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

Exceptions:

Sept. 1-2 - Closed
 Sept. 24-25 - Closed
 Nov. 27 - Close at 5p
 Nov. 28-29 - 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.



LIBRARIES ARE "MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!"

Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month this September with FDL! A library card provides access to incredible resources and opportunities, whether you're looking to enhance your skills, find valuable information, or connect with fellow avid readers.

Today's libraries are vibrant community centers offering much more than just books. Fondulac District Library offers diverse programs, technology assistance, book clubs, story times, and more. Getting a library card is easy and is an essential step toward academic success and lifelong learning for everyone. Learn more about getting your card at fondulaclibrary.org, and keep an eye on our social media during Library Card Sign-Up Month for more fun!

FINE FREE + FARE FREE IS BACK!

Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) will offer free CityLink bus rides throughout September for Peoria, Peoria Heights, Pekin and Fondulac library patrons in honor of National Library Card Sign-up Month, from September 1 through 30.

Riders can show a library card from one of these four libraries to ride for free on any of CityLink's fixed routes across Peoria, Peoria Heights, East Peoria and Pekin.

We hope that this partnership will encourage more people to sign up for a library card, visit their local libraries, and use public transportation. The CityLink schedule and route information is available at ridecitylink.org.



LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Mondays • 6 p.m.
September 30,
October 28, &
November 25

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

FRIENDS of FDL QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, November 4
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!



Friends!
FONDULAC DISTRICT LIBRARY

BIG BOOK SALE!

Friday, September 20 • 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 21 • 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Find great bargains on gently-used books for all ages while supporting the Friends of the Library at the annual Big Book Sale! The Friends of the Library are an organization of people who voluntarily associate with the library and help with its work. The Friends Group helps our library by encouraging communication between the library and the community, by promoting use of the library to all groups of people in the community, by helping to enhance programs and services, and by protecting and encouraging sources of library funding.

Friends!
FONDULAC DISTRICT LIBRARY

We  the Friends of the Library.

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK • OCTOBER 20-26, 2024

Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! Join us for the the 19th annual National Friends of Libraries Week October 20 through 26.

Check our library calendar, website, and social media for special events celebrating our Friends! Interested in donating or becoming a member? Please visit fondulaclibrary.org/support-fdl/friends for more information!



**INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY**
@ FDL!

NOVEMBER 9
12-4 P.M.

 **FONDULAC**
District Library



ALL AGES

MUSIC IN THE PARK



Thursdays in September • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • All Ages • DROP IN
Grab a blanket or lawn chair - maybe even some dinner - and join us for a relaxing evening with live music in Levee Park! (Shows will move inside for inclement weather.)

September 5: Goodnight Gracie

September 19: Cami Proctor



MY BEST FRIEND'S A PIRATE!

Saturday, September 14 • 10-11 a.m. • All Ages • DROP IN

Get ready for "Talk Like a Pirate Day," and explore the wonder and magic of opera, in this interactive performance, presented by local lyric soprano Mina McIntire.



FAMILY FIELD TRIP: FARM PARK SERVICE DAY

Saturday, September 28 • 9-11 a.m. • Ages 6+ • REGISTER

Grab your gardening gloves to help clear the ground at Fon du Lac Farm Park in preparation for laying fresh soil and plant native grasses. Please see our online events calendar for more information.



FAMILY FIELD TRIP: BEHIND THE SCENES AT FOLEPI

Monday, October 21 • 5:30-6:30 p.m. • All Ages • REGISTER

2024 marks the 40th anniversary of the East Peoria Festival of Lights! See what it takes to put on the parade that puts East Peoria on the map. View the floats before they are presented to the public! The field trip takes place at FOLEPI's Marketplace at 2200 E. Washington St. in East Peoria. Every person attending must be registered separately, and every party must have someone 18 or older.



AUGMENTED REALITY HAUNTED DUNGEON MAZE

Monday, October 28 • 5-6:30 p.m. • All Ages • DROP IN

Experience A.R. like never before! Our storytime room is transformed into a haunted dungeon full of escape traps and skeletons through augmented reality.

Presented with support from Ameren's Love Your Library grant program!

FAMILY FORT AND READING NIGHT

Wednesday, October 30 • 7:45-9:45 p.m. • REGISTER

For families with kids ages 2-14

Bring your own pillows and blankets and spend quality time as a family reading and playing games. Sing campfire songs and listen to ghost stories by the "campfire." Stuffed animals and pajamas encouraged!



INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY

Saturday, November 9 • 12-4 p.m. • All Ages • DROP IN

Visit the library for a gaming extravaganza! Gaming opportunities abound! Games include a vintage-to-current video arcade, board games, life-sized Candyland, and crafts for all ages. Learn to play Lorcana or Pokémon. Friendly Smash Brothers will be available, as well as an A.R. dungeon. Get your game on at the library!

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
- **NEW!** ComicsPlus
- **NEW!** 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.

September 16

Gone on Vacation
by Sylvia Shults

October 21

The Christy Affair
by Nina de Grament

November 18

The Covenant of Water
by Abraham Verghese

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/fdsandsbookclub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fdsandsbookclub) 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!

Create a Decorative Fall Sign

Tuesday, September 17 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • REGISTER

Paint and assemble a cute, rustic fall sign for your autumn home decor with parts made on our Glowforge laser cutter.



Create a House Ornament

Tuesday, November 12 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • REGISTER

Assemble an ornament made by our Glowforge laser cutter. Family name and line of text will be selected and pre-engraved before the program, made by our Glowforge laser cutter.



AARP SMART DRIVER CLASS

Thurs., September 5 & Fri., September 6 • 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Adults • REGISTER

Learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and proven safety strategies to help keep you safe while on the road. Must attend both sessions to earn a certificate. The AARP fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members and can be paid on the first day of the class.

FALL INTO FREEDOM: 3 WAYS TO DECREASE STRESS, BOOST ENERGY, AND TAKE BACK CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE

Wednesday, September 11 • 3-4 p.m. • Adults • DROP IN

Pam Miller, Certified Life and Health Empowerment Coach, teaches one surprising reason you experience stress in your life and how it affects your overall health – physically, mentally, and emotionally. Once you realize its impact on you, it can change everything!

DIY ALTERED GHOST PAINTING

Wednesday, September 18 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • REGISTER

Make a spooky piece of art by adding ghosts to pre-painted landscapes and scenery!



JEWELRY NIGHT: GUMMY BEAR CHARMS

Thursday, September 26 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • REGISTER

It's jewelry night again! Gummy bear charms are new to the collection and just can't wait! As always, you can work on the project of your choice with our selection of beads, tools, and findings available.



SPOOKY BOOK PAGE WREATHS

Tuesday, October 1 • 5-7 p.m. • Adults • REGISTER

Make a spooky-themed book page wreath using recycled book pages and other holiday-themed items. Perfect for any lover of both books and Halloween!



SAFE AT HOME

Monday, October 7 • 1-2 p.m. • Adults • REGISTER

In this program especially for seniors, Deputy Nathan Hastings of the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office explains the many hazards in and around the home and ways to reduce the risk of injury.

FALL INTO COLORING

Tuesday, October 15 • 1:30-3:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • REGISTER

Relax and decorate gorgeous autumn images in this adult coloring group. Materials are provided, but you may also bring your own.

ADULTS & TEENS

Spooky Halloween Writing Contest

September 1-October 18 • Ages 13+

Send us your bone-chilling stories for the FDL Spooky Halloween Writing Contest! There will be teen (ages 13-17) and adult (ages 18+) categories, with 3 winners in each category. This isn't a "gruesome" horror contest - entries should refrain from profanity and extreme violence. Here are some writing prompts:

- Write a story that takes place in a haunted library.
- While reading a scary book, you realize you're a character in it.
- You find a diary that was owned by a vampire.

Deadline for entries is **Friday, October 18**. Please visit our online events calendar for more details.

ESTATE AND LEGACY PLANNING

Wednesday, October 16 • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Adults • **DROP IN**

Learn the 3 parts of a will and who needs one. Discuss strategies that will assist you in minimizing your death/estate taxes, while maximizing your assets.

LASER-CUT EDGAR ALLAN POE EARRINGS

Wednesday, October 16 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • **REGISTER**

Make an eerie pair of Edger Allen Poe-inspired earrings using our Glowforge laser cutter!



UNIQUELY ABLED: LEAF MARBLING

Thursday, October 17 • 1-2 p.m.

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

Fall is in the air! Create swirly, marbled patterns for your leaves using shaving cream and your own imagination. Please see our online events calendar for more details.



SOURDOUGH DISCARD RECIPES

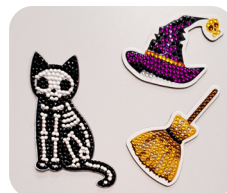
Thursday, October 17 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Adults • **REGISTER**

Andrea Kempf, owner/baker of Kneading Dough will demonstrate how to make some delicious recipes with your sourdough discard.

HALLOWEEN MOSAIC MAGNETS

Thursday, October 24 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 10+ • **REGISTER**

Create Halloween-themed magnets by trying your hand at diamond mosaic art!



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Taylor Swift Party (for Teens & Adults)

Thursday, November 21 • 5-7 p.m. • Ages 15 to adult • **REGISTER**

Join a gathering of "elder Swifties" to make friendship bracelets, compete in a trivia challenge, sing karaoke, and more! Dressing up is encouraged! (Please note: this event is the "Parental Advisory" version, so it's geared toward ages 15 & up.)

Oh, darlin'
don't you ever
grow up

APPY HOUR

Tuesdays

Oct. 22 & Nov. 26

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 &

3rd Sundays

Sept. 11 & 15; Oct. 6,

9 & 20; Nov. 3, 13 & 17

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.

ZEN ZONE

2nd Thursdays

6:30 p.m. • Ages 20+

Sept. 12, Oct. 10 &

Nov. 14 • **DROP IN**

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

GROWN-UP VIDEO GAME NIGHT

3rd Thursdays

Sept. 19, Oct. 17, &

Nov. 21 • 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

BABY & TODDLER STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.
Sept. 4, 11, 18;
Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30;
Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27
Ages 3 & under
DROP IN

Babies and toddlers up to 3 years old are invited to read, dance, and sing with us at storytime with tickles and giggles galore!

STORYTIME PICNIC

Tuesdays in September
12 p.m. • Ages 2-6
DROP IN

Bring your lunch and stop by the reading garden this fall to enjoy some fun songs, stories, and good weather!

FAVORITE AUTHORS

Thursdays in September & November; Tuesdays in October • 10 a.m.
Ages 2-6 • DROP IN
Join an interactive gathering with stories by our favorite authors, songs, rhymes, movement, and social time for young children and their grown-ups.

SPOOKY TALES

Thursdays in October
11 a.m. • Ages 2-6
DROP IN

Each week we will read, sing, and dance about a different Halloween theme leading up to the spookiest night of the year!

SENSORY STORYTIME

Tuesdays in November
11 a.m. • Ages 2-6
DROP IN

Enjoy a storytime with fidgets, stuffies, and a variety of sensory-friendly activities!

Taylor Swift Party

Thursday, September 12 • 5:30-7 p.m. • Ages 8-14

Shake it off on the dance floor, make friendship bracelets, and get bejeweled in our photo booth. Come in your favorite Eras outfit for a night of "Swiftie" fun! **REGISTER**



FALL FUN STORYTIME

Wednesday, September 4 • 6:00-6:30 p.m. • Ages 2-6 • DROP IN

Read, rhyme & craft during an autumn-themed storytime that includes a nature scavenger hunt!



FUN FRIDAYS!

First Friday of the month, September-November • 11 a.m. • Ages 2-5 • DROP IN

Find fun and surprises that include dinosaurs, bubble painting, marble painting, and "Messy Madness"!

BEE IN THE LIBRARY

Monday, September 9 • 11 a.m. • Ages 2-5 • DROP IN

Read and learn about bees, and decorate a "bee treat" to take home! **REGISTER**



FALL WATERCOLOR ART

Wednesday, September 11 • 5:30-7:00 p.m. • Ages 8-10 • REGISTER

Use watercolor paints to create a piece of fall-themed art.

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE ART

Saturday, September 21 • 10:30 a.m. • Ages 4-10 • REGISTER

Recycle and decorate pages from Elephant & Piggie books to create your own framed masterpiece.



BOOKS UNBANNED STORYTIME

Monday, September 23 • 10 a.m. • Ages 2-6 • DROP IN

In recognition of Banned Books Week, Miss Alice picks some of her favorites that celebrate our freedom to read, along with songs and crafts.

POKEMON CLUB

Session 1: Friday, September 27 • 4-5:30 p.m. • Ages 5-14 • REGISTER

Session 2: Saturday, September 28 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Ages 5-14 • 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!

HAVE A HOOT!

Monday, September 30 • 1:00 p.m. • Ages 2-5 • REGISTER

Have a "hoot" listening to a story about owls and make a yummy and nutritious snack in the shape of an owl!

FAVORITE THINGS CD BOX

Wednesday, October 2 • 4:30 p.m. • Ages 7-14 • REGISTER

Create a box with CD cases. as a customized pencil/marker holder, plant surround, or container for other things!



KIDS

TECH FOR KIDS

Presented with support from Ameren's Love Your library grant program!

ART IN VIRTUAL REALITY

Monday, September 23 • 4:30 & 6 p.m. (2 sessions) • Ages 8-14 • REGISTER

Express your creativity in the virtual world using Gravity Sketch on the Oculus Quest 3 and create 3D objects in virtual reality. Pieces will be printed and displayed at the library.

DIGITAL CRAFTS

Monday, November 18 • 4:30 & 6 p.m. (2 sessions) • Ages 8-14 • REGISTER

In this introductory program, use ready-made graphics and videos as you explore the basics of graphic design and video-editing using Canva.

HALLOWEEN POTATO MASHER ART

Monday, October 14 • 1-2:30 p.m. • Ages 2-13 • DROP IN

Use a potato masher to stamp and decorate some spooky Halloween art!

GLOW IN THE DARK STORYTIME

Monday, October 14 • 6 p.m. • Ages 2-6 • DROP IN

Join Miss Alice for a not-so-spooky night of glowing stories, singing, dancing, and cracking out the glow sticks!

GLOW IN THE DARK SPIDER WEB LUMINARIES

Wednesday, October 23 • 5 p.m. • Ages 8-14 • REGISTER

Make spooky spider luminaries using glow in the dark hot glue! You bring the creativity; we'll provide the spiders!

GHOST PUMPKIN ART

Friday, October 25 • 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. (2 sessions) • Ages 2-14 • REGISTER

Dress for a mess as the whole family decorates a ghost pumpkin. Paint is provided, including glow-in-the-dark colors!

ADOPT A STUFFY

Saturday, November 2 • 10 a.m. • Ages 3-8 • REGISTER

In honor of National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, kids can try imaginary play stations that teach important facts about owning a pet.

BABY ART CRAWL

Friday, November 8 • 10 a.m. • Ages 3 & under • REGISTER

Bring your little ones for some messy fun in this full-body painting activity!

BUTTON DAY: DESIGN A BUTTON

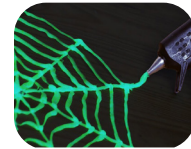
Wednesday, November 13 • 6 p.m. • Ages 5-13 • REGISTER

National Button Day is November 16, so create some wearable art using your own ideas, or premade designs!

A CHARLIE BROWN THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 21 • 5:30 p.m. • Ages 2-14 • REGISTER

Watch the beloved television classic, *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*, and enjoy a Charlie Brown-style holiday meal!



GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Registration begins Tuesday, November 1.

Saturday, December 7 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

All ages

It's that time again! Decorate your own gingerbread house, and we'll provide the supplies!

- Registration must be done in person in the Youth Services department.
- Prepayment of \$5 per house is required at the time of registration.
- There is a limit of three gingerbread houses per household.
- Registration ends when all houses are spoken for.



community CONNECTION

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IMAGINATION LIBRARY IS HERE!

With a shared mission of inspiring reading, Tazewell County libraries have partnered with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Initial funding was provided by the State of Illinois and generous local donors from throughout the county, including several from East Peoria. Thank you to Friends of Fondulac District Library, East Peoria Women's Club, Kiwanis Club of East Peoria, and Hilton and Cathedral Lodges A.F. & A.M. for helping launch this important project.



Visit imaginationlibrary.com for more information and to register a child.

5 GOOD BOOKS

MUST-READ THRILLERS FOR ADULTS

Courtesy of NoveList Plus

Perfectly Nice Neighbors
by Kia Abdullah

Kids Run the Show
by Delphine Vigan

Shutter
by Ramona Emerson

Good Bad Girl
by Alice Feeney

The Old Woman With the Knife by Byeong-Mo Gu

Find these titles through our catalog at fondulaclibrary.org!



Rocket Languages
Let's get talking

LANGUAGE LEARNING
online with your library card



LANGUAGES INCLUDED

- French
- German
- Italian
- Spanish
- Mandarin Chinese
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Brazilian
- Russian
- American Sign Language
- ESL for Spanish
- Hindi



Visit fondulaclibrary.org under Online Resources, or download the app for Android and Apple Devices!