FOX RIVER GROVE
Memorial Library

Small Library, Big Ideas

December 2026 & January 2027

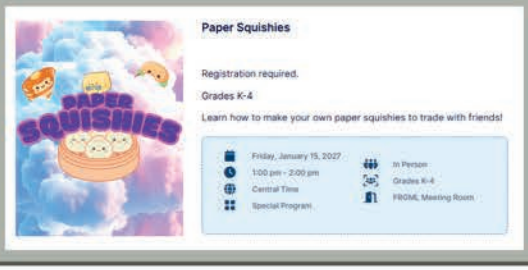
Registration is required for all library programs unless otherwise noted. Registration dates are as follows.
FRGML cardholders: Tuesday, December 1 • **Open to all patrons (space permitting):** Tuesday, December 8

NEW!

Register for winter programs ONLINE!

You asked for it, and we heard you.
Online registration at **www.frgml.org** has been a success!

You may also call 847-639-2274 or come into the Library to register.



Letters to Santa

Drop your letter to Santa in the special North Pole mailbox at FRGML by Saturday 12/5 to receive a reply by mail!

Paint & Snack

Thursday 1/28 • 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Age 14+: *Upstairs in Adult Services*
Grade K-8: *Downstairs in Youth Services*

Join us for our first tandem programming! Adults and children will separately create a fox paint-by-number. No artistic skill required. We will provide all the snacks, supplies, and instruction needed to paint your very own masterpiece. It's like a "paint and sip" event—but with snacks instead! Space is limited. Please register each painter individually.



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Elaina Komala
Library Director

This time of year can be quite busy for many, with holidays and the new year approaching. FRGML is working hard this season to bring exciting changes in 2027 based on community feedback. Check our website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay in the loop on the latest Library updates!

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FRGML MAKERSPACE

Where imagination becomes creation!

Need Last Minute Gifts?
Make custom ornaments for $1.00 each!
12/1 - 12/22, drop in during Maker Hours

Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

Ages 14+



Winter Sowing with the Pros





Saturday 1/23 • 10:30 a.m.

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!

Presented by: The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program

THE NEXT CHAPTER

BOOK CLUB
Second Thursdays
5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 10



Vera Wong's Unsolicted Advice for Murderers

JANUARY 14



Our Town

FEBRUARY 11



The Things We Leave Unfinished

TECH SUPPORT



Receive the gift of a shiny new device?

Make a resolution to read or listen to digital books!

Tuesday 1/12 • 1:30 p.m.

Bring your device and passwords, and you will leave this informational session with all our digital apps installed and a book ready to enjoy! Registration is required for this program.

Can't make it? Call the Library to book a one-on-one session.

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MONTHLY MAKE & TAKE PROJECTS

December
Custom sticker gift tags



January
Custom keychains



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Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Did you know . . . ?

- **We welcome purchase suggestions. Let us know what you want to read!**
- **If you read or listen to books digitally, you are likely familiar with Libby. But do you know we also offer Hoopla and Palace Project? Try all three!**



COFFEE CHAT & PLAY

Fridays 12/11, 1/8, and 1/22
(no meeting 12/25)
10:30 a.m.
Drop in • Registration not required



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



YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS





Storytime

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

Family

Join us weekly for stories, songs, and play!



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!

BRAG TAGS

1. Join the Beanstack challenge Brag Tags 26-27.
2. Earn a reading badge between 12/1/26 and 1/31/27.
3. You'll be automatically entered to win 2 Chicago Wolves hockey game tickets or merch!



Beanstack
Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play

CREATION STATION GINGERBREAD!

Friday 12/11 • 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Family

Each family will receive one gingerbread house to decorate together. All supplies provided.



Friday 1/15 • 1:00 p.m.

Grades K-4

Learn how to make your own paper squishies to trade with friends!

SOUL HARBOUR RANCH
Pet Partners

Read with Me

Saturdays 12/5, 1/2 & 2/6
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. slots

Grades K-8

Secure your reader's 15-minute slot for this literacy program with registered Pet Partners therapy dogs from SOUL Harbour Ranch.

FRGMS MIDDLE SCHOOL ART

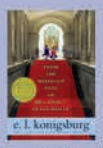
Tuesdays 12/15 & 1/19
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Grades 5-8

Explore diverse media to build basic skills in design, color, and composition with our resident artist.

Middle School BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 1/13
5:00 p.m.



Grades 5-8

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
by E. L. Konigsburg

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

LEGO CLUB

Saturdays 12/19 & 1/23
1:00 p.m.

Grades K-4

Groups create themed builds, which will be displayed in Youth Services until the next Lego Club meeting!

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 services are sponsored in part by:

Friends of the Fox River Grove Memorial Library
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Via Pizza

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Board of Trustees Meetings
Tuesday, January 19, 2027 • 6:30 p.m.

Library Closings
Thursday, December 24, 2026 - Closed
Friday, December 25, 2026 - Closed
Thursday, December 31, 2026 - Closed
Friday, January 1, 2027 - Closed
Friday, Jauary 8, 2027 - Late opening at noon
Monday, January 18, 2027 - 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.

FRIENDS OF THE FOX RIVER GROVE Memorial Library

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 the Friends on Facebook:
Friends of the Fox River Grove Library

Congratulations on another successful Book Sale!

Recent Library initiatives made possible by donations from the Friends:
- Middle School Book Club books
- 2026-2027 sponsorship

Thank you, Friends!

FRG REC YOUTH BASKETBALL

LEVELS: KINDERGARTEN, 1ST/2ND, 3RD/4TH
WHEN: SATURDAY MORNINGS, JAN 9 – MAR 13, 2027
WHERE: FRG MIDDLE SCHOOL
CONTACT: BASKETBALL@FRGRECCOUNCIL.COM

FRG REC RECREATION

SCAN ME

HIGH NOTE
GROUP ART SHOW
ALL WAYS ART GALLERY
412 LINCOLN AVE
FOX RIVER GROVE
FRI DEC 4TH
5-9PM
FREE
ALL AGES



Home of the Sparrow

Holiday Giving Trees

Help families experiencing homelessness in YOUR community!

HOW TO HELP:

Select a Tag From the Tree or Reference the List of Items on the Donation Box

Purchase the Item(s)

Return Item(s) Unwrapped to This Tree Located at FRGML at 407 Lincoln Ave, FRG

Return Items to this Tree By: December 30, 2026

Donations further HOS's mission to provide safe, affordable housing and resources to women, children, and families experiencing homelessness

SCAN QR CODE FOR FULL WISH LIST

www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/IABNU3CCC2M2

Home of the Sparrow is a 501(c)3 organization; your gifts are tax deductible.

Thank you to everyone running in our 4th Annual Turkey Trot and to all those who donate non-perishable goods for the Thanksgiving holiday!

FRGML continues to be a donation collection site for the

CARY-GROVE FOOD PANTRY

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



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

www.cgfoodpantry.org

TOYS FOR TOTS

A donation box is located at FRGML now through Friday, December 4.

- ALL TOYS MUST BE **NEW & UNWRAPPED.**
- The program has a high demand for toys for kids ages 0–2 years and 10+ years.
- 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!