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Register to reserve a Baby Subscription Bag! Pick up starts on the first of each month. 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!

Puzzle Speed Challenge



SUN. JAN. 25 1:30-3:30pm

Step up or step aside. Our 3rd Annual Puzzle Speed Challenge is on. Twelve 4-person teams will compete against each other and the clock to see which team can put together a 750-piece puzzle the fastest. Register early and gather your crew - this event fills up fast. Bring skills or bring excuses.

Cat Adoption Day



SUN. FEB. 15 1:30-3:30pm

We're hosting two local shelters, NAWS & Lulu's Locker Rescue. Staff and volunteers will have several cats for you to meet, interact with, and, hopefully, give them a forever home!

Get a jumpstart on the adoption process:

nawsus.org/adoption-center luluslockerrescue.org/

Library Board of Trustees:

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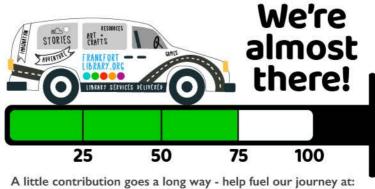
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Thank you to all community members and organizations who have donated so generously to support the Library's Outreach Vehicle Fundraiser. At the time of this printing, the fundraiser has reached 75% of its goal.



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COMMUNITY

Community Wishing Tree

DEC. 1 - 23 During Library Open Hours Visit our Community Wishing Trees in the Library's West End this holiday season. Write your wish on one of the provided paper stars, then hang it on one of the trees.





Winter Blood Drives

THU. DEC. 4 1-7pm
Schedule your appointment online:
bit.ly/Dec2025BloodDrive

TUE. FEB. 3 2-7pm Schedule your appointment online: bit.ly/Feb2026BloodDrive

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!

Donors age 16+ welcome with guardian consent.

Support Your Library — Become a Friend!



Membership dues are an important part of how the Friends of the Frankfort Public Library raise funds to support the "extras" that make our library so special from community events to equipment and resources that go beyond the library's regular budget.

Your support truly matters!

Are you a local business looking to give back to the community? Consider becoming a Corporate Sponsor and help us continue providing great programs and events for all ages.

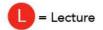
Joining is easy - visit frankfortfriends.org or use the QR code to sign up online for membership & corporate sponsorship.



You can also sign up for a Friends membership in person at our Spring Art Market on Saturday, March 28, where you'll find beautiful, handmade items from talented local artists.

Together, we can make a difference for our library and our community!

SENIOR PLANET





Mindfulness Apps

MON. DEC. 1 10-11:30am

Mindfulness is the ability to be fully present and aware. You can practice mindfulness through simple activities.

Managing Privacy Settings on an iPhone

WED. DEC. 3 10-11:30am In this workshop, we'll learn about the built-in privacy features of the Safari app, and how to manage app permissions and tracking on an iPhone.

Managing Privacy Settings on an Android



THU. DEC. 4 2-3:30pm In this workshop, we'll learn to manage privacy settings in the Chrome browser app and on your Android smartphone or tablet, and how to manage app permissions and tracking on an Android device.

Shopping on Amazon



WED. DEC. 10 2-3pm

Come to this workshop to learn about shopping on Amazon, the world's largest online retailer.

Using Google Calendar



WED. JAN. 7 2-3:30pm Google Calendar is web-based, and free to anyone with a Gmail account. In this hands-on workshop for beginners, you'll learn how to create and share events with others, set reminders, and import events from across the web.

Intro to Digital Wallets



MON. JAN. 12 10-11:30am In this presentation, we'll review the basic features of the most popular digital wallets: Apple Wallet and Google Wallet.

Find Community on SPC



THU. JAN. 15 10-11am

Senior Planet Community (SPC) is Senior Planet's new social engagement platform. A safe, ad-free, online space where older adults can engage in discussions, and share resources with one another. Come to this class to learn how to create your free SPC account and discover all of its benefits.

Listening to Podcasts



WED. JAN. 21 10-11:30am

This hands-on workshop provides an introduction to podcasts. Learn how

introduction to podcasts. Learn how to search for, listen, and share audio shows using the free Podbean app.

Getting Started with Spotify Music App



MON. JAN. 26 2-3pm
The Spotify music streaming platform has millions of active users. Come to this workshop to learn how to get started on the app.

Messaging Apps



THU. JAN. 29 10-11:30am

Text messaging has become one of the primary ways we communicate. In this lecture you will learn about the most popular messaging apps that allow you to send texts for free when connected to WiFi.

Getting Started with WhatsApp



In these hands-on workshops, you will learn how to use WhatsApp, a very popular messaging app. You'll practice sending messages and photos to your contacts, and learn how to make a voice or a video call.

iPhone: THU. FEB. 5 2-3:30pm Android: MON. FEB. 9 10am-12pm

Using Govtrack.us



MON. FEB. 16 2-3:30pm
GovtTrack.us is a website that simplifies the lawmaking process, making information about federal legislation, Congress, and the White House more accessible. In this hands-on workshop, we'll explore its main features: finding your representatives, how they vote, and learning about bills.

Virtual Museum Tours



THU. FEB. 19 10-11:30am

Tour world famous museums from the comfort of your home! In this lecture we'll explore virtual galleries, as well as digital tools that help bring art, architecture, and history to life!

Intro to Booking Vacation Stays Online



THU. FEB. 26 10-11:30am Ever thought of booking a vacation stay, but not sure where to start? If so, this is the lecture for you.

ALL AGES

Pokemon Party All Ages

SUN. JAN. 18 2-4pm

Enjoying the new Pokemon game? Join us for a day of Pokemon activities and crafts while earning badges at each station.



FebruSCARY All Ages

FEB. 1-29

Patron beware, you're in for a scare! We're celebrating R.L. Stine this month. Whether you loved Goosebumps, Fear Street, or one of his other works, keep an eye out for fun activities all month.

Winter Library Challenge All Ages

DEC. 1 - JAN. 31

While away the winter months with our newest challenge. Complete 10 activities for a free book. Complete 20 for a prize from the Youth Display Case!

Christmas Surprise Storytime **All Ages**

SUN. DEC. 7 3-4pm Kick off the holiday season by coming

Everybody Builds:

Lego and More

All Ages

little builders.

to this fun Christmas program!

We'll have stories, carols, silly jokes and a craft, as well as a visit from a special guest. (You'll never guess who!)

WEDNESDAYS 4:30-5:30pm

Come and build with us! We have

regular Lego for older builders and

Duplo or other building materials for

DEC. 10 | JAN. 14 | FEB . 11

Snowflake Really Is Unique! Ages: 5-18

Homeschool STEAM: Every

THU. JAN. 15 2-3pm

Discover the symmetry and design of snowflakes through stories and hands-on activities.

In collaboration with the South Suburban Homeschool STEAM Network



Poetry + Art Days All Ages

MONDAYS 1-3pm JAN. 5 | FEB . 16 | MAR. 30 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.

Egg Carton Graveyard All Ages

SUN. JAN. 25 - SAT. FEB. 27 Register for a kit to make your own spooky scene. Bring it back to the Library for our FebruSCARY display in honor of R.L. Stine. Patrons may also submit graveyards they made with supplies from home!



Food for Fines FEBRUARY 2026



Soup

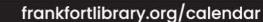
Celebrate the new year by clearing overdue fines from your library card! During the month of February, we will waive \$1.00 from your overdue fines for each nonperishable food item that you donate, up to a limit of \$25.00 per account. Items must be in good condition with labels intact, and any expired items will not be accepted.

This program only applies to Frankfort Public Library District cardholders and overdue fines and cannot be redeemed for lost/damaged costs or referral fees.

All food items will be donated to the Frankfort Township Food Pantry.

Books and Ballerinas with Ballet 5:8 All Ages

SAT. FEB. 7 10-11am Join the ballerinas of Ballet 5:8 for a live, interactive performance. Become part of the story as you watch professional dancers bring beloved children's stories to life!



Morning Storytimes:



Wee Ones
Birth-23 Months with Adult

TUE. & WED. 9:30-10am

JAN. 6 - FEB. 4 | FEB. 17 - MAR. 11

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

JAN. 7 - FEB. 4 | FEB. 18 - MAR. 11

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

JAN. 6 - FEB. 3 | FEB. 17 - MAR. 10

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

Tags for 10 Grades: K-5

Begins MON. DEC. 1

A new reading program for grades K-5! Readers choose a new brag tag for every 10 books they read. Collect as many tags as you can! Sign up on Beanstack or visit the Youth Services Desk to get started.



Snowman Ornament Ages: Birth - 15 Months

WED. DEC. 3 9:30-10:15am

'Tis the season for homemade ornaments to cherish for years to come. Join us to make a footprint snowman gift tag ornament. We'll read a snowman story and play with friends too!

Preschool Information Fair

SAT. JAN. 10 10am-12pm
A group of local Preschools and
Daycare centers will be at the Library
to share information about their
programs. Learn about options for
your little ones!

ADULT

A Little Sensory Hour Birth-5 Years

THURSDAYS 9:30-10:30am **JAN. 15 & 29 | FEB. 12**

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.



Stuffed Animal Sleepover Ages: 3-10 Years

Drop-off: SAT. JAN. 10 9am-4:30pm Pick-up: SUN. JAN. 11 2-2:30pm

Drop off your stuffed animal for a sleepover! When you pick them up, stay for a slideshow of pictures and a snack.

PJ Storytime Ages: 3-6 Years with Adult

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-7pm

JAN. 21 | FEB. 18

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

KIDS

Yoga Tots Ages: 1-4 Years

SATURDAYS 9:30-10am

JAN. 17 | FEB. 21

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

Yoga Kids Ages: 5 & Up

SATURDAYS 10:15-10:45am

JAN. 17 | FEB. 21

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.



Valentine's STEAM Stations

Ages: 2-5 Years

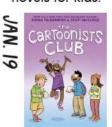
FRI. FEB. 13 10-10:30am Explore Valentine's Day themed STEAM stations and learn through play!

Preschool STEAM & Story Ages: 1-5 Years with Adult

THU. FEB. 26 10-10:30am Let's explore our sense of touch through story and a hands-on activity.

Graphic Novel Book Club Ages 8-12

MONDAYS 7-7:45pm We talk about amazing graphic novels for kids!







100 Books Before High School

Grades: 6-8

A new reading program for 6th-8th graders! Get a head start before the high school's Read for a Lifetime program. Every 20 books you read, you get a prize! Visit the Youth Services Desk to get started.

Teen Volunteer Orientation Grades: 6-12

MON. DEC. 1 4-5pm TUE. JAN. 6 4-5pm MON. FEB. 2 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.

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



Finals Care **Package**

DEC. 1 - 18

The Teen Advisory Board created Finals Care Packages to help ease the stress of Finals!

These packages are first come, first served, while supplies last.

You can collect a care package at the Youth Services Desk.



WED. JAN. 7 6:30-7:30pm

What is the best way to say thank you for all the wonderful gifts you received this holiday season? Create thank you cards using stamp art! Each participant can make up to 5 cards.

Dungeons & Dragons

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. If fewer than 3 people are registered/attend, we will cancel the program.

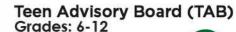
High School D&D Grades: 9-12

THURSDAYS 6-8:30pm

JAN. 8 | FEB. 12

Junior High D&D Grades: 6-8

TUESDAYS 6-8:30pm **JAN. 20 | FEB. 24**



THURSDAYS 6-7pm

JAN. 22 | FEB. 26

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

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

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



Anime Craft Club

Grades: 6-12

THURSDAYS 6-8pm

JAN. 15 | FEB. 19

Crafts: January - bracelet / February - paper star jar

Come to Anime Craft Club to explore new titles, get crafty, and

watch anime!



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Altoids Miniature Library Grades: 6-12

THU. JAN. 29 6-8pm

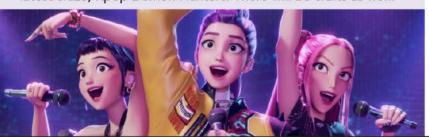
Design your own little library inside an Altoid tin. Learn how to make miniature items and gain some new craft skills.

Please provide your top 5 books for your personal library.

Kpop Demon Hunters Karaoke Stress Reliever

Grades: 9-12 WED. DEC. 17 6-7pm

This is how it's done done done! Take a small break from studying and sing the demons away by joining us for a sing-along of the latest craze, Kpop Demon Hunters. There will be crafts as well!





Norigae Keychain Grades: 6-12

THU. FEB. 5 6-8pm

Learn how to make Korean knots to create a keychain to put on bags, bookbags, and anywhere else you want.

COMPUTERS + TECHNOLOGY



Sign up for our Basics classes to learn design software and gain the computer skills to participate in Arts + crafts classes that have prequesites.

Glowforge 1-to-1

MON. DEC. 1 | MON. FEB. 2 5:30-6:30pm **or** 7-8pm Use our Glowforge laser cutter for your personal projects and get assistance from staff. Restrictions apply.

Glowforge Basics

WED. DEC. 3 2-4 or 6-8pm THU. JAN. 29 2-4 @ 6-8pm Learn how to use the Glowforge software and laser cutting machine to create a simple acrylic keychain.



INKSCAPE

Inkscape Basics

MON. JAN. 5 10am-12pm **1:30–3:30pm**

Learn the basics of Inkscape, a vector graphics program that can be used to make designs for the Glowforge laser cutting machine, Silhouette paper cutter, inkjet printer, and more. This class teaches the basic skills to explore the software at home.

Tinkercad Basics

TUE. JAN. 6 7-8pm Learn the basics of 3D printing using free design software from Tinkercad. There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.

Genealogy Lab

THU. DEC. 11 10am-12pm THU. JAN. 15 2-3:30pm TUE. APR. 14 6-8pm Dedicate time to research your family history in a friendly setting.

Know the Perks of Your Library Card

MON. JAN. 19 10-11:30am

@ 2-3:30pm

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.

Procreate 101 for iPad

FRI. JAN 16 2-3:30pm or MON. FEB. 23 6:30-8pm Unsure of where to start with your Procreate drawing program on your iPad? Have no fear! This class will provide tips and hands-on learning to help you begin making digital art with ease.

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

Silhouette Basics

THU. JAN. 29 6-8pm Learn how to use the Silhouette Design Studio software and smart cutting machines to create a simple vinyl window cling.

Silhouette: Dive a Little Deeper

TUE. FEB. 3 2-3:30pm This is an intermediate level class where you will learn to utilize graphic design techniques to create a unique sticker design for a water bottle or travel mug.

There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.

Silhouette 1-to-1 Session

TUE. FEB. 3 4:30-5:30 @ 6-7pm

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

SculptGL Basics

TUE, FEB, 10 7-8pm SculptGL is a free 3D sculpting tool usable in any web browser. Learn the basics of organic digital sculpting for 3D printing designs.

There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.

Adults

Writing Workshop: **Character Building**

CREATIVE WRITING

TRIVIA

GAMES

+

MOVIES

MON. JAN. 19 6:30-8pm

For all new writers looking for a place to start building characters and experienced writers searching for tips and tricks to enhance their characters, this class is for you.

We will discuss what goes into creating well-rounded characters and participate in writing exercises tailored to character creation.

Creative Writing Meetup

MON. FEB. 16 6:30-8pm

Come inside out of the cold! Join us 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 jumpstart your creativity.

Dungeons & Dragons

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30pm JAN. 15 | FEB. 19

Dive into the world of Dungeons and Dragons where you can create a hero, roll some dice, and have a great time battling villains and monsters. Looking for a place to host your own game? Fellow Game Masters are welcome to sign up!

Beginner and experienced players welcome! All materials will be provided, but you may bring your own. This is an Adult only program for ages 18 and older.

Shuffle Squad

FRIDAYS 10am-12pm JAN. 16 | FEB. 13

Learn & play classic card games. Beginners welcome. Sign up solo or with a group of up to 4 players!

TUE. JAN. 27 7-8:30pm Join the fun and test your niche knowledge at our Trivia Night! Come solo or bring your team!

Trivia Night

ARTS + CRAFTS

All materials provided unless noted.

Silhouette: Holiday Treat Holder

FRI. DEC. 5 or 12 1:30-3:30pm Just in time for the holidays, relax and enjoy putting together pre-cut holiday candy holders for that special someone in your life.

Faux Stained Glass Ornament

THU. DEC. 11 2-4 or 6-8pm FRI. DEC. 12 10am-12pm

Use the Glowforge Laser Cutter to create a piece that can be used as an ornament or suncatcher.

There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.

F Sew a Journal Cover

THU. JAN. 8 2-3:30 **1** 4-5:30 **1** 6:30-8pm

Sew a decorative fabric cover for a paper journal and learn how the pattern can be easily adapted to fit books of all shapes and sizes.

This class is designed for patrons who already know how to use a sewing machine. See our online calendar for prerequisites.

Knit a Hat

WEDNESDAYS 2-4pm
Part 1 JAN. 14 | Part 2 JAN. 28
Expand your knitting skills and create
a cozy winter hat. This 2-session class
will introduce the process of knitting
in the round using circular needles.

This class is for patrons who already have basic knitting skills. See our online calendar for prerequisites.

Zen Coloring

WEDNESDAYS 2-3:30pm JAN. 21 | FEB. 25 Stop in, relax, and zen-out through the process of coloring. We will provide coloring pages, colored pencils, gel pens, and background

music for a "zenful" experience.

Winter Jewelry

THU. JAN. 22 2-4 © 6-8pm
Learn basic jewelry-making techniques and create custom pieces for the winter season.

Creativity Connections

FRI. JAN. 23 1-3pm

Create a lighted winter tree scene that provides a gentle glow to add a little warmth for the cold season.

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

Knitting 101

MON. FEB. 2 1-3pm Learn the basics of knitting and create a simple knit coaster. This single-session class is designed for brand-new knitters.



Create a Watercolor Valentine Card

WED. FEB. 4 1-3pm
Dive into the world of watercolor with
the talented Barb Stevens as your
guide. You will learn basic brush
strokes, how to transfer an image,
and other watercolor painting techniques. By program's end, you will
have completed your very own card.

Silhouette: Foil Design Greeting Cards

WED. FEB. 11 2-4pm or THU. FEB. 12 2-4 or 6-8pm Learn how to heat-transfer a foil design onto a greeting card using our Silhouette Smart Cutting Machine.

There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.

E Laser-Cut Lantern

THU. FEB. 26 2-4 or 6-8pm

or FRI. FEB. 27 10am-12pm
Use the Glowforge laser-cutting machine to create a custom wood lantern for an LED tealight.

There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.



HEALTH + WELLNESS

Peaceful Sound Bath

TUE. DEC. 2 7-8pm
Join Lotus Vibrations Healing for a meditative sound journey featuring singing bowls, drums, didgeridoo, flute, Atlantis gong, handpans, and more. These powerful vibrations help release tension, clear energetic blockages, and restore balance.

Staying Mentally Fit

TUESDAYS 10:30–11:30am DEC. 9 | JAN. 13 & 27 | FEB. 10 & 24 Engage your brain with exercises that will help to keep you mentally fit.

Sound Bath Wellness

FRI. FEB. 20 1-2pm

Immerse yourselves in a soothing experience filled with healing sounds and vibrations during this educational program. Enhance your health and wellness while enjoying a tranquil atmosphere.

Sponsored by Catholic Charities and intended for Adults Age 60+. See our online calendar for details.

Seed Sprouting: A Healthy Addition to Your Diet

WED. FEB 25 6:30-7:30pm Learn the basics of sprouting edible plant sprouts at home and learning why they are a healthy addition to your diet. Participants will receive a mason jar, cheesecloth, and a starter packet of seed blend to make a quart of seed sprouts.

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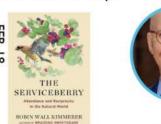
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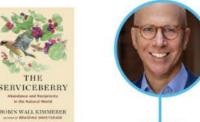
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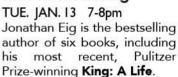






Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig

ILLINOIS LIBRARIES





Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine

TUE. FEB. 24 7-8pm

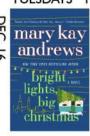
Join us with The Guinness Book of World Records' "most prolific author of children's horror novels," R.L. Stine, to discuss his illustrious and still-expanding body of work.



Nonfiction at Night

MONDAYS 7-8pm

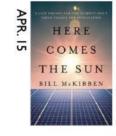
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The Book of Life

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

Fall Into Fantasy MONDAYS 7-8pm



Read Widely 2026: The American Experience

JAN. 1 - MAR. 31, 2026

Celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States and challenge yourself to read something new! Online registration opens JAN. 1, 2026 at frankfortlibrary.beanstack.org.

Paper logs may be picked up from the Adult Services desk starting January 2, 2026.