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Community Festival of Trees

Monday, November 27 – Tuesday, December 27

What better way to get into the holiday spirit than 23 decorated trees in the library! Stop by to see the creative and beautiful trees decorated by local service organizations, clubs, and church groups competing for prizes. Vote for your favorite by December 10. Check out who's on this year's ballot!

4-H Ambassadors-Univ. of Illinois

HELIX Youth Outreach

Ascension Living St. Joseph Village

Jones Farrar IB World School

Boys & Girls Club of Freeport and Steph Co.

Lena Living Center

Blackhawk Elementary School

Liberty Village

Children's Hands on Museum of NWIL

Lincoln-Douglas Elementary School

Davis Mental Health Group

Oakly Courts Assisted Living

Davis Rockets 4-H

Open Bible Learning Center Elementary School

Family YMCA of Northwest Illinois

Pecatonica Elementary School

First Lutheran Church

Steph Co Assoc for Home and Community Education

Freeport Alternative High School

Stephenson County Crime Stop

Freeport High School National Art Honor Society

University of IL Ext. Master Gardeners

Freeport Middle School Art Club

Library Closed for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th

and for New Year's Day

Monday, January 1st, 2024

We now offer free access to Boundless - in addition to our other digital collections!

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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!



SLIME MAKING!

Tuesday, December 5
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Join us to make gingerbread slime you can take home! This program is for kids of all ages.



SANTA STORYTIME

Thursday, December 7
6:30pm - 7:00pm

Saturday, December 16
2:00pm - 2:30pm

Come visit Santa at the library and listen as he shares his favorite Christmas stories with us. Santa's visits are sponsored by FHN and open to all.

POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, December 7
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Come to the library and meet other Pokéfans! Test your knowledge, play the card game, and talk Pokémon with others. This program is intended for elementary age kids.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, December 9
11:00am - 12:00pm

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

MESSY MASTERPIECES

Friday, December 15
10:00am - 11:00am

Come create with us! Each month we will make a masterpiece you can take home. Come dressed to make a mess! This program is for kids 5 and under.



BIRD CLUB

Saturday, December 18
10:30am - 12:00pm

REGISTRATION CLOSED

Juliet Moderow will be leading a fun and educational program for youths to learn about birds.



Make-It Monday

Monday, December 18
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Join us each month as we make a different project you can take home. This month we will be making graham cracker gingerbread houses. This program is for preschool and elementary age kids.

ART EXPLORERS

Wednesday, December 20
4:30pm - 5:30pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us each month as we experiment with different art methods. This month, we will make a surprise assemblage. This program is for ages 10-14.

LIBRARY BUILDERS

Thursday, December 28
2:00pm - 6:00pm

Come build with us! Build with our collection of Legos, Strawbees, and more! Use your imagination to make great creations. This program is for kids of all ages.



TEENS ONLY

grades 7-12

Teen Advisory Committee

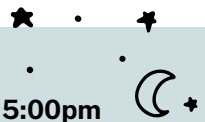
Tuesday, December 12 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

This is your chance to have a say in the types of programs we offer for teens at the library. Together we will brainstorm ideas and provide feedback about library services.

Journal Art Covers

Tuesday, December 19 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

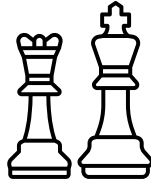
Do you have a journal or notebook you would like to cover? Do you use it for poetry, writing songs, creating sketches, etc.? Let's decorate them by creating a mixed media cover. Bring a journal or notebook to decorate.



ADULT SERVICES

join chessport!

Wednesday, December 6 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Join ChessPort! No experience necessary. Chess sets are provided. All current, former, rusty, and new players welcome!



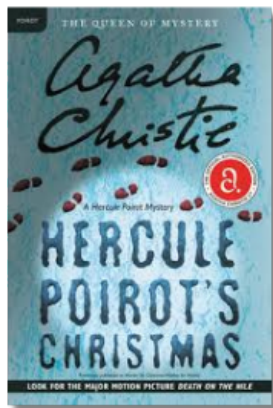
Illinois Libraries Present: Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb (Watch Party & Virtual Event)

Wednesday, December 6 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Lori Gottlieb, New York Times bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, and co-host of the "Dear Therapists" podcast joins us for a thought-provoking conversation about mental health in anticipation of the winter holiday season.



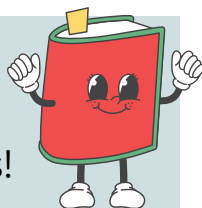
Monday Murders Book Group: Hercule Poirot's Christmas by Agatha Christie

Monday, December 11
1:00pm - 2:00pm
This month we will discuss some classic Agatha Christie: *Hercule Poirot's Christmas*. It was originally published in December of 1938 in the U.K., then in 1939 in the U.S. as *Murder for Christmas*. No registration, everyone welcome.



How do libraries make sure novels stay warm?

We give them book jackets!



HOLIDAY MOSAIC TREES

Monday, December 18
6:15pm - 7:45pm
REGISTRATION CLOSED
Come make a little, festive, holiday tree (approx. 6") with mosaic tiles and grout on a wooden plaque. Hang it on your tree, door, wall... or set a drink on it!



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

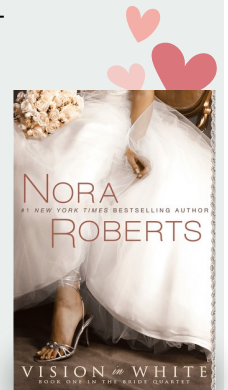
Crafts for Adults with Developmental Disabilities
Tuesday, December 19 | 10:30am - 11:30am
Join us to make water-less snow globes at the library! This is a drop-in craft, no registration required.



Ask Alex!

Looking for something new? Just ask Alex! Alex works the Adult Reference Desk and has a passion for reading. Check out one of her favorites: ***Vision in White* by Nora Roberts**

This hallmark-y romance is a great read for curling up on your couch with some hot cocoa as the snow falls outside (maybe some light-hearted holiday jazz?) I really enjoy the simplicity of it and Carter's character is very well done. I especially love the way Roberts writes female friendships and this book does not disappoint on that front! Definitely a good cozy read. ❤️📖



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