



The Bookplate

A Publication of the River Forest Public Library

Fall 2024

Another Fantastic Summer at the Library!

- Over 600 patrons signed up for our Summer Reading Program
- Children logged over 6,500 days of reading and collected more than 1,300 prizes
- Adults read over 300 books
- Tweens and teens logged over 1600 hours of reading
- We offered 120 summer events and welcomed over 5,300 attendees



*Stats are from May through July



We Have a New Look

We are excited to introduce a new logo for River Forest Public Library. The design was inspired by an open book, but just as libraries are so much more than books, so is our new logo.

The white space created by the book's pages and spine gives the illusion of a portal that is inviting you in. When viewed this way, the book's pages become pathways to new discoveries. Our garden courtyard which welcomes you to our building is echoed in its semi-circular shape. Bright colors reflect that we are a welcoming place for all. By evoking the sun, the design creates a feeling of joy. We hope you love it as much as we do.



River Forest Public Library
Your journey starts here.

New Website Coming Soon!

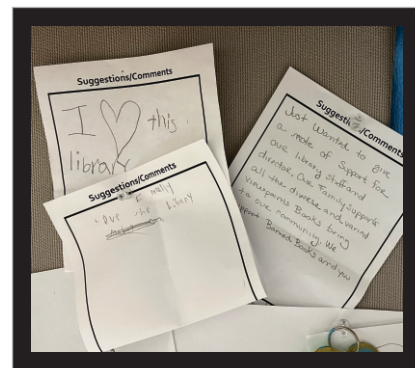


We are working hard to build a new website that will provide a better user experience for our nearly 150,000 visitors each year. It will be easier to navigate, provide better access to our vast resources, and have improved accessibility. We expect to launch the new site in November. Stay tuned!

From the Director

American libraries are having a moment, and it's not a good one. Book banning attempts and threats to library staff are regular news stories, and we've even had our share of challenges here at the Library.

While it is important to acknowledge when times are tough and to fight censorship and attacks on libraries, I think it's also imperative to recognize the positive, like the support and appreciation we receive from our community. This year we've gotten everything from cookies to phone calls offering help to supportive messages of appreciation in the lobby suggestion box. I pinned just a few of those notes on my office bulletin board as a reminder of how much people love the library, and they truly brighten every day.



In the spirit of recognizing the positive, I am happy to share that the Library is moving forward with exciting projects, including a new website and logo. While the website project is still in progress, our brand-new logo is unveiled in this issue of *The Bookplate*.

I hope you like our new logo as much as I do, and that you join us for a fun fall event or just pop in for a book recommendation. The River Forest community is so appreciated by all of us here at the Library. Thank you for your support.

Emily Compton, Library Director



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Library Card Sign Up Month:

Sign up and use your card during September to enter our raffle

RAFFLE

September is Library Card Sign Up month, making it an especially good time to sign up for a library card. Sign up for a River Forest Public Library card or use your existing card during the month, and you will receive a raffle entry for a chance to win a prize from local businesses.

Also in September, to celebrate our new logo, we will be hosting a library card design contest. Details coming soon! Check our website and stay informed by signing up for our eNews.



Enjoy Another Season of Virtual Events from Illinois Libraries Present

Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) is a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. The new season will kick off on October 9 with *Being Imperfect* with Erika Sanchez in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month. Visit our website for details and registration.

New Furniture in Study Spaces, thanks to Foundation

Thanks to a grant from our Foundation, the Library purchased new furniture for our study spaces. The new tables include in-surface power units based on patron feedback, and the upholstered chairs are comfortable, sturdy, and easy to clean. In 2024, we have had over 600 study space reservations, so we are thrilled to be able to offer an updated environment for our many visitors.



We are incredibly grateful for the support of the River Forest Public Library Foundation. **Don't miss our annual Dooley Concert on Saturday, September 7 at 7:30 PM, sponsored by the Foundation.**



Adults

Fiction:

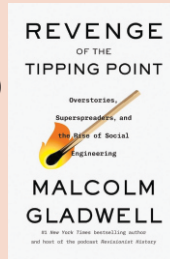
Guide Me Home by Attica Locke (Sep.)
Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty (Sep.)
The Mighty Red by Louise Erdrich (Oct.)
The Blue Hour by Paula Hawkins (Oct.)
The Half King by Melissa Sanders (Nov.)
Time of the Child by Niall Williams (Nov.)
The Last One by Rachel Howzell Hall (Dec.)
The Rivals by Jane Pek (Dec.)
Rental House by Weike Wang (Dec.)

Nonfiction:

Connie: A Memoir by Connie Chung (Sep.)
Revenge of the Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell (Oct.)
The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World by Robin Wall Kimmerer (Nov.)



Place
Your
Holds
Now!



Tweens and Teens

Out of My Dreams by Sharon M. Draper (Sep.)
When the World Tips Over by Jandy Nelson (Sep.)
House of Elephants (Witchlings 3) by Claribel A. Ortega (Oct.)
Nothing Like the Movies by Lynn Painter (Oct.)
Games Untold by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Nov.)
Shadowed by Carl Deuker (Nov.)
Wolves at the Door by Steve Watkins (Dec.)
The Losting Fountain by Lora Senf (Dec.)

Children

Kristy and the Walking Disaster (Sep.)
The Olympic Games - Owl Diaries (Sep.)
Percy Jackson: Wrath of the Triple Goddess (Sep.)
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess (Oct.)
Katie the Catsitter: The Purrfect Plan (Oct.)
I Survived the Black Death 1348 (Oct.)
Bad Guys 20 in One Last Thing (Nov.)
The First Cat in Space & The Wrath of the Paperclip (Nov.)
Mr. Lemoncello's Fantabulous Finale (Nov.)
Dog Man: Big Jim Begins (Dec.)
Dragon Masters Haunting of the Ghost Dragon (Dec.)
Wings of Fire - Escaping Peril: a Graphic Novel (Dec.)



From the Foundation: Loving Grandpa Donates in Honor of Grandson

In June 2021, the River Forest Public Library Foundation received a tribute gift from Douglas Rothkopf, in honor of his grandson “Leo, who has signed up for Tales and Tails (RFPL’s Summer Reading Program).” Since then, six additional tribute gifts, all in Leo’s name, have been generously given by Douglas, honoring several birthdays as well as graduation from 2nd grade. As the tribute gifts kept coming in, Foundation Board members were curious: who was this amazing Grandpa? And why, specifically, did he decide to give to the Foundation in Leo’s name? We reached out to Douglas to find out more.



Douglas with grandson Leo

“River Forest Public Library is the centerpiece of a delightful welcoming community. From picture books to chapter books and onto the entire collection, the joy of reading has captured my Grandson Leo, morning, noon and night. It is a delight to see pictures of him skipping up to the front door, leaving with books under his arm and sometimes a library blanket from the reading program. It is a thrill seeing Leo progress from his parents reading stories to him to him reading stories to himself and others. I support your library as a way to enrich my Grandson, Leo. I encourage gifting to the library in honor of someone you love.”

We are so grateful to donors like Douglas who recognize the value a strong library brings to the community. Tribute gifts allow a donor to honor not just grandchildren like Leo but anyone, or celebrations like birthdays and anniversaries. Our online donation capabilities offer the opportunity to select the type of tribute gift and enter the name of the honoree and a short message. Do you have a loved one who has been impacted by RFPL or has a love of reading? If so, visit rfplfoundation.org/donate to give now.





Upcoming Programs *Indicates registration required.



Childrens ● Tweens/Teens ● Adults ● Everyone ●

9/5	10-10:45 AM	ScribbleMonster	Families*	SEP
9/7	7:30-9 PM	Dooley Band Concert	All Ages	
9/12	6-8 PM	Jigsaw Puzzle Race	All Ages*	
9/14	2-3 PM	Chair Yoga	Adult*	
9/15	2-3:30 PM	Mississippi River Adventures	Adult	
9/18	7-8 PM	Empower and Excel in College (virtual)	Grades 7 and up*	
9/19	3:15-4:30 PM	Mario Kart Tournament	Grades 5-8	
9/19	7-8 PM	Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In and What We Can Do About It	Adult (virtual)*	
9/22	2-3:30 PM	David Ellis Author Visit	Adult	
9/25	7-8 PM	Autumn Harvest Favorites: A Cooking Demo & Tasting	Adult*	
10/1	All month	Solve a Cold Case	Adult	OCT
10/2	3:15-4:30 PM	Alebrije Workshop	Grades 5-8*	
10/5	2-4 PM	Community Paper Shredding	Adult	
10/6	2-3:30 PM	Edgar Allan Poe: To Tell a Tale	Adult	
10/13	2-3 PM	Salsa Dance Class for Beginners	Adult*	
10/14	10-11:30 AM	Touch a Truck	Families	
10/16	7-8 PM	The Sandwich Generation	Adult	
10/17	3:15-4:30 PM	Ghost Busting	Grades 5-8*	
10/19	10-11 AM	Halloween Craft	Families	
10/20	2-3 PM	Rebecca Spectre's Magic Show	Adult	
10/23	3:30-4:30 PM	Cupcake Decorating Workshop	Grades K-4*	
10/30	3:15-4:30 PM	Cupcake Decorating Workshop	Grades 5-8*	
10/31	11:30 AM-1 PM	Half Day Movie 'n' Snack	Grades 5-8	
11/3	2-3:30 PM	Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle	Adult	NOV
11/5	10-11 AM	Little Yogis Story Circle	Grades K-4*	
11/13	3:30-4:30 PM	Middle School Yoga	Grades 5-8*	
11/14	6-7 PM	Harry Potter Trivia	Families*	
11/16	11 AM-12 PM	Slime Master Family Slime Workshop	Families*	
11/17	2-3:30 PM	The Reintroduction of Native Americans into Illinois	Adult	
12/8	2-3:30 PM	James Callen Jazz Trio	Adult	DEC
12/12	3:15-4:30 PM	Gingerbread Houses	Grades 5-8*	
12/14	10-11 AM	Winter Craft	Families	
12/15	2-3 PM	Holiday Cookie Exchange	Adult	
12/18	3:30-5:30 PM	Free Spirit Siberian Sled Team	Grades K-4	
12/19	10 AM-12 PM	Holiday Movie at the Library	Families	
12/31	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Noon Year's Eve	Families	

Weekly & Monthly Events



Closures:

9/1, 9/2, 10/18

Close at 5 PM on 11/27 & 12/31

11/28, 12/24, 12/25, 1/1

Go to our calendar:



- Evening Book Club | Wednesdays, 7-8 PM | 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4
- Coffee Monday | Mondays, 10-11 AM | 9/9, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2
- Yoga or Meditation with Rhonda Fentry | Saturdays, 2-3 PM | 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14
- Film Lover Fridays | Fridays, 1-3:30 PM | 9/20, 10/11, 11/15, 12/20
- Global Film Forum | Sundays, 2-4:30 PM | 9/29, 10/27, 11/10, 12/20
- Craft and Chat | Thursdays, 7-8:30 PM | 10/10, 12/12*
- Middle School Makers | Tuesdays, 3:15-4:30 PM | Check website for dates | Grades 5-8
- Tween Tasters | Thursdays, 3:15-4:30 PM | 9/5, 10/10, 11/14, 12/5 | Grades 5-8*
- Donuts and Discussion | Thursdays, 3:15-4:30 PM | 9/26, 11/21 | Grades 5-8*
- Mini-Art Show | Thursdays, 3:15-4:30 PM | 10/24, 12/19 | Grades 5-8
- STEM Club | Mondays, 3:45-4:30 PM | 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9 | Grades K-4*
- Crafternoon | Monday, 3:45-4:30 | 9/23, 10/28, 11/18, 12/16 | Grades K-4*
- Comic Making Class | Saturdays, 10-11 AM | 9/28, 10/26*
- Storytimes for Kids | Tues., Weds., Thurs., and Fri. | See website for details
- New! Baby Storytime | Mondays, 10-10:30 AM | 9/30, 10/28, 11/25 | Ages 0-1*

For the complete current list of programs or to register for an event call us at 708-366-5205 or visit our library program calendar at riverforestlibrary.org



Save These Dates

Events subject to change.
Please check our website for most current info.



Adults

David Ellis Author Visit Sunday, 9/22, 2-3:30 PM

Bestselling local author David Ellis is a judge and an Edgar-award-winning author of ten novels of crime fiction, as well as eight books co-authored with James Patterson. Join us to celebrate the release of his new book, *The Best Lies*.

Salsa Dance Class, Beginners Sunday, 10/13, 2-3 PM

This workshop led by an instructor from Desueño Dance is designed to give participants an introduction to Salsa dancing. No partners are necessary. **Registration required.***

Rebecca Spectre's Magic Show

Sunday, 10/20, 2-3 PM

Magician and comedian Rebecca Spectre presents an hour of live magic entertainment. Expect excitement, laughs, and even a behind-the-scenes reveal of how some tricks are performed.*

The Reintroduction of Native Americans into Illinois

Sunday, 11/17, 2-3:30 PM

Gerald Savage, a HoChunk Native American also known as Chief White Winnebago, will examine the history of his tribal territory, his family's relocation into Starved Rock, tribal culture, his regalia, and more.*

Holiday Cookie Exchange

Sunday, 12/15, 2-3 PM

Bring a batch of homemade cookies, along with the recipe you used, for other attendees to taste and take home. Cookie tins and hot chocolate provided. **Registration required.***

**In partnership with River Forest Township.*

Teens

Alebrije Workshop

Wednesday, 10/2, 3:15-4:30 PM

Grades 5-8

Celebrate Hispanic American Heritage Month by learning about Alebrije and where they come from. Then, get your own 3D printed alebrije and supplies to paint it! **Registration required.**

Cupcake Decorating Workshop

Wednesday, 10/30, 3:15-4:30 PM

Grades 5-8

Culinary Arts Instructor Violeta will guide you and give you tips on how to decorate cupcakes. All supplies provided. **Registration required.**

Also offered for kids on 10/23

Middle School Yoga

Wednesday, 11/13, 3:30-4:30 PM

Grades 5-8

Come to a yoga class with Bobbi Pehle from Half Moon Yogi! **Registration required.**

Gingerbread Houses

Thursday, 12/12, 3:15-4:30 PM

Grades 5-8

Decorate your very own gingerbread house! We will provide everything you need, but dress for mess, just in case. **Registration required.**

All Ages

Jigsaw Puzzle Race

Thursday, 9/12, 6-8 PM

Test your puzzle speed in a timed competition! Teams of 2-4 people will each be given the same 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Complete the puzzle first, or get closest within 2 hours, and you will be the winners. Pizza served. **Registration required.**

Children

ScribbleMonster

Thursday, 9/5, 10-10:45 AM

Families

Dance, sing, and have fun with ScribbleMonster at this fun interactive performance! For families. **Registration required.**

Touch a Truck

Monday, 10/14, 10-11:30 AM

Families

Have you ever been inside a real fire truck, police car, tree trimming truck, or street sweeper? Come explore the real thing at the Library. This event is held on the 700 block of Jackson Ave., weather permitting.

Little Yoga Storytime

Tuesday, 11/5, 10-11 AM Families

Join Ms. Bobbi of Half Moon Yogi for a yoga story time featuring a captivating book that inspires the yoga poses we explore, allowing children to become part of the narrative. No yoga experience is necessary! **Registration required.**

Slime Master Slime Workshop

Saturday, 11/16, 11 AM-12 PM

Families

Join Slime Master experts in this awesomely goopy slime workshop! For families. **Registration required.**

Free Spirit Siberian Sled Team

Wednesday, 12/18, 3:30-5:30 PM

Grades K-4

Learn about huskies and experience a little of the sport of mushing at this awesome winter event! Meet and greet the huskies during the event. **Registration required.**

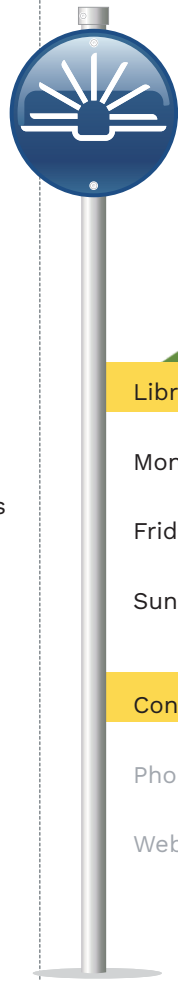
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Library Hours:

- Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
- Friday & Saturday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
- Sunday (Sep.-May) 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

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