



BETWEEN THE STACKS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN ADVENTURES AWAIT IN EVERY BOOK

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Breaking Barriers: Fossil Ridge Opens Card Access to All Ages!

Summer reading was a resounding success, with approximately 297 sign-ups and 1,547 completed log sheets! This is a testament to the vital role libraries play in the communities we represent, beyond just providing faxes and copies. We hosted nearly 90 programs, organized two field trips, and gave away 20 prize baskets featuring items ranging from tablets to Bluey merchandise, all during the summer!

In line with our commitment to ensuring that every child has access to reading materials, we are pleased to remind all parents that the library board has approved extending borrowing privileges to out-of-district children at no charge. We firmly believe that every child should have the opportunity to access library resources without any barriers. This initiative also benefits our in-district children. What does this mean? Any child within the district can receive a library card from birth with proof of address. There's no need for parents to wait until their child turns five to share the joy of getting their first library card. Now, even a three-year-old can check out a book just like their older siblings.

We have also revamped our layout and combined the majority of children's items in the children's section so families can enjoy library visits together without separation. We hope these changes inspire more families to explore Fossil Ridge, making every visit a memorable and enriching experience.



Rene Leyva
Executive Director



TOP 5 LIBRARY RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!



LIBRARY E-COURSES
PROVIDES BOTH PRE-BUILT TUTORIALS ON VARIOUS TOPICS, SUCH AS HOW TO USE LIBRARY DATABASES AND DIGITAL RESOURCES. DEVELOP NEW SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE, TODAY!



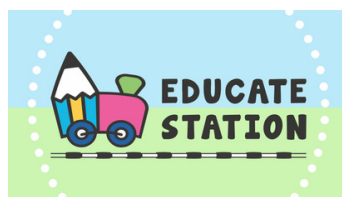
NOVELIST PLUS & K-8
FEATURES BOOK REVIEWS, RECOMMENDATIONS, BOOK DISCUSSION GUIDES, AND READING LISTS, HELPING READERS DISCOVER NEW TITLES AND AUTHORS BASED ON THEIR INTERESTS.



HOOPLA
THE SERVICE PROVIDES INSTANT STREAMING AND DOWNLOAD OPTIONS, MAKING IT CONVENIENT FOR USERS TO ENJOY DIGITAL CONTENT ANYWHERE AND ANYTIME WITHOUT WAITING.



BOOKFLIX
DESIGNED FOR EARLY READERS, PROVIDING A VARIETY OF INTERACTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE COMPREHENSION, VOCABULARY, AND FLUENCY.



EDUCATION STATION
READY-TO-USE, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, AIMING TO INSPIRE JOYFUL LEARNING AND SUPPORT TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS.

- SPOTLIGHT -

Register online at fossilridge.org, by phone at (815) 458-2187 or in person. Registration is required for program. A payment is required to register for program.

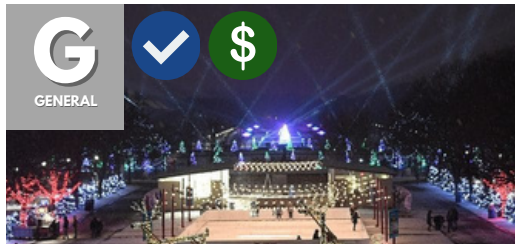
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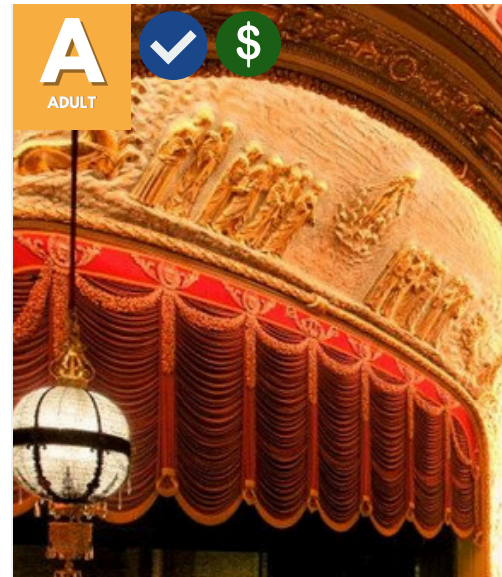
TRUNK OR TREAT
10.05.2024
10:00a.m.-1:00p.m.



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Brookfield Zoo Holiday Magic Bus Trip
11.23.2024
1:00-10:30p.m.



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Denim Deconstruction
11.06.2024
4:15-5:15p.m.



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DIY Tween Scene
09.16.2024 11.18.2024
10.14.2024 12.16.2024

Cold Case Live! @ The Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet
10.11.2024
7:00-10:00p.m.
(Show starts at 8:00p.m.)
In-person registration only



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Create Your Own Bouquet
09.28.2024
10:00a.m.-12:30p.m.



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Crafting Gifts with Herbs
11.13.2024
5:30-7:30p.m.

Storm Chasing for Kids
Date: Monday, Sept. 23
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join the Illinois Storm Chasers for an exciting family program. Explore storm chasing, severe weather safety, and preparedness, and gain insights into the science behind severe weather with a live thunderstorm demonstration. Registration is required. Program is recommended for ages 8+

Trunk-or-Treat Pumpkin Painting
Date: Saturday, Oct. 5
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us for our exciting Trunk or Treat activity, where kids can decorate their very own fall pumpkin at the library! This fun and creative activity is perfect for children ages 3-12. All supplies will be provided, and each child will receive one pumpkin to decorate. Spaces are limited, so registration is required to ensure every child gets a chance to participate.

Cookies with Clause
Date: Monday, Dec. 2
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Stop by and visit with Santa himself before he heads back to the North Pole to prepare for his journey around the world. Bring your wish list and camera so you can grab a picture with Santa. Stay for holiday movies, Christmas crafts, and of course, cookie decorating. Registration required, parent or guardian must accompany children younger than 9.

Well-Read Book Club
Dates: Tuesdays - September 10, October 15 (special viewing of "A Haunting of Venice" with food), November 12, December 10
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dive into thought-provoking reads and engaging discussions with the Well-Read Book Club. Each month, we'll explore books that challenge your perspectives and ignite meaningful conversations. Join us and connect with fellow book lovers.

Microsoft Basics
Date: Thursday, Sept. 12
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join our expert instructor to master the basics of Microsoft Office in a supportive, classroom-style environment. Bring your questions and enthusiasm for learning. Handouts and practical exercises will be provided to enhance your understanding and skills.

The British Invasion: A Concert with Dave Rudolf
Date: Wednesday, Sept. 18
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join musician Dave Rudolf for a nostalgic journey through the iconic sounds of the British Invasion. Experience an evening filled with the music that revolutionized the world of music, fashion, and style. Enjoy timeless hits from legendary bands such as The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Kinks, The Who, Peter and Gordon, and many more British icons.

- PROGRAMMING -

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AARP: Safe Driving Course

Dates: Thursday, Nov. 7 & Friday, Nov. 8
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

This program is for individuals 60+ to teach them safe driving techniques.
Cost: The course is \$20.00 for AARP members (with ID card) \$25 for non-members.
****Make checks payable to AARP payment is required the first day of class.**

Resume Help!

Date: Thursday, Oct. 3
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Are you looking to stand out in the job market? Join our Resume Help! class at the library and take the first step towards landing your dream job! Develop a competitive resume that highlights your skills and experience and craft a compelling cover letter to grab employers' attention.

Chess Club for All Ages

Date: Wednesday Sept. 25
Wednesday Oct. 2
Wednesday Nov. 6
Wednesday Dec. 11
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

***Parents must accompany children**

Do you want to learn to play chess? Are you the most feared player amongst your friends? This is the chess club for you!



Alfred Hitchcock's The Lodger

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 2
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Watch The Lodger, Hitchcock's third silent film but the one Hitchcock considered "his first true film," and his first movie cameo. Explore the cultural history behind the movie, the director and actors. Sit back and enjoy the sounds of the pipe organ with organist Jay Warren.

Microsoft Basics II

Date: Thursday, Nov. 14
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Ready to build your skills with Microsoft Office? Our classroom-style instruction is perfect for anyone looking to master the basics and beyond! Learn the essentials of Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint in a supportive environment. Whether you're new to Microsoft or looking to refresh your skills, this class is perfect for you!

Hearty Soup Cooking Class & Demonstration

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 4
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Warm your heart in this winter season by watching Chef Nicole Mack demonstrate how to create three soups: a cream, a broth, and a tomato soup. Learn these in-a-pinch soups and take home samples of all three soups.



Pumpkin Terracotta Pot

Date: Thursday, Sept. 19
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Love a craft that's simple? So do we! Paint and create a pumpkin out of a terracotta pot. Fill it with candy or small gifts and give it away or keep it for yourself to wow all your guests this fall season!

How Corn Changed Itself and Everything Else

Date: Wednesday Oct. 16
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

In this lecture, Cynthia Clampitt will present the history of corn and how it transformed the Americas before First Contact, how it traveled the world after First Contact, and its stunning impact on the creation of not only the historic Midwest but just about everything in it.

Young At Heart for 55+

Date: Friday, Sept. 20 (Audiobook class)
Friday, Oct. 18 (Movie: The Help)
Friday, Nov. 15 (Craft)

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Once a month, patrons 55+ may come to enjoy either a class, craft, or a movie. Doors open at 1:30 pm for coffee and conversation. The program starts promptly at 2 pm. Please call the library or check the calendar for event specifics.



T-Shirt Bags

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 11
Time: 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Grab a t-shirt and learn how to repurpose it into a bag! Step-by-step instructions, join friends, eat food, and take home a new bag! Please provide your own t-shirt. All other instructions and supplies will be provided.

Ghosts

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 23
Time: 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Think Van Gogh's Starry Night needs a few ghouls? Or Seurat's La Grande Jatte doesn't have enough people and needs a few more spirits? Hang out with spook-tacular friends and draw ghosts on posters of famous paintings using glow-in-the-dark paint. All supplies provided.

Holiday Tree Decorating

Dates: Wednesday, Dec. 11
Time: 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Join other teens as we decorate the teen department with Christmas festivities in a book theme. Create covers of your favorite books to create miniature versions turned ornaments!
Pssst! I'll let you in on a secret: any teen who helps out gets community service hours!



Lap-Sit

Date: Wednesdays, Sept. 11th - Dec. 4th
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Let's instill a love of books in children from birth to 3 years. This program is designed to introduce your child to the wonderful world of books. Caregiver participation and guidance are required as we read, sing, and do finger plays. Registration is required.

Play-Doh Playdates

Dates: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month
September 10th - December 3rd
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a Play-Doh workshop! Display your creativity using our Play-Doh and tools. This program is for children aged 2-6, and registration is required.

Toddler Time

Dates: Thursdays, Sept. 12th - Dec. 5th
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

We welcome toddlers and their caregivers to join us every week for an exciting exploration of various toys and sensory materials. Toddlers can enhance their gross and fine motor skills, as well as their social interaction and language skills. Caregivers must accompany their little ones throughout the program.



Community Helpers Storytime

Date: Thursday, Sept. 19
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Braidwood Police Department

Join us at the Braidwood Police Department for a tour of the police station. Meet Chase, the police dog, and listen to stories read by the police officers. Registration is required, and a caregiver must accompany their child.

Kids Can Cook

Date: Monday, Sept. 30
Monday, Oct. 21
Monday, Nov. 25
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

This program teaches children in 1st-5th grade basic food preparation and cooking skills while introducing them to the joys of nutritious and delicious food. Registration is required with a maximum of 20 children.

Community Helpers Storytime

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 2
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Braidwood Fire Protection District

Join us at the Braidwood Fire Protection District for a tour of the fire station. Meet Sparky, the fire dog, and listen to stories read by the fire fighters. Registration is required, and a caregiver must accompany their child.





Fossil Ridge Public Library District
386 West Kennedy Road
Braidwood, IL 60408

LIBRARY HOURS:
Monday – Thursday: 9am – 8pm
Friday: 9am – 5pm
Saturday: 9am – 3pm
Sunday: Closed

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
Labor Day - Sept. 2 - Closed
Thanksgiving - Nov. 28 - Closed
The day after Thanksgiving - Nov. 29 - Closed
Christmas Eve - Dec. 24 - Closed
Christmas Day - Dec. 25 - Closed

DIRECTOR:
RENE LEYVA

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Any person needing an accommodation for a disability in order to access the benefits of the Library's services, programs, or activities under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact programming staff by telephone at (815) 458-2187 or in writing, not less than five (5) business days prior to the program.

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Attendance at Library programs, events or Library spaces constitutes consent to be photographed or filmed for use in print and/or electronic publicity of the Library



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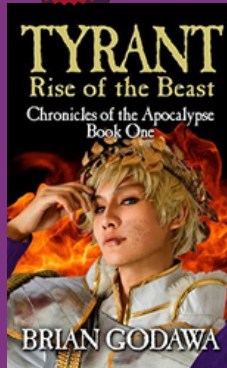
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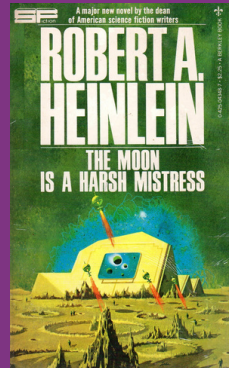
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Recommended by: Diana

Ancient Rome, A.D. 64. Alexander, a Jewish doctor loyal to Rome, has his life turned upside down when the evil emperor Nero Caesar launches a horrific persecution of Christians. When Nero discovers that an apostle has written a secret apocalypse about the end of the world, he orders a Roman warrior to hunt down the scroll, destroy it, and kill the author. But a bold Christian woman named Cassandra holds a dark secret that opens the door to a world of spiritual warfare they're not ready to face. It will lead them to the holy city of Jerusalem and to the true meaning of the apocalypse.



Recommended by: Jacob

It is a tale of revolution, of the rebellion of a former penal colony on the Moon against its masters on the Earth. It is a tale of a culture whose family structures are based on the presence of two men for every woman, leading to novel forms of marriage and family. It is the story of the disparate people, a computer technician, a vigorous young female agitator, and an elderly academic who become the movement's leaders, and of Mike, the supercomputer whose sentience is known only to the revolt's inner circle, who for reasons of his own is committed to the revolution's ultimate success.



MOVIES



THE BOYS IN THE BOAT, directed by George Clooney, is about the 1936 University of Washington rowing team that competed for gold at the Summer Olympics in Berlin. This inspirational true story follows a group of underdogs at the height of the Great Depression as they are thrust into the spotlight and take on elite rivals from around the world.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION



From director Alexander Payne, **THE HOLDOVERS** follows a curmudgeonly instructor (Paul Giamatti) at a New England prep school who is forced to remain on campus during Christmas break to babysit the handful of students with nowhere to go. Eventually he forms an unlikely bond with one of them -- a damaged, brainy troublemaker (newcomer Dominic Sessa).

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