



FOX RIVER GROVE

Memorial Library

Small Library, Big Ideas

December 2025 & January 2026

Registration is required for all library programs unless otherwise noted. Registration dates are as follows.

FRGML cardholders: Monday, December 1

Open to all patrons: Monday, December 8

Call 847-639-2274 or come into the Library to register!

'Tis the Season!

Friday, December 5 • 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

All ages • Registration not required

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. • Gather 'round for a special 'Twas the Night Before... storytime and activity

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. • Get photos taken with Santa + decorate cookies + write Letters to Santa

6:00 p.m. • Head outside for Village of Fox River Grove Tree Lighting w/Mayor Marc



Winter Reading Challenge

December 1 - January 11 • All ages

Register for our Winter Reading Challenge on Beanstack and learn how to use our digital resources: Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy.

Enjoy watching, listening to, or reading a book, magazine, or movie on your device. Complete any 3 activities to be eligible for a prize. Youth completion prizes available while supplies last, including a chance to win a Chicago Wolves prize package. Teens & Adults who complete the challenge will be entered into a grand prize drawing.

Winners notified on 1/12.



Scan here to get started!



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Elaina Komala
Library Director

During this season of giving, please consider donating to one of FRGML's collections boxes for community groups: Toys for Tots, Cary-Grove Food Pantry, and Home of the Sparrow.



Puzzle Challenge

January 1 - 31

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 drawing for a cookie puzzle from Flourish & Frosting!

Multiple entries are allowed; each entry earns one drawing ticket. Submit photos to frglibrary@frgml.org by 1/31. Winner notified on 2/2.

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS Ages 14+



Winter Sowing with the Pros

Saturday 1/17 • 10:30 a.m.

Presented by: The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program



EVERYTHING you need to know! Master Gardeners will be here to teach us how to sow seeds in the middle of winter! You will receive hands-on instruction on how to sow your seeds indoors this winter, using materials you probably have around the house. This process is cost effective and low maintenance, which will change the way you garden! Don't miss this fruitful opportunity; register early!

3RD ANNUAL 5K TURKEY TROT!

Gobble! Gobble!

Rise and shine, TURKEYS!

Thursday 11/27
Arrive: 7:30 a.m.
Run time: 7:45 a.m.

Algonquin Road School
975 Algonquin Rd, FRG

All ages • Registration not required

Bring a non-perishable donation for our local food pantry in lieu of an entry fee.

Feel free to be outrageously generous! Someone once said, "If you have two, you have one to share."

There are no bibs, official timers, t-shirts, prizes, or spectators with clever signs.

Let US be the best part of your day!

FOX RIVER GROVE
Memorial Library



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Coffee Chat!

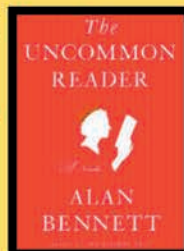
Fridays
12/12 & 1/9
10:30 a.m.



Coffee provided by **Bruneau**

THE NEXT CHAPTER

BOOK CLUB
Second Thursdays
5:00 p.m.



12/11
The Uncommon Reader



1/8
Strange Planet



2/12
Trust

Did you know . . . ?

There are **Little Free Libraries** around Fox River Grove maintained by the Friends of the Library? Give a book or take a book, free of charge!

- 101 Beachway Dr at Lions Park
- 305 Illinois St inside Village Hall
- 900 W Route 22 at Stone Hill Center



There are museum & cultural passes available to FRGML cardholders—perfect for holiday adventures!



YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS



 **Letters to Santa**

Drop your letter to Santa in the special FRGML North Pole mailbox by 12/6 to receive a reply by mail.

Write your letter at our event on 12/5!

Check out our letter template!



THE CARDBOARD CHRONICLES

Grades K-8

Monday 12/29	Tuesday 12/30
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Learn to use our new Chompsaw: a kid-safe cardboard cutting tool. Choose the day & time that works for you.

DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?

Saturday 1/31
1:00 p.m.
Grades K-4

Celebrate the chilly weather with a snowy story, song, and craft.

 **Storytime**

Winter I Session:
December 2 - December 18
+ January 6 - January 29

Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m.
Bounces & Rhymes Storytime
Birth - 23 Months

Wednesdays • 10:30 a.m.
or **Thursdays • 1:00 p.m.**
Family Storytime
All Ages

 **Read It and Eat Book Club**

Wednesday 1/14 • 5:00 p.m.
Grades 5-8

 *Roll With It* by Jamie Sumner

Pick up a free copy of the book to keep, read at your own pace, and discuss over pizza with friends.

 **Middle School Craft Club**

Tuesdays 12/16 & 1/20
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Grades 5-8

Volunteer to craft decorations for the Youth Services department.

LEGO CLUB

Saturdays 12/20 & 1/17
1:00 p.m.
K-Grade 4: Builders
Grades 5-8: Brick Buddies

Brick Buddies will be paired with Builders to create team builds.

 **HOMESCHOOL HUDDLE**

Fridays 12/12 & 1/9 • 2:00 p.m.
Family

Meet local homeschool families for open-play, conversation, and sharing ideas.

 **beanstack**
Digital Reading Challenges

 **1000 BOOKS**
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN
Birth - Age 6

BRAG TAGS
Ages 3-13



Where should I be?
Just check the key!



Caregivers may leave the Library if desired



Caregivers must remain in the Library



Caregivers must remain in the room with their children



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.

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Elaina Komala

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Board of Trustees Meetings

No December 2025 meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

Library Closings

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Closed

Thursday, December 25, 2025 - Closed

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 - Closed

Thursday, January 1, 2026 - Closed

Saturday, January 10, 2026 - Closed

Monday January, 19, 2026 - Closed

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The **Friends of the Library** is a not-for-profit volunteer organization that promotes public literacy and supports Library programs and services.

BECOME A FRIEND TODAY!



The group is open to new members and volunteers and generally meets once a month on the second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at FRG Culver's.

Send an email or scan the QR code to fill out the interest form to confirm meeting dates and get additional information!



Follow the **Friends of the Fox River Grove Library** on Facebook or email frgmfriends@frgml.org for info!

FRG REC
YOUTH BASKETBALL

SCAN ME

LEVELS KINDERGARTEN, 1ST/2ND, 3RD/4TH
WHEN SATURDAY MORNINGS, JAN 10 - MAR 14, 2026
WHERE FRG MIDDLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION ENDS 12/21/25
CONTACT BASKETBALL@FRGRECCOUNCIL.COM

TOYS FOR TOTS
MARINE CORPS RESERVE

A Toys for Tots donation box is located at the Library now until Monday, December 8.

- The program has a high demand for toys for kids ages 0-2 years and 10+ years.
- ALL TOYS MUST BE NEW & UNWRAPPED.
- Monetary donations are also appreciated. Visit mchenry-county-il.toysfortots.org or scan the QR code to donate online and let the Marine Corps Reserve do the shopping for you!

Now Accepting Donations

FRGML is a collection site for the

CARY-GROVE FOOD PANTRY

in partnership with Fox River Grove School District 3

More Info on How You Can Help or Shop at the Pantry: www.cgfoodpantry.org

Home of the Sparrow Giving Tree

A Home of the Sparrow Giving Tree is located at the Library now through Tuesday, December 30.

Doing good has never been easier. Select a gift tag (or two!) off the tree, purchase items, and bring them in unwrapped.

SCAN FOR FULL WISH LIST

Calling all local seniors (Ages 50+)!

FRG Seniors Meetings: 1st & 3rd Weds
Village Hall: 305 Illinois St, FRG
9:00 a.m.: Coffee & Treats
10:00 a.m.: Activities

Contact: frgseniors@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

NIGHT ON TOWN
FOX RIVER GROVE PTO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026
WILD ONION BREWERY & BANQUETS

All guests MUST BE 21 years of age.
Follow us on social media for updates about the event!
[@NightOnTheTownFRGD3](https://twitter.com/NightOnTheTownFRGD3)

The PTO Needs You!
Big Things Start with Small Help!

Join the PTO and help support fun events and activities all year long. We welcome general members—no obligations, just stay connected and involved! We are also looking for:

- Event Photographer
- Family Night Leads
- Fundraising Ideas

Contact us: frg.pto.pres@gmail.com

Even a little time makes a big difference.