

Winter
2024-25



FRANKFORT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

ALL PROGRAMS REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNLESS MARKED: DROP-IN

frankfortlibrary.org/calendar

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Lincoln-Way East Madrigals



SUN. DEC. 15 2-3pm

Our Madrigal friends from Lincoln-Way East are back to celebrate the season with their fantastic music!

Come for a wonderful presentation of classic choral pieces, with a few surprises thrown in.

Puzzle Speed Challenge



SUN. JAN. 26 2-4pm

In celebration of National Puzzle Day we are holding our second puzzle speed challenge. A total of ten 4-person teams will compete against each other and the clock to see which team can put together a 750-piece puzzle the fastest.

George Washington Carver & Friends with Bright Star Theatre



SUN. FEB. 2 1:30-2:30pm

Our friends from Bright Star Theatre are back!

Meet some of the amazing inventors, scientists, entrepreneurs and important figures from Black History.

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WED. DEC. 4 7-8pm

COMMUNITY



2025 Youth & Teen Reading Challenges

DEC. 1, 2024 - APR. 30, 2025

Read all the books on your list by APR. 30 and win a prize!

Monarch Award Challenge: Grades: K-2

Bluestem Award Challenge: Grades: 3-5

Caudill Award Challenge: Grades: 6-8

Read for a Lifetime Challenge: Grades: 9-12



Community Wishing Tree

DEC. 3 - 30 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 Drive

THU. DEC. 5 2-7pm

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 your appointment online:

bit.ly/WinterBloodDrive2025

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

Donors age 16+ are welcome with guardian consent.

Day of Service

MON. JAN. 20

Observed on the third Monday of 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 10am-2pm

Drop-in between 10am-2pm to make cheerful cards for our homebound patrons and residents at local senior living centers.



Make Catnip Empanadas

Adults 10-10:45 | 11-11:45am | 12-12:45pm

Join us to make no-sew catnip empanada cat toys. Toys will be donated to Lulu's Locker Rescue.

All materials provided. Registration is required.

Make Port Cushions

Adults 10-10:45 | 11-11:45am | 12-12:45pm

In this beginner-friendly sewing workshop, 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 provided. Registration is required.

Bundle Up With Books

JAN. 12, 2025 to FEB. 22, 2025

Bundle up and read with us this winter! Earn a choice of gourmet hot beverage when you read 1 book, and a choice of a cozy prize when you read 3 books.

JAN. 12, 2025 online registration opens!

Returning Beanstack users can visit frankfortlibrary.beanstack.org to register.

New Beanstack users can visit frankfortlibrary.beanstack.org to create your free account & register for winter reading.

Patrons who wish to participate on paper may visit the Adult Services desk during regular business hours to register and pick up a paper reading log.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid Frankfort Public Library District library card.

FRIENDS

SHOP LOCAL

BUY HANDMADE

ART MARKET

SAT. JAN. 25

10AM-4PM

The Market is full of handmade, one-of-a-kind treasures, that will delight you, your family and friends!

Become a Friend at FrankfortFriends.org



HELP MAKE CATNIP EMPANADAS

Winter Cards for Veterans



DEC. 1 - 31

Visit Youth Services to create a card that we will send to veterans in January. Teens who contribute are eligible to receive service hours for their work. Four cards equal 1 hour of community service

Everybody Builds: Legos & More!

4:30-5:30pm

DEC. 3 | JAN. 8 | FEB. 12

Calling builders of all sizes! Join us for a building program that has something for everyone. We'll have our regular Lego collection, kits for older builders, and Duplo and other building materials for the younger builders.

Winter Holiday Scavenger Hunt



DEC. 1 - JAN. 5

Learn more about the winter holidays with our newest scavenger hunt! Visit the Youth Desk for more information. Available daily during regular operating hours from December 1 - January 5.



Holiday Happenings: Christmas

SAT. DEC. 7 10-11:30am

Kick off the holiday season by coming 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!)

Family Build



SUNDAYS 2-4pm

DEC. 14 | JAN. 12 | FEB. 9

Join us for a new and improved Family Build where adults and kids can work together using tools to make whatever their imagination can conjure. Adult supervision is required for children 8 and younger. Family Build is a space where families can spend unstructured time together creating.



Family Storytime at Night



MONDAYS 6:30-7:15pm

JAN. 20 | FEB. 17

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

Nature Walk at the StoryWalk



FRI. JAN. 24 10-11am

Join us at the Library's Storywalk in Prairie Park where Ms. Emily will read the seasonal story and we'll walk around the park. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the library where we'll read the book indoors and talk about seasonal changes.



Art Days



THU. JAN. 2 10am-5pm

FRI. & SAT. JAN. 3 & 4 10am-4:30pm

Back by popular demand! We'll be exploring different art styles each day. On Sunday, we'll host an art show with everything you've created. No registration required. All ages welcome. This means you, grown-ups!

Art Show



SUN. JAN. 5 1:30-4:30pm

We're putting your creations from Art Days on display. Put on your fancy clothes and come view our gallery. Refreshments will be served.



KIDS

Fabric Heart Ornament (In Person Class)

Grades: 3-8

THU. DEC. 5 6:30-7:30pm
Come sew a heart-shaped ornament! Beginner sewists will be able to learn the running stitch.

(Virtual Class)

DEC. 2-7 - Kit Pick Up
Can't make our Fabric Heart Ornament Class? No problem. Pick up a kit this week and follow along at home with a virtual tutorial.

Yoga Tots

Ages: 12 - 24 Months to 3 Years

FRIDAYS 1-1:30pm

DEC. 27 | JAN. 17 | FEB. 21

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

Sensory Storytime

Ages: 3 - 9 Years

THU. JAN. 9 10-10:30am

This is a storytime written especially for young children with disabilities or who are Autistic. We welcome you to this smaller group where you'll find accommodations to make storytime a comfortable experience for you. Please feel free to call in advance if you have any questions.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Ages 8-12

MONDAYS 7-7:45pm

We talk about amazing graphic novels for kids!

JAN. 13



FEB. 10



A Little Sensory Hour

Ages: 12 Months - 5 years

THURSDAYS 9:30-10:30am

JAN. 16 & 30 | FEB. 13 & 27

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.



Dog Man Party

Grades: 1-5

THU. JAN. 30 6-7pm

Dav Pilkey's popular hero is getting his own movie, so we're going to celebrate! Join us for games, crafts and a drawing for great Dog Man prizes!

Stuffy Storytime and Sleepover

Ages: 4 - 9 Years

TUESDAYS 6-6:45pm

JAN. 14 | FEB. 18

Kids, bring a stuffed animal friend with you to an evening storytime. We'll read some stories and do a little craft before you say goodnight to your stuffy and leave them to sleep over at the library!

Pick your stuffy up the next day and find out what they were up to while they were away.

Pajamas encouraged!

DROP-IN!

Morning Storytimes:

2's and 3's

24-36 Months with Adult

WEDNESDAYS 10:30-11am

JAN. 8-FEB. 26

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

Wee Ones

Birth-23 Months with Adult

TUE. & WED. 9:30-10am

JAN. 7-FEB. 26

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

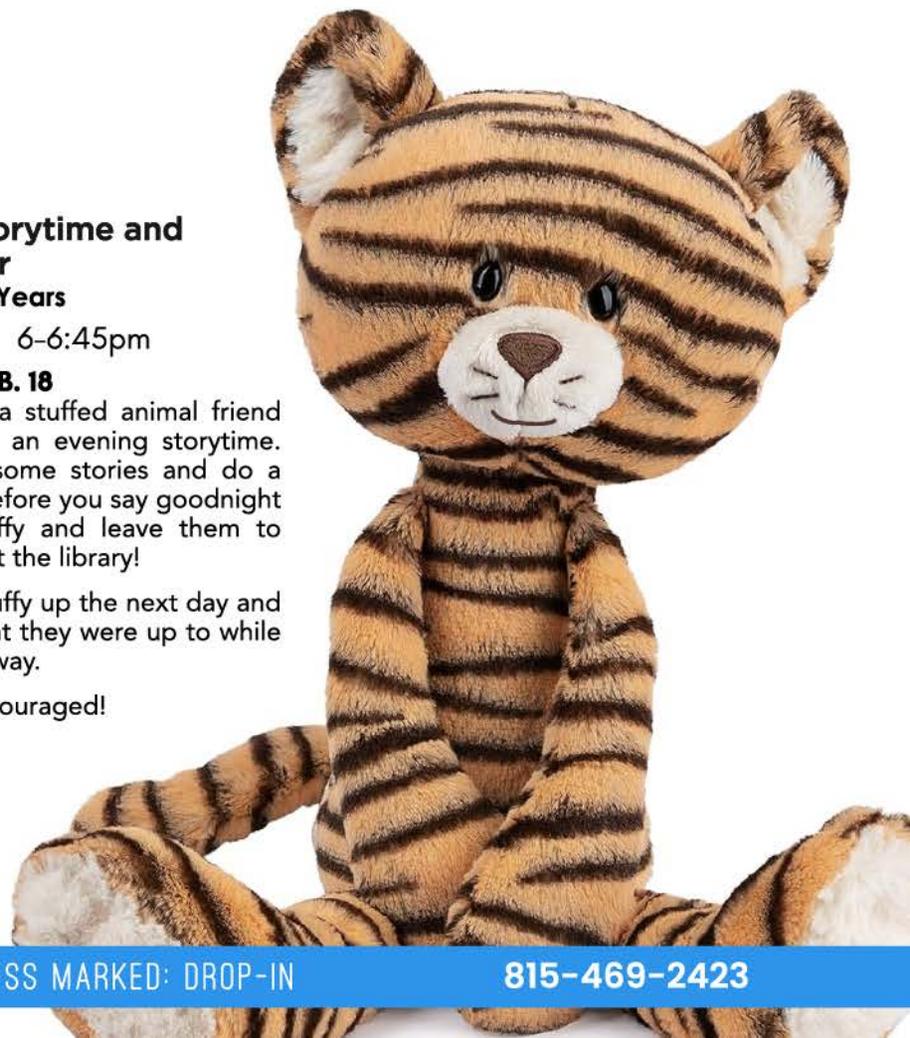
Preschool Storytime

3-5 Years with Adult

TUESDAYS 10:30-11am

JAN. 7-FEB. 26

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



Teen Subscription Box

Grades 9-12

DEC. 1 - 21

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

Finals Care Package

Grades 9-12

DEC. 9 - 19

Relax this Finals season with a Care Package created by the Teen Advisory Board. Pick up at the Youth Desk.

Teen Volunteer Orientation

Grades 6-12

MON. JAN. 6 2-3pm

MON. FEB. 3 6-7pm

New Required Volunteer Training!

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.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Grades: 6-12

SAT. JAN. 18 10-11am

THURSDAYS 6-7pm

JAN. 23 | FEB. 27 | NOV. 21

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

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

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



SCAN ME

DROP-IN!



Movie Day: Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves

Grades 6-12

FRI. DEC. 27 12-2:15pm

As the anniversary of Dungeons & Dragons comes to an end, the final program will be a viewing of the movie! Relax after the holidays and finals by watching this fun, action filled movie with your friends!

Winter/Prom/Graduation Dress Drop Off

Grades 6-12

JAN. 13 9am - JAN. 17 4pm

Teens, drop off your dresses and accessories you aren't wearing anymore and exchange them for new ones! These can be used for the Winter Dance, Prom, and/or Graduation!

Please drop off donations at the Youth Services Desk. Those who drop off dresses will be given a ticket for first priority at the swap.

Dresses must be new or gently used. Limit to 3 dresses per teen.

Winter/Prom/Graduation Dress Swap

Grades 6-12

SAT. JAN. 18 12-2pm

Shop the Teen Dress Swap! Come and shop donated dresses and accessories for the Winter Dance, Prom, or Graduation. Those who donate to the swap during the week will get first dibs at shopping from 11am-12pm. The public is invited to join from 12pm-2pm. Donations of non-perishable food for the Frankfort Food Pantry will be accepted.

How To: Knit a Scarf

Grades 6-12

THU. JAN. 16 6-8pm

Get cozy this winter season by learning to knit a scarf. This session will be learning to cast on and the knit and purl stitch. Teens will be taking the supplies home to finish up on their own time.



Teens

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Grades: 6-12

THURSDAYS 6-8:30pm

JAN. 9 | FEB. 6

TUESDAYS 6-8:30pm

JAN. 28 | FEB. 11

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 tabletop role playing game Dungeons & Dragons. *No experience or equipment needed.*

Northern Lights Grades 6-12

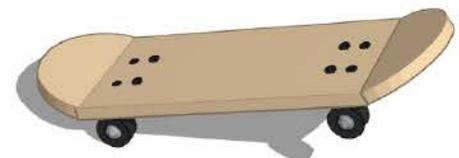
WED. JAN. 29 6-8pm

Create your own picture of the remarkable Northern Lights using chalk pastels!

Heart Painting on Canvas Grades 6-12

WED. FEB. 12 6-7pm

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! Come in to create a unique piece of art on canvas to give to a family member, friend or keep for yourself!



3D Designs: Fingerboard Grades 6-12

THU. FEB. 13 6-8pm

Learn how to design a fingerboard fidget. We will be using TinkerCad to learn how to create 3D designs which will then be printed on our 3D printer.

Anime Club Grades 6-12

THU. FEB. 20 6-8pm

Already love anime and manga? Or just starting out? Come to Anime Club to explore new titles, get crafty, and watch anime! This month we are working a paint project while watching a Ghibli movie.

Participants under 13 need parental consent to view 13+ content.

COMPUTERS + TECHNOLOGY



Mobile Device One-to-One WEDNESDAYS

9:30 **or** 10:30 **or** 11:30am
 DEC. 11 | JAN. 15 | FEB. 12
 Have a question about using your phone, tablet, or e-reader? Sign up for a 30-45 minute appointment.

Learn how to browse, search, and check out books from the library's digital collection!

F How to Use Boundless

THU. JAN. 16 2-3pm

F How to Read Books on Your Kindle

TUE. JAN. 28 2-3pm

F How to Use Libby

TUE. FEB. 18 10-11am

Genealogy Lab

THU. DEC. 12 10am-12pm
 THU. JAN. 16 10am-12pm
 MON. FEB. 17 6-8pm
 Dedicate time to research your family history in a friendly, community setting.

MOVIES + GAMES + TRIVIA

Movie Morning: American Fiction

FRI. DEC. 13 10am-12pm
 Join us to watch the Academy Award winner for best screenplay written and directed by Cord Jefferson in his directorial debut.
 R | 1 hour 56 minutes

Shuffle Squad: Pinochle

FRI. JAN. 24 10am-12pm
 Learn & play classic card games. *Beginners welcome. Sign up solo or with a group of up to 4 players!*

Trivia Night

TUE. JAN. 21 7-8:30pm
 Come solo or bring your team!

F Tech Tuesdays

TUESDAYS
 6:30 **or** 7 **or** 7:30 **or** 8pm
 DEC. 17 | JAN. 7

Need help setting up your new device, an email account, or a social media app? Want to brush up on basic computer skills or learn how to access a tv show from our digital collection? We can help!
 Zoom or phone appointments are available by request.

F Udemy Online Classes

WED. JAN. 15 7-8:30pm
 Discover a new online learning platform for FPLD cardholders. Udemy includes 10,000+ on-demand video courses in business, tech, design, and more. We will set up your Udemy account during class.
There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.

F Pronunciator: Personalized Language Courses

WED. JAN. 29 7-8:30pm
 Pronunciator is a fun new way to learn any of 315 languages! Lessons are customized to your personal interests, learning goals, and more.
There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.

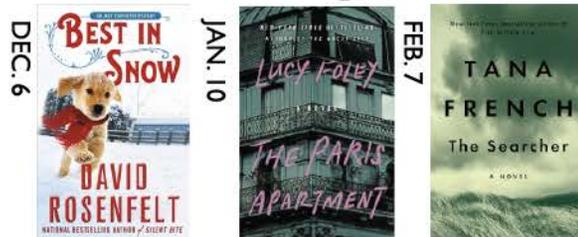
F Know the Perks of Your Library Card

MON. FEB. 17 10-11:30am
 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.

BOOK DISCUSSION

CoffeeCake & Crime

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



Nonfiction at Night

MONDAYS 7-8pm



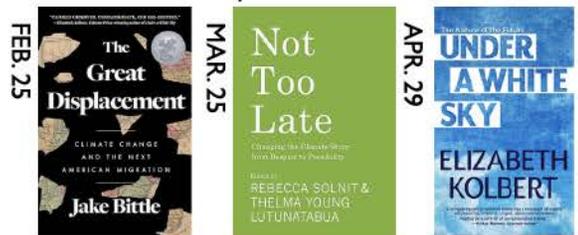
Tuesdays with Friends

TUESDAYS 1-2pm



Earth: Our Shared Home

TUESDAYS 7-8pm



Books are available one month before the event.

KEEP WARM AND WIN PRIZES!



F Bundle Up With Books

JAN. 12, 2025 to FEB. 22, 2025

frankfortlibrary.org/programs/reading-challenges

Participants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid Frankfort Public Library District library card.

ARTS + CRAFTS

Winter Shadow Box

MON. DEC. 2 4-6 **or** 6-8pm

TUE. DEC. 3 10am-12pm **or** 1-3pm

Create a winter scene shadow box from cut cardstock layers and fairy lights. Participants will choose from one of our pre-selected winter scenes.

Sew a Gift Card Holder

THU. DEC. 5

2-3:30pm **or** 4-5:30pm **or** 6:30-8pm

Sew a reusable fabric envelope that is the perfect size to hold a gift card.

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

Dazzling Holiday Stars

THU. DEC. 12 3-5 **or** 6-8pm

FRI. DEC. 13 10am-12pm **or** 1-3pm

Create a trio of different sized hanging stars to brighten your holiday festivities. Participants will piece together pre-cut holographic cardstock to create their dazzling holiday stars.

Make a Personalized Ornament

WED. DEC. 18 **or** THU. DEC. 19

1:30 | 2:30 | 3:30 | 4:30 | 6 | 7 | 8pm

Choose a laser-cut wood ornament design and add a custom message to the back using our new Glowforge!

Vision Board Workshop

WED. JAN. 22 6-8pm

Ready to take a pause and define what you really want out of your life? Attend this workshop to visualize your dreams, desires, and goals for 2025. You will create a collage of images and/or words that will make your Vision Board (also known as a Dream Board, Action Board or Life Map). Mindfulness instructor, Sherie Sloane, will provide an orientation and meditation first, then you will be encouraged to concentrate on your Vision Board by working independently with the presenter's meditative playlist (or your own meditative playlist with your personal headphones if you prefer). The workshop will conclude with discussion and optional sharing.

Sewing Machine Basics

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

Learn how to operate a sewing machine and sew a simple fabric pouch.

Knitting Basics:

Cozy Ear Warmer

Learn the basics of knitting and create a cozy ear warmer. This 2-session class is designed for brand new knitters or patrons looking to refresh their skills.

Part 1

WED. JAN. 22 2-4 **or** 6:30-8:30pm

Part 2

WED. FEB. 5 2-3 **or** 6:30-7:30pm

Silhouette Basics

THU. JAN. 23 2-4 **or** 6-8pm

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

Glowforge Basics

THU. JAN. 30 **or** THU. FEB. 20

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

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

Sew Valentine Fortune Cookies

THU. FEB 6

2-3:30pm **or** 4-5:30pm **or** 6:30-8pm

Sew a set of fabric fortune cookies that are perfect for sending little messages to your Valentine! We will follow a free design created by Singer North America Ambassador Jessica Shaw.

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

Exploring AI Art Together

WED. FEB. 12 7-8pm **or**

THU. FEB. 13 10-11:30am

What is AI Art? Attend this session to explore the world of art made with the help of artificial intelligence. We'll discuss contemporary issues surrounding AI art, look at numerous examples, and see how it works. You'll also have a chance to experiment with creating your own AI art.

There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.

Adults



F Silhouette 1-to-1 Session

THU. FEB. 27 6-7 **or** 7:30-8:30pm

Want to create a custom greeting card or have an idea for a t-shirt iron-on? Need help designing a stencil or table cards for your next gathering? We can help!

HEALTH + WELLNESS

The Empowered Caregiver: Exploring Care and Support Services

MON. DEC. 2 7-8pm

This program presented by the Alzheimer's Association teaches caregivers how to navigate the responsibilities of caring for someone living with dementia and take care of their own well-being.

Peaceful Sound Bath

WED. DEC. 4 7-8pm

Join us for a unique & relaxing sound meditation with musician and sound-healer, Preston Klik. Immerse yourself in the healing sounds of numerous dynamic instruments: crystal bowls, handpan, rattles, Reverie harp, Native American flutes, tanpura, monochord, chimes, ocean drum, and gong. This sound-journey is designed to release emotions, bring about peace-filled solace, and a sense of closure.

Please bring a yoga mat to lie on, blanket, and a pillow if you'd like. Chairs will be available for those who prefer to sit.

Staying Mentally Fit

TUESDAYS 9:30-10:30am

or 11am-12pm

DEC. 10 | JAN. 14 & 28 |

FEB. 11 & 25

Engage your brain with exercises from the **Wits Workout** program created by the University of Illinois Extension.



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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.

VIRTUAL EVENTS



The Magic of Raina Telgemeier

TUE. DEC. 10 7-8pm
Raina Telgemeier is the author and illustrator of the graphic novels *Smile*, *Drama*, *Sisters*, *Ghosts*, and *Guts*, all #1 *New York Times* bestsellers. She also adapted and illustrated four graphic novel versions of Ann M. Martin's *Baby-Sitters Club* series, and has contributed short stories to many anthologies. Raina's accolades include six Eisner Awards, a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor, a Stonewall Honor, and many Best-of and Notables lists.

●●● Watch Party at the Library from 7-8pm



Experience Little Women: The Musical (2022) at Home

FRI. DEC. 20 2pm - SUN. DEC. 22 11:59pm
Experience the 2022 stage recording at London's Park Theatre from home. Registrants will receive an email with a link to the performance.

Louisa May Alcott's classic story of four sisters growing up in 19th-century Massachusetts is a beloved tale of family, self-discovery, and hope.



Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau

TUE. JAN. 23 7-8pm



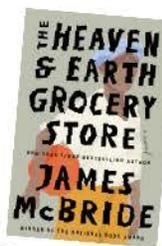
Chicago Pizza - Past, Present & Future with Steve Dolinsky

TUE. JAN. 9 7-8pm
Illinois Libraries Present Steve Dolinsky, well known Food Guy reporter at NBC 5 (Chicago) and James Beard Award winner for his TV, radio, and podcast work. Steve is host of the podcasts *The Feed Podcast* with Chicago chef/restaurateur Rick Bayless and *Pizza City*, author of two books about pizza, and creator of Pizza City Fest in 4 cities.

An Evening with James McBride

TUE. FEB. 4 7-8pm

●●● Watch Party at the Library from 7-8pm



ILP Book Discussion: The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store

Discuss James McBride's *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* before our live virtual event with the author on February 4, 2025. Released in 2023, the novel tells the story of Black and Jewish residents of the Chicken Hill neighborhood of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, in the 1920s and '30s.

Register for one of our two discussion dates:

THU. JAN. 16 7-8pm
FRI. JAN. 17 10-11am