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# National LIBRARY WEEK

April 23rd - 29th, 2023

More than books on a shelf.



## National Library Week: April 23rd - 29th, 2023

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the United States. Library Week promotes library use and support. The theme for 2023 is "There is More to the Story." Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats from picture books to large print, audiobooks to eBooks, and more. But libraries are so much more than books on a shelf!

## BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST



### Summer Reading Bookmark Design Contest

Come pick up a template and form at the library and enter the Bookmark Design Contest for your chance to win! We are looking for a new bookmark design for the 2023 Summer Reading Program "All Together Now." Check out our website post for the rules and printable template!

Return contest entries to Freeport Public Library on or before Saturday, April 15 by 3:00 pm.



### Art for Fun: Painting with Nina Stachewicz

Create an oil painting with artist Nina Stachewicz. She will bring all the supplies and show participants how to mix and apply the paints. You will leave this event with your own work of art! Art is fun, relaxing, and good for the brain - come join us.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Tuesday, April 25  
9:30am - 12:30pm  
Learning Lab

 **GALE LegalForms**  
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### More Legal Resources:

Did you know? The Library offers a number of ways that you can seek legal advice and get information on legal matters. The Freeport Public Library and Prairie State Legal Services of Illinois have partnered to present monthly legal advice for residents of Stephenson County. For more Legal Resources visit our website. Under the Legal Resources tab, you'll find Gale LegalForms. Gale is a free database that provides professionally written, national and state-specific attorney forms to help you participate in your legal affairs and common legal procedures with confidence. Check it out today!

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**LEGALFORMS**



**YOUTH SERVICES**

**For Babies & Toddlers!**

As always, the library hosts **Babies and Books Storytime** on Mondays from 10:15am - 11:00am for babies and toddlers under 2 years old. We focus on early literary skills through songs, rhymes, and stories, followed by playtime!

For ages 2-5 with a caregiver, **Preschool Storytime** meets on Wednesdays from 10:30am - 11:00am. Join us for stories, flannelboards, songs, and a craft!



**Charissa's Pick!**

**IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD: HOW TO PROTECT THE PLANET AND CHANGE THE FUTURE BY JESS FRENCH (NON-FICTION)**

Earth Day falls on April 22, 2023, it is the day to demonstrate support for environmental protection! Learn about the world and all the living things around it that provide life to what we call planet Earth such as animals and their habitats. Take a look at this book and learn more about the place we call home.

**SLIME MAKING!**

Slime Making

Join us each month as we make a different type of slime. This month we will be making edible peep slime!

**Tuesday, April 4**  
**3:30pm - 5:30pm**  
**Meeting Room A/B**



PAWs to Read

Visit the library and read a story to one of the sweet pups from Therapy Dogs International.

**Saturday, April 8**  
**11:00am - 12:00pm**



Make it Monday:  
Melted Crayon Art

Join us each month as we make a different project you can take home. This month, we will be making melted crayon art! This program is for all ages!

**Monday, April 10**  
**2:00pm - 4:00pm**  
**Meeting Room A/B**



**CUENTAME UN CUENTO EN ESPAÑOL**

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Acompáñanos a nuestro programa en español donde leeremos cuentos, tendremos canciones, y artesanías para toda la familia.

**Jueves, Abril 13**  
**10:30am - 11:00am**



**POKÉMON CLUB**

Pokémon Club

Do you enjoy all things Pokémon? Come to our club and meet other Pokéfans. Test your knowledge, play the card game, and talk Pokémon with others.

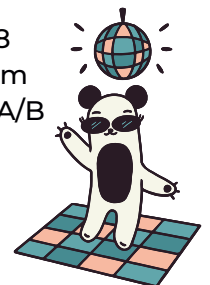
**Thursday, April 13**  
**5:30pm - 6:30pm**  
**Meeting Room A/B**

**MOVIN & GROOVIN**

Movin' and Groovin'

Are you ready to sing and dance through Storytime? Join us for our monthly music and movement Storytime filled with songs, dancing, and stories. For children ages 2-5 and their caregivers.

**Tuesday, April 18**  
**10:30am - 11:00am**  
**Meeting Room A/B**



# TEEN PROGRAMMING

Calling all 7th - 12th graders!  
Are you looking for a spot to hang out with friends and try new things? Check out our Teen programming.

The Library has new programs for young adults - no parents allowed!



### Teens Only:

#### Popcorn Tasting

Let's taste test popcorn! We will have some interesting flavors for you to try. Then you will have an opportunity to vote for your favorite. This program is only for those in grades 7-12.

Thursday, April 6

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Learning Lab



### Teens Only:

#### Mini Zen Garden Craft

Ever felt a bit stressed out or overwhelmed? A mini Zen garden is a meditation device that allows you to clear your head and soothe your mind. Come make your own mini Zen garden that you can take anywhere! This program is only for those in grades 7-12.

Wednesday, April 19

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Learning Lab

# ADULT SERVICES

### Illinois Libraries Present:

#### Danny Trejo Talks Tacos, Hollywood, and Redemption [Virtual Event]

Actor, author, and restaurateur Danny Trejo will discuss how he developed a prolific career in the entertainment industry with a hard-earned and atypical road to success.

Register on our website to watch from home or come watch on the big screen at the library.

Tuesday, April 4th, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Meeting Room A/B

**These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.**

### Illinois Libraries Present:

#### Secrets of the Puzzle Master: Will Shortz [Virtual Event]

Will Shortz, the editor of The New York Times crossword puzzle, and author/editor of more than 500 puzzle books, is also the puzzle master for NPR's Weekend Edition Sunday and the founder and director of the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament.

Register on our website to watch from home or come watch on the big screen at the library.

Tuesday, April 25, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Boardroom

### Lawyers in the Library

Lawyers from Prairie State Legal Services are onsite at the library for one-on-one meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings can be scheduled ahead of time, by calling 815-965-2902. Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who have made appointments are given priority.

Tuesday, April 18, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Learning Lab

### Easter Gnome & Bunny Plaque Craft

A quick and easy craft just in time for your Easter or Spring décor. Each registrant will get one gnome kit and paints.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Monday, April 3, 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room A/B

## GNOME & BUNNY CRAFT



### Earth Day Bottle Cap Flowers Craft

We will be using bottle caps to make flowers for outside or inside of your home. Welcome Spring with flowers!

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Monday, April 17

6:30pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room A/B

## Earth Day Craft



## STAY CONNECTED

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