



Tutty Baker Fest is back!

The Freeport Public Library will be closed on Saturday, July 11th, but you can come see us at the Library's booth at Tutty Baker Fest. We'll be playing games and giving away prizes throughout the day. You can also enjoy a carnival, music, games, vendors, craft booths, a fireworks show, and so much more!

Happy Birthday, America! *

The Freeport Public Library will be closed Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4 to celebrate America's 250th Birthday! We hope you have a safe and memorable holiday.



Summer Reading is in Full Swing!

We had over 300 children and teens sign up for Summer Reading at our Kick-Off Party! We had fun-filled activities in every corner of the library! Thanks to our teen volunteers and to everyone that came and helped make the party a success. Remember, the Summer Reading fun continues for all ages, so keep reading and logging your books for chances to win some fantastic prizes!



Ask Bobby!

Bobby is the Librarian's Assistant for the Adult Department. This month Bobby wanted to highlight *The Zoo at the Edge of the World* by Eric Gale.

It's a fantasy about Marlin Rackham, a boy with a stutter who lives at his father's exotic zoo resort in 19th century South America. If you enjoy a fun, fast paced story with a good moral backbone, look no further! This book shows that sometimes the actions we take are more important than the words we say. Compassion is a universal language and the way we treat others matters so much more than we know.

This was our pick for this month's read aloud book group and overall, *The Zoo at the Edge of the World* is a fun read with a great message. Check it out!

Teen Room! *New!*

The Freeport Public Library is proud to announce the opening of our dedicated Teen Room! Located on the second floor next to the elevator, the Teen Room is open to 7th-12th graders every **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 2-5pm**. Teens can play a variety of games, craft, or just hang out, in a clean and safe environment free of any cost. There is no registration required and you do not need to have a library card. Adults over the age of 18 will not be permitted to use the Teen Room.

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, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 | 10:30am - 11:00am

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

Thursday, July 2 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Get ready to celebrate America's 250th birthday at the library! Drop in and make sand art stars, suncatchers, firework paintings, and more!



Make It Monday

Monday, July 6 | 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 button wind chimes.

SLIME MAKING

Edible Smores Slime

Tuesday, July 7 | 2:00pm - 5:00pm

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

WORM RACES

Thursday, July 9 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Debate Square - Get ready for a slow-moving showdown of racing worms! Each participant will pick a worm and cheer it on to the finish. Come see which worm will crawl its way to victory! After the racing is complete, we will enjoy an edible dirt snack.



POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, July 9 | 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!

Make It Monday

Monday, July 13 | 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 flower pot mosaics.

PAPER MACHE: CREATE YOUR SCULPTURE

Tuesday, July 14 & Thursday, July 16 | 1:30pm - 3:00pm & 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Outdoors - Get creative and design your own paper mâché masterpiece! Participants will use recycled paper and paste to create their own unique sculpture. Create your sculpture on Tuesday, then paint it on Thursday. **Registration Required.**

Juggler Jason Kollum

Wednesday, July 15 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Meeting Room - The show will WOW kids and families of all ages as balls, clubs, rings, spinning balls, giant beanbag chairs, and much more will be sent flying through the air. **Registration required.**

CRAFTS AT NIGHT

Flower Pot Mosaics

Thursday, July 16 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Youth Program Room - Can't make it to our Make It Mondays in the afternoon? Come craft with us in the evening!

Messy Masterpieces



Friday, July 17 | 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.

Make It Monday

Monday, July 20 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

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

Make & Take at the Fair

Wednesday - Friday, July 22 - 24 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Join Miss Amanda at the fair for crafts and fun! Each day we will make a different project, read stories, and have other activities. After you make a craft, enjoy the rest of the events the fair has to offer.

CRAFTS AT NIGHT

Build a Dinosaur

Thursday, July 23 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Youth Program Room - Can't make it to our Make It Mondays in the afternoon? Come craft with us in the evening!

Library Field Day

Thursday, July 30 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Debate Square - Participate in field day activities like relays, water balloon toss, shoe kick, and more! Dress for running around and bring a water bottle.

Preschool Field Day

Friday, July 31 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Debate Square - Enjoy a morning of outdoor games and activities designed specifically for preschoolers! We will have an obstacle course, bean bag toss, water balloon toss, and more! Dress for running around and bring a water bottle.

TEENS

TEEN TUESDAYS

DIY HEAT PRESS CANVAS BAGS

Tuesday, July 21 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Learning Lab - Using a Cricut Easy Press, participants can DIY their own canvas bag! With materials like vinyl, infusible ink, and sublimation paper, you can customize your bag to show off your unique style. Participants will receive one canvas bag with registration. **Registration Required**

Art Camp: What is Acting?

Monday - Friday, July 13 - 17 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Learning Lab - This week, teens will get an opportunity to develop their skills for the stage! Focusing on voice projection, stage presence, script analysis, and character work, campers will learn how to prepare and rehearse a reader's theater style script. **Registration required.**

Games in the Grass! Capture the Flag

Tuesday, July 28 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Debate Square - It's another round of Games in the Grass, and this month, we are bringing back a group favorite - Capture the Flag!

ADULT

Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

Thursday, July 2 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Senior Resource Center - Join us at the Senior Resource Center in Freeport to discuss this month's selection, *The Fast Girls: A Novel of the 1936 Women's Olympic Team*, by Elise Hooper.

This novel pays tribute to the women of the 1936 US Olympic track team who battled gender bias, racism, societal expectations, and even family opposition.



LUCILLE BALL: A HISTORICAL PORTRAYAL



Tuesday, July 7 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Room - In this historical portrayal, historian and actress Leslie Goddard brings Lucy to life, paying tribute to both the true comic legend and the real woman behind the myth.

ADULT

Solar Printing Craft

Friday, July 10 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

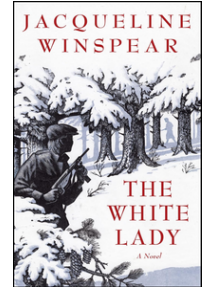
Meeting Room - Use special solar print paper to make images of plants, flowers, cut-outs, etc. on a blue background. Make a print to use as a bookmark, as a card, or as art. **Registration Required.**

MONDAY MURDERS

The White Lady by Jacqueline Winspear

Monday, July 13 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Boardroom - A reluctant ex-spy with demons of her own, Elinor finds herself facing down one of the most dangerous organized crime gangs in London.



IT'S A WEIRD WORLD...

Wednesday, July 15 | 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 weird monuments!

REVOLUTIONARY ILLINOIS: HOW OUR STATE SHAPED OUR NATION

Thursday, July 16 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Room - Learn how our state became a state—changing governments seven times in a little over a century—and spurring further national changes for another century to come. Presented by John Kokoris, Mr. Illinois.

Leaf Printing/Stamping Craft

Wednesday, July 22 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - We have some ideas for how to turn leaves into art - printing, stamping, hammering, and using as paint brushes. Join us to make art! **Registration Required.**

Take 'n' Bake Polymer Clay Beads Craft

Monday, July 27 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Play around with polymer clay to make beads, pendants, and other decorative things. There's a lot you can do with polymer clay and we will have plenty for you to use. **Registration Required.**

Therapeutic Recreation

For Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, July 28 | 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.

STAY CONNECTED

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