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The Velveteen Rabbit



SAT. DEC. 16 2-4pm

Come and enjoy a live performance of The Velveteen Rabbit by Bright Star Touring Theatre! Bring your favorite stuffed toy to watch the classic story of a beloved plaything.

Winter Reading Clubs



JAN. I - FEB. 24, 2024

Get lost in a good book and explore something new this winter! We are playing a game of BINGO using our Beanstack reading software. Read books or attend programs to unlock badges and win prizes! Clubs for Kids, Teens & Adults.

For more information visit: frankfortlibrary.org/reading-clubs

Emergence & Evolvement of the Blues Music in American Culture



® SUN. FEB. 18 2-3:30pm

Enjoy an afternoon of music through song and lecture with blues artist Fruteland Jackson, a recipient of The Blues Foundation's Keeping the Blues Alive award and a five-times Blues Music Awards nominee.

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Hygge - pronounced "HOO-ga" is a quality of comfort or coziness that creates a unique level of contentment with life, especially simpler parts of life. Join us this January for all things hygge!

- Tween Hygge Hangout
- Teen Hygge Hangout
- Hygge Hangout Jr. Details on pg. 3

Adults

(3) An Afternoon of Hygge SUN.JAN.21 pg.7



Community Wishing Trees

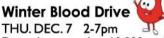
The concept of wishing trees emerged around the world because trees are a universal symbol of hope, life, and resilience. They are found in many different cultures with varying rituals, but what they have in common is a place where people reconnect with what truly matters to them.

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.

Community

Hickory Creek: Protecting Our Watershed

Adults MON, FEB, 19 7-8pm One of the region's oldest and largest not-for-profit land and watershed conservation organizations, The Conservation Foundation, will discuss the history of the Hickory Creek Watershed and explore how our everyday life activities impact the health of this local watershed.



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: https://bit.ly/BloodDrive12-2023 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.

Lincoln-Way East Madrigals

SAT. DEC. 9 | lam-12pm

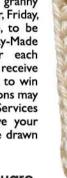
Celebrate the season with our favorite costumed vocal ensemble as they delight us with their harmonious performance of Medieval and Renaissance music!



Community-Made **Granny Square Afghan**

MAR. 1-24

Donate a 5"x5" crocheted granny square of any pattern or color, Friday, March I - Sunday, March 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.





TUE. FEB. 6 OF MAR. 5 10:30am-12p

Adults - Learn how to crochet a classic granny square.

No experience necessary. All materials will be provided.



Day of Service MON. JAN. 15

Observed on the third Monday of (1) Make Port Cushions January each year, Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrates his January 15th birthday. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived his life serving others.

Make Cheerful Cards for Seniors ALL AGES 9am-3pm

Drop-in to make cheerful cards for our homebound patrons and residents at

local senior living centers.

Make Movie & Game Night Baskets Adults 10-11am

Register to make baskets for the clients of the Crisis Center of South Suburbia.

Adults 10am-3pm (One-hour sessions) Register for one beginner-friendly sewing session where you'll create a chemo port cushion for the Cancer Support Center in Mokena. You'll learn the basics of machine sewing and show love & care to members of our community who are battling cancer.

Prior sewing experience is helpful but not necessary. All materials will be provided.

Make Spa & Self-Care Baskets

Adults 1-2pm

Register to make baskets for the clients of the Crisis Center of South Suburbia.

We are accepting new & unused items for the baskets NOV. 1, 2023 - JAN. 13, 2024. Please see our donation lists at: bit.ly/MovieBasket2024 & bit.ly/SpaBasket2024







Celebrate the new year by clearing overdue fines from your library card! This February, we'll 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. Expired items will not be accepted. All food items will be donated to the Frankfort Township Food Pantry.

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

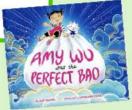
Cozy up with a craft project or journal from home in our Youth Program room. This is a space for cozy, hygge vibes only. Bring a mug from home and fill it with tea or cocoa and relax and unwind. Participants are encouraged to bring their own supplies (blankets, snuggies, favorite hoodie, etc) and the library will have a cozy space available.

Tween Hygge Hangout Grades 5-7 TUESDAYS 6-7pm AN. 9, 16, 23, 30

W Hygge Hangout Jr. Grades 2-4 SATURDAYS 10-11am IAN. 13 & 27

Teen Hygge Hangout Grades 8-12 SUN. JAN. 14 2-4pm

Check the StoryWalk M in December for a new story: Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao by Kat Zhang!



(1) Family Build

SUNDAYS 2-4pm

JAN. 28 | FEB. 11



O Art Week

TUE. - FRI. JAN. 2 - 5 10am-7pm Kick off the new year creatively! We'll open up the Program Room with different activities each day. Projects available while supplies last.



B Life-Size Candyland

MON. JAN. 8 I Iam-6pm Be the first to reach the Candy Castle at our Life Size Candyland event! We are bringing the classic board game to life. One family per session. Please keep your group, or "Candy Party," to 5-8 people. Let us know how many people are in your party in the Notes.

(B) Homeschool Hangout

FRIDAYS 10-11:30am

JAN. 12 | FEB. 9

We invite our community homeschooling families to come together at the library each month to socialize and learn something new. We will vary the offerings each month.

Please Register as a family and specify the ages of each child.

O Day of Service - MON. JAN. 15 Make Cheerful Cards for Seniors ALL AGES 9am-3pm

Drop-in to make a card or do another act of service for the community.



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

frankfortlibrary.org/calendar







Family Storytime at Night

Join us for our monthly drop-in event where you use your creativity to construct original and unique creations. We'll offer different supplies each month so the experience is never the same! This low tech STEAM program is all ages and drop-in but caregivers should plan to attend with their child(ren) who may need

> MON. & WED 6:30-7:15pm JAN. 17, 29 | FEB. 19, 21

assistance using supplies and tools.

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

(B) Jerry Craft Art Show

TUE. FEB. 6 7-8pm

Register to watch "A Conversation with Jerry Craft" author of New Kid, through Illinois Libraries Present. Pick up a comic panel sheet from the Youth Services Desk, watch the live stream for his art demo, then create your own mini-comic. Turn it in at the Library and we will put them on display!

Black History Presentation

SAT. FEB. 17 10-11am

A Lincoln-Way East Senior from the The Racial Equity Alliance will help young patrons understand the long-term effects of racial issues.

African American Read-In

WED. FEB. 21 6:30-7:15pm Celebrate black children's authors and illustrators with a special Family Storytime at Night! Can't make it to the Read-In? Pick up a list of suggested authors at the Youth Services Desk starting FEB. I.

Morning Storytimes:

@ 2's and 3's 24-36 Months with Adult MONDAYS 9:30-10am IAN. 8-FEB. 5 No Storytimes FEB. 12-15 & MAR. 25-28 FEB. 19-MAR. 18 Children aged 2-3 and their adult caregiver are invited to share stories and songs with

Wee Ones Birth-2 Years with Adult TUE. & WED. 9:30-10am



IAN. 9-FEB.27 No Storytimes FEB. 12-15 & MAR. 25-28 FEB. 20-MAR.20

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

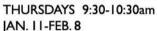


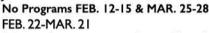
TUE. & WED. 10:30-11am IAN, 9-FEB, 7

No Storytimes FEB. 12-15 & MAR. 25-28 FEB. 20-MAR.20

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

Little Sensory Hour Birth-5 Years with Adult





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.

Mappenings 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.

SAT. DEC. 2 10:30-11:30am Christmas THU. DEC. 7 6-7pm Hanukkah THU. DEC. 21 6-7pm Solstice THU. DEC. 28 6-7pm Kwanzaa SAT. DEC. 30 10:30-11:30am New Year THU. FEB. 8 6-7pm Lunar New Year

•••• Kids

Dungeons & Dragons Anniversary

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

B Dice Box Grades 3-5

> TUE, JAN. 2 2-3pm Create your own box to hold all of your dice, minis, or anything else you need!

Paint Some Dice Grades 3-5 MON. FEB. 19 2-3:30pm

Create a set of dice just for



R Lego Club Grades K-2

> WEDNESDAYS 4:30-5:30pm JAN. 10 | FEB. 7

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

R Lego Kit Club Grades 3-5

> WEDNESDAYS 4:30-5:30pm JAN. 24 | FEB. 28

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

Graphic Novel Book Club Ages 8-12

MONDAYS 7-7:30pm Join us for Graphic Novel Book Club! We talk about some amazing graphic novels for kids.

> FEB. 12 JAN. 22





Walentine's Craft with **Recycled Items** Ages 8-12

> TUE, FEB, 13 5-6pm Drop in and make a Valentine's craft using recyled materials.



Grades 1-5

SUN. FEB. 25 1:30-4:30pm

The Teen Advisory Board would like to invite all children artists to participate in their Art Gallery! Come in on Sunday to create some art and come back Monday to show off your artwork to your grown-ups!

Kids Art Gallery

MON. FEB. 26 6-7:30pm

The Teen Advisory Board invites the residents of Frankfort to check out the Kids Art Gallery. There will be food, drinks, and wonderful art made by the children of Frankfort.

Finals Care Package Grades 6-12

MON.-THU. DEC. 11-21 Finals have you stressed out? Have a care package from the Library and the TAB! We wish you luck and happy holidays!

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Grades: 6-12

Thursdays 6-7pm DEC. 14 | JAN. 25 | FEB. 22 Need volunteer hours for school, church, scouts, or just looking to do something new? Join the TAB and earn volunteer hours for helping us out. Visit our website to apply for the group: www.frankfortlibrary.org/tab or call Mx. Christy at 815-469-2423 if you have any questions.

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B DIY Dice Bag Grades 6-12

THU. JAN. 4 6-8pm Are you a dice gremlin? Or do you just like to collect things but have no space for it? Create your own dice bag to hold your dice hoard.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Grades: 6-12 TUESDAYS 6-8:30pm NOV. 28 | JAN 23 | FEB. 20 THURSDAYS 6-8:30pm JAN. 11 | FEB. 8

Join our merry band of adventurers for mini sessions of D&D.

No experience or equipment needed.



Paint Your Own Dice Grades 6-12

THU. FEB. 15 6-8pm Create a set of dice just for you!

Teen Board Game Night Grades 6-12

THU. JAN. 18 6-7:30pm Got a game but no one to play with? Come in and play board games with other teens!



(R) Teen Subscription Box Grades 9-12

JAN. 2-19 & FEB. 1-23

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

Boxes must be collected by the end of the month.

Conversation with a

Grades: 9-12 WED. JAN. 3 2-3pm

College Student

Incoming college students, do you have questions about what college life is like? You went to your orientation but didn't get a lot answers? Now you can ask a first year college student all those burning questions! Five students from various schools are here

SAT Practice Test Grades: 9-12

SAT. JAN. 20 12-4pm

Teens, are you worried about the SAT? Come to the library to take a FREE practice SAT test! Learn how to score yourself and see how you do.

Results are for personal use only, they are not officially reported.

Intro to Python Coding Grades: 5-12

WED. FEB. 14 & THU. FEB. 15

4:30-6pm

This is a beginner series of two classes that are designed to build on each other. Through these two classes, you will get a basic introduction of programming in Python as we venture through the technological aspect of STEM/STEAM. We will briefly go over information such as what is Python and what it is useful for. Then, we will dive into some basic hands-on programming that will allow you to write your own simple programs! Are you ready to start your journey as a programmer?

This class is designed with a participant in mind who can follow instructions and work independently. If a participant would benefit from the help of an adult, please plan to attend with the registrant and mark this in the registration form.



HEALTH + WELLNESS

No experience necessary. All fitness levels are welcome!

Staying Mentally Fit TUESDAYS 10-11:30am

JAN. 9 & 23 | FEB. 13 & 27 | MAR. 12 & 26

WORKOUT

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.

Cabin Fever Chair Yoga THURSDAYS 10-11am FEB. 1. 8. 15. 22. 29

Join librarian & yoga instructor Jill Ganeshan for a guided and reflective yoga practice that helps you wake up your body and beat the winter blues. You'll consciously move the spine, create heat in your core, breathe, and meditate with the aid of a chair.



- Hear new perspectives.
- Discover books you might otherwise not read.
- IT'S FUN!

Know the Perks of

Your Library Card THU. FEB. 29 7-8:30pm

Library cards aren't just for

COMPUTERS + TECHNOLOGY

Tech Tuesdays DEC. 5 6:30pm | 7:30pm

JAN. 9 & 30 6:30pm | 7pm | 8pm FEB. 6 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. JAN. 25 10-11:30am or 2-3:30pm

checking out books. Discover the unexpected perks of your Frankfort Public Library District card, like our digital online classes. content, museum passes, databases, and more.



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.

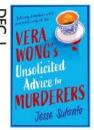
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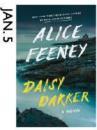
 Genealogy Lab TUE. JAN. 23 6-8pm

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

BOOK CLUBS

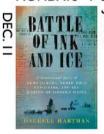
CoffeeCake & Crime FRIDAYS 9:30-10:30am

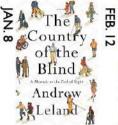






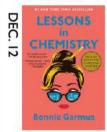
Nonfiction at Night MONDAYS 7-8pm

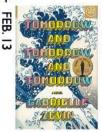






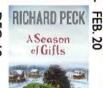
Top Shelf Tuesdays TUESDAYS 7-8pm

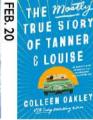






Tuesdays with Friends TUESDAYS 1-2pm



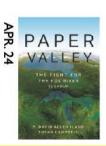




B Earth: Our Shared Home WEDNESDAYS 7-8pm







Books are available one month before the event.



FEB.

SPECIAL

Make all of your books count. Join the club:

WINTER READING CLUB JAN. 1 - FEB. 24, 2024

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ARTS + CRAFTS

Custom Gift Tags

MON. DEC. 4

2-4pm @ 6-8pm

TUE. DEC. 5 10am-12pm Learn how to make custom gift tags using the Silhouette Studio software and Cameo cutter. Each participant will choose a pre-designed gift tag, customize the greeting, and receive a set of six gift tags.

B Decoupage on a Wood Slice Ornament

THU. DEC. 7 2-4pm

Join us in the Lab to decorate 1-3 wood slice ornaments with a variety of paper ephemera & textile materials using the decoupage technique. All supplies are provided, but you are welcome to bring in other materials to experiment with such as fabric, specialty decoupage paper, tissue paper, laser printed photos, wrapping paper, newspaper, sheet music, or pressed flower petals. Finish your design with glitter and ribbons!

 Gnome **Ornaments** WED, DEC, 13

2-3pm 07 7-8pm THU. DEC 14

2-3pm or 7-8pm Create a pair of adorable gnome ornaments to add a little winter cheer to your home.



No experience is necessary and all materials are provided for Arts + Crafts programs unless specified.

Silhouette Basics: Vinvl Window Clina

THU. IAN. 4

2-3:30pm or 7-8:30pm

Learn how to use our Silhouette design software and smart cutting machines to create a seasonal, vinyl window cling.

An Afternoon of Hygge

SUN. JAN. 21 2-3:30pm Spend a quiet, cozy afternoon with us. Learn about Hygge and its origins, then enjoy a relaxing afternoon of crafting.



Macramé Basics: Heart Coasters

WED. IAN. 24 7-8:30pm

or FRI. JAN. 26 10:30am-12pm Explore macramé - the art of creating decorative objects by tying knots. We will make a pair of heart-shaped coasters in time for Valentine's Day!

Knitting Basics: Cotton Dishcloth Part 1

WED, FEB. 7

2:30-4pm or 6:30-8pm

Knitting Basics: Cotton Dishcloth Part 2

WED. FEB. 21

2:30-4pm or 6:30-8pm

Learn the basics of knitting and create a sweet and useful cotton dishcloth. This 2-part class is designed for brand-new knitters or patrons looking

® Sewing Machine Basics: **Velcro Pouch**

THU. JAN. 18

to refresh their knitting skills.

2:30-4pm **or** 6:30-8pm

Learn how to operate a sewing machine and sew a simple fabric pouch with a velcro closure, perfect for storing pens, glasses, receipts, coupons, and more!



THU. FEB. 8 6:30-8:30pm

Adults

FRI. FEB. 9 10am-12pm February is Children's Dental Health Month. Join us to construct an adorable plush cushion with a pocket designed to hold a child's donation to the Tooth Fairy... or any prize that the Tooth Fairy might leave in trade!

Meditative Art: Mandala **Dot Art**

TUE. FEB. 13 6-7:30pm

Need to de-stress for an evening? Join us for a Meditative Art night as we create a dot art mandala on flat rocks using acrylic paints and dotting tools.

Crochet a **Granny Square**

MON. FEB. 5 or MAR. 4 7-8:30pm

TUE. FEB. 6 OF MAR. 5 10:30am-12pm Learn how to crochet a classic granny square.

AUTHOR VISIT



Tall Tales and Lost Legends of the Chicago Bears

SUN. DEC. 3 2-3pm

Local author, Joe Ziemba, will join us for an afternoon of "Bears Football." With the continuing struggles of the Chicago Bears (and no Super Bowl championships since the 1985 season), fans may not remember that the Bears were once the dominant team in the National Football League (NFL). Between 1921 through 1946, the Bears won seven NFL titles!

Joe will discuss those glory years of the Bears and give a peek into some of the great "unknown" history of the Chicago Bears back when it seemed that almost every season concluded with a positive ending on the field.

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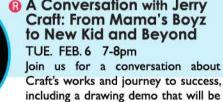


WATCH CONVERSATION

Come to the library for an in-person viewing and brief conversation about the event.

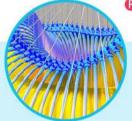


 Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb WED. DEC. 6 7-8pm Psychotherapist, NYT bestselling author, and co-host of the "Dear Therapists" podcast joins us to discuss mental health and winter holidays.



fun for the whole family!

••• Watch Party from 7-8:30pm A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond Join us for a conversation about



Speculating Our AI Future with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells THU. JAN. II 7-8pm Join sci-fi author, journalist & activist Doctorow, Hugo & Nebula awardwinner Liu, and NYT Bestselling author Wells for a fascinating talk! ••• Watch Party from 7-8:30pm

An Evening with Julia Quinn TUE. FEB. 20 7-8pm #1 NYT bestselling author Julia Quinn helps us feel the romance all month with a discussion about Bridgerton and all things romance.

••• Watch Party from 7-8:30pm

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Puzzle Speed Challenge Adults SUN. JAN. 28 2-4:30pm

Get the jump on celebrating National Puzzle Day (Jan. 29) and join our first ever Puzzle Speed Challenge! Ten teams will compete to be the quickest to complete the same 500-piece puzzle in 2 hours... or to come really close.

Program is intended for Adults (18+).

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MOVIES + GAMES + TRIVIA

Trivia Night Adults TUESDAYS 7-8:30pm DEC. 12 & FEB. 27 Come solo or bring your team! Program is intended for Adults (18+).

Movie Morning FRIDAYS 10am-12pm DEC. 8 - Elf JAN. 19 - Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret FEB. 16 - Ticket to Paradise