

# Kids Events

## Accepting Halloween Costume Donations

We're already preparing for Halloween by collecting costume donations all summer for our upcoming Costume Swap in October. Consider donating any clean, odorless costumes for kids, teens, or adults. Your donations will help make Halloween fun, affordable, and accessible for everyone in our community. Drop off costumes anytime at the Kids Crossing Desk. Let's share the spooky seasonal spirit together!



### Supa Awesome Dog Man Party

Come celebrate all things Dog Man!  
We'll have games and activities  
and a chance to win prizes.  
8/16 @ 2 PM.



### Spanish Storytime / Cuentos en Español

Enjoy stories, games, songs, and crafts in Spanish.  
Spanish speakers are encouraged to attend, but  
speakers of any language can enjoy this program!  
Weekly on Wednesdays @ 11 AM

### Ready, Set, Game

An open kids' gaming club, with snacks!  
Come hang out with friends to play  
retro and new video games, and  
Sometimes even board or card games.  
Every other Thursday @ 5 PM



### Bookcraft

Performer Brent Allan  
is back with a  
Minecraft-inspired  
comedy and magic show!  
7/30 @ 4 PM



### Storytime at Lifter's Nutrition

Join us for a special Storytime at Lifters  
Nutrition! Along with our usual dancing,  
stories, and puppets you have the chance to try  
Lifter's delicious drinks and food. Food and  
drinks are at your own expense. 7/19 @ 2 PM



### Hispanic Heritage Month Programs

Join us for a series of fun and festive kids' programs  
honoring Hispanic culture. Create colorful papel picado while  
enjoying pan dulce, take a virtual field trip to explore the  
wonders of Peru, or enjoy a sweet treat during our special  
Dragons Love Tacos storytime. Come celebrate with us!

### Bluey Boogie Bash

Immerse your little ones in a dance  
class filled with laughter,  
creativity, and boundless imagination  
inspired by the beloved animated  
series, Bluey. 9/20 @ 1 PM



### Butterfly Release Week (August 4 - August 8)

Did you know butterflies are growing at the Library? We are unsure exactly when  
they'll hatch, so we're designating this week as Butterfly Release Week! Sign up for  
the program, and you'll receive a phone call when the butterflies emerge. The event  
will take place two days later and includes a talk about their lifecycle, a fun craft, and  
the butterfly release outside!



These kids programs require registration. Sign up @ [fppld.org](https://fppld.org):



## JULY PROGRAMS



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 11 AM — Tinker Tots 12 PM — Summer Meals 5 PM — Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club	2 10 AM — Quilt & Sew Club 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 12 PM — Summer Meals 4 PM — LEGO Librarians	3 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Tech Thursday: Microsoft Office Basics  LIBRARY CLOSING @ 5 PM	4  LIBRARY CLOSED Independence Day	5
7 11 AM — Storypalooza 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Chair Yoga (virtual) 5:30 PM — Kids & Crafts	8 11 AM — Sensory Playtime 12 PM — Summer Meals	9 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 12 PM — Summer Meals 4:30 PM — Teen Cuisine 7 PM — Latin & South American Cuisine with Chef Susan Maddox	10 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Tech Thursday: Microsoft Office Basics 4 PM — JG's Reptile Show 5 PM — The Write Stuff	11 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 12 PM — Summer Meals	12 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
14 11 AM — Storypalooza 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Book Signing with Local Author Linda Hope 5 PM — History Buffs Book Club 5 PM — Virtual Field Trip: Aquarium	15 NO SUMMER MEALS 4 PM — Giant Bubbles with Bubble Lady Linda 5:30 PM — Flirty Fiction Romance Book Club	16 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 12 PM — Summer Meals 5 PM — Bon Appetit 7 PM — Popular Page Turners Book Club	17 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Tech Thursday: Microsoft Office Basics 5 PM — Ready, Set, Game: Dress to Impress Competition!	18 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 12 PM — Summer Meals 4:30 PM — Graphic Novel Book Club 5 PM — Game On	19 2 PM — Storytime @ Lifters Nutrition
21 11 AM — Storypalooza 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Chair Yoga (virtual) 4 PM — Read to a Dog 5 PM — Watermelon Coasters	22 11 AM — Sensory Playtime 12 PM — Summer Meals 5 PM — Super Strangely Familiar Character Brawl with Andertoons	23 12 PM — Summer Meals 5 PM — Teen BinGLOW	24 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Tech Thursday: Microsoft Office Basics 4 PM — Polish American Association Presents: Citizenship Information Session 6 PM — Polish Storytime	25 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 12 PM — Summer Meals 4:30 PM — Teen Taste Test	26 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
28 11 AM — Storypalooza 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Mat Yoga (virtual) 5 PM — Cook the Book Book Club	29 11 AM — Tinker Tots 12 PM — Summer Meals 4:30 PM — Teen Crafternoon: Needle Felted Narwhals with Natasha Lehrer	30 12 PM — Summer Meals 4 PM — Bookcraft with Brent Allan	31 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Tech Thursday: Google Drive Basics 5 PM — Ready, Set, Game		

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## AUGUST PROGRAMS



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				1 12 PM — Summer Meals 5 PM — Game On	2 10 AM — Library Blood Drive
4 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Chair Yoga (virtual) 4 PM — Perler Bead-It! 4:30 PM — Butterfly Release Week Begins!	5 11 AM — Sensory Playtime 12 PM — Summer Meals 5 PM — Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club	6 10 AM — Quilt & Sew Club 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 12 PM — Summer Meals 4 PM — LEGO Librarians 5:30 PM — Kids & Crafts	7 12 PM — Summer Meals 3 PM — Tech Thursday: Google Drive Basics	8 12 PM — Summer Meals 4:30 PM — Butterfly Release Week Ends!	9 10:30 AM — Friends of the Library Meeting 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
11 3 PM — Mat Yoga (virtual) 4 PM — Read to a Dog 5 PM — History Buffs Book Club 5 PM — Slime Time!	12 11 AM — Rockin' Tots	13 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 4:30 PM — Teen Cuisine	14 3 PM — Tech Thursday: Google Drive Basics 5 PM — Ready, Set, Game 5 PM — The Write Stuff	15 4:30 PM — Graphic Novel Book Club 5 PM — Game On	16 9 AM — Craft Supply Swap 11 AM — Friends of the Library Book Sale 2 PM — Supa Awesome Dog Man Party
18 3 PM — Chair Yoga (virtual) 5 PM — Beaded Bookmarks	19 5:30 PM — Flirty Fiction Romance Book Club	20 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 4 PM — LEGO Librarians	21 3 PM — Tech Thursday: Google Drive Basics 6 PM — Polish Storytime	22 4:30 PM — Teen Taste Test	23 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
25 3 PM — Mat Yoga (virtual) 5 PM — Cook the Book Book Club	26 11 AM — Tinker Tots 7 PM — Introduction to Water-Bath Canning	27 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 7 PM — Popular Page Turners Book Club	28 3 PM — Tech Thursday: iPhone and Android Basics 5 PM — Ready, Set, Game	29 1 PM — Friday Flicks 5 PM — Game On	30

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## SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS



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1  LIBRARY CLOSED Happy Labor Day!	2 11 AM — Sensory Playtime 5 PM — Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club	3 10 AM — Quilt & Sew Club 11 AM — Spanish Storytime	4 3 PM — Tech Thursday: iPhone and Android Basics	5 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 2 PM — Polish American Association Presents: Citizenship Information Session	6 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
8 11 AM — Storypalooza 3 PM — Chair Yoga (virtual) 5 PM — History Buffs Book Club 5 PM — Pumpkin Sugar Scrub	9 11 AM — Rockin' Tots	10 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 4 PM — LEGO Librarians 5:30 PM — Kids & Crafts	11 3 PM — Tech Thursday: iPhone and Android Basics 5 PM — Ready, Set, Game 5 PM — The Write Stuff	12 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 5 PM — Game On	13 1 PM — Paint-N-Sip
15 11 AM — Storypalooza 3 PM — Mat Yoga (virtual) 5 PM — Sweet Treat Storytime: Dragons Love Tacos!	16 11 AM — Sensory Playtime 5:30 PM — Flirty Fiction Romance Book Club 7 PM — ILP: Steve Burns (virtual) 7 PM — Side Hustle Success: Turning Free Time Into Extra Money	17 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 4:30 PM — Teen Cuisine 7 PM — Popular Page Turners Book Club	18 3 PM — Tech Thursday: iPhone and Android Basics 6 PM — Polish Storytime	19 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 4:30 PM — Graphic Novel Book Club	20 10:30 AM — Friends of the Library Meeting 1 PM — Bluey Boogie Bash 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
22 11 AM — Storypalooza 3 PM — Chair Yoga (virtual)	23 11 AM — Tinker Tots 5 PM — Paper y Pan Dulce	24 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 5 PM — Virtual Field Trip: Peru	25 5 PM — Ready, Set, Game	26 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 1 PM — Friday Flicks 4:30 PM — Teen Taste Test 5:30 PM — Game On	27
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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 excited to help others, 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](https://fppld.org/teen-volunteers)



## 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 @ 5 PM

7/18, 8/1, 8/15, 8/29, 9/12, 9/26

## Needle Felted Narwhals

Want to learn a new craft? Join Natasha Lehrer Lewis as she teaches us how to needle felt Narwhals! All supplies will be provided.  
**Grades 5-12.**  
**Tuesday, 7/29 @ 4:30 PM**



## Teen Cuisine

Cook your own delicious meals and treats with us! Learn basic cooking skills and a delightful new recipe at every meetup. **Grades 5-12 @ 4:30 PM**

**Wednesday, 7/9 :** Ice Cream

**Wednesday, 8/13 :** Sushi

**Wednesday, 9/17 :** Korean Street Tteokbokki



## Teen Taste Test

Take a snack-tacular journey around the world to find the best, the meh, and just plain weird that each country has to offer! Egg chips? Spanish chocolate? We try it all! For science! **Grades 5-12**

**7/25, 8/22, 9/26 @ 4:30 PM**

## LEGO Librarians

Come and join the snap-together squad as we build LEGO sets to decorate the Library. We're excited to build crazy big LEGO sets that you've always dreamed of getting your hands on.

**Ages 11+ Wednesdays, 7/2, 8/6, 8/20 & 9/10 @ 4 PM**

## Super Strangely Familiar Character Brawl with Andertoons

Since we can't use popular characters, try drawing some like Mustache Plumber, Kong Donkey, Peak Achoo, and Duchess Dragon Fruit!

**Grades 5-12. Tuesday, 7/22 @ 5 PM**



## Teen BinGLOW

Black lights + neon paint + bingo = BinGLOW! Win prizes and be sure to wear neon or white to add to the fun.

**Wednesday, 7/23 @ 5 PM. Must be in grades 5-12.**



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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, 8/9 and 9/20 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.**

The Book Sale will take place on Saturday, 8/16 from 11 AM to 2 PM.

For more info, visit [fppld.org/friends](https://fppld.org/friends)

### eNewsletter

Stay up-to-date via our email newsletter. Sign up at [fppld.org/enewsletter](https://fppld.org/enewsletter)

### Photo/Video Policy:

Photographs and/or videos may be taken at programs and in the Library for possible use in Library promotions, including the newsletter, website, and social media. If you do not wish to be photographed/filmed, please notify staff.



## FRANKLIN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

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July 2025 - September 2025

### Level Up at Your Library with Your Library Card

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. It's now much easier and quicker to get a library card, and your card remains valid for 5 years. Visit the Patron Services Desk with your photo ID and another piece of identification. Learn more at [fppld.org](https://fppld.org) under "Borrow" tab.

New patrons who sign-up in September will be entered to win an exciting prize. Already have a card? Renew or use your Library Card in September, and you'll be entered for a chance to win a prize too!

### 1st Annual Bookmark Design Contest

Help design a special new library bookmark! Contest is open to those in grades K-12. The winner's design will be printed on a bookmark for all readers to enjoy.

Pick up an application at the Patron Services Desk **starting on 7/1**. Applications are **due on Thursday, 7/31**. The top 10 designs will be displayed the first week of August and voted on by Library Staff and patrons.



### 2025 Summer Reading Challenge Continues!

This year's Summer Reading Challenge Kick-Off Party on 5/31 was record-setting and the biggest turnout yet! We'd like to extend our deepest gratitude to all who contributed and our valued sponsors: Zacatecas Restaurant, Park District of Franklin Park, We Rock the Spectrum, Goal Line Pizza, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Lifters Nutrition, Raising Cane's, Grand Stand Pizza, Andy's Frozen Custard, Wendy's, Portillo's, and Crave It.

The party's over, but it's not too late to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. Keep Leveling Up With Your Library until **Saturday, 8/9**. Participants will receive check-in goodies and tickets to put towards amazing prizes.

### Village Sticker Thank You!

The Library would like to thank East Leyden artist Lukasz Sroka for designing the Village of Franklin Park's 2025 vehicle sticker. The design commemorates the Library's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1899 - 2024.



### Kids' Summer Meals

Our annual free meal program is underway! Free lunches are offered **Monday through Friday, from 12 to 2 PM**, to all youth 18 years & under.

The last day for summer meals will be on **Friday, 8/8**. Visit [fppld.org](https://fppld.org) or call the Info Desk for more details.



## Craft Supply Swap

Back by popular demand, the Craft Supply Swap is on **Saturday, 8/16, from 9 AM to noon!**

All clean and odor-free craft donations are welcome. The event will be held outside, in the Library's front parking lot, so there will be no early access for donors. Donations may be dropped off at the Info Desk or the Kids Crossing Desk.



### Latin & South American Cuisine

Spend the evening with Chef Susan Maddox exploring regions of Latin and South America. The program will feature a few countries and their individual cuisine through their wonderful ingredients, culture, and cooking methods. A great way to enjoy the culture without having jet lag! **7/9 @ 7 PM**

### History Buffs Book Club

Join us to discuss a rotating selection of history books. Picks may include histories, biographies, memoirs, and autobiographies. **Meets monthly @ 5 PM.**

**7/14:** *Not Your China Doll* by Katie Gee Salisbury  
**8/11:** *The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum* by Margalit Fox  
**9/8:** *Salt* by Mark Kurlansky

### Watermelon Coasters

Keep your furniture drip-free with a lovely watermelon coaster. **7/21 @ 5 PM**



### Library Blood Drive

Have 15-20 minutes to save a life (or three)? Give blood at the Library with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois. All donors 17 and older are welcome. No registration required. **8/2 @ 10 AM - 2 PM**

### Beaded Bookmarks

Create a custom beaded bookmark, perfect for showing off your interests or giving as a gift! **8/18 @ 5 PM**

### Introduction to Water-Bath Canning

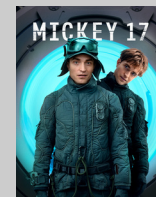
Join cookbook author/food preservation expert Emily Paster for a demonstration on water-bath canning, a safe and easy method of preserving fruits and vegetables. See the entire process of canning fruit spreads and vegetable pickles for shelf-stability as well as answer any questions that may arise. **8/26 @ 7 PM**

### Friday Flicks

Watch new movie releases in good company! Refreshments will be served.



**8/29 @ 1 PM**  
*Reagan*  
(2024)  
Rated PG-13



**9/26 @ 1 PM**  
*Mickey 17*  
(2024)  
Rated R

### Pumpkin Sugar Scrub

Do you love the smell of pumpkin spice lattes? Mix the two to create a luxurious homemade sugar scrub that will keep your skin soft all fall long! **9/8 @ 5 PM**

### Side Hustle Success: Turning Free Time into Extra Money

Having a side hustle isn't just a trend—it's a smart strategy for financial freedom and personal growth. This presentation explores practical, creative, and profitable ways to earn extra income to supplement your current job, or as a way to earn income being your own boss. **9/16 @ 7 PM**

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Library Hours: Mon – Wed : 9 AM – 9 PM

Thurs – Fri : 9 AM – 7 PM

Sat : 9 AM – 4 PM

These adult programs require registration. Sign up @ [fppld.org](https://fppld.org):

