



Summer is coming to an end, but the fun isn't over! We still have lots of fun events planned for all ages. Don't forget to turn in your Summer Reading Logs by August 8th for a chance to win some great prizes! Plus, get ready to enjoy our end-of-summer bash, featuring crafts, games, a bouncy house and much more! Whether you're young or young at heart, there's something for everyone at the Freeport Public Library.

Ask Erin!

Erin is the Librarian's Assistant for the Youth Department. This month Erin wants to highlight our Parent/Teacher Section.



It's August, which means the 2026 school year is almost here, and this month I would like to highlight our Parent Teacher section! From curriculum options such as Spectrum, The Sassafras Adventures, and Life of Fred to support homeschooling needs and the Big Fat Notebook series for extra practice in most subjects, we've got what you need to help your student be successful this school year! In addition to our print materials, we've also got kits full of hands-on activities and games to bring learning to life. Ask Ms. Erin or Ms. Amanda to point you in the direction of the Parent Teacher section next time you stop into the Youth Department!



Parent/Teacher
Kits available
for checkout!

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!

STORYTIME AT DEBATE SQUARE

Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26 | 10:30am - 11:00am

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

Make It Monday

Monday, August 3 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Meeting Room - Drop in each Monday between 2:00pm and 4:00pm to make a craft with us! This week we will be making suncatchers!

SLIME MAKING

Citrus Slime

Tuesday, August 4 | 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Meeting Room - Join us each month to make a different kind of slime you can take home!

END OF SUMMER PARTY

Thursday, August 6 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Arts Plaza - Celebrate the end of summer at the library with a party! We will have bounce houses, face painting, games, and much more! In case of rain, our party will move inside the library.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, August 8 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

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

POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, August 13 | 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!

Messy Masterpieces

Friday, August 14 | 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.



TEENS

TEEN TUESDAYS

AIR-DRY CLAY DAY! (ASSEMBLY)

Tuesday, August 11 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Learning Lab - This month we're tackling oil-diffusers, book openers, and mini vase magnets! Learn how to make these crafty tools using air-dry clay. Leave unfinished projects to dry and return next week to decorate them!

AIR-DRY CLAY DAY! (DECORATION)

Tuesday, August 18 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Learning Lab - Now that they've had time to dry, it is time to decorate! Join us to finish our clay projects from the previous week.

Game Day! Choose Your Deck

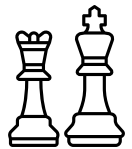
Tuesday, August 25 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Learning Lab - Select a game like Dutch Blitz, Moose Match Mayhem, Uno, a standard deck of cards and more from our collection, or bring your own to share! Players can split into small groups for more opportunities to play or join together for some large-scale laughs.

join chessport!

Wednesday, August 5 | 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. All ages welcome.



Summer Circulation Statistics

Our average Circulation numbers are usually between 7,500 and 8,500 per month, but, in June we surpassed 10,000! We're thrilled to see so many community members taking advantage of the resources and programs we offer. Your participation is what makes our library a vibrant hub of learning and connection.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Now we're on Facebook, Instagram, and Tiktok! Stay connected with us to discover the latest events, book recommendations, and fun library news. Whether you're looking for new reads, creative crafts, or just a good laugh, we've got something for everyone.

On Facebook: Freeport Public Library - Freeport, IL
On Instagram: freeportpubliclibrary.il
On Tiktok: freeportpubliclib



ADULT

ALCOHOL INKS ON GLASS CRAFT

Monday, August 3 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

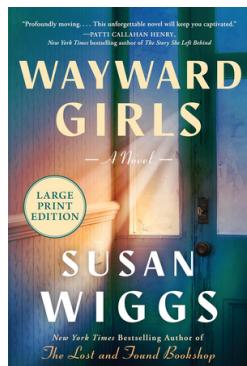
Courtyard - Alcohol inks and glass can be combined to make some very pretty and neat pieces, so stay tuned to see our samples on display at the Adult Services desk. Come and try it out with us! Be sure to dress for the weather and wear clothes that you won't mind if they get stained with alcohol ink. It does NOT come out of fabric. **Registration Required.**

Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

Thursday, August 6 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Senior Resource Center - Join us at the Senior Resource Center in Freeport to discuss this month's selection, *Wayward Girls*, by Susan Wiggs.

This new novel is compelling historical fiction set in Buffalo, NY, during the late 1960s. It primarily takes place in the Good Shepherd Home for Wayward Girls, a reform school run by nuns that operates like a Dickensian workhouse.



MONDAY MURDERS

Read Your Own Book and Share

Monday, August 10 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Boardroom - Pick your own book to read and then join us to share your thoughts.

Jigsaw Puzzle Race



Monday, August 24 | 6:00pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Beat the heat by joining our Jigsaw Puzzle Race! It will start at 6p 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 8/1/26.

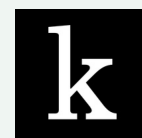
Therapeutic Recreation

For Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, August 25 | 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.

OUR DIGITAL CONTENT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE!



Your library card gets you access to free ebooks & audiobooks, as well as movies, TV series and music! Even when we are closed, you can check out an audio or ebook on Libby, Hoopla, or The Palace App. If you want to stream a movie or series, check out the thousands of ad-free options on Kanopy and Hoopla! Whether you're in the mood for a classic novel or the latest blockbuster, our digital collections have something for everyone. Plus, if you're looking to expand your horizons, we offer a wide range of educational courses and documentaries to keep your mind engaged. Remember, your library card is your ticket to endless possibilities, anytime and anywhere. Dive into a world of knowledge and entertainment today!

THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

Our Library of Things features a diverse array of fun and practical items available for checkout with your library card. Whether you're interested in exploring a new hobby or tackling home improvement projects, we have something to suit your needs.

- ****Sports Equipment****: Check out our pickleball set, disc golf set, or bird watching kit.
- ****Handy Tools****: We offer essential items like a screwdriver set, laser level and a stud finder.
- ****Crafting Supplies****: Get creative with our teach-yourself-to-crochet kit, knitting needles, paper punches, hot glue gun, quilling kit, round loom and more.
- Don't miss our highly sought-after WiFi hotspots!

All items are available for a one-week checkout. Visit the library to discover the full range of items available!



STAY CONNECTED

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

EMILY SCHAUB	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	815.233.3000 EXT 216
DANIELLE BAZAREK	LEAD CLERK	815.233.3000 EXT. 246
KY ECKERT	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	815.233.3000 EXT. 215
DIANNE LUDWIG	ADULT SERVICES MANAGER	815.233.3000 EXT. 221
AMANDA MEYERS	YOUTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	815.233.3000 EXT. 238
KATY WIEGERT HARNISH	CIRCULATION & MARKETING MANAGER	815.233.3000 EXT. 229

THE FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00PM IN THE BOARDROOM.

Digital Collections



Download the Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, and The Palace Project apps for instant access to our digital collections!

eBooks & Audiobooks

Movies, Music, TV & More!

Reserve a Room

Study Rooms

Conference Rooms

Meeting Room

Projector, White Boards, and other equipment available upon request

Visit our website or contact the library's Administrative Assistant

Follow us & Subscribe

Follow our Facebook Page: /FreeportPublicLibrary



Sign up for e-Newsletters



More than Books on a Shelf.

Disability Outreach

Free Programs for All Ages

Free WIFI

Public Computers

Genealogy Resources

Library of Things

Print, Copy, Scan, & Fax

STEM & Literacy Kits

