



4th Annual Book Character Decorating Contest (All ages!)

Fall has arrived at the Freeport Public Library, which means it's time for our 4th Annual Book Character Pumpkin Decorating Contest! This year, we've added a category for our teens, so everyone in the family can participate in the fun. Adults are also welcome to showcase their art and craft skills by decorating a pumpkin. Bring your pumpkin to the library by October 11th to enter and then stop by from October 15-25 to vote for your favorite!



New library mobile app!



Get the new PrairieCat mobile app to stay connected to your library and your account. Search for "PrairieCat Libraries Mobile" in the Google Play or Apple App stores to download.

NEXT MONTH

In November we will be collecting food to donate to the FACC Food Pantry. Items to be collected include peanut butter, jelly, pasta, sauce, and soups.

Community Cares Library Shares

FOOD DRIVE

November is Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Month

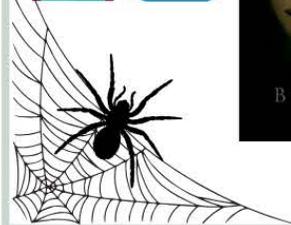
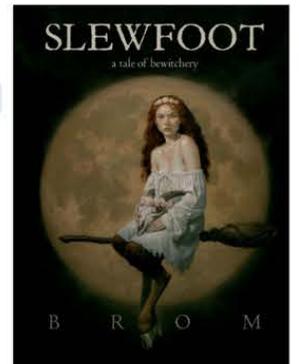


Ask Alex!

Looking for something new? Just ask Alex! Alex works the Adult Reference Desk and has a passion for reading. Check out her spooky recommendation for October, *Slewfoot: A Tale of Bewitchery* by Gerald Brom.

This is a great book to read during spooky season! I read this book in a night and it's my go-to horror book to recommend (so far). The atmosphere is beautifully crafted - it's dark, moody, tense and heady. The Abitha and Slewfoot are strong and complex characters that draw you into their stories. If you like anything witchy, historical, and spine-chilling, this is a book for you! 🕸️

Audiobook available on Libby & Hoopla!



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!

SENSORY PLAY DAY

Friday, October 3 | 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.

SLIME MAKING

Eyeball Slime

Tuesday, October 7 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm

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

POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, October 9 | 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, October 11 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

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

Messy Masterpieces

Friday, October 17 | 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.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Owl Pellets

Monday, October 20 | 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 dissecting owl pellets. All ages welcome!

HALLOWEEN CRAFTERNOON

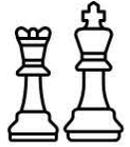
Monday, October 27 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Meeting Room - Get ready for Halloween as we make some fun, spooky crafts! We will make monster rocks, button pumpkins, and more. Drop in anytime between 3:30 and 5:30 pm.

join chessport!

Wednesday, October 1 | 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

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, October 14 | 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!

Yarn Pumpkins

Tuesday, October 21 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Conference Room Need a fall decoration that isn't so spooky? Come create the coziest yarn-wrapped pumpkins to spice up your seasonal decor!

Costume Contest & Board Game Social

Tuesday, October 28 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Learning Lab - We're celebrating the season with a good, old-fashioned costume contest! Enjoy some snacks and socialize over board games, then show off your creativity while guest judges deliberate on who's ensemble takes the cake!

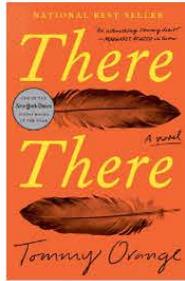
Costumes deemed inappropriate or offensive by Library Staff will not be admitted into the Teen Tuesday event.

ADULT

Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

Thursday, October 2 | 10:30am - 11:30am

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



Therapeutic Recreation for Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, October 28 | 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!

Paint with Nina

Thursday, October 30 | 9:30am - 12:00pm

Learning Lab - At this oil painting craft, Nina will lead you in creating your own work of art. Please register each person separately.

Registration Required.



IT'S A WEIRD WORLD...

Wednesday, October 15 | 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...

Prepare for the Halloween season by talking about the cryptids of Illinois. The Enfield horror! The Tuttle Bottoms Monster? Big Muddy Monster or Mothman...? Could they be roaming the woods and waters of Illinois? Come and share your cryptid thoughts or close encounters.

MONDAY MURDERS BOOK GROUP

Monday, October 20 | 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 Book of Cold Cases* by Simone St. James. A true crime blogger gets more than she bargained for while interviewing the woman acquitted of two cold case slayings in this chilling novel.



Fall Felt Cat

Monday, October 20 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Join us to make a cute cat for Halloween or Fall decor. Minimal sewing required.

Registration required.

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

Wed, Nov 5
12:00-1:00 pm

MEETING ROOM

Illinois Libraries Present:

Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode

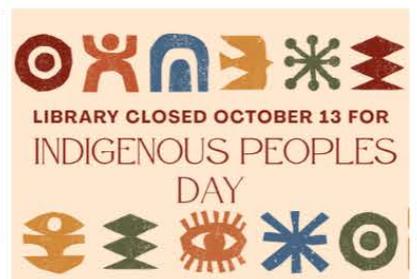
VIRTUAL EVENT & WATCH PARTY

Tuesday, October 21 | 7:00pm - 7:45pm

Join us to explore Bode's early inspirations and performances, leading up to her portrayal of Nessarose in *Wicked*. Bode will also share personal stories and insights from her time on stage, the challenges and rewards of being part of an iconic production, and what the future holds for her career. Register online to watch from home or join our watch party at the library.



Oct 5-11 is Banned Books Week



STAY CONNECTED

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