



FOOD FOR FINES

ALL FEBRUARY LONG

Do you have outstanding library fines? In February, we are accepting donations of non-perishable food items. **For each food item donated, you will receive a \$1 reduction in your late fees.** All donations will be taken to the Freeport Area Church Cooperative Food Pantry. We suggest items such as sauces, soups, beans, honey, peanut butter, juices, and fish in oil. This is an excellent opportunity to clear your library fines while contributing to a worthy cause. The Freeport Area Church Cooperative Food Pantry serves individuals and families who are experiencing food insecurity, making your contribution even more impactful. Take a moment to scan your pantry and consider donating any non-perishable food items. Don't miss out on the opportunity to give back to your community and simultaneously reduce your fines!

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

Honoring Black History Month

Did you know that we have an Urban Fiction collection? This genre is predominantly written by African American authors and offers a unique perspective on contemporary urban life. February is Black History Month, so we have curated a list of talented authors whose works will not only educate you, but also help you reflect on the injustices and inequalities faced by the Black community.

- Colson Whitehead
- Maya Angelou
- Alice Walker
- Jesmyn Ward
- Terry McMillan
- Richard Wright
- James McBride
- Zora Neale Hurston
- Toni Morrison
- James Baldwin



YOUTH SERVICES

For Babies & Toddlers!

Babies and Books Storytime

Join us every Monday from 10:15am-11:00am for Babies and Books Storytime at the library. This event is geared towards babies and toddlers under two years old and focuses on developing early literary skills through rhymes, songs, and stories. Afterwards, stay for playtime with your little one.

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!



NEW NEW READING PROGRAM! **STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!**

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Freeport Public LIBRARY

SLIME MAKING!

Tuesday, February 6 | 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Join us to whip up some cool rubber duck slime to take home! This slimetastic program is open to kids of all ages, because seriously, who doesn't love slime?

PAWS to Read 🐾 🐾

Saturday, February 10 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Bring your little ones to practice reading with one of the sweet pups from Therapy Dogs International! Dogs make such good listeners.

Make-It Monday

Monday, February 12 | 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Join us each month as we make a different project you can take home. This month we will be making Valentine's projects. This program is for preschool and elementary age kids.

POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, February 8 | 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.

MESSY MASTERPIECES

Friday, February 16 | 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, February 17 | 10:30am - 12:00pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Northwest Illinois Audubon Society Education Chair, Juliet Moderow, leads a fun and educational program for youths to learn about birds! Tailored for ages 6-10, but younger/older children are welcome.

ART EXPLORERS

Wednesday, February 28 | 4:30pm - 5:30pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Get ready to unleash your inner artist as we test out a new art style every month. This time around, we're diving into the colorful world of mosaics!

TEENS ONLY grades 7-12

Teen Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 13 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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!

No-Sew T-shirt Tote Bag

Tuesday, February 27

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Do you have an old t-shirt laying around but cannot seem to let it go? How about turning it into a reusable tote bag!



ADULT SERVICES

LECTURES IN AMERICAN HISTORY 2024

The American History Lectures series is back and open to all ages. The lectures, led by local speakers, cover various topics related to the rich history of the United States of America. Attendees can deepen their understanding of how events and individuals have shaped the nation. No registration required. Anyone interested in history can join and expand their knowledge. So mark your calendars and join us for an evening of learning and discovery!

Programs start at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room

Tuesday, February 6: Ed Finch

The Prairie State and the United States Navy

Thursday, February 15: Josh Bost

Suburban Symphony: Exploring the Symbiosis of Car Culture, Urban Design, and the Rise of the American Suburbs

Tuesday, February 20: Alan Wenzel

The Last Great American Train Robbery

Wednesday, February 28: Martin Quirk

Mamas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Cowboys: A History of American Country Music as a reflection of American Cultural Trends

Thursday, March 7: Andy Dvorak and Jim Gitz

The Warren Commission at Sixty: Was It Right About the Assassination of President Kennedy?

Illinois Libraries Present: A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond (Watch Party & Virtual Event)

Tuesday, February 6

7:00pm - 7:50pm

Illinois Libraries Present: Romance & Regency with Bridgerton's Julia Quinn (Watch Party & Virtual Event)

Tuesday, February 20

7:00pm - 7:50pm

Join us for the watch party, or register on our website to watch at home!

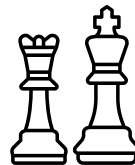


join chessport!

Wednesday, February 7

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Chess sets are provided. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome!



Monday Murders Book Group: *The Ice Princess* by Camilla Lackberg

Monday, February 12 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Returning to her hometown of Fjällbacka after the funeral of her parents, writer Erica Falck finds a community on the brink of tragedy. The death of her childhood friend, Alex, is just the beginning. Everyone welcome for this book group.

MACRAMÉ GNOMES

ADULT/TEEN CRAFT

Monday, February 12

6:15pm - 7:45pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Our guest instructor will help us make small macramé gnomes which we will turn into a garland, magnet, wall or window hangers. Make your gnomes Valentine-themed or Spring-themed. Please register each attendee separately as space is limited in the Learning Lab.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK DISCUSSION

***How the Word is Passed* by Clint Smith**

Monday, February 26 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Join us for a discussion of *How the Word is Passed*: a reckoning with the history of slavery across America by poet Clint Smith. Books will be available at the library by the end of January and the title is available through the Libby app!

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

Crafts for Adults

with Developmental Disabilities

Tuesday, February 27 | 10:30am - 11:30am

At this drop-in craft for adults with developmental disabilities, we will be making marshmallow igloos to take home and enjoy. Join us to make art and friends. No registration necessary!

STAY CONNECTED

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 8:00pm | Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm | Saturday 10:00am - 3:00pm | Closed Sunday

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