



**FOX RIVER GROVE  
MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

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**LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday - Friday  
9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
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9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Closed on Sundays

**WEBSITE**

[www.frgml.org](http://www.frgml.org)

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**LIBRARY MEETINGS**

*Board of Trustees*

No meeting in December  
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.

*Friends of the Library*

No meeting in December  
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m.

**CLOSINGS**

Monday, Dec. 25, 2017, for  
Christmas Day

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, for New  
Year's Day

Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, open at Noon  
for staff training

Monday, Jan. 15, 2018,  
for MLK Jr. Day

Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, for  
Presidents Day

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WINTER 2017-18

## A note from Nicole...

On Saturday, October 21, we revealed the initial drawings and cost estimates for Library renovations. Thanks very much to those who attended and shared insightful comments and questions. You will influence our next steps as we endeavor to **honor the past and consider the future.**

We were especially happy to see that many elements of the plan sparked excited responses. Increasing **security in the Youth Services** area, designing a **comfortable reading lounge**, adding an **upstairs family bathroom**, and putting in a **book drop you can reach from inside your car** were especially popular.

There were passionate requests for **ensuring replacement of the quiet study room**, as the family bathroom work will overtake that space. We also heard loud and clear that you want us to **be creative in providing as many services as we can during construction.** Rest assured, because you voiced these concerns, we will treat them as mandates.

It is thrilling to discover, too, what big dreams you have for the Library. You envision making the Library even more of a central gathering, performance, and social space for the Village. The upcoming projects focus on maintaining the current layout, but we know **there is a desire to expand the possibilities of the Library space in the future.**

As the Library leadership considers long-term goals, we will strive to turn your dreams into reality through responsible budgeting. After all, we are able to provide these critical improvements using funds already held by the Library thanks to the sound financial planning of previous Boards. **That means the projects do not require a tax increase, and in fact, the Library tax rate is due to decrease over the next two years as we complete payments on our building bond.**

We will continue to seek your feedback as we revise the initial draft. Please visit our website to view the floor plans and slide presentation. I invite you to contact me by phone, by email, or in person with questions, comments, concerns, and ideas. **Thank you.**

Nicole Steeves, Library Director, [nsteeves@frgml.org](mailto:nsteeves@frgml.org)

### FOOD FOR FINES WEEK

Tuesday, January 16 - Saturday, January 20



Have a resolution to start the year off with a clean Library account? Begin by helping the hungry in our community during Food for Fines week! Each non-perishable can or box you donate will be worth \$1 in overdue charges. We will credit up to \$25 per card. Please 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 costs, damaged items, or processing fees.

Program registration for FRGML cardholders starts **Friday, December 1st**, and begins Friday, December 8th for non-FRGML cardholders.

**Please note: Registration is required for ALL programs.**

## Adult Programs

### Tech Challenged? We will help!

Need help setting up an email account? Downloading free books or magazines to your personal device? How about learning to navigate Facebook? Our staff is available to help. Call or see the Circulation Desk today to schedule a session!

### Knitting & Crochet Club

#### Meeting dates:

Monday, Dec. 4  
Monday, Dec. 18  
Monday, Feb. 5

@ 6:30 p.m.

All ages and experience levels are welcome.



### Books, Literature & Talk (BLT)

New members are always welcome. Call or see Viki at the Circulation Desk to register and reserve a copy of the book.

Dec. 18 @ 1:00 p.m.

*Started Early, Took My Dog*  
by Kate Atkinson

\*Jan. 22 @ 1:00 p.m.

*Washington's Secret Six*  
by Brian Kilmeade

\*Feb. 26 @ 1:00 p.m.

*The Radium Girls*  
by Kate Moore

\*Please note new dates!

### Literary *Guess Who* Coming this January 2018



Guess who skated into our Winter Wonderland Display Case? You might recognize some of the characters from one of your favorite books hiding behind snow-covered trees or having a snowball fight! Guess all twelve correctly to qualify to win a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card. All ages may participate. One entry per person.

This *Guess Who* is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Thanks, Friends!

### We're Talking About Books (Not your typical book club)

3rd Wed. of the month @ 7:00 p.m.

We're talking about books in an unstructured, fun setting. Snacks are provided. Join us!

### BOOKFACE Contest

Submissions due by  
January 31



1. Choose a book.
2. Replace your face, shoes, body, or pet with the book's cover. (Match it up as closely as possible!)
3. Take the picture.
4. Bring the picture to the Library or email to [Jgehin@frgml.org](mailto:Jgehin@frgml.org) with BOOKFACE in the subject line. One entry per person.
5. Vote for your favorite on display at the Library during month of February or on the Library's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/frgml/](http://www.facebook.com/frgml/)
6. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble!

Thanks again, Friends. We appreciate your sponsorship!

### Reiki/Forgiveness Meditation/Breath Awareness Class

With Marylou Nunamaker

Thursday, February 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

Reiki is an 'energy' awareness to work at healing the Self; the meditation teaches to love the Self; and the Breath is Life. These tools are key to good health, physical well-being, mental awareness, spiritual curiosity, and emotional strength. All ages in our community are welcome! We will laugh, be silent, and be free to experience what it means to "love one's Self."

Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

## News from our Friends

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 purchased materials, you helped make it a great success. We are so pleased to report the sale raised \$900.00. This money will be used to help fund programs and purchase new materials for the Library.

Friends Membership Drive drawing winner is ... **Helen Cobler!**  
Congratulations, Helen. Enjoy your FRGML book bag filled with goodies.

# What's New ...

## **STEM Kits @frgml**

We are so excited to announce our new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) kits in the YS Dept. We are growing our department for your kids' growing minds! We will offer seven STEM experiment kits designed for ages 3-8 years.

**Join us for a STEM Introduction Party  
Tuesday, December 12, 5-7 p.m.**

All STEM Kits will be available for preview & play at the Intro party. We will begin circulating the kits Wednesday, December 13. Come check them out!



## Family Programs

**Canines of McHenry County**  
McHenry County Conservation District  
**Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Discover the different species of the canine family that call McHenry County home.

The presentation will explore the similarities and differences of these wild cousins and showcase hands-on artifacts, including skins and skulls. **All ages family show.**

## Youth & YA Programs

**YA B-I-N-G-O**  
**Wednesday, January 17 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
5th-8th Grade

Come win prizes and have a blast playing teen-themed BINGO with your besties.



**Be a Book Fairy this  
Holiday Season**  
(no wings required!)  
5th-8th Grade

**Wednesday, December 13 @ 6:00 p.m.**

'Tis the season for giving, and we need some help spreading our gifts.

Come learn to be a Book Fairy!

We will supply lots of great new books and teach you how to share the joy of reading with others in the community.

## Winter Storytimes

**Wee Ones** - Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m.  
8 weeks - 23 months old with a caregiver  
January 23 - April 17

**Tiny Tots** - Wednesdays @ 10:00 a.m.  
2 - 3 years old, with a caregiver  
January 24 - April 18

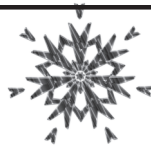
**Ready-to-Read** - Thursdays @ 10:00 a.m.  
4 - 5 years old on their own  
January 25 - April 19



Caregivers are required to stay in the building during this class. Use this time to install our great apps! We are available to help.

Session runs 11 weeks. No classes March 20-29.  
Registration is required.  
Doors will close at 10:05 a.m. to avoid disruptions.

**BONUS**  
**HOLIDAY STORYTIME!**  
**Wednesday, December 13 @ 10:00 a.m.**  
Ages 8 mo. - 5 years with a caregiver



## **Snowflake Maker Space**

Friday, January 12  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
K-5th Grade

Enjoy your day off school by coming to create original and unique snowflake designs at the Library with your friends. Bring your creativity, we have everything else!

## **"It's Elementary!" Science & Book Club**

K-4th Grade

**Tuesday, January 23 @ 5:00 p.m. - Domino Effect**  
**Tuesday, February 27 @ 5:00 p.m. - To be announced**

This program is generously sponsored by Rotary Club of Cary-Grove. Thank you, Rotarians!



## Guess what I read?

The winter solstice is the “shortest day” of the year, meaning the least amount of sunlight. Winter solstice 2017 in the Northern Hemisphere will occur on Thursday, December 21.

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### Many Thanks ... We're Grateful for your Support!

- \* Friends of the Library
- \* Rotary Club of Cary-Grove
- \* Phil and Steve of the Rotary Club of Cary-Grove



### In that CASE...

Check out what's coming to our winter display cases!

- December:** “Coming Soon” DVDs  
Illinois Talking Books Outreach
- January:** “Coming Soon” DVDs  
Literary Guess Who?
- February:** “Coming Soon” DVDs  
Bookface Contest

# @frgml Pin Up



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|---------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| Friday, Dec. 1:     | Registration for FRGML Cardholders                           | Tuesday, Jan. 23:     | Wee Ones Storytime begins<br>“It’s Elementary!”                      |
| Monday, Dec. 4:     | Knitting & Crocheting Club                                   | Wednesday, Jan. 24:   | Tiny Tots Storytime begins   |
| Friday, Dec. 8:     | Registration for all   | Thursday, Jan. 25:    | Ready-to-Read Storytime begins                                       |
| Tuesday, Dec. 12:   | STEM kit Introduction party                                  | Wednesday, Jan. 31:   | BOOKFACE submissions due   |
| Wednesday, Dec. 13: | Holiday Storytime<br>Be a Book Fairy                         | Monday, Feb. 5:       | Knitting & Crocheting Club   |
| Monday, Dec. 18:    | Books, Literature & Talk (BLT)<br>Knitting & Crocheting Club | Monday, Feb. 19:      | Closed for Presidents’ Day   |
| Wednesday, Dec. 20: | “We’re Talking about Books” Club                             | Wednesday, Feb. 21:   | Canines of McHenry County (MCCD)<br>“We’re Talking about Books” Club |
| Monday, Dec. 25:    | Closed for Christmas   | Thursday, Feb. 22:    | Reiki/Forgiveness/Breath Class                                       |
| Monday, Jan. 1:     | Closed for New Year  | Monday, Feb. 26:      | Books, Literature & Talk (BLT)                                       |
| Tuesday, Jan. 2:    | Literary <i>Guess Who</i> begins                             | Tuesday, February 27: | “It’s Elementary!”   |
| Friday, Jan. 5:     | Open @ 12:00 p.m. (staff training)                           |                       |  |
| Friday, Jan. 12:    | Snowflake Maker Space  |                       |  |
| Monday, Jan. 15:    | Closed for MLK Jr. Day                                       |                       |  |
| Tuesday, Jan. 16:   | Food for Fines begins  |                       |  |
| Wednesday, Jan. 17: | YA BINGO<br>“We’re Talking about Books” Club                 |                       |  |
| Saturday, Jan. 20:  | Last Day of Food for Fines                                   |                       |  |
| Monday, Jan. 22:    | Books, Literature & Talk (BLT)                               |                       |  |



**WISHING  
YOU AND  
YOURS A  
WONDERFUL  
HOLIDAY  
SEASON**

