



FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

BETWEEN THE STACKS NEWSLETTER



Disney
PRESENTS
**THE
LION KING**
THE AWARD-WINNING BEST MUSICAL

FAMILY EVENT

Join us for a magical evening at the theater!
On Wednesday, October 8th, we're heading to
downtown Chicago to see Disney's The Lion
King on stage.

[More information can be found on the back page.](#)

WATCH PARTY @ THE LIBRARY



STEVE BURNS
September 16, 2025



MARISSA BODE
October 21, 2025



J. KENJI LÓPEZ-ALT
November 18, 2025

The Fossil Ridge Public Library is thrilled to host several watch parties throughout 2025-2026 featuring a live interview with well-known guests. Enjoy the experience on our big projector screen, along with light snacks and drinks provided by the library.

Watch parties are held on Tuesdays at 7 PM, although some events scheduled early next year might vary.

This exclusive event is free for all Fossil Ridge Library cardholders. Prefer to watch from home? Just sign up for at-home access and enjoy the experience from anywhere.

We can't wait to share this experience with you, whether at the library or from the comfort of your home!

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at fossilridge.org to stay up to date on all things books, new programming, and special events.




Rene Leyva
Executive Director



Movies on the Green



Outdoor Movie Night: DOG MAN
Friday, September 5
7:00 – 10:30 p.m.

Join us for a paws-itively fun evening under the stars!
Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, we'll provide the entertainment.

- Hotdogs, popcorn, and light refreshments will be served.
- Movie begins at dusk



This free event is sponsored in part by the Braidwood Police Department.

CHILDREN & TWEEN PROGRAMS

CHILDREN

TWEEN

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TWEEN SCENE ✓

Dates: September 8th, October 6th, November 3rd, December 8th
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

These instructor-led programs are a fun, educational, and creative way for Tweens to learn crafts and socialize.

09/8 - Decorate your own Travel Tray
 10/6 - Pumpkin Decorating
 11/3 - Leaf Pinch Pots
 12/8 - Ugly Christmas T-Shirt

Kids Can Cook ✓

Dates: Mondays, September 29th, October 27th, November 24th
Time: 5:20 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 with a maximum of 20 children.

Half-Day Movie Matinee

Dates: Sept. 10th, Oct. 23rd, Nov. 15th, Dec. 19th
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us on half days and no school days for a family-friendly movie afternoon. Enjoy a light snack while you watch! Registration is recommended.

9/10 - Lilo & Stitch (2025)
 10/23 - How to Train Your Dragon (2025)
 11/15 - Elio (2025)
 12/19 - That Christmas (2024)

MY PARENT & ME CANVAS PAINTING ✓ \$

Dates: Monday, November 10th
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

My Parent and Me 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 is required. Ages 6 and up are recommended.

DAVE DINASO'S TRAVELING WORLD OF REPTILES ✓

Dates: Monday, September 22nd
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Traveling World of Reptiles is an up-close, live, hands-on presentation and experience featuring reptiles and amphibians from around the world. If you've always wanted to touch an alligator or maybe a python, now is your chance. At this event, you'll get to see and touch some truly amazing creatures, including a 15-foot python, a 5-foot monitor lizard, a 4-foot American alligator, a large tarantula, a 50-lb. tortoise, a giant pixie frog, a 4-foot iguana, a 3-foot tegu lizard, and an alligator snapping turtle. Registration is required for this event.



RECURRING TODDLER EVENTS

PLAY-DOH PLAYDATES ✓

Dates: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, September 9th - December 2nd
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

LITTLE LEARNERS ✓

Dates: Wednesdays, September 10th - December 10th
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

LISTEN & CREATE STORYTIME ✓

Dates: Thursdays, September 11th - December 11th
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

TODDLER TIME ✓

Date: Thursdays, September 11th - December 11th
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Illinois Family Reading Night ✓

Dates: Thursday, November 20th
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Illinois Family Reading Night with a stuffie sleepover! At this event, your child will create a craft, have a snack, sing songs, and hear a few stories. Afterward, your child can leave his or her stuffie overnight, and they will get a chance to explore the library with their fellow stuffie friends. When you pick up your stuffie on Friday, November 21st, your child will receive a photo journal of their stuffie's overnight adventure at Fossil Ridge!!

Trunk-or-Treat ✓

Dates: Saturday, October 4th
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a family-filled day with candy, games, a bounce house, a pumpkin decorating contest, and face painting! We will also be having The Taco Man food truck onsite for patrons to purchase food. Registration is required.



Cookies with Clause ✓

Dates: Monday, December 1st
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Please stop by and visit with Santa himself before he heads back to the North Pole to prepare for his journey around the world. Bring your wish list and camera so you can grab a picture with Santa!

ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

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COMPUTER CLASSES

EMAIL BASICS ✓

Dates: Monday, September 8th

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

IPHONE BASICS ✓

Dates: Monday, October 13th

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 OVERVIEW ✓

Dates: Thursday, October 23rd

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

CUTTING THE CABLE ✓

Dates: Thursday, November 13th

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR ✓

Date: Wednesday, September 3rd

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

Join estate and financial planner Kristi Odom from Conroy and Associates as she helps you navigate the often-overwhelming world of estate planning.

IT'S ALIVE: THE BIRTH OF THE UNIVERSAL MONSTERS ✓

Date: Wednesday October 8th

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

Anchored by some of the most iconic movie monsters, the classic Universal Monster films have continued to resonate with horror fans for nearly a hundred years. This is the story of their creation and legacy.

CRANBERRY JAM WITH CHEZ MADELAINE COOKING SCHOOL ✓

Date: Wednesday, November 19th

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

Join us for a flavorful exploration of small-batch jam making, featuring a live demonstration of Spicy Cranberry Jam served on tender Cream Scones—both recipes from Artisanal Preserves.

FOR AGES 55+

MEDICARE SEMINAR ✓

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 15th

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

Jeff Remlinger from Premier Medicare Benefits presents a free educational seminar on what Medicare programs cover.

AARP SAFE DRIVING TECHNIQUES ✓ \$

Date: Thursday & Friday, Nov. 20th - 21st

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

A program for individuals 55+ to teach them safe driving techniques.

BALDY FOR THE BLIND DOCUMENTARY ✓

Date: Saturday September 27th

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We're screening "Baldy for the Blind", based on a true story of how one man helped lead 11 blind individuals on a life-changing mountain climb. Then you'll hear about the incredible journey from the man himself!

TEEN SPECIAL EFFECTS MAKEUP CLASS ✓

Date: Tuesday October 21st

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

Participants learn industry trick of the trade to transform into a classic Halloween look including:

- Texturizing skin for creature skin types, abrasions, wounds, and/or burns
- Applying prosthetics, creating fake scars and decaying skin
- Mastering fake blood application techniques.

BINGO CLASSES ✓

Dates: Monday, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th

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



BINGOCIZE ✓

Dates: Fridays from September 19th to November 21st

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

TEEN PONY BEAD BRACELETS ✓

Date: Wednesday December 10th

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

In this fun, hands-on class just for teens, you'll learn how to design and create colorful accessories using pony beads. Make bracelets, animals, and more while exploring different patterns and techniques. All materials are provided!



MOVIES

DRACULA (1931) ✓

Date: Friday, October 24th

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

THE FAMILY STONE (2005) ✓

Date: Friday, December 19th

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



386 West Kennedy Road
Braidwood, IL 60408

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 9am – 8pm

Friday: 9am – 5pm

Saturday: 9am – 3pm

Sunday: Closed

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Labor Day - Sept. 1 - Closed

Thanksgiving - Nov. 27 - Closed

The day after Thanksgiving -

Nov. 28 - Closed

Christmas Eve - Dec. 24 - Closed

Christmas Day - Dec. 25 - Closed

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Rene Leyva

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THE LION KING, LIVE



Join Us for a Magical Night at the Theater!

Fossil Ridge Public Library invites you on a special trip to downtown Chicago to experience the Broadway sensation, Disney's The Lion King, live on stage!

Date: Wednesday, October 8

Departure: 4:00 p.m. from the Library

Dinner Break: Enjoy about an hour to dine near the theater before the show

Showtime: 7:00 p.m.

Estimated Return: 11:30 p.m.

Ticket Lottery Details

Due to limited seating, tickets will be available through a lottery for a chance to purchase up to two tickets at a heavily discounted rate*.

Entry Period: Monday, September 2 – Monday, September 9

Eligibility: Open to Fossil Ridge Library cardholders in good standing

Limit: One entry per person

Notification: Winners will be contacted by phone and must finalize registration within 2 days

Tickets: Each winner may purchase up to 2 tickets

- Both attendees must have active Fossil Ridge Library Cards
- Both must sign a bus trip waiver

Payment is required to complete registration:

- \$30 per child (Ages 5–15)
- \$50 per adult (Ages 16+)

***Tickets are valued at \$84 each, including taxes and fees.
Don't miss this incredible opportunity!**