

Community Cares Library Shares

FOOD DRIVE

November is Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Month

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



CCLS Food Drive

November is National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month. It's a time to draw attention to the issues of food insecurity and lack of shelter, and to encourage action and support for those experiencing these challenges. That's why FPL is collecting food donations for the FACC Food Pantry all month long.

Please avoid donating items that are expired, spoiled, or in open or damaged containers. Drop off your food donations at the Circulation Desk.



Frosty Family Fun Night

Enjoy a festive evening of fun for the whole family! Join us for a variety of holiday-themed activities, including making holiday slime, playing holiday bingo, and creating reindeer food. Families can also enjoy a tasty snack, have a special opportunity to visit Santa, and vote for their favorite tree!

Join us **Monday, November 30** in the Meeting Room from **5:30-7:00 pm** for all the fun!



Peter Shianna Reads From His New Memoir: *You're Doing What?*

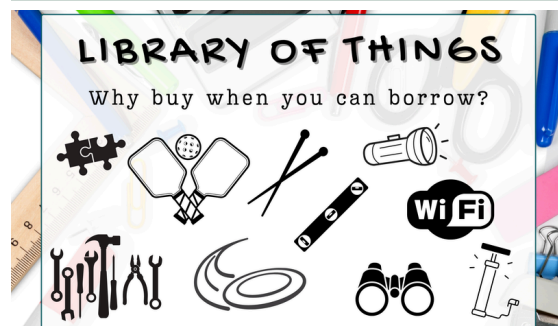
Wednesday, November 18 | 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Meeting Room- Raised in Red Oak and Freeport, an alumnus of Aquin, Peter Shianna will grace us with some readings from his newly-published memoir and answer questions about life and writing.

The book opens with Shianna's less-than-stellar entrepreneurial ventures in tiny Red Oak, Illinois (pop. 100). With luck trying to ride shotgun, he follows the crowd to college, embarks on a sputtering career, and tries to find his footing in a confused and confusing world.



Did you know that the **Freeport Public Library Foundation** manages more than \$1.2 million? Generous donation and bequests from people like you have added to this fun for almost thirty years. We use the interest to support FPL projects like **One Book, One Freeport**, the **Summer Reading Program**, and the purchase of a **new audio-visual system** for FPL's Community Meeting Room. Would you like to learn more about how the Foundation works? Come to our **Annual Meeting** at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, January 12. We hope to see you then!



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, November 4, 11, 18, 25 | 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

Cinnamon Spice Slime

Tuesday, November 3 | 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, November 12 | 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, November 14 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

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

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Gratitude & Thankfulness

Monday, November 16 | 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!

Messy Masterpieces

Friday, November 20 | 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.

A Bounty of Crafts

Tuesday, November 24 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

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

TEENS

TEEN TUESDAYS

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 10 | 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!

Button, Keychain & Sticker Making

Tuesday, November 17 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Youth Program Room - Want to show the world what you stand for? Put it on a button! Have a cute animal you want to show off? Put it on a button! Need a pop of color? Put it on a button! We've got the button machine, you bring the design.

Game Day: Cards Against Humanity (Family Edition)

Tuesday, November 24 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Learning Lab - Don't worry, we're playing the Family version! Who can bring the biggest laughs during one of our favorite fill-in-the-blank games!

Visit the Teen Room!



Check us out every **Monday & Wednesday (3-6pm) and Friday (3-5:30pm)**. 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.

Teen Short Story Contest!

The Freeport Public Library is back with its third annual Teen Short Story Contest! Students in grades 7 through 12 are encouraged to submit a work of fiction up to 3,000 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 on March 16. Submissions will begin January 19 and end February 2. For full contest rules, how to enter, and the scoring rubric, please see the Attachments on our Events Calendar. Direct any questions to eschneider@freeportpubliclibrary.org!



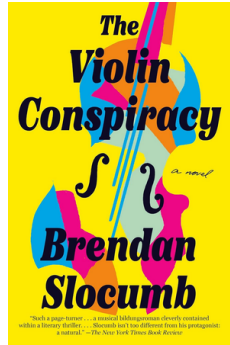
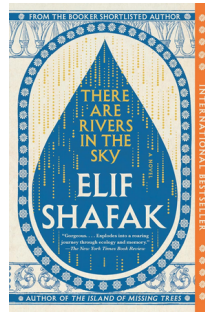
ADULT

Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

Thursday, November 5 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Senior Resource Center - Join us at the Senior Resource Center in Freeport to discuss this month's selection, *There Are Rivers in the Sky* by Elif Shafak.

It's an enchanting new tale about three characters living along two great rivers, all connected by a single drop of water.



MONDAY MURDERS

The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb

Monday, November 9 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Boardroom - A fast-paced thriller about a young Black violinist and his search for a priceless instrument, set against the backdrop of systemic racism within the world of contemporary classical music.

PINECONE FLOWERS

Monday, November 16 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Cut and decorate pinecones, add acorns if you like, turn them into a unique and pleasing bouquet or garland for hanging. Add something special to your Fall/Thanksgiving decor! **Registration Required.**



Multimedia Musings

Tuesday, November 17 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Boardroom - Join us for Multimedia Musings discussion group. This month we will discuss the many portrayals of surveillance states in books, movies, music, and more! Contact Tatum at the Adult Reference desk for more details. Materials for the December discussion group, centered around "Antarctica," will be handed out at the end.



IT'S A WEIRD WORLD...

Wednesday, November 18 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Boardroom - This month we are talking about one of the OGs of the cryptid world! The 'squatch has so much history, we could talk about it for several episodes of Weird World. Come and discuss with Bobby!

Therapeutic Recreation

For Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, November 24 | 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: Level Up Your 'Tangles

Monday, November 30 | 6:15pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Room - Whether you're a seasoned artist or new to the world of Zentangle, this session will guide you through the intricate patterns and techniques. Don't miss out on the chance to enhance your skills and create something beautiful!

Registration required.



Pumpkin Winners



**Youth
Winner -
Mossy**



**Teen
Winner
- Gary**

**Adult
Winner -
Big Bad
Wolf**



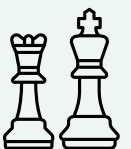
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VETERAN'S
DAY**
Thank you for your service.

**Closed, November 26th & 27th
for
THANKSGIVING!**
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join chessport!

Wednesday, November 4 | 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.



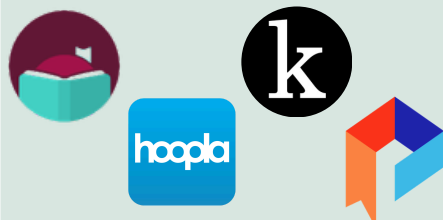
STAY CONNECTED

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

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