



Small Library, Big Ideas

February & March 2026

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

FRGML cardholders: Monday, February 2

Open to all patrons: Monday, February 9

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

You're Invited

EXPEDITION • 2026

Embark on a
journey
and
discover
the
McHenry
County
libraries!

FREE

ALL
AGES

February 1 - March 31, 2026

Start at any participating library; no library card needed.

Visit 12 libraries to be entered to win a gift basket, or all 15 to be entered to win the grand prize basket.

Collect a brag tag and a mystery clue at each library. Correctly solve the mystery to be entered to win an LLE Five-Year Anniversary prize basket.

At FRGML, collect a mystery clue upstairs, then test your detective skills downstairs!



Coming soon!

FRGML MAKERSPACE

Where imagination becomes creation!

Hey FRG! We are looking for *crafty* members of our community to help us shape our new makerspace. Join our advisory committee and share your ideas! Email us at FRGLibrary@frgml.org to join in the fun.



Elaina Komala
Library Director

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It feels like 2026 is already flying by! Did you know that February is Library Lovers Month? We're celebrating all throughout February *and* March with our annual Expedition. Register to grab a fun, new brag tag this year. We also have some exciting family programs scheduled for Spring Break week that you won't want to miss. If you're headed out of town, don't forget we have hotspots available for checkout!



The Palace Project

New Digital App
- Now Live!

The Palace Project is a new digital app available to FRGML cardholders that houses our previous Boundless collection of audiobooks and ebooks. New content is always being added!

Get started:

- Download the app
- “Find your Library”
- Enter your FRGML card information



*Need help? Call or stop in
for one-on-one assistance.*

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

Ages 14+



COOKIE DECORATING CLASS



Saturday 3/14 • 11:00 a.m.

Join Flourish & Frosting for a fun and informative class that covers a basic overview of the cookie-making process, insider tips & tricks, and step-by-step instruction as you decorate delicious cookies!

FOX RIVER GROVE
Memorial Library



Come run or walk with the coolest club in town!

WEEKLY FUN RUNS
Saturdays • 7:30 a.m.
meet at Algonquin Road School
(975 Algonquin Rd, Fox River Grove)

SAVE the DATE

Spring Kickoff!
Saturday 4/11 • 7:30 a.m.
Algonquin Road School
(975 Algonquin Rd, Fox River Grove)



Meet the crew, have a snack, compare aches and pains, and then run or walk a 5K with us!



FRGML's Library of Things is GROWING!



This unique collection of items available for checkout in Adult Services includes:

- Bowdabra: make decorative bows like a pro!
- Blood Pressure Cuff
- 10" Springform Pan
- 12" Ring Light & Tripod Stand for content creation and live streaming
- Word Punch Board
- Ice Scraper
- Tarot Cards & Rune Stones
- EMF Reader
- Digital Water Tester
- Microscope & Slides
- Binoculars
- Fishing Poles
- Umbrellas
- Hotspots



COFFEE CHAT & PLAY

Fridays
2/13 & 3/13
10:30 a.m.

Join us for coffee at 10:30, then stick around to play Yahtzee with new friends at 11:30!



Coffee from **Bruneau**



THE NEXT CHAPTER

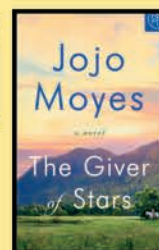
BOOK CLUB
Second Thursdays
5:00 p.m.



2/12
Trust



3/12
The Measure



4/9
The Giver of Stars

Did you know . . . ?

FRGML has a mobile library app . . .

- Store your Library card digitally
- View due dates of your checkouts
- Search & check availability of materials
- Place holds on items
- Submit purchase requests



Download here

. . . and a Teen Volunteer Program!

Looking for FUN service hours for school?
FRGML has various opportunities!



YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS



Saturday 2/14
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Family • Drop-In
Registration not required

Stop in to create handmade valentines with your little sweethearts.



BLOCK PARTY

NEW playground



Spring Break Programs

Family • Drop-In
Registration not required
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday 3/24
 Open play with LEGO, Superspace & more

Wednesday 3/25
 Community gaming:
 Get up & move!

Thursday 3/26
 Make & take a STEAM project together



Saturday 3/7 • 1:00 p.m.
Family

Follow the yellow brick road in this special family storytime with a wickedly fun craft.



Storytime

Winter II Session:
February 3 - March 19

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 3/11 • 5:00 p.m.
Grades 5-8



Front Desk
 by Kelly Yang



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 2/17 & 3/17
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Grades 5-8

Explore diverse media to build basic skills in design, color, and composition.



Saturdays 2/28 & 3/21
1:00 p.m.
K-Grade 4: Builders
Grades 5-8: Brick Buddies

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



HOMESCHOOL HUDDLE

Fridays 2/13 & 3/13 • 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.



Youth programs are sponsored in part by:

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FOX RIVER GROVE Memorial Library

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Library Director

Elaina Komala

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Board of Trustees Meetings

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 • 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 • 6:30 p.m.

Library Closings

Monday, February 16, 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.



FRIENDS OF THE
FOX RIVER GROVE
Memorial Library



Congratulations on another successful Book Sale!

Recent Library initiatives made possible by donations from the Friends:

- New games in the Youth Services Game Corner
- Cabinets, equipment, and supplies for the upcoming makerspace
- Coming soon: additional Book Nook furnishings

Thank you, Friends!

**FRG REC
SPRING
SOCCER**

**FOX RIVER GROVE
REC RECREATION**

KINDER KICKERS | U8, U10, & U12

For more information contact:
soccer@frgreccouncil.com

Accepting Donations at FRGML

More Info on How You Can
Help or Shop at the Pantry:

www.cgfoodpantry.org

We are a collection site for the

**CARY-GROVE
FOOD PANTRY**



Many thanks to all who participated in our *Winter Reading Challenge* and to the Chicago Wolves' Read to Succeed program for generously sponsoring a number of our youth prizes!

Congratulations to all youth and adult prize winners!



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!



**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
make a big
difference.