

Kids Events

Haunted House: CARNIVAL

Step right up to the library's annual Haunted House! This year's carnival-theme will be full of interactive fun, from games to sweet treats like cotton candy and popcorn. The scares are just the right amount of spooky for all ages! Costumes are encouraged, but not required. **October 29 @ 4-6 PM**



Native American Heritage Month: Dance Performance and Paint & Sip



Come & see Indigenous Chicago artist & dancer, Negwes White share his regalia, dance & history! **(11/19 @ 5 PM)**
Then make art inspired by his culture! **(11/19 @ 5:45 PM)**
All ages Two programs. Please register for each separately!

Encanto Interactive Movie



What's an interactive movie? We'll watch the movie, but when a certain scene happens YOU will react. When someone talks about Bruno we'll "shhh" or when Isabela's on screen we'll toss petals. And of course singing is encouraged! **(All ages) 10/13 @ 5 PM**

Let's Paint!

Painting class for artists of all levels! Grab your paint brushes and join Ms. Mariela for an afternoon of creative, colorful, paint-smeared fun! **12/2 @ 5PM**

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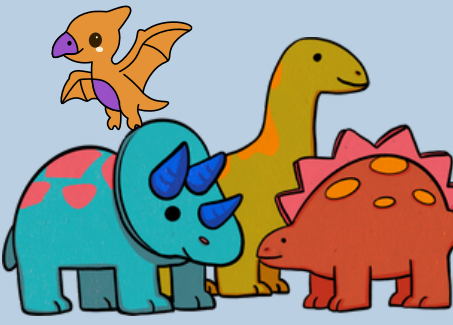
A hands-on program where kids dive into exciting topics! Each session explores a new 'ology'.



Nov 18 @ 5 PM: National Parks-ology
Dec 11 @ 5 PM: Space-ology

It's DINovember!

Dinovember is coming to the library, and we've got a month full of prehistoric fun! Celebrate at our Dinovember Party **(11/3 @ 5PM)**, imagine what dinosaurs looked like long ago at Dreaming up Dinosaurs **(11/4 @ 5PM)**, make your own dino-nuggets in Kids Kitchen **(11/25 @ 5PM)**, and even see and touch real fossils with T-Rexplorers**(11/10 @ 5PM)**. Don't miss out on all the roaring good times!

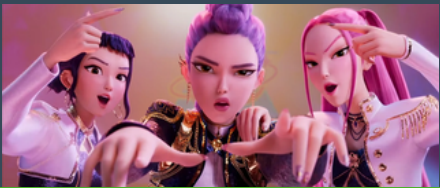


Kids & Krafts

Join us every month for a fun kids' craft! From decorating bucket hats to air-dry clay creations, every session is a chance to get creative and make something unique to take home. **10/9, 11/20, 12/18 @ 5 PM**

K-Pop Demon Hunters (PG) Sing Along

We're having a K-Pop Demon Hunters Sing Along and you're invited!
Korean snacks & drinks included!
10/23 @ 5 PM



Graphic Novel Book Club

Do you like reading comics, graphic novels, and manga? Join our Graphic Novel Book Club as we read different books, play games, and do activities based on them. Then, help vote for the next book! **(Grades 3-8) 10/17, 11/21, 12/19 @ 4:30-5:30 PM**

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



OCTOBER



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 10 AM — Library Quilt & Sew Club 4 PM — LEGO Librarians 5 PM — What Do You MEAN My Computer Doesn't Support Windows 11?! 6 PM — Tech Help Drop-In 6 PM — Speckle Ghost Painting	2 4 PM — Multicultural Night 5 PM — Mariachi Estrellas de Chicago	3 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime	4
6 11 AM — Storypalooza 5 PM — Fall Tattoo Candles	7 11 AM — Rockin' Tots 5 PM — Battle of the Tacos 5 PM — Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club	8 4:30 PM — Teen Cuisine 5 PM — What Do You MEAN My Computer Doesn't Support Windows 11?! 6 PM — Tech Help Drop-In 7 PM — Tarot 101 with Psychic Barbara G. Meyer	9 5 PM — Kids & Krafts	10 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 5 PM — Game On	11 11 AM — Friends of the Library Book Sale 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
13 11 AM — Storypalooza 5 PM — Encanto Interactive Movie 5 PM — History Buffs Book Club	14 11 AM — Sensory Playtime	15 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 6 PM — Tech Help Drop-In 6 PM — Popular Page Turners Book Club 7 PM — Getting Started with Google Docs	16	17 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 4:30 PM — Graphic Novel Book Club	18 12 PM — Teen Pumpkin Painting & A Nightmare Before Christmas
20 11 AM — Storypalooza 5 PM — True Crime Brew Time 5 PM — Animals Around the World - Incredible Bats	21 11 AM — Tinker Tots 5:30 PM — Flirty Fiction Romance Book Club @ Finch Coffee 7 PM — ILP: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode (virtual)	22 6 PM — Indoor Edible Gardening 6 PM — Tech Help Drop-In	23 11 AM — Storytime @ Angel's Closet (Offsite) 5 PM — K-Pop Demon Hunters Sing Along	24 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 4:30 PM — Teen Taste Test 5 PM — Game On	25 11 AM — Community Narcan Training 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
27 11 AM — Storypalooza 5 PM — Cook the Book Club 7 PM — Introduction to Fermenting Vegetables with Author & Chef Emily Paster		29 4 PM — Haunted House 6 PM — Tech Help Drop-In 7 PM — Getting Started with Microsoft Office	30	31 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime (Halloween Parade!) 1 PM — Friday Flicks	

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NOVEMBER



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 10 AM — Library Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Centers
3 11 AM — Storypalooza 5 PM — DINovember Party	4 11 AM — Rockin' Tots 5 PM — Dreaming Up Dinosaurs 5 PM — Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club	5 10 AM — Library Quilt & Sew Club 4:30 PM — Teen Cuisine 6 PM — Tech Help Drop-In 7 PM — Getting Started with Google Docs	6 5 PM — Ready, Set, Game	7 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 5 PM — Game On	8 1 PM — Paint-N-Sip
10 11 AM — Storypalooza 5 PM — History Buffs Book Club 5 PM — T-Rexplorers	11 11 AM — Sensory Playtime 5:30 PM — Flirty Fiction Romance Book Club	12 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 4 PM — LEGO Librarians 6 PM — Tech Help Drop-In 7 PM — Holiday Petit Fours & Sweets with Chef Susan	13 4 PM — Perler Bead-It!	14 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 4:30 PM — Teen Taste Test	15 10:30 AM — Friends of the Library Meeting 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
17 11 AM — Storypalooza @ Finch Coffee (Offsite) 5 PM — True Crime Brew Time 5 PM — Autumn Tea Towel	18 11 AM — Tinker Tots 5 PM — National Parks-ology 7 PM — ILP: Kenji López-Alt: A Journey Through Food and Science (virtual)	19 5 PM — Native American Heritage Month Performance and Sip & Paint 7 PM — Popular Page Turners Book Club 6 PM — Tech Help Drop-In 7 PM — Getting Started with Microsoft Office	20 5 PM — Kids & Krafts	21 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 1 PM — Friday Flicks 4:30 PM — Graphic Novel Book Club 5 PM — Game On	22 1 PM — Understanding & Maximizing the Benefits of Trees in Our Community
24 11 AM — Storypalooza 5 PM — Cook the Book Club	25 11 AM — Sensory Playtime 5 PM — Kids' Kitchen	26 LIBRARY CLOS@ 5 PM	27 LIBRARY CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving!	28 LIBRARY CLOSED	29 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group

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1 11 AM — Storypalooza	2 11 AM — Rockin' Tots 5 PM — Let's Paint! 5 PM — Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club	3 10 AM — Library Quilt & Sew Club 4:30 PM — Santa Visit 6 PM — Tech Help Drop-In 7 PM — Getting Started with Google Docs	4 5 PM — Ready, Set, Game	5 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 5 PM — Game On	6 11 AM — Friends of the Library Book Sale 11 AM — Holiday Wrapping Paper & Gift Bag Swap 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
8 11 AM — Storypalooza 5 PM — History Buffs Book Club 5 PM — Penguin Family Ornament	9 11 AM — Sensory Playtime	10 11 AM — Spanish Storytime 4:30 PM — Teen Cuisine 6 PM — Tech Help Drop-In	11 5 PM — Space-ology	12 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime	13 12 PM — Swiftmas
15 11 AM — Storypalooza 5 PM — True Crime Brew Time 7 PM — Winter Evergreen Container Garden with Peggy Garvin	16 11 AM — Tinker Tots 5:30 PM — Flirty Fiction Romance Book Club	17 4 PM — LEGO Librarians 6 PM — Book Club Party 6 PM — Tech Help Drop-In 7 PM — Getting Started with Microsoft Office	18 5 PM — Kids & Krafts	19 11 AM — Scales-N-Tales Storytime 4:30 PM — Graphic Novel Book Club 5 PM — Game On	20 1 PM — Knit & Crochet Group
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29 11 AM — Storypalooza 5 PM — Cook the Book Club	30 11:30 AM — Noon Year's Eve	31 LIBRARY CLOSED Happy New Years!	1 LIBRARY CLOSED Happy New Years!		

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Teen Events

Nightmare Before Christmas (PG) and Pumpkin Painting

What's this? Join in the holiday festivities at the Library as we watch Nightmare Before Christmas (PG) and paint pumpkins! Each participant will get their very own pumpkin and paint supplies.

Saturday, October 18th @ 12 -2 PM (Grades 5-12)



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, 10/8 : Elotes
Wednesday, 11/5 : Chocolate Brownies
Wednesday, 12/10 : Dumplings



Game On

Take your gaming to the next level. Play new and classic games, participate in friendly competitions, and win prizes.

(Grades 7-12) Fridays @ 5 PM
10/ 10, 10/24, 11/7,11/21, 12/5, 12/19



Perler Bead-It!

Create different Perler bead designs. We provide different Perler bead colors & tools to help you get started! (Grades 3+) 11/13 @ 4-6 PM



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, 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



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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 **Saturday, 11/15 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.**

The Book Sale will take place on **Saturday, 10/11 and 12/6 from 11 AM to 2 PM.**

For more info, visit fppld.org/friends

eNewsletter

Stay up-to-date via our email newsletter. Sign up at fppld.org/enewsletter

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Building Our Future — Preserving Our Past

October 2025 - December 2025 Newsletter

Strategic Planning Update

Our year-long planning process is nearing completion. Work was done in conjunction with Northern Illinois University's Center for Governmental Studies. Over the summer, focus groups were held to gain community input. This fall, trustees & staff will meet to draft the plan. By early 2026, the Library hopes to share our new strategic plan with you!

Kids' Book Bingo

Youth Services is rolling out Book Bingo! Kids in grades K-5 can read at their own pace and cross off the different genres on their bingo card. Reading one item on the card earns you a piece of candy, completing a bingo earns you a button, and completing the whole card earns you a gift card to a local business. This reading program runs all year. Pick up your bingo card at the Kids Crossing desk.



Warmth & Comfort Drive

We are proud to continue the annual tradition of serving our veterans by gathering donations for the American Legion Post 974's Stand Down 2026. **Beginning November 1st**, drop off new toiletries and unused winter clothing items at the Patron Services Desk.



AARP Tax-Aide Seeks Volunteers

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide makes it easier for older and low-income taxpayers to file tax returns and get the credits and deductions that they've earned. Training and IRS certification are provided by AARP. Find out more and sign up to volunteer today: aarp.org/taxaide.



More Museum Passes

The Library is very pleased to announce that the number of passes available through the MAP program has now doubled. To learn more and request passes online, please visit fppld.org.



Visit Our New Calming Space for Kids

Immediately following our morning programs on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, our small meeting room is transformed into a Calming Space. Equipped with sensory toys, night lights, foam mats, a tent, and calming music, our space is geared towards any child and caregiver who needs a moment to themselves when overstimulated, to nurse or change a diaper, or to play calmly.



Leyden HS Yearbook Donations Request

Our Local History holdings feature a full set of East and West Leyden High School yearbooks. We are seeking duplicate copies of *The Eagle* and *The Shield* to make these materials more easily accessible to the public as part of our main collection. Donate your piece of local history at the Info Desk.



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

Thurs – Fri : 9 AM – 7 PM

Sat : 9 AM – 4 PM

Adult Events

Holiday Wrapping Paper & Gift Bag Swap

Do you have wrapping paper or gift bags collecting dust? Drop it off at the Library from **October 20 to November 21**. Then on **December 6 from 11 AM - 2 PM**, pop in to grab new-to-you supplies. *Please only bring new or gently used items. We **WON'T** accept moldy, wet, crumpled, or paper that is almost gone.*

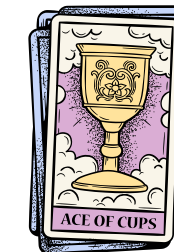
Fall Tattoo Candles

Show off your spooky or autumn vibes by decorating candles with fall-themed tattoos to make your space look complete for autumn. **10/6 @ 5 PM**



Tarot 101

Join us for a magical evening with one of Chicago's top psychic entertainers, Barbara Meyer. Learn the history and theory of tarot card readings, debunk common myths, & conduct your own reading. **10/8 @ 7 PM**



True Crime Brew Time Book Club

Steep yourself in the true stories of murder, kidnappings, cults, and unexplained events. We'll discuss contemporary true crime books while enjoying freshly-brewed tea & snacks. **10/20, 11/17, 12/15 @ 5 PM**



Indoor Edible Gardening

This engaging program shows you how to grow edible plants indoors year-round. Learn about light, containers, growing media, and plant choices that make indoor gardening both practical and rewarding. **10/22 @ 6 PM**

Intro to Fermenting Vegetables

In this culinary demonstration, cookbook author & food preservation expert Emily Paster will explain how fermentation works to preserve vegetables, the health benefits of fermented foods & how to begin fermenting vegetables in your own kitchen. **10/27 @ 6 PM**



Holiday Petit Fours & Sweets w/ Chef Susan

The holidays are fast approaching and a great way to celebrate is savoring seasonal treats with your family and friends. Chef Susan Maddox is back to instruct on preparing delightful holiday sweets and petit fours to fill your recipe box and satisfy your sweet tooth. **11/12 @ 7 PM**



Autumn Tea Towel

Spice up your home decor by coloring your own Autumn tea towel. **11/17 @ 5 PM**



Penguin Family Ornament

Make a sweet little pebble penguin family ornament to adorn your home or give as a gift. **12/8 @ 5 PM**

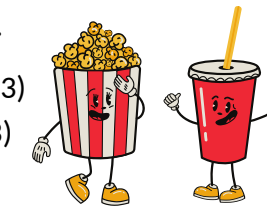
Friday Flicks

Stop by monthly to watch a newly released movie. Refreshments will also be provided.

Oct 31 @ 1 PM: Beetlejuice 2 (PG-13)

Nov 21 @ 1 PM: Last Breath (PG-13)

Dec 26 @ 1 PM: Here (PG-13)



Winter Evergreen Container Garden w/ Peggy Garvin

A cute seasonal container filled with mixed evergreens (pine, cedar, noble fir, juniper and incense cedar), branches, and a dash of pine cones? Yes, please! This will last for months outside in the cold. **12/15 @ 7 PM**



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