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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:



2024 ADVENTURE AWAITS: READY OR NOT, HERE WE COME!


We are beyond thrilled about all that we've accomplished this year and cannot wait to begin our exciting plans for 2024! Our top priority has always been to provide exceptional service while adding a personal touch. To sum up 2023, we upgraded our parking lot and added a brand new book drop. We are proud to display banners outside that showcase our values, and our new electronic sign will remind everyone of how many great things we're doing for our wonderful library members.

Coming this year, we will be partnering with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to offer hunting and fishing permits at the front desk. Keep an eye out for new Switch games being added to our collection. The library staff are excited to be introducing our "Library of Things," where we will offer much more than the usual library materials. Lastly, we will be increasing the number of discounted educational trips available to our library cardholders.

We're so excited about all the wonderful things we have in store in 2024!

Don't forget to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter on our website's main page to stay up-to-date on all the latest news. Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you soon.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the library at help@fossilridge.org or call us at 815-458-2187.


Rene Leyva
Library Director



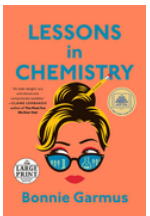
TOP 5 CHECKED OUT BOOKS OF 2023!



UGLY LOVE
BY: COLLEEN HOOVER
GENRE: ROMANCE
TOTAL CHECKOUTS: 23

LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY

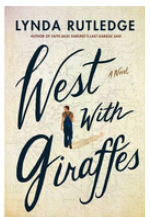
BY: BONNIE GARMUS
GENRE: HISTORICAL FICTION
TOTAL CHECKOUTS: 18



LAYLA
BY: COLLEEN HOOVER
GENRE: ROMANTIC SUSPENSE
TOTAL CHECKOUTS: 11

WEST WITH GIRAFFES

BY: LYNDA RUTLEDGE
GENRE: HISTORICAL FICTION
TOTAL CHECKOUTS: 11



REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES
BY: SHELBY VAN PELT
GENRE: MYSTERY
TOTAL CHECKOUTS: 11

- SPOTLIGHT -

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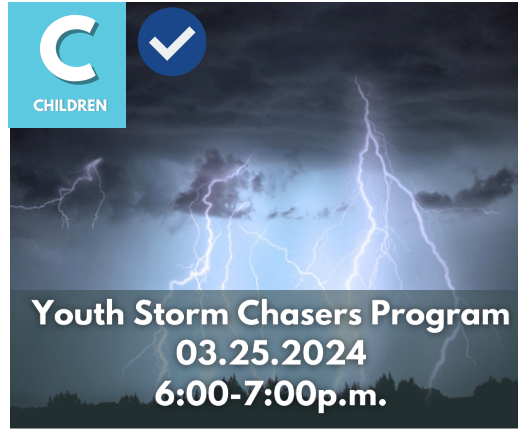
A ADULT **T** TEEN **C** CHILDREN **H** HOMESCHOOL **G** GENERAL

C ✓
CHILDREN



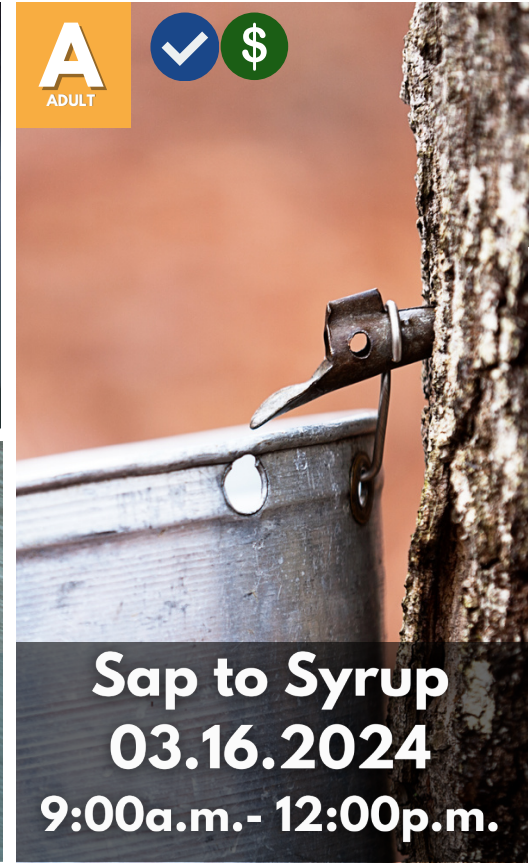
Tween Campfire Safety
05.13.2024
6:00-7:30p.m.

C ✓
CHILDREN



Youth Storm Chasers Program
03.25.2024
6:00-7:00p.m.

A ✓ \$
ADULT



Sap to Syrup
03.16.2024
9:00a.m.- 12:00p.m.

T ✓ \$
TEEN



Skateboard Deck-orating
04.06.2024
10:00a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Senior Safety Mornings
3/14: Cooking and Kitchen Safety
4/11: Medication and Scan Safety
5/9: Home Safety and Fall Prevention ✓
10:00-11:00a.m.

A ADULT

Pollination Pals and Wetland Wonders Field Trip ✓ \$
04.24.2024
10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

H HOMESCHOOL



Tween Scene ✓
Date: Jan. 22: Emoji Mason Jars
Feb. 26: Sharpie Coffee Mugs
Mar. 18: Hidden Message Candles
Apr. 22: Galaxy Name Plates
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

These instructor-led programs are a fun, educational, and creative way for Tweens to learn crafts and socialize.

Kids Can Cook ✓
Date: Feb. 15: Sweet Treats
Mar. 14: St. Patrick's Day Appetizer
Apr. 22: Springtime Snacks
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

This instructor-led program introduces children to the basic skills of food preparation and cooking while teaching children the joys of cooking nutritious and delicious food. For Children grades 1st - 5th, 20 children maximum.

DuPage Children's Museum Bus Trip ✓ \$
Date: Wednesday, Jan. 24
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join us on a family bus trip to the DuPage Children's Museum, where kids can flex their brain muscles, hone their fine motor skills, and -- of course -- have fun! Registration is required. A waiver and payment of \$10.00 per family are due upon registration. Payment includes museum entry as well as transportation fees.

Mah Jongg Club ✓
Date: Every Tuesday, April 2 - April 23
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Whether you are an experienced player or newbie, now is your chance to play Mah jongg at the library. Similar to Rummy, this popular game of luck and skill originated in China. An instructor will be on-hand to teach those new to the game.

Discovering the Silent Cinema ✓
Date: Wednesday, Apr. 3
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Learn about our motion picture heritage in a fast-paced, fun filled show! Long before the giant blockbuster films of today, there were movies that featured Charlie Chaplin, Gloria Swanson, Buster Keaton and many more. In this presentation, you'll experience the mighty theater organ with your host and silent film organist, Jay Warren.

Mind Games: Art of Deception Perception ✓
Dates: Thursday, Apr. 18
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Our brain decides how we perceive everything around us. It finds patterns and solves problems efficiently, except for when it lies to us. In this engaging program, William explores the real science of how our brains trick us into seeing and believing things that don't exist. You'll experience how optical illusions work, why people fall for scams, etc.

- PROGRAMMING -

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Spring Bingo ✓

Dates: Monday, Apr 1
Time: 10-11:30 a.m.
Age: 55+

Don't miss out on the chance to welcome spring with a bang! Let the numbers align, the prizes shine, and the good times roll. Have a great time with friends, eat food, and have a chance to win a prize.

Wills and Trusts ✓

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

Learn about wills, trusts, power of attorney, probate and guardianship. Attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft will explain how to ensure your final wishes can be protected. Take the first step to create or update a plan that is appropriate for you.

AARP Safe Driving Course ✓

Dates: Thursday & Friday, May 16 & 17
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 for AARP members (with ID card); \$25 for non-members. No charge for members insured by Hartford Insurance. Payment is required first day of class. Attendance of both classes are required for discount.



Julia Child Portrayal ✓

Date: Thursday, Mar. 7
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

In the 1960s, thousands tuned in every week to watch Julia Child demonstrate the art of French cooking on television. Actress and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. brings the iconic French Chef to life in this portrayal, where Child discusses everything from her relationship with her husband Paul Child to the mishaps of cooking on television.

Candle Making Class ✓ 💰

Date: Wednesday, Mar. 20
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join Farm to Wick for a journey through the art of candle making. We'll teach you how to make a one-of-a-kind soy candle from start to finish. Each person will take home a custom candle, learn the benefits of soy wax, understand the basics of container candle making, safety & handling tips, and much more.

Irene Sendler ✓

Date: Wednesday, Mar. 27
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Irena Sendler was a 29 year old Polish Social Worker who lived in Warsaw when WWII broke out. She worked as a sanitary inspector inside a Jewish ghetto which enabled her to smuggle out more than 2,500 children.



Rejuvenate Plants ✓ 💰

Date: Wednesday, Apr. 10
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a night of meditation, reflection, and relaxation! Participate in a 20-minute meditation to kickstart this event! Post-meditation, each participant will be able to paint their own burning dish and wrap their sage bundle with dried, natural flowers.

Artisan Wire Dangle Earrings ✓

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

Using raw copper or brass wire, earring hooks and beads, Susan Barzacchini, author of the book "Inventive Wire Weaving," will guide the class through the steps necessary to create a dangle earring using a secure loop. Bring glasses if needed, as the wire is fine. All tools and supplies are included for use in this class.

High Tea and the Low Down ✓

Dates: Wednesday, May 22
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

One of the most shocking things Americans find when traveling in Britain is not just the wealth of regional accents, but the completely different terminology Brits use in our "common" language. Would you like to know what to do with an aubergine and a courgette? Chuckle while learning how to avoid Britspeak disaster on your next trip to the UK.



After Christmas Party ✓

Date: Friday, Jan. 5
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Who says the parties have to stop after the holidays? Enjoy cooking, decorating, crafts, food and a hot cocoa bar. Hang out and play games with your friends.

Teen Lock-In ✓

Date: Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.

This is not an ordinary library program. Enjoy food, games (like Manhunt & Nerf War), and anything in between in this overnight library event. This is for teens entering grades 7-12. It requires a permission slip, and participants must have rides home 9:00 am Saturday morning. No walk-ins, no exceptions.

Teen Ice Skating ✓ 💰

Dates: Saturday, Feb. 3
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Price: \$8/per person includes admission and skate rental

Ages: 13-17

Get ready to glide at the coolest event in town! Join us for a fun afternoon on the ice with your friends.



Library After Dark - Tween Lock-In ✓

Date: Friday, Feb. 23
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Join us for a Tween Lock-In at the Library, on Friday, February 23rd from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. We are having a fun party with pizza, refreshments, games, and more! Come create some fun crafts and hang out with friends. Registration and waiver must be completed.

Half Day Movie Matinee ✓

Dates: Feb. 19: Paw Patrol - The Mighty Movie
Mar. 4: Trolls Band Together
Apr. 29: Kung Fu Panda 4
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us on half-days for family movies. Light refreshments will be provided, or you may bring your own.

Bubbles and Books ✓

Dates: 2nd and 4th Friday every month
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Location: King Room

Bring your little one to the library for some fun and playtime with books, bubbles, and balls in our ball pit. Registration is required. Caregiver must stay with their child during the program.



Jump Rope Mania ✓

Date: Thursday, Feb. 1
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Hey homeschoolers, where did jump rope come from? Do you know how to use a single-person jump rope? A group jump rope? A Chinese jump rope? Join Teacher Tammy and learn a little jump rope history and challenge yourself to jump using a single, group, and Chinese jump rope!

Little Red Hen Bakes again and AGAIN ✓ 💰

Date: Friday, Mar. 1
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We're welcoming back the Severson Farming Family who will once again show us how bread is made; from planting seeds, to threshing, to grinding, to kneading, and yes, eating! You will visit different stations that educate you on each process mentioned.

Pilcher Park Maple Syrup ✓ 💰

Tapping Field Trip
Date: Friday, Mar. 14
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We will be breaking into four groups and visiting four locations to learn how to make maple syrup. We will all get to eat some pancakes with the real deal syrup. Please dress appropriately because we will be both inside and outside throughout the trip no matter the weather.





Fossil Ridge Public Library District
386 West Kennedy Road
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LIBRARY HOURS:

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

"In Lieu of" Christmas Eve - Dec. 25 - Closed
"In Lieu of" Christmas Day - Dec. 26 - Closed
"In Lieu of" New Year's Eve - Jan. 1 - Closed
"In Lieu of" New Year's Day - Jan. 2 - Closed
Good Friday - March 29 - Closed
Memorial Day - May 27 - Closed

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RENE LEYVA

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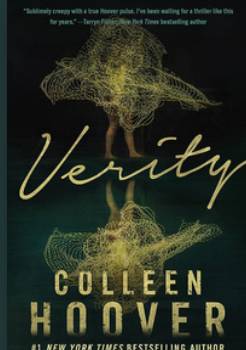
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Recommended by:
Sam

The only life Tress has known on her island home in an emerald-green ocean has been a simple one, with the simple pleasures of collecting cups brought by sailors from faraway lands and listening to stories told by her friend Charlie. But when his father takes him on a voyage to find a bride and disaster strikes, Tress must stow away on a ship and seek the Sorceress of the deadly Midnight Sea. Amid the spore oceans where pirates abound, can Tress leave her simple life behind and make her own place sailing a sea where a single drop of water can mean instant death?



Recommended by:
Maria

Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer on the brink of financial ruin when she accepts the job offer of a lifetime. Jeremy Crawford, husband of bestselling author Verity Crawford, has hired Lowen to complete the remaining books in a successful series his injured wife is unable to finish. Lowen arrives at the Crawford home, ready to sort through years of Verity's notes and outlines, hoping to find enough material to get her started. What Lowen doesn't expect to uncover page after page of bone-chilling admissions, including Verity's recollection of the night her family was forever altered.



Recommended by:
Tammy

High school basketball coach John Harrison and his team face an uncertain future when their town's largest manufacturing plant shuts down unexpectedly. As hundreds of people move away, John reluctantly agrees to coach cross-country, a sport he doesn't even like. His outlook soon changes when he meets Hannah Scott, an unlikely runner who pushes herself to the limit. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, John starts to train Hannah for the biggest race of her young life.



Recommended by:
Katelynn

Game warden Joe Pickett and his family navigate the shifting sociopolitical climate of a rural town on the verge of economic collapse; when a murder victim winds up on Joe's doorstep, the Picketts find themselves embroiled in a larger conspiracy.

