



# FOX RIVER GROVE Memorial Library

Winter 2020/2021

407 Lincoln Avenue  
Fox River Grove, IL 60021  
847-639-2274  
www.frgml.org

#### Director

Nicole Steeves

#### Library Hours

See website for modified and senior citizen hours

#### Winter Closings

Thursday, December 24,  
Friday, December 25,  
Thursday, December 31, and  
Friday, January 1, for the  
holidays

Monday, January 18,  
for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 15,  
Presidents' Day

#### Board of Trustees

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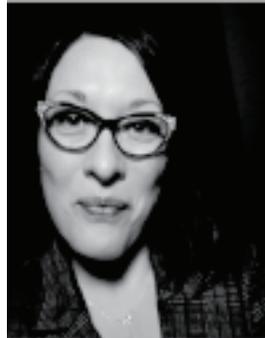
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Bridgett Kaiser

#### Board of Trustee Meetings

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.

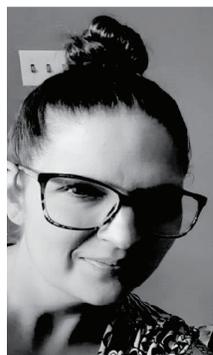


Nicole, Library Director: Throughout 2020, our patrons have amazed us with their resilience, caring, and support. We are so fortunate to get to see you in person, even if it's with a mask (and thank you for wearing your masks!).

I hope you'll enjoy getting to see our staff's friendly faces here in the newsletter, along with their answers to the question, "What's the best part about working with patrons, especially during the pandemic?"



**Elaina, Adult & Technical Services Manager:**  
Getting to know our local community members allows us to add materials, programs, and services that we know they will enjoy.



**Dana, Youth Services Manager:**  
During this season in our lives where everything is turned upside down, I love that our staff has been flexible and creative in order to offer a wide range of services to our patrons, allowing us to still interact with our patrons, which is the BEST part of this job.



## Winter Snowflakes - ALL AGES FUN! December - February



Beginning December 1, pick up a snowflake at the Adult or Youth Service Desk to take home and decorate however you wish! Return it to the Library, where it will adorn our windows and spread cheer to all through February! Thank you for helping us make your Library beautiful this holiday season!

# Adult Programs



Carri, Adult Services Librarian:

I love that our patrons are still using the Library during the pandemic and they are grateful for everything we do. They are some of the friendliest people out there!

## Read with a Red - An adult book club

Grab a glass of your favorite beverage and join Carri and friends to discuss and review fantastic book picks ... via Zoom! There are multiple copies of the book club selection held at the Library for checkout, or you can check out the selection using our digital resources, such as Libby or Axis360. Register online, in person, or by calling the Library. Zoom details will be sent to registered emails prior to meeting.

Thursday, December 10 @ 7:00 p.m.  
*What the Dog Saw* by Malcolm Gladwell

Thursday, January 14 @ 7:00 p.m.  
*An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones

Thursday, February 11 @ 7:00 p.m.  
*All We Ever Wanted* by Emily Giffin



Kelsey, Substitute Librarian:

I enjoy helping patrons find materials and being able to have conversations with patrons, especially since coronavirus has stopped many social activities.

## Here for you!

Need help navigating our digital resources so you can read or listen to books on your phone or tablet? Want to check out a tablet, but aren't sure how to use it? Wondering what a "hotspot" is? Just ask! We are in place to ensure you understand all the resources your Library has to offer you!

Registration for FRGML cardholders begins Tuesday, December 1. Non-FRGML cardholders can register beginning Tuesday, December 8. Check program description for on-line registration options. You can always register in-person or by calling 847-639-2274.

**Learn to Crochet: Granny Squares**  
**Ages 10+**  
**Wednesdays in January @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**1/6, 1/13, 1/20 & 1/27**

Join Angel via Zoom to learn how to crochet a granny square. Then, how to turn the squares into blankets. A free crochet hook and yarn will be available for pick up prior to the start of the program. Register in person or by calling the Library. Zoom details will be sent to registered emails prior to each meeting.

Emily, Adult Services Clerk:

During the Pandemic, we can be isolated. Working here at the Library, I am able to feel like I am part of a community.



**Adult Cookie Decorating for Beginners**  
**Saturday, February 6 @ 2:00 p.m.**

Join Katrina McLaughlin, owner of Flourish & Frosting in FRG, for an interactive, virtual class to learn the basics of cookie decorating. All the supplies you need will be packaged and ready for pick up prior to the class. Register in person or by calling the Library.

**Make & Take Adult Craft Kits**  
**1st Monday of each month**  
**12/7, 1/4, & 2/1**

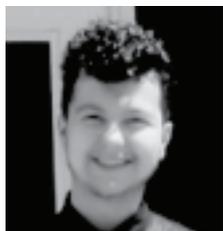
We are now offering a monthly craft kit for our adult patrons! Why should the kids have all the fun? Supplies will be available for pick up at the circulation desk. Supplies will be limited. First come, first served!

Bridgett, Adult Services Customer Service:

The best part of working with patrons, pandemic or not, is the sense of community and relationships formed.



# Youth Programs



Jon, Youth Services Clerk:

To be able to help a patron find something interesting and fulfilling, especially during these challenging times, is very rewarding.

## It's Elementary Science and Book Club via Zoom Grades K - 4

Let us captivate your child's inner scientist in this fun and education Zoom class. Sponsored by Rotary Club of Cary-Grove.

Thursday, January 14 @ 5:30 p.m. - Winter

Thursday, February 18 @ 5:30 p.m. - Tension



Angel, Youth Services Assistant Librarian:

The best part of working with patrons is seeing their smiling faces (even behind masks!)



Raluca, Substitute Librarian:

I love the fact that not even a pandemic can keep readers away from the Library, and that we can be here for them!



## FRGML YouTube Channel

### Holiday Storytime

Posted Tuesday, December 8 @ 10:00 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate the holiday season reading stories about Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Los Posadas!

### Winter Storytime

New programs posted every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month @ 10:00 a.m.  
January 12 - February 23

Enjoy Ms. Dana and Ms. Angel as they read stories, sing songs, and add in a few surprises.

### Creative Art for Preschoolers Ages 3 - 5

Posted at 10:00 a.m. on:  
Tuesday, January 5 - Winter  
Tuesday, February 2 - Valentine's Day

Kids will explore the creative process using a variety of art materials, with activities that enhance fine motor skills, creativity, and imaginations. Register to reserve your craft kit.

### Valentine Card Making Kits

Kits Available beginning Thursday, January 21

Stop in to pick up a bag filled with enough supplies to make 5 unique valentines! Supplies will be limited. First come, first served.

### Make Your Own Valentine Keychain

Thursday, February 4 @ 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Join us as we create beaded heart keychains just in time for Valentine's day. Register to reserve your kit which will include enough supplies to make 3 keychains!

**Ongoing Programs:** 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten & Brag Tags! Stop by the Ask Me desk in Youth Services for additional details!

## Family Programs

Facebook Live Polar Express Storytime  
Saturday, December 19 @ 5:30 p.m.

Put on your comfy pajamas, grab a blanket, and enjoy an evening with your family as we read Polar Express live on Facebook. Be sure to register to reserve hot chocolate and other surprises to complete your family night!

### Once Upon a Trivia Show

Friday, January 22 @ 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

How well do you know your fairy tales? We are excited to put your knowledge to the test as you help figure out who stole the statue! Play in teams or solo. Prizes and bragging rights are up for grabs!

Laura, Youth Services Assistant:

The best part of working with patrons is helping find what they need (books, movies, crafts, etc ...) to make them happy in these crazy times.





Memorial Library

Guess what I read?

The snowiest city on earth is in Japan. Aomori City in Japan gets pummeled with 312 inches, that's 26 feet, of snow on average per season! Chicago averages 36.7 inches of snow per year. Perspective!

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### @ frgml Pin Up

- Tuesday, Dec.1: Registration begins for FRG Cardholders  
Winter Snowflake pick up begins
- Monday, Dec.7: Make & Take Adult Craft Kits available
- Tuesday, Dec. 8: Registration open to all  
YouTube Holiday Storytime
- Thursday, Dec.10: Read with a Red adult book club
- Saturday, Dec. 19: Facebook Live Polar Express
- Thursday, Dec. 24: Closed for Holiday
- Friday, Dec. 25: Closed for Holiday
- Thursday, Dec. 31: Closed for Holiday
- Friday, Jan. 1: Closed for Holiday
- Monday, Jan.4: Make & Take Adult Craft Kits available
- Tuesday, Jan 5: Creative Art for Preschoolers
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- Thursday, Jan. 21: Valentine Day Card Kit pick up begins
- Friday, January 22: Once Upon a Trivia Show
- Wednesday, Jan. 27: Learning to Crochet: Granny Squares
- Monday, Feb. 1: Make & Take Adult Craft Kits available
- Tuesday, Feb. 2: Creative Art for Preschoolers
- Thursday, Feb. 4: Make a Valentine Keychain
- Saturday, Feb. 6: Adult Cookie Decorating for Beginners
- Thursday, Feb.11: Read with a Red adult book club
- Monday, Feb. 15: Closed for Presidents' Day
- Thursday, Feb. 18: It's Elementary Science & Book Club

### Interested in Running for the Library Board?

Visit the Library or frgml.org to get a candidate packet. Filing dates are Mnday, Dec. 14, 2020, through Monday, Dec. 21, 2020. Have questions about the process or what it is like to be on the board? Call Library Director Nicole Steeves at 847-639-2274.

### Community Collections & News

We are still collecting pop tops for the Beta Club and Box Tops and dried out markers for the PTO. Drop them in the return drop box out front or in the materials bins in the vestibule. We will get them to the right place. Plastic Cap Update: We are not collecting plastic caps and lids at this time.

We now have PTO Directories for sale at the Circulation Desk. Check only, please, made out to FRG PTO. 1 directory is \$8, or 2 for \$10.