



Small Library, Big Ideas

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**Board of Trustees Meetings**  
Third Tuesday of the month • 6:30 p.m.  
Note: No December meeting

**Friends of the Library Meetings**  
Second Wednesday of the month  
Panera Bread in FRG • 6:30 p.m.

**Closings**  
Saturday, December 24, 2022  
Monday, December 26, 2022  
Monday, January 2, 2023  
Monday, January 16, 2023  
Open at Noon • Friday, January 20, 2023

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**Fox Tales Calendar  
Photography Contest Winner**

The Friends of the Library are excited to announce the 2023 Fox Tales Calendar photo winner: congratulations to **Mihai Ciornei**! The first prize photo, as well as other winning entries, will be featured in the calendar, available to purchase for \$20 starting in December at the Library or via the Friends of the FRG Library Facebook page. The calendar—which makes a great gift!—showcases photography from community members and includes coupons from local merchants. Proceeds will go to Library programs and services. Thank you for supporting FRGML!



Youth and adult kits are available on the first of each month. Supplies are limited.



Don't forget about our ongoing youth programs! **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** runs year-round & **Brag Tags** runs Labor Day through Memorial Day.

Need assistance with our new **FRGML mobile app**? Set up a Book-a-Librarian appointment for one-on-one help from staff. Then bring your smartphone or tablet with you to the Library to get started!



SCAN ME!



**Community Holiday Caroling**  
Friday 12/2 • 5 p.m.

Join us for caroling, hot cocoa, cookies, and crafts! This annual family event is generously supported by FRGMS and the District 3 PTO.

**Village of Fox River Grove Tree Lighting**  
Saturday 12/3 • 2 p.m.  
Kids Care Courts & Soccer Fields outside ARS



The Library's very own Mrs. Claus and her Elves will be reading holiday stories at the Village's annual Tree Lighting. For more details about this event, see the Special Events Committee's Facebook or Instagram: FRGLiving, and see page 3 of this newsletter for information on the Library's Letters to Santa!

**Director's Message**

We've been busy at the Library over the last few months. You may have noticed that things look a bit different. We've increased the width of the upstairs path to the elevator to better accommodate strollers, wheelchairs, and walking aids. Youth DVDs and youth graphic novels each now occupy their own walls downstairs. New adult fiction and New York Times bestsellers are now located near adult fiction. Our Local History reference section is in a more prominent, well-lit location. All these changes and more are made to better serve our valued patrons.



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We also accepted a donation from the Village of Fox River Grove of a mural painted by Kristin Plansky, the very same muralist who did both of the Library's stairwells. The mural was originally done for the Village's centennial celebration. If you never had the opportunity to view it at Village Hall before their recent renovation, stop into the Library to see it!

**Technology Class: Hoopla, Libby & Axis 360**  
Saturday 1/21 • 10:30 a.m.



Interested in eBooks? Audiobooks? Online magazines? Want to know exactly what a Hoopla is, or who that girl Libby is everybody's talking about? The Library is here to help! Whether you are a novice or just need a little extra assistance, this class is for you. All the mysteries of our digital resources will be revealed! Sign up early—space is limited for individualized attention. As with all of our programs, let us know if you need special accommodations.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration is required for all adult programs.

Registration Dates for All Programs unless otherwise noted:  
FRGML cardholders: **Thursday 12/1**  
Open to all: **Thursday 12/8**



**Crochet with Raluca**

**Fox coffee cozy**

**Saturday Dec 3 • 11 a.m.**

Love to crochet or would like to learn? Come join us for an hour of chaining, slip stitching, single, and double crocheting that will result in cute little creations. Feel free to bring your coffee or tea (with lid) and a sunny mood! Beginners to experts are welcome. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

## THE NEXT CHAPTER

ADULT BOOK CLUB



**THURSDAY DEC 8 6 P.M.**

BOOK CLUB SELECTION

CHECK-OUT A COPY OF THE BOOK OR USE OUR DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR EBOOKS AND E-AUDIOBOOKS



**Display your cool collection at the library**

Share your cool collection at the Library! Contact Raluca to find out how! [rbarbu@frgml.org](mailto:rbarbu@frgml.org)

## UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

DECEMBER 1-20, 2022

*-Library Edition-*




- Take a photo of yourself or your family wearing ugly sweaters.
- Post it on Facebook and/or Instagram with #frgmluglysweater and tag the FRGML Library.
- Do this by 12/20/2022 to be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Brunch Cafe gift card!

ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

### A Conversation with


**Shauna Sever**

Tuesday, 12.13.2022 • 7 p.m.



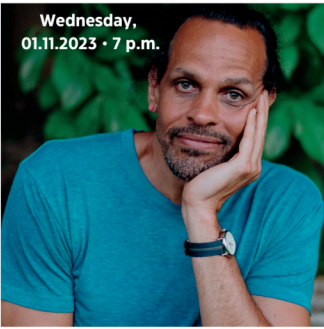
Shauna Sever is a baker, cookbook author, TV and radio contributor, and a daughter of the great Midwest.

Register here: [bit.ly/ShauaSever](https://bit.ly/ShauaSever)



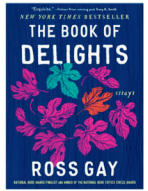
**Ross Gay**

Wednesday, 01.11.2023 • 7 p.m.



Ross Gay is an American awarded poet, essayist, and professor.

Register here: [bit.ly/Rossgay](https://bit.ly/Rossgay)



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This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

# YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Registration is required for all youth programs.

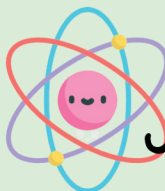
**Babies Storytime** (birth-23 months)  
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. • January 24 through April 25

**Family Storytime** (all ages)  
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. **OR** Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.  
January 25/26 through April 26/27  
(choose one or the other)



Storytime is full of surprises! Join us for songs, stories, crafts & more. Registration is for the full session. Choose the day & time that works best for you, and come that day each week! Please note there is no Storytime the week of March 27 (March 28-March 30).


Preschool • ages 3-5



**It's Elementary JUNIOR**

**Saturday 1/14 • 1:00 p.m.**

We're learning All About Germs in January and making sure we wash our hands well!



**PRESCHOOL PICASSO**

**Saturday 1/28 • 1:00 p.m.**


Join us to make some Winter and Valentine themed crafts!



**Doggie Tales News!**

Our doggie friends Leonardo & Gracie will be back to read with us in February. **Registration will open January 17.**


Elementary • grades K-4 unless otherwise noted



**IT'S ELEMENTARY**  
Science & Book Club

**Thursday 1/12 • 5:00 p.m.**

Germs are everywhere! What else can we learn about germs?



**ART SPARKS**  
Program is for grades 2-5

**Friday 1/13 • 1:00 p.m.**

Paint little creatures and sayings onto rocks that you can keep for yourself or leave around town for others to find. All supplies provided.

**Family Programs • all ages**



**LETTERS TO SANTA**  
EXPRESS  
NORTH POLE

Write your letter to Santa, and drop it off to Mrs. Claus & her Elves at the FRG Tree Lighting on 12/3 or in the Library through 12/17. All letters receive a reply by mail!




**MAKE YOUR OWN Valentine's Cards**

**Thursday 1/26 • 5:00 p.m.**

Create a set of 25 Valentines featuring 5 cute designs. Perfect for giving to your friends, family, or classmates!

Middle School • grades 5-8



**Read it and Eat Book Club**

**Wednesday 1/25 • 5:00 p.m.**

We will be discussing *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar. Pick up a copy of the book (to keep!) and read at your own pace. Then join us on January 25th to discuss the book while enjoying some pizza!

**LEGO DROP-IN**


**Tuesday 12/20 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**

All ages are welcome to join us. What will you build?



GET READY

MORE INFO SOON



We make every effort to ensure our programs are accessible to all abilities and neurodiversities. Let us know how we can help!

**PHOTO WAIVER** The Fox River Grove Memorial Library reserves the right to photograph program participants and patrons. Photos are for Library use only and may be used for promotion in print, digital, and social media. Attending Library events provides your expressed consent to take and utilize photographs taken of you/your family.



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