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Meeting Room Carpet Update

Check it out! We are thrilled to announce that the library's meeting room has brand new carpet! It looks amazing and we can't wait for everyone to enjoy the fresh new look. Thank you to the Freeport Public Library Foundation for making this much-needed project a reality!



Library Closed

Indigenous Peoples Day
Monday, October 14th

NEW AT THE LIBRARY!

Youth & Adult Nintendo Switch games are now available for checkout!

Limit one (1) game per card
Games have a one (1) week checkout




Ask Erin!

Looking for something new? Just Ask Erin! Erin is our full time Librarian's Assistant for the Youth Department. Here is one of her favorite spooky books, **All the Lovely Bad Ones**, written by Mary Downing Hahn (adapted for the Graphic Novel by Scott Peterson.) For ages 9-12

All the Lovely Bad Ones gets a fresh new look in the graphic novel adaptation of one of Hahn's most famous ghost stories! When siblings Corey and Travis are sent to spend the summer with their grandmother in her historic Vermont Inn, they cannot resist playing tricks on the unsuspecting guests. However, when their "tricks" seem to be getting out of control, they will come face to face with the unknown forces who also call the Inn their home. Full color illustration, a quick pace, and themes of friendship and redemption make this a great introduction to ghost stories for curious middle-grade readers.



YOUTH

For Babies & Toddlers!

Babies & Books

Every Monday | 10:15am - 11:00am

Storytime for littles under 2 with a caregiver!

Preschool Storytime

Every Wednesday | 10:30am - 11:00am

Storytime for ages 2-5 with a caregiver!

SLIME MAKING!

Tuesday, October 1 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Join us to make slime you can take home! This month we will be making pumpkin slime.

POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, October 10 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Come to the library and meet other Pokéfans! Test your knowledge, play the card game, and talk Pokémon with others. This program is intended for elementary-age kids.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, October 12 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Bring your little ones to practice reading with one of the sweet pups from Therapy Dogs International! Dogs make such good listeners.

Messy Masterpieces

Friday, October 18 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Join us for a morning full of creativity. Each month we make a masterpiece you can take home! Come dressed to make a mess! This program is for ages 5 and under.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS:

MYTHOLOGY MADNESS

Monday, October 21 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Homeschoolers, join us monthly for engaging discussions, resource sharing, and hands-on activities. This month's topic: Greek Mythology. All ages welcome!



Illinois Libraries Present:

Raise Your Voice with

Jason Reynolds

VIRTUAL EVENT & WATCH PARTY

Wednesday, October 22 | 7:00pm - 7:45pm

Welcome Jason Reynolds, #1 New York Times bestselling author, advocate, mentor, and 2020-2022 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Join us at the library or register on our website to watch at home.

BEGINNING BIRDER CLUB

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE NORTHWEST ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY

Third Saturday of the Month | 10:30 - 12:00pm

Northwest Illinois Audubon Society Education Chair, Juliet Moderow, will be leading a fun, educational program for youths to learn all about birds. Lessons will be tailored for ages 6-10. Scan to register!



Halloween Crafternoon

Monday, October 28 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Get ready for Halloween as we make some fun, spooky crafts! At this drop-in program, we will make luminaries, spider webs, and more.

Not-So-Spooky Halloween Storytime

Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, October 30 | 10:30am - 11:00am

During this special storytime we will read some gentle Halloween stories, sing songs, and trick-or-treat through the library. Feel free to wear your costume!



TEENS

Teen Advisory

Tuesday, October 8 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Calling all teens! Want more teen activities and social events? Need to fulfill volunteer hours? Get involved on this planning team and help improve Library services for 7th - 12th graders.

TEEN TUESDAYS

Game Day! Games in the Grass

Tuesday, October 15 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

This month we are taking things outside for some team sports! Weather permitting, we will meet in Debate Square and kick things off! In case of rain, we will meet in the Meeting Room.

Pet Ghosts in a Jar Craft

Tuesday, October 29 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Let's get a little spooky! Join us to make a miniature pet ghost, ghoul, or monster and a little jar home to keep them from going bump in the night!

ADULTS

join chessport!

Every First Wednesday | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Chess sets are provided. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome!

YARN PUMPKINS CRAFT

Monday, October 7 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

REGISTRATION CLOSED

Make a lovely pumpkin decoration using chunky yarn and a hair bun holder. This craft looks like something you would buy in a store - it's so cool! Please register each person separately.



Illinois Libraries Present:

Being Imperfect with

Erika Sanchez

VIRTUAL EVENT & WATCH PARTY

Wednesday, October 9 | 7:00pm - 7:45pm



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Illinois Libraries Present and Erika Sánchez, award-winning author of *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*. She will be joined in conversation by Cythia Pelayo. Join us at the library or scan the code to watch at home!

Painting with Nina

Thursday, October 17 | 9:15am - 12:15pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

At this oil painting craft for adults, Nina will lead you in creating your own work of art. Please register each person separately.

MONDAY MURDERS

Please Pass the Guilt by Rex Stout

Monday, October 21 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Join this book club as we delve into the intriguing world of detective fiction with *Please Pass the Guilt* by Rex Stout. Pick up a copy on the second floor. No registration required, open to all!



Are you registered to vote?

Stop by the library on a Saturday from 10am - 1pm for help with voter registration!

Therapeutic Recreation

**A Make & Take Craft for Adults with
Developmental Disabilities**

Tuesday, October 22 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Join our therapeutic recreation program designed especially for individuals with disabilities. Engage in crafting, chatting, and fun activities!

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT: ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

with Josh Smith of Medicare 411

Thursday, October 24 | 10:00am - 11:00am

October is Medicare Open Enrollment time! You can have all of your questions about Medicare answered by Josh Smith of Medicare 411. This is a purely informational and educational program with no sales pitches. Medicare 411 is a non-profit organization, and no registration is necessary.

Gourd Craft

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Monday, October 28 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

We have received bottle gourds as a donation! You can turn them into a ghost, a jack-o-lantern, a birdhouse, a scarecrow, or simply paint them however you like. Please register each person separately.



'ROUND THE WORLD ON A PENNY

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

Tuesday, October 29

6:00pm- 7:00pm

Anita Willets Burnham was an artist, author, and visionary who traveled the world twice in the 1920s with her family. She wrote a book about her adventures and later experienced the 21st century after being sent forward in time by a man who invented a time machine. Anita always welcomes questions from the audience after her talk. Open to all, and refreshments will be provided.

