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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5
Sunday 1-5
(September through May)

CLOSINGS

December 31-January 2
New Year's
January 16
M.L. King, Jr. Day
February 20
Presidents Day

Regularly Scheduled Events

Library Board Meetings

January 30 at 6 p.m.
February 27 at 6 p.m.
March 26 at 6 p.m.

Friends Group Meeting

February 6 at 6:30 p.m.

The group welcomes new members year-round and offers several volunteer opportunities.

Book Club

January 23 at 1:30 p.m.
February 27 at 1:30 p.m.
March 19 at 1:30 p.m.

New members are always welcome. Visit the library website or call 699-3917 for details.

Knitting Club

Knitting Club meets at 2 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Everyone is welcome.

Rules of the Road

A free refresher course for the general written and road sign exam will be held February 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 699-3917 to register.

Hot Reads for Cold Nights - Adult Winter Reading Program

Reading is a perfect way to warm up the cold days and long nights of winter! Adults age 18 and older are invited to participate in this year's Winter Reading Program, "Hot Reads for Cold Nights." Stop by the library between January 3 and February 29 to pick up a reading log. Read or listen to five books from Fondulac District Library during the program period to earn a goodie bag and an opportunity to win one of several prizes donated by local businesses.

Downloadable Books TechnoZoo

Learn how to get free library eBooks and audiobooks for your computer, eReader, tablet, smartphone, and audio player January 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. or January 24 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. TechnoZoo are open house style; just stop in during these times with your questions about the library's downloadable book service! If you can't attend but have questions, call 699-3917 for one-on-one help.

Library eBooks are now compatible with Kindle!

For more information about compatible devices, visit overdrive.com/resources/drc/ or contact the library

Stress Management Workshop

The Hult Health Education Center presents "All Stressed Up and No Place to Go," a free stress management workshop for seniors, at 11 a.m. January 12. Learn simple ways to help manage the stress that is ever-present in our daily lives!

New Opportunities for Entrepreneurs and Businesses

eBusiness Now: Tech Made Simple

Presented by Tammy Finch, these free, stand-alone workshops on the 3rd Thursday of each month focus on specific business issues and technology solutions for small businesses. Call 767-0755 to register. Upcoming topics include:

- January 19, 6:30 p.m. Boosting Your Business Using Technology
February 16, 6:30 p.m. Applying Technology to Jumpstart Your Sales
March 15, 6:30 p.m. Building the Perfect Website for Your Small Business

Simple Steps to Starting Your Business

Presented by Robin Albright, this free, five-part series of pre-business workshops helps attendees reach a "go or no-go" decision for starting a business and develop a business plan. Designed to work in conjunction with mentoring, the series includes homework for attendees to complete. Beginning January 26 at 6:30 p.m., the series continues on the 4th Thursday of each month through May. Call 767-0755 to register.

Equipment and Resources Available to Borrow

Through the Illinois State Library and Small Business Administration (SBA), Fondulac District Library received a grant of equipment and resources. Items currently available include a digital projector, a camcorder, training videos, and business books. Additional items are expected to be available throughout 2012. Local businesses, entrepreneurs, and organizations interested in borrowing equipment should contact the library at 699-3917. SBA's funding should not be construed as an endorsement of any products, opinions, or services. All SBA-funded projects are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance

AARP volunteers provide tax preparation assistance by appointment only on Wednesdays and Fridays, February 1 through April 13, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers cannot answer questions about rental property, farms, and small business. Call 699-3917 for an appointment.

The Central Illinois Agency on Aging helps prepare Circuit Breaker forms on Wednesdays only, February 1 through April 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. No registration is required for the service.

Medicare Updates for 2012

On March 13 at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois representative discusses the different parts of Medicare and updates attendees on differences in 2012, including deductible, copayment, and premium changes. The program is ideal for people who are new to Medicare or have been on Medicare for a period of time. Call 800-382-4548 to register.

Senior Driver Safety Program Returns in April

People 50 years and older can reduce insurance premiums and become safer drivers. Join us April 23 and 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the Senior Driver Safety Program, sponsored by AARP, RSVP, and Fondulac District Library. The fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Registration is required. To register, call 682-8521.



Research Resource Roundup

The library has several new online research resources for your information needs! Research resources are accessible to any user on the library's computers or 24/7 at fondulaclibrary.org with your Fondulac District Library card number.

- Chilton Library: Repair and maintenance information for most vehicles from 1940 to present.
Career Transitions: Practical, personalized tools for job searches and career exploration. Search for jobs, create resumes and cover letters, practice interviewing skills, and more.
Testing and Education Reference Center: Test prep materials and practice exams. Includes AP, GED, GRE, vocational exams, and more. Also includes info on schools, financial aid, and careers.
Legal Forms: Official state and federal forms covering hundreds of legal subjects and issues.

## Story Hours

Story hour sessions resume **January 30**. Registration is not required, but the library requests that the caregiver has a valid library card and that the child is the appropriate age.

### Little Listeners

3-5 years old  
 Mondays 10-10:30 a.m.

### Together Time

24-36 months old & adult  
 Tuesdays 10-10:30 a.m.

### Family Story Hour

Ages 2+ & adult  
 Tuesdays 1-1:30 p.m.

### Tiny Tot Time

12-24 months old & adult  
 Thursdays 10-10:20 a.m.

## Mommy & Me

When it's cold and the kids (and mom!) need to get out, come to the library to join mommies and their toddlers for an hour of chat and play. Share recipes, crafts, and other ideas while the kids play. Join us **January 10 and 24 at 10 a.m.**

## Wacky Science

Explore the crazy world of science **January 12 at 6:30 p.m.** This free program is open to Kindergarteners through 5<sup>th</sup> graders; 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and younger must bring an adult.



It's party time! Jam with Julie K and her wonderful world of animals, from the sea to the jungle and everywhere in between, on **January 17 at 10 a.m.** Coupled with her catchy lyrics for learning, she inspires spontaneous fun! Julie K's eclectic mix of melodies are refreshing and enjoyable for young and old alike. Come and jam with us at this musical party!

## Elephant and Piggie Party


Kids in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to our Elephant and Piggie Party **January 23 at 6:30 p.m.** We'll enjoy silly stories, fun games, and a craft!

## Chinese New Year

Join us **January 28 at 2 p.m.** as we celebrate the Year of the Dragon. This free program is open to school-aged children.

## Daring Program for Girls

Third graders and older are invited to a Daring Program for Girls, based on *The Daring Book for Girls*, **February 9 at 6:30 p.m.**



**READ. COMPETE. WIN.**  
 Are you in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade? Do you enjoy reading and want to compete against other libraries to test your knowledge of a selection of books? If so, call the Children's Department at 699-3917 to join the library's team for this exciting new program that will run mid-February to late April/early May.

## Valentine Craft

Preschoolers through 5<sup>th</sup> graders can stop by the library **February 10 between 4 and 5 p.m.** to decorate a Valentine bag. Supplies are provided.

## GET COOKIN'

### Junior Chefs

If you're in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and want to learn how to make (and sample) cake mix cookies, join us **February 18 at 2 p.m.** To ensure we have enough food for this program, please call 699-3917 to register.

### Kids in the Kitchen

Kids love to cook! Kindergarteners through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are invited to make no-bake cookies and banana smoothies **February 25 at 2 p.m.** To ensure we have enough food for this program, please call 699-3917 to register.



## The Lorax

Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* hits movie theaters this March. Drop in between **3 and 5 p.m. on March 2** to make a Truffula Tree and to pick up some fun activity sheets.

## Dangerous Program for Boys

Third graders and older are invited to a Dangerous Program for Boys, based on *The Dangerous Book for Boys*, **March 8 at 6:30 p.m.**


## American Girl Program

Aloha! Kindergarteners through 5<sup>th</sup> graders can join us for Hawaiian food and fun **March 10 at 2 p.m.** as we celebrate American Girl Kanani. Young kids should bring an adult.



# THE HUNGER GAMES

The library celebrates the release of the motion picture, *The Hunger Games*, based on the book by Suzanne Collins. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to test their knowledge and survival skills at **2 p.m. on March 21.**



## WOULD YOU SURVIVE IN PANEM?