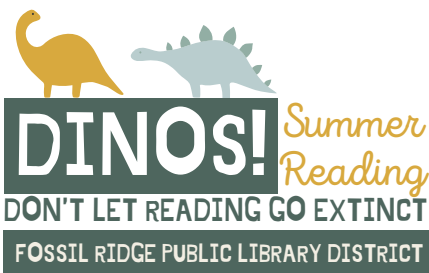




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SUMMER EDITION PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

JUNE - AUGUST 2023 / WWW.FOSSILRIDGE.ORG / 815.458.2187



STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2025

VISION

Enriching lives through lifelong learning.

MISSION

We enrich lives by providing educational, recreational, and literary needs for everyone in our community by striving for excellent service that provides access to the world of social and cultural ideas.



ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

Goal 1

Raise awareness of library resources and outreach services.

Goal 2

Build strong relationships with community members and partners throughout our district.



EMPOWER THE COMMUNITY

Goal 1

Develop timely programs to encourage lifelong learning, social connections, curiosity, and creativity.

Goal 2

Build technology confidence to navigate the digital world.

Goal 3

Add non-traditional services and collections to bring joy and convenience to community members.



ENVISION THE FUTURE

Goal 1

Cultivate strong team dynamics by providing time for training and dialogue.

Goal 2

Create welcoming, inviting, and functional indoor and outdoor library spaces to meet the needs of community members and staff.

Goal 3

Ensure transparent and sustainable library operations through fiscal responsibility.

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To read the full strategic plan, visit our website at www.fossilridge.org.

SUMMER READING IS HERE! DON'T LET READING GO EXTINCT!



First 100 Children/Tweens to sign up will get an authentic fossil!

C

CHILDREN
(Ages 0 - 9)

When signing up, Kids will receive a book log and a goodie bag with fun things from the community!

Each completed book log will allow you one ticket to be entered for a chance to win one of ten amazing prizes!

5 Books = 1 Raffle Ticket

Tw

TWEEN
(Ages 10 - 13)

Signing up will get Tweens a goodie bag with school supplies and coupons from local businesses!

Each book log completed will allow you one ticket that can be entered for a chance to win one of five prizes catered to tweens!

3 Chapter Books/Graphic Novels = 1 Raffle Ticket

A&T

ADULT & TEEN
(Ages 14 - 65+)

By signing up for Summer Reading you will receive a reading log, a raffle ticket and a Fossil Ridge Public Library water bottle (while supplies last).

For every reading log completed you'll receive a raffle ticket you can use for a chance to win one of our prize baskets!

6 Books of any format = 1 Raffle Ticket

- 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. 💰

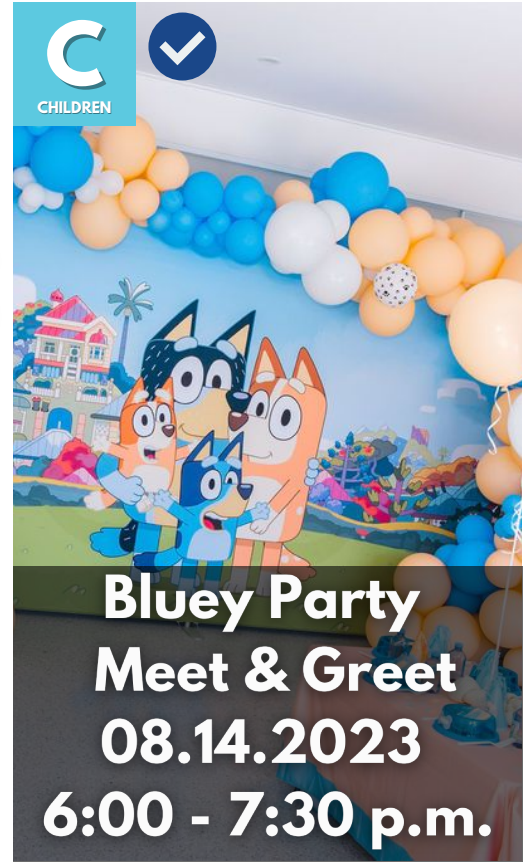
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A ✓
ADULT



Yoga in the Park
06.22.2023
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

C ✓
CHILDREN



Bluey Party
Meet & Greet
08.14.2023
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

T ✓ 💰
TEEN



Brookfield Zoo Bus Trip
07.06.2023
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

T ✓ 💰
TEEN



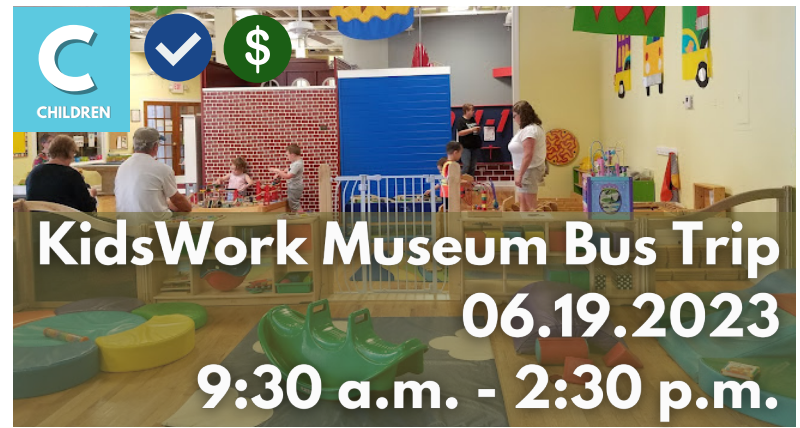
Teen Rock Climbing
08.07.2023
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tw ✓ 💰
TWEEN



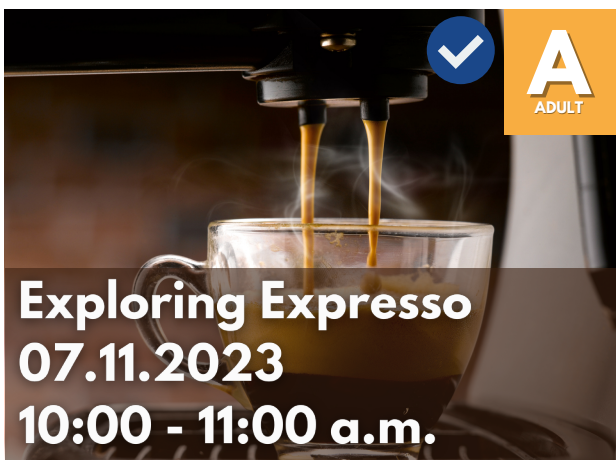
Tween Babysitting & CPR Class
06.06.2023
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

C ✓ 💰
CHILDREN



KidsWork Museum Bus Trip
06.19.2023
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

✓ **A** ADULT



Exploring Espresso
07.11.2023
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

✓ **A** ADULT



Grilling 101
08.26.2023
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

✓ 💰 **G** GENERAL



AARP
Safe Driving Course
June 6 & 13
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- PROGRAMMING -

Register online at fossilridge.org,
by phone at (815) 458-2187 or in person.
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Adult Velvet Art ✓

Date: Thursday, Jun. 15
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy snacks and music in a relaxing atmosphere with friends as you create a unique velvet art piece.

Give it as a gift or keep it for yourself!

Walk and Tech ✓

Date: Monday, Jun. 19
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

We'll take a short, easy walk and staff will demonstrate free apps to enjoy on your phone while you leisure through nature. Prior to the walk date, stop in the library and staff will help you download, access, and enjoy the app on the walk.

Color a Scarf ✓

Date: Wednesday, Jul. 12
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Bring your creativity and color your own silk scarf using paint pens and sharpie markers!

All supplies provided.



Guided Adult Nature Hike ✓

Date: Friday, Jul. 14
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a guided nature hike off the beaten path while learning all about how to identify native plant and wildlife.

Hiking clothes, sun protection, and water recommended.

Midwin Prairie and History Tour ✓

Date: Monday, Jul. 24
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join Forest Service staff on a guided stroll through a restored prairie, a farmstead site, an abandoned ammunitions bunker and more. Learn about the land's pre-arsenal and arsenal history, and about the restoration work happening now.

Faux Stained Glass ✓

Dates: Wednesday, Aug. 16
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Make a beautiful stained glass piece of art with simple designs and even simpler materials.

All materials provided.



Teen Anime Club ✓

Date: Second Tuesday of every month
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Anime Club is an opportunity for teens to socialize with their friends after school while enjoying Japanese anime and manga. The club is open to all anime and manga fans ages 12-17 or those in grades 7th-12th.

Teen After Hours at the Library ✓

Date: Friday, Jul. 28
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Ever wanted to stay at the library after hours? We'll be hanging out, watching movies, playing games all with full access to the library after it closes!

Pizza and Snacks will be provided.

Disaster Preparedness ✓

Dates: Wednesday, Aug. 9
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

During this one and a half hour program, participants will review past local disasters, identify potential disasters that are possible in their community, and take a look at simple things each person can do to be more prepared. Attendees will create their own preparedness bag to take home.

Teen Camping Trip ✓

Dates: August 11-12
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Location: Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve

We invite you to join us for an exciting camping adventure! There will be various activities such as games, a night hike, s'mores, and more. Bring your tent/sleeping bag and comfortable footwear. Waiver required to participate!



T-Rexplorers ✓

Date: Monday, Jun. 5
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join T-Rexplorers and see authentic dinosaur fossils, hear stories from our digs and see some of our latest finds! We will stay up to 30 minutes after the program end time so you can come up and take pictures or see anything you weren't able to during the program. Come 15 minutes before program start time and meet Ranger the T-Rex!

Barbie Club ✓

Dates: Wednesday, Jun. 7 & Jun. 21
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join Barbie Club (an open-play program) for kids to develop storytelling, play, language, and sharing skills. Register beforehand. For ages four and up. Parents must be present if the child is under nine. We provide all materials or bring your own. Unleash your imagination and have fun!

Fossil Dig ✓

Dates: Wednesday, Jun. 14
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Become a paleontologist and dig up your very own fossils to take home. Can you identify the different types and get them out of their compacted dirt in one piece?



Mommy & Me Canvas Painting ✓ 💰

Dates: Friday, Jun. 16
Time: 1. 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
2. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per pair

Mommy(Daddy) and me canvas painting event is designed for you and your child to have some creative fun while enjoying a special day together! Each participant will paint corresponding paintings.

Kids Can Cook: Summer Treats ✓

Dates: Thursday, Jun. 22
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we make fun and creative summer treats while introducing basic culinary skills to kids, including reading recipes, measuring, and kitchen safety. Patrons will make two recipes and receive recipe cards for everything they make so they can practice and enjoy the recipes at home!

STEM - Create Your Own Fossil ✓

Dates: Wednesday, Jun. 28
Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Patrons will make their own impression fossil to help them understand how some fossils are formed, and why they are important.



Well Read Book Club

Date: First Thursday of every month
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Well-Read book club meets on the first Thursday of each month to discuss memoirs, biographies, true crime, or a book selected by one of the members!

Copies of monthly book selections are available for checkout at the front desk.

All readers are welcome to join!

Cook the Book ✓

Date: Third Tuesday of every month
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join us on the Third Tuesday of every month for our cookbook-meets-potluck. Each member chooses a recipe from the same cookbook voted on by the group and brings a dish to share at the following meeting.

Pick up a copy at the front desk, bring your appetite, and pull up a seat at the table!

A Matter of Balance ✓

Date: Every Monday (Starting July 10)
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

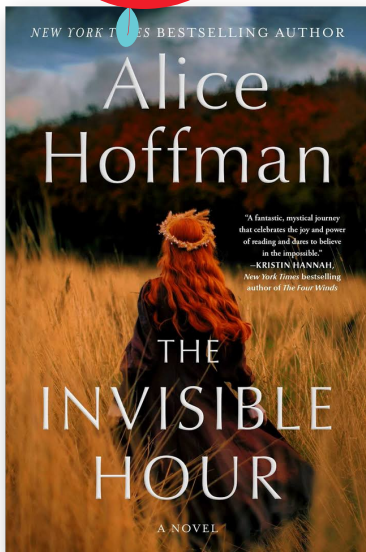
Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

This program is FREE and for individuals who are 60 or older.



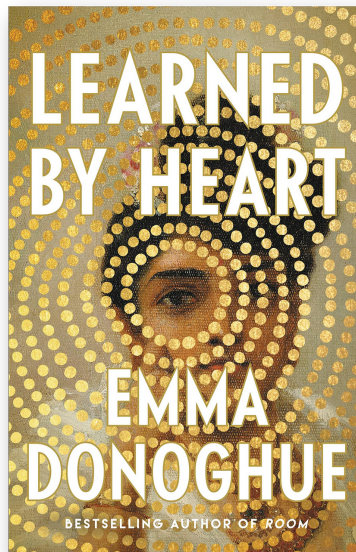
- BOOKS AND MORE -

UPCOMING BOOKS!



One brilliant June day when Mia Jacob can no longer see a way to survive, the power of words saves her. The Scarlet Letter was written almost two hundred years earlier, but it seems to tell the story of Mia's mother, Ivy, and their life inside the Community—an oppressive cult in western Massachusetts where contact with the outside world is forbidden, and books are considered evil. How could Nathaniel Hawthorne have so perfectly captured the pain and loss that Mia carries inside her?

Coming Late Summer 2023



A heartbreakingly gorgeous novel based on the true story of two girls who fall secretly, deeply, and dangerously in love at a boarding school in 19th century York. Drawing on years of investigation and Anne Lister's five-million-word secret journal, *Learned by Heart* is the long-buried love story of Eliza Raine, an orphan heiress banished from India to England at age six, and Anne Lister, a brilliant, troublesome tomboy, who meet at the Manor School for young ladies in York in 1805 when they are both fourteen.

Coming Late Summer 2023

JUNE

Always Isn't Forever by J.C. Cervantes
Zero Days by Ruth Ware
The Five Star Weekend by Elin Hilderbrand
The Paris Daughter by Kristin Harmel
Near Miss by Stuart Woods

JULY

One Of Us is Back by Karen McManus
The Housekeepers by Alex Hay
Crook Manifesto by Colson Whitehead
Silver Nitrate by Sylvia Moreno-Garcia
Hello Stranger by Katherine Center

AUGUST

The Brothers Hawthorne by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
The Attack by W.E.B. Griffin
Canary Girls by Jennifer Chiaverini
Dead Mountain by Douglas Preston
Ricochet by Taylor Moore

Included with your Library Card

Museum Adventure Pass

Use your library card to receive admission or a special discount at participating Chicago area cultural destinations!

Explore More Illinois

Explore More Illinois is a free service that provides free/discounted prices to multiple local venues!

Play-Away Audiobooks

Play-Away is a simple and easy to use audiobook format with multiple books to choose from!

Play-Away Launchpads

Kids Tablet is a safe and educational tool for parents to help kids have fun and learn at the same time! Each tablet has curated popular content to entertain your child on the car ride to your next vacation.

Libby

Libby is a service that provides digital free content like ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines!

Creative Bug

Creative Bug has thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.

Kanopy

Kanopy is a free online streaming service with lots of great documentaries and international shows!

Consumer Reports

Consumer Reports is a resource that provides non-biased reviews on everyday products.

AtoZ Food

AtoZ Food is the world's largest collection of local and international recipes!

DID YOU KNOW... OUR OTHER SERVICES...

***Faxing** - \$2.00 to send the first page, \$1.00 to send each additional page, \$1.00 per page to receive. To fax outside the continental United States: \$5.00 for the first page, \$1.00 for each additional page, \$1.00 per page to receive.

***Notary - FREE**

***Paper Copies** - .10 cents per page for black and white prints and .25 cents for color prints. This fee applies to all material printed by library printers, including, but not limited to, Internet downloads and personal work.

***Laminating** - \$1.00 for 8 1/2 X 11, \$1.50 for large items up to 12x15, \$2.00 for 15x18 (extra-large items), \$4.00 for 18x24 (oversized poster board).

***Study Space** - Our open concept layout allows library users to choose a table and create their own space to work on their projects! Need extra quiet space? Request our study room to make sure you can get things done without interruptions.

Give us a call at 815-458-2187 or email us at help@fossilridge.org.

I WANT TO GET A LIBRARY CARD!

- All you need is a photo ID on-hand along with the CURRENT address.
- If the current address is not on the ID, please bring the following:
 - An Identification Card
 - A piece of canceled mail with the current address will act as proof of residency.
- Non-Residency patrons will need a photo ID along with their renter's agreement or property tax.

Once you've obtained your library card, you'll have access to checking out items and exclusive services such as access to our online system PrairieCat, Ancestry, Libby, and many others.



NEW SERVICES!



LICENSE PLATE STICKER RENEWAL

Did you know we can process your license plate sticker renewal? Only pay an additional \$8.70 in addition to the mandated state fee without the hassle of lines. Please call 815-458-2187 for more questions.

OUTREACH SERVICES

This service allows any working adult to utilize the library's materials without physically stepping into the library. There are no extra costs, and our outreach staff will work with you to ensure all items arrive at your home in a timely matter.



SEED LIBRARY

The purpose of the Seed Library is to lend and share seeds with the community. It allows our patrons to enjoy the hobby of gardening with the bonus of growing your own organic veggies right in your backyard! It's a FREE service with just your library card.

1-ON-1 TECH ASSISTANCE

Need help with a new device or basic technology issues? Want to learn how to access library resources like Libby or download ebooks or audiobooks? Book an appointment and get free one-on-one help today!





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LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 8pm
Friday: 9am - 5pm
Saturday: 9am - 3pm
Sunday: Closed

SOME AREAS NOT SERVED BY THE FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT MAY RECEIVE THIS MAILING BECAUSE OF POST OFFICE ROUTINGS.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Independence Day - July 4 - Closed

DIRECTOR:

Rene Leyva

LIBRARY BOARD:

Sandra Bauter - **President**
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Danell Morrison - **Secretary**
LuAnn Bolatto - **Trustee**
Susan Trimby - **Trustee**
Kathleen M Price - **Trustee**

MOVIES ON THE GREEN

REGISTER TODAY! Be part of our 1st Annual
Outdoor Summer Movie Series



Co-sponsored by the
Braidwood Police
Department

**RATED:
PG-13**

**TOP GUN
MAVERICK**

Friday, July 21 at 8 p.m.
TOP GUN: MAVERICK
(2022)

**RATED:
PG**

**REMEMBER THE
TITANS**

Friday, August 11 at 8 p.m.
REMEMBER THE TITANS
(2000)

**RATED:
G**

The Super Mario Bros. Movie

Friday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m.
The Super Mario Bros. Movie
(2023)

FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT SERVICES PATRONS WITH DISABILITIES

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.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION

BEGINS JUNE 5 - ENDS LATE JULY



Rene Leyva
Rene Leyva
Library Director

Due to construction, the library's parking lot will be closed from June to July. However, the library will remain open and accessible during the duration of the parking lot project.

REMINDERS

Parking: Available at Reed-Custer! Patrons can use the drop-off lot (next to the library).

Main Entrance: Please follow the arrows to our temporary main entrance by the large glass windows (south side of the building) closest to Kennedy Road.

The Food Pantry: will be temporarily located inside the building. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

What is the end result of the project?

A new parking lot with a drainage system to solve water issues during rainstorms, ADA-compliant north-side entrances, and an accessible book drop. These improvements make the building more welcoming and inclusive for everyone!



For more UP-TO-DATE information, please sign up for our e- newsletter, check our website and like us on Facebook.

SCAN OUR DINO QR-CODE WITH YOUR PHONE AND REGISTER FOR AN EVENT TODAY!



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