



# FOX RIVER GROVE

## Memorial Library

Small Library, Big Ideas

December 2023 & January 2024

*Village of Fox River Grove*

# TREE LIGHTING

*Community Celebration*

**5:30-7:30pm | Friday, December 1, 2023**  
**FRG Metra Parking Lot | 315 Northwest Highway**

*Kick off the holiday season with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Mayor Marc in the lighting of the Community Tree at 5:30pm! Then join us for outdoor holiday fun for all ages including:*

- **Pictures with Santa**
- **Stories with Mrs. Claus**
- **Kids Games and Crafts**
- **Hot Chocolate & Cookies**
- **Local Vendors**
- **Holiday Caroling**

Brought to you by the FRG Special Events Committee, FRG Lions Club, FRG Memorial Library, @properties Cary-Grove, FRG PTO, FRG Middle School Music Department and local businesses and organizations.

weather permitting | non-school sponsored event



## THE POLAR EXPRESS

**Thursday 12/21 • 10:30 a.m.**  
**All ages**

Registration not required

Come in your pajamas!  
The Library will provide  
hot chocolate and  
popcorn as we watch  
*The Polar Express.*



## Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge

ALL AGES *Registration not required*

Borrow a jigsaw puzzle, complete it at home, and email us a photo of yourself with the finished puzzle to be entered into a prize drawing.

Email [frglibrary@frgml.org](mailto:frglibrary@frgml.org) to enter. Multiple entries allowed. Each entry earns one drawing ticket. Contest runs 12/1-1/31. Winner drawn 2/1.

WINNER WILL  
RECEIVE A  
*Culver's* GIFT  
BASKET!

Sponsored by Culver's  
of Fox River Grove



## EXPERIENCE THE NUTCRACKER AT HOME!

*Watch a Recording of the Famous Ballet.*  
**Available Dec. 16 & 17**



This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events. Funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Elaina Komala  
Library Director

- As we head into hibernation season, we would like to remind everyone that the Library offers delivery and curbside services. Give us a call to let us know what materials you would like, and we will arrange a drop-off or pick-up time with you!
- Mark your calendars for our second annual participation in the Library Lovers Expedition: February 1 - March 30, 2024



# ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration is required for all adult programs (ages 14+).

REGISTRATION DATES FOR ALL PROGRAMS

unless otherwise noted:

FRGML cardholders: Friday 12/1

Open to all: Friday 12/8

## Intro to Stamp Printing

Saturday 1/20 • 10:30 a.m.

Learn the basics of modern block printing by creating a custom rubber stamp. Sketch, transfer, and carve your own design, which you can then use to create a myriad of one-of-a-kind goods: from stationery and wrapping paper to clothing and tote bags. Taught by Kaitlyn Tippery, local artist and owner of Grave Supply.



## Technology Class

Smart phones and tablets and laptops, oh my! Join us to learn how to read & listen on all of your new holiday gadgets.

Saturday 1/20  
11:00 a.m.



Save the Date

Pencil in  
February 10 for  
something sweet!



We run  
all year!



## THE NEXT CHAPTER ADULT BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY  
DEC  
14  
6:00 P.M.



THURSDAY  
JAN  
11  
6:00 P.M.



THURSDAY  
FEB  
8  
6:00 P.M.



Wednesday 12/6 • 7:00 p.m.

Surviving the Holidays  
Lori Gottlieb



Thursday 1/11 • 7:00 p.m.

Speculating Our AI Future  
Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu & Martha Wells

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## Caregiver Sensory Series

Need some advice for navigating the complex world of sensory processing? Register for this two-part class for parents and caregivers!

Session one: Sensory Systems  
Saturday 1/6 • 1:00 p.m.

Session two: Sensory Diet  
Saturday 1/13 • 1:00 p.m.



## Young Adult Program

GRADES 9-12 Registration is required



## LOTUS LANTERNS

Saturday 1/27 • 1:00 p.m.

Join us as we create Korean Lotus Lanterns while enjoying snacks and lively conversation.



# YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Registration is required for all youth programs.



STORYTIME

## Babies Storytime (birth-23 months)

Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m. • January 23 until April 23

## Family Storytime (all ages)

Wednesdays • 10:30 a.m. **OR** Thursdays • 1:00 p.m.

January 24/25 until April 24/25

Choose one day or the other (no storytime March 26/27/28)



## SENSORY STORYTIME

Monday 12/11 & 1/8 • 10:30 a.m.

Explore books, music, movement, and play in a sensory-friendly setting every second Monday.

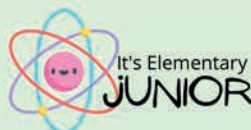
PRESCHOOL

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Saturday 12/16 • 1:00 p.m.

Paint snowmen & create your own melting snowman.



Saturday 1/20 • 1:00 p.m.

Get ready for a snowball catapult cannon!

## Doggie Tales

GRADES K-8 • Select dates

Registration opens Tuesday 1/2 for 15-minute time slots to read to trained therapy dogs at the Library.



ELEMENTARY

GRADES K-4 unless otherwise noted

## ART EXPLORERS

Grades K-1 only

Thursday 12/14 • 5:00 p.m.

Mixed Media Penguins



## IT'S ELEMENTARY

Science & Book Club

Thursday 1/18 • 5:00 p.m.

Get ready for a snowball catapult cannon!



Grades 2-4 only

Thursday 1/25 • 5:00 p.m.

Winter Cardinal Painting



Wednesday 1/31 • 5:00 p.m.

Create 25 unique valentines for your classmates!

## LEGO CLUB

ALL AGES • Thursday 12/28

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Registration not required

Come build with friends and have your designs displayed in the Library!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADES 5-8



Wednesday 12/13 • 5:00 p.m.

Join us for this new series where we dive into different aspects of forensic science. This session focuses on the science of blood types.



## BUT I'M SO HUNGRY!

Wednesday 12/20 • 5:00 p.m.

Cookie Decorating

## ART ATTACK

Wednesday 1/24 • 5:00 p.m.

Candles



## Read It and Eat Book Club

Wednesday 1/17 • 5:00 p.m.

Pick up a copy of Andy Griffiths' *13-Story Treehouse*—to keep! Read it at your own pace. Then join us to discuss the book while enjoying pizza with friends!



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 and/or your family.



Youth programs are sponsored in part by:

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Elaina Komala

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**Board of Trustees Meetings**

Tuesday, January 16, 2023 • 6:30 p.m.

**Friends of the Library Meetings**

Second Wednesday of the month

Panera Bread in FRG • 6:30 p.m.

**Library Closings & Late Openings**

Friday, December 8, 2023 - Late opening at noon

Saturday, December 23, 2023 - Closed

Monday, December 25, 2023 - Closed

Saturday, December 30, 2023 - Closed

Monday, January 1, 2024 - Closed

Monday, January 15, 2024 - Closed

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## 2024 Fox Tales Calendars

*They collected your photo submissions.  
They agonized over choosing winners.  
Now it's time to see some cool calendars!*

The Friends of the Library's Fox Tales calendar fundraiser supports Fox River Grove Memorial Library and literacy programs in the community. The fundraiser's calendar highlights photographs from around our very own town, taken by our residents.

**The cost of each calendar is a \$20 donation.**  
**Scan the QR code to order a calendar—or two!**

Follow the *Friends of the Fox River Grove Library* on Facebook to see calendar photo contest winners and more Friends updates.



### •TAKE & MAKE KITS•

Youth and Adult Kits are available on the first of each month. Supplies are limited.

### SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEES

Select Saturdays • 10:30 a.m.  
All ages

Bring your friends to catch a flick at the Library during our monthly movie matinees! Nut-free snacks are welcome.

*Registration not required.*



Saturday 1/27



Saturday 2/24



- A Toys for Tots donation box is located at the Library now until December 9, 2023.
- Please note: the program has a high demand for toys for 10-to-12-year-old kids.
- Monetary donations are also appreciated; scan the QR code to donate online and let the USMCR do the shopping for you!