



## New streaming service!

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## CLOSED Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day

## Summer Reading Stats

We had a whopping 523 kiddos and 91 teens sign up for Summer Reading this year, smashing our attendance records! The grand finale party was a hit, too, with over 425 partygoers joining the fun! We also broke a circulation record by checking out over 10,000 items for two months in a row. June and July have been our busiest months in the history of the library! Thank you so much for all of the support we get from the community!



## Ask Erin!

Erin is the Librarian's Assistant for the Youth Department. Check out her recommendation for September, *The Spider Lady: Nan Songer and Her Arachnid WWII Army* by Penny Parker Klostermann!

Spiders! Some find them creepy, others fascinating. For one woman, spiders became her entire world! Readers are introduced to Nan Songer, whose fascination with tiny creatures, especially bugs, led her to discover how to best extract silk from spiders she collected around her home in California. When the United States entered World War II, Nan's years of dedication to her 8-legged friends would serve crucial to the success of American troops. Interspersed with direct quotes from Nan, and tidbits about spiders' unique abilities, Penny Parker Klostermann tells the story of an unsuspecting arachnid underdog, and the Spider Lady who harnessed their power!

Ebook available on Libby & Boundless!



# 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**

**Choose Your Own Add Ins**

**Tuesday, September 2 | 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, September 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.

## **HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

### **Back to School STEM Party**

**Monday, September 8 | 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. Come connect with fellow homeschoolers and discover new ways to enrich your learning journey! This month we will be solving a variety of STEM challenges. All ages welcome!

## **POKÉMON CLUB**

**Thursday, September 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 novice trainers and experts alike! This program is intended for elementary-age kids.

## **PAWS to Read**

**Saturday, September 13 | 11:00am - 12:00pm**

Bring your little ones to practice reading with the sweet pups from Therapy Dogs International! It's a wonderful opportunity for children to build their confidence and improve their reading skills. For kids of all ages.

## **Messy Masterpieces**

**Friday, September 19 | 10:00am - 11:00am**

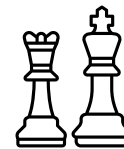
**Youth Program Room** - Join us for a morning full of creativity. Come dressed to make a mess! This program is for ages 5 and under.



## **join chessport!**

**Wednesday, September 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.



# TEENS

## **TEEN TUESDAYS**

### **Teen Advisory Board**

**Tuesday, September 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!

### **Bottle Rocket Rumble**

**Tuesday, September 16 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Youth Program Room** - Need to blow off a little steam? Let's launch some bottle rockets! We'll go through the basic mechanics of Newton's Third Law, then put it to practice creating our own rockets using recycled materials and a little ingenuity, which we'll go outside to put to the test! Will yours reach the sky?

### **Game in the Grass! Camp Games**

**Tuesday, September 23 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Debate Square Park** - It's the last Games in the Grass of 2025! Meet in Debate Square and get your thinking cap on – these takes on classic summer camp games might challenge more than you think!

### **Birding with Juliet Moderow at Oakdale**

**Tuesday, September 30 | 4:00pm - 5:30pm**

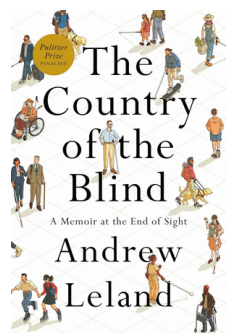
**Oakdale Nature Preserve** - We're going on a Bird Walk! Juliet Moderow, education chair of the Northwest Illinois Bird and Nature Alliance, will be joining us once again to take us on a walk through Oakdale Nature Preserve, highlighting the sights and sounds of different bird species as well as other natural features of the park. **This is an off-site program. Please meet at Oakdale, near the covered picnic tables, no later than 4:10pm.** We will walk to the trailhead as a group and return to the same meeting spot when our walk is complete.

# ADULT

## Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

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

**Senior Resource Center** - Join us at the Senior Resource Center in Freeport to discuss this month's selection, *The Country of the Blind*, by Andrew Leland. No registration required, all are welcome!



## MONDAY MURDERS BOOK GROUP

Monday, September 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 *If Looks Could Kill* by Kate White. This story was a Kelly Ripa Book Club pick, a #1 bestseller on Amazon, and an instant New York Times bestseller. Kate has been nominated for an International Thriller Writers Award in the fiction category, and her books have been published in over 30 countries.

## ADULT & TEEN CRAFTAPALOOZA

Monday, September 15 | 6:00pm - 7:45pm

**Meeting Room** - Come play with our craft supplies! Revisit previous crafts or make something entirely new. We will have some ideas for you, or you can just have fun.

**Registration required.**

**Illinois Libraries Present:**  
**Finding the Clues with Steve Burns**

**VIRTUAL EVENT & WATCH PARTY**

Tuesday, September 16 | 7:00pm - 7:45pm

He'll share what life was really like during and after his time on the show - the kind of conversation only grown-up fans will truly understand. Arionne Nettles, a Chicago based storyteller and cultural reporter, will join Steve in conversation. Register online to watch from home or join our watch party at the library.



## IT'S A WEIRD WORLD...

Wednesday, September 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 the first It's a Weird World...

This month we will talk about the Aibly House in Galena and other haunted houses in Illinois. Do you have a favorite haunted house experience or story? Join us for some spooky fun!



## Painting with Nina

Thursday, September 18 | 9:30am - 12:00pm

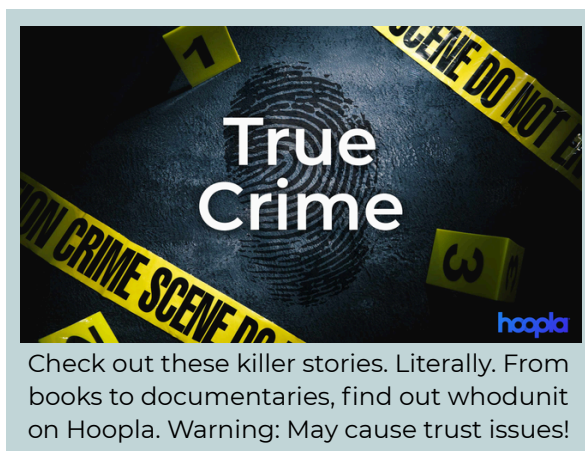
**Learning Lab** - Paint with Nina is back! Cheerful yellow daisies on an oval background. With full instruction and assistance from Nina. Adults and older teens welcome.

**Registration required.**

## Therapeutic Recreation for Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, September 23 | 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!



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