

Spring  
2025

# FRANKFORT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

ALL PROGRAMS REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNLESS MARKED: DROP-IN

frankfortlibrary.org/calendar

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## Earth Awareness Fair



ALL  
AGES

**SUN. MAR. 9 2-4pm**

Our 2025 Earth Awareness Fair brings together organizations and individuals to showcase and encourage Earth stewardship and community, as well as, to learn about life on our planet and how ecosystems function & thrive.

Join us and discover what you can do to help the planet!

[bit.ly/2025EarthFair](https://bit.ly/2025EarthFair)

## Mississippi River Adventures



ADULT

TEEN

**MON. APR. 14 7-8pm**

Your Great River Road trip starts here!

Get insider tips on where to go and what to do as you explore the Upper Mississippi from Galena to St. Louis. Discover the history, architecture, food, and events found along this portion of the great Mississippi.

## History of Chicagoland in Maps



ADULT

TEEN

**WED. APR. 16 7-8:30pm**

Join Donald and Tanya Smith, owners of land surveying and map-making company Greeley-Howard-Norlin & Smith, for a trip through Chicagoland history as told by survey maps. Hear stories from the earliest development of the land, the Chicago Fire, Abe Lincoln, the reversal of the Chicago River, and run-ins with the FBI and more.

## Library Board of Trustees:

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*You're never too little to play!*

Skyhawks series begin APR. 7

**HoopsterTots**

**SoccerTots**

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## February Blood Drive

TUE. FEB. 4 2-7pm

See our online calendar for signup details.  
WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!



## Community Craft Swap

SUN. MAR. 2 2-3:30pm

Calling all Crafters! Donate your new or gently-used craft supplies you no longer need or want between FEB. 26 - 28 during open library hours to receive a ticket for Early Entrance (1:30-2pm) on SUN. MAR. 2.

## Opioid Overdose Prevention and Naloxone Training

THU. MAR. 6 7-8pm

### Adults & Teens

Are you aware that there is still an opioid crisis in Will County? Dr. Kathleen Burke, Director of Substance Use Initiatives, will present an overview of the opioid crisis here in our county, contributing factors, and how you can play a vital role in educating family and loved ones, and potentially, save a life.

## Medicare Assistance 1-to-1 Session

THU. APR. 10 11:30am-5pm

On Medicare or about to be? Register for one 30-minute session to get a health insurance review and ask questions to determine the best choice of coverage for you.



It's our 9th  
Annual  
Volunteer  
Fair!



## Volunteer Fair

WED. APR. 23 7-8:30pm

Our Spring 2025 Fair features local and regional organizations looking for volunteers of all ages to join their team. Discover how you can lend your skills and passion to support our communities. Whether you like indoor projects or working in nature, caring for animals or recreational activities – there is a volunteer opportunity for you!

Registration is not required to attend, but if you'd like to receive an email reminder, please register.

[bit.ly/2025SpringVolunteerFair](https://bit.ly/2025SpringVolunteerFair)



## Memory Care Kits - Now Circulating!

Looking for simple puzzles, games, and activities for a loved one with Alzheimer's or other Dementias? Check out our collection of Memory Care kits. Available to FPLD card holders for 2 weeks, the kits are designed to align to the abilities of individuals in the early, middle, and late stages of dementia.



Thank you to the Frankfort Area Historical Society for their generous donation that gives you in-library access to Ancestry.com, the world's largest genealogy site. Search billions of records and photos as you build your family tree.

## Managing Money: The Caregiver's Guide to Finances

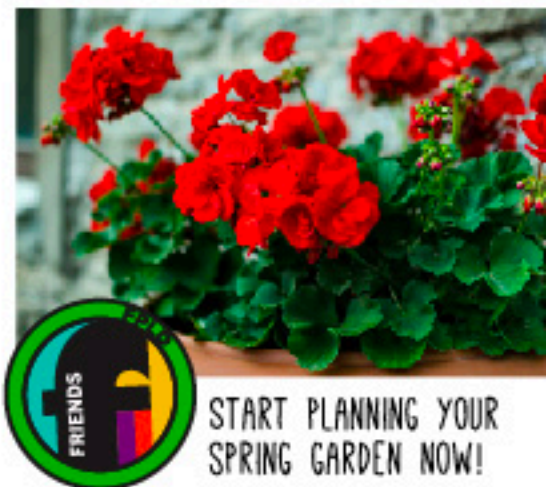
MON. APR. 28 7-8pm

How much do you know about managing money? This free program presented by the Alzheimer's Association will help you learn about the costs of caregiving and the benefits of early planning and teach you how to avoid financial abuse and fraud, start conversations about legal finances, assess financial and legal needs, and find support.

## CUB Utility Bill Clinic

WED. MAY 14 4-5:30pm

Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is hosting a free event to advise residents on reducing electric, gas, and both landline and cell phone bills. Each participant will speak one-on-one with a CUB counselor to review their bills.



START PLANNING YOUR  
SPRING GARDEN NOW!

The Friends of the Frankfort Library is running its annual flower sale. The pickup date is Saturday, May 10th. Pre-orders open on March 1st and can be made on the Friends website [www.frankfortfriends.org](http://www.frankfortfriends.org). We will have a limited supply of flowers for sale on the pickup day.

Become a 2025 member of the Friends today! Sign up or renew your membership online at [www.frankfortfriends.org](http://www.frankfortfriends.org).



## BollyGroove Holi Workshop

TUE. MAR. 4 6-7:30pm

Learn about this fun festival of India celebrating colors, friendship, and courage with our friends from Bollywood Groove!

In this workshop, participants will learn about Holi - its significance, how to celebrate, food and clothing and enact all of their learnings into a dance.



## Everybody Builds: Legos & More!

WEDNESDAYS 4:30-5:30pm

MAR. 5 | APR. 9

Calling builders of all sizes! Join us for a building program that has something for everyone. We'll have our regular Lego collection, kits for older builders, and Duplo and other building materials for the younger builders.



## Make a Leprechaun Trap

MON. & WED. 6-7:30pm

MAR. 10 & 12

Bring your own box and we'll take care of the rest!

St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner! Put your imagination and engineering skills to work and drop in to make a leprechaun trap with your family.

Legend says that if you catch a leprechaun, he will give you his pot of gold, but beware- these little pixies aren't so easy to capture.

DROP-IN!

## Family Storytime at Night

MONDAYS 6:30-7:15pm

MAR. 17 | APR. 21

Hey, Night Owls! Bring your favorite adult to the library to enjoy bedtime stories, songs and games!

## The Fossil Lady

SAT. APR. 12 3-4pm

Travel to 19th-century England and meet Mary Anning, the trailblazing fossil hunter who revolutionized our understanding of dinosaurs, evolution, and extinction.

In this immersive, living history presentation, you'll hear firsthand stories of her incredible discoveries and how she helped reshape science. Explore real \*fossils, see animal representations, and view historic images that bring Mary's world to life. It's a journey through time you won't want to miss!



AMMONITE



## Traveling Science Center

SUN. APR. 27 1-4pm

The Illinois Natural History Survey Traveling Science Center is a 320-square-foot mobile classroom featuring informative, engaging exhibits on biodiversity and natural resources that visits schools and communities across Illinois.

Visitors learn about the types of habitats and species diversity of their region and ways to protect against threats to that diversity.



## Create a Lanyard Keychain

Grades: 4-6

SAT. MAR. 1 11am-12pm

Learn the basic box stitch and create a lanyard keychain!

## Morning Storytimes:

### Wee Ones

Birth-23 Months with Adult

**DROP-IN!**

TUE. & WED. 9:30-10am

MAR. 4-26 | APR. 8-30

Little ones from birth-23 months and their adult caregivers are invited to share simple stories, songs, rhymes, and time for play!

### 2's and 3's

24-36 Months with Adult

**DROP-IN!**

WEDNESDAYS 10:30-11am

MAR. 5-26 | APR. 9-30

Children aged 2-3 and their adult caregiver are invited to share stories and songs with us. Stay and play after!

### Preschool Storytime

3-5 Years with Adult

**DROP-IN!**

TUESDAYS 10:30-11am

MAR. 4-25 | APR. 8-29

Calling all preschoolers! Bring your favorite adult to the library to enjoy stories and songs.

# KIDS

## A Little Sensory Hour

Ages: 12 Months - 5 years

THURSDAYS 9:30-10:30am

MAR. 13 & 27 | APR. 10 & 24

Join us for a sensory time with other caregivers and their littles! Each week we'll explore something new with an emphasis on fine motor skills.

## Yoga Tots

Ages: 12 - 24 Months to 4 Years

SATURDAYS 9:30-10am

MAR. 15 | APR. 26 | MAY 17

Bring your child and a yoga mat or towel for this fun yoga program!

## Yoga Kids

Ages: 5 - 12 Years

SATURDAYS 10:15-10:45am

MAR. 15 | APR. 26 | MAY 17

For ages 5 and up. Bring a mat or towel for some yoga fun with Miss Jastine!

## Graphic Novel Book Club

Ages 8-12

MONDAYS 7-7:45pm

We talk about amazing graphic novels for kids!



## Kid Librarian

Grades: 4-8

SAT. APR. 5 11am-12pm

Create a book display sign for National Library Week and learn how to use the online catalog!



**ALL AGES**

## Skyhawks Series:

### HoopsterTots

APR. 7, 14, 21, 28

Ages: 2 - 3 Years

MONDAYS 10-10:45am

Ages: 3.5 - 5 Years

MONDAYS 10:45-11:30am

Bring your little one to learn about basketball from the Skyhawks with this hands-on series!

*HoopsterTots is a series, so when you register for one date, you are registered for the rest of the month.*



### SoccerTots

APR. 7, 14, 21, 28

Ages: 2 - 3 Years

MONDAYS 10-10:45am

Ages: 3.5 - 5 Years

MONDAYS 10:45-11:30am

Bring your little one to learn about soccer from the Skyhawks with this hands-on series!

*SoccerTots is a series, so when you register for one date, you are registered for the rest of the month.*



April HoopsterTots & SoccerTots programs occur simultaneously. Children may be registered for one series or the other, not both.

## Money Monsters

APR. 1-30

April is National Financial Literacy Month! Check out our special display to learn about money and take home some info from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Money Monsters!

*While supplies last.*

## Fancy Bows and Bowties

Grades: 1-8

FRI. APR. 18 10-11am

Make a fancy bow or bowtie just in time for Easter! Choose from a variety of fabric, lace, and ribbon to make a unique accessory.

*This craft will utilize hot glue.*



## Teen Volunteer Orientation Grades 6-12

MON. MAR. 3 6-7pm

TUE. APR. 1 2-3pm

THU. MAY 1 6-7pm

### New Required Volunteer Training!

Teens who are interested in volunteering at the library must come to an orientation first. This also counts as one hour of community service.

## Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Grades: 9-12

THURSDAYS 6-8:30pm

MAR. 6 | APR. 17

Grades: 6-8

TUESDAYS 6-8:30pm

MAR. 25 | APR. 29

Want to try your hand at rolling dice and being a fantasy hero? Join our merry band of adventurers on a quest in the seminal tabletop role playing game Dungeons & Dragons.

*No experience or equipment needed.*

NEW



## How To: Crochet a Granny Square

Grades 6-12

THU. MAR. 13 6-8pm

Curious about the fiber arts? Learn the basics about crocheting and create a granny square!

Teens will be able to check out crochet hooks if they do not finish project.

## Anime Club

Grades 6-12

THURSDAYS 6-8pm

MAR. 20 | MAY 15

Already love anime and manga? Or just starting out? Come to Anime Club to explore new titles, get crafty, and watch anime! This month we are working on a paint project while watching a Ghibli movie.

*Participants under 13 need parental consent to view 13+ content.*

Teens

## Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Grades: 6-12

THURSDAYS 6-7pm

MAR. 27 | APR. 24 | MAY 22

Need volunteer hours for school, church, scouts, or just want to help? Join the TAB and earn volunteer hours just for helping us out. Make a difference in your library! Share your voice.

Scan the code below or visit our website to apply for the group:

[frankfortlibrary.org/teens/events-clubs/teen-advisory-board](http://frankfortlibrary.org/teens/events-clubs/teen-advisory-board)



SCAN ME



## 3D Designs: Articulated Butterfly

Grades 6-12

THU. APR. 3 6-8pm

Learn how to use TinkerCad to design and create your own moving butterfly! Once the butterfly is designed, it will be printed for free on the library's 3D printer.

## Special Teen Summer Volunteer Orientation!

THU. MAY 1 7-8pm

For this orientation, volunteers will learn about what we do for Summer Reading, how to help patrons doing the challenge, and how to help with the various programs happening during the summer.





## COMPUTERS + TECHNOLOGY

Learn how to browse, search, and check out books from the library's digital collection!

### F How to Use Libby

WED. MAR. 5 10-11am

### F How to Use Hoopla

THU. APR. 24 2-3:30pm

### F How to Use Boundless

TUE. MAY 20 10-11:30am

### Genealogy Lab

WED. MAR. 5 6-8pm

WED. APR. 9 6-8pm

TUE. MAY 13 6-8pm

Dedicate time to research your family history in a friendly, community setting.

### Mobile Device One-to-One

WEDNESDAYS

9:30 or 10:30 or 11:30am

MAR. 12 | APR. 16 | MAY 14

Have a question about using your phone, tablet, or e-reader? Sign up for a 30-45 minute appointment.

### Artificial Intelligence: What You Should Know

MON. MAR. 24 7-8:30pm

What actually is artificial intelligence (AI), and why has it taken over the news headlines? Learn what we mean when we talk about AI, where it already shows up in your life, and why it's causing both excitement and worry.



### Excel Basics

THU. MAR. 27 2-4pm

This 90-minute class will help you to learn the basics of Microsoft Excel.

### Excel Tables

WED. MAY 7 2-3:30pm

This 90-minute class will help you to learn to create and format tables in Microsoft Excel.

*There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.*

### F Tech Tuesdays

TUE. APR. 8

6:30 or 7 or 7:30 or 8pm

Need help setting up your new device, an email account, or a social media app? Want to brush up on basic computer skills or learn how to access a tv show from our digital collection? We can help!

Zoom or phone appointments are available by request.

### Online Safety & Privacy 101

WED. APR. 9 10-11:30am

The internet is full of resources and opportunities, but navigating safely and protecting your privacy can be intimidating. Learn key concepts and practices to find the level of safe online exploration that's right for you.

### Safe Online Social Interactions

WED. MAY 7 10-11:30am

Navigate the world of online social interactions safely, whether it's through social media platforms or online dating sites. We'll learn how to manage your privacy settings, block unwanted messages, and spot and avoid common social media scams.

### F Canva Basics

THU. APR. 10 7-8:30pm

This 90-minute class will introduce you to Canva, a free design software that can be used to create everything from flyers to social media posts.

*There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.*

### F Know the Perks of Your Library Card

TUE. APR. 15 10-11:30am

Discover the unexpected perks of your Frankfort Public Library District card, like our digital content, online classes, museum passes, databases, and more.

## BOOK DISCUSSION

### CoffeeCake & Crime

FRIDAYS 9:15-10:15am or 10:30-11:30am

MAR. 7



APR. 4



MAY 2



### Nonfiction at Night

MONDAYS 7-8pm

MAR. 10



APR. 14



MAY 12



### Tuesdays with Friends

TUESDAYS 1-2pm

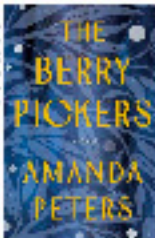
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APR. 15



MAY 20



### Earth: Our Shared Home

TUESDAYS 7-8pm

MAR. 25



APR. 29



Books are available one month before the event.

## AUTHOR VISIT



### Fufu's Kitchen: Traditional Arab Cuisine

TUE. APR. 15

6-7:15pm

Join us for a delightful culinary journey with local cookbook author and food blogger Heifa Odeh of Fufu's Kitchen. Experience the amazing flavors of the Middle East as Heifa shares her stories and easy dishes that you can recreate at home. You'll even get to taste some of her cherished recipes.

*Books will be available for optional purchase after the tasting.*



## HOME + GARDEN

### Basics of Permaculture

MON. MAR. 3 7-8pm

Join Connie Kollmeyer of The Conservation Foundation to learn about the basics of permaculture - what it is, what the benefits are, and how to get started.

### Seed Starting for Beginners

WED. MAR. 19 6:30-8pm

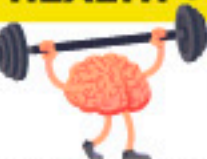
Learn the basics of starting your own vegetables, herbs, and flowers from seed. Participants will plant a small selection of seeds and take them home to grow. All materials will be provided.

### Edible Mushrooms in Illinois

MON. APR. 7 7-8pm

Learn about the fabulous world of fungi and how to forage wild edible mushrooms in Illinois. By the end of this presentation you'll have tools to help you identify several different edible fungal species and a basic understanding of our region's mushroom terrain.

## HEALTH + WELLNESS



NEW  
TIME

WITS  
WORKOUT

### Staying Mentally Fit

TUESDAYS 10:30-11:30am

MAR. 11 & 25 | APR. 8 & 22 | MAY 13

Engage your brain with exercises from the **Wits Workout** program created by the University of Illinois Extension.

### Exercising During & After Pregnancy

TUE. MAR. 11 7-8:30pm

A woman's body undergoes drastic changes during pregnancy. Meghan Hannig, PT, DPT, ATC, will be discussing exercise throughout the different stages of pregnancy as well as during the first few months of the post-partum period.

### Mindful Nature Walk & Birding

THURSDAYS 9-10:30am

APR. 3 & 17 | MAY 1

Join us offsite for a mindful walk in nature and observe resident and migrating birds. (Each meetup location is listed in our online calendar.) Be sure to bring your binoculars!

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### Mending Basics with Rachael Bargo

MON. MAR. 31 6:30-8pm

Learn basic clothes mending techniques from local sewist and instructor Rachael Bargo. Patrons may bring **one** item of clothing with them that they would like to learn how to mend. All other materials will be provided.



Adults

## ARTS + CRAFTS *All materials provided unless noted otherwise.*

### Laser-Cut Reminder Magnet

THU. MAR. 6 2-4 **OR** 6-8pm

Use the Glowforge to create a custom wood reminder magnet to keep track of the dishwasher, feeding a pet, watering plants, or anything else you need help remembering.

*This class is designed for patrons who already took the Glowforge Basics class or have equivalent experience.*

### Spring Floral Sign

THU. MAR. 20 2-4 **OR** 6-8pm

Use our Silhouette smart cutting machine to create a 3-dimensional spring sign with paper flowers.

*No prior experience is necessary. All materials will be provided.*

### F Silhouette 1-to-1 Session

THURSDAYS 6-7 **OR** 7:30-8:30pm

MAR. 27 | APR. 24 | MAY 22

Want to create a custom greeting card or have an idea for a t-shirt iron-on? Need help designing a stencil or table cards for your next gathering? We can help!

### Sew a Zippered Bag

THU. APR. 17 2-4 **OR** 6-8pm

Learn the basics of working with zippers and create a simple zippered bag that can hold pens, cosmetics, or other small items.

*This class is designed for patrons who already know how to use a sewing machine. Please see the Prerequisites section for this program in the online calendar.*

### Glowforge Basics

WED. APR. 23 2-4 **OR** 6-8pm

Learn how to use the Glowforge software and laser cutting machine to create a simple acrylic keychain.

### Laser-Cut Plant Labels

THU. MAY 1 2-4 **OR** 6-8pm

Create a set of custom acrylic signs to decorate gardens and plant pots.

*This class is designed for patrons who already took the Glowforge Basics class or have equivalent experience.*

### Blender Basics

TUE. MAY 6 7-8pm

Learn the basics of Blender, the industry standard 3D modeling software.

*NOTE: There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.*

### 3D Printing Basics: Tinkercad

WED. MAY 7 7-8:30pm

This 90-minute class will introduce you to the basics of 3D printing using free design software from Tinkercad. Patrons will create their own keychain design to be printed in the filament color of their choice.

*NOTE: There are prerequisites. See our online calendar for details.*

### Applique on a Tote Bag

THU. MAY 8 2-4 **OR** 6-8pm

Learn the basics of using a sewing machine to create applique designs on a cotton tote bag.

*This class is designed for patrons who already know how to use a sewing machine. Please see the Prerequisites section for this program in the online calendar.*

### Customize a Glass Tumbler

THU. MAY 29 2-4 **OR** 6-8pm

Use our Silhouette smart cutting machine to create a custom vinyl design for a can-style glass tumbler.

*This class is for patrons who already know how to perform basic functions in Silhouette Design Studio and want to expand their skills.*



**FRANKFORT  
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER**

PROGRAMS MARKED **F** ARE FOR FPLD CARDHOLDERS ONLY. ALL OTHER PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE OR MAY PRIORITIZE FPLD CARDHOLDERS.

Programming Accommodations: People of all abilities are welcome at our events. Accommodations for special assistance at programs will be made upon request, based on availability. Please contact the Library at least 10 business days prior to the program to arrange accommodations.



**Exploring Space with Coralie Adam**

TUE. MAR. 4 7-8pm

Coralie's work enabled the first exploration of the Pluto system and the historic sample collection of near-Earth asteroid Benu.

She is currently the Deputy Navigation Chief on NASA's Lucy mission to the Jupiter Trojan asteroids, as well as supporting several commercial and government exploration initiatives to the moon and beyond.

●●● Watch Party at the Library from 7-8:30pm



**9to5: The Story of a Movement**

- An At Home Experience -

MAR. 21-23

Watch this award winning documentary from the comfort of your home. *9to5: The Story of the Movement* highlights the creation of the 9to5 movement, established to fight for workplace equity and against wage discrepancy and was the basis for the feature film, *9 to 5*, starring Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton and Lily Tomlin.



**The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson**

THU. APR. 10 7-8pm

Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and an outdoor educator using her platforms, TikTok account **alexisnikole** and Instagram page **blackforager**, to celebrate all the edible plants hiding in plain sight. She peels back historical layers on African American and Indigenous food traditions that have traditionally been repressed and empowers those living in food deserts with greater self-sufficiency.

●●● Watch Party at the Library from 7-8:30pm

**VIRTUAL  
EVENTS**

**COMING  
SOON**



**Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat**

SAT. MAY 3 2-3pm

**KIDS**

●●● Watch Party at the Library from 2-3pm

**Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond**

TUE. MAY 13 7-8pm

**NEW  
DRY!**

**MOVIES + GAMES + TRIVIA**

**Dungeons & Dragons** ADULTS

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30pm

MAR. 13 & APR. 17

Prepare for an adventure! Join us for a dive into the world of Dungeons and Dragons where you can create a hero, roll some dice, and have a great time battling villains and monsters.

**Shuffle Squad: Pinochle**

FRIDAYS 10am-12pm

MAR. 14 & MAY 16

Learn & play classic card games. Beginners welcome. Sign up solo or with a group of up to 4 players!

**Trivia Night**

TUESDAYS 7-8:30pm

APR. 22 & MAY 20

Come solo or bring your team!

Make a Laser-Cut Reminder Magnet

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