

Community Cares Library Shares

FOOD DRIVE

November is Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Month



Let's stock the shelves for this coming holiday season!

Help us collect shelf-stable food items all month long for FACC's food pantry. You can make a difference!

Drop off your food donations at the Circulation Desk. We will be accepting all non-perishable donations, but will be focusing on most needed items throughout the month.

Week One (Nov 1-8): Peanut Butter & Jelly

Week Two (Nov 9-15): Macaroni/Pasta

Week Three (Nov 16-22): Sauces

Week Four (Nov 23-30): Soups

November Holidays



Freeport Public Library will be closed Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day.

The Library will also be closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th for Thanksgiving.



A Christmas Carol with Duffy Hudson

Tuesday, December 2nd • 6:30-7:45 pm



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. Don't miss this unusual take on a seasonal favorite. NO COST, NO REGISTRATION. If you enjoyed him as Audie Murphy or Houdini, don't miss this show!

Ask Erin!

Erin is the Librarian's Assistant for the Youth Department. This month Erin wanted to highlight a collection of books we have available for children and families.

Kids ask a lot of questions, and I mean, A LOT of questions: Why is the sky blue? What kind of bug is that? Why do leaves change color?

But what about the questions that don't have an easy answer? How can we navigate these abstract, and sometimes tricky, topics that arise when communicating about the world?

The writers over at "A Kids Book About..." created a solution: books written by different authors in kid-friendly language, designed to empower grown-ups and kids to have those conversations together. Freeport's collection includes topics like Empathy, Self-Love, Inclusivity, and Consent, and continues to grow! All books can be found in the Parent Teacher section of Non-Fiction. Need a topic that you don't see on our shelves? Stop by the Youth Services desk and let us get the right book for you!



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!

SLIME MAKING

Harvest Glitter Slime

Tuesday, November 4 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm

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

PAWS to Read

Saturday, November 8 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

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

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Veterans Day

Monday, November 10 | 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 Veterans Day. All ages welcome!

POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, November 13 | 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.

SENSORY PLAY DAY

Friday, November 14 | 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.

Messy Masterpieces

Friday, November 21 | 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.



A BOUNTY OF CRAFTS

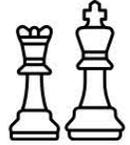
Tuesday, November 25 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Meeting Room - Drop in and celebrate the season of gratitude with Thanksgiving and harvest themed crafts perfect for decorating for the holiday.

join chessport!

Wednesday, November 5 | 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.



TEENS

TEEN TUESDAYS

Stamped Air-Dry Clay Bowls

Tuesday, November 18 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Conference Room - This month we're taking a spin on traditional clay bowls! Using different materials such as lace, stamps, leaves, and more, we'll be adding our own reliefs to create one-of-a-kind pieces of functional art.

Game Day! Dutch Blitz

Tuesday, November 25 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Conference Room - We're bringing back a crowd favorite: Dutch Blitz! It's an easy to learn, quick to play, and full of close competition card game! Sets are provided by the library, but teens are encouraged to bring their own decks for an even larger game!

The votes are in! Congratulations to all of the winners! We had some fantastic entries this year!! To see all the winners, check out our website.



1st Youth:
Dog Man
by Jaxon

1st Teen: Coraline
by Kaylee



1st Adult: Rapunzel
by Vivian



ADULT

MAG Art Event: Alma Thomas - Learn & Create

Saturday, November 1 | 11:00am - 2:30pm

Meeting Room - In this event, led by Momentum Art Guild member Courtney Smith, participants can learn about the American artist Alma Thomas then create a work in the style of Ms. Thomas with assistance from MAG members.

Registration Required.



Christianity's Dawn in Asia Minor - the Birthplaces of Faith

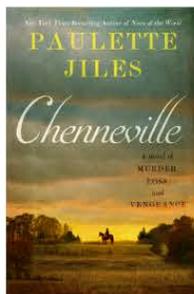
Wednesday, November 5 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Meeting Room - Join this live, interactive lecture from Volkan Yazici, renowned historian and Road Scholar. We will go on a captivating journey to the heart of Christianity's early sites in Asia Minor. This lecture will focus on the birthplaces and historical landmarks pivotal to Christian history.

Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

Thursday, November 6 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Senior Resource Center - Join us at the Senior Resource Center in Freeport to discuss this month's selection, *Chenneville*, by Paulette Jiles. No registration required, all are welcome!



MONDAY MURDERS BOOK GROUP

Monday, November 10 | 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 Dutch Shoe Mystery* by Ellery Queen. Ellery Queen drops in to Dutch Memorial Hospital for a quick visit with his old friend, Medical Director Dr. John Minchen. Minchen gives him a tour, and invites him to stay and observe an operation on the hospital's benefactor, Abby Doorn. Ellery takes a seat in the operating theatre's gallery. The patient is brought in, but something is wrong. She is dead, garroted with wire.



FALL WREATH

Monday, November 17 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Create a lovely fall wreath from corn husks, ribbon, and other natural elements. All items provided.

Registration required.

Jigsaw Puzzle Race

Tuesday, November 18 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm



Meeting Room - Our first ever Jigsaw Puzzle Race! It will start at 6p sharp. There will be 5 teams with have 4 – 6 people per team. Team members should be between 8 and 100+ years old. Each team must have at least one adult on it. The first team to completely and correctly assemble the puzzle will be the winner of the Puzzle Challenge. Pizza and drinks provided for participants.

To Register: talk to Dianne (and only Dianne) in person, via email, or via phone: dludwig@freeportpubliclibrary.org or 815.656.2478.

Registration Required.

Illinois Libraries Present:



A Journey Through Food and Science with Kenji López-Alt



VIRTUAL EVENT & WATCH PARTY

Tuesday, November 18 | 7:00pm - 7:45pm

Join award-winning cookbook author, New York Times food columnist, and Serious Eats director J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration. Register online to watch from home or join our watch party at the library.

IT'S A WEIRD WORLD...

Wednesday, November 19 | 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're going to talk about Cave-in-Rock State Park, which has a long history and numerous mysteries. Come and share your thoughts or close encounters.

PRETZEL CITY AUTHORS' FAIR

Saturday, November 22 | 10:00am - 2:00pm

Meeting Room - As part of Mistletoe Walk 2025, visit the library to chat with local authors between 10 and 2. They will have books and wares for purchase.

There will be snacks and drinks and some good holiday cheer for all. Free, no registration, open to all.

Therapeutic Recreation for Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, November 25 | 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!

STAY CONNECTED

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00AM - 8:00PM | FRIDAY 9:00AM - 6:00PM | SATURDAY 10:00AM - 3:00PM | CLOSED SUNDAY

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