



New Carpet on the Stairs

On March 15th, we had the main staircase re-carpeted. The old carpet on the stairs was original to the building and after 20 years of heavy traffic, it had started to sag and separate from the concrete underneath. We had a great experience working with Carpet Boss One in Freeport and we couldn't be happier with the outcome! Come take a look!

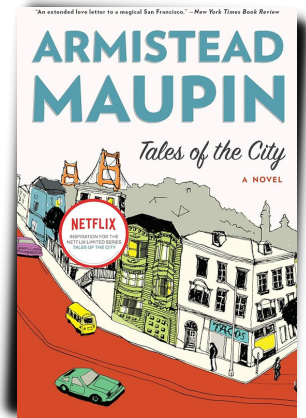


Ask Alex!

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: ***Tales of the City*** by Armistead Maupin

"If you're looking for a nostalgic read, look no further than this iconic book! In this soap opera of the late 70s, we follow a group of people from totally different backgrounds who live in the same apartment complex. The humor, style, and drama of the book make for an entertaining read that will make you feel like you live there too! Follow these charming characters through romance, friendships, and trying to make it in the big city. Turn on some old tunes and have a groovy time!"

Ebook & Audiobook available on hoopla!



YOUTH SERVICES

For Babies & Toddlers!

Babies and Books Storytime

Join us every Monday from 10:15am-11:00am.

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!



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a fun and free way to help prepare your child for kindergarten. Visit the library to pick up your reading logs and start your journey to 1,000 books! This is a passive program with no start or end dates, you can go at your own pace! At each level, your child will receive a small prize and place their name on our 1,000 Books wall. After 500 books, they will receive a free book! Want to learn more? Stop in or give us a call for more information.

SLIME MAKING!

Tuesday, April 2 | 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Join us to whip up silver slime to take home! This month we are making rubber ducky slime. This slimetastic program is open to kids of all ages.

PAWS to Read 🐾 🐾 🐾

Saturday, April 13 | 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, April 15 | 3:30pm - 5:00pm

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

POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, April 11 | 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, April 19 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Join us for a fun-filled morning of creativity. Each month we will make a masterpiece you can take home. Come dressed to make a mess! This program is specially designed for children aged 5 and under.

BIRD CLUB

Saturday, April 20 | 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.

TEENS ONLY grades 7-12

Teen Advisory Board

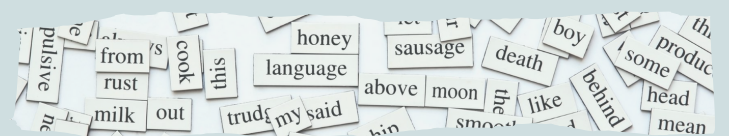
Tuesday, April 9 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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!

Magnetic Poetry

Tuesday, April 23 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

April is National Poetry Month! Celebrate by making magnetic poetry. Attach words to magnets, then hang them on your fridge or in your locker.

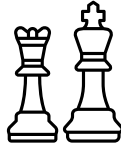


ADULT SERVICES

join chessport!

Wednesday, April 3 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

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



ECLIPSE PARTY



Monday, April 8 | 1:00pm - 3:30pm

For all ages! Join us to witness history as we observe a Solar Eclipse! Learn about what makes the April 2024 solar eclipse an unusual event, create some Solar Slime, and test our knowledge about the galaxy's biggest star. Then, we will venture outside to witness as the daytime sky turns dark. Eye protection will be provided while supplies last. The eclipse will start around 12:50 pm, reach its point of "greatest eclipse-ness" around 2 pm, and be over by 3:20 pm. If it is a good day for viewing, we will have some chairs outside, so we can sit and watch!

MURDER! WITH DETECTIVE FRANK DUFFY

Friday, April 12 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm (After Hours!)

The library is excited to invite everyone to this special event to announce that an anonymous donor has gifted a very old and valuable Gutenberg Bible. The library plans to auction the bible to build a new wing for the children's dept. But just before they can bring the bible out for everyone to marvel at, a scream is heard. A librarian staggers out and falls dead. The bible has been stolen! Everyone is a suspect, there is even a line up that has a very funny twist. The audience is asked to write out their solution to the murder and who ever is closest wins a prize. It is full of laughs and audience participation. Please register each person separately. There will be a (fake) murder, so not appropriate for young children.

Registration for this event will be open from March 29, 2024 @ 8:00am to April 12, 2024 @ 6:30pm.



Detective Frank Duffy



Monday Murders Book Group

A Share in Death by Deborah Crombie

Monday, April 15 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

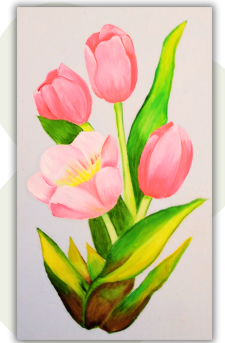
A week's holiday in a luxurious Yorkshire time-share is just what Scotland Yard's Superintendent Duncan Kincaid needs. But the discovery of a body floating in the whirlpool bath ends Kincaid's vacation before it's begun. One of his new acquaintances at Followdale House is dead; another is a killer. Despite a distinct lack of cooperation from the local constabulary, Kincaid's keen sense of duty won't allow him to ignore the heinous crime, impelling him to send for his enthusiastic young assistant, Sergeant Gemma James. But the stakes are raised dramatically when a second murder occurs, and Kincaid and James find themselves in a determined hunt for a fiendish felon who enjoys homicide a bit too much. Everyone is welcome, no registration! Pick up a copy of the book on the 2nd floor of the library.

Art for Fun: Painting with Nina Stachewicz

Thursday, April 18 | 9:15am - 12:00pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Create your own original oil-based work of art with guidance from artist Nina Stachewicz. Adults and older teens welcome! Everything is provided for the class. Please register each person separately.



Mason Jar Suncatchers

Monday, April 22 | 6:15am - 7:45pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Mason jar suncatchers - the possibilities are endless for your creativity! Use one of the patterns we provide or draw your own. Please register each person separately.

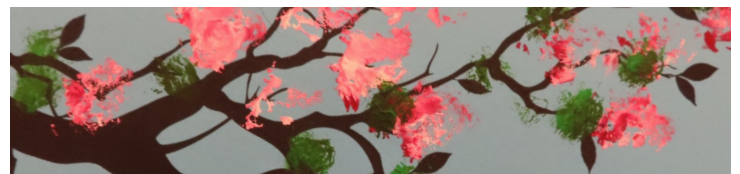


Therapeutic Recreation

Crafts for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Tuesday, April 23 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Join us for a drop-in craft session, where adults with developmental disabilities can paint beautiful blossoms for spring and make friends. No registration required.



STAY CONNECTED

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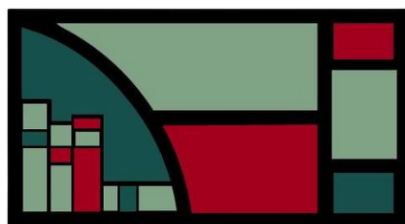
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