



FONDULAC
District Library

community CONNECTION

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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

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.

FONDULAC DISTRICT LIBRARY'S STRATEGIC PLAN: MOVING FORWARD WITH PURPOSE, INNOVATION, AND ENRICHMENT

Fondulac District Library is a vibrant resource for the East Peoria community. Its committed staff, engaged patrons, and vital services create a welcoming and supportive community space. To align its resources with the emerging priorities of the community, the library has undertaken a comprehensive strategic planning process incorporating feedback from community members and stakeholders. Implementing a new strategic plan allows the library to focus on expanding awareness and engagement that support its essential nature in the community; providing enrichment through a wide variety of collections, programs, and services; and evolving its positive culture to support a thriving staff and organization.

The Planning Team spent months learning about community needs and developing strategies to advance the library's mission over the next three years, and the library is excited to reach new heights and better serve its patrons by working toward these goals.



Engaging the Community Through Outreach and Partnerships

FDL aims to be present at community events and to create and expand collaborative partnerships that connect the library with various facets of the community. Additionally, the library plans to utilize targeted marketing and communication to broaden its reach and increase awareness about its programs, services, and other offerings.

Enriching Lives Through Resources, Services, and Programs

The library strives to create innovative programming that inspires learning, entertainment, and connection, as well as maintain relevant, inclusive, and updated collections. Another key area of focus is ensuring the accessibility of critical technology services and to promote digital and media literacy.



Evolve the Library Through Staff and Organizational Development

FDL seeks to recognize opportunities for staff and organizational development and to encourage a collaborative and supportive work culture. Enhancing internal communication and facilitating the learning, growth, and well-being of staff is essential. The library also strives to cultivate stronger relationships between staff and board members in order to promote dialogue and knowledge of staff accomplishments.

Visit fondulaclibrary.org/plan to read the full 2024-2027 Strategic Plan document.

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LIBRARY

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays • 6 p.m.

January 29 &

February 26

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 5

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 1st 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!

GLOWFORGE PLUS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Fondulac District Library offers patrons the opportunity to submit projects for the library's Glowforge Plus 3D laser cutter engraver.

Patrons can fill out the Glowforge Request Form at fondulaclibrary.org to submit a design. The Glowforge is an excellent option for creating unique gifts and decor this holiday season. Visit glowforge.com to find a variety of both seasonal and everyday designs. For more information on the library's printing policies and design options, click the Services tab on our website. Make your holiday merry and bright with Glowforge!



ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT! VIRTUAL PROGRAM SERIES

Surviving the Holidays

Wednesday, December 6 • 7:00 p.m. • Zoom

Lori Gottlieb, New York Times bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* and co-host of the "Dear Therapists" podcast, leads a thought-provoking conversation about mental health in anticipation of the winter holiday season.



EXPERIENCE THE NUTCRACKER AT HOME!

Watch a Recording of the Famous Ballet.

Experience the Nutcracker at Home

Saturday, December 16 &

Sunday, December 17 • Zoom

Get in the spirit of the season with a recorded virtual performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* performed by the United Kingdom's internationally renowned Royal Ballet. The ballet, a holiday staple for all ages, can be viewed Saturday, December 16, and Sunday, December 17. Registrants will receive an email with a special link to the performance.

Speculating our AI Future: A Panel with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells Thursday, January 11 • 7:00 p.m. • Zoom

Best selling science fiction writers Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future, as well as AI in contemporary and future science fiction writing.

A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From *Mama's Boyz* to *New Kid* and Beyond Tuesday, February 6 • 7:00 p.m. • Zoom

New York Times bestselling author and illustrator Jerry Craft discusses his work with Ronnell Whitaker, a founding member of the Lit-X Teacher Cohort.

Julia Quinn: *Romance and Everything Bridgerton*

Tuesday, February 20 • 7:00 p.m. • Zoom

Celebrate the Valentine's Day season with a discussion about *Bridgerton* and all things romance.

EACH EVENT IN THIS SERIES REQUIRES REGISTRATION

ALL AGES



ALLERGEN FRIENDLY COOKIE DECORATING

Friday, December 1 • 4-5:30 p.m. • All Ages

Registration: November 1 - December 1

Visit the library between 4 and 5 p.m. to decorate an allergen-friendly cookie. Supplies will be available until 5:30 p.m. The library extends its thanks to Sweet Loren's and Supernatural Kitchen for supporting this event! Contact Alyssa at alyssa@fondulaclibrary.org with questions.

This event accommodates families with the following needs: gluten free, dairy free, egg free, and vegan. Please be mindful of your family's needs as we cannot guarantee zero cross contamination. If your family does not have any dietary restrictions, the Gingerbread House Decorating event is recommended instead. REGISTER

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BAKE SALE AND CRAFT SALE

Friday, December 1 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, December 2 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Friends of Fondulac District Library host their annual Craft and Bake sale, featuring delicious treats and lovely crafts. These items make wonderful holiday gifts, and all sales support the library! **DROP IN**

FOLEPI NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY: STORYTIME WITH SANTA

Wednesday, December 20 • 6-7:30 p.m.

All Ages

Santa Claus and FOLEPI visit the library for a special storytime. Kids will have the opportunity to visit and have their photo taken with Santa and can enjoy a craft and snack afterwards! **DROP IN**



MOVIE NIGHT SING-A-LONG

1st Tuesdays • January-May • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • All

Ages

Enjoy lighthearted musicals at the library. Every month features a different movie filled with toe-tapping tunes. Feel free to sing along! **DROP IN**

January: *Encanto*

February: *Frozen*

March: *Coco*

April: *Tangled*

May: *Trolls*

FAMILY FIELD TRIPS WITH THE LIBRARY CONTINUE THIS WINTER

Keep an eye on the library events calendar and watch for information in the e-newsletter about upcoming family field trips. Don't receive the e-newsletter? Sign up at fondulaclibrary.org to get the latest from the library in your inbox.

GAMES

GAMES & PUZZLES

The library has a huge selection of jigsaw puzzles, board games, and yard games available to check out for all ages. Take one home for a week, bring it back, and grab another!

GAMING @ FDL

Fondulac District Library offers in-library gaming options for all ages.

DROP IN

Board & Card Games

All Ages

Minecraft PC Game

Ages 5-13

Nintendo Switch Games

Ages 5-19

PlayStation 4

Ages 13-19

Steam PC Games

Ages 13-19

STEAM KITS

STEAM Kits are available for children of all ages to check out and take home for fun, hands-on, self-paced exploration of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math. Kits are available from the Youth Services desk and subjects include Art, Biology, Electronics, Math, Physics, Robotics, and Weights & Measures.

BOOK CLUBS

ADULTS & TEENS

ADULT BOOK CLUB

3rd Mondays

1:30 p.m.

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. **DROP IN**

December 18

The Four Winds
by Kristen Hannah

January 22

Small Great Things
by Jodi Picoult

February 19

The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

SWORD AND SORCERY BOOK CLUB

Ongoing • Virtual
Ages 13+

Love fantasy? Share what you're reading, discuss your favorites, and get recommendations for your next book from local readers and librarians. Join the group at: <https://facebook.com/groups/fdlsandsbookclub> for ongoing discussion of all things fantasy!

TEEN TUESDAYS GAME NIGHT & BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays • 6-7:30 p.m.
Ages 13-19

Play video games, board games and D&D and discuss books and manga. **DROP IN**

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

Wednesday, December 13 • 6 p.m.

Learn basic information regarding the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, as well as the stages, risk factors, research, and FDA-approved treatments. **DROP IN**



FOLDED BOOK ANGELS

Saturday, December 16 • 1 p.m. • Ages 13+

Create a festive angel decoration using a paperback book and simple folding techniques - no ruler required! Participants will be using hot glue guns to finish assembly of their angels, so parents/guardians of younger participants are asked to assist. **REGISTER**

ANIME GLASS PAINTING FOR TEENS

Thursday, December 21 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13-19

Learn the art of "glass" painting by painting your favorite anime characters on sheets of clear acrylic. **REGISTER**



WINTER READING

January 2 - February 28

Snuggle up with a good book and you could win a prize. Grab an entry form at the library or sign up through Beanstack for a chance to win for reading! **DROP IN**



NEW YEAR NEW YOU: FROM OVERWHELMED TO EMPOWERED!

Wednesday, January 10 • 6:30 p.m.

Certified Life Coach Pam Miller presents 3 strategic ways to say "YES" to you and your health that will empower you with more energy, greater patience, resilience, less stress, more compassion, and a greater ability to care for and be present for others. This workshop is designed for those who have a hard time saying "no" and who tend to give so much to others and, therefore, put themselves on the "back burner." **DROP IN**

FAUX STAINED GLASS SUNCATCHERS

Thursday, January 11 • 6 p.m. • Ages 13+

Repurpose a CD into a colorful faux stained glass suncatcher. Choose from a variety of images or create your own. The discs are approximately 4.75 inches in diameter if you want to bring your own image to trace. **REGISTER**



GETTING STARTED WITH BOUNDLESS

Wednesday, January 17 • 10 a.m.

The Axis 360 app has now transitioned to the Boundless App. Get acquainted with how to use this new app and find your next great eBook or audiobook. **REGISTER**

ADULTS & TEENS

COLOR AWAY THE WINTER BLUES

Monday, January 22 • 3:30-5 p.m. • Ages 13+

Color away the blues and blahs of winter! A variety of adult coloring pages as well as crayons, colored pencils, and gel pens will be available to use, but feel free to bring your own supplies if you prefer. **DROP IN**



UNIQUELY ABLED: COTTON BALL YETI

Thursday, January 25 • 1:30 p.m.

Glue cotton balls and other supplies to create a fun snow yeti! Designed in consultation with Tazewell County Resource Centers, this program is for adults with intellectual disabilities. Caregiver attendance is required. **REGISTER**

COMIC BOOK WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

Tuesday, January 30 • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Ages 11-19

Do Art Productions visits the library to show participants how to design the artwork and illustrations to create a six panel comic. Bring your creative energy and ideas, and the library will provide the rest! **REGISTER**

LASER-CUT HEART EARRINGS FOR TEENS

Thursday, February 8 • 6 p.m. • Ages 13-19

Make charms and earrings using laser-cut acrylic hearts! Plus, participants will get a behind-the-scenes look at our Glowforge (laser-cutting machine) in action. **REGISTER**



PAPER FLOWER SEMINAR

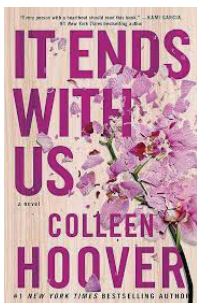
Saturday, February 10 • 2 p.m. • Ages 13+

Discover the craft of paper floral artistry and learn a few skills with the owner of *Paper Perennial*. **REGISTER**

CANDLE MAKING

Monday, February 21 • 5:30 p.m. • Teens

Use soy wax and repurposed baby food jars to make 2 small candles. Choose between undyed (off-white) or dyed (berry pink) and unscented or scented options. Participants will be working with hot wax, so parents/guardians of younger participants are asked to assist. **REGISTER**



IT ENDS WITH US: BOOK VS. MOVIE

Thursday, February 22 • 6 p.m.

Discuss the movie adaptation of Colleen Hoover's bestseller after you see it in theaters in February. Talk to other fans, and do a simple craft. **DROP IN**

ONGOING

GROWN-UP VIDEO GAME NIGHT

3rd Thursdays

December 21,

January 18,

& February 15

5-8 p.m. • Ages 20+

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

DROP IN

APPY HOUR

Tuesdays

December 19,

January 23, &

February 20

2 p.m.

Explore your digital library! Learn how to access free eBooks, audiobooks, movies, and more through our apps. Bring your device for 1-on-1 help, or call to make an appointment. **DROP IN**

SIT & STITCH

Sundays

December 3,

January 7, and

February 4

Wednesdays

December 13 & 17,

January 10 & 21,

February 14 & 18

2-4 p.m. • Ages 13+

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. **DROP IN**

STORY TIME

BABY/TODDLER STORY TIME

**Wednesdays • 10 a.m.
January-February 28
Ages 0-3**

Babies and toddlers up to 3 years old are invited to read, dance, and play with us at storytime.

This program is a great way to prepare children for preschool. Every storytime will include fun playtime afterward too!

DROP IN

LITTLE LEARNERS

**Thursdays • 10 a.m.
January - February
Ages 4-6**

Visit the library for an interactive program with books, music, rhymes, and movement to nurture pre-reading skills.

DROP IN

LOUD N' PROUD STORY TIME

**Tuesdays • 11 a.m.
January-February
Ages 2-6**

A great storytime for all the energetic kids out there! We will dance, sing, let the kids shout, and, of course, find some time for a couple stories. Every storytime will have a fun theme accompanied by a game or activity at the end. **DROP IN**

KIDS

Sensory Exploration @ the Library

SENSORY CRAFT AND PLAY

Fridays • December 15, January 12, & February 9 • 10 a.m. • Ages 2-6

Each craft includes time to explore a variety of fidget and sensory stations. **REGISTER**

December: Enjoy a festive snowman craft!

January: Explore painting on canvas - be sure to dress for a mess!

February: Create an expressive Valentine's Day card.

DIY SENSORY BOTTLES

Friday, January 19 • 4 p.m. • Ages 5-8

Create your own sensory bottle! Watch the colorful water as it moves in the bottle, swirling materials like feathers and beads. Things could get messy; please dress appropriately! **REGISTER**



ELF SCHOOL

Monday, December 11 • 6 p.m. • Ages 8-11

Do you have what it takes to be one of Santa's helpers? Singing, dancing, making crafts, playing games, and enjoying snacks are all part of the holly jolly curriculum at Elf School. Come as yourself; and leave as an elf! **REGISTER**

INTERACTIVE POLAR EXPRESS

Monday, December 18 • 6 p.m. • Ages 2-14

Who will receive the first gift of Christmas? Find out as we read *The Polar Express*! Receive your ticket to climb aboard and be a part of the story in this interactive experience. Children are invited to wear their PJ's and robe! **REGISTER**



PARTY TRICKS

Tuesday, December 19 • 6 p.m. • Ages 8-14

A magician never reveals their secret...but librarians do! Stop by and learn some fun, goofy, and off-the-wall tricks that are guaranteed to make you the life of the party this holiday season! **REGISTER**

ORIGAMI STORYTIME

Friday, January 5 • 10 a.m. • Ages 5-11

Fold an origami treasure, boat, and swan while listening to stories. A caregiver must be present in the room to assist younger children with folding. **DROP IN**

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Wednesday, January 10 • 6 p.m. • Ages 2-8

Bring a stuffed animal friend to a special evening storytime! After a bedtime story, snack, and craft, the animals will start their sleepover. Remember to choose a stuffed animal that will be OK staying at the library without their best friend. Animal friends can be picked up after 10:30 a.m. on Thursday January 11. **REGISTER**



NO-SEW SNOWMEN

Tuesday, January 16 • 5:30 p.m. • Ages 8-14

Create a snowman friend using socks, rice, and fabric scraps. Glue guns will be utilized, so caregivers of participants are asked to assist. **REGISTER**

KIDS

HOT CHOCOLATE PARTY

Monday, January 22 • 10 a.m. • Ages 4-6

Make a fun hot chocolate craft while sipping on some tasty hot cocoa! Additional snacks will be provided. Come warm up and have some fun at the library! **REGISTER**



HOVER DISK RACING

Monday, January 29 • 6 p.m. • Ages 6-14

Create hover discs out of common household supplies! After construction there will be a short race to crown the Hover Disc Racing Champion. Snacks will be provided. **DROP IN**



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LOVE BUG VALENTINE PLAYDOUGH PARTY

Monday, February 5 • 10 a.m. • Ages 2-6

Make your own playdough, form it into the Love Bug of your choice, and decorate it while listening to a story. A caregiver must be present to assist with the craft. **REGISTER**

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Saturday, February 10 • 10 a.m. • Ages 5-11

Kids are cordially invited to bring a special grown-up with them for a Valentine's Party! Fancy dress is encouraged for this soiree where we will enjoy snacks, play games, do a craft, and discover all sorts of things about our special Valentine! **REGISTER**



HARRY POTTER POTIONS CRAFT

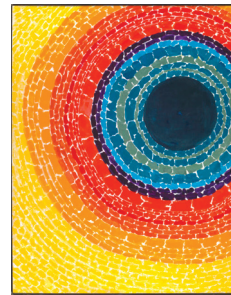
Monday, February 12 • 6 p.m. • Ages 5-14

Now is your chance to learn potions through the long lost notes of the Half-Blood Prince! Everyone will have the opportunity to choose between four well-known potions from the wizarding world of Harry Potter and take them home at the end of the class. **REGISTER**

BLACK ARTIST STORYTIME

Monday, February 19 • 6 p.m. • Ages 2-6

Black History Month is a time of recognition, celebration, and learning. Visit the library to discover some amazing artists! We'll read books, sing, and do a craft inspired by painter Alma Thomas. **DROP IN**



LEAP DAY PARTY

Thursday, February 29 • 5 p.m. • Ages 5-11

A day that comes only once every four years deserves a celebration! Join us for a fun evening of games, activities, and snacks all themed around this special calendar addition. **DROP IN**



CLUBS

KIDS COMIC BOOK CLUB

Thursdays • 5 p.m. Ages 8-11

Discuss a new comic book every month. Each club meeting will have snacks and end with a fun game! **REGISTER**

December 14

Nayra and the Djinn
by Iasmin Omar Ata

January 18

Allergic
by Megan Wagner Lloyd

February 15

Drama
by Raina Telgemeier

March 21

The Bawk-Ness Monster
by Sara Goetter

April 18

Misfit Mansion
by Kay Davault

May 16

Science Comics series - your choice of book.

POKEMON CLUB

Friday, January 5 4 p.m. • Ages 5-11

Do you want to be the very best? Join us for an afternoon of Pokémon Trading Card Game fun. Kids are encouraged to bring their TCG cards to battle and trade with other trainers. New players welcome! **REGISTER**

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**Allergen-Friendly
Cookie Decorating**

**Friday, December 1
4:30-5:00 p.m.**

Registration required
fondulaclibrary.org



**5 GOOD
BOOKS**

**SUSPENSE
THRILLERS**

Curated by Becky Houghton
Adult Services Assistant

Righteous Prey
by John Sandford

Law of Innocence
by Michael Connelly

Light of the World
by James Lee Burke

Fallen
by Karin Slaughter

The Escape
by David Baldacci

Find these titles through our
catalog at fondulaclibrary.org!