



FONDULAC
District Library

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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9a-8p
Friday 9a-6p
Saturday 9a-5p
Sunday(Sept-May) 1p-5p

Exceptions:

Dec. 24-26 - Closed
Dec. 31 - Closed
Jan. 1 - Closed
Jan. 20 - Closed

FINE FREE!

Please visit our Fine Free FAQ page at fondulaclibrary.org for more details about our policies!

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.



Based on a survey asking how you use our current website, we've designed our new site with improved navigation, increased accessibility, and user-friendly features to help you get the most from your library experience.

The new streamlined site provides enhanced screen visibility, concise main menu options, and seamless access to popular services. It is easier than ever to navigate to account management, downloads and streaming, mobile printing, and our popular events calendar. Kids, teens, and adults have an updated page with connections to tailored content, including relevant resources and featured titles to help you find your next great read. With increased accessibility in mind, the site meets ADA compliance standards and ensures users of all abilities can navigate our site effectively.

Of course, the site will continue to grow, and our staff will still bring you the latest library news, FDL Reads reviews, events, service highlights, and more.



More exciting news! Fondulac District Library now offers automatic renewals as a time-saving convenience to its patrons! Items checked out at FDL eligible for renewal are now renewed automatically on their due date. Most items are eligible for one renewal, as long as another patron has not placed a hold on the item and your account is in good standing. Please carefully read the courtesy notices emailed by the library to learn which items renewed and which did not, and please contact the library if you need to update your account with your current email address. As a reminder, no overdue fines will be charged on any item checked out at FDL, regardless of who owns the item, which library issued your card, or where the item is returned. Learn more about the library's renewal and fine-free procedures at fondulaclibrary.org.

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays • 6 p.m.

January 27 &

February 24

Visit fondulaclibrary.org for meeting agenda, minutes, and location. Recordings of meetings are available online at esctv.org.

FRIENDS of FDL QUARTERLY MEETING

**Monday, February 3
6 p.m.**

The Friends support the library's mission through advocacy, fundraising, and volunteerism. Past and upcoming events are discussed and planned at meetings. Annual dues are only \$5, and new members are always welcome.

BOOK SALE

The Friends' ongoing Book Sale is open during library hours. Located on the first floor across from the elevator, great used books, music, & movies are available with suggested donations starting at 25¢.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

The Friends of FDL group maintains a "Little Free Library" in the Reading Garden outside the library. Stop by and adopt a new book, courtesy of the Friends!



THE FRIENDS OF FONDULAC DISTRICT LIBRARY HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Friday, December 13 • 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • All Ages • DROP IN

Saturday, December 14 • 9 a.m.-Noon • All Ages • DROP IN

The Friends will have an array of affordable homemade sweet and savory treats, holiday-themed crafts, stocking stuffers, and more available for shoppers. These items are perfect to pick up for friends and family, holiday gatherings, or the office to spread the holiday spirit this season! The Friends will also feature a selection of holiday books, audiobooks, CDs, and movies for children and adults available from the ongoing book sale.

And don't miss the Friends' Holiday Gift Basket Giveaway! Stop by FDL December 1 to 15 and enter to win one of three gift baskets full of festive things for the whole family! Winners will be drawn December 16.

ADULT & TEEN WINTER READING CHALLENGE

January 2-February 28 • Ages 13+

Cozy up with a good book for your chance to win cool prizes! Pick up an entry form in person, or register through Beanstack. Look for challenge details at the Adult Services desk or in Beanstack.



ALL AGES

FOLEPI NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY: STORYTIME WITH SANTA

Wednesday, December 18 • 6-7 p.m.

All Ages • **DROP IN**

Have your camera ready for a story with Santa and an appearance by Folepi the toy soldier! Stay for crafts and snacks afterward.



TCG OPEN PLAY NIGHT

Thursday, January 2 • 5:30-7:00 p.m. • Ages 10+ • **REGISTER**

Take a break from holiday festivities and bring your favorite TCG deck for some family-friendly gaming! Use a starter deck to learn Pokémon, Lorcana, and Magic: The Gathering. Bring your own decks from other games, as well!

WIZARD ACADEMY ESCAPE ROOM

Saturday, January 25 • 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Ages 6+ • **REGISTER**

Explore Wizard Academy! It is up to you and your friends to uncover the truth and stop the dark forces that threaten the Wizard Academy - and the rest of the world! Each participating group is entered into a grand prize drawing.

FAMILY FIELD TRIP: EAST PEORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monday, January 27 • 5:30-6:30 p.m. • All Ages • **REGISTER**

Get a behind the scenes look at the East Peoria police department! Tour the facilities, and learn what it takes to keep our community safe.

(Due to the size of the facility, group sizes are limited; multiple sessions will be offered.)

Parties may only register for one session.

GLOWFORGE PERSONALIZED NAMEPLATES

Thursday, February 20 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 8+ • **REGISTER**

Choose from a variety of acrylic material to create a nameplate, and see the library's Glowforge in action!

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

Bring the whole family for an early weekend movie! Snacks are provided, but you're welcome to bring your own, too..

Saturday, January 4 • 9:30-11:30 a.m. • All Ages • **DROP IN**

Movie: *Wonka* (rated PG)

Saturday, February 1 • 9:30-11:30 a.m. • All Ages • **DROP IN**

Movie: *IF* (rated PG)



LIBRARY OF THINGS

Fondulac District Library offers a variety of unique and useful items for checkout, including fun and educational resources for kids!

- Board & card games
- Metal detectors
- Portable projectors
- Puzzles
- RGB ring light kits
- Webcams
- Wifi hotspots
- Yeti microphones

FOR KIDS...

- Book Bundles
- Launchpad tablets
- STEAM kits
- Storytime In a Box

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

Check out our new digital media platforms, in addition to your favorite download and streaming services!

- ADML/Libby ebooks and audiobooks
- eRead Illinois/Boundless ebooks and audiobooks
- hoopla digital media
- Tumblebooks/TeenBookCloud
- inkie.org Library
- ComicsPlus
- kanopy Movies

COMICSPLUS

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Films that matter



ADULTS & TEENS

ADULT BOOK CLUB

3rd Mondays

1:30 p.m. • **DROP IN**

For adult readers interested in all types of fiction and nonfiction. Members select titles and lead discussions together. New members are always welcome, and copies of the club's current selection are available at the library's circulation desk.

December 16

Eruption

by James Patterson & Michael Crichton

January 27

State of Terror

by Hillary Clinton & Louise Penny

February 17

TBD

TEEN TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday

6-7:30 p.m.

Ages 13-19 • **DROP IN**

Play games (video games and/or tabletop RPGs), drink soda, and discuss books or manga!

SWORDS & SORCERY ONLINE BOOK CLUB

Ongoing Discussion
VIRTUAL

Love fantasy? Join the group online at [facebook.com/groups/fdlsandsbookclub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fdlsandsbookclub) for ongoing discussion of all things fantasy! Share what you're reading, talk about your favorites, and get recs for your next book from local readers and librarians!

Glowforge Monogram Ornaments

Thursday, December 19 • 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Ages 18+ • **REGISTER**

Choose a letter, ribbon, string, and beads to add the finishing touches to a multilayer ornament made by our Glowforge laser cutter!



SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING STRATEGIES

Wednesday, December 11 • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Adults • **REGISTER**

The Institute for Financial Education presents ways to optimize your benefits as well as a variety of other Social Security topics.

ODDS & ENDS JEWELRY MAKING

Saturday, December 14 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • **REGISTER**

Use a new selection of multi-colored lightbulb charms and metal ribbon charms, along with other beads and baubles, to craft your own jewelry.



BAH HUMBUG! MURDER MYSTERY AT THE LIBRARY

Monday, December 16 • 6 p.m. • Adults • **REGISTER**

In this "Clue"-style game, gather evidence, eliminate suspects, and solve the murder of England's greediest grouch - Ebenezer Scrooge!

CREATE A READING JOURNAL

Monday, January 6 • 5-6:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • **REGISTER**

Create a reading journal that will help you store the highlights of each book you read, keep track of challenges you give yourself, or keep a book list for future reads and goals.

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH KANOPY

Wednesday, January 15 • 10 a.m. • Adults • **REGISTER**

Learn how to use FDL's newest film and television streaming service. Chromebooks are provided for hands-on practice.

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Films that matter

90'S PIZZA PARTY

Saturday, January 11 • 2-4 p.m. • Adults • **REGISTER**

Step back in time for a celebration of all things 1990's! Play Nintendo, design your own slap bracelet, answer some '90s trivia, and more! Enjoy snacks, pizza and door prizes as well!



ADULTS & TEENS

TEEN TUESDAY SPECIAL EVENTS!

BUTTON MAKING

Tuesday, December 17 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13-19 • **DROP IN**

Use markers, drawing supplies, recycled manga pages, and more to create your own buttons using the library's button maker.

KEYCHAIN & JEWELRY MAKING

Tuesday, February 25 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13-19 • **DROP IN**

You bring the creativity, FDL will provide the rest, as you learn jewelry-making techniques and find artistic inspiration from fellow teens.

DIY UPCYCLED TREASURE BOXES

Thursday, January 30 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • **REGISTER**

Use decorative supplies and self-adhesive materials to transform a vintage Reader's Digest volume into a treasure box for storing knickknacks and trinkets.



IT WORKFORCE PRESENTATION

Thursday, February 6 • 6 p.m. • Adults • **REGISTER**

Learn how to break into the IT workforce, including computer science and healthcare IT, by boosting your skills and making yourself stand out to employers. This program is presented through the IT Workforce Accelerator, a partnership among Bradley University, Illinois Central College, and Eureka College.

UNIQUELY ABLED: FIZZY ART PAINTINGS

Thursday, February 13 • 1 p.m.

Adults (18+) with intellectual disabilities • **REGISTER**

Let a little love - and science - in your heart by popping and fizzing your way to a colorful painted heart! Presented in consultation with Tazewell County Resource Centers.

DIAMOND MOSAIC BOOKMARKS

Thursday, February 27 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 10+ • **REGISTER**

Try this popular art technique to add some sparkle to your current reading selection with mandala-inspired designs.



Book Club *After Dark*

Fourth Thursday of each month beginning February 27
6 p.m. • Adults (18+) • **DROP IN**

Explore BookTok sensations and other selections in an all-new book club for those who like a little spice, from romance to magic and more! Check out the first book, *Out on a Limb* by Hannah Bonam-Young.



APPY HOUR

Tuesdays

Dec. 16, Jan. 28 &
Feb. 25 • 2 p.m.

DROP IN

Learn to access free eBooks, audiobooks, movies, and more through our apps. Bring a device for 1-on-1 help, or call to make an appointment.

SIT & STITCH

2nd Wednesdays,

1st & 3rd Sundays

Dec. 1, 11 & 15; Jan. 5,
8 & 19; Feb. 2, 12 & 16

2-4 p.m. • Ages 13+

DROP IN

Sew and socialize at the library! Bring your own projects to work on while sharing ideas and skills and making new friends. Stitchers of all types are welcome.

Now offering "Sit & Stitch After Dark," one Monday per month, 6-7:30 p.m.! Check our online calendar for exact dates.

ZEN ZONE

2nd Thursdays

6:30 p.m.

Dec. 12, Jan. 9 &
Feb. 13

Ages 20+ • **DROP IN**

An adults-only oasis of relaxing activities, such as coloring or calligraphy.

GROWN-UP VIDEO GAME NIGHT

3rd Thursdays

Dec. 19, Jan. 16 &

Feb. 20 • 5-8 p.m

Ages 20+ • **DROP IN**

Adults are invited to play the library's gaming systems upstairs. Remember to bring your library card or photo ID to get started!

KIDS

ALL NEW STORYTIMES BEGINNING IN JANUARY!

NO WEEKLY STORYTIMES
IN DECEMBER.

LOUD N' PROUD STORYTIME

Tuesdays, 12-12:45 p.m.

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

Ages 2-6 • **DROP IN**

All the energetic kids out there have the opportunity to dance, sing, shout and play!

BABIES AND BOOKS

Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

Ages 0-1 • **DROP IN**

Babies and their grown-ups get their very own storytime with singing, stories, and sensory playtime.

TODDLER TIME

Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

Ages 1-3 • **DROP IN**

Read, dance, sing and play to make sure you're ready for preschool!

FAVORITE CHARACTER STORYTIME

Thursdays, 10-10:45 a.m.

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

Ages 2-5 • **DROP IN**

Enjoy snacks and social time along with stories featuring your favorite characters, songs, rhymes and movement!

ELF SCHOOL

Monday, December 9 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 8-11 • **REGISTER**

Have a holly, jolly good time at Elf School! Sing, dance, craft, play and eat snacks. Come as yourself, and leave as an elf!

DISGUISE A GINGERBREAD MAN

Wednesday, December 11 • 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Ages 4-14 • **DROP IN**

Help the Gingerbread Man rest and relax this holiday season by making him a disguise!



INTERACTIVE POLAR EXPRESS

Monday, December 16 • 6 p.m. • Ages 2-14 • **REGISTER**

Wear your PJ's as you listen to a read-aloud of *The Polar Express*, then receive your ticket to climb aboard and be a part of the story in this interactive experience.

ELF PARACHUTE RACING

Monday, December 23 • 2 p.m. • Ages 6-14 • **REGISTER**

Enjoy holiday treats as you make easy DIY parachutes to help elves deliver presents!

POKEMON CLUB

Session 1: Friday, January 10 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Grades K-8 • **REGISTER**

Session 2: Saturday, January 11 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Grades K-8 • **REGISTER**

Do you want to be the very best? Stop by for some Pokémon Trading Card Game fun. Kids are encouraged to bring cards to battle and trade with other trainers. New players welcome!



3D PAPER SCULPTURE

Wednesday, January 22 • 6 p.m. • Ages 8-14 • **REGISTER**

Design a colorful, festive, free-standing paper sculpture.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Tuesday, January 28 • 5:30 p.m. • Ages 2-6 • **REGISTER**

Bring your favorite stuffed animal for a special evening storytime. After some songs and stories, your fluffy friend will stay at the library overnight!



SNOW FOOLIN'! CRAFTS FOR KIDS

DIY SNOW GLOBES

Tuesday, January 14 • 6 p.m. • Ages 6-13 • **REGISTER**

Use glitter galore to craft your own winter wonderland in a jar!



NO-SNOW SNOWMAN

Monday, January 27 • 1 p.m. • Ages 3-6 • **REGISTER**

"Build" a snowman without the use of real snow! (Don't worry – it won't melt!)

KIDS

POM POM LOVEBUG CRAFT

Monday, February 3 • 11:00 a.m. • Ages 2-6 • DROP-IN
Craft a cute and loveable love bug!



CALDECOTT AWARD STORYTIME

Wednesday, February 6 • 6 p.m. • Ages 5-14 • DROP-IN
Celebrate Children's Authors and Illustrators Week with a special storytime featuring the 2024 Caldecott Award books. These books are honored as the most distinguished picture books of the previous year. Hear medal-winner *Big* by Vashti Harrison, along with runners-up *There Was a Party for Langston* by Jason Reynolds and *Every Life* by Marla Frazee.

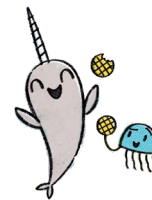


DIY SHRINKY DINKS

Monday, February 10 • 6 p.m. • Ages 8-13 • REGISTER
Use recycled, melted plastic to create charms, earrings, suncatchers, and more! (Use of a heat gun is required.)

WE LOVE WAFFLES AND PARTIES

Friday, February 14 • 4:30 p.m. • Grades 1-4 • REGISTER
Celebrate your favorite under-the-sea duo Narwhal & Jelly with crafts, games, and a Waffle Bar with your choice of toppings!



FOIL CAR RACING

Monday, February 24 • 5:30 p.m. • Ages 8-12 • REGISTER
Create your own car with aluminum foil and other household supplies, and race against other engineers.

FAMILY FOIL CAR RACING

Friday, February 28 • 11 a.m. • Ages 6-17 • REGISTER
This time, the older kids are involved (even parents)! Create your own car with aluminum foil and other household supplies, and race against other engineers. May the best car win!

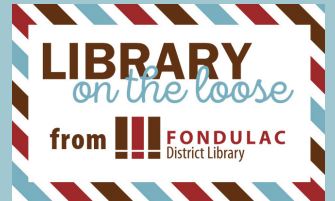


ACTING WORKSHOP WITH

Saturday, February 15 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Grades 2-8 • REGISTER

Do Art productions teaches you how to communicate using facial expressions and body language. Practice with improv scenarios, and write your own parts to perform!

Do Art
Productions



Do you know of a local business that has a waiting area or a place where children need to occupy some time? FDL offers free children's books to businesses and organizations in our library district through our **Library on the Loose** program!

Participating businesses receive, with no obligation, an assortment of quality children's books to be showcased as a way to keep young customers busy.

Our Library on the Loose program seeks to provide reading enjoyment throughout the community. If you own a business (or know someone who does) and may be interested in a Library on the Loose collection, please contact the library.

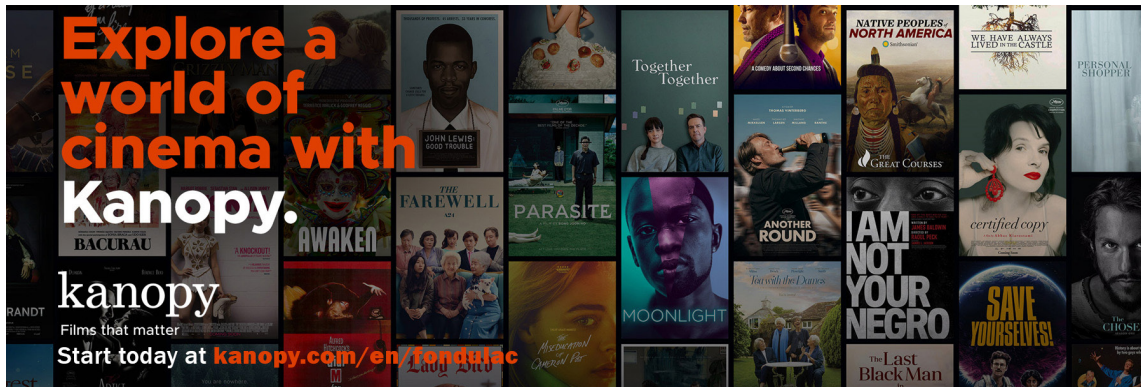


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5 GOOD BOOKS

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by Sheila Roberts

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by A.J. Hackwith

James
by Percival Everett

Good Fortune
by C.K. Chau

Shield Maiden
by Sharon Emmerichs

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