



# FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

## BETWEEN THE STACKS NEWSLETTER

### WELCOME REED, OUR OFFICIAL LIBRARY MASCOT!

To strengthen our connection with local schools and communities, our friend Reed has officially moved in with his favorite cousin, Grog, our beloved library pet! Reed will be stepping into his exciting new role as our official library mascot, helping promote literacy and joy during school visits and outreach events.

Reed is naturally a little shy, but he's also incredibly brave and always willing to explore new places and try new things. Through his adventures, we hope children will see the library as a welcoming, safe space to learn, grow, and be themselves.

Reed joins us just in time for Summer Reading! Participants who complete the Summer Reading Program will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win exciting prizes, including gift cards, books, and more!

Let's give Reed a warm welcome as he joins our library family and helps us inspire the next generation of readers and learners!

**SUMMER READING BEGINS - MONDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>**

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**Meet Reed  
Our Official  
Library Mascot!**



**The Goal:** Read 1,000 books to your child before they start kindergarten. It's simple, fun, and incredibly beneficial for your child's development.

**Who Can Join:** Any child from birth to Pre-K is eligible to participate.

**How to Register:** Stop by the Youth Services Desk to sign up. You'll receive a free tote bag, a reading log, and a list of recommended books to get you started.

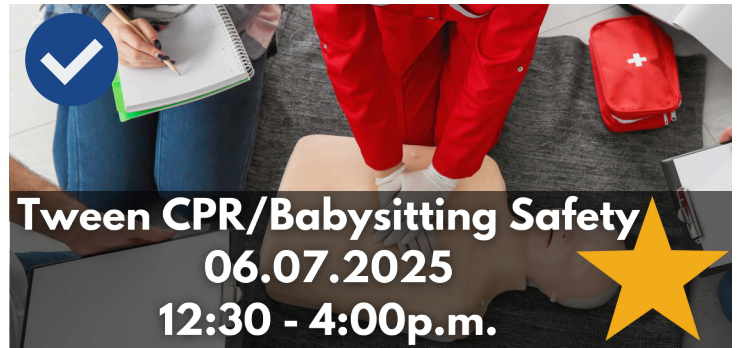
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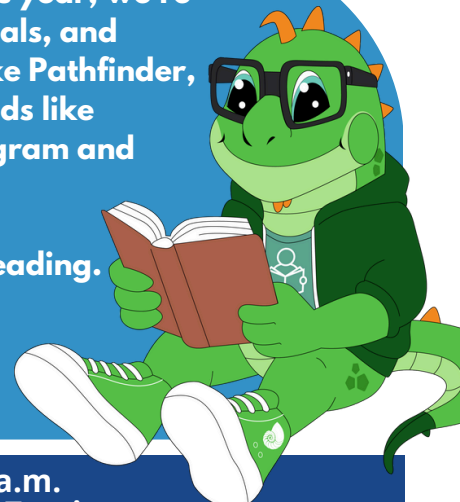
Attend any of these four ★ events and receive a ticket for a chance to **WIN** a special **SUMMER THEMED BASKET PRIZE!**



## AGES 0-13 CHILDREN & TWEEN

Get ready to level up your reading with our summer reading program! This year, we're challenging your child to unlock new adventures, conquer their reading goals, and discover the power of stories, whether it is diving into the fantasy realm like Pathfinder, going on an adventure like Super Mario Bros., or creating whole new worlds like Minecraft. We invite you to sign up your child for our summer reading program and enhance their reading experience! As a reward for signing up, each child will receive a reusable tote bag filled with a reading log, goodies, and a custom bug-building kit (while supplies last) to help them level up their reading.

Children: 5 books of any format = 1 Raffle Ticket (Ages 0-9)  
Tween: 3 books of any format = 1 Raffle Ticket (Ages 10-13)



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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## MAKERSPACE MONDAYS ✓

**Dates:** Monday, June 9th & June 23rd, July 7th & July 14th

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Join us for Makerspace Mondays. These activities help children foster creativity and innovation. Designing and completing a project in the Makerspace is an exercise in problem-solving and adaptability, encouraging critical thinking skills in an unconventional learning space.

- Monday, June 9th - Create Your Own Boardgame.
- Monday, June 23rd - Design Your Own Buttons.
- Monday, July 7th - Create a Rubix Cube.
- Monday, July 14th - Design Your Own Puzzle.

## HALF-DAY MOVIE MATINEE

**Dates:** Every 2nd Wednesday of the month

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a family movie afternoon, refreshments, and light snacks. Registration is recommended.

## BOARD GAME DAYS ✓

**Dates:** Monday June 16th, June 23rd, and June 30th

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for Board Game Days at the library! Kids are invited to stop by and challenge their friends in a different board game tournament each week. Whether you're rolling the dice, stacking blocks, or yelling "UNO!" there's something for everyone. Prizes will be awarded to the winners!

- June 16th - Monopoly
- June 23rd - Uno
- June 30th - Jenga



## TODDLER TIME

**Dates:** Thursdays, June 5th - July 24th

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

We welcome toddlers and their caregivers to join us weekly to explore various toys and sensory materials. Through this program, toddlers can enhance their gross and fine motor skills, social interaction, and language abilities. We kindly ask caregivers to accompany their little ones throughout the program; registration is not required. We can't wait to see you there!

## Playdoh Playdates ✓

**Dates:** Tuesday, June 3rd & June 17th, July 1st & July 15th

**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, and registration is required.



## Fantastic Fridays

**Dates:** Friday, June 20th and July 18th

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

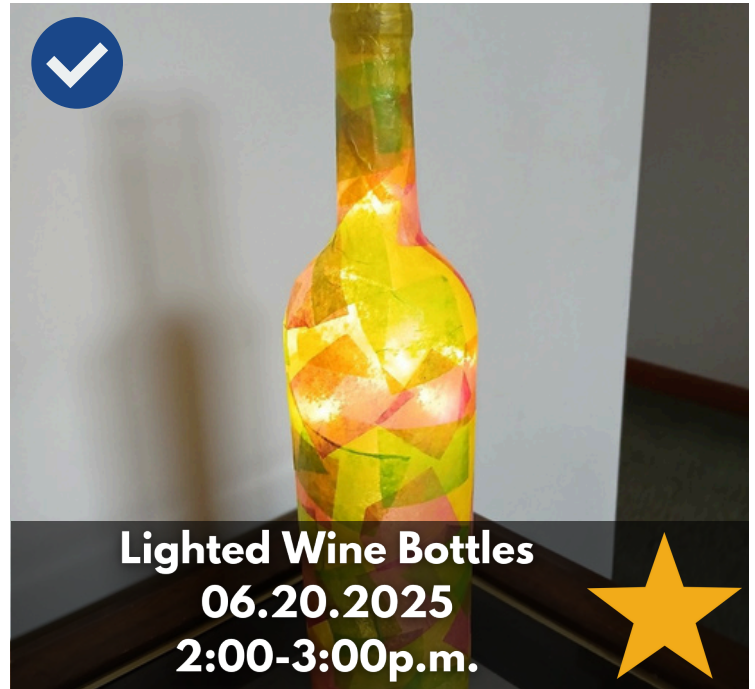
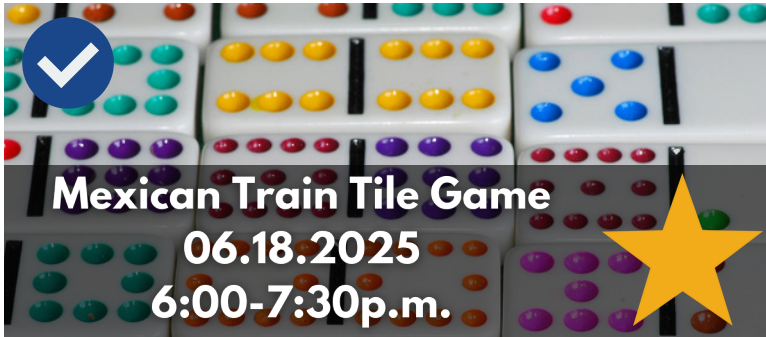
**Location:** 500 S. Kankakee Street, Godley, IL 60407

Join us for Fantastic Fridays at Godley Park District! Kids ages 2-6 can enjoy free playtime and release their energy in the inflatable bounce house! Transportation will not be provided.



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## AGES 14-65+ ADULT & TEEN

When you sign up for this year's Summer Reading program, adults will receive a FREE notebook, and teens will get a premium building brick kit, while supplies last!

Everyone who registers will receive a reading log to track their progress and a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our exciting prize baskets!

The more reading logs you complete, the more raffle entries you earn, boosting your chances to win!



# ADULT PROGRAMS

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## BINGOCIZE ✓

**Dates:** Mondays, beginning June 9th to August 11th  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Looking for a fun, new way to be active?

Bingo + Exercise = Bingocize®

BINGOCIZE® is a health promotion program that combines the game of bingo with fall prevention exercise. Play bingo with us and meet new people while learning about techniques to reduce falls.

## I-PASS ON-DEMAND

**Dates & Time:** Thursday, June 12th (3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) & Saturday, July 12th (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

FREE I-PASS stickers tags will be available for every passenger vehicle. Once activated, the Sticker Tag is ready to use on the Illinois Tollway and E-ZPass roadways 24 hours after activation.

**Walk-ins are welcome.**

## SUMMER MOVIE: ✓ SECONDHAND LIONS

**Date:** Friday, June 20th  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Come on down for the library's showing this month: "Secondhand Lions." Join us at 12:30 for coffee and conversation before the movie! Patrons are welcome to bring their own snacks.

## MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET BUS TRIP ✓ \$

**Date:** Sunday, June 29th  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Stolp Island Theatre, 5 E. Downer PL Suite G, Aurora, IL 60506

The new Stolp Island Theatre was designed to immerse you in the experience so you can say, "I was there!"

- **Bus Departure from Library:** 3:45 p.m. (No exceptions - please arrive early)
- **Arrival at Theatre:** 4:45 p.m.
- **Showtime:** 5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
- **Return to Library:** 9:30 p.m.
- **Ticket:** \$60.00

**All seats must be reserved individually and in person. Each participant must have their own active Fossil Ridge Public Library card to register.**



## CURATIVE PROPERTIES OF TEA ✓

**Date:** Saturday, June 7th  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This lecture discusses the difference between black tea and herb tea as well as what herbs make good tea, how to formulate your own teas, and the various medicinal properties discovered throughout time of various native plants with pictures to help with identification.



## Sassy Lady Face Planter ✓

**Date:** Friday, August 22nd  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Meet the diva of your windowsill! She's not just holding a plant, she's holding court. With painted-on eyelashes longer than your last relationship, lips pursed like she's judging your watering schedule, oversized glasses that scream "fashion over photosynthesis," and a ribbon on top, she's serving looks while serving ferns.

# TEEN PROGRAMS & MORE

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GENERAL

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## FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS ✓

**Date:** Every Tuesday and Thursday from June 10th to August 7th

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Bring your kids to the library every Tuesday and Thursday for a complimentary meal! This program is open to all children from kindergarten through 12th grade. It's a great way to enjoy a nutritious lunch together.

## Canva Basics ✓

**Date:** Wednesday, August 6th

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Canva makes graphic design easy. Learn to create social media content, flyers, and infographics with this intuitive, free website.

## LIHEAP ✓

**Dates:** Friday, June 27th & Friday, July 25th

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This program is designed to assist households with low incomes to help through financial aid meet their energy needs.

## BIOMIMICRY: NATURE'S SOLUTIONS TO HUMAN PROBLEMS ✓

**Date:** Wednesday, July 30th

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

In this fascinating talk, Naturalist Kim White will provide many examples of how science and technology look to nature to solve complex problems. This program is intended for adults and teens ages 15+.

## DECOUPAGE TRUCKER HATS ✓

**Date:** Wednesday, June 25th

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Get ready to add some serious flair to your headwear! Teens are invited to a creative and stylish craft session where they'll transform plain trucker hats into bold fashion statements using the art of decoupage. With various patterned papers, Mod Podge, and embellishments, each hat will become a one-of-a-kind masterpiece that reflects your personal vibe.



## WELL-READ BOOK CLUB ✓

**Dates:** Second Tuesday of every month

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us in reading and discussing books designed to make you question everything. Copies are available at the front desk or online in our digital consortium.

## FICTION ADDICTION BOOK CLUB ✓

**Dates:** Fourth Monday of every month

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The book club meets monthly on the fourth Monday at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a book selected by one of the members. This group discusses a wide variety of books. Copies of the monthly book selections are available at the front desk for checkout. All readers are welcome to join!

## BLOCK COLOR TOTE BAGS ✓

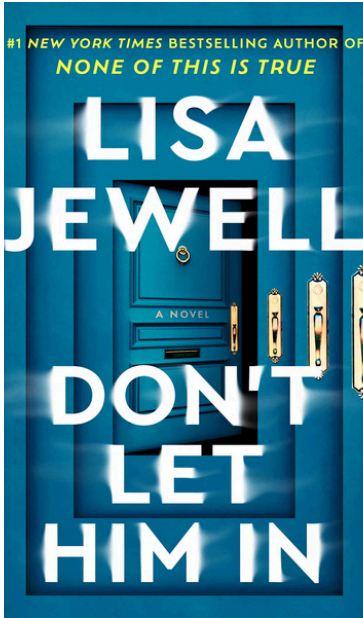
**Dates:** Wednesday, July 16th

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bring the summer heat with bold and vibrant colors! Join us in designing your very own block color tote bag using bright paints and creative patterns.



# DID YOU KNOW...



## Coming Summer 2025

Nick Radcliffe is a man of substance and good taste. He's just what Nina Swann needed in her life after her husband's unexpected death. But to Nina's adult daughter, Ash, Nick seems too slick, too polished, too good to be true. Martha is a florist living in a neighboring town with her infant daughter and her devoted husband, Alistair. Lately, however, Alistair has been traveling more and more frequently for work, disappearing for days at a time. Nina, Martha, and Ash are on a collision course with a shocking truth that is far darker than anyone could have imagined.



## Coming Summer 2025

Paris, 1940. Ever since the Nazi Party began burning books, German writers exiled for their opinions or heritage have been taking up residence in Paris. There they opened a library meant to celebrate the freedom of ideas and gathered every book on the banned list, including incognito versions of the forbidden books that were smuggled back into Germany. In this gripping World War II historical about the power of words, two people form an unlikely friendship amid the Nazi occupation in Paris and fight to preserve the truth that enemies of freedom long to destroy.

## JUNE

*With a Vengeance* by Riley Sager

*The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau* by Kristin Harmel

*Death Row* by Frieda McFadden

*Never Flinch* by Stephen King

## JULY

*After He's Gone* by Katherine Hyde

*Fog and Fury* by Rachel Hall

*Not Quite Dead Yet* by Holly Jackson

*Wayward Girls* by Susan Wiggs

## AUGUST

*Smuggler's Cove* by Fern Michaels

*We Are All Guilty Here* by Karin Slaughter

*Accomplice to the Villain* by Hannah Nicole Maehr

*Forget Me Not* by Stacy Willingham

## 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!

### Libby

Libby is a service that provides free digital content like ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines!

### Boundless

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

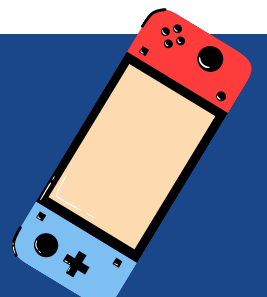
### Hoopla

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



## LIBRARY OF THINGS

Welcome to the Fossil Ridge Public Library's Library of Things! Our Library of Things collection is designed to offer a wide range of non-traditional items that you can borrow, just like books. From educational kits to fun gadgets, our goal is to provide resources that support learning, creativity, and entertainment for all ages.





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MAY RECEIVE THIS MAILING.**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK: The Library Is Where Everyone Belongs

Our library is a welcoming space for all. With a continued commitment to community outreach, we're dedicated to enriching lives, promoting lifelong learning, and creating meaningful connections. As part of our 2025 outreach efforts, you'll find us at the community events listed below. Stop by our information booth to explore library resources, ask questions, and say hello, we're always happy to talk with our library members.

We're also thrilled to bring back "Movies on the Green," where families and friends can gather on the library lawn, unwind under the stars, and enjoy a free outdoor movie. Don't forget your blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks.



Rene Leyva  
Executive Director

### ESSEX



Essex Fest  
Saturday, June 14th

### BONFIELD



Bonfield Barnyard Days  
Saturday, June 21

### BRAIDWOOD



Braidwood  
Summerfest: Parade  
Sunday, July 20th

### S. WILMINGTON



South Wilmington  
Party in the Park  
Saturday, July 26th

### BRAIDWOOD



National Night Out  
Tuesday, August 5th

### @THE LIBRARY MOVIES ON THE GREEN



Friday, August 1st at  
8:00 p.m.  
Mufasa: The Lion King



Friday, Sept. 5th at  
8:00 p.m.  
Dog Man

### LIBRARY HOURS:

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

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Memorial Day - May 26 - Closed  
Independence Day - July 4 - Closed  
Labor Day - September 1 - Closed

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Rene Leyva

### LIBRARY BOARD:

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