/10, 5/8, 6/12 @ 11 AM**

Prezenterka Ada z The Language Labs, uczy, śpiewa piosenki, gra w gry i oferuje prace plastyczne po polsku. Dołącz do nas raz w miesiącu **4-tego kwietnia, 8-ego maja i 12-tego czerwca o 11 rano.**



Pollinators in Your Community

This presentation will discuss the benefits of pollinators and how to help them thrive in your community. How do trees and pollinators interact and how can we help promote both? Learn more from University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists. **5/8 @ 6 PM**



Rainbow Macrame Earrings

Make a pair of beautiful earrings for yourself or to give as a gift! **6/16 @ 5 PM**



Tech Thursdays

Google Drive Basics

Learn the basics of Google Drive Google Docs, Google Sheets and Google Slides. **4/24 @ 3 PM**

Microsoft Excel Basics

Learn basics of Microsoft Excel. Learn how to use functions, format tables and work in data. **5/22 @ 3 PM**

Android Basics

Take full advantage of your Android phone/tablet with tips & tricks that will turn you into an expert. **6/26 @ 3 PM**

Pressed Bookmarks

Come make beautiful handmade books using flowers, stickers, and tassels. Keep them for yourself and your reading or gift them to friends and family! **4/14 @ 5 PM**



Spring Centerpiece with Peggy Garvin

Welcome Spring with Peggy Garvin and her latest floral creation. **4/15 @ 7 PM**

Needle Felted Hedgehogs

Try your hands at a new craft! Natasha Lehrer Lewis will join us to teach adults how to needle felt their very own cute spring hedgehog. The technique is simple, versatile, and very, very satisfying. **5/6 @ 6 PM**



Bingo by Coco Sho-Nell

Grab some friends and join us for a fun and fabulous bingo night. Get ready to be entertained by the amazing local drag queen Coco Sho-Nell! **6/18 @ 5:30 pm**



Cooking with Jen Palaracio

Culinary educator and instructor Jen Palaracio is back. This time, she'll show us how to make delicious Vegetable Asian Dumplings with Savory Dipping Sauce. **6/23 @ 6:30 PM**



Dungeons & Dragons Single-Session

A long-running campaign of Dungeons & Dragons is a lot of fun, but sometimes we only have time or energy for a single session. Join us for two hours of gameplay, during which we will complete a short story with your characters.

Feel free to bring your own character sheet & dice, but dice & pre-made characters will be available. If bringing your own character, please make them at least level 3. **6/25 @ 5 PM**



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Thurs – Fri : 9 AM – 7 PM

Sat : 9 AM – 4 PM

These adult programs require registration. Sign up @ fppld.org:

