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## FHN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL OF TREES



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**Visit the Library to Vote  
for your Favorites!**

**Monday, November 25 – Monday, December 30**

Celebrate the season and admire beautifully decorated trees, each one crafted by local service organizations, clubs, and church groups competing for exciting prizes! This festive event highlights the talents of our community, and every tree tells a unique story. Make sure to visit the library, where you can take a look at the dazzling displays and vote for your favorites! Hosted by FHN and the Freeport Public Library.

**Vote for your favorite holiday tree by December 14!**

## Library Closed

Christmas Eve &  
Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 24th  
Wednesday, December 25th

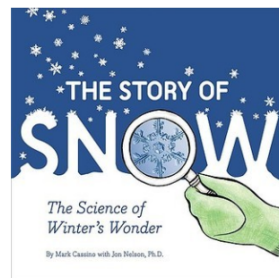
New Years

Wednesday, January 1st

## Ask Erin!

Looking for something new? Just Ask Erin! Erin is the Librarian's Assistant for the Youth Department. Check out her youth book recommendation for December, ***The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder* by Mark Cassino!**

As Winter descends on the Midwest and misty rains turn to snow, have you ever wondered what snowflakes and ice crystals look like up-close? Or why all snowflakes have six sides? Mark Cassino takes us on a journey to discover the intricate world of snow through detailed photographs and descriptions of microscopic snow crystals. Adults and children alike will learn that there is more than meets the eye when it comes to our frosty weather phenomenon!



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# YOUTH

For Babies & Toddlers!

## **Babies & Books**

**Every Monday**

**10:15am - 11:00am**

Storytime for babies ages birth - 2 with a caregiver! Stories, songs, rhymes, and playtime!

## **Preschool Storytime**

**Every Wednesday**

**10:30am - 11:00am**

Storytime for ages 2 - 5 with a caregiver! Flannelboards, songs, and a craft!

## **Frosty Family Fun Night**

### **FHN Festival of Trees Event**

**Monday, December 2 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm**

Enjoy an evening of fun for the whole family - holiday crafts, treats, and more! Plus, grown-ups that bring kids to the event can enter to win a \$100 gift card.

## **SLIME MAKING**

**Tuesday, December 3 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm**

Join us to make slime you can take home! This month we will be making Christmas Tree Slime!

## **HOLIDAY STORYTELLING**

**Thursday, December 5 | 6:30pm - 7:00pm**

**Saturday, December 14 | 2:00pm - 2:30pm**

Listen to a holiday story or two by Santa and Mrs. Claus in Santa's visiting area. After stories, be sure to tell Santa what you would like for Christmas.

**Spanish Family Fun Night** es el jueves 19 de diciembre a las 6 pm en la biblioteca. Únase a nosotros para una noche de diversión en español. Este programa es en asociación con el Distrito Escolar de Freeport.

## **POKÉMON CLUB**

**Thursday, December 12 | 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, December 14 | 11:00am - 12:00pm**

Bring your little ones to practice reading with the sweet pups from Therapy Dogs International! For kids of all ages.

## **HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS:**

**Monday, December 16 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Each month, we will dive into a new and exciting topic designed to inspire and support homeschooling families. All ages welcome—we will have varying activities for different age groups. This month we will be learning about holiday traditions around the world!

## **Messy Masterpieces**



**Friday, December 20 | 10:00am - 11:00am**

Join us for a morning full of creativity. Come dressed to make a mess! This program is for ages 5 and under.

## **COUNTDOWN TO NOON YEAR**

**Tuesday, December 31 | 11:00am - 12:30pm**

Can't stay up until midnight? Celebrate at the library's Noon Year's Party! There will be music, dancing, crafts, a countdown to noon and lots more New Year's fun.

# TEENS

## **Teen Advisory Board**

**Tuesday, December 10 | 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**

### **ChocoLit Chat!**

**Tuesday, December 17 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Bring your own blanket and mug, and relax with some hot chocolate while we discuss this year's Rebecca Caudill and Lincoln Award nominated books. Hot chocolate and fixings provided.

### **NYE Finale**

**Tuesday, December 31 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Join us for our last Teen Tuesday hang-out of 2024! We'll be playing games, making a craft, and enjoying each other's company before the New Year comes!

# ADULTS

## Under the Mistletoe! Nostalgic Holiday Favorites



**Monday, December 2 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm**

Accomplished performers and husband and wife duo, Matt and Cynthia Gruel, delight audiences with their tight harmonies, theatrical performances and engaging arrangements! 'Make the season bright' with Matt and Cynthia Gruel in their Holiday Cabaret. This joyful, nostalgic one-hour cabaret features the festive stories behind the music and is sure to get you in the Holiday Spirit! Join to enjoy cookies, warm drinks, and a fun performance!



## MONDAY MURDERS

**A Christmas Journey by Anne Perry**

**Monday, December 9 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm**

It's Christmas and the Berkshire countryside lies wrapped in winter chill. But the well-born guests who have gathered at Applecross for a delicious weekend of innocent

intrigue and passionate romance are warmed by roaring fires and candlelight, holly and mistletoe, good wine and gorgeously wrapped gifts. It's scarcely the setting for misfortune, and no one—not even that clever young aristocrat and budding sleuth Vespasia Cumming-Gould—anticipates the tragedy that is to darken this light-hearted holiday house party. --Goodreads

Everyone welcome for this book group. No registration! Pick up a copy of the book on the 2nd floor of the library.

## TINY WINTER SCENES CRAFT

**Monday, December 9  
6:15pm - 7:45pm**

**REGISTRATION CLOSED**

We will be making small, multi-media art pieces to get us into the wintery mood. Small enough to use as a tree ornament, table decoration, or give as a thoughtful gift!



Illinois Libraries Present:

## The Magic of Raina Telgemeier

**VIRTUAL EVENT & WATCH PARTY**

**Tuesday, December 10 | 7:00pm - 7:45pm**

Join us for a night with acclaimed comic artist Raina Telgemeier, author of bestselling graphic novels like *Smile*, *Drama*, *Sisters*, *Ghosts*, and *Guts*. She also adapted the *Baby-Sitters Club* series and has contributed to various anthologies. In 2024, Raina will release *The Cartoonists Club*, co-created with Scott McCloud. Raina's accolades include six Eisner Awards, a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor, a Stonewall Honor, and many Best-of and Notables lists. Children's Librarian Genevieve Grove will join her for the conversation. Visit the library for the watch party, or use the QR code to watch at home!



SCAN ME

## Holiday Hanger Craft

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Tuesday, December 17  
6:15pm - 7:30pm**

Craft a simple and festive holiday hanger using felt, ribbon, cut-out paper, and more! It's perfect for decorating your door or mantle for the season. Please register each person separately.



## Therapeutic Recreation

**For Folks with I.D.D.**

**Tuesday, December 31 | 10:30am - 11:30am**

Join our therapeutic recreation program designed especially for individuals with disabilities. Engage in crafting, chatting, and fun activities! No registration required.

**December is Learn a Foreign Language Month!**

Check out our display in the Adult Department with materials all about learning new languages!

# STAY CONNECTED

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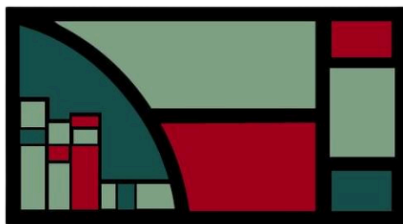
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