

The Bookworm JUNIOR

Enjoy this bi-monthly newsletter featuring programs and services for preschoolers, school-aged children, teens and caregivers.



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Library Hours

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
9:30 am – 8:00 pm
- Thursday, Friday
9:30 am – 6:00 pm
- Saturday
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Sunday
1:00 – 4:00 pm

Closings

- Labor Day Weekend
Sat., Sep. 5 – Mon., Sep. 7
- Indigenous Peoples' Day
Mon., Oct. 12

Board of Trustees Meetings

Mon., Sep. 28 • 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Mon., Oct. 26 • 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend. In the event of extraordinary circumstances, videoconference technology may be used.

Friends of the Library Meetings

Join the Friends of the Library for their monthly or annual meeting.

Mon., Sep. 14 • 6:30 pm

This month's meeting will be held in the Director's Office.

Mon., Oct. 5 • 6:30 pm

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Encore Books

Open Tues., Sep. 1 and Sep. 8

• **10:00 am - 6:00 pm**, weather permitting. Donations for the Fall book sale will be accepted when Encore Books is open. Check the FOL Facebook page for weather updates.

All programs held at the library are wheelchair and walker accessible.

LITTLE LEARNERS

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, Sep. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27

• **10:00 - 11:00 am**

Enjoy an interactive, theme-based storytime with an emphasis on early literacy that will include an art activity. Ages 2-5 with caregivers. No registration needed.



Library Tots

Thursdays, Sep. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

• **10:00 - 11:00 am**

Babies, 0-24 months, with caregivers, are invited to join us as we get together for a fun program featuring songs, fingerplays, body movement, felt board stories, books, and toys! No registration needed.



1KBBK

Reading with your child is the single most important activity that you can do to help your child get ready to read, and the library is here to help! We are part of the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KBBK) national initiative intended for newborn through pre-Kindergarten children. Visit the library to sign up for this ongoing program, pick up information, and fun incentives.

Friends of the Library Big Fall Book Sale

The FOL's very popular sale will be held at the library rain or shine. A great selection of gently used fiction and nonfiction books for all ages, DVDs, CDs, and jigsaw puzzles will be available at very reasonable suggested donation prices during all three days.

Friends Night

Fri., Sep. 18 • 3:00 - 7:00 pm

The Friends Night sale is open for FOL members and teachers only. Memberships are available on site.



Saturday Sensory Storytime

Sat., Sep. 19

• **11:00 am - Noon**

During the Fall Book Sale, our sensory-friendly storytime will be held on the lawn, rain location indoors.



Sat., Oct. 17

• **11:00 am - Noon**

The sensory-friendly storytime is designed to be enjoyed by all families who visit. The lights will be dimmed and fidgets provided. Noise-reducing headphones and flexible seating options are also available during this and each of our library's storytimes. Children ages 3+ with caregivers. Registration recommended, but not required.

Halloween Family Storytime

Sat., Oct. 31

• **10:30-11:30 am**

Start the Halloween fun with stories about witches, ghosts and pumpkins! Wear your costumes and join the parade through the library. Ages 3-6 with caregivers. Please register.



Book and Bake Sale

Sat., Sep. 19 • 10:00 - 4:00 pm

Bake Sale hours are 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. Ticket sales begin for our great selection of raffle packages.



Fill-a-Bag Day

Sun., Sep. 20 • 11:00 - 3:00 pm

Fill your own (reasonably sized) bag or ours for \$10 or purchase a FOL cotton canvas bag for \$20 and fill it for free! Last day to buy raffle tickets, drawing at 2:00 pm, winner does not need to be present.

Late Summer live concerts

Mixed Roots

Thur., Sep. 3, 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us for a free all-ages concert featuring Mixed Roots AfroBeat and Reggae Music. All ages. No registration needed.

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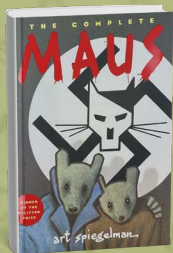
Thur., Sep. 24, 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us for a free all-ages surf rock concert. All ages, no registration needed.



Banned Books Week October 4-10

Graphic Novel Book Discussion *Maus I: A Survivor's Tale:*



My Father Bleeds History
by Art Spiegelman
Tues., Oct. 6

• 6:30 - 7:30 pm

This Pulitzer Prize winning graphic novel is one of the most perennially

banned and challenged books since its publication in 1986. Open to adults and teens in grades 11-12. Please register.

Film Screening: *The Librarians*

Thur., Oct. 8 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Librarians emerge as first responders in the fight for democracy and our First Amendment Rights as an unprecedented wave of book banning is sparked in Texas, Florida, and beyond. Please register for a reminder.

**Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
in honor of Banned Books Week.**



Youth & Teen Programs

Home Alone Safety



Tues., Sep. 1

• 10:30 am - Noon

Knowing when your child is ready to stay home alone is a difficult decision; preparation can make the transition much easier for you and your child. This

90-minute class presented by Epic Trainings is designed to teach participants ages 8-13 who are home alone the importance of behaving responsibly. Please register.

Magic & More: Collectible Card Games



Sun., Oct. 4

• 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Pack up your Magic the Gathering and Pokemon cards to challenge other players and make trades.

Intro to MTG deckbuilding and gameplay from 1:30-2:00. Grades 5+ and adults, please register.

Maker Monday Mon., Oct. 19 and 26 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Come to the library after school to make something with our STEAM supplies. From robotics to paper circuits, we'll try many different projects through the year ahead. Grades 4-5, please register for the weeks you wish to attend.



Teens Care

Fri., Oct. 16

• 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Machine-sew items for a local charity and earn Community Service time. Bus transportation

is available. Grades 8-12, please register.

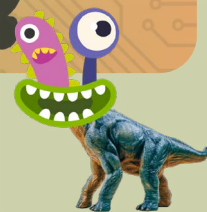


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Fri., Oct. 23

• 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Experiment with toy parts, glue guns, and other supplies to create your own monstrous mash-up!



Creepy Cute Cupcakes*

Fri., Oct. 30

• 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Decorate some cupcakes for yourself and for our Halloween Storytime. Community Service with frosting on top!



* Bus transportation is available, and snacks are provided. Grades 6+, please register for sessions you will attend.

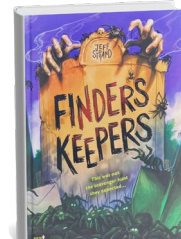
Middle School Book Club

Finders Keepers by Jeff Strand

Grade 6: Wed., Oct. 28 • 10:45 am

Grade 7: Wed., Oct. 28 • 11:30 am

Bring your lunch to the school library to discuss this chilling tale and tackle a scavenger hunt! The Middle School Book Clubs are a collaboration between the public library and the school library. New members are welcome any month. Please register and pick up a free copy at either library.



After-Hours

Teen Murder Mystery Party

Thur., Oct. 29 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm

You are invited to a spooky dinner party where one of the guests is secretly a vampire! Play the role of one of the eerie characters and solve the mystery before you become the next victim! Grades 8-12, please register.

