

110th Anniversary!

November/December 2023 Program Guide



H. A. Dodge House, the first library site in November 1913.



From 1914 to 1952, the library was located in the local school (where Husmann Elementary School now stands). For many years, it was housed in the schools' cramped heating plant building.



First library building at 126 Paddock Street, built in 1952.



1984-1986 Expansion doubled the library size to 27,000 square feet.



Library Lobby 1985



1996 Expansion: the Beacon was added.

Happy 110 Years Crystal Lake Public Library!



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Director's Desktop

By Executive Director Becky Fyolek

It's no secret that I'm a fall girl. I hope you're enjoying all of the fall fun and activities.

As we move into the winter months, we'll keep you busy at Crystal Lake Public Library with plenty of holiday programs, computer classes, book clubs and online programs. We've planned another teen trades program, this time with concrete. Sign up early. Our trades programs fill up quickly.

Be sure to register your children, birth to eighth grade, for our Winter Reading Program: Light Up the Night & Read!

We're starting the program earlier this year...no need to wait until January. Registration starts Dec. 1, and the program runs through Jan. 31.

The schedule change gives kids plenty of time to stop by the library during

winter break, check out materials and log those reading minutes! Each child who completes the program will receive a free book and a prize. You can register at the Youth Services Desk, or online at CrystalLakeLibrary.Beanstack.org.

As you can see by the staff photo above, and by our cover page, Crystal Lake Public Library will mark its 110th year on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

There is a very long list of people, many of them volunteers, who worked countless hours, even years, to provide reading materials to area residents since the library's inception in 1913.

They understood that access to information is part of what makes a community great. Crystal Lake is a wonderful place to live and work. We're proud to have served the community for 110 years and look forward to many more.

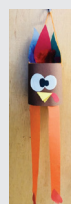
Take-and-Make Craft Kits

November 1-30 and December 1-31

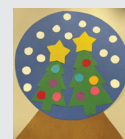
Register at clpl.org for a take-and-make craft kit to bring home and assemble! We provide instructions. Pick up your kit starting Nov. 1 and Dec. 1, respectively, from the Youth Services desk. One kit per registration.

CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

November
Youth: Turkey Windsock



December
Youth: Paper Snow Globe



Tweens & Teens

For more information about Tween and Teen programs, visit clpl.org and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687.

Crystal Lake Public Library Celebrates 110 Years!

Crystal Lake Public Library will mark 110 years of service to the community on Nov. 15.

The library started with humble beginnings when Mary Howe Rogers, a member of the Congregational Church in Crystal Lake, gathered a collection of 200 volumes. The collection was moved to a vacant home, the H.A. Dodge house, at the corner of Pomeroy Avenue and Grove Street. It opened to the public on Saturday, Nov. 15, 1913, according to a posting in the local newspaper, the Herald.

"The new library in town is the subject of great interest to us all," the 1913 article reads. "Libraries make for culture, and despite the mad rush of the present age, we are all desirous of culture and education."

After only one year in the Dodge house, the library was moved to a room in the local school on Paddock Street (where Husmann Elementary is now located). The library project became too big for one church to manage, and a library board was created to oversee it.

From there, the library's collection grew and was supported by fundraisers and annual tag days. Sometime around 1926, the school, growing in population as well, needed its room back.

The library was then moved to a corner of the heating plant that served the schools. The plant was connected to the grade school, Union School, and the junior high school by tunnels. Despite the cramped conditions, the library remained in the heating plant for about 26 years.

The first Crystal Lake Public Library was built in 1952 at its current location, 126 Paddock Street. It was 2,316 square feet in size, and the city's population was about 4,826.

As the community grew and the library collection expanded so, too, did the need for more space. The tiny building was razed in 1965 when the current building was erected. Since then two additions have been built, one in 1984 and another in 1995.

Día de los Muertos Calaveritas/ Sugar Skull Plushies

Grades 6-12

Wednesday, Nov. 1

6-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Celebrate Día de los Muertos by creating an embroidered sugar skull plushie. Registration required.



FNAF VR

Grades 6-12

Tuesday, Nov. 7

6-8 pm

Ames Room

Would you survive Five Nights as the Freddy Fazbear's security guard? We'll play FNAF: Help Wanted on the Meta Quest 2 headset. If you don't want to be jump scared, that's OK! Come hang out and watch others on the big screen. Snacks and other FNAF activities available. Registration encouraged.

DIY Corn Husk Dolls

Grades 6-8

Wednesday, Nov. 8

6-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Create a corn husk doll and learn about this unique Native American toy. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Intro to Trades: Concrete and Masonry

Grades 6-12

Sunday, Nov. 12

2-4 pm

Ames Room

Learn about brick and concrete creations like sidewalks, steps and foundations. Then, create a gift for the holiday season using some of the same materials. Gloves, safety glasses and all materials will be provided. Dress for a mess! Registration required.

CLPLteens: Friendsgiving

Grades 6-12

Thursday, Nov. 30

6-8 pm

Ames Room

Get together for Friendsgiving at the library! We'll hang out, vote on a movie to watch, and taste test our favorite snacks (optional). Come celebrate, or just hang out! Registration required.



Teen Gingerbread Creations

Grades 6-12

Monday, Dec. 4

6-8 pm

Ames Room

Can you build a gingerbread house out of pop-tarts? Or a log cabin from pretzels and frosting? What about a gingerbread bridge? Build whatever you can with a team of other teens while we drink cocoa and listen to music. All materials supplied. Registration required.



DIY Krampus Ornament

Grades 6-8

Wednesday, Dec. 6

6-7 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Decorate your tree with a DIY Krampus ornament. Learn about the Christmas beast from Germany! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Teen Gift Wrapping Session

Grades 6-12

Thursday, Dec. 14

6-8 pm

Ames Room

Wrapping is hard. Do you need to learn how to do it? Or, do you need to wrap without friends or family seeing? Drop by and get it all done. Use our wrapping paper, or bring your own. We'll supply the tape, bows and other supplies, too.



Teen Roblox Club

Grades 6-12

Thursday, Dec. 21

6-8 pm

Ames Room

It's a special holiday session! Can you beat the librarian? Bring your own device or use one of ours to play your favorite Roblox games with other teens! All games will be played on a private server. Play in person or from home by friending us on Roblox @clplteen. Registration required.

Adult Programs

Book Clubs

Bookies Book Discussion

Ames Room: In person and via Zoom.
Registration required.



Wednesday, Nov. 15
9:30-11:30 am
***Come Fly the World: The Jet-Age Story of the Women of Pan Am* by Julia Cooke.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk, on hoopla and Libby.



Wednesday, Dec. 20
9:30-11:30 am
***The Sweeney Sisters* by Lian Dolan**
Get copies at the Circulation Desk, on hoopla and Libby.

Forever Young Adult Book Club

Ames Room: In person and via Zoom
This is a YA book discussion group for those of us who are a little less Y and a little more A. Registration required.



Monday, Nov. 20
7-8:30 pm
***Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* by Becky Albertalli**
Get copies at the Circulation Desk and on hoopla.

Between the Covers Romance Book Club

Program held in the Ames Room
This book club meets every other month to appreciate romance novels.
Registration required.



Thursday, Dec. 7
7-8:30 pm
***How the Dukes Stole Christmas* by Tessa Dare, Sarah MacLean, Sophie Jordan and Joanna Shupe.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk and on hoopla.

Read All About It! - NEW! Nonfiction Book Club

Program held in the Ames Room



Thursday, Nov. 9
2-3:30 pm or 7-8:30 pm
***Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* by Katharine Hayhoe.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk and on Libby.

Mystery of the Month Club & Romance of the Month Club

November and December
Let us pick your next mystery or romance read! Selections will be based on your profile/quiz results. Each month, a book will be placed on hold, and you'll be notified when it's ready for pick up. Upon registration, check your email for your confirmation and selection survey. CLPL cardholders only. Register on the clpl.org calendar, select dates Nov. 1 and Dec. 1.

Crafter Dark Social Hour

Adult and Teen
Wednesdays, Nov. 1, Dec. 6 and Jan. 3
7-8:30 pm

Adult Services

Knitters and crafters, pack up your current projects and head to the library for a casual program where you can socialize with other makers while you work. Registration required.

Free & Reduced Fares - RTA

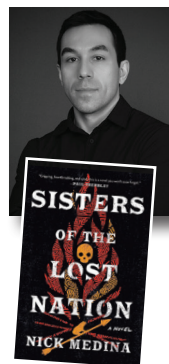
Saturday, Nov. 4
11 am-12:30 pm
Ames Room

Free rides, reduced fares and using public transportation. Join Bianca from the Regional Transportation Authority to learn how to plan for your travel needs. Registration required.

Behind the Book with Author Nick Medina

Adult and Teen
Monday, Nov. 6
7-8 pm

Lake in the Hills Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills
Author Nick Medina will discuss his new thriller *Sisters of the Lost Nation*, a story about a Native American girl who hunts for answers when girls begin to go missing from her reservation. Named a Best Book of 2023 (So Far) by Barnes & Noble, and Amazon Editor's Pick. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Presented in partnership with area libraries. Registration required.



Reel Life Movies: Call Jane

Wednesday, Nov. 8
6-8:30 pm
Ames Room

A screening and discussion. Rated R, 2022. Runtime: 121 minutes. Program is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women-Crystal Lake Branch. Registration required.

Coloring for Adults

Tuesdays, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12
1:30-3:30 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Relax and color your stress away! We'll provide the supplies, or feel free to bring your own. Registration encouraged.

Tuesday Night Movie: Asteroid City

Tuesday, Nov. 14
6-8:30 pm

Ames Room

Rated PG-13, 2023. Runtime: 105 minutes. Registration required.

Memory Café

Thursdays, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21
10-11:30 am
Ames Room

Join our informal social gathering where persons with memory issues and their care partners connect with others in similar situations. Held the third Thursday of the month. New members are always welcome. Registration required.

Readers' Social Club

Age 18 and older
Thursday, Nov. 16
6-7:30 pm

Summer Moon Coffee

625 Cog Circle, Unit D, Crystal Lake
This isn't your typical book club. There's no assigned reading, no discussion to prepare for. Just bring what you are reading and join us at Summer Moon Coffee for an evening of reading and meeting fellow book lovers. Registration required.



Acabo de leer...

jueves, 16 de noviembre

7-8:30 pm

Sala Ames

¿Te encanta leer? ¿Te gusta platicar? Ven a nuestro grupo de discusión de libros. Podrás leer lo que gustes, en cualquier idioma, pero la plática será en español. Se requiere registro.

Device Drop-In

Fridays, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15

10 am-Noon

Adult Services DIY Area

Need a little help with your smartphone, tablet, laptop or e-reader? Bring your device and your questions to us. CLPL staff will help you navigate your device and the library's digital resources.

English Conversation Club

Monday, Nov. 27

10-11:30 am

Ames Room/Zoom

Practice conversational English and increase your confidence in your skills. All levels welcome! Registration required. ¡Venga a nuestro grupo de conversación! Practique su inglés conversacional y adquiera confianza en sus habilidades. ¡Principiantes bienvenidos! Se requiere registro.

CLPL Social: Winter Holiday Ornament Workshop

Age 18 and older

Wednesday, Nov. 29

6-8 pm

Ames Room

Join us for festive crafting and good company. Supplies and snacks provided. Registration required.

CLPL Social: Escape the Upside Down

Age 18 and older

Thursday, Dec. 28

6-7 pm or 7:30-8:30 pm

Ames Room

Something STRANGE is happening at the library! Flickering lights, odd sounds and the Ames Room seems to be trapped in the 1980s. Are you clever enough to solve the mystery and set things right before they get any stranger? Registration required.



Computer Classes

Registration is required for all computer classes.

Internet Basics

Thursday, Nov. 2

10-11:30 am

Computer Lab

An introduction to internet browsing and understanding websites.

DIY Holiday Cards and Newsletters in Canva

Tuesday, Nov. 7

7-8:30 pm

Computer Lab

Learn how to use the Canva design suite to create custom holiday cards and year-end newsletters. Keyboard and mouse skills required.

Basics of Microsoft Excel 2016

Tuesday, Dec. 5

3-4:30 pm

Computer Lab

Learn the basics of working with Excel 2016 in this class for beginners. Keyboard and mouse skills required.

Microsoft Excel 2016 Next Steps

Wednesday, Dec. 6

3-4:30 pm

Computer Lab

A continuation of the skills learned in Basics of Excel 2016. Keyboard and mouse skills required.

Illinois Libraries Present:

The following programs are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration of public libraries. Visit clpl.org to register.

A Taste of Love with Maya-Camille Broussard of Justice of the Pies

Wednesday, Nov. 8

7-8 pm

Maya-Camille Broussard, Netflix's Bake Squad star and owner of the Chicago-based bakery Justice of the Pies, shows us how to bake with love.



Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb

Wednesday, Dec. 6

7-8 pm

Psychotherapist and New York Times bestselling author Lori Gottlieb helps us survive the holidays.

Virtual Screening: The Nutcracker (The Royal Ballet)

Saturday, Dec. 16 through Sunday, Dec. 17

Available All Day

Watch the 2016 stage recording of The Nutcracker, danced by The Royal Ballet (United Kingdom), with music played by Royal Opera House Orchestra. Registrants will receive an email with a special link and instructions for viewing on YouTube.

Kids Page

For more information about Youth Services programs, visit clpl.org and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687, ext. 6. Watch all video programs on the CLPL YouTube channel.

Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Terri

Thursdays, Nov. 9 and Dec. 28

10 am

Ms. Terri will share a special story.

Watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.



After School Adventures



Grades K-5

Mondays, Nov. 13, 27; Dec. 4, 11, 18

3:45-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Join Youth Services staff for a surprise, hands-on activity. Crafts, games, building and robots. The activity will change every week! Drop in. No registration required.

Maker Academy

Grades 3-8 w/caregiver

Tuesday, Nov. 14: Dino Bookmarks

Tuesday, Dec. 12: Altoid Critters

6:30-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Grab your grown up and learn simple embroidery stitches. Take home a finished project you made together. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Saturday Story Time and Play

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Saturday, Nov. 18

10:30-11:30 am

Program Rooms I & II

Join a short story/play time for children and their caregivers. Drop in. No registration required.

Mine-Crafts: Pixel Wall Art

Grades K-5

Monday, Nov. 20

4-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Make Minecraft-inspired pixel art of your favorite character. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Spy School: Escape Mission

Grades 3-5

Tuesday, Nov. 21

4-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Calling all spies! Are you ready to use your skills and spy know-how to solve the puzzles and complete your mission?

CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Seanine

Thursday, Nov. 30

10 am

Ms. Seanine will read a funny story. Watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.

Story Times!

The following story times require registration with a CLPL card (except for Family Story Time on Tuesdays). To register, visit the calendar on clpl.org; call the library at 815.459.1687, ext. 6; or register in person at the Youth Services desk.



Mondays

Baby Time

Birth-17 months w/caregiver

Nov. 6, 13

9:30-10 am

Program Rooms I & II

Special story time for babies. We'll have stories, songs and lap-sit games.

Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Nov. 6, 13

10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

Tuesdays

Toddler Time

18-35 months w/caregiver

Nov. 7, 14

9:30-10 am

Program Rooms I & II

Songs, rhymes, dancing and stories for exuberant toddlers.

Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Nov. 7, 14

10:30-11 am

Youth Services

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing. (No registration needed for this program)

Wednesdays

Preschool Story Time

3-5 years

Nov. 1, 8, 15

9:30-10 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories and songs for preschool-aged children. (Adults encouraged to leave room to build kids' independence.)

Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Nov. 1, 8, 15

10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

Hour of Code: Ozobots

Grades 3-5

Tuesday, Dec. 5

4-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

A fun introduction to coding using Ozobot line-following robots! We'll learn to code with OzoBlockly and tablets. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Salt Dough Ornaments

Grades K-5

Tuesday, Dec. 19

4-4:45 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Come decorate festive salt dough ornaments to celebrate the season! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Cat Party!

Grades K-5

Friday, Dec. 29

10-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Wiggle your tail and raise your paws if you're ready for a cat party! Join us for an hour of cat-themed games, activities and craft. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Hour of Code: Spheros

Grades 3-5

Thursday, Dec. 7

4-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II



A fun introduction to coding using Sphero rolling robots! We'll learn to code with Sphero Edu and tablets. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Block Party

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, Dec. 22

10 am-Noon

Program Rooms I & II

Join our celebration of BLOCKS! We will provide blocks of all shapes and sizes. You bring the imagination. Stay as little or as long as you like. Drop in. No registration required.

Noon Years Eve Party

Ages 2-5 w/caregiver

Saturday, Dec. 30

11:30 am-Noon

Program Rooms I & II

Count down to noon with us during this special story time! We will sing, dance and make a special craft. CLPL cardholders only. Registration is required.



Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Karamy

Thursday, Dec. 14

10 am

Ms. Karamy shares a special story. Watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.

Kid Comic Club

Grades 3-5

Thursday, Dec. 14

4:30-5:15 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Come talk about your favorite graphic novel, hear about new ones, do a fun activity and have a snack. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Jingle Bell Rock 'n Read

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Friday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 16

9:30-10 am and 11-11:30 am

Ames Room

Celebrate the holiday season with a rockin' story time! All attendees must register for this program (adults included!). CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Light Up the Night & Read Winter Reading Program

Birth-8th Grade

December 1 - January 31

Youth Services

Join our Winter Reading Program and light up the night with your reading! Children who read 900 minutes will receive a book and prize.

The program is open to CLPL cardholders and students (and their siblings) who attend school in the city of Crystal Lake. Please register at Beanstack.org, or at the Youth Services desk.



Mission Statement Crystal Lake Public Library:

We help people, of all ages and backgrounds, learn, enjoy and better their lives.

The Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 pm on Nov. 15 and Dec. 13. Visit clpl.org for more information.

Library Hours:

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| Monday - Thursday | 9 am-9 pm |
| Friday & Saturday | 9 am-5 pm |
| Sunday | 1 pm-5 pm |

Due to staff training, the library will open at noon Fridays, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

Library closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.

Library will close at 5 pm Nov. 22 and will be closed Nov. 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving.

Library closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 for the holidays.

Photos: Library staffers regularly take photos to use in library publications and promotional fliers. Written consent will be obtained from those named in a photo.



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Need a U.S. Passport? Come to the Library!



Crystal Lake Public Library is an official passport acceptance facility. The library accepts DS-11 applications for passports at the Circulation Desk.

Appointments are preferred, but we do accept walk-ins. Visit clpl.org/services/passports for more information, or to book your appointment.

Donate to Home of the Sparrow's Giving Tree! Help Homeless Women and Children

The Home of the Sparrow Holiday Giving Tree will return to the lobby at Crystal Lake Public Library in early November.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) coordinates the Giving Tree program and forwards all donations to the Home of the Sparrow, a nonprofit organization serving homeless women and children in McHenry County.

The library tree is adorned with ornament tags listing suggested gifts such as pots, pans, coffee makers, cleaning supplies, grocery store gift cards and clothing. Anyone wanting to donate a gift can grab a tag off the tree, buy the gift and return it unwrapped to the Circulation Desk by Dec. 30.

Each ornament tag also has a QR code, which patrons can scan and go directly to an Amazon wish list to purchase gifts. Amazon will then deliver the gifts directly to Home of the Sparrow headquarters.

