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iREAD® Summer Reading

Read. Renew. Repeat

SUMMER EDITION PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

JUNE - AUGUST 2024 / WWW.FOSSILRIDGE.ORG / 815.458.2187

SUMMER READING '24

READ. RENEW. REPEAT



AGES 14-65+ **ADULT & TEEN**

When you register for the Summer Reading program, you will receive a FREE carabiner (while supplies last) with a reading log to keep track of your progress and a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our exciting prize baskets. The more reading logs you complete, the greater your chances of winning. So, grab a book and join us for a fun-filled summer of reading and winning!



6 Books of any format = 1 Raffle Ticket



TWEENS AGES 10-13

In keeping with our summer reading theme, tweens who sign up will receive a reusable water bottle filled with gift cards and giveaways from local businesses in our library district (while supplies last). For each book log completed, your tween will be entered for a chance to win one of ten amazing prizes.

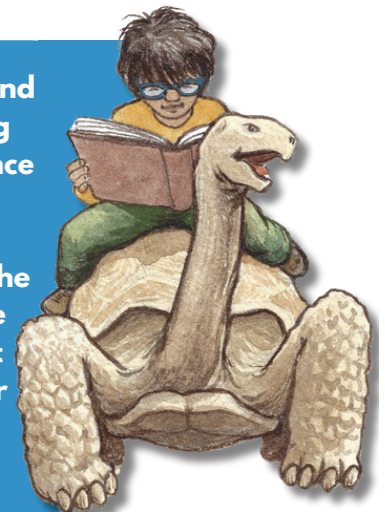
3 books of any format = 1 Raffle Ticket

AGES 0-9 **CHILDREN**

Our summer reading program is designed to encourage kids to read, renew, and repeat. As a reward for signing up, each child will receive a reusable tote bag filled with exciting goodies (while supplies last) to make their reading experience even more enjoyable.

Every time your child completes a book log, they have a chance to win one of the ten amazing prizes we have in store for them. The more books they read, the more raffle tickets they earn. So, whether your child is an avid reader or just starting, they have a chance to win an incredible prize by participating in our summer reading program.

5 books of any format = 1 Raffle Ticket



STRATEGIC PLAN TIMELINE

ACHIEVEMENTS THAT MATTER.

JAN 2022

FOSSIL RIDGE IS FINE FREE!

We continue to acknowledge the rising cost of living, and at Fossil Ridge, we still prioritize our residents' well-being. Our business model is not profit-driven, and we understand that your most pressing concerns are utility bills and food security. Our efforts are hopefully comforting and reassuring as we strive to continue to be a supportive environment for all district residents.

SEP 2022

At-Home Delivery Service

This service offers personalized assistance beyond the library's physical premises. We understand the value of time and are here to provide prompt assistance.

DEC 2022

Renewal Sticker location & Fishing/Hunting License Vendor

We provide more than books and offer accessible services to all residents, eliminating the need for a long drive to the next town. We strive to assist our community whenever possible.

JUN 2023

Cards for Kids Act and Military Extension

Allowing our youth and qualifying veterans the opportunity to have a library card who may face financial constraints.

AUG 2023

Parking lot renovation with book drop and new electronic sign.

Our top priorities are safety and accessibility for all users. We believe that Fossil Ridge is a place for everyone, and we want our communities to know what we offer on a daily basis.

JAN 2024

Smartpods 24/7 Pick Up Holds System

This project was made possible with funds allocated through an ARPA grant provided by Will County. Sign-up today!

JUN 2024

Free lunches for our youth through NIFB (more info pg 4)

All children deserve to have access to a meal, even during their summer break.



ENJOY OUR NEW CARD DESIGN!

Our new library card promotes inclusivity and unity. The artwork was created by Jason Chin for iREAD Summer Reading program.

The image replaces the old card (containing just our logo) with a symbol of togetherness. On the back of the card, you'll find handy information to enrich your library experience even further. Our staff hopes it keeps weaving tales of wonder for every visitor who steps through our doors seeking joy in lifelong learning.



FREE SUMMER MEALS

at Fossil Ridge



Join us every Tuesday and Thursday from
June 11th to August 8th
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Auditorium, Fossil Ridge Library

Come join us for a delicious complimentary meal and fun crafts every Tuesday and Thursday this summer! We're excited to offer this program to every child from kindergarten to grade 12. After the meal, stay and get creative with a craft you can take home!

FAQ:

WHO IS SUPPLYING THE MEALS?

The meals are provided by the Illinois Food Bank as part of the "Summer Food for Kids" program.

WHAT'S THE COST?

It's absolutely free! The Summer Food Service Program is funded by the USDA and administered by the Illinois State Board of Education.

WHERE WILL THE MEALS BE SERVED?

In the auditorium of Fossil Ridge Library.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER?

Yes, registration is required and begins on Friday, May 31st, 2024, at 9 a.m. This helps us ensure we have enough meals for everyone.

IS THERE A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE?

We currently have 25 individual meal packages available. This may change, so register early!

HOW EARLY CAN I GET IN LINE?

All children need to be registered, so waiting in line is unnecessary.

DOES THE PARENT HAVE TO BE PRESENT?

It's not required, but it is highly recommended for the parent to stay in the building.

HOW IS THE FOOD MAINTAINED?

We'll be providing non-perishable items, but refrigeration is available if needed.

DIETARY NEEDS?

Let us know when you sign up, and we'll try our best to accommodate your needs.

IS THIS SERVICE FOR EVERYONE?

Yes, this service is for anyone in the district.

DO I NEED TO BRING ANYTHING?

No, everything will be provided for every child.

Who can I contact for more information?

Contact Katelynn Clark, our Adult and Teen Librarian, at kclark@fossilridge.org or 815-458-2187 ext. 112.



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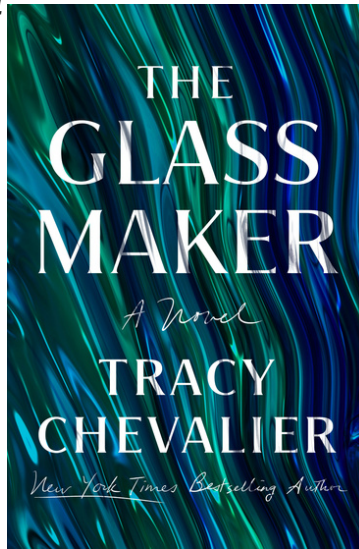
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BOOKS & MORE...



Coming Late Summer 2024

Kiela and her assistant Caz have spent most of the last eleven years sequestered among the empire's precious spellbooks, protecting the magic for the city's elite. But a revolution is brewing and when the library goes up in flames, she and Caz steal whatever books they can and flee to the faraway island where she grew up. She's hoping to lay low and figure out a way to survive before the revolution comes looking for her. To her dismay, in addition to a nosy—and very handsome—neighbor, she finds the town in disarray.



Coming Late Summer 2024

It is 1486 and Venice is a wealthy, opulent center for trade. Orsola Rosso is the eldest daughter in a family of glassblowers in Murano, the island revered for the craft. As a woman, she is not meant to work with glass—but she has the hands for it, the heart, and a vision. When her father dies, she teaches herself to make beads in secret, and her work supports the Rosso family fortunes. Skipping like a stone through the centuries, we follow Orsola and her family as they live through creative triumph and heartbreaking loss.

JUNE

The House Maid is Watching by Frieda McFadden
Swan Song by Elin Hilderbrand
Eruption by Michael Crichton and James Patterson
The Unwedding by Allie Condie
Sentinel by Mark Greaney

JULY

The Briar Club by Kate Quinn
What Have You Done by Shari LaPena
The Bright Sword by Lev Grossman
Hard to Kill by James Patterson and Mike Lupica
Bad River by Marc Cameron

AUGUST

By Any Other Name by Jodi Piccolt
The House Keeper's Secret by Iona Grey
This is Why We Lived by Karin Slaughter
Tell Me Everything by Elizabeth Strout
House of Glass by Sarah Pekkanen

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!

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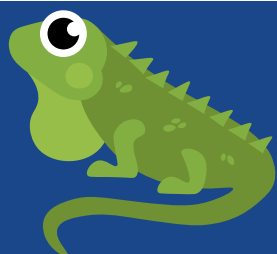
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Creative Bug has thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.

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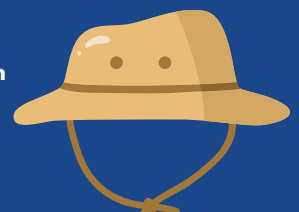
Borrow and enjoy audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, or music everywhere you have a screen!



GROGU'S GREEN GUARDIAN

Would you like to be a caretaker for our library's beloved pet, Grogu? Get hands-on experience by dressing up as a zoologist and following our daily checklist to learn how to feed and care for our little friend. After just four visits, you'll receive a certificate of achievement and a special thank-you gift!

Sign up today with Ms. Sarah at shopf@fossilridge.org or call 815-458-2187 ext.103.



SPOTLIGHT PROGRAMS

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

Top Crop Wind Farm Tour
06.07.2024
10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.



C ✓
CHILDREN

Children's Chess Club
2nd Tuesday of each month
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



Tw ✓
TWEEN

Tween CPR/First Aid Course
06.09.2024
12:30-4:00p.m.



T ✓ \$
TEEN

Teen Swim
07.25.2024
6:00-8:30p.m.



Tw ✓
TWEEN

Tween Beauty Basics
06.24.2024
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Tw ✓
TWEEN

Tween Self-Defense
06.12.2024
2:00-4:00p.m.



C ✓
CHILDREN

Nintendo Switch Party
06.11.2024
1:30-3:30p.m.



A ✓
ADULT

Camping Cuisine
06.20.2024
5:30-7:30p.m.

Movie Mondays ✓
Date: Monday, June 17th - **Wonka**
Monday, June 24th - **Elemental**
Monday, July 1st - **Wish**
Monday, July 8th - **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem**
Monday, July 15th - **Kung Fu Panda 4**
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 pm
We would like to invite you to a delightful family movie afternoon. You can bring your own refreshments or enjoy the light snacks we will be providing.

Kids Can Cook ✓
Date: Thursday, June 20th
Thursday, July 18th
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 and limited to 20 children.

Summer Reading Kick-off for Children ✓ **C** CHILDREN
Date: Monday, June 3rd
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Join us for our summer reading program, "Read, Renew, Repeat," as we kick off with an open house. You can learn about the program and receive some giveaways. We will also have the Friendly Farms Petting Zoo, a bounce house, and family games to enjoy. Light refreshments will be served.

Parents must accompany children under 9.

LIHEAP ✓
Date: Friday, June 28th
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LIHEAP can help you handle various cost-related challenges effectively, including:
1. Home energy bills for heating or cooling
2. Energy crises, such as utility shutoffs
3. Weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs
LIHEAP offers valuable support to ensure your comfort throughout the changing seasons.

Hatha Yoga ✓
Date: Saturday, June 29th
Saturday, July 27th
Saturday, August 31st
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

In this course, we will explore how connecting physical movements with breathing techniques can help calm the mind and reduce stress. This class is ideal for individuals who want to unwind after a long day or engage in low-impact exercises that can enhance their strength.

Book and Tablet Stand ✓ \$ **A** ADULT
Dates: Saturday, July 13th
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Unlock your artistic potential by joining our unique workshop on Book & Tablet Stand crafting! This hands-on experience will enable you to create a beautiful and functional stand using laser-cut wood. Fossil Ridge Library District has partnered with On A Whim to offer this workshop at a special price of \$35 per project.

REGISTRATION IS IN-PERSON ONLY.



24/7 HOLDS PICK UP SYSTEM

Our Smart Pods allow members to access library materials 24/7. With a quick registration process and convenient pickup, it's perfect for those on the go. Simply register, receive notifications, and pick up your materials using a QR code or pin. The pods offer a 48-hour extension to checkout periods and can accommodate multiple items. They are available exclusively for Fossil Ridge library cardholders.

This was made possible from allocated funds from an ARPA grant through Will County.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Register online at fossilridge.org,
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Fiction Addiction Book Club

Dates: Fourth Monday of each month
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The Book Club meets once a month on the fourth Monday at 5:30 PM to discuss a book that is chosen by one of its members. This group reads a diverse range of books and copies of the monthly selections are available for checkout at the front desk. Everyone who loves reading is welcome to join!

Bingocize

Dates: June 3rd - August 23rd
Every Monday and Friday in Auditorium
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Bingocize® offers you a unique solution that combines exercise, health education, and the familiar game of bingo in a fun way to get you moving and socializing.
For Ages 55+

Cook the Book Club

Dates: Third Tuesday of each month
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join us every third Tuesday of the month for our exciting cookbook-meets-potluck event. It's a perfect opportunity to showcase your culinary skills and enjoy delicious food with like-minded individuals. Our members get to vote on a selected cookbook, and each member chooses a recipe from the chosen cookbook to prepare.



Adult YA Book Club

Date: First Monday of each month
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

You're invited to participate in a book club dedicated to young adult (YA) fiction readers who are 18 years and older. This is a great opportunity for you to discover some of the most intriguing and thought-provoking books in the YA genre, and to engage in lively discussions. You also have the option of borrowing the ebook or e-Audiobook through the library's e-databases.

Adult and Teen Chess Club (Ages 14-Adult)

Date: Thursday, June 6th
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Learn how each of the 6 unique pieces move. Discover the foundation of strategy - King safety, the weak f2 and f7 squares, Center, Time, Space, and pawn structures. Explore the more advanced concept of imbalances. Sharpen your tactical prowess. Or you may simply just find new friendships, play challenging games, and have fun!

Self Defense Class

Date: Tuesday, June 4th-June 25th
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Ages 14+

Waiver must be signed for participation. The class provides instruction in avoiding and handling conflict and physical confrontation. We will demonstrate and practice defenses against some of the most common attacks.



DIY Mason Jar Luminaries

Date: Wednesday, July 17th
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Unleash your creativity by crafting your very own luminary, and witness the magic as it illuminates your wall with intricate light patterns! We'll bring the jars, you bring the imagination!

Midewin Walk

Date: Monday, August 12th
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join us with a naturalist in Midewin as we learn about the history of the preserve and explore its wooded area. The Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie is the largest island in the archipelago of protected areas that collectively comprise the Chicago Wilderness.
**Address: 30239 S. State Route 53
Wilmington, IL 60481**

DIY Scrabble Tile

Dates: Wednesday, June 19th
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Have you got a few four letter words in mind? Not to play the game but to make scrabble coasters! Think of a theme and which words would fit to make an easy, customizable gift or a budget home decor to impress all your guests.



Graffiti Art Baseball Caps

Date: Saturday, June 8th
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Learn about the history and art of graffiti from muralist, Milton Coronado. Throughout this session, he will teach you techniques to create your own graffiti design on a blank, white canvas of a "trucker" or baseball hat.

LIGHTning Bugs

Date: Wednesday, June 26th
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Transform an ordinary lightbulb into a charming, inventive craft project that showcases your creativity and resourcefulness. Discover how to repurpose old materials and create something unique while also reducing waste and promoting sustainability.

Magic the Gathering

Dates: Last Tuesday of every month
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us to learn to play Magic: The Gathering! Magic is an exciting, strategic fantasy trading card game. We'll go over the basics of how to play and we'll have a few simple decks for new players to learn with. Already know how to play? Bring your own deck and help teach others!
This program is for students in grades 6 to 12.



My Parent and Me Painting Class

Date: Monday, June 10th
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This canvas painting event is designed for you and your child to have creative fun while enjoying a special day together. Each participant will paint corresponding paintings. Registration and payment of \$10.00 per pair are required. Ages 6 and up are recommended. There will be two sessions available, and the same picture will be painted at both sessions.

Toddler Time

Dates: Thursdays, June 6th- July 25th
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. Through this program, toddlers can enhance their gross and fine motor skills, social interaction, and language skills. We kindly ask caregivers to accompany their little ones throughout the program. We can't wait to see you there!

Playdoh Playdates

Dates: Tuesday, June 4th & 18th
Tuesday, July 9th & 23rd
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a Play-Doh workshop! Show off your creativity using our Play-Doh and tools. This program is for children aged 2-6.



AT-HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

We are excited to offer our At-Home Delivery service, which brings books right to your doorstep for your convenience. Deliveries are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, weather permitting.

Once you request an item, our library ensures delivery within 7 working days. This service is beneficial for working parents, homeschool students, and anyone who cannot visit the library. If you need this service, you can call us at 815-458-2187, and our dedicated library staff will handle the rest.





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:
 In Service Day - Friday, May 24 - Closed
 Memorial Day - Monday, May 27 - Closed
 Independence Day - Thursday, July 4 - Closed

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 RENE LEYVA

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COMMUNITY FIRST.

Our library is a welcoming space for everyone. Our commitment to community outreach ensures that we serve as a hub for learning, creativity, and collaboration, enriching lives and fostering a sense of belonging for all. As part of our outreach initiative, we will have an info booth set up at the community events listed below. The library will also host "Movies on the Green" night where the community is invited to visit the library and enjoy a movie night on our lawn!



Library Director, Rene Leyva



ESSEX



Essex Fest
 Saturday, May 18

GARDNER



Gardner Zip Code Day
 Tuesday, June 4

BONFIELD



Bonfield Barnyard Days
 Saturday, June 22

BRAIDWOOD



Braidwood Summerfest:
 Flea Market, July 20th
 Parade, July 21st

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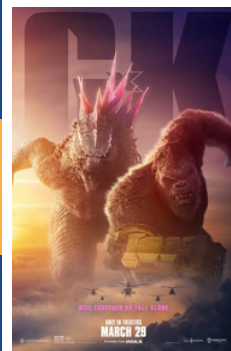
South Wilmington
 Party in the Park
 Saturday, July 27th

BRAIDWOOD



National Night Out
 Tuesday, August 6th

**@THE LIBRARY
 MOVIES ON THE GREEN**



Friday, August 2 at 8 p.m.
 Godzilla x Kong:
 The New Empire
 (2024)



Friday, Sept. 6 at 8 p.m.
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