

What's Coming Down the Line?

The Railroad in the American Mind

Monday, March 9 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Climb aboard for a train ride into our culture!

Illinois is the nation's railroad crossroads. This not only altered the state's economy and communities, but also represented an industry with a cultural allure. The speeding locomotive meant progress, and people gathered trackside to watch the train arrive and marvel at the opulent, Illinois-built Pullman cars. Railroads not only accelerated Illinois' economic development and population boom but also were icons that influenced American culture. The national land-based transportation network radically changed the economy, how people traveled, and how corporate structure evolved. Rail workers were seen as heroic as they labored in a hazardous occupation. The railroad became a cultural symbol, reflected in advertising, cinema, and children's toys.

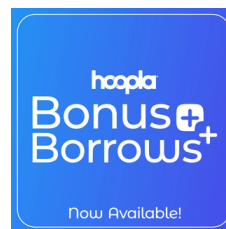
Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Tuesday,
March 17th

Did you know...

No borrows? No problem! Titles in Hoopla's Bonus Borrows program don't count against your limit, and they're available the last seven days of each month. Enjoy Hoopla all month long! Check out audiobooks, eBooks, comics & manga, movies, TV, and BingePasses.



Welcome to our new Director, Emily Schaub!

Emily comes to us from the Peru Public Library, where she served as Co-Library Director for the past several years. The Freeport Public Library board and staff invite you to join us in welcoming Emily as we look forward to the new developments she will bring. We are very excited to have her join the library team as our new leader!



March is Women's History Month!

While we get celebrate the awesome ladies in our lives every day, this month gives us the opportunity to reflect on the groundbreaking ways that women have shaped science, culture, music, history, sports, and more. The authors at Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls have put together several collections of works saluting those brave women. From mathematician Ada Lovelace, to orchestra conductor Zhang Xian, you're sure to find inspiration in one of these outstanding women's stories. Collections include, "100 Tales of Extraordinary Women," "100 Immigrant Women Who Changed the World," and, "100 Real-Life Tales of Black Girl Magic," as well as a second volume of 100 more extraordinary women!

Books can be found under "Good" in the Collective Biography section of the Youth Services department.

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 a caregiver!

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Every Wednesday
10:30am - 11:00am

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

SLIME MAKING

St. Patrick's Day Slime

Tuesday, March 3 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm

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

SENSORY PLAY DAY

Friday, March 6 | 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, March 12 | 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.

Messy Masterpieces

Friday, March 13 | 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.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, March 14 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

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

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

All About Art

Monday, March 16 | 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 art.

Storytime with Pigeon

Monday, March 23 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Wednesday, March 25 | 10:30am - 11:00am

Youth Program Room - Enjoy a special storytime with the one and only Pigeon! We will read some of his favorite stories and make a special Pigeon craft before meeting Pigeon himself.



Don't Let the Pigeon Run the Party!

Saturday, March 28 | 10:30am - 11:30am

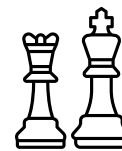
Meeting Room - Are you a fan of Mo Willems' Pigeon books? Join us as we celebrate Pigeon with a party in his honor! We will have crafts, games, and a visit from Pigeon himself. Will Pigeon take over the party? You'll have to come find out.

TEEN

join chessport!

Wednesday, March 4 | 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. Meet on the second floor. All ages welcome.



TEEN TUESDAYS

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 10 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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

Short Story Awards

Tuesday, March 17 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Meeting Room - Join us to celebrate the teen authors who submitted their work for consideration in our second annual Short Story Contest! Light refreshments will be provided as we acknowledge the top three submissions and reveal the first prize winner.

EASTER EGG PAINTING

Tuesday, March 24 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Teen Room - Using a few different techniques, from rice and salt to water-marbling, we are going to put our own spin on a classic Spring activity.

Library Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, March 31 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Teen Room - Join us for a puzzling adventure, sure to put your skills to the test. Team up to solve a series of clues, helping you see the Library with a fresh set of eyes.



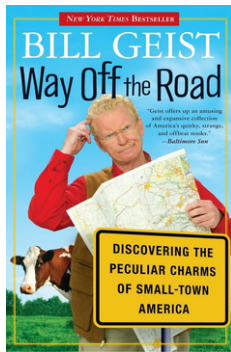
ADULT

Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

Thursday, March 5 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Senior Resource Center - Join us at the Senior Resource Center in Freeport to discuss this month's selection, *Way Off the Road*, by Bill Geist. No registration required, all are welcome!

Celebrated roving correspondent for CBS News Sunday Morning and bestselling author Bill Geist serves up a rollicking look at some small-town Americans and their offbeat ways of life.



Age Well: Yoga Movement & Conscious Breathwork

Thursday, March 5 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Meeting Room - In this follow-along session, Dr. Heidi Sormaz guides you through the power of conscious breathing — the foundation of every yoga practice. Discover how most of us breathe on autopilot and how small shifts can transform how you feel, move and handle stress. Join us for this live, online Road Scholar event.

MONDAY MURDERS BOOK GROUP

Monday, March 9 | 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 *Billy Boyle*. During WWII, a diplomatic mission in Norway turns into a murder probe. As the Good War heats up and the draft accelerates, Boston cop Billy Boyle decides to enlist. After his well-connected and vocal Irish family calls in a few favors to get Billy into Officers Candidate School, he emerges a lieutenant under the command of rising military star and distant relative Dwight Eisenhower, whom Billy calls Uncle Ike.

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Watercolor with Victoria: the Basics

Monday, March 16 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Watercolor with instruction from Victoria. The first 30 minutes will be basic techniques: wet-on-wet, wet-on-dry, etc that we will practice. The last hour will be a simple painting project that will use those techniques.

Registration Required. Please register each person separately.



IT'S A WEIRD WORLD...

Wednesday, March 18 | 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...

This month we will discuss exotic pets and the interesting people that owned them. Join us for this fun discussion group.



Illinois Libraries Present:

Beyond the Page with

Percival Everett

in conversation with Brandis Friedman

VIRTUAL EVENT & WATCH PARTY

Thursday, March 19 | 7:00pm - 7:45pm

Industrious, irreverent, humble—though he may deny the accusation—Percival Everett, like his fiction, defies categorization. His most recent novel, *James*, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award, and his 2001 novel *Erasure* inspired the film *American Fiction*.



Therapeutic Recreation for Folks with I.D.D.

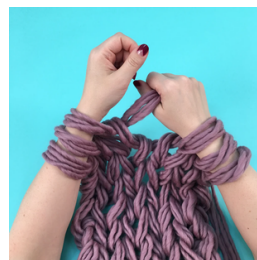
Tuesday, March 24 | 10:30am - 11:30am

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

Arm Knitting "How To"

Wednesday, March 25 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Learn how to arm knit. We will have one skein of jumbo, chunky yarn for each person to learn and practice with. If you want to start a project, bring your own chunky yarn to work with. Bobby will teach you how to arm knit in one evening!



Registration Required.

Jigsaw Puzzle Race

Monday, March 30 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm



Meeting Room - There's room for 5 teams. Each team should have 4 – 6 people. Team members should be between 8 and 100+ years old. Each team must have at least one adult on it. Snacks and drinks provided for participants. The first team to completely and correctly assemble the puzzle will be the winner of the Puzzle Challenge. To Register, talk to Dianne in person, via email, or via phone: dludwig@freeportpubliclibrary.org or 815.656.2478.

Registration Required.

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