



FPL is Ditching Overdue Fines and Fees

Have you heard? Starting February 1st, 2025, the Freeport Public Library is no longer charging or collecting fees for late items!

Returning late due to being out of town? No problem!

Keeping a book a few days longer so you can finish? We've been there!

Found a book in a pile of kids' toys while you were moving and you're afraid to come back to the library because of how many fees you have?

We understand life happens! Welcome back!

FPL is proud to be a fine free library. This means that we do not charge overdue fines on most library materials. When overdue items are returned, they are checked in and no overdue charges are assessed. If items are not returned or are returned damaged then a fee will be assessed.

Overdue fines are widely recognized by professional library organizations as a form of social inequity. [The American Library Association](#) and others have conducted multiple studies that show that imposing fines neither teaches responsibility nor motivates borrowers to return items on time.

What happens to my existing fines?

Any outstanding late fines on FPL items will be purged from our patron accounts starting February 1st, 2025.

Will all items be "Fine Free"?

All of our items will be fine free with the exception of Hotspots, STEM Kits, Parent Kits, and Library of Things items.

What if I have overdue items?

Borrowing privileges will be suspended for patrons with significantly overdue material. For lost and damaged items, the cost of the item(s) will still be charged to the patron's account.

Library Closed

Presidents Day
Monday, February 17th

Ask Erin!

Erin is the Librarian's Assistant for the Youth Department. Check out her recommendation for February, ***The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster!***

"For the month of February, I recommend the book *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster! A classic in children's literature, *The Phantom Tollbooth* follows Milo, a boy who just cannot seem to escape his boredom, despite having all the time in the world. When a mysterious package appears in his room, Milo must embark on a fantastical quest to the Lands Beyond. 'Beyond' what, however, he is not quite sure... Feuding kings, lost princesses, a giant beetle-like bug, and even a talking dog keeps readers engaged from cover to cover!"
For ages 9-12

YOUTH

For Babies & Toddlers

Babies & Books

Every Monday

10:15am - 11:00am & 11:15am - 12:00pm

A weekly storytime for babies and toddlers under 2! We will focus on early literacy skills through songs, rhymes, and stories. Each session will conclude with a playtime, allowing children and adults time to interact.

Preschool Storytime

Every Wednesday 10:30am - 11:00am

Join us for stories, flannelboards, songs, and a craft every Wednesday morning. For children ages 2-5 with their caregiver.



SLIME MAKING

Tuesday, February 4 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Youth Program Room - Join us to make slime you can take home! This month we are making Valentine's Slime!

One Book One Freeport Memory Jars Storytime

Saturday, February 8 | 10:30am - 11:00am

Youth Program Room - Join us as we read the children's One Book One Freeport selection *Memory Jars* by Vera Brosgol followed by an opportunity to make your own memory jar.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, February 8 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

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

Dandelion Craft for All Ages

Saturday, February 15 | 10:30am - 2:00pm

Meeting Room - Drop in and make a bunch of cheerful, yarn dandelions to brighten up your winter! Take them home, give them as a gift, or add them to our library displays. We will have all the supplies necessary. All ages, children will need a parent or guardian to help.



BEGINNING BIRDER CLUB

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE NORTHWEST ILLINOIS BIRD AND NATURE ALLIANCE

Saturday, February 15 | 10:30am - 12:00pm

Youth Program Room - Northwest Illinois

Bird and Nature Alliance Education Chair,

Juliet Moderow leads a fun and educational

program for kids to learn all about birds.

Lessons are tailored for ages 6-10. Scan to join!



HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Human Body

Monday, February 10 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Meeting Room - Each month, we will dive into a new and exciting topic designed to inspire and support homeschooling families. This month we will be studying the human body. Enjoy engaging discussions, resource sharing, and hands-on activities. All ages welcome!

POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, February 13 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Youth Program Room - 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.

Messy Masterpieces

Friday, February 21 | 10:00am - 11:00am

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



Spanish Family Fun Night es el jueves 20 de febrero a las 6 p.m. en la biblioteca. Únase a nosotros para una noche de diversión en español. Este programa es en asociación con el Distrito Escolar de Freeport.

TEENS

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, February 11 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Conference Room - 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 TUESDAY

Game Day! UNO!

Tuesday, February 18 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

It's UNO! We're playing different variations of the popular card game to see who can get rid of their hand first!

ADULTS

Big Eyes (2014)

Film - with Momentum Art Guild

Saturday, February 8 | 1:00pm - 2:45pm

Meeting Room - Watch the Movie "Big Eyes" with Momentum Art Guild. This is part one of a two part program. Part two is painting in the style of "Big Eyes" artist Margaret Keane with guidance from a M.A.G. artist on Saturday, February 8. There is no registration to watch the movie.

Painting in the Style of Margaret Keane

Class - with Momentum Art Guild

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Saturday, February 15 | 10:30pm - 12:30pm

Meeting Room - Momentum Art Guild part 2! Paint your own masterpiece, using the style based on the movie "Big Eyes". Please register each attendee individually.



Illinois Libraries Present:

An Evening with James McBride

ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT VIRTUAL EVENT & WATCH PARTY

Tuesday, February 4 | 7:00pm - 7:45pm

Slowing Down with Amy Tan

VIRTUAL EVENT & WATCH PARTY

Wednesday, February 19 | 7:00pm - 7:45pm

Come to the library or the watch party or register online to watch at home!

MONDAY MURDERS

Die Around Sundown by Mark Pryor

Monday, February 10 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Boardroom - Mark Pryor's *Die Around Sundown* is the first entry in a mystery series set in Paris during World War II, where a detective is forced to solve a murder while protecting his own secrets. Everyone welcome for this book group. No registration! Pick up a copy of the book on the 2nd floor of the library.

Therapeutic Recreation

For Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, February 25 | 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.

LECTURES IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Programs start at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room

Thursday, February 6: Andy Dvorak Jane Addams as Reformer: Striving For the Lincoln Ideal in a Rapidly Changing America

Tuesday, February 11: Martin Quirk Into the Wild Blue Yonder: A History of USAF Since 1947

Wednesday, February 26: Kevin Kenney Baseball's Alternate Universe, The Negro Leagues

Tuesday, March 11: Andrew Martin Reading Outside the Lines: Paratext in Landmark American Literature

One Book One Freeport Programs & Events



Dandelion Wine Reader's Theater

Winneshiek Playhouse Theater

Saturday, February 1 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Enjoy a live performance highlighting the magic of *Dandelion Wine*. If you haven't read the book yet, this is a great beginning. All ages welcome.

Wine Bottle Decorating Craft

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Meeting Room | Monday, February 3 | 6:15-7:45pm

Make something beautiful from a wine bottle.

Ray Bradbury Theater Television Show & Book Talk

Meeting Room | Monday, February 10 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Join Alan Wenzel to view episodes of Ray Bradbury Theater taken directly from chapters in *Dandelion Wine* and discuss - book or show?

Book Discussion

Boardroom

Tuesday, February 18 | 11:00pm - 12:00pm

"You Are a Story: Illinois Novelist Ray Bradbury

Teaches Us About Who We Are."

Meeting Room | Thursday, February 20 | 6:30 - 7:30pm

With guest speaker Aaron Lawler, IL Humanities Roads Scholar & Assistant Professor of Humanities at Waubesa Community College.

Watercolor Painting with Victoria

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Meeting Room | Monday, February 24 | 6:30 - 7:45pm

We will be creating a dandelion-themed work of art.

Book Discussion - About A Book Group

Learning Lab

Thursday, February 27 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

STAY CONNECTED

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00AM - 8:00PM | FRIDAY 9:00AM - 6:00PM | SATURDAY 10:00AM - 3:00PM | CLOSED SUNDAY

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