



Happy New Year



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Check this out!

Snowy weather got you stuck indoors? This month, why not check out one of our STEM kits!

In addition to our ever-growing collection of literature in all formats, the Youth Services Department is also home to dozens of STEM kits!

Each kit is developed to enhance your understanding of a STEM principle: Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics, often a combination of the above.

With robotics, problem solving, backyard bird watching, magnets, maze building, and more, you are sure to find a kit that sparks your imagination!

Pretzel City

AREA TRANSIT

Now you can buy your Pretzel City Area Transit passes at our Circulation Desk. We have single ride and 10 ride passes for children and adults.

Library Closed

Thursday, January 1st

for New Year's Day

&

Monday, January 19th

for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

BEAT THE COLD!

USE OUR CURBSIDE SERVICE

We'll let you know when your holds are ready. Then, just drive up and give us a call!

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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 their caregiver!

SLIME MAKING

Edible Winter Slime

Tuesday, January 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, January 8 | 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, January 9 | 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.

PAWS to Read

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

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

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Polar Biomes

Monday, January 12 | 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 polar biomes.

Messy Masterpieces

Friday, January 23 | 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.

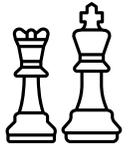


TEEN

join chessport!

Wednesday, January 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. All ages welcome.



TEEN TUESDAYS

Teen Advisory Board

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

Conference Room - This month we will be prepping book covers for next month's "Blind Date With a Book" display. Please come prepared with an eye-catching hook for one of your favorite pieces of Teen literature! How would you get someone to read it? No spoilers, please!

Indoor Snowball Fight

Tuesday, January 20 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Meeting Room - Want a snowball fight but without a chill? We're bringing it indoors! Team up and see who can freeze out the competition.



PAPER SNOWFLAKES

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

Conference Room - We're getting intricate! Come ready to make snowflakes of all patterns and sizes. Can you create something totally unique?

Teen Short Story Contest



We are back with our second annual Teen Short Story Contest! Students grade 7th through 12th are encouraged to submit a work of fiction up to 3000 words for consideration by our panel of skilled authors, educators, and more from the Freeport area. Three finalists will be selected, and one winner announced at our Award Ceremony. For full contest rules, how to enter, and the scoring rubric, please see the Events Calendar.

JAN 20-FEB 3

Judges Review
Submissions

FEB 24

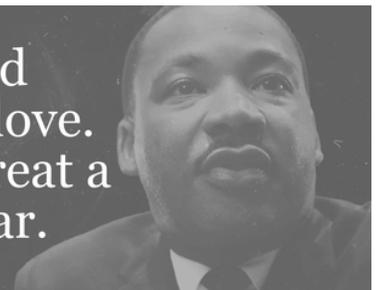
Contest
Finalists
Notified

MAR 17

Awards
Ceremony

I have decided
to stick with love.
Hate is too great a
burden to bear.

- Martin Luther King Jr.



ADULT

ZENTANGLE ART

Wednesday, January 7 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Room - Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. We call these patterns, tangles and you create tangles with combinations of dots, lines, simple curves, S-curves and orbs. Zentangle art is non-representational and unplanned so you can focus on each stroke and not worry about the result. There is no up or down to Zentangle art. Come try Zentangle art with Bobby and start your new year off right with a relaxing past-time.

Registration Required.

Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

Thursday, January 8 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Senior Resource Center - Join us at the Senior Resource Center in Freeport to discuss this month's selection, *The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts*, by Loren Grush. No registration required, all are welcome!



MONDAY MURDERS BOOK GROUP

Monday, January 12 | 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 Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies*.

A high society amateur detective at the heart of Regency London uses her wits and invisibility as an 'old maid' to protect other women in a new and fiercely feminist historical mystery series from New York Times bestselling author Alison Goodman.

MIXED MEDIA BIRCH TREE PAINTING



Monday, January 12 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Create a colorful work of art with us this month. Using tape, paint, and old book pages, we'll create a beautiful scene

of birch trees on a pretty background.

Registration Required.

Scan here to view our Events Calendar and register for programs:

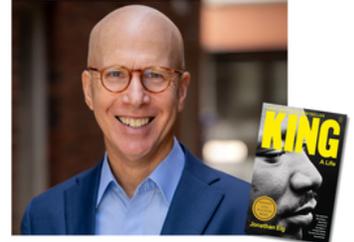


Illinois Libraries Present:
Bringing History to Life with

Jonathan Eig
in conversation with Mark Bazer
VIRTUAL EVENT & WATCH PARTY

Tuesday, January 13 | 7:00pm - 7:45pm

Jonathan Eig is the bestselling author of six books, including his most recent, Pulitzer Prize-winning *King: A Life*. In this revelatory new portrait of the preacher and activist who shook the world, Eig gives us an intimate view of King, who masterfully employed peaceful protest in the streets but was rarely at peace with himself.



IT'S A WEIRD WORLD...

Wednesday, January 21 | 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 people who have disappeared, never to be seen again. There are the famous ones, like Amelia Earhart, and the lesser knowns. If you wanted to disappear, what would you do? Join us for this fun discussion group.

Jigsaw Puzzle Race



Thursday, January 22 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Room - Beat the winter doldrums by joining our Jigsaw Puzzle Race! It will start at 6p sharp.

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.

Registration will open January 5th at noon. Once we have 5 teams, registration will be closed for this event. To Register, talk to Dianne in person, via email, or via phone: dludwig@freeportpubliclibrary.org or 815.656.2478.

Registration Required.

Therapeutic Recreation for Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, January 27 | 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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