



# BETWEEN THE STACKS NEWSLETTER



## NEW YEAR NEW BOOKS!

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### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

#### 2023 HERE WE ARE!

This is the year to try and learn something new and explore the benefits of your library card.

The library staff are ready to order any DIY books on crafts, home repair, second-language kits and on so many other subjects. Not ready to take the plunge? Participate in fun youth and adult programs where you'll meet others wanting to expand their knowledge. No matter the topic, we can guide you to the answer; it's that easy!

Please take the time and register to our e-newsletter located on the bottom of the library's website and familiarize yourself with our calendar of events. This certainly allows you to be up-to-date with all things, library!

Not yet a library card member? Don't wait until Summer Reading, sign-up today and be part of our library family.



**Rene Leyva**  
Library Director

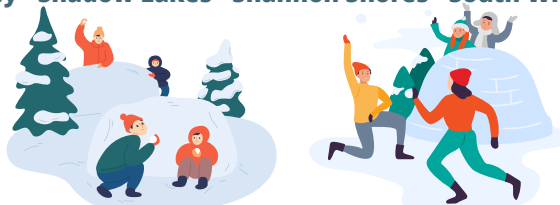


#### Book Sale January 9 - 31

Support the library by purchasing used books, CDs, and DVDs!

The library will continue taking donations and drop offs at the Circulation Desk. (Not accepting encyclopedias or textbooks)

For more information, please give us a call, 815-458-2187 or email us at: [help@fossilridge.org](mailto:help@fossilridge.org).

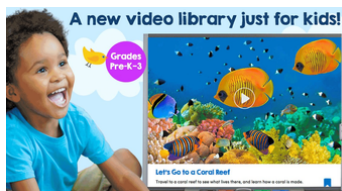


### TOP 5 YOUTH RESOURCES AT FOSSIL RIDGE.



#### HOMESCHOOL KITS

TRY BEFORE YOU BUY! OUR HOMESCHOOL KITS INCLUDE NOT ONLY THE STUDENT'S BOOK, BUT THE TEACHER'S EDITION, TESTS, QUIZZES, AND ALL ANSWER KEYS!



#### A new video library just for kids!

#### SCHOLASTIC WATCH & LEARN

A NEW VIDEO LIBRARY FOR EARLY LEARNERS. WATCH KNOWLEDGE GROW WITH REAL-WORLD VIDEOS. GRADES PRE-K TO 3, IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH.



#### PLAYAWAY LAUNCHPADS

KIDS LAUNCHPADS ARE LOADED WITH LEARNING APPS, VIDEOS, GAMES, AND MORE FOR HOURS OF INTERACTIVE LEARNING AND PLAY. PLACE A HOLD!



#### SCHOLASTIC BOOKFLIX

THEMED FICTION AND NONFICTION TITLES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO BRIDGE LEARNING-TO-READ AND READING-TO-LEARN.



#### TODDLER TIME

TODDLERS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS CAN EXPLORE WITH VARIOUS TOYS AND SENSORY MATERIALS EACH WEEK.



# - SPOTLIGHT



**A** ADULT **T** TEEN **C** CHILDREN **H** HOMESCHOOL

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. \$

**C** CHILDREN ✓



**Nintendo Switch Tournament**  
01.16.2023  
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**H** HOMESCHOOL ✓ \$




**School of Rock  
Homeschool  
Field Trip**  
04.19.2023  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**T** TEEN ✓



**Teen Advisory Board**  
Second Thursday of every month  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
\*Starting in FEBRUARY

**T** TEEN ✓



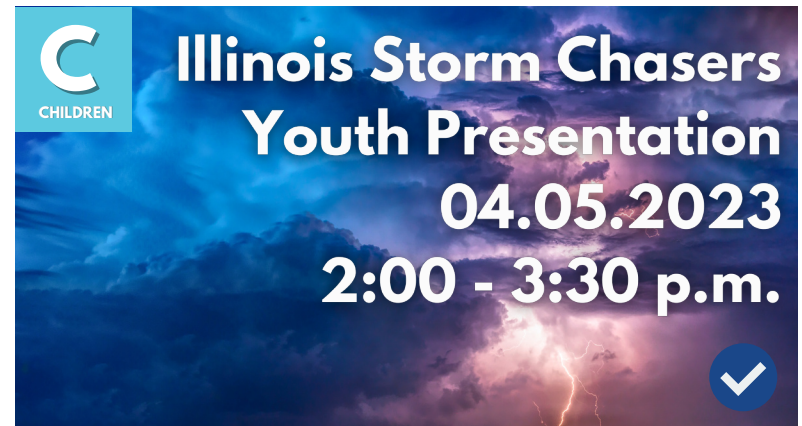
**Manga Drawing**  
04.11.2023  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**C** CHILDREN ✓ \$



**Mommy & Me Canvas Painting**  
01.30.2023  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**C** CHILDREN ✓



**Illinois Storm Chasers  
Youth Presentation**  
04.05.2023  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**A** ADULT ✓ \$



**Charcuterie 101**  
03.06.2023  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**A** ADULT ✓



**Coffee Tasting**  
03.23.2023  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

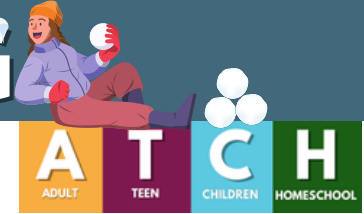
**A** ADULT ✓



**Self Defense  
Workshop**  
05.23.2023  
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.



# - PROGRAMMING



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## Basic Backyard Chicken Keeping ✓

**Date:** Wednesday, Mar. 1  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Interested in raising chickens at home or just want to know what it takes? What if you just want to meet a chicken from a safe distance? Learn how to find local laws, choose and raise chicks, and care for adult birds from poultry consultant Jennifer Murtoff.

## The Rule of Rum ✓

**Date:** Wednesday, Mar. 15  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Learn when rum arose and where, how pirates got involved, how rum helped unite the 13 colonies, and how it became one of the issues that led to the American Revolution. From the Caribbean across the British Empire, from taxes to military rum rations, come discover how rum once ruled the world.

## Bill the Baker ✓

**Date:** Monday, Apr. 3  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join Bill as he shows you how to substitute, mix, and match ingredients so that your dessert compliments your tastes. For this program Bill will be teaching us how to bake Babka, a popular chocolate pastry often served at Easter.

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## Conservation At Home ✓

**Date:** Wednesday, Apr. 12  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Conservation Foundation seeks to encourage and educate individuals to save money, conserve water resources, and provide habitats for wildlife by teaching people how to plant native plants and beautifying, natural landscapes.

## Live Music: Brad Fetterer ✓

**Date:** Tuesday, May 2  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of live music and light refreshments as you listen to classic folk, folk rock, and country music from Front Porch Hero, Brad Fetterer.

## Code Breaker and POW ✓

**Dates:** Saturday, May 13  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

In this gripping family presentation, author Sue Baugh describes how her father became a code breaker for the U.S. Navy and helped crack Japanese codes before the Battle of Midway, while her grandfather fought on Corregidor Island and survived three years in a Japanese POW camp.

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## Teen Spa Workshop ✓

**Date:** Friday, Feb. 17  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Let's start the new school year off right! Teens can sign-up for a DIY Teen Spa Workshop and make a bath bomb, sugar scrub and more for themselves or give as a gift to someone special.

## The Real Cost of College ✓

**Date:** Wednesday, Mar. 8  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Families will learn VIA ZOOM how to compare the net price of college instead of the sticker price and other important college planning techniques. This workshop focuses on helping families understand the real cost of college by uncovering financial and academic fit.

## Teen Cosplay Panel ✓

**Date:** Monday, Mar. 13  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:00p.m.

Learn straight from professional cosplayers! Bring your questions on everything from the planning, prep, and assembly of your character costume so you can bring your 2-D design to 3-D reality.

## Hardwear: Jewelry from a Toolbox ✓

**Dates:** Monday, Apr. 10  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Ever wandered through the aisles of stores and thought I wonder what I can make from that? We will teach you how to make fashionable jewelry using basic nuts, guitar wires, washers, and leather. You'll be the envy of all your friends.

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TEEN

## TWEEN Stranger Things Craft Night ✓

**Date:** Monday, Feb. 20  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate all Things Strange in this hour-long craft and snack program. Intended for tweens, ages 9-12, participants will be able to create their own Stranger Things ornament as well as make their own waffles.

## Kids Can Cook ✓

**Dates:** Jan. 19: Winter Edition  
Feb. 23: Valentine's Edition  
Mar. 16: St. Patrick's Day Edition  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

This instructor lead program introduces children to the basic skills of food preparation and cooking, while also teaching children the joys of cooking nutritious and delicious food.

## Early Readers Group ✓

**Dates:** Every Wednesday  
\*Starting January 25  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Introduce your children ages 0-5 to the sounds and rhythms of language and reading with stories, music and rhymes. Delight and stimulate your kid's senses and build a foundation for a lifelong love of books and reading.

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## Play-Doh Playdates ✓

**Date:** Third Tuesday of every month  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

It's time for some Play-Doh fun! We have the Play-Doh and tools; all you need to bring is your imagination!

## Kids Craft Corner ✓

**Dates:** Every other Monday  
\*Starting February 13  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Are you in first or second grade? Join us Monday evenings for silly stories and easy crafts! Supplies are limited.

## STEM Saturday: Laser Puzzle Challenge ✓

**Dates:** Saturday, Apr. 29  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

These laser puzzle boxes will require kids to think logically about angles and build a precise setup while getting to play with lasers. It's so much learning and fun at the same time!

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## Little Red Hen Bakes Bread Again ✓

**Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 18  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Let's learn how bread goes from seed to yumminess by traveling through 5 stations with hands of fun. Unlike the characters in the story, you will help so you will get to eat!

Recommended for K - 8th grade.  
Limited to 25 students

## It's National Dog Biscuit Day! ✓ 💰

**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 23  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Cost:** \$9.00 per person.

Homeschoolers come paint on canvas a PUG wearing a top hat in celebration. When you leave, you will take home a special treat not for you... but for your DOG! Light snacks will be provided.

Limited to 20 painters  
Recommended 3rd grade on up.

## The Wonder of Plants and Trees Workshop ✓ 💰

**Date:** Thursday, Apr. 27  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$5.00 per person

We will be headed to Willowhaven Park and Nature Center in Bourbonnais for nearly a full day of fun exploration! With a hands on work shop and guided trail hike; the students will be sure to learn all about different species of plants and animals!

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HOMESCHOOL



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:**

Memorial Day - May 29 - Closed

**DIRECTOR:**

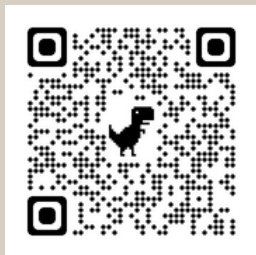
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Susan Trimby - **Trustee**  
Mike McCain - **Trustee**

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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.



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

**MORE INFO:**

Visit: [Fossilridge.org](http://Fossilridge.org)  
Call: 815.458.2187  
Email: [help@fossilridge.org](mailto:help@fossilridge.org)



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**STAFF PICKS**

**If I Run**  
By: Terri Blackstock

Casey knows the truth. But it won't set her free. Casey Cox's DNA is all over the crime scene. There's no use talking to police; they've failed her abysmally before. She has to flee before she's arrested . . . or worse. The truth doesn't matter anymore. But what is the truth?

*"I like suspense, I like being on the edge of my seat every turn of the page. Not everyone likes it, but I do."*  
-Tammy

**BOOKS**

**Where the Forrest Meets the Stars**  
By: Glendy Vanderah

After the loss of her mother and her own battle with breast cancer, Joanna Teale returns to her research on nesting birds in rural Illinois, determined to prove that her recent hardships have not broken her. She throws herself into her work from dusk to dawn, until her solitary routine is disrupted by the appearance of a mysterious child who shows up at her cabin barefoot and covered in bruises.

*"I loved the characters and the way they showed people CAN heal each other. I didn't want the story to end!"*  
-Robin

**The Color Out of Space**  
Runtime: 1hr 51min  
Rated: Not Rated

*"What can you say about this movie? It's a unique scary movie the likes of which we won't see anytime soon."*  
-Ashley

**86%**  
TOMATOMETER  
222 Reviews

**82%**  
AUDIENCE SCORE  
504 Number Ratings

**Spirited Away**  
Runtime: 2hr 5min  
Rated: PG

*"Spirited away is an absolute masterclass in what animated movies strive to be. Studio Ghibli creates fantastical worlds filled with whimsy that are perfect for anyone who's curious about the anime genre."*  
-Sam

**97%**  
TOMATOMETER  
100 Reviews

**96%**  
AUDIENCE SCORE  
210,000+ Ratings

**I-Cash Program**

Date: Friday, Feb. 24  
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The State Treasurer is holding 2.5 billion dollars in unclaimed funds for Illinoisans. The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed by either the original owner or their heirs. Come to the library, talk to a treasury representative and find out if you have unclaimed money!

**Well Read Book Club**

Monthly Meeting: First Thursday  
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Well-Read book club meets 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!

**AARP: Safe Driving Course**

Date: Tuesday, Mar. 7 & 14  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

A program 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 first day of class.**

**Cook the Book**

Monthly Meeting: Third Tuesday  
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join us 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!

**DMV Mobile Event**

Dates: Friday, May 12  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dreading going to the DMV? The Secretary of State's Mobile unit will be at the library. Standard state service fees apply.

Visit our website for further details on provided services. **Call the 815.458.2187 ext:112 to make an appointment.**

**Fiction Addiction**

Monthly Meeting: Fourth Monday  
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The book club meets monthly to discuss a book selected by one of the members. This group discusses a wide variety of books.

Copies of the monthly book selections are available for checkout at the front desk. All readers are welcome to join!