

Spring
2026

FRANKFORT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

ALL PROGRAMS REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNLESS MARKED: DROP-IN

frankfortlibrary.org/calendar

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Earth Awareness Fair



SUN. MAR. 22 2-4pm

Our 2026 Earth Awareness Fair brings organizations and individuals together to encourage Earth stewardship and community.

Two more great reasons to visit this year's fair: Step inside the Illinois Natural History Survey Traveling Science Center + the Friends are hosting a Book Drive!

Saddle Shoe Sisters



SUN. APR. 19 2-3pm

Join us for an afternoon of the best music of the 40s, 50s & 60s, from the Andrews Sisters to the Supremes. Saddle Shoe Sisters, a retro girl group, who play their own instruments and belt out those great oldie tunes, will bring a fun and lively performance to our library community.

Tiny Art Show



MAY 1 - 30

Celebrate our 60th birthday with a Tiny Art Show! Using a 4"x 4" canvas provided by the library, patrons of all ages are invited to create an original work of art on one of these themes: Library, Birthday, or 1960s. Use any medium that you prefer: paint, markers, pencils, flowers, legos, etc. Get creative!

Pick up a canvas APR. 1-11.
Limit one canvas per person while supplies last.

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HAPPY
60th
BIRTH
DAY

FRANKFORT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
1966-2026

60th Birthday Party

THU. MAY 28 10am-12pm

Drop by for coffee, light refreshments, crafts, and games to celebrate our birthday.



HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!

Find other
special
birthday
events
marked with a



COMMUNITY



Thank you to our incredible Library community for making our outreach vehicle fundraiser a success! Through the generous support of individuals, businesses, and community organizations, we're excited to expand our outreach services. We can't wait to see the vehicle on the road this spring, connecting more people to the resources they love.

Volunteer Fair Spring 2026

WED. APR. 15 7-8:30pm

Our Spring Volunteer 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, caring for animals or providing meals to families in need – there is a volunteer opportunity for you!

FRIENDS NEWS:



Spring Art Market

SAT. MAR. 28 10AM-4PM

Browse unique, handcrafted items from talented local artists and find something special - all while supporting your library.

Scavenger Hunt Fun!

FRI. APR. 17 5-7PM

Looking for a fun challenge? The Friends are hosting a Scavenger Hunt at the library! Gather a team of four for \$40 per team and test your library knowledge while having a great time. Prizes, laughs, and library fun await!

Support the Friends

Looking for other ways to support the Friends? You can help make a difference by becoming a member of the Friends of the Library. Simply scan the QR code or visit frankfortfriends.org to join today.

Your support helps fund programs, events, and resources for our community.



SENIOR PLANET

FROM **AARP**

L = Lecture **W** = Hands-On Workshop

Getting to Know Your iPhone

W

WED. MAR. 4 10-11:30am

Explore some of the common features of iPhones in this hands-on workshop.

Saving Money with Tech

L

MON. MAR. 9 10-11:30am

Explore ways that tech can help you save money and manage your finances.

Getting to Know Your Android Phone

W

WED. MAR. 18 10-11:30am

Explore some of the common features of Android smartphones in this hands-on workshop.

Intro to Smartphone Photography

L

THU. MAR. 19 10-11:30am

Learn about editing tools, managing and sharing your photos, how to scan QR codes, documents and more.

Gardening Tech At a Glance

L

THU. MAR. 26 10-11:30am

Learn about some popular apps that will help you with designing and managing your garden, identify plants, care for them and more

Exploring and Downloading Apps on an iPhone

W

WED. APR. 1 10-11:30am

We'll explore the Apple App store, search for, choose and download apps, and learn how to uninstall and adjust some important app settings.

Sharing Photos with an Android

W

MON. APR. 6 10am-12pm

Learn how to share photos from your Android via Quick Share, text messages, email and for posting on social media apps.

Exploring and Downloading Apps on an Android Smartphone

W

WED. APR. 8 2-3:30pm

We'll explore the Google Play store, search for, choose and download apps and learn how to uninstall and adjust some important app settings.

Outdoor Apps

L

THU. APR. 9 10-11:30am

Love the great outdoors? Discover apps for all kinds of wilderness adventures from hiking and biking to camping and fishing with features like GPS navigation, nature ID, real-time updates, and more.

Smartphone Camera Uses Beyond Photography

L

MON. APR. 13 10-11:30am

Learn about scanning QR codes, translating text, measuring objects, and using augmented reality.

Sharing Photos with an iPhone

W

WED. APR. 22 2-3:30pm

Learn how to share photos from your iPhone via text messages and email and for posting on social media apps.

All Things Zoom

L

TUE. APR. 28 2-3pm

Learn the features of this video platform: views, camera, audio, reactions, interacting, chat, security, and more. Come away with tips to prepare yourself to be on the platform as a participant or host.

Using Siri & Voice Commands on Your iPhone

W

WED. MAY 6 10-11:30am

Practice how to make the most of Siri on your iPhone and beyond.

iPhones

L

THU. MAY 7 2-3pm

Join us for a brief introduction to the iPhone. Learn about its history, evolution, features, App store, and more.

Using Google Assistant on Your Android

W

MON. MAY 11 10am-12pm

Practice how to make the most of Google Assistant on your Android and beyond.

Senior Planet Social

L

FRI. MAY 22 10-11am

Stop in for light refreshments, conversation, and activities. You'll learn about our partnership with Senior Planet from AARP and upcoming classes that will help you navigate today's technology, learn new skills, and have fun.



YOUTH READING CHALLENGES

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
Ages: 0-6 Years

Tags for 10
Grades: K-5

100 Books Before High School
Grades: 6-8

Challenge yourself to read more books and earn rewards! Sign up on Beanstack: frankfortlibrary.beanstack.org or visit the Youth Desk and pick up a paper reading log to participate.



Make a Leprechaun Trap All Ages

SUN. MAR. 8 2-3:30pm

TUE. MAR. 10 6-7:30pm

Bring your own box and we'll take care of the rest!

St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner! Put your imagination and engineering skills to work and drop in to make a leprechaun trap with your family.

Everybody Builds: Lego and More

All Ages

WEDNESDAYS 4:30-5:30pm

MAR. 11 | APR. 8

Come and build with us! We have regular Lego for older builders and Duplo or other building materials for little builders.



Traveling Science Center All Ages

SUN. MAR. 22 2-4pm

The Illinois Natural History Survey Traveling Science Center is a 320-square-foot mobile classroom featuring informative, engaging exhibits on biodiversity and natural resources that visits schools and communities across Illinois. Visitors learn about the types of habitats and species diversity of their region and ways to protect against threats to that diversity.



ALL AGES

Spring Egg Hunt All Ages

MON. MAR. 30 - MON. APR. 6

One of our most popular programs is back! For one week only, patrons of all ages can hunt for plastic eggs in the Library! Pick up a form and basket at the Youth Desk, and happy hunting!



Poetry + Art Days

All Ages



MON. MAR. 30 1-3pm

Once a month we'll have a different art project and poetry style for you to try. Take them home or enter your work in the Library Bookmark Contest or Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Contest.



Sip and Sew

All Ages

SUN. APR. 12 2-4pm

Come learn how to sew while enjoying a cup of hot cocoa or juice! We will go over a basic stitch and terminology to get you started. If you already know how to sew, feel free to drop in and join us without registering! Bring a project to work on or try one of ours.

Dinosaur Dimensions

All Ages

WED. MAY 20 6:30-7:30pm

Our friend Curt Strutz is bringing his animatronic dinosaurs to the Library for this all ages show! Do you dare take a picture with a velociraptor?



Petting Zoo

All Ages

SAT. MAY 30 10am-2pm

Celebrate our 60th Birthday at our outdoor petting zoo. Stop by to visit with and feed goats, sheep, chickens, bunnies, a mini donkey, a llama, and a calf from Zoos R Us.

This event will be held on the southeast side of the building in the parking lot.

Visit the Earth Awareness Fair on SUN. MAR. 22 2-4pm



Morning Storytimes:

DROP-IN!

Wee Ones

Birth-23 Months with Adult

TUE. & WED. 9:30-10am

MAR. 24 - APR. 29

Little ones from birth-23 months and their adult caregivers are invited to share simple stories, songs, rhymes, and time for play!

2's and 3's

24-36 Months with Adult

WEDNESDAYS 10:30-11am

MAR. 25 - APR. 29

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

Preschool Storytime

3-5 Years with Adult

TUESDAYS 10:30-11am

MAR. 24 - APR. 28

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

A Little Sensory Hour

Birth-5 Years

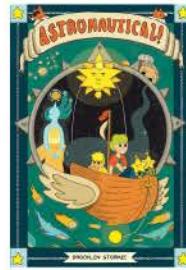
THURSDAYS 9:30-10:30am

MAR. 5 & 19 | APR. 9 & 23

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



MAR. 9



APR. 13

Graphic Novel Book Club

Ages 8-12

MONDAYS 7-7:45pm

We talk about amazing graphic novels for kids!



Baby Subscription Bags

Ages: Birth - 2 Years

MAR. 2 | APR. 1 | MAY 1

Register to reserve a Baby Subscription Bag for pick-up. Cuddle up on a cold day and enjoy the library from home. Each bag includes two board books (already checked out to you), a craft or activity, and a fun surprise.

**The bag and books must be returned, everything else is yours to keep!*



April Fool's Tricks

Grades: 2-5

TUE. MAR. 31 6:30-7pm

Be prepared to fool family and friends by making a couple of tricks with us!



PJ Storytime

Grades: 3-6 Years with Adult

WED. APR. 1 6:30-7pm

Put on your jammies and grab your favorite stuffie for bedtime stories, songs, and a take home snack.



Birthday STEM

Stations

Ages: 2-5 Years



FRI. APR. 17 10-10:45am

Happy 60th birthday to the Frankfort Public Library District! Explore birthday themed STEM stations and learn through play!

Gwendolyn Brooks Youth Poetry Awards

Grades: K-12

Deadline: April 28, 2026

Share your voice through poetry like Illinois' renowned Gwendolyn Brooks! Pick up a form in the Youth or Teen departments, write an original poem, and bring it back to the Youth Desk and we will submit it for you.

Find more information here:

ihumanities.org/programs/gwendolyn-brooks-youth-poetry-awards

Ms. Gretel Sings!

Grades: Birth - 5 Years

WED. MAY 6 9:30-10am **or**

10-10:30am

Join us as we welcome Ms. Gretel to the Frankfort Public Library District! This new music class includes singing and dancing!

KIDS

Yoga Tots

Ages: 1-4 Years

SATURDAYS 9:30-10am

MAR. 7 | APR. 4 | MAY 2

Bring your tot and a mat or towel for this fun yoga program!

Yoga Kids

Grades: 5 & Up

SATURDAYS 10:15-10:45am

MAR. 7 | APR. 4 | MAY 2

Bring a mat or towel for some yoga fun with Miss Jastine!

Older or younger siblings are welcome to attend either program. Please note them in your registration.



Bookmark Contest

Grades: K-8

Deadline: April 2, 2026

Create a bookmark to celebrate National Library Week! Forms available in the Youth Department.



Teen Volunteer Orientation Grades: 6-12

MON. MAR. 2 4-5pm
WED. APR. 1 4-5pm
*MON. MAY 4 4-5pm

Teens who are interested in volunteering at the library must come to an orientation first. This includes current volunteers as well. We will be going over volunteer requirements and answering questions. There will be forms to fill out. This also counts as one hour of community service.

*Special Summer Session

Please register so we know who will be volunteering with us.

Teens



Kpop Perler Beads

Grades: 6-12

THU. MAR. 5 6-8pm

This is gonna be "Golden!" Make some Kpop Demon Hunters perler bead characters.

Shuffle Squad

FRIDAYS 10am-12pm
APR. 10 | *MAY 8

Learn & play classic card games.

Beginners welcome. Sign up solo or with a group of up to 4 players!

*Celebrate the Library's 60th Birthday, and play popular 60's card games such as Chicago or Canasta, along with Solitaire and Pinochle.



Trivia Night

TUE. APR. 14 7-8:30pm

Join the fun and test your niche knowledge at our Trivia Night! Come solo or bring your team!

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Sweet Sensations Charcuterie Grades: 6-12

WED. MAR. 25 6-7:30pm
Learn how to assemble and create a sweets board!

Anime Craft Club

Grades: 6-12

THURSDAYS 6-8pm

This program contains content rated 13+



MAR. 19 | APR. 16 | MAY 14

Come chat, craft, and connect with other anime fans!

Crafts: MAR. - Magnets in the LAB

APR. - Teru Teru Bōzu

We'll make a Japanese charm to ward off rain and manga page bookmarks to celebrate the Library's birthday.

May - Altoids Wallet

Dungeons & Dragons

Join our merry band of adventurers on a quest in the seminal table top role playing game Dungeons & Dragons.

Teen D&D
Grades: 6-12

TUESDAYS 6-8:30pm

MAR. 24 | APR. 21

Happy Birthday, FPLD Cupcakes

Grades: 6-12



THU. APR. 2 6-8pm

Celebrate the Library's birthday by decorating some cupcakes. And, of course, enjoy them afterwards!

Painting on Lace

Grades: 6-12

SAT. APR. 25 10am-1pm

Participants can use acrylics or glitter glue to paint directly onto pieces of lace fabric to create unique hanging art or decorations.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Grades: 6-12

THURSDAYS 6-7pm

MAR. 26 | APR. 23 | MAY 28

Need volunteer hours for school, church, scouts, or just want to help? Join the TAB and earn volunteer hours just for helping us out!

Scan the code below or visit our website to apply for the group:

[frankfortlibrary.org/teens/
events-clubs/teen-advisory-board](http://frankfortlibrary.org/teens/events-clubs/teen-advisory-board)



Adults



Musical Bingo: Best of the 60's

WED. MAY 6 6:30-8pm

Join us for a FUN evening of bingo with a musical "twist". Instead of calling out numbers, we will play snippets of some of the most popular 60's songs.



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GET
CREATIVE
WITH US

Sign up for our Basics classes to gain the computer and machine skills needed to participate in Arts + Crafts and Tech classes that have prerequisites.

F InkScape Basics

MON. MAR. 2 10-11:30am **or**
2-3:30pm

Learn the basics of InkScape, a free vector graphics program that can be used to produce designs used by Silhouette and Glowforge machines. This class teaches the basic skills to explore the software at home.

F Sewing Machine Basics

MON. MAR. 2 6-8pm

TUE. MAR. 3 10am-12pm

Learn how to operate a sewing machine and sew a simple fabric pouch. This class is designed for patrons who have never used a sewing machine or need to refresh their memory.

F Silhouette 1-to-1 Session

TUE. MAR. 3 4:30-5:30 **or** 6-7pm

Want to create custom cards, labels, or a t-shirt iron-on? We can help!

F Glowforge Basics

WED. MAR. 11 2-4 **or** 6-8pm

MON. APR. 27 2-4

Learn how to use the Glowforge software and laser cutting machine to create a simple acrylic keychain.

F Silhouette Basics

MON. MAR. 30 2-4 **or** 6-8pm

MON. APR. 13 2-4pm

Learn how to use the Silhouette Design Studio software and smart cutting machines to create a simple vinyl window cling.

F Canva Basics

THU. APR. 23 7-8:30pm

This class will introduce you to Canva, a free design software that can be used to create everything from flyers to social media posts.

F Sew Reusable Household Items

THU. MAR. 12 2-4 **or** 6-8pm

FRI. MAR. 13 10am-12pm

Learn how to sew two useful household items: reusable dish scrubbers and wraps for organizing your cords and cables. These projects are also great ways to upcycle old fabrics or use up fabric scraps!

*There are prerequisites.
See our online calendar for details.*

**F Glowforge: Shaker Charms**

THU. MAR. 26 2-4 **or** 6-8pm

FRI. MAR. 27 10am-12pm

Use the Glowforge to create an acrylic shaker charm to hang on a bag or keychain.

*There are prerequisites.
See our online calendar for details.*

Genealogy Lab

WEDNESDAYS 6-8pm

MAR. 4 | APR. 1 | MAY 13

Dedicate time to research your family history in a friendly setting.

Procreate: Color & Composition

MON. APR. 6 6-7:30pm

Explore the wonderful world of color! If this is your first time hearing of color theory or you have had some experience in the past and are looking to expand on your knowledge, this class is for you.

An iPad with Apple pencil and the Procreate App are required for this class.

F Print & Cut Sticker Sheets

THU. APR. 9 2-4 **or** 6-8pm

WED. APR. 15 10am-12pm

Learn how to create your own sheet of stickers using our Silhouette smart cutting machines!

F Know the Perks of Your Library Card

MON. APR. 20 10-11:30am

or 3-4:30pm

Library cards aren't just for checking out books. Discover the unexpected perks of your FPLD card, like our digital content, online classes, museum passes, and more.

F Tinkercad Book Nook

TUESDAYS 7-8pm

Part 1 APR. 28 | Part 2 MAY 12
This 2-part series will walk you through how to create a book nook in Tinkercad 3D design software, including combining existing assets, using generator tools, and making more complex shapes. In the second part of the series you will polish, assemble, and paint your book nook.

*There are prerequisites.
See our online calendar for details.*

F Made @ FPLD: Illusion Bud Vase

THU. APR. 30 2 **or** 6:30pm

MON. MAY 4 10am **or** 2pm

The Lab at Frankfort Public Library District offers so many crafting possibilities! In this 90-minute session cut and assemble an illusion bud vase on our Glowforge, then make paper flowers to fill it with pieces cut from our Silhouette smart cutting machines.

No prerequisites-come explore!

F Silhouette: Dive a Little Deeper

TUE. MAY 5 2-4pm

This is an intermediate level class where we will create a design using Canva then upload it into the Silhouette Design Studio for the final touches of a Printable HTV "Print & Cut" retro design. Your design can be applied to a T-shirt, tote bag, etc. using the Easy Press.

*There are prerequisites.
See our online calendar for details.*

ARTS + CRAFTS

All materials provided unless noted.

F Knitting 101

THU. APR. 2 2-4pm

Learn the basics of knitting and create a simple knit coaster. This single-session class is designed for brand-new knitters.



Creativity Connections

FRI. APR. 17 1-3pm

Create a painted canvas with blooming flowers. Catholic Charities will provide the instruction and guidance to create your colorful canvas.

AGES:
60+



Sponsored by Catholic Charities and intended for Adults Age 60+. No prior experience necessary - just bring your creativity and enthusiasm.

Creative Writing Meetup

MON. MAY 4 6:30-8pm

Looking for a place to get your creativity flowing? Join us at the library for a get together where you can work on that in-progress novel while also in the presence of other like-minded writers. Fun prompts and exercises will be provided.



Antique Appraisals by Rex

TUE. MAY 5 6:30-8pm

Welcome back antiques dealer Rex Newell! Rex will lead an informative presentation on the antique world and appraise the value of your treasures.

Registration is required for all attendees. Appraisals are limited to only 40 people. Registration for appraisals are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

See our online calendar for more details.



F Macrame Flower Charm

THU. MAY 14 2-3:30 or 4-5:30
or 7-8:30pm

Let's do some retro crafting in honor of our 60th birthday! Learn to use macrame, the art of creating decorative objects by tying knots, to create a simple floral charm that can be hung on a bag or keychain.



Counterculture: The Beatles & Art in the 1960s



TUE. APR. 7 7-8pm

Join contemporary artist/art historian, Denise Laurin, for a discussion about The Beatles and their relationship with the art world of the 1960s. Denise takes a rare look at the artistic thread that runs through their story. She will connect the dots between film, fashion, drug culture, activism, spirituality and art movements such as pop, psychedelic, and conceptual art with the Fab Four.

HOME + GARDEN

Buzzing Beauties: Exploring the World of Pollinators

WED. APR. 8 7-8pm

Join The Conservation Foundation for a presentation on the fascinating world of pollinators! Learn what you can do in your own yard to support these amazing creatures.

Adults

HEALTH + WELLNESS

Simple Breathing

Techniques for Everyday Life

THU. MAR. 5 2-3pm

This beginner-friendly breathwork class introduces simple and effective breathing techniques to support relaxation, focus, and overall well-being. Learn how to practice different types of breathwork, and why it can positively impact both body & mind. No prior experience is required.

Presented by Arlene Santiago

Staying Mentally Fit

TUESDAYS 10:30-11:30am

MAR. 10 | APR. 14 | MAY 12

Engage your brain with exercises that will help to keep you mentally fit.

Mindful Nature Walks

OFF SITE

THURSDAYS 9-10:30am

See our online calendar for meet-up locations!

APR. 2 - Helmick Nature Preserve

It's bird migration season and we will kick it off by visiting the open water nature area along Old Plank Trail to observe migrating waterfowl.

Remember to bring your binoculars!

APR. 16 - Hickory Creek Preserve

MAY 7 - Pilcher Park



Intro to Forest Bathing

TUE. APR. 21 7-8pm

Here is your chance to learn about this growing practice and the healing benefits of time in nature. Discover what forest therapy is, the benefits of the practice and experience a few sample invitations.

Presented by Jeni Gabrenya

HUMANITIES

Getting Your Kicks on Route 66: Tales from the Mother Road in Illinois



WED. APR. 29 6-7pm

This presentation explores the 100-year history of Route 66 and the experiences of everyday people who lived, worked, and traveled along the Mother Road during its heyday.

Medicare Assistance 1-to-1 Session

THU. APR. 23 11:30am-6pm

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

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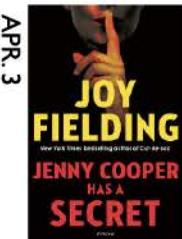
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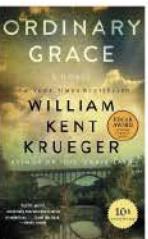
Books are available one month before all discussion events.

CoffeeCake & Crime

FRIDAYS 9:15-10:15am **or** 10:30-11:30am

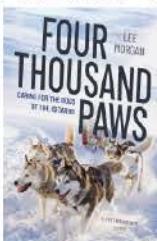


MAR. 1



Nonfiction at Night

MONDAYS 7-8pm

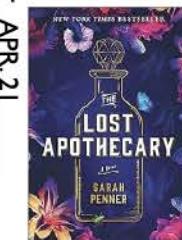
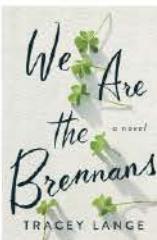


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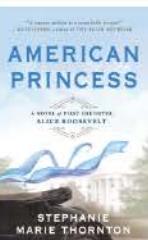


Tuesdays with Friends

TUESDAYS 1-2pm

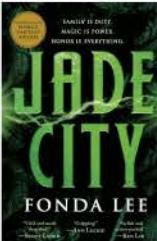


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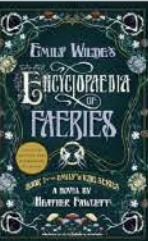


Fall Into Fantasy

MONDAYS 7-8pm

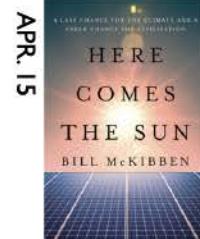
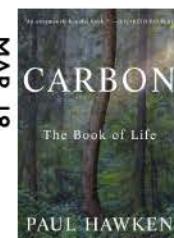


MAR. 23



Earth: Our Shared Home Book Series

WEDNESDAYS 7-8pm



MAR. 18

APR. 15



Percival Everett

THU. MAR. 19 7-8pm

His most recent novel, *James*, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Award.



Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection

THU. APR. 16 7-8pm

Critically acclaimed, bestselling author of *The Great Divide*.



Babel-On with R.F. Kuang

TUE. MAY 19 7-8pm

Nebula, Goodreads, American Book award winner and author of *Yellowface*.



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Programming Accommodations:

People of all abilities are welcome at our events. Accommodations for special assistance at programs will be made upon request, based on availability. Please contact the Library at least 10 business days prior to the program to arrange accommodations.

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