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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9a-9p
Fri 9a-6p
Sat 9a-5p
Sun (Sept-May) 1p-5p

Exceptions:

Jan. 1 - Closed
Jan. 16 - Closed
Feb. 9 - Open at 11 a.m.
Feb. 20 - Closed

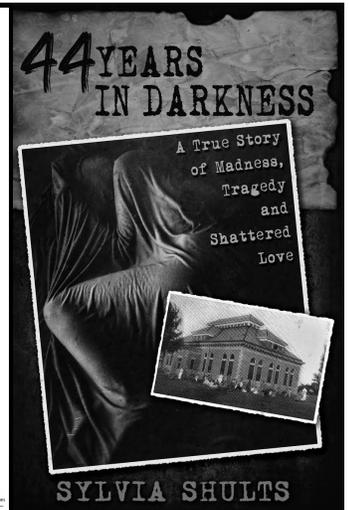
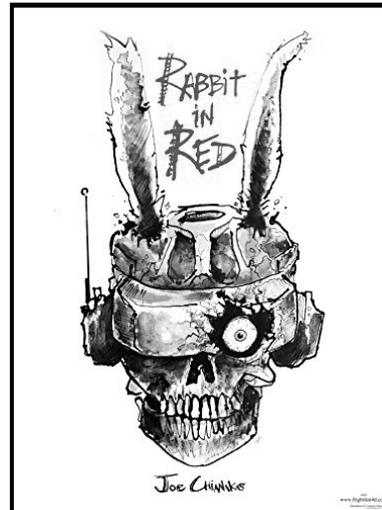
All library programs and events are free and located at the library, unless otherwise noted. Some programs require registration.

REGISTER at the library, at fondulaclibrary.org, or by calling 699-3917, unless otherwise noted. Space may be limited.

DROP IN programs do not require registration.

FONDULAC DISTRICT LIBRARY TO HOST AUTHOR FAIR

Fondulac District Library hosts its first ever Author Fair January 21, 2017, from 1 to 4 p.m. Local authors will discuss their books, answer questions, and sell and sign copies of their books. Among the many authors attending, paranormal author Sylvia Shults will present a keynote address, and horror author Joe Chianakas will answer questions about the publication process. Attendees are invited to enjoy author meet and greets and Q&A sessions, as well as dramatic readings from selected authors. Books may be purchased at the event, and a portion of all sales will benefit the Friends of Fondulac District Library. There will also be light refreshments and prize drawings.



Sylvia Shults took a moment to discuss her writing and her plans for the Author Fair with Community Connection. She stated that her interest in writing stemmed from her love of reading. She believes that reading and writing go hand in hand, and that to be a good writer, one must be an avid reader as well. Her foray into authorship commenced with fiction, but she found herself drawn to true ghost stories instead. Shults shifted her focus to align with her passion for the paranormal and immersed herself in the history and claims in real-life locations. "You can't understand the ghost stories of a place without understanding their history," Shults explained. By unraveling the mysteries and unearthing lost facts surrounding the stories of haunted locations, Shults discovers fascinating tales that must be shared. Her latest book, *44 Years in Darkness*, tells the compelling story of Rhoda Derry, a patient at the Peoria State Hospital.

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One of several topics that Shults plans to discuss at the Author Fair is research. She explained that research is at once both the most fun and most challenging aspect of the writing process. Knowing when to stop researching and start writing can be challenging, and she hopes to provide some useful tips and wisdom from her personal experiences with research to assist new authors.

The library is excited to host Shults, Chianakas, and other local authors at this exciting and informative event.

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@ YOUR LIBRARY

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Last Mondays • 6 p.m.

January 30

February 27

March 27

Recordings of Fondulac District Library Board meetings are available online at esctv.org.

LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETING

Monday, February 6

6 p.m.

The Friends support the library's mission through advocacy, fundraising, and volunteerism. Annual dues are only \$5.

NOTARY SERVICE

Fondulac District Library provides free notary public service to the community. A notary public is available almost always when the library is open. Notary service is not guaranteed, however; please call the library in advance in order to confirm the availability of a notary public. For additional information, call the library at 699-3917 or visit fondulaclibrary.org/services.

NEW ARTWORK REPRESENTS EAST PEORIA'S PAST AND FUTURE

Fondulac District Library is proud to announce the installation of new artwork located above the library fireplace. Commissioned by the library, "Monarch Metamorphosis" is a ceramic relief wall sculpture created by artist Jacob Grant.

Grant states that "Monarch Metamorphosis" is intended to reference the growth and transformation of the city of East Peoria, as well as the influence of industry on the history and development of the community. Grant received his Master of Fine Arts degree from Bradley University in 2008 and owns Wheel Art Pottery Studios. His work has been displayed in high profile locations, such as Walt Disney World and the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C. He was recently recognized by Peoria Magazines' readers as one of Greater Peoria's best artists.



The addition of this piece to the library's permanent collection was made possible with funds donated by the estate of Raymond and Peg Bahnfleth. The library commissioned the sculpture to help fulfill Mrs. Bahnfleth's desire to bring beauty and culture to Fondulac District Library and its visitors.

KAREN HEINRICH TO HOST GENEALOGY WORKSHOP AT THE LIBRARY

Genealogy is the never-ending story of our families, the people who came before us and helped make us who we are. Through records, we find them; through photographs, interviews, diaries, and manuscripts, we get to know them.

Genealogist Karen Heinrich is the owner of Heritage Detectives and a professional genealogist with more than seventeen years of experience with family research. Karen has masters degrees in History and in Library Science and Information Systems. Karen's company, Heritage Detectives, specializes in Midwest research with an emphasis on Central Illinois.



For the past three years, she has been conducting seminars, lectures, and workshops on various historical and genealogical topics at conventions, organizations, societies, and libraries throughout the state of Illinois. She also performs volunteer work at several historical and genealogical societies. Karen has served several terms as a Board of Director, Cemetery Chair, and as an Archivist for various local and state genealogical societies. Karen's passion for genealogy combined with creative strategies and colorful research anecdotes keeps audiences fully engaged and actively participating in her energetic presentations.

Heinrich's "Beyond the Basics in Genealogy" workshop is designed to help people get organized after they have started tracing their family tree. It answers the questions "I looked online, now what?," "where do I go now?," and "what do I do?" Learn how and where to research, and how to document, organize, and evaluate your findings within your family history. This presentation will cover what type of resources can be found at local, county, and state levels along with online sites like Ancestry, HeritageQuest, and FamilySearch.

"Beyond the Basics in Genealogy" takes place on Thursday, March 16, at 2 p.m. Those who are new to genealogy are also encouraged to sign up for one of the two introductory programs offered by the library on Tuesday, January 17, at 3 p.m. and Wednesday, February 8, at 10 a.m.



CHECK OUT A "KILL-O-WATT" APPLIANCE LOAD TESTER

Fondulac District Library offers appliance load testers for checkout. These "Kill-O-Watt" meters provide a quick, accurate readout of WATTS or AMPS used by plug-in electrical devices such as: refrigerators, dehumidifiers, space heaters, holiday lighting, coffee makers, and hair dryers. Simply plug the appliance into the tester, then plug the tester into a live electrical outlet. Next, turn on the appliance and switch the readout between WATTS and AMPS as desired. "Kill-O-Watt" meters can be checked out for three weeks and include instructions and a chart of the average energy uses of household appliances.

GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Did you know that you can use your Fondulac District Library card at area libraries? Enjoy the convenience of checking out books from other libraries without needing to apply for additional cards. When placing a hold, you also can specify a pickup library of your choosing. Additionally, you can return Fondulac District Library books to other local libraries.

YU-GI-OH TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 14 • Registration 11-11:15 a.m.

Game Play • 11:30-4:30 p.m.

Grab your deck and visit the library for an unsanctioned individual Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament. No proxy cards, please. **DROP IN**



YU-GI-OH NIGHT

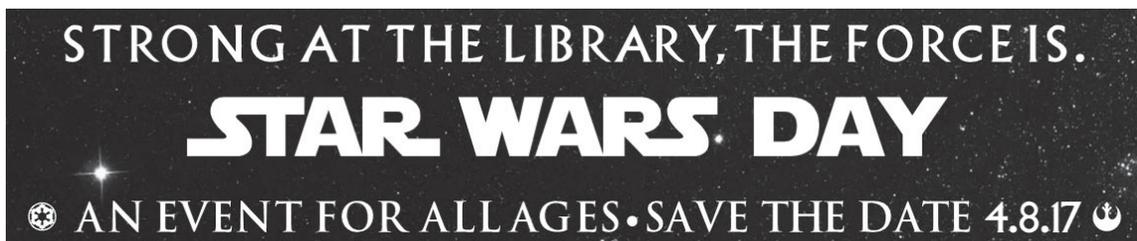
1st Thursdays • 6 p.m.

Meet at the library for a friendly duel. Gather your best decks and see what you can do. The library's Yu-Gi-Oh! Night is a great time to try a new deck or see how an old favorite stands up. **DROP IN**

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FUNDRAISER: LOVE @ THE LIBRARY

Thursday, January 19 - Tuesday, February 14

Show your appreciation to a loved one (and to the library!) by purchasing a paper heart to display on the windows outside the Youth Services Department. All hearts are \$1.00, and the money will be used to support the Friends of Fondulac District Library and its many programs.



@ YOUR LIBRARY

ONGOING BOOK SALE

Open during regular library hours, the Friends ongoing Book Sale is located on the first floor across from the Checkout Desk. Great used books, music, and movies are available with prices starting at 25¢.

ALL AGES

GAMING @ THE LIBRARY

Fondulac District Library offers in-library gaming for all ages during regular library hours. **DROP IN**

Board and Card Games

For all ages

Wii/Wii U Video Games

For kids through 8th grade

PlayStation 3 & 4

Steam Digital PC Games

For teens ages 14-19

PUZZLES @ THE LIBRARY

The library lends 500+ piece jigsaw puzzles. Take a puzzle home for a week, put it all together, bring it back, and grab another!

ADULTS & TEENS

ADULT BOOK CLUB

Mondays • 1:30 p.m.

For adult readers. Titles selected by patrons.

DROP IN

January 23

The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion
by Fannie Flagg

February 27

The Secret Garden
by Frances Hodgson Burnett

March 20

Tess of the Durbervilles
by Thomas Hardy

OUT OF THE BOX BOOK CLUB

3rd Wednesdays • 6 p.m.

The book club meets at various locations in East Peoria. *DROP IN*

January 18

Grand Village Buffet
206 W. Camp St.

Notes from the Internet Apocalypse
by Wayne Gladstone

February 15

Avanti's
2320 E. Washington St.
Behind Closed Doors
by B.A. Paris

March 15

Firehouse Pizza
240 S. Main St.
Silent Spring
by Rachel Carson

RULES OF THE ROAD REVIEW

**Friday, February 17
1:30-3:30 p.m.**

This review course combines an explanation of the driving exam with a practice written exam. *REGISTER*

RETIREMENT HAS CHANGED: WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE?

Wednesday, January 11 • 11 a.m.

This seminar shows you how to take inventory of current assets and determine how much income you may need during retirement. It will also cover how to structure retirement plan distributions to best suit your personal needs. *REGISTER*

GETTING STARTED WITH GENEALOGY

Tuesday, January 17 • 3 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8 • 10 a.m.

This informative workshop provides strategies and tips for beginning your genealogy research using the library's new databases, HeritageQuest Online and Ancestry Library Edition. Bring a laptop/device or use one provided by the library. *REGISTER*

BEYOND THE BASICS IN GENEALOGY

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CAST IRON COOKWARE

Saturday, January 28 • 2 p.m.

Learn about different sizes, shapes, and uses for cast iron cookware, as well as how to maintain it, and some delicious recipes to make in it. *REGISTER*

SOCIAL SECURITY: YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Tuesday, February 7 • 11 a.m.

This presentation discusses how Social Security fits into your retirement income plan, when you should start taking benefits, and tax considerations. *REGISTER*

MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY

Saturday, February 11 • 10 a.m.

It's the one thing that changes everything: FAST (Frustration, Anxiety, Stress, and Tired). Don't get swept away in the FAST lane. Attend this workshop to learn coping strategies from Theresa Genusa that highlight effective and healthy ways to cope with stress and anxiety. *REGISTER*

CHINESE NEW YEAR ROOSTER DECORATION

Saturday, February 4 • 10 a.m.

Learn about New Year traditions and make a stenciled Year of the Rooster decoration at this fun, hands-on workshop! All materials are provided. *REGISTER*

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 12 • 2 p.m.

Celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Rooster with a cultural program on China. Discover the fabulous tourist sites and hear about the customs and culture of the Chinese people. *DROP IN*



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HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

COLLEGE ILLINOIS: 529 PREPAID TUITION

Thursday, February 23 • 6 p.m.

The College Illinois Prepaid Tuition Program was established in 1997 to help make college a reality for Illinois families. College Illinois helps to lock in the cost of college by allowing Illinois families to prepay for future tuition at today's plan rates. Attend this program to learn how to financially prepare for your child's future college tuition. *REGISTER*

TECH NIGHTS

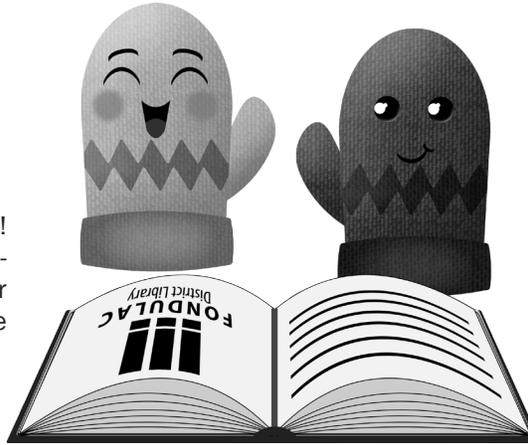
Thursdays • 5-8 p.m.

Do you have questions about your new iPad, Kindle, or other tech device? Walk in any time during this three hour stretch to get one-on-one assistance. Learn how to access free eBooks and audiobooks through Fondulac District Library's apps. *DROP IN*

Adult Winter Reading: Bundle Up With a Good Book

Monday, January 2- Tuesday, February 28

Reading is the perfect way to relax after the holidays! Adults age 18 and older are invited to pick up a reading log at the library, and read or listen to 5 books or magazines from Fondulac District Library to enter the Winter Reading Drawing.



COUNTED CROSS STITCH 101

Tuesday, January 17 • 6 p.m.

Counted Cross Stitch 101 is a class for those who have never done cross stitch before but would like to learn. This workshop will cover the basics, including preparing the cloth to prevent frayed edges and placing your first stitches. Beginner level sewing kits will be provided. This program is for adults and teens, and registration is required. *REGISTER*



VALENTINE CANDLE CRAFT

Friday, February 10 • 4 p.m.

Light up this Valentine's Day by creating a heart themed candle holder at the library. A bonus "recycled" Valentines craft will also be offered. All materials are provided. *REGISTER*

3D PRINTING WORKSHOP

Thursdays • March 23 & 30 • 6 p.m.

This two-part program for adults is designed to guide you through choosing, modifying, and designing your own three dimensional objects using CAD software. Finished products will be printed from plastic filament. Register early due to limited space available. Attendance is mandatory at both sessions, and intermediate computer skills are necessary. Please bring a laptop or tablet, or use one provided by the library. *REGISTER*

ADULTS & TEENS

GROWN UP VIDEO GAME NIGHTS

3rd Thursdays • 5-8 p.m.

Video gaming for ages 20+. Remember to bring your library card or photo ID to get started! *DROP IN*

FDL CHESS CLUB

1st Thursdays • 6:30 p.m.

Try out your chess skills! Get some pointers on strategy, and have fun too! Ages 11-18. *DROP IN*

CREATE

KNITTING CLUB

1st & 3rd Sundays

2 p.m.

Stitchers of all types are welcome! The library accepts donations of yarn, hooks, and needles for the Knitting Club's charitable projects. *DROP IN*

PEO-WRIMOS

3rd Mondays • 6 p.m.

This relaxed group is for writers of all levels. *DROP IN*

KIDS

STORY TIMES

Introduce your children to new stories, songs, crafts, and friends!

Children must be the appropriate age for the session they attend.

DROP IN

January 9-April 14

Little Listeners

4-6 years old

Mondays 10-10:30 a.m.

Together Time

2-3 years old & adult

Tuesdays 10-10:30 a.m.

Family Story Time

2+ years old & adult

Tuesdays 1-1:30 p.m.

Tiny Tot Time

1-2 years old & adult

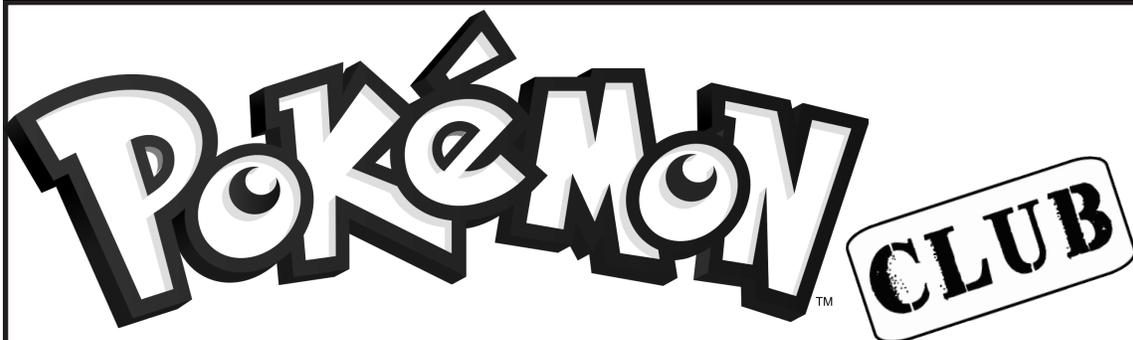
Thursdays 9:30-9:50 a.m.

& 10-10:20 a.m.

Baby Lapsit

Birth-1 year old & adult

Fridays 10-10:20 a.m.



Tuesdays • January 10, February 14, and March 14 • 6 p.m. • Grades 3-8

Join us for Pokémon Club! Kids ages 8 to 14 are welcome to participate. Bring your cards to trade, Nintendo DS and games to play, and have some fun battling with new friends! *DROP IN*

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Wednesdays • January 11-April 12 • 10 a.m. • Preschoolers

This fun and interactive program encourages 4 to 6 year old children to explore art, music, movement, math, and science. *REGISTER*

TWEEN MESSY ART

3rd Tuesdays • January 17 - March 21

4 p.m. • Grades 4-6

Participate in a variety of craft and art projects designed to stimulate creativity and imagination. *DROP IN*



ADVENTURES IN DRAWING

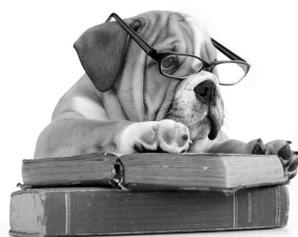
2nd & 4th Tuesdays • January 10 & 24, February 14 & 28, and March 14 & 28 • 3:30 p.m. • Grades 6-8

Have you ever wanted to learn the basics of cartooning? Join Cori Harkness for this engaging after-school program. *REGISTER*

TWEEN BOOK JEOPARDY

Last Thursdays • January 26, February 23, and March 30 • 6 p.m. • Grades 4-6

Test your knowledge against others in this trivia based book review with a classic game show format. *DROP IN*



PAWS TO READ

Saturday, January 28 • 1 p.m. • Grades 3-8

The Peoria Humane Society offers a program at the library for children 8 years of age and older who love dogs and want to practice their reading skills. *REGISTER*

PRINCE & PRINCESS STORY HOUR

Last Sundays • January 29, February 26, and March 26

2 p.m. • Grades PreK-3

Join us for a fairy tale story hour along with crafts and/or activities. Costumes are encouraged but are not required to attend. Children of kindergarten age or younger will need an adult's assistance with some of the crafts. *DROP IN*



LAURA INGALLS WILDER'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

Friday, February 3 • 2 p.m. • Grades K-8

Celebrate Laura Ingalls Wilder's 150th birthday at the library! Learn more about Wilder's life, and enjoy games, crafts, and treats tailored to her iconic series.

DROP IN

Valentine Craft

Saturday, February 11 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

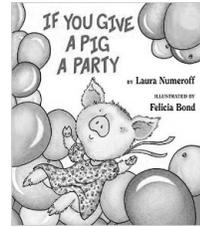
Grades PreK-5

Stop by the Youth Services Department to decorate a bag perfect for collecting Valentine cards. *DROP IN*

GIVE A PIG A PARTY

Friday, March 24 • 2 p.m. • Grades PreK-5

It's a day off of school! Come to the library for a fun-filled time of crafts and activities based on the book *If You Give a Pig a Party* by Laura Numeroff. *DROP IN*



DR. SEUSS DAY

Thursday, March 2 • 10 a.m. • Preschoolers

It's Dr. Seuss' birthday! Visit the library for a unique story time featuring guest reader Mayor Dave Mingus and a Dr. Seuss themed craft. *DROP IN*

PLANNING A VACATION OVER SPRING BREAK?

Fondulac District Library lends a variety of materials that provide entertainment for kids on long car trips. Playaway Launchpads, preloaded tablets filled with fun and educational games, are available for children up to age ten. Playaway Views, audiobooks, CDs, magazines, and DVDs are also available in addition to a wide selection of books. Tumblebooks, collections of eBooks, audiobooks, and read-along picture books also can be accessed remotely on your digital device with your FDL library card at fondulaclibrary.org.



KIDS

1KB4K: 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

1KB4K is a library initiative that promotes reading 1,000 books to pre-schoolers before they begin Kindergarten. It's easy to do, and the child gets a free book, funded by the Friends of Fondulac District Library, every time they read and report 100 books. For additional information or to register, visit the Youth Services Department.

ANYTIME ACTIVITIES

Even when there's not a program scheduled, there's always something fun to do at the library! Stop by the desk in the Youth Services Department to learn more about the library's current Anytime Activity, a craft, game, or project kids can do whenever they visit the library.

TOYS & GAMES

Numerous toys and games are available for your child to play with in the library's Youth Services Department. The library offers a wide selection of board and card games, as well as a train table, Lego table, puzzles, and a puppet theater. Stop by and enjoy a delightful and entertaining morning or afternoon at the library!

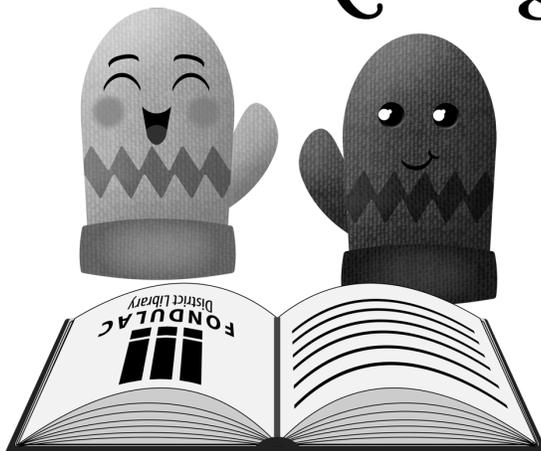
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5 GOOD BOOKS

WINTER WONDERLAND

*Curated by Joscelyn Lockwood,
Youth Services Assistant*

Bear Snores On
by Karma Wilson

No
by Claudia Rueda

Owl Moon
by Jane Yolen

The Mitten
by Jan Brett

*The Story of Snow: The
Science of Winter's Wonder*
by Mark Cassino

Stop by the library to check out
these titles and many more!