Summer
2026

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ADULT • TEEN • YOUTH

2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

JUNE 1 - JULY 31

Register at
frankfortlibrary.beanstack.org

Get program news and see this summer's super sponsors on pg. 3

FRIDAY ON THE GREEN JUNE - JULY 10-11AM



Friday on the Green is held at Breidert Green: 23 Kansas Street in downtown Frankfort from 10-11am. This season we'll hear live music, make art, and dance at one unforgettable show after the next! *See the schedule on pg. 3*

In the event of inclement weather, we will move performances to Meeting Rooms A & B in the Library, and priority will be given to FPLD cardholders.

ALL AGES

Join us for Lakota Artist Starr Chief Eagle's Hoop Dance Program on July 10.

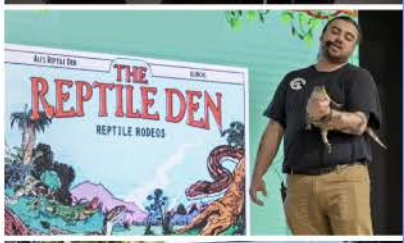
JUN. 5



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JUL. 17



JUL. 24





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COMMUNITY

OFF SITE

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Community Showcase

SUN. MAY 31 9am-1pm

Kick off summer and visit us at the Community Showcase in Downtown Frankfort!

Bluegrass Festival

SUN. JUL. 12 11am-3pm

Join the fun at the Frankfort Bluegrass Festival in Downtown Frankfort! Visit us at the activities tent for crafts and stories.

National Night Out with FPD

TUE. AUG. 4 6-8pm

Stop by our table at the Frankfort Police Department's National Night Out event!

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Frankfort Lions Club

FRIENDS

Book Sales

SATURDAYS 9am-2pm

JUN. 13 | JUL. 11 | AUG. 8
SEP. 12 | OCT. 10

Don't miss our Summer book sales. We have a huge selection of books for all ages! Sales are located at the Library's garage.

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

Anti-Virus & Malware Removal Programs at a Glance (L)

MON. JUN. 8 10-11:30am

Attend this lecture to learn how to keep your device safe.

Video Chat with Zoom (W)

WED. JUN. 17 10-11:30am

Designed for new users, this workshop goes over the basics of joining a Zoom meeting as a participant. Learn how to navigate the platform and attend virtual events or to connect with family, friends and coworkers.

Hosting a Zoom Meeting (W)

WED. JUN. 24 10-11:30am

In this hands-on workshop, we'll cover the most commonly used Zoom meeting controls. We'll review how to mute and unmute participants, request that participants turn on their video, rename participants, transfer files, and share screens.

Understanding Fraud & Scams (L)

THU. JUN. 25 10-11:30am

Are you scam savvy? The ability to spot a scam is an essential digital skill. Come to this lecture to learn about fraud and scams and how to protect yourself against them.

Intro to Managing Your Privacy (L)

MON. JUL. 13 10-11:30am

Concerned about privacy? Attend this lecture to learn about some essential internet privacy tips!

Managing Privacy Settings on an iPhone (W)

WED. JUL. 15 10-11:30am

In this workshop, we'll learn about the built-in privacy features of the Safari app, as well as the iPhone's other privacy settings.

Managing Privacy Settings on Android (W)

THU. JUL. 23 10am-12pm

Keep YOUR browsing YOUR business! With so much to explore online, it's important to keep in mind some basic precautions that everyone can take to safeguard the privacy of their online activities.

Tech Basics for Caregiving (L)

MON. AUG. 10 1-2pm

Caregiving is challenging in different ways for both the caregivers and the recipients of care. Thankfully, there are tech tools that can make caregiving easier for both and allow people to do more on their own. Attend this lecture to find out how.

Youth & Teen

Summer Library Program

June 1-July 31



Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the changes we made to last year's program. Your comments helped us streamline the activities options in Beanstack, and fix the issue with the running total of minutes not displaying correctly.

This year, Children (Birth-Grade 5) and Teens (Grades 6-12) can earn weekly prizes and grand prize tickets in 3 ways:

- Reading (100 minutes for Children, 200 minutes for Teens)
- Attending Library programs or community events
- Completing activities with their families

Participants can earn a new prize and two grand prize tickets each week. Starting later in the summer? No problem, you can still earn prizes & tickets from previous weeks.

Thank you for your patience and support as we make our Summer Program more accessible for everyone!

FRIDAY ON THE GREEN 23 Kansas St., Frankfort from 10-11am

JUNE 5

Do Art Productions
Experience live music, drawing, comedy, juggling, and even unicycling in this unforgettable, high-energy art show.

JUNE 12 TBA

JUNE 19

K-Pop Demon Hunters Academy
Are you ready to learn to fight like Huntrix?
Counterfeit Combat are coming with an awesome stage fighting presentation, and then Rumi will show you some choreographed moves so you can be a Demon Hunter too!

JUNE 26 TBA

JULY 3 No program. Happy Independence Day!

JULY 10

Starr Chief Eagle Hoop Dance
All the way from South Dakota, the amazing Starr Chief Eagle is here a to demonstrate a piece of Lakota Culture: Hoop Dancing.

JULY 17

Cops & Crocs ***A two-for-one event! Bring your bike!***
First, the Reptile Den presents the Reptile Rodeo, an exciting, hands-on reptile and bug experience perfect for all ages. Then the Frankfort Police Department will do safety checks on our bikes and we'll go for a ride after the Reptile show!

JULY 24

Bollywood Groove Party
Join our friends from Bollywood & Culture Groove for a fantastic musical performance!

JULY 31

Once Upon a Time...
Cinderella & Jack and the Beanstalk
Our friends from Bright Star Theatre are coming to perform some fantastic fairy tales for the end of the summer!

2026 Summer Reading Program

THANK YOU to our wonderful SPONSORS!

Andy's Frozen Custard – Since 1986

Chick-fil-A
20091 LaGrange Rd.

Culver's
20592 LaGrange Rd.

FRIENDS

Jimmy John's JJ Sandwiches
20173 LaGrange Rd

Joliet Slammers

The Jolly Giraffe Bookstore – Frankfort, Illinois

La Michoacana de Frankfort

Portillo's

Taco Bell
20160 La Grange Rd.

Whisk & Flame – A Culinary Experience

- Amazing Fantasy
- Aurelio's Pizza
- Camino Viejo
- Elevated Barbers
- Home Depot
- Kup a Joe Cafe
- Los 2 Amigos Bakery
- McDonald's on LaGrange
- Nothing Bundt Cakes Mokena
- Nutrition Hub
- Old Plank Pizza Co.
- Rich's Pizza Joint
- Tranquil Soul Studio

KIDS

Morning Storytimes:

No Storytimes June 25 - July 6

Wee Ones
Birth-23 Months with Adult

DROP-IN!

TUE. & WED. 9:30-10am

JUN. 2 - 24 | JUL. 7 - 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

DROP-IN!

WEDNESDAYS 10:30-11am

JUN. 3 - 24 | JUL. 8 - 29

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

Preschool Storytime
3-5 Years with Adult

DROP-IN!

TUESDAYS 10:30-11am

JUN. 2 - 23 | JUL. 7 - 28

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

Flowerpot Decorating & Sensory Planting
Ages: 5-8

THU. JUN. 11 10-11am

Decorate a flowerpot and take home a "sensory" plant!





Art in the Afternoon

ALL AGES

DROP-IN!

MONDAYS 2-4pm

JUN. 1 - JUL. 27

The smash-hit program from last summer is BACK! Drop in on Mondays 2-4pm to make an art project in the Youth Program Room. New projects every Monday. Start your week creatively!

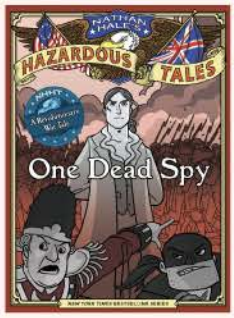
Graphic Novel Book + Sketch Club
Ages 9-12

NEW PROGRAM FORMAT!

MONDAYS 7-8pm

First we talk about amazing graphic novels for kids, then we work on our own comic book ideas

JUN. 8



JUL. 13



Felt Flower Program
Grades:3-5

WED. JUN. 24 1-2pm

Create some felt flowers with our friends from Felted Vines.

Summer STEM Stations
Ages: 2-5

THU. JUN. 25 10-10:45am

Explore Summer themed STEM stations and learn through play!

MLTOONS Spanish Program
Ages: 2-6

TUE. JUN. 30 & AUG. 4 3-4pm

Join us for a fun, music-based Spanish class for children ages 2–6 and their caregivers.

Songs, movement, and storytelling make learning Spanish playful and engaging.

Yoga Tots
Ages: 12 Months - 4 Years

SATURDAYS 9:30-10am

JUN. 27 | JUL. 25 | AUG. 29

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

Yoga Kids
Ages: 5-12 Years

SATURDAYS 10:15-10:45am

JUN. 27 | JUL. 25 | AUG. 29

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

Baby, You're a Firework!
Ages: Birth-24 months

WED. JUL. 1 9:30-10am

Create a summer handprint keep-sake in red, white, and blue!

Beaded Lizard
Grades:3-5

TUE. JUL. 14 3-4pm

Travel back to the 90's and make some beaded lizard fidgets.

Dirt Cake Cups
Grades: K-2

THU. JUL. 23 10-10:30am

Calling all chefs! Join us to make your own delicious dirt cake dessert. *We will be using chocolate pudding, Oreos, and gummy worms so please be mindful of any allergies.



Paw Patrol Party
Ages: 2-7

THU. AUG. 13 10-11am

Join us to celebrate our favorite pups and their new upcoming movie! Enjoy crafts and activities centered around the fandom.

Teens

NEW

WILL COUNTY FREE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



All About Monarchs
Grades: PreK-2

TUE. JUL. 28 2-3pm

Join our friends from Will County Free Environmental Education for a special lesson for little learners.

We'll read a story about Monarchs and learn about these beautiful butterflies!



Worms in the Library
Grades: 3-5

WED. JUL. 29 2-3pm

"Vermicomposting" is a long word, and it's all about worms! Our friend from Will County Free Environmental Education is bringing some wriggly friends in to teach us about the work they do for our soil.

Yes, you get to touch worms!



Water Works
Grades: 6-12

THU. JUL. 30 2-3pm

What happens to water before it comes through your tap?

Get a hands-on lesson in water purification with an experiment from the Will County Free Environmental Education.

Teen Volunteer Orientation
Grades: 6-12

TUE. JUN. 2 4-5pm

TUE. JUL. 7 2-3pm

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 .

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

Altoid Tin Gardens
Grades: 6-12

THU. JUN. 4 6-8pm

Create a mini garden inside an altoid tin!



Let's Play Suikawari
Grades: 6-12

THU. JUN. 11 6-7pm

Come try out the traditional summertime Japanese game, Sukiawari! The goal is simple: try to hit a watermelon with a bat until it cracks open.

Snacks & drinks will be provided.

Escape Room
MON. JUN. 15 - THU. JUN.18

Check our online calendar for timeslots & details on registering!

ALL AGES

After traveling from the 1966 opening of the library, your time machine goes on the fritz! To return to the present, you must find all the parts that got knocked out of place.

Teen Creative Writing Program
Grades: 9-12

WEDNESDAYS 6-7:30pm
JUN. 17 & JUL. 15

Learn about the craft, play some writing games, and write stories based on prompts and exercises.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons
Grades: 6-12



TUESDAYS 6-8:30pm
JUN. 23 | JUL. 21

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.

No experience or equipment needed.

Felt Flower Program
Grades: 6-12

WED. JUN. 24 2:30-3:30pm

Work with our friends at Felted Vines to create your own fabric bouquet.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Grades: 6-12

THURSDAYS 6-7pm

JUN. 25 | JUL. 23

Need volunteer hours for school, church, scouts, or just want to help? Join the TAB and earn volunteer hours just for helping us out. Make a difference in your library! Share your voice.

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

frankfortlibrary.org/teens/events-clubs/teen-advisory-board

SCAN ME

Ping Pong Tealights
Grades: 6-12

WED. JUL. 8 6:30-7:30pm

Come create a colorful and unique decoration to brighten up any space!

Trinket Canvas
Grades: 6-12

THU. JUL. 9 6-8pm

Create a work of art using different trinkets. Teens can bring their own trinkets if they would like to.

Buttons and Boba
Grades: 6-12

THU. JUL. 16 6-7pm

Sign up to make some pins from old manga, comics, and book pages and drink some boba!



Tie Dye T-shirts
Grades: 6-12

SAT. JUL. 25 1-2pm

Get ready for summer and create a tie-dye t-shirt! Up to 10 participants.

COMPUTERS + TECHNOLOGY

All materials provided unless noted otherwise.

Using the Palace Project for Ebooks & Audiobooks

AGES: 16+

WED. JUN. 3 10–11:30am

Learn how to use our newest digital platform, The Palace Project, to access ebooks and audiobooks!

F Laser-Cut Plant Labels

THU. JUN. 11

1:30–3 or 3:30–5 or 7–8:30pm

Create laser-engraved acrylic signs to decorate a potted plant.

This class is designed for patrons who already know how to use the Glowforge software.

F Know the Perks of Your Library Card

WED. JUN. 17 2–3:30pm

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

F Made @ FPLD: Floral Magnets & Coasters

TUE. JUL. 7 10am–12 or 2–4pm

THU. JUL. 9 2–4 or 6:30–8:30pm

The Lab space at Frankfort library offers so many crafting possibilities! Use infusible ink, our heat press, and our button maker to turn floral designs into a coaster, magnet, button, or keychain!

No prerequisites – come explore!

F Exploring 3D Printers

TUE. JUL. 14 7–8pm

Curious how 3D printers work? Thinking of getting your own? Join us to learn the basics of operating and maintaining an FDM 3D printer.

F Inkscape: Wooden Gift Tags

WED. JUL. 22 2–4 or 6–8pm

MON. AUG. 17 10am–12 or 2–4pm

Use Inkscape, a vector graphics program, to create and customize a gift tag to cut out on our Glowforge laser cutter.

F Make a Lab Appointment

NEW

Multiple Dates + Times

Reserve the Lab for 90 minutes.

Starting FRI. JUN. 5 use the equipment in our Lab for your next creative project! Possible projects could include:

- Using the **Button Maker** to create custom pinback buttons, magnets, or keychains.
- Using the **Silhouette Cameo** to create greeting cards, stickers, or vinyl decals.
- Using the **Heat Press** to transfer a design onto a t-shirt or tote bag.
- Using the **Glowforge** to create laser-cut keychains, ornaments, or jewelry pieces.
- Using the **Sewing Machines** to construct bags, pillow covers, or potholders.

Materials fees and restrictions may apply.

GET CREATIVE WITH US

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

F Inkscape Basics

WED. JUN. 3 2–3:30 or 6–7:30pm

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 TinkerCAD Basics

TUE. JUN. 9 6:30–7:30pm

Tinkercad is a beginner friendly, browser-based 3D design tool that allows combining shapes, moving, rotating, auto-saving, and exporting to stl for 3D printing and more.

F Counted Cross-Stitch Basics

THU. JUN. 25 2–4 or 6–8pm

Learn the basics of counted cross-stitch and stitch a miniature terrarium.

F Glowforge Basics

WEDNESDAYS 2–4 or 6–8pm

JUL. 8 | AUG. 5

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

F Canva Basics

WED. JUL. 15 2–3:30pm

This 90-minute class will introduce you to Canva, a free design software that can be used to create everything from flyers to social media posts.

There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.

F Silhouette Basics

THU. JUL. 16 10am–12 or 2–4pm

THU. AUG. 6 2–4pm

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

BOOK TALKS FOR TEACHERS

NEW

Good news, educators! The Frankfort Public Library District is now an approved State Professional Development Provider through the Illinois State Board of Education. In these workshops, we plan on sharing library resources and facilitating discussions on how they would be beneficial to the classroom.

The Perfect Read Aloud

SAT. JUN. 6 10–11am

In this first workshop, Miss Rachel shares books from across the youth collection that would make the perfect read aloud in your classroom.

Narrative Non-Fiction

SAT. AUG. 1 10–11am

In this workshop, Miss Rachel shares high-interest non-fiction for elementary readers.

Creative Writing Meetup

MON. JUN. 22 6:30–8:30pm

TUE. AUG. 11 6:30–8pm

Looking for a place to spark inspiration and unlock your imagination? 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.

ARTS + CRAFTS

All materials provided unless noted otherwise.

AGES: 60+

Creativity Connections:

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

Summer Glow Jar

FRI. JUN. 12 1-3pm

As the summer begins, join us to create a Summer Glow Jar.

Sunny Scrapbook

FRI. JUL. 17 1-3pm

Join us to create a Sunny Scrapbook where there are no mistakes, just unique creations.

Colorful Tassel Wreath

FRI. AUG. 14 1-3pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun as we create a colorful tassel wreath for your home decor.

F Seeds of Knowledge in Watercolor

THU. JUL. 23 1-3pm

Dive into the world of watercolor with the talented Barb Stevens. You will learn basic brush strokes and other techniques of applying watercolor to paper.

No experience necessary.



OFF SITE

HEALTH + WELLNESS

Mindful Nature Walk

THURSDAYS 9-10:30am

Join us for a mindful walk in nature where we use our senses to observe nature around us.

JUN. 4 Hickory Creek Preserve
Hickory Creek Junction located off of Lincoln Hwy (Rt. 30). We will meet at the north parking lot.

JUN. 18 Orland Grassland South
We will meet at Orland Grassland South parking lot off of 104th Avenue, south of 179th Street.

BOOK CLUBS

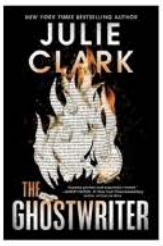
CoffeeCake & Crime

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

JUN. 5



AUG. 7



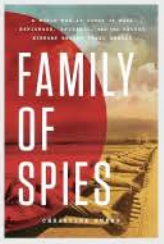
Nonfiction at Night

MONDAYS 7-8pm

JUN. 8



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Tuesdays with Friends

TUESDAYS 1-2pm

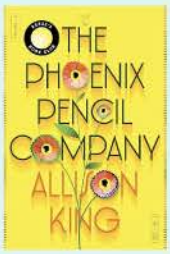
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Fall Into Fantasy

MONDAYS 7-8pm

JUL. 27



Books are available one month before the event.

MOVIES + GAMES + TRIVIA

Dungeons & Dragons: Wild West

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30pm
JUN. 4 | JUL. 9 | AUG. 3

Prepare for an adventure! Join other players as you make your way through the deserts surrounding the mysterious town of Dusty Run in our Wild West themed DnD Campaign.

Beginner and experienced players welcome!

Dungeons & Dragons: Elemental Stones

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30pm
JUN. 11 | JUL. 16 | AUG. 13

Prepare for an adventure! Join other players as you attempt to locate and retrieve the missing Elemental Heirs and their power stones in this High Fantasy themed DnD Campaign.

Beginner and experienced players welcome!

Staying Mentally Fit

TUESDAYS 10:30-11:30am
JUN. 9 | JUL. 14 | AUG. 11

Engage your brain with exercises involving language, word play, puzzles, and memory.

Shuffle Squad

FRIDAYS 10am-12pm
JUN. 12 | JUL. 17 | AUG. 14

Learn & play classic card games.

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

F Sew Produce Bags

THU. JUL. 23 2-4pm or 6-8pm
FRI. JUL. 24 10am-12pm

Learn how to sew washable drawstring bags that are an environmentally-friendly way to store fresh produce.



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NEW THIS SUMMER:

- *Alzheimer's Association® Caregiver Support Groups (see below)*
- *Will County Free Environmental Education (pg. 5)*
- *Reserve the LAB (pg. 6)*
- *Book Talks for Teachers (pg. 6)*



Tails & Tales Dog Adoption Event

SAT. JUNE 13 9-11am

Have you thought about adding a furry friend to your household? Held simultaneously with the Friends of the Library Book Sale, NAWS & PAWS staff and volunteers will have a variety of dogs available for you to interact with and give them a forever home!

Get more details and a jumpstart on the adoption process at:

frankfortlibrary.org/calendar

OFF SITE FIELD TRIP

Labyrinth & Cosmic Walk at St. Francis Woods

WEDNESDAYS 1-2:30pm
JUN. 17 or JUL. 15

Join us for a unique, educational field trip to a special place in our neck of the woods, the Labyrinth & Cosmic Walk on the campus of Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart here in Frankfort, IL. Sister Mary Barbara Hassler will guide the tour.

Due to high demand and attendance limited to 10, registrants may only select one of two dates, June 17 or July 15. Registration is required through the Library only.

Call the adult services desk: (815) 534-6173 to reserve your spot!

Summer Blood Drive

WED. JUL. 22 1-6pm

Just one blood donation can save up to 3 lives.

Schedule an appointment online:
bit.ly/July2026BloodDrive

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.



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NEW

ALZHEIMER'S® ASSOCIATION Caregiver Support Group

MONDAYS 2-3pm
JUN. 8 | JUL. 13 | AUG. 10
SEP. 14 | OCT. 12 | NOV. 9

Build a support system with people who understand.
Alzheimer's Association® caregiver support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for caregivers, family, and friends of persons with dementia to:

- Develop a support system.
- Exchange information on caregiving challenges & possible solutions.
- Talk through issues and ways of coping.
- Share feelings, needs and concerns.
- Learn about community resources.

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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.

Programs marked F are for FPLD cardholders only. All other programs are open to everyone or may prioritize FPLD cardholders.