

Spring
2024

FRANKFORT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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"WHAT SHOULD I DO?"

Earth Awareness Fair



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SUN. MARCH 24 2-3:30pm

Our 2024 Earth Awareness Fair brings together organizations and individuals to showcase and encourage Earth stewardship, resilience, sustainability, and community. "What should I do?" is the most common question from those who want to contribute. Visit our fair to discover how you can lend your skills and passion to support a healthy Earth for all inhabitants.

bit.ly/2024EarthFair

Volunteer Fair



WED. APRIL 17 7-8:30pm

It's our 8th Annual Volunteer Fair! Our 2024 Fair features local and regional organizations looking for volunteers of all ages to join their team. Whether you like indoor projects or working in nature, delivering meals to seniors, or caring for animals there is a volunteer opportunity for you!

bit.ly/VFair2024

Executive Functioning Workshop for Parents & Teens



APRIL 24 & May 1 7-8:15pm

Struggle switching between tasks, organizing or knowing where to start? Join our presenter Therese Hayes-Jackson, BCBA for a two part "Executive Functioning" mini series.

We'll investigate what it is, why it's crucial to work on and pathways for success at home, into a career, within relationships & beyond!

Patrons age 9+ can register to attend Movie Night while their parents are at the program.

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Great North American Solar Eclipse Watch Party

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MON. APRIL 8
12:30-3:30pm

Experience the Great North American Solar Eclipse! Join us in the Courtyard with your *eclipse glasses for this special event. We will also live-stream the eclipse from the path of totality, take data recordings for the Globe Observer project, have fun with science activities and kids can watch a recording of Bright Star Theatre's show Jack's Adventure in Space!

**FPLD cardholders can register for up to two free pairs of solar-viewing glasses (maximum of two glasses per family/household) beginning April 1, 2024. Supplies are limited.*

Spring Blood Drive

WED. MAR. 27 2-7pm



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Every day more than 10,000 patients rely on the generosity of blood donors to survive. Just one blood donation can save up to 3 lives. Thank you for donating!

Schedule an appointment online: bit.ly/BloodDriveMarch2024

If all time slots are filled, WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!

Donors age 16+ are welcome to donate. Under age 17? You can donate with guardian consent.

Relaxing Rhythms Drum Circle: Drumming for the Earth

SUN. APR. 7 2-3:15pm



Celebrate Earth Month as we drum earthy rhythms to acknowledge and celebrate our home planet. Learn how to find the rhythm in everyone and everything, including ourselves, the planet, and the plants and animals around us. This drum circle is about relaxing with easy rhythms. Each rhythm is taught on the body first at a slow tempo to help learn the rhythm, then taught on the drums.

Drums are provided. Percussion instruments for this program will include some made from recycled and natural materials. You do not need to have your own drum, although if you do, you are welcome to bring it.

Space Stations

TUE. MAY 7 7-8pm

Past, Present and Future - Since humans first gazed towards the heavens, they have dreamed of one day living in space. Join NASA Solar System Ambassador James Joel Knapper as he highlights several of the space stations of fact and fiction; from "The Brick Moon" written by American writer Edward Everett Hale in 1869, to the Soviet military stations, through the Lunar Gateway planned for this decade and beyond!



Lunar Gateway
Space Station - NASA



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Latin Hip Hop as a New Poetry SUN. APR. 21 2-3pm

Chicago-based music journalist Catalina Maria Johnson, Ph.D. will join us for an afternoon of *Latin Hip Hop as a New Poetry*, a presentation which centers Latin hip hop artists and discusses how they are advancing the poetic traditions of their countries in unique ways, including the use of many languages like Spanish, English, and Nahuatl, an ancient indigenous language. Her program uses video and lyric examples with a focus on Latinos in the U.S. and the Americas. Ms. Johnson's presentation is lively, light, and fun, focusing on participation, discussion, and musical enjoyment!



The National Park Service in Our Region: Places to Experience Our Cultural History THU. MAY 2 7-8pm

While the popular images of the National Park Service (NPS) often focus on the spectacular scenic sites in the American West or nationally significant historic sites in the eastern U.S., the NPS has a meaningful presence in Illinois and its surrounding states. Dr. Norman Moline, Professor Emeritus at Augustana College, will present an interactive learning experience about the NPS's cultural history and its significance regionally. Lesser-known and off the beaten path places will also be featured. Participants are encouraged to join the discussion with stories of their own travels and experiences to NPS landmarks, trails, and places.

* APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.
Registration ends SUN. May 19, 2024 at 5pm.

* Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Unit THU. MAY 23 10am-2pm

Please call Adult Services at 815-534-6173 to make an appointment for one of the following services:

- Driver's license or state ID card (renewal, replacement, correction)
- Real ID
- Vehicle sticker sales (license plate)
- Organ/tissue donor information and registration
- Motor voter registration with driver's license/ID renewal

Standard state service fees apply. Visit ilsos.gov for fees and required documentation.

* Super Senior Rules of the Road Review Class

THU. MAY 23 10-11:30am

The Rules of the Road Review Course is designed to give drivers – especially senior citizens and persons with disabilities – the knowledge and confidence needed to renew or obtain a driver's license!

Registration is available in our online calendar for the Rules of the Road Review Class.



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Land of Lincoln

Election Scavenger Hunt

SUN. - TUE. MAR. 3-19 All Day
Explore the Library looking for facts about Election history to win a prize!

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Homeschool Hangout

FRIDAYS 10-11:30am

MAR. 8

Join us for as we learn about the election process

APR. 12

Homeschoolers Field Day at the library! We'll have stations set up indoors and out for schoolers of all ages to burn off some steam.

Family Storytime at Night

MON. & WED. 6:30-7:15pm

MAR. 18, 20 | APR. 15, 17

Hey, Night Owls! Bring your favorite adult to the library to enjoy bedtime stories and songs.

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Participate in one of the 2024 youth reading challenges! Pick the correct list for your grade level, read the designated number of books, and win a prize! All students who complete their challenges are eligible for a special surprise in June.

Monarch Award Challenge

Grades K-2: Read all 20 books

Bluestem Award Challenge

Grades 3-5: Read all 10 books

Caudill Award Challenge

Grades 6-8: Read all 10 books

Read for a Lifetime Challenge

Grades 9-12: Read all 13 books

Students can track their progress using our Beanstack app or bring in a booklist with the titles they read checked off.

For more information:

frankfortlibrary.org/reading-clubs

BRING YOUR OWN BOX!

Make a Leprechaun Trap

TUE. & WED. 6-7:30pm
MAR. 12 & 13

St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner! Put your imagination and engineering skills to make a leprechaun trap with your family. We'll have everything you need to make your trap except the box!

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LIVE SHOW



Green Golly and the Golden Flute

TUE. MAR. 26 11am-12:15pm

Join us for a play about Rapunzel! Not all princesses can sing, this one plays the flute, and her instrument takes her on an incredible adventure once she gets out of the tower!

Mermaid Movie

FRI. MAR. 29 10am-12pm

In honor of National Mermaid Day on March 29th, we will be showing *The Little Mermaid* (2023) in the Youth Program Room.

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Disney Moms Scavenger Hunt

WED. - TUE. MAY 1-12 All Day

Famous Disney moms are hiding in the library. Come find them between May 1st and May 12th and get a prize from the Youth Desk once you're done!

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Story Celebration

SUN. MAY 19 1:30-4:30pm

Some of our favorite books, movies and TV shows have big birthdays this year! Join us for a celebration of these pop cultural favorites!

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National Park Family Trivia

SUN. APR. 28 2-3pm

Register as a family and test your knowledge about our National Parks.



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Morning Storytimes:

* **No Programs MAR. 25-28**

* **2's and 3's**

24-36 Months with Adult

MONDAYS 9:30-10am

FEB. 19-MAR. 18 | APR. 1-29

Children aged 2-3 and their adult caregiver are invited to share stories and songs with us.

* **Wee Ones**

Birth-2 Years with Adult

TUE. & WED. 9:30-10am

FEB. 20-MAR. 20 | APR. 2-MAY 1

Little ones from birth-2 years and their adult caregivers are invited to share simple stories, songs, rhymes, and time for play!

* **Preschool Storytime**

3-5 Years with Adult

TUE. & WED. 10:30-11am

FEB. 20-MAR. 20 | APR. 2-MAY 1

Calling all preschoolers! Bring your favorite adult to the library to enjoy stories and songs.

**NEW
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* **Little Sensory Hour**

Birth-5 Years with Adult

THURSDAYS 9:30-10:30am

FEB. 22-MAR. 21 | APR. 4-MAY 2

Join us for a sensory time with other caregivers and their littles! Each week we'll explore something new with an emphasis on fine motor skills.

**NEW
PROGRAM
FORMAT!**

Kids

Terrific Tubes Craft Hour

Grades K-5

SUN. APR. 21 1-2pm

Celebrate Earth Day with us! Create fun crafts out of tons of paper tubes.

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Graphic Novel Book Club

Ages 8-12

MONDAYS 7-7:30pm

We talk about some amazing graphic novels for kids. Join us!

Lego Club

Grades K-2

THURSDAYS 4:30-5:30pm

MAR. 6 | APR. 3

Free build with Lego for an hour in the Youth Program Room. We'll put your creations on display! Now at a new time.



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Lego Kit Club

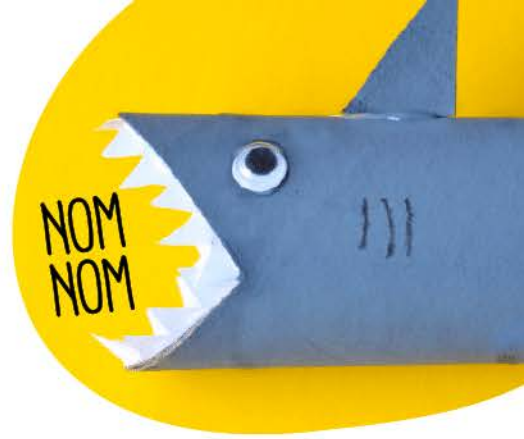
Grades 3-5

WEDNESDAYS 4:30-5:30pm

MAR. 20 | APR. 17

The Library provides kits for bigger Lego builders who like a challenge. We'll put your finished kits on display!

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Holiday Happenings

Ages 2-10

Join us for a NEW series of programs all about the holidays! Each event will focus on a different seasonal celebration and feature different activities and stories.

MON. MAR. 4 6-7pm Ramadan

WED. MAR. 27 6-7pm April Fool's Day

THU. MAR. 28 6-7pm Easter

WED. APR. 17 6-7pm Passover

TUE. APR. 23 6-7pm Arbor Day

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Arbor Day Event

Grades K-5

TUE. APR. 23 6-7pm

Trees are the best! Come for a story, craft and, weather pending, an outdoor walk around the library to look at the different trees.

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Disney/Pixar Movie Nights

Ages 9+

Great for kids whose parents are attending the Executive Functioning Workshop

WED. APR. 24 6:45-8:15pm

Kids will enjoy the movie *Inside Out* & calming kits.

WED. MAY 1 6:45-8:15pm

Kids will enjoy the movie *Elemental* & calming kits.



Found Sounds Drum Program

Ages 5+ SAT. APR. 6

Everything and everyone has a rhythm. Celebrate Earth Month by finding the rhythms in recyclable materials. Create and decorate a drum made from discarded materials and a rattle that can sound like rain, running water or crashing waves. Then we'll use our new instruments to play some "earthy" rhythms.



First Dice Tower

Grades 3-5

SAT. MAR. 2 11am-12pm

Create your own dice tower! No more losing dice during a game.



Roll For Character

Grades 3-5

SUN. APR. 14 2-3pm

Having trouble creating a character for a game? Let the dice decide your fate!

Challenge a Librarian

Grades 1-12

MON. - FRI. MAR. 25-29 10am-5pm

Do you have what it takes to beat a librarian at a video game? Test your skills against one of us!

Choose Youth staff member to play. Pick your game: Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, Nintendo Sports or Just Dance. All players get candy, but if you win, you can enter into a drawing for the grand prize.

You can only challenge once a day. Good luck!





Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Grades: 6-12
Thursdays 6-7pm MAR. 28 | APR 18 | MAY 23



Need volunteer hours for school, church, scouts, or just need something to do? Join the TAB and earn volunteer hours just for helping us out. Make a difference in your library! Get your voice heard.

Teen Subscription Box
Grades 9-12

MAR. 1-22 & APR. 1-19

Each month teens can enjoy a subscription box featuring a genre that includes 2 books and 1 DVD with a treat (popcorn, hot cocoa, tea, etc).

Boxes must be collected by the end of the month.

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9-12



Dungeons & Dragons Anniversary

Join us for programming to celebrate 50 years of the classic Dungeons & Dragons games!

DIY Dice Tower

Grades 6-12

THU. MAR. 27 6-8pm

To celebrate 50 years of D&D, create your own dice tower! No more losing dice during a game.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Grades: 6-12

THURSDAYS 6-8:30pm

MAR. 14 | APR. 4 | MAY 9

TUESDAYS 6-8:30pm

MAR. 26 | APR. 30 | MAY 28

Want to try your hand at rolling dice and being a fantasy hero? Join our merry band of adventurers on a quest in the seminal table top role playing game Dungeons & Dragons.

This program is intended for grades 6-12.

No experience or equipment needed.



Paint a Miniature

Grades 6-12

THU. APR. 11 6-8pm

Tired of dull minis during a session? Learn how to paint your own miniatures to have a more colorful session.



HEALTH + WELLNESS

Staying Mentally Fit

TUESDAYS 10-11:30am

MAR. 12 & 26 | APR. 9 & 23 | MAY 14 & 28

Enjoy the company of other adults and engage your brain with exercises that will help to keep you mentally fit! We will follow the Wits Workout program created by the University of Illinois Extension.

Mindful Nature Walks

9-10:30am

THU. MAR. 28 Woodland Trail Walk

MON. APR. 22 Earth Day Walk

MON. MAY 6 Walk + Birding

THU. JUN. 6 Prairie Walk

Join us for a gentle walk in nature where you can rejuvenate through mindful observation.

OFF SITE



Living With Alzheimer's For Caregivers: Middle Stage

MONDAYS 6:30-8:30pm

APR. 22 & 29 | MAY 6

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, those who were care partners now become hands-on caregivers. Join us for this 3-part series from the Alzheimer's Association and hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective, and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's.

Mental Health Awareness 101

THU. MAY 9 7-8pm

Learn about the signs and symptoms of anxiety and depression, how and when to seek treatment and what resources are available. Presented by The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Will-Grundy.

COMPUTERS + TECHNOLOGY

Tech Tuesdays

MAR. 5 & 26 & APR. 2

6:30pm | 7pm | 8pm

Do you need help setting up your new device, an email account, or a social media app? Need to brush up on some basic computer skills or learn how to access an ebook or tv show from Libby, Boundless (formerly Axis360), or hoopla? We can help! Our appointments are 30-45 minutes long. Zoom or phone appointments are available by request.

Pronunciator: Personalized Language Courses

THU. MAR. 7

10-11:30am **OR** 2-3:30pm

Pronunciator is a fun way to learn one of 164 languages. Free to FPLD cardholders, it lets you customize your learning experience based on your interests, learning goals, and more. Attend one of these sessions to learn about this language learning platform.

Microsoft Excel Basics

THU. MAR. 28 7-8:30pm

THU. APR. 11 2-3:30pm

Microsoft Word Basics

THU. APR. 11 7-8:30pm

Microsoft Excel Working with Tables

WED. MAY 1 7-8:30pm

THU. MAY 16 2-3:30pm

Mobile Device Basics:

These 90-minute classes will help you to learn the basics of operating a mobile device (phone or tablet) that uses an iOS (Apple) or Android operating system. *Bring your device to class!*

Class will cover the following topics:

- Identifying external buttons on your device.
- Common touch gestures for engaging with your device.
- Apps used for common tasks.
- Identifying and connecting to secure versus public networks.
- Security tips.

iOS/Apple

FRI. MAR. 8 10:30am-12pm

THU. MAY 9 2-3:30pm

Android

FRI. MAR. 29 10:30am-12pm

THU. MAY 2 2-3:30pm



Capturing the Eclipse on Your Cell Phone

MON. MAR. 25 7-8pm

Did you know that you can use your cell phone to capture data and images during the Great North American Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024? Learn how to use the Globe Observer app to record and share eclipse data as citizen scientists. You will also learn the basics of capturing eclipse images using a cell phone camera and safe solar viewing shields.

Bring your device to class!

BOOK CLUBS

Books are available one month before the event.

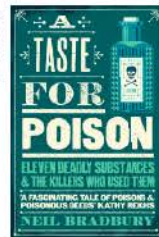
CoffeeCake & Crime

FRIDAYS 9:30-10:30am

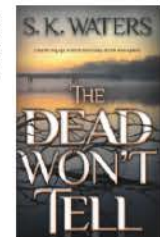
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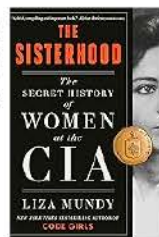
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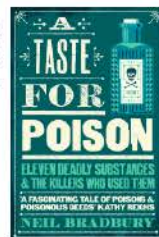
Nonfiction at Night

MONDAYS 7-8pm

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Top Shelf Tuesdays

TUESDAYS 7-8pm

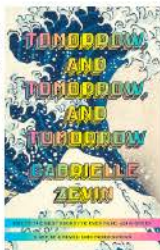
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Tuesdays with Friends

TUESDAYS 1-2pm

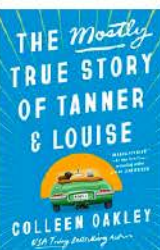
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MAY. 21



Earth: Our Shared Home

WEDNESDAYS 7-8pm

MAR. 27



APR. 24



Earth Awareness Fair

SUNDAY
MARCH 24
2-3:30pm

JOIN US!

GENEALOGY LAB TUE. MAR. 19 6-8pm

Dedicate time to family heritage research in our Lab. FPLD librarian, Jill Ganeshan, will be on hand to make users aware of resources and to help with specific questions. Participants are also welcome to share any knowledge that benefits others with their family research.



Crochet a Granny Square
 MON. MAR. 4 7-8:30pm
 TUE. MAR. 5 10:30am-12pm
 Learn how to crochet a classic granny square.

Community-Made Granny Square Afghan
 MAR. 1-24

Donate a 5"x5" crocheted granny square of any pattern or color; FRI. - SUN. MAR. 1 - 24, to be added to our Community-Made Granny Square Afghan. For each square you donate, you will receive one raffle ticket for a chance to win the completed afghan. Donations may be dropped off at the Adult Services Desk where you will receive your raffle ticket(s). Winner will be drawn and contacted on April 1.



Embroidered Floral Pendant

WED. APR. 17
 2-4pm **or** 6-8pm
 THU. APR. 18
 2-4pm **or** 6-8pm
 Learn simple embroidery techniques and create a charming floral pendant!

NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY AND BEGINNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US! ANY CLASS REQUIRING PREREQUISITES WILL SAY SO. ALL MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED FOR CRAFT PROGRAMS UNLESS SPECIFIED.



Crochet a Daisy Bookmark

MON. MAY 6 7-8pm **or**
 TUE. MAY 7 10-11am

ARTS + CRAFTS

Sewing Bibs & Burp Cloths

WED. MAR. 20 **or** THU. MAR. 21
 2-4pm **or** 6-8pm

Learn how to create a bib and a set of burp cloths! Keep them for a special little one in your life or donate your creations to help a family through the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

Beginners are welcome.

Participants must bring a pre-washed "fat quarter" or 1/2 yard of woven cotton or flannel fabric. All other materials will be provided.

Handlettering Basics

MON. APR. 1 7-8pm

Learn the basics of handlettering to create beautiful custom cards, signs, and gifts. We'll go over a variety of techniques for modern and classic styles as well as demonstrate the tools of the trade and DIY methods to get the same effect with everyday pens.

Meditative Art: Blackout Poetry

THU. APR. 4 6:30-8pm

Need to de-stress for an evening? Join us for Blackout Poetry where you select words from a book page to create your poetry and then highlight the words through a variety of artistic techniques.

Make Wood Earrings

WED. APR. 10 2-4pm **or** 6-8pm

Choose a basic earring template then use Easel design software to customize one pair of wood earrings. Earrings will be milled using our CNC Carvey Mill.

There are prerequisites for this class. See our online calendar for details.



Sew a Fabric Bowl Cover

WED. MAY 22
 2-3:30pm **or** 6:30-8pm

THU. MAY 23
 2-3:30pm **or** 6:30-8pm

Barbeque and picnic season is just around the corner! Join us to learn how to sew reusable fabric covers for bowls and serving dishes.

Beginners are welcome.

Participants must bring the bowl or dish that they want to cover and a pre-washed "fat quarter" or 1/2 yard of woven cotton fabric.



**VIRTUAL
EVENTS**



**FRANKFORT
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER**

**Ruth E. Carter:
Interweaving
Tradition and
Imagination
through Costume
Design**



WED. MAR. 20 7-8pm

Join us for a special event with Ruth E. Carter, two-time Academy Award-winning costume designer. Carter made history as the first Black person to win an Academy Award in Best Costume Design for the film, *Black Panther*.

**Temple Grandin:
The Hidden Gifts
of Visual Thinkers**



WED. APR. 3 7-8pm

Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world's most well-known adults with autism, discusses how visual thinking can be harnessed to enhance creativity & problem-solving.

**The Many Lives
of Kal Penn**



TUE. MAY 7 7-8pm

Kal Penn discusses his many lives: writer, producer, former White House staff member, starring actor of *Harold and Kumar* and more.

**WATCH
PARTY &
CONVERSATION**

★ Come to the library for an in-person viewing and brief conversation about the event. 7-8:30pm

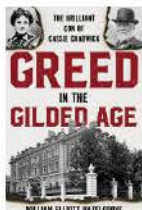
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AUTHORS + WRITING

**Greed in the Gilded
Age: The Brilliant Con of
Cassie Chadwick**

THU. MAR. 7 7-8pm

Are you a fan of HBO's *The Gilded Age* or Netflix's *Inventing Anna*? Join us as author William Hazelgrove presents the incredible true story of Cassie Chadwick, a drifter who swindled banks out of millions of dollars by claiming to be Andrew Carnegie's illegitimate daughter.



A Taste for Poison

TUE. APR. 9 7-8pm

Does your evening cocktail taste a little different? Has a spouse recently increased your life insurance policy? Has a neighbor started growing some unusual plants? Then this is the talk for you. Dr. Neil Bradbury explores the effects of poisons on humans and examines the motives of murderers. Expect lethal umbrellas, deadly cocktails, and killer curries.

Sign up and join one of our Book Club discussions on this title - happening APR. 5 or 8

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**SAVE
THE DATE!**

FRIENDS'

**Geranium
Sale Pickup**

SAT. MAY 11



MOVIES + GAMES + TRIVIA

Board Game Night Adults 18+

TUESDAYS 7-8:30pm
MAR. 12 | APR. 16 | MAY 14

Movie Morning

FRIDAYS 10am-12:15pm

MAR. 22 - The Peanut Butter Falcon
APR. 19 - The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent
MAY 10 - Barbie

Trivia Night Adults 18+

TUESDAYS 7-8:30pm
APR. 23 & JUN. 25
Come solo or bring your team!

FINANCIAL LITERACY

**CUB's Guide to Internet
Privacy & Robocall
Prevention**

TUE. MAR. 5 7-8pm

Join Citizens Utility Board (CUB) for a free presentation about internet privacy and reducing robocalls.

**Medicare Assistance
1-to-1 Session**

TUE. APR. 2 11am-4:30pm

Are you on Medicare or about to be? Register for one 30-minute session to get a health insurance review and ask questions to determine the best choice of coverage that is right for you.

SCAN TO
BECOME A
FRIEND,
TODAY!

