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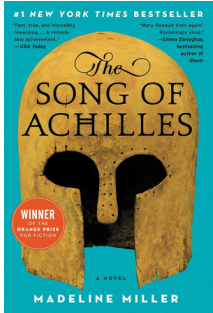
Momentum Art Guild: Georgia O'Keeffe

The Freeport Public Library is partnering with Momentum Art Guild to offer an art appreciation day featuring the artist Georgia O'Keeffe. We will begin the day at 10:30 am by watching a documentary film, "Georgia O'Keeffe." At noon we will break for lunch (not provided). At 1:00 pm we will begin guided art making inspired by O'Keeffe. Registration is required for the craft portion..

Ask Tatum!

Tatum can usually be found at our Adult Reference Desk. They are a voracious reader and would love to share some reading inspiration. With *The Odyssey* recently in theaters, there's been a spark of intrigue in Greek mythology, so this month they would like to feature *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller.

"As enticing as Homer's classic, *The Odyssey*, is, it can be a bit of an intimidating read. Luckily, there are plenty of talented authors writing Greek myth retellings to satiate that very need. Madeline Miller is my personal favorite in the genre; she's an excellent author and stays true to the source material while still adding something fresh and new in the way it's being told. *The Song of Achilles* is my favorite book of hers. I immediately reread it upon finishing it the first time, as a lifelong fan of Greek mythology, nothing else has ever scratched that itch the same way. Told from the perspective of Patroclus, Achilles' closest companion, the book starts in Patroclus' childhood and follows his life as he follows Achilles. The book is both beautiful and devastating, exploring their love for each other and their lives leading up to and through the Trojan War. It's very thorough and beginner-friendly, you won't need any prior knowledge of Greek mythology to be able to enjoy this book. *The Song of Achilles* is a book you will not soon forget about after putting it down."



We Support Banned Books

Banned Books Week, October 4-10, 2026, is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. It brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.



Not-So-Spooky Storytime

Wednesday, October 28 | 10:30am-11:00am

Join us for a special storytime where we will read some gentle Halloween stories and sing songs. Then we'll have a mini trick-or-treat adventure within the library. Feel free to wear your costume! For children ages 2-5 with a caregiver.



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Library of Things

Print, Copy, Scan, & Fax

STEM & Literacy Kits



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 their caregiver!

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:30am - 11:00am

Join us for stories, flannelboards, songs, and a craft every Wednesday morning. This engaging program is designed to spark imagination and nurture a love for reading from an early age. For children ages 2-5 with their caregiver.

SLIME MAKING

Orange & Black Halloween Slime

Tuesday, October 6 | 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 8 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Learning Lab - 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 novice trainers and experts alike!

PAWS to Read

Saturday, October 10 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

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

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Fire Safety with Freeport Fire Department

Monday, October 19 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Meeting Room - Calling all homeschoolers! Each month, we will dive into a new and exciting topic designed to inspire and support homeschooling families. All ages welcome! **Registration required.**

Messy Masterpieces

Friday, October 16 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Youth Program Room - Join us for a morning full of creativity. Each month we will make a masterpiece you can take home. Come dressed to make a mess! This program is for ages 5 and under.

Halloween Crafternoon

Thursday, October 29 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Youth Program Room - Get ready for Halloween as we make some fun, spooky crafts! We will make magnets, spider webs, and more.

TEENS

TEEN TUESDAYS

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, October 13 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Teen 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!

GHOST OR PUMPKIN PATCH

TEXTURE PAINTINGS

Tuesday, October 20 | 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Youth Program Room - We're getting into the spirit of fall with paintings featuring some little fall spirits! Join us to learn how to create an easy stucco-inspired paint, and decorate your canvas with a simple pattern of ghosts, pumpkins, or another autumnal design!

Spooky Read-Aloud

Tuesday, October 27 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Learning Lab - Bring your own mug and a blanket for an evening of hot apple cider and spooky tales with Ms. Erin. Students can submit requests or original work for approval to Erin at eschrader@freeportpubliclibrary.org.

Visit the Teen Room!

Check us out every **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:00pm - 6:00pm**. Catch up on your newest read, play video games, finish school work, craft, or just hang out! You do not need a library card or reservation to use the Teen Room.

It's time to vote for your favorite pumpkin character!

Stop by the Library to vote for your favorite Book Character Pumpkin between October 14 and October 24.



ADULT

IT'S A WEIRD WORLD...

Wednesday, October 21 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Boardroom - This month we are going to talk about "modern cryptids," from around the globe: Slenderman, the Wraith, Chupacabra, and more. What's going bump in the night??

MOMENTUM ART GUILD: GEORGIA O'KEEFE

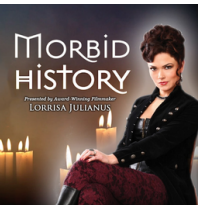
Saturday, October 24 | 10:30am - 2:30pm

Learning Lab - Momentum Art Guild is offering an art appreciation day featuring Georgia O'Keefe. First we will watch a documentary about O'Keefe, then, after breaking for lunch (not provided) there is a guided art making craft inspired by O'Keefe. **Registration required.**

Morbid History with Larrisa Julianus

Monday, October 26 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Meeting Room - From grand corpse larceny in medieval Venice to the iron coffins popping up in Lincoln Park, this light-hearted presentation takes you around the world with spine-tingling true tales you never learned in history class. Ideal for ages 10+, teens, adults, and seniors.



Therapeutic Recreation

For Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, October 27 | 10:30am - 11:30am

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

'Tangling With Bobby

Wednesday, October 28 | 6:15pm - 7:30pm

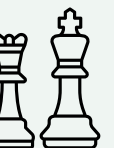
Meeting Room - Let's have some more fun drawing and playing with tangles. This month we are going to Zentangle a pumpkin shape for Fall. Join us for this relaxing past-time and leave with a creative piece of art. **Registration required.**



join chessport!

Wednesday, October 7 | 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 every first Wednesday of the month. All ages welcome.

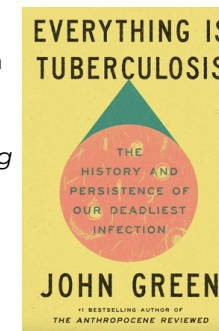


Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

Thursday, October 1 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Senior Resource Center - Join us at the Senior Resource Center in Freeport to discuss this month's selection, *Everything is Tuberculosis* by John Green.

Green, a passionate advocate for global healthcare reform, tells a deeply human story illuminating the fight against the world's deadliest infectious disease.



Jigsaw Puzzle Race



Monday, October 5 | 6:00pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Beat the heat by joining our Jigsaw Puzzle Race! It will start at 6pm sharp.

There's room for 6 teams. Each team should have about 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.

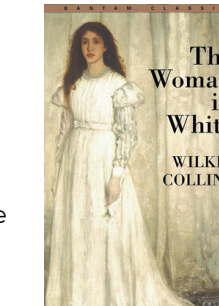
Registration Required. Registration opens 9/21/26.

MONDAY MURDERS

The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins

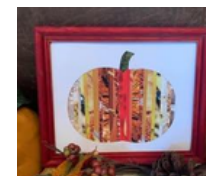
Monday, October 19 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Boardroom - A classic mystery suspense read: *The Woman in White* famously opens with Walter Hartright's eerie encounter on a moonlit London road.



MAGAZINE ART: PUMPKINS, LEAVES,

OR SKULLS



Monday, October 19 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room- Design a pumpkin, leaves, or skull using thin strips from old magazines - choose your colors, make your design. This should be a fun, easy craft with a pretty outcome for your seasonal decor. **Registration Required.**

Multimedia Musings

Tuesday, October 20 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Boardroom - Join us for our first multimedia discussion: "Frankenstein" and all of its many adaptations. Call Tatum at 815.233.3000 ext. 231 for more information. After our discussion, we will pick materials for November's discussion on surveillance states.