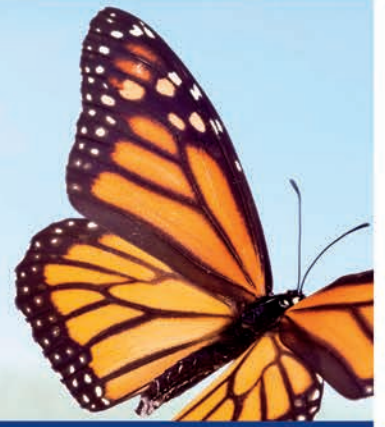




FOX RIVER GROVE Memorial Library



Small Library, Big Ideas

August & September 2026

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

FRGML cardholders: Monday, August 3

Open to all patrons: Monday, August 10

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



We want to know what YOU think!

FRGML is developing a new strategic plan to ensure we focus on what our community needs. You can have a say in the future of the Library by filling out a short, anonymous survey.

Complete the survey by the end of Sunday 8/2/2026 to be entered into an early-bird prize drawing! Please note: contact information is required to enter the drawing but will not be tied to responses.

Scan the QR code or visit www.frgml.org/survey to get started.

Prefer a paper survey? Visit the information tent at our Summer Picnic on Saturday 8/1/2026 or ask for a copy at the circulation desk at the Library starting Monday 8/3/2026.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Elaina Komala
Library Director

Summer sure is flying by! Remember that Wednesday 7/29 is the last day to log for Summer Reading Challenges and "spend" your earned grand prize drawing tickets in Beanstack. We hope to see everyone, Summer Reading participants or not, at our annual Summer Picnic on Saturday 8/1—located this year at Picnic Grove Park! While at the picnic, be sure to stop by the information tent to find out if you won a Summer Reading grand prize and complete our strategic plan survey. You might also see FRGML staff at various places around town with the community survey in the coming months!

September is **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

Open House Kickoff

Tuesday 9/1 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

All ages • Registration not required

Know any FRG friends or neighbors who don't have library cards yet? Invite them to our kickoff! Not free during the open house? No problem!

Library cards can be registered any time, all year!

See more at frgml.org/about/library-cards



RAIN
OR
SHINE!

FRGML Summer Picnic

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 1**

**PICNIC GROVE PARK
(598 BIRCH LANE, FOX RIVER GROVE)
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

All ages • Registration not required

We're closing the Library and heading outdoors! Join us for free field games, bingo, face painting, balloon art, inflatable slam dunk, giant bubbles, and more. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase hot dogs, chips, beverages, and beer from local partners. Celebrate summer with our amazing community. Summer Reading prizes will be available for pickup.



Please note: food and non-alcoholic purchases are cash-only

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

Ages 14+



FRGML MAKERSPACE

Where imagination becomes creation!

Beginning Monday, August 3, we are excited to offer monthly Make & Take projects at our Makerspace! Each FRGML cardholder can make one complimentary Make & Take per month.

See our Maker Hours for open days and times. →

Additionally, we will offer a growing number of projects available on our Maker Menu to purchase materials for use in the Library. Come visit the FRGML Makerspace to create something amazing!

All ages are welcome; makers under the age of 14 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

MAKER HOURS

Mondays 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MONTHLY MAKE & TAKE PROJECTS

August

Canvas Pouch:
perfect size for
a pencil pouch
or makeup bag!



September

Custom Buttons:
available in 3 sizes

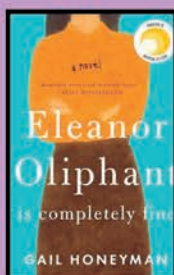


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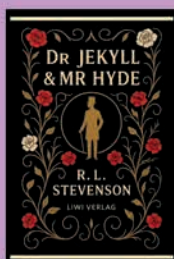
BOOK CLUB
Second Thursdays
5:00 p.m.



8/13
The Six



9/10
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine



10/8
Dr Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

BALLOT



CONSIDERING A RUN FOR LOCAL OFFICE?

Saturday 9/12 • 11:00 a.m.

Election season is starting for local governing boards: Township, Village, School, and Library. Are you interested in learning more about the process of running for our local offices? Theresa Meshes, Library Trustee and former McHenry County Board Member, will lead this informational presentation and answer questions.



COFFEE CHAT & PLAY

Fridays 8/14, 8/28, 9/11 & 9/25
10:30 a.m.

Registration not required

Now twice per month!
Join us for coffee at 10:30 a.m.
Then stick around to play Yahtzee
with new friends at 11:30 a.m.!



WEEKLY FUN RUNS

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

All levels - walk, run/walk, run, and run really fast!
Lace up and meet us at the park. We're super fun!



YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS




Storytime

Fall Session:
September 9 - November 12
Wednesdays • 10:30 a.m.
or **Thursdays • 1:00 p.m.**

 **Family**

Join us weekly for stories, songs, and play!



Bounces Rhymes

baby play group

Fall Session:
September 8 - November 10
Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

 **Family • Drop-In**
Registration not required

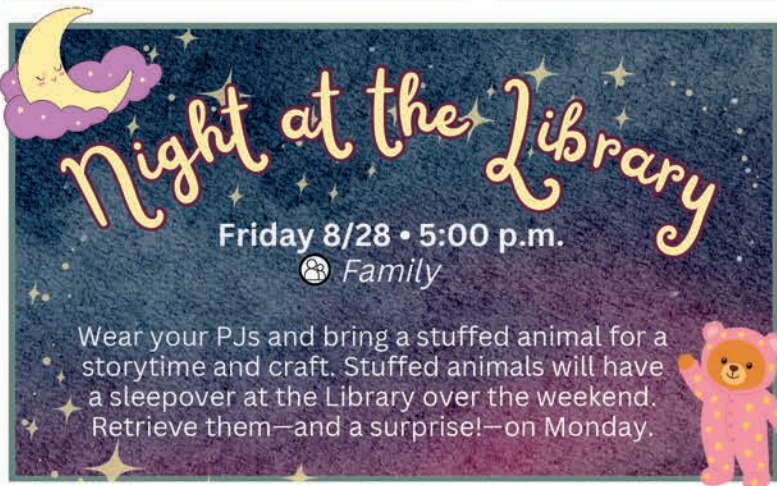
Come any time during open play to meet other caregivers and infants!

OWL PELLET Dissection



Thursday 8/13
4:30 p.m.
 **Grades 2-8**

Use tools to dissect a sanitized owl pellet. Then sort and identify the contents. Optionally take your specimens home in a jar.

Night at the Library

Friday 8/28 • 5:00 p.m.
 **Family**

Wear your PJs and bring a stuffed animal for a storytime and craft. Stuffed animals will have a sleepover at the Library over the weekend. Retrieve them—and a surprise!—on Monday.



CREATION STATION

Friday 9/11 • 4:00 p.m.
 **Family**

Fun for the whole family!
Craft all kinds of miniatures and put them inside a pumpkin to create a fall-themed diorama.




Doggie Tales

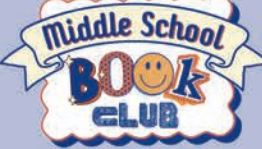
Saturday 9/5
10:00 a.m.
 **Grades K-8**

Register your reader to practice their read-aloud skills with a furry friend from Soul Harbour Ranch.

LEGO CLUB

Saturdays 8/22 & 9/26
1:00 p.m.
 **Grades K-4: Builders**
Grades 5-8: Brick Buddies

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



Middle School BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 9/9
5:00 p.m.
 **Grades 5-8**

 *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling*

Pick up the book, read at your pace, and discuss over pizza with friends.



FRMG MIDDLE SCHOOL ART

Tuesdays 8/18 & 9/15
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 **Grades 5-8**

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

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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Board of Trustees Meetings

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 • 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 • 6:30 p.m.

Library Closings

Saturday, August 1, 2026 - Closed (Visit us at Picnic Grove Park!)

Monday, September 7, 2026 - Closed

Friday, September 25, 2026 - Late opening at noon

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not-for-profit volunteer organization
that promotes public literacy and
supports Library programs and services.



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 Fox River Grove Village Hall.



Scan here to fill out an interest form or
send an email to frgmlfriends@frgml.org

Follow on Facebook:
Friends of the Fox River Grove Library

BECOME A
FRIEND TODAY!



SAVE THE DATE!

Fox Chase & Youth Mile
Sunday, October 4, 2026

Rec Council website:



FRGML is a donation collection site for the
CARY-GROVE FOOD PANTRY

- NO perishable or expired items allowed.
- Please check expiration dates before donating.



More info on how you can
help or shop at the pantry:

www.cgfoodpantry.org



Thank you for making our 2026 Summer Reading Challenges and Summer Picnic possible!

Community Partnerships

Friends of the Fox River Grove Memorial Library

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