



**FOX RIVER GROVE
MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

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Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed on Sundays

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www.frgml.org

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LIBRARY MEETINGS

Board of Trustees
Tuesday, December 13, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, January 17, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m.

Friends of the Library
Tuesday, December 13, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, January 10, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, February 14, 7 p.m.

CLOSINGS

The Library will be closed:
Saturday, December 24, 2016
Monday, December 26, 2016
Saturday, December 31, 2016

The Library Outlook

WINTER 2016/17

A note from Nicole ...

Hi, Grovers! Thanks to everyone for the warm welcome – it’s been great fun getting to know you during my first months as director.

Library Board Elections

Want to be part of the Library? We are seeking candidates for the Library Board. File your nomination forms in December 2016 (available on our website). Contact me with any questions.

Ride the Metra? Win Free Parking for a Week Simply by Trying Our Apps!

That’s right - starting this January, you could win a week of free parking at the Library! You’ll get your very own personalized space for one week just for letting us help you get our apps for eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital magazines. Visit our website or stop by the Library for details. (And if you’re already using OverDrive, you can now search the Library catalog for OverDrive titles!)

Reading Recommendations

Looking for ideas for books as gifts this holiday season or for your own next great read? Stop by the Library or ask for a suggestion on our Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram pages. Our librarians love matching readers with the perfect book!

Local History

Our website now lists some of the treasures you can find when you visit our Local History section. This unique collection includes materials on Norge Ski Club, Balloonport, Chunn’s Burying Ground, FRG Lions, Friends of the Library, and many more. Our friend and local historian Linda Stengele has put together this special resource for all of us in Fox River Grove.

Amazon Smile

We are happy to announce that you can now support the Library on Amazon Smile. Just go to smile.amazon.com, log in as usual, and select "Friends of the Fox River Grove Public Library District" as your charity. Amazon will donate a percentage of your future purchases directly to the Library. So easy!

Thanks for your support of our community’s library. I love hearing from you, so please contact me with book requests, questions about joining the board, or any thoughts you’d like to share about our library. See you soon, happy reading!

Nicole R. Steeves, Library Director
nsteeves@frgml.org



Share the “Gift of Reading” this season Collecting December 1 thru 17, 2016

Donate a book and give the gift of reading to an adult or child this holiday season! Help us “grow” our book trees by bringing to the Library a new or very gently used book (understood to mean a book you would be comfortable giving as a gift to a close relative - cannot be inscribed with names or dedications.)

We will collect books until December 17th and then deliver the books to Bernie’s Book Bank and Adopt-a-Grover. Please consider giving the gift of reading this season.

THANK YOU for your generosity!



Adult Programs

Program Registration for FRGML cardholders begins Thursday, December 1st, and Thursday, December 8th for all non-FRGML cardholders.

Knitting & Crochet Club

1st & 3rd Monday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.

Come join this lively group of knitters and crocheters! All ages and experience levels are welcome to join the fun.

Books, Literature & Talk (BLT)...

3rd Monday of the Month @ 1:00 p.m.

New members welcome! Sign up at the Circulation Desk and a copy of the book will be reserved for you.

December 19

"Dinner with Edward"
by Isabel Vincent

January 16

"The Burgess Boys"
by Elizabeth Strout

February 20

"The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story"
by David John and Lee Hyeon-seo

Adult Coloring Club

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.

Be creative and relieve stress at the same time. We'll supply the materials or BYOB & C- bring your own books and colors!

"A Blizzard of Books!"

Teen and Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Register at the Circulation Desk beginning **December 1st** and then read at least four books by February 11th to qualify to win great prizes! Record your progress as you go and let us know which books *blew you away!*

Behind the Curtain of the Financial Aid Process

(For all parents regardless of children's ages)

Thursday, February 9th @ 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This free seminar discusses what really goes on behind the scenes to determine what you will pay for college. Find out how financial aid officers really make their decisions on the size of your financial award. You will also discover creative, little-known ways to pay for college as you learn to navigate the maze of formulas, policies, and rules that determine college costs. Both parents are encouraged to attend this free 90-minute seminar presented by **My College Planning Team.**

Needle Felting

**Saturday, February 11th
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Local crafter Mary Krebsbach is back for more fun needle felting projects! Needle felting is an enjoyable and stress-relieving craft which utilizes wool roving and a felting needle. During this 3-hour beginner to intermediate workshop, you will create a Fox River Grove fox, and if time permits, a little something for Valentine's Day. The cost of this program is \$7.50 and due at the time of registration.

"Book a Librarian" Computer Class

This is a free, one-on-one, 15-minute session to work with a librarian to set up an email account, learn about eBooks, social media, or other basic computer skills. Registration is required. You must know the topic you wish to explore at the time of registration.

**Wednesday, December 7th
Wednesday, January 11th
Wednesday, February 15th**

6:30-8:00 p.m.

NEW FOR YOU!

Writing Group

This is a brand-new group for teen and adult writers wanting support and feedback. Please bring a 5-page writing sample of the beginning pages of your novel, creative non-fiction, or short story to be shared with the group if you wish to gather constructive criticism. The group will decide how it will move forward based on an overall consensus.

First Meeting is Wednesday, February 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.

Registration required.



Youth Programs

Youth Winter Reading Club is back!

Winter is coming, and it's a great time to snuggle up with a good book and earn prizes for it.

Here's the scoop:

- Pre-K thru 8th grade are invited to participate
- Registration begins Thursday, December 1st
- Last Day to check in is Saturday, February 11th

This year, you're reading for drawing entries ...

Pre-K-2nd: Earn 1 drawing entry for every 5 books read
 3rd-5th: Earn 1 drawing entry for every 3 books read
 6th-8th: Earn 1 drawing entry for every 1 book read

Winter Reading Club participant party Friday, February 17th @ 6:30 p.m. (details provided as we near the event date!)

Top 3 readers in each reading level will be awarded prizes. Another program sponsored by Rotary Club of Cary-Grove. Thank you, Rotary!

"It's Elementary!" Book Club

It's a little bit book club, it's a little bit science club, and it promises to be a lot of fun! We will be exploring different topics each month. Each child will take home a topic-related book to enjoy. This program is generously sponsored by Rotary Club of Cary-Grove.

Tuesday, January 24th @ 5:00 p.m. ART
 Tuesday, February 28th @ 5:00 p.m. TIME & CLOCKS

Open to Grades 1st-3rd
 Maximum Participants: 12
 Registration required.



YA Book Club

We are still seeking participants to join our YA Book Club. You must register by December 28, 2016, to receive a book for our January 25, 2017 meeting. Participants must be mature, responsible readers interested in discussing the latest YA fiction. Grades 6th-8th **Registration required**

Yoga for Kids

Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
 Grades 5th-8th

"You are BRAVER than you believe,
 STRONGER than you seem &
 SMARTER than you think."
 -Winnie the Pooh

Please join **Jean Masukevich**, certified yoga and Special Education teacher, for a fun journey of integration and relaxation. It takes courage to step into the unknown, it takes strength to do the poses of yoga, and it takes great wisdom and discipline to quiet the mind and release the stress so that you can be free! From this place of freedom, we will practice naming and acknowledging our greatest strength and individual goodness and set a goal for the future. This is a night you won't want to miss!

Registration required.

ABC MOUSE.COM is Here!



ABCmouse.com offers a comprehensive online curriculum for children ages 2-7, including reading and language arts, math, science, social studies, art, and music. We are excited to offer this resource on our Youth Services computers downstairs free of charge. Come see us and let us help get you started!

Drop-In LEGOS, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Open to all ages! Come join us and create your masterpiece.

Monday, January 16th & Monday, February 20th

Winter Story Times

Wee Ones

8 wks-23 months old, with caregiver.
 Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
 February 7 - April 11

Tiny Tots

2-3 years old, with caregiver.
 Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
 February 8 - April 12

Ready to Read

4-5 years old on their own.
 Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 February 9 - April 13

No Story Times weeks of March 20th or March 27th

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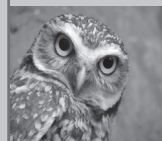
OWLS of ILLINOIS

Presented by the McHenry County Conservation District
 Tuesday, January 10th @ 6:00 p.m.

Join us to learn about the natural history of owls, their relationships with humans, and their importance in the wild. A LIVE owl will visit this program!

This is an all-ages family program.

Registration required.



DIY Card Making

Thursday, January 19th
 Drop-In 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Love DIY crafts? Design your own personalized greeting cards for the year. All materials will be provided to make birthday cards, holiday cards and more.

Registration required. Adult supervision required for children under the age of 8.

Family Winter Bingo

Friday, February 3rd @ 6:30 p.m.

Get out of the cold and into the library to play BINGO! COOL prizes awarded for each of 10 games.

This is a HOT program with limited space.

Registration required.



Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season!



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The Quarterly Pin Up

- Thursday, December 1: Registration for FRG Cardholders
Youth Winter Reading Club begins
"Blizzard of Books" Challenge begins
"Gift of Reading" Collection begins
- Monday, December 5: Food for Fines begins
- Wednesday, December 7: Book a Librarian
- Thursday, December 8: Open Cardholder Registration
- Monday, December 17: Last day to donate to "Gift of Reading"
- Tuesday, January 10: Owls of Illinois
- Tuesday, January 3: Free Parking Kick-off
- Wednesday, January 11: Book a Librarian
- Monday, January 16: Drop-in LEGOs
- Thursday, January 19: DIY Card Making
- Tuesday, January 24: "It's Elementary" Book Club
- Wednesday, January 25: YA Book Club
- Friday, February 3: Family Winter Bingo
- Thursday, February 9: Financial Aid Process - My College Planning Team
- Saturday, February 11: Needle Felting
Last check-in day for all winter reading programs
- Wednesday, February 15: Book a Librarian
- Thursday, February 16: Yoga for Kids
- Monday, February 20: Drop-In LEGOs
- Wednesday, February 22: Teen and Adult Writing Group
- Tuesday, February 28: "It's Elementary" Book Club

A BIG FRGML THANK YOU to ... Rotary Club of Cary-Grove, Defenders of McHenry County, Bernie's Book Bank, Friends of the Library, and Diane Russell of A+ Engraving in Fox River Grove! We appreciate you!

Friends Fall Book Sale - A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Friends would like to thank everyone who supported the Fall Book Sale this past November. Whether you volunteered at the sale, donated books, or made a purchase, you helped make it a great success! We are pleased to report the sale raised \$1,098.50. This money will be used to help fund programs and purchase new materials for the Library.

Friends Membership Drive raffle winner is ...

Rosemarie Shemaitis

Congratulations! Enjoy your prizes and FRGML book bag!

Food for Fines

December 5th thru 10th

Library fines keeping you away? Food for Fines is back! Each non-perishable can or box you donate will be worth \$1 in overdue charges. We will credit up to \$25 per card. Check your expiration dates! We cannot accept expired or homemade food. All food will be donated to the Cary-Grove Food Pantry.

This program does not count toward replacement or processing fees.

We love taking pictures at our programs!



Did you know ... all persons attending Library programs and activities, or using Library facilities thereby agree that any photograph or video recording may be used by the Library. If you do not want your image used, please let a staff member know. We respect your privacy.

You should see what's coming to our display cases!

December

Kamryn Blumer's Legos
Candy Cane Hunt!

January

CASA in Crystal Lake
Rotary Club of Cary-Grove

February

Alexander Leigh Center for Autism
"This Book is Sweet..."