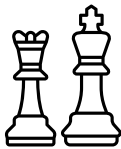


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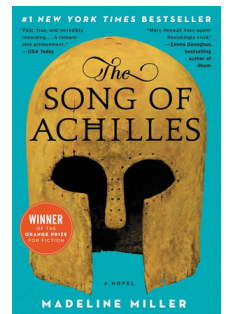
Whether you're a beginner eager to learn the basics or a seasoned player looking to sharpen your strategy, this is the perfect opportunity to engage in friendly competition and make new friends. Chess sets are provided. Meet on the second floor every first Wednesday of the month. All ages welcome.



Join us for our first meeting on Tuesday September 15th in the Boardroom., We'll be getting to know each other and choosing our monthly topic for October's discussion!

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.



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

Wednesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 | 10:30am - 11:00am

Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to Debate Square Park for an outdoor storytime. Don't forget your blankets and chairs!

SLIME MAKING

Crunchy Rice Slime

Tuesday, September 1 | 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, September 10 | 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, September 12 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

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

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Back to School Bash

Monday, September 14 | 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, September 18 | 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.

Family Ocean Bingo

Wednesday, September 23 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Meeting Room - No school? No problem! Join us for an hour of ocean themed bingo. All children will go home a winner. For children, teens, and their caregivers.

TEENS

TEEN TUESDAYS

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, September 8 | 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!

WATERCOLOR LEAF RELIEF PAINTING

Tuesday, September 15 | 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Youth Program Room - Using a technique developed by Freeport's own Library Assistant Bobby, we will create a mixed-media painting featuring leaf-stamping, watercolor, and relief painting. This is a guided art project. Please arrive prior to our start time, as we will begin promptly at 4pm.

DIY Comic Book

Tuesday, September 22 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Teen Room - Friday, September 25th is National Comic Book Day! We're celebrating the day by creating our own comics. Start from scratch, or use one of the templates provided by the Library, and see where your creativity takes you!

Games in the Grass - Ultimate Frisbee

Tuesday, September 29 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Debate Square - It's Game Day and we're going outside to play Ultimate Frisbee! Meet at the field in Debate Square, where we will build teams and face off. Wear clothes that you can move freely and safely in.

It's Pumpkin Decorating Time!

Transform a pumpkin into a beloved book character for Freeport Public Library's Fifth Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Snag a pumpkin from the library by signing up on our Events Calendar from September 9-September 26 or provide your own pumpkin. The contest is open to all ages. Thanks to the Freeport Public Library Foundation for making this event possible. We can't wait to see all the amazing creations!



FIRST LEGO League Informational Meeting

Thursday, September 17 | 6:00pm-6:30pm

Learning Lab - Are you interested in robotics, coding, engineering and problem solving? Join us for an informational meeting for both parents and students as we launch the Freeport Public Library's FIRST LEGO League team! Students in grades 4-8 are eligible. If you're interested but can't attend the meeting, please contact Amanda Meyers at ameyers@freeportpubliclibrary.org.

ADULT

Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

Thursday, September 3 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Senior Resource Center - Join us at the Senior Resource Center in Freeport to discuss this month's selection, *How to Age Disgracefully*, by Clare Pooley.. Who's ready for a whodunit where nobody gets whacked? Join us a cozy mystery that's all about the suspense, not the slaughter!

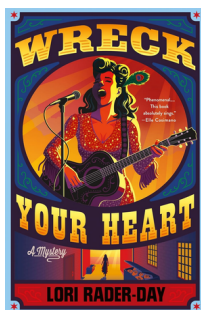


MONDAY MURDERS

Wreck Your Heart by Lori Rader-Day

Monday, September 14 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Boardroom - Check out this wisecracking and wonderful crime novel with a big heart, about a country and midwestern singer out to catch her big break before family—or murder—wrecks everything.



BOOK VASE CRAFT



Monday, September 14 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - We will be turning an old book into a vase by cutting and curling pages. There will be false flowers available to put in them, or take it home and fill it with whatever you like. **Registration Required.**

Multimedia Musings

Tuesday, September 15 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Boardroom - Join us in a new discussion group every 3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm! Different from your regular book group, we'll be focusing on building media literacy while having all the fun and community of a discussion group. You can choose as few or as many media sources as you want each month based on your interests and schedule.

IT'S A WEIRD WORLD...

Wednesday, September 16 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Boardroom - Have you ever imagined being trapped in wells, caves, or even apartment buildings in today's world? Come and chat with Bobby as he shares fascinating stories about some of the most unusual "trapped" incidents from around the globe.

Therapeutic Recreation

For Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, September 22 | 10:30am - 12:00pm

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, September 23 | 6:15pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Room - Let's have some more fun drawing and playing with tangles. We are going to try some more focused 'tangle pieces in the coming months, so this is a starting or working on your skills class. **Registration required.**

Closed for Labor Day

**Monday,
September 7th**



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