



Frosty Family Fun Night: FHN Festival of Trees Kickoff



Enjoy an evening of fun for the whole family—slime making, bingo, treats, and more! It's a wonderful opportunity to kick off the holiday season with laughter and joy. Don't miss the chance to create cherished memories at Frosty Family Fun Night! Plus, grown-ups that bring kids to the event can enter to win a \$100 gift card. **Monday, December 1st from 5:30-7pm**



Our Community Cares Library Shares Food Drive was a huge success!

With the generous assistance of our community, we successfully filled over six giant barrels with food donations for the FACC. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support!



Santa Storytimes

Listen to a holiday story or two by Santa and Mrs. Claus in Santa's visiting area. After stories, be sure to tell Santa what you would like for Christmas.

Thursday, December 4th - 6:30-7pm
Saturday, December 13th - 2-2:30 pm



Ask Alex!

Looking for something new? Just ask Alex! Alex works the Adult Reference Desk and has a passion for reading. Check out her recommendation for December, *The One Inside* by Sam Shepard, a fragmented, poetic, and surreal exploration of memory, identity, and the American landscape.

Strange, surreal, and yet incredibly human, this is the first of Shepard's work I've read and what a first impression! His prose paints vivid scenes, so simple yet raw; I felt I was there with the characters, experiencing the main protag's highs and lows. He has a way of putting so much life into such a short book. Definitely a book I would add to my collection.

Audiobook
available on
Libby!



The
One
Inside

Sam
Shepard

Foreword by Patti Smith

YOUTH

For Babies & Toddlers!

Babies & Books

Every Monday

10:15am - 11:00am

Join us for a weekly storytime for babies and toddlers under 2 with caregiver!

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Every Wednesday

10:30am - 11:00am

Join us for a weekly storytime for children ages 2-5 with their caregiver!

Frosty Family Fun Night

FHN Festival of Trees Event

Monday, December 1 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Enjoy an evening of fun for the whole family-slime making, bingo, treats, and more! Plus, grown-ups that bring kids to the event can enter to win a \$100 gift card.

SLIME MAKING

Candy Cane Slime

Tuesday, December 2 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Youth Program Room - Join us each month to make a different kind of slime you can take home!

SANTA STORYTIME

Thursday, December 4 | 6:30pm - 7:00pm

Saturday, December 13 | 2:00pm - 2:30pm

Youth Services - Listen to a holiday story or two by Santa and Mrs. Claus in Santa's visiting area. After stories, be sure to tell Santa what you would like for Christmas.

SENSORY PLAY DAY

Friday, December 5 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Meeting Room - Join us for a morning of sensory fun and making new friends! Children will have the opportunity to play at several different stations in this engaging sensory playtime. Some stations may be messy, so wear appropriate clothing. Ages 0-5.

POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, December 11 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Youth Program Room - Meet to play and talk Pokémon with other trainers! Players can bring their own cards, or use decks provided by the library. Trade cards, battle each other, or just talk strategy - this club is for elementary-age novice and expert trainers.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, December 13 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Bring your little ones to practice reading with the sweet pups from Therapy Dogs International!

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

More Holidays Around the World

Monday, December 15 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Meeting Room - Calling all homeschoolers! Come connect with fellow homeschoolers and discover new ways to enrich your learning journey! This month we will be learning about more winter holidays around the world.

Messy Masterpieces



Friday, December 19 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Youth Program Room - Join us for a morning full of creativity. Come dressed to make a mess! This program is for ages 5 and under.

CARDBOARD ARCADE

Monday, December 29 | 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Tuesday, December 30 | 10:00pm - 2:00pm

Meeting Room - Try your luck at our Cardboard Arcade! Play your favorite arcade games, including skeeball, basketball shoot out, bowling, and more!

COUNTDOWN TO NOON YEAR

Wednesday, December 31 | 10:30am - 12:00pm

Meeting Room - Can't stay up until midnight? Come celebrate at the library's Noon Year's Party! There will be music, dancing, slime making, crafts, a countdown to noon and lots more New Year's fun!

TEENS

TEEN TUESDAYS

Teen Advisory Board

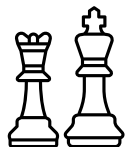
Tuesday, December 9 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Conference Room - Calling all teens! Want more teen activities and social events? Need to fulfill volunteer hours? Get involved on this planning team and help improve library services for 7th - 12th graders. All ideas welcome!

join chessport!

Wednesday, December 3 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Whether you're a beginner eager to learn the basics or a seasoned player looking to sharpen your strategy, this is the perfect opportunity to engage in friendly competition and make new friends. Chess sets are provided. All ages welcome.



ADULT

A CHRISTMAS CAROL WITH DUFFY HUDSON

Tuesday, December 2 | 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Ebenezer Scrooge...Jacob Marley...Bob Cratchit...Tiny Tim...The Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come, are characters we have come to love and welcome into our homes and hearts.

Join us as Broadway and film actor Duffy Hudson, without the aid of props or costumes while playing all 30 characters, brings this magical tale to life.

This 75 minute show is ideal for the entire family.

Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

Thursday, December 4 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Senior Resource Center - Join us at the Senior Resource Center in Freeport to discuss this month's selection, *Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times*, by Katherine May. No registration required, all are welcome!



MONDAY MURDERS BOOK GROUP

Monday, December 8 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Boardroom - Everyone welcome for this book group. No registration! Pick up a copy of the book on the 2nd floor of the library.

This month we will be talking about the book *The Last Equation* by Nova Jacobs. Just days after mathematician and family patriarch Isaac Severy dies of an apparent suicide, his adopted granddaughter Hazel, owner of a struggling Seattle bookstore, receives a letter from him by mail. In it, Isaac alludes to a secretive organization that is after his final bombshell equation, and he charges Hazel with safely delivering it to a trusted colleague. But first, she must find where the equation is hidden.



PAPER PINE TREES

Wednesday, December 10 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Make paper pine/Christmas trees for the winter season or the holidays. They would make a nice centerpiece, embellishment on a side table or mantle, or decoration on a buffet.

Registration Required.

VICTORIAN TREE CORSAGES

Monday, December 15 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Craft a Victorian Tree Corsage with Vicki. This will be a small class for adults only.

Registration Required.

IT'S A WEIRD WORLD...

Wednesday, December 17 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Boardroom - Do you like podcasts or shows or books about creepy things, cryptids, hauntings, or howls in the night? Join us for It's a Weird World...

In this month's episode of It's a Weird World, we will be discussing Krampus and other creepy holiday fiends and legends.

Therapeutic Recreation for Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, December 23 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Meeting Room - No registration required! Join our therapeutic recreation program designed especially for individuals with I.D.D. Engage in crafting, chatting, and fun activities!



New Palace Project App

Due to the recent and abrupt closure of Baker & Taylor, the Boundless app that hosts the eRead Illinois collection is being discontinued. The entire collection will be migrated to a new, sustainable platform. Introducing your newest e-reader, the Palace Project app! Palace allows you to access more of your library's ebooks and audiobooks in one place. Additionally, enjoy thousands of free titles on the Palace Bookshelf which are yours to keep for as long as you'd like. Download the Palace Project app for Android or Apple iOS starting December 2nd!



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