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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. 15 - Closed
Feb. 8 - Open at 11 a.m.
Feb. 19 - Closed
April 1 - 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.

ILLINOIS IS TURNING 200!

Celebrate Illinois' bicentennial at the library! Throughout the year, the library will offer programs and events that explore the the state's history and famous residents. **The first program in this series is a presentation about Mary Todd Lincoln entitled *Mrs. Lincoln goes to Washington City*, which takes place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 27.**



Mary Todd Lincoln lived a life filled with triumphs and tragedies but few people know her story. Laura Keyes, pictured at left, takes on the role of Mrs. Lincoln to share her story in this entertaining and educational program. The presentation focuses on the Lincolns' first trip to Washington City in October 1847. Explore Mary's vast knowledge of the politics and politicians of her time and learn how she and Abraham worked as a team to help advance his political career. Miss Keyes's performance is a delight for audiences of all ages.

Laura Keyes graduated from UW-Madison with a Master's Degree in Library Studies and is currently Head of Adult Services at Freeport Public Library. Laura recently won the Mary Todd Lincoln Oratory Contest at the Lincoln Days celebration in Hodgenville, KY.

The second program in this series is a musical performance by musician Dennis Stroughmatt. *French Fiddle Tunes and Tall Tales: The Creole Story of Illinois Country*, takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 1.

Beginning in 1699 with the building of villages like Cahokia and Kaskaskia, Illinois, along the Mississippi River, French colonists from Western France and Quebec would merge with the native populations of Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana to create a Creole culture that is still unique from its cousins in Louisiana and Canada even today. This program takes the listener on a fascinating trip through the Illinois Country from colonial days through the statehood of Illinois, highlighting the enduring French identity of places like Prairie du Rocher and Cahokia, Illinois, through ancient French folktales, haunting ballads, and foot stomping fiddle tunes.



Dennis Stroughmatt is a fiddler and a singer. He is the recipient of numerous fellowship awards in arts and humanities and takes his work as ambassador for the Creole French heritage of North America very seriously—seriously fun. A frequent speaker for language, culture, and educational conferences, Stroughmatt is recognized as the authority on "Illinois Country" regional French. He has also performed at The Library of Congress and The Kennedy Center and was a featured performer at the 2012 Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

@ YOUR LIBRARY

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Last Mondays • 6 p.m.

January 29

February 26

March 26

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

LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETING

Monday, February 5
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.

ONGOING BOOK SALE

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

WIFI HOTSPOTS COMING SOON

The library will soon lend wi-fi hot spots! Hot spots allow patrons to borrow free, mobile Internet access for use at home or on the go. Featuring a compact and lightweight design, these devices have a robust battery life and allow connection of multiple devices to the Internet. A generous donation from the Friends of FDL during the annual Friends of Libraries week covers the first year of this pilot project.



The library's collection will include 10 wi-fi hotspots for patron use. These devices may be checked out for a two week period, and there will be a limit of one device per adult cardholder. Watch for wi-fi hot spots to hit the shelves early in 2018!



THE READING GARDEN

The library is excited for the completion of the Reading Garden on the Civic Plaza! Constructed in the heart of the Levee District through a collaboration between the East Peoria Community Foundation, the City of East Peoria, and Fondulac District Library, the Reading Garden features several areas of outdoor seating, new landscaping and lighting, and a colorful children's garden area. The garden also features sculptures of Ray and Peg Bahnfleth, whose estate helped fund a portion of the project. As spring and summer arrive, the library looks forward to providing programs outside in this new community space. See you in the garden!



LOCAL ARTIST JESSICA REEVES EXHIBITS WORK AT THE LIBRARY

Jessica Reeves's artwork is an exploration of her interests and passions, which tend toward nature and fantasy. She enjoys exploring different media and styles and utilizes a variety of materials and processes in each project. She is constantly exploring new ways to create as she develops her own personal artistic style. Reeves also illustrates *For Future Reference*, the comic strip featured in the library's eNewsletter. Her art display at the library will be available for viewing through the end of January.



Reeves holds Bachelor's degrees in Art and English from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. She was born and raised in Michigan and currently resides in central Illinois with her husband and a menagerie of beloved pets.

The Fine Arts at FDL program gives local artists the opportunity to exhibit new work in a public setting, and the library encourages artists in East Peoria and surrounding communities to submit an application for consideration. A Walker display system and a glass-front display case are available for temporary exhibitions of art. Applications are welcome anytime and are reviewed under the guidance of library policy. To be considered, please review the policy and complete the application at fondulaclibrary.org/art.



FAMILY LEGO BUILD

Wednesdays • January-March • 6 p.m.

Kids - bring Mom and Dad (and Grandma and Grandpa!) for a family LEGO building night! Create a family masterpiece to display in our Children's Department. LEGOs will be provided. *DROP IN*

Illinois Bicentennial Programs

MRS. LINCOLN GOES TO WASHINGTON CITY

Saturday, January 27 • 2 p.m.

Mary Todd Lincoln lived a life filled with triumphs and tragedies but few people know her story. Laura Keyes takes on the role of Mrs. Lincoln to share her story in this entertaining and educational program. The presentation focuses on the Lincolns' first trip to Washington City in October 1847. Explore Mary's vast knowledge of the politics and politicians of her time and learn how she and Abraham worked as a team to help advance his political career. *DROP IN*

FRENCH FIDDLE TUNES AND TALL TALES: THE CREOLE STORY OF THE ILLINOIS COUNTRY

Thursday, March 1 • 7 p.m.

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YU-GI-OH TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 10

Registration • 11-11:15 a.m.

Tournament • 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Grab your best deck and join us for an unsanctioned individual Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament. No proxy cards, please. *REGISTER*

DESIGN A 3D PRINTED NAMEPLATE

Wednesday, February 7 • 6 p.m.

Learn how to design a nameplate using CAD software online. Finished designs will be 3D printed from plastic filament using the library's 3D printer and will be available for pick up on a later date. Previous experience with 3D printing is not required. Advanced computer skills are necessary, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own device or use a laptop provided by the library. *REGISTER*

HOMEGROWN POPCORN PRESENTATION

Thursday, March 8 • 2 p.m.

Hear a local farmer talk about how he got started growing his own popcorn. Learn about the things you've always wondered about when it comes to popcorn, such as different varieties, steps in growing, and the shelling and storage process. There will be demonstrations and samples! *REGISTER*

STRONG AT THE LIBRARY, THE FORCE IS.



STAR WARS DAY



AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES • SAVE THE DATE 4.14.18

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

BOARD GAMES & PUZZLES

@ THE LIBRARY

The library lends 500+ piece jigsaw puzzles and a variety of board games. Take a puzzle or game home for a week, bring it back, and grab another!

YU-GI-OH NIGHT

1st Thursdays • 6 p.m.

January 4

February 1

March 1

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*



ADULTS & TEENS

ADULT BOOK CLUB

Mondays • 1:30 p.m.

For adult readers. Titles selected by patrons.

DROP IN

January 22

The Paris Architect
by Charles Belfoure

February 26

The Handmaid's Tale
by Margaret Atwood

March 19

The Immortal Irishman
by Timothy Egan

OUT OF THE BOX BOOK CLUB

3rd Wednesdays • 6 p.m.

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

January 17

Cheese Nuts Brick Oven Pizzeria
222 Meadow Avenue

Heat Wave

by Richard Castle

February 21

Tequila's
370 West Washington Street

The Alice Network

by Kate Quinn

March 21

Jason's Deli
112 Spinder Drive

Fun Home

by Alison Bechdel

RULES OF THE ROAD REVIEW

Friday, February 16

1:30-3:30 p.m.

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

REGISTER

Retirement & Income Management

HEALTH CARE AND YOUR RETIREMENT

Tuesday, January 9 • 11 a.m.

This seminar addresses what steps investors should take to prepare for health care costs (including Medicare and long-term care costs) to help ensure their retirement savings stay healthy.

REGISTER

OUTLOOK AND OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, February 13 • 11 a.m.

This seminar discusses current market conditions and how the political, economic and cultural forces shaping our markets can affect you as an investor. *REGISTER*

TAX FREE INVESTING: IT'S NOT WHAT YOU MAKE, IT'S WHAT YOU KEEP

Tuesday, March 13 • 11 a.m.

Join us to learn how certain investments can deliver tax-free income and possibly keep you in a lower tax bracket. *REGISTER*



JOB SEARCH AND RÉSUMÉ WORKSHOP

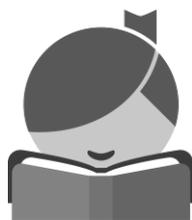
Tuesday, January 9 • 3:30 p.m.

Searching for a job? Need a résumé? This workshop looks at some of the online resources available for career skills, job postings, and résumés. Learn to use one of the library's databases to create a quick-and-easy, personalized résumé that you can save or print. Basic keyboarding skills are required. Please bring your previous work information to complete the résumé. *REGISTER*

LISTEN UP, MEET UP

Wednesdays • January 10 & March 14 • 6 p.m.

Are you a podcast fan? Have you listened to *Serial*, gotten caught up with *Welcome to Night Vale*, or can you not live without *This American Life*? Check out Listen Up, Meet Up to talk to fellow fans of your favorite podcasts! Each meeting focuses on a specific podcast, presents listen-alikes, and shares what's new and exciting in podcast land. Attendees are asked to have listened to at least the first episode of the podcast being highlighted. January's meeting focuses on *Crimetown*, and March's meetup takes a look at *Lore*. *DROP IN*



MEET LIBBY

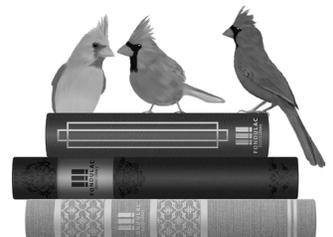
Tuesday, January 23 • 3 p.m.

Overdrive's new Libby app is an easy way to get started with digital books and audiobooks from Fondulac District Library. Libby is available for Android, iOS (iPhone/iPad/iPod touch), and Windows 10. Come to this program to learn how to use Libby and get one-on-one assistance. Please bring your mobile device. *REGISTER*

ADULT WINTER READING: BOOKS OF A FEATHER

January 2- February 28

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



VISITING AUTHOR DR. DEVIN MURPHY

Thursday, February 22 • 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Devin Murphy, Assistant Professor of Creative Writing at Bradley University, visits the library to share excerpts of and discuss his debut novel, *The Boat Runner*. *The Boat Runner* is a historical-fiction novel that follows a young Dutch boy, Jacob, through the hardships of World War II.

Murphy holds an MFA from Colorado State University and a PhD from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He has contributed to more than forty literary journals and anthologies including *The Missouri Review*, *Glimmer Train*, and *Confrontation*. He lives in Chicago with his wife and children. *DROP IN*



ADULTS & TEENS

TECH NIGHTS

Thursdays

January-March

5-8 p.m.

Do you have questions about your new tablet or smartphone? Walk in any time during this three hour stretch to get one-on-one assistance with learning to access free eBooks and audio books through Fondulac District Library's apps. One 30 minute session per person. *DROP IN*

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*



**Escape Room:
The
Dragon's
Breath**

Saturday, March 31 • 12-8 p.m.
Registration Begins February 1
Find the directions to lead you out of the dragon's underground lair - or become dragon food! Participants must be at least 12 to attend with an adult and 16 to attend alone. Each session lasts 30 minutes and is open to up to 8 players. All players must be registered in advance in order to participate. Please call 699-3917 and ask for Carey or Sharon for registration, game times, and rules. *REGISTER*

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MASON JAR CRAFT: DISTRESSED VASES AND PLANTERS

Thursday, January 18 • 6 p.m.

Need some inspiration for what to do with old jars? Come to the library and make a painted vase or planter! *REGISTER*



Bulk Up Your Yarn

Thursday, January 25 • 6 p.m.

Do you crave using super bulky yarn, but have a mountain of worsted weight in your stash? Cringe at lace weight yarns because they're as thin as thread to you? Learn a new technique to triple the thickness of your yarn and work from one skein. Prior knowledge of how to knit or crochet required. Bring either knitting needles (size 10 or larger) or a crochet hook (size P or larger). Worsted weight yarn will be provided. *REGISTER*

DIY CREATIVE VALENTINES

Thursday, February 8 • 6 p.m.

Think valentines are just for kids? Think again! Come get your craft on at the library and make valentines for your sweeties. *REGISTER*

CREATE

KNITTING CLUB

1st and 3rd Sundays

January-March

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

Mondays • 6 p.m.

January 22

February TBA

March 19

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 8- April 12

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.

Baby Lapsit - NEW DAY!

Birth-1 year old & adult

Wednesdays 10-10:20 a.m.

Tiny Tot Time

1-2 years old & adult

Thursdays 10-10:20 a.m.

SATURDAY STORY TIME

Saturdays • 11 a.m.

**January 20, February 17,
& March 17**

Grades PreK-2

Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and sensory playtime. *DROP IN*

PRINCE & PRINCESS STORY TIME

Saturdays • 11 a.m.

**January 6, February 3
& March 3**

Grades PreK-2

Enjoy fairy tales, crafts, and activities. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Children of kindergarten age or younger will need a caregiver's assistance with some crafts. *DROP IN*

REMEMBERLUTIONS JOURNAL

Wednesday, January 3 • 2-6 p.m. • Grades K-8

Stop by the library any time between 2 and 6 p.m. to start a rememberlutions journal! A rememberlutions journal is a New Year's tradition! Starting in January and continuing throughout the year, fill your journal with memories and mementos. On the next New Year's Eve, flip through your journal and remember the awesome things that happened throughout the year. Materials will be provided to begin your journal. Children in kindergarten to second grade may need help from a caregiver. *DROP IN*

FUN FRIDAYS

Fridays • January 5-March 30 • 10 a.m. • Preschoolers

Drop in for fun and surprises every Friday morning at the library. Activities will include crafts, games, a dance party on February 23, and a Paw Patrol Party on March 16! *DROP IN*



Thursdays • January 4-March 29 • 3:30-5 p.m. • Grades K-8

Drop in any time between 3:30 and 5 p.m. for a "crafternoon" at the library. Each week features a fun and exciting new craft or project to create. Younger children will need a caregiver's assistance with some of the crafts. *DROP IN*

Junk Drawer Science

This series of hands-on programs is based on the "Junk Drawer" series by Bobby Mercer. Younger children are welcome to attend, but a caregiver must assist the child with the experiments. *DROP IN*

JUNK DRAWER CHEMISTRY

Saturday, January 6 • 2 p.m. • Grades K-8
Mixtures, reactions, thermodynamics, and more.

JUNK DRAWER PHYSICS

Saturday, February 3 • 2 p.m. • Grades K-8
Magnetism, electricity, force, motion, and more.

JUNK DRAWER ENGINEERING

Saturday, March 3 • 2 p.m. • Grades K-8
Fun challenges, such as the construction of pasta bridges and roller coasters.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE MATINEE

Saturdays • January 13, February 10, & March 10 • 2 p.m. • Grades PreK-8

Visit the library to watch a movie and enjoy popcorn and juice! *DROP IN*

January 13 - *Deep* • February 10 - *The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh* • March 10 - *Beethoven*

KIDS

VALENTINE CRAFTS

Saturday, February 10 • 10 a.m. • Grades PreK-2

Create Valentine crafts, just in time for the holiday! *DROP IN*

HERSHEY'S HEART

Wednesday, February 14 • 3-6 p.m. • Grades PreK-8

Visit the library anytime between 3 and 6 p.m. to make a Hershey's Heart for your valentine or for your own sweet-tooth. Younger children will need a caregiver's assistance. *DROP IN*

DOMINOES PROGRAM

Friday, February 16 • 3 p.m. • Grades 3-5

What do you do on a day off of school? You come to the library and play Dominos! Whether you're a seasoned pro or have never played before, the library is the place to be! *DROP IN*



CODING WITH OZOBOTS

Saturday, February 17 • 2 p.m. • Grades 3-8

Have fun with Ozobots that move in patterns, play games, and dance! These mini robots can be programmed to follow a variety of commands. No experience necessary! *DROP IN*

FAIRY TALE ENGINEERING

Wednesday, February 21 • 4-6 p.m. • Grades K-8

Put your engineering skills to work as we help fairy tale characters find solutions to their dilemmas. *DROP IN*

CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

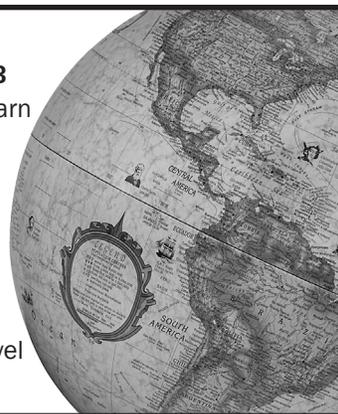
Sundays • Jan. 21, Feb. 11, & Mar. 18 • 1 p.m. • Grades PreK-8

Join us monthly as we explore celebrations from around the world. Learn more about the Czech Republic in January, China in February, and Syria in March. *DROP IN*

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Saturday, Feb. 24 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 2-4 p.m. • Grades K-12

Stop by the Children's Department and travel the world using virtual reality. Each participant will get a chance to use the Oculus Rift to travel to different parts of the world using Google Earth. *DROP IN*



CUPCAKE WARS

Sunday, March 4 • 2 p.m. • Grades 3-8

Participants will be given plain cupcakes and make their own unique creations with supplies provided. Create a beautiful work of art or make something unexpected and quirky! Cupcakes will be judged, and winners will receive prizes. The winners will be selected from two groups, grades 3 to 5 and grades 6 to 8. Seating is limited to 24. First come first served, and while supplies last. *DROP IN*

POKEMON CLUB

Tuesdays • 6 p.m.

January 9, February 13, & March 13

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*

DESCENDANTS PARTY

**Saturday, March 24
11 a.m. • Grades 3-8**

Join us for a villainous program based on Disney's *Descendants*! *DROP IN*

1KB4K: 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

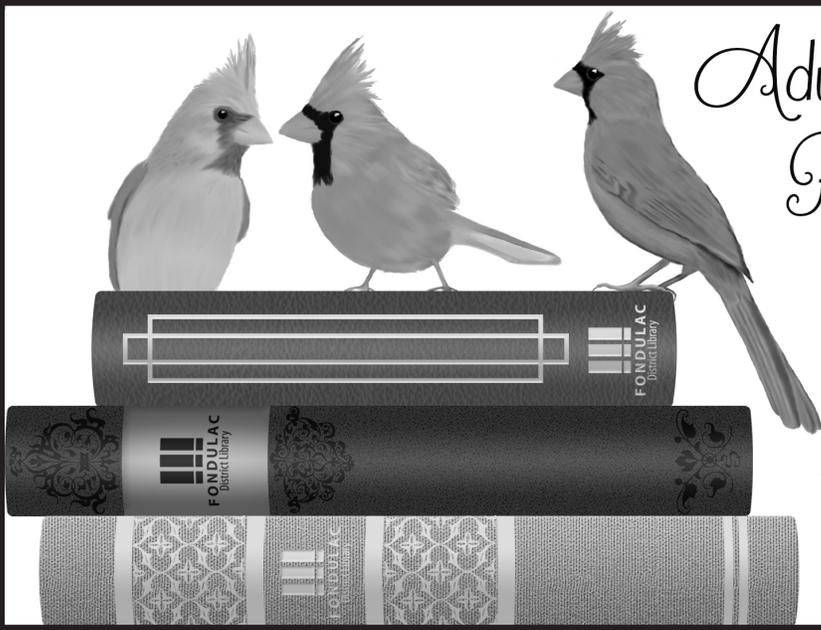
1KB4K is a library initiative that promotes reading 1,000 books to preschoolers before they begin Kindergarten. It's easy to do, and the child gets a free book, funded by the Friends of Fondulac District Library, every time they read and report 100 books. For additional information or to register, visit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

ANYTIME ACTIVITIES

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.

community CONNECTION

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Adult Winter
Reading
Books of a
Feather
Begins
January 2

5 GOOD BOOKS

FANTASTIC FICTION

*Curated by Theresa Johnston,
Circulation Assistant*

Missing
by Dee Henderson

Wine into Water
by Ray Keating

The President's Henchman
by Joseph Flynn

The Midnight Line
by Lee Child

The Hallowed Hunt
by Lois McMaster Bujold

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