

Crystal Lake Public LIBRARY

March/April 2024 Program Guide

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Director's Desktop: Celebrate Your Fandom



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Becky Fyolek

We're excited to welcome you to the library this spring to celebrate all the things you love! Whether you're a Star Wars fan, a Pokémon trainer, a witch or wizard, or an Avenger, there's something to enjoy at your Crystal Lake Public Library.

Check out a whole variety of programs and events for "Random Fandom Week." Fun for the whole family and every fandom!

Are you a fan of libraries? Thanks, we like you, too. Try the Library Lovers Expedition! Visit at least 12 of the participating libraries and you'll be entered to win gift certificates from local businesses. Each library has a special activity and brag tags to collect (a great way to keep the kids busy over spring break).

Stop by any service desk in the library to sign up for programs and get recommendations for lots of great fandoms to read and watch.



Sincerely, Becky Fyolek

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Bilingual Night Series: Selena Quintanilla Day

All Ages

Monday, April 8

6-7 pm

Ames Room

Celebrate the life of Latina icon Selena Quintanilla! Dress up and compete in our look-alike contest. Create crafts and enjoy snacks! All ages are welcome. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

¡Celebra la vida de la icónica latina Selena Quintanilla! Vístete y participa en nuestro concurso de parecidos. ¡Crea manualidades y disfruta de refrigerios! Todas las edades son bienvenidas. Solo para titulares de tarjetas de la Biblioteca Pública de Crystal Lake. Se requiere registro.



Free Comic Book Day

All Ages

Saturday, May 4

All Day

Adult and Youth Services

Come to the library and choose a free comic book while supplies last. One comic per person. Comic books will be distributed at the Adult and Youth Services desks. No registration is required.



Take-and-Make Craft Kits

March 1-30 and April 1-30

Register at clpl.org for a take-and-make craft kit to bring home and assemble. We provide instructions. Pick up your kit starting March 1 and April 1, respectively, from the Youth Services desk. One kit per registration. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



March

Youth: Leprechaun Bookmark



April

Youth: Magical Fairy Friend

Library Lovers Expedition Runs Through March 30

All Ages

Join the 3rd Annual Library Lovers Expedition! Collect brag tags at McHenry County public libraries and beyond. Expeditioners who visit at least 12 of the 14 participating libraries will be entered into a raffle to win a prize basket filled with gift certificates from local businesses. Visit all 14, and you'll be entered into the drawing for the grand prize valued at \$140. Each library has special activities. Crystal Lake Public Library has a miniature golf hole, scavenger hunt and craft station in Youth Services, and a Fun Fact-ory gumball machine in Adult Services. Visit clpl.org for more information. Registration is available at the Youth and Adult Services desks.



Participating libraries: Algonquin Area Public Library, Barrington Area Library, Cary Area Public Library, Crystal Lake Public Library, Fox Lake District Library, Fox River Grove Memorial Library, Harvard Diggins Library, Huntley Area Public Library, Johnsburg Public Library, Marengo-Union Library District, McHenry Public Library District, River East Public Library, Wauconda Area Public Library and Woodstock Public Library.

What is an Eclipse?

Age 8 to Adult

Wednesday, March 6

6:30-7:30 pm

McHenry County College
Planetarium

8900 U.S. Hwy. 14, Crystal Lake
Building F206 Upper Level

This show will dive into the mechanisms that cause an eclipse, address common misconceptions surrounding eclipses and shed light on the differences between types of eclipses. A total solar eclipse is one of nature's most incredible events. On April 8, observers across North America will have the opportunity to experience the phenomenon. Audience members will know what to expect on eclipse day, how to safely view the eclipse and why it will be worth it to travel to the path of totality! The show will have a live portion including current night sky highlights along with visual tours of some incredible features of the solar system and the universe. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Photo credit: McHenry County College Planetarium

Eclipse Glasses Giveaway!

All Ages

Monday, April 1-Sunday, April 7

Pick up a pair of eclipse glasses from the Adult or Youth Services desks to use for the total solar eclipse happening on Monday, April 8. We'll have a limited supply of glasses to hand out on a first-come, first-served basis. One per person. CLPL cardholders only.



Sun Party

All Ages

Sunday, April 7 | 1:30-4:30 pm | Adult and Youth Services

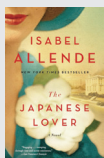
A total solar eclipse will occur April 8. Come to the library where we'll have fun activities, talk about "being sun safe" and celebrate the star of our solar system. Drop in. No registration required.

Adult Programs

Book Clubs

Bookies Book Discussion

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



Wednesday, March 20
9:30-11:30 am
***The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk and on Libby and eReadIllinois.



Wednesday, April 17
9:30-11:30 am
***The Magic Kingdom* by Russell Banks.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk and on Libby.

Night Owls Book Club

Ames Room: In person and via Zoom.
A new book club for readers who do their best after dark! Registration required.



Monday, March 18
7-8:30 pm
***Legends & Lattes* by Travis Baldree.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk.



Monday, April 15
7-8:30 pm
***Night Film* by Marisha Pessl.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

Between the Covers Romance Book Club

Program held in the Ames Room
Meets every other month. Registration required.



Thursday, April 4
7-8:30 pm
***A Caribbean Heiress in Paris* by Adriana Herrera.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

Shelf Indulgence Book Club: Science Fiction

Program held in the Ames Room



Wednesday, April 10
7-8:30 pm
***Annihilation* by Jeff VanderMeer.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

Mystery of the Month Club & Romance of the Month Club Adult and Teen March and April

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 March 1 and April 1.

Crafter Dark Social Hour Adult and Teen

Wednesdays, March 6; April 3; May 1
7-8:30 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

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 encouraged.

Device Drop-In

Fridays, March 8 and April 12
10 am-Noon

Adult Services DIY Area

Need 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.

Introduction to Meditation

**Saturdays, March 9
and April 13**
10-10:30 am

Ames Room

Do you want to learn how to meditate, but don't know where to start? Join Megan as she guides you through basic meditation and mindful breathing techniques. All levels welcome. Feel free to bring a yoga mat, pillow or blanket. Chairs will also be available. Registration encouraged.



Coloring for Adults

Tuesdays, March 12 and April 9
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.

Crochet for Beginners Grade 5 to Adult

Thursdays, March 14 and 28
6-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Learn crochet basics in this multi-generational class. Bring your own size H/5.0mm crochet hook. We'll provide yarn. Participants in grades 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a two-part class. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Computer Classes

Registration is required for all computer classes. Classes meet in the Computer Lab.

Basics of Microsoft Excel

Monday, March 11 | 7-8:30 pm

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

Microsoft Excel Next Steps

Tuesday, March 12 | 7-8:30 pm

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

Memory Café

Thursdays, March 21 and April 18
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.

Military Healthcare & Medicare 101

Thursday, March 21

7-8 pm

Ames Room

Join an educational presentation covering Medicare and VA benefits. Learn how military healthcare benefits can be combined with Medicare benefits to provide better overall healthcare at a lower cost. Presented by Advocate Health Advisors' Veterans Initiative Program. Registration required.

Paddock Street Writers Guild Monthly Meet-Up

Tuesdays, March 26 and April 23

7-8:30 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Our monthly writers group is back! Join us every month to meet up and check in with other local writers. Bring whatever you're working on, or find inspiration here and get some writing done! Registration recommended.

Readers' Social Club

Age 18 and older

Thursday, March 28

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 whatever you happen to be reading and join us at Summer Moon Coffee in Crystal Lake for an evening of reading and meeting fellow book lovers. Registration required.



Charlie Donlea Book Discussion

Those Empty Eyes by Charlie Donlea

Monday, April 8 | 7-8 pm | Zoom Webinar

Join us for a multi-library online book discussion of *Those Empty Eyes* by international bestselling author Charlie Donlea, with a brief visit from the author. Get copies at the Circulation Desk. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Behind the Book with Charlie Donlea, *Those Empty Eyes*

Wednesday, April 10 | 7-8 pm

Luecht Auditorium, McHenry County

College, Building B

8900 U.S. Highway 14, Crystal Lake

Join us *in person* for an evening with bestselling author Charlie Donlea as he discusses his new thriller, *Those Empty Eyes*, described by "Publishers Weekly" as a "searing look at the legal system, entitlement, and exploitation" and "not to be missed." Books will be available for purchase and signing. Presented in partnership with area libraries. Registration required.



Illinois Libraries Present:

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



Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design

Wednesday, March 20 | 7-8 pm

Academy Award-winning costume designer Ruth E. Carter will explore the passion that inspires her pieces, spanning Spike Lee costume design to *The Black Panther*.



Dr. Temple Grandin: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers

Wednesday, April 3 | 7-8 pm

Dr. Temple Grandin is one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. Her memoir, *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, was published in 1986, and she has continued to write about autism and neurodivergence over the decades.



The Many Lives of Kal Penn

Tuesday, May 7 | 7-8 pm

This program features actor, writer, producer and former White House staff member Kal Penn. Penn recently wrapped production on the Bloomberg Green climate change docuseries, "Getting Warmer" and the Viacom/Paramount+ comedy, "Surina & Mel."

Adult Programs

Movies

Reel Life Movies



Nomadland

Wednesday, March 13
6-8:30 pm

Ames Room

A screening and discussion of the 2020 Academy Award-

winning movie "Nomadland" (R, 108 minutes). Program is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Crystal Lake Branch. Registration required.

Tuesday Night Movies



Oppenheimer

Tuesday, March 19
5:30-8:30 pm

Ames Room

2023, R, 180 minutes



My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3

Tuesday, April 16
6-7:45 pm

Ames Room

2023, PG-13, 91 minutes

Feel Good Friday Movies



Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves

Friday, March 22

Noon-2:30 pm

Ames Room

2023, 134 minutes, PG-13



Wish

Friday, April 26

Noon-1:45 pm

Ames Room

2023, 95 minutes, PG



The A, B, C, Ds of Medicare

Tuesday, April 2

7-8:30 pm

Ames Room & Zoom

This hybrid educational seminar will help you understand your Medicare choices. Learn about Medicare A & B, Supplemental Insurance, Part D (Prescription Drug), Medicare Advantage, their costs and how each option works. Presented by Jane Sanchez, Aegis Resources Inc. Registration required for both remote and in-person attendance.

AARP Driver Safety Course

Wednesday, April 3 and

Thursday, April 4

10 am-2 pm (both days)

Ames Room

Drivers age 55-plus, refresh your driving skills in this two-day course. You could reduce your auto insurance costs. Cost is \$20 for AARP members; \$25 for non-members. Make checks payable to AARP. Bring lunch or a snack if desired. Must attend both sessions. Registration required.

SCORE: Finding and Creating Partnerships

Tuesday, April 16

6:30-8 pm

SCORE's Zoom Channel

From bartering services with other small businesses to joining forces for a community event, you don't have to operate in a vacuum. Join our SCORE roundtable as we share our experiences forming partnerships with other small businesses. Registration required.

Protect Your Piggy Bank with Weiss Financial Ratings

Wednesday, April 17

2-3:30 pm

Ames Room

Tom Kilkenny from Weiss Financial Ratings will show the functionality of the database and teach how to create an account: set up a watch list for your bank, insurance company, stocks and mutual funds; how to create research tools (screeners), and run a Medigap report. Registration required.

Improve Your LinkedIn Profile

Wednesday, April 17

7-8 pm

CLPL Zoom Channel

Learn why LinkedIn is an essential tool for all business professionals, including job seekers, hiring managers, networkers and sales reps. Crystal Lake resident Greg Coe from GetLinked.Pro leads this virtual session. He'll cover LinkedIn job hunting tips, LinkedIn profile dos & don'ts, plus provide workshop time with live profile coaching for one or more attendees. Registration required.

Knitting for Beginners **Grade 5-Adult**

Thursdays, April 18 and 25

6-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Learn the basics of knitting in this multi-generational class. Bring your own size 8 (circular or straight) knitting needles. We'll provide the yarn. Participants in grades 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a two-part class. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Those Were the Days Radio Players Live - Classic Comedy **All Ages**

Sunday, April 21

2-3 pm

Ames Room

The Radio Players are a popular live "radio performance" group complete with sound effects! Join us for a wonderful hour of comedy entertainment. Registration required.



Self-Care Cross-Stitch with Stephanie Rohr

Monday, April 22

7-8:30 pm

Ames Room

A 90-minute cross-stitch workshop with Stephanie Rohr, author of *Self-Care Cross-Stitch* and *Feminist Cross-Stitch*. Participants will receive a full cross-stitch kit with a project from *Self-Care Cross-Stitch*. Stephanie will lead the class through the basics of cross-stitch, and participants will take home their projects with everything they need to complete them. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



CLPL Social: Happiest Trivia Night on Earth!

Adult and Teen

Wednesday, April 24

7-8:30 pm

Ames Room

Do you love Disney? Come to the happiest trivia night on earth to show off your knowledge of the films, the parks and the history of the iconic cultural institution that Mickey (and Walt) built! Register as a group, or come solo and meet new friends! Registration required.

Lucy! An Original Solo Musical Based on the Life of Lucille Ball



Sunday, April 28

2:30-3:30 pm

Ames Room

Show creator and actress Jillann Gabrielle brings Lucille Ball to life in stories and song, from the legendary

comedienne's struggles to her triumphs. Meet the real Lucy—and find out why she was a trailblazer in the entertainment industry. Registration required.

Random Fandom Week!



Drop-In Crafts

Adult and Teen

Sunday, April 28 | 2-4 pm | Adult Services DIY Area

Drop in for crafting and good company. Whether you know what a "fandom" is or not, there's something for everyone! Supplies provided. Bring your creativity.

Build a DND Character

All Ages

Monday, April 29 | 6-7:30 pm | Ames Room

We'll roll the dice and build your custom character from scratch with character-building sheets. Then, you can paint your tabletop miniature to get the game going! Fun for the whole family. Registration required.

Fandom Feud

Adult and Teen

Tuesday, April 30 | 6-7:30 pm | Ames Room

Can you guess the top answers on the board? Participants can face off against each other to see who really knows their fandoms. Prizes and bragging rights included! Registration required.

PokéPlushies

Grades 6-12

Wednesday, May 1 | 6-7:30 pm | Program Rooms I and II

Come create your own stuffed Pokémon plushie! Registration required.

Barbie Murder Mystery Night

Age 16 and older

Thursday, May 2 | 6-7:30 pm | Ames Room

Hi Barbie! Join us in our own pink world and solve the Barbie murder mystery! Costumes highly encouraged. Which Barbie will you be? Registration required.

Fandom Fest

All Ages

Saturday May 4 | 9 am-4 pm | Adult and Youth Services

Free Comic Book Day is on May the Fourth this year! Pick up your free comic book and stay for fandom fun with crafts, photo ops and activity stations.

Saturday Morning Star Wars Movie

All Ages

Saturday, May 4 | 10 am-12:30 pm | Ames Room

Grab your free comic and come to the Ames Room in your Star Wars pajamas for a showing of *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*. We'll have themed snacks available for a light breakfast.

Kids Page

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After School Adventures

Grades K-5

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18;

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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.

Owl Pellet Dissection

Grades 6-8

Wednesday, March 6

6-7 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Owl pellets are the undigested parts of an owl's food such as bones or fur that are coughed up. We will dissect owl pellets and reconstruct the skeletons of animals inside to discover what the owls have been eating. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Karamy

Thursdays, March 7 and April 18

10 am

Ms. Karamy will share a special story.

Watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.

Saturday Story Time and Play

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Saturdays, March 9 and April 13

10:30-11:30 am

Program Rooms I & II

Join our short story time and playtime for children and their caregivers. Drop in. No registration required.

Crochet for Beginners

Grade 5-Adult

Thursdays, March 14 and 28

6-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Learn the basics in this multi-generational class. Bring your own size H/5.0mm crochet hook. We'll provide yarn. Participants in grades 5-8 should be accompanied by an adult. This is a two-part class. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Read With Me

Grades K-5

Saturdays, March 16 and April 20

10-11 am

(Sign up for a 15-min. session)

Program Rooms I & II

Would your child like to practice reading with a trained therapy dog? Read With Me is a special initiative of the Pet Partners Therapy Animal Program. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Maker Academy:

Embroidery and Hand Sewing

Grades 3-8 w/caregiver

Tuesdays, March 12 and April 9

6:30-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

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



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

Session 1: March 4, 11, 18

Session 2: April 1, 8, 15

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

Session 1: March 4, 11, 18

Session 2: April 1, 8, 15

10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

Tuesdays

Toddler Time

18-35 months w/caregiver

Session 1: March 5, 12, 19

Session 2: April 2, 9, 16

9:30-10 am

Program Rooms I & II

Songs, rhymes, dancing and stories for exuberant toddlers.

Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Session 1: March 5, 12, 19

Session 2: April 2, 9, 16

10:30-11 am

Youth Services

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

Wednesdays

Preschool Story Time

3-5 years

Session 1: March 6, 13, 20

Session 2: April 3, 10, 17

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

Session 1: March 6, 13, 20

Session 2: April 3, 10, 17

10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.



Family Graphic Novel Club

Grades 1-4 w/caregiver

Tuesdays, March 19 and April 16
6:30-7:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

This book club is for the whole family! Pick up the book at the Circulation Desk and read it together. Then come to the library to talk about it and do fun activities. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

March: *Super Pancake* by Megan Wagner Lloyd

April: *Pluto Rocket: New in Town* by Paul Gilligan

Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Terri

Thursday, March 21
10 am

Ms. Terri will share a special story. Watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.



Dog Man Book Release Party

Grades 2-4

Thursday, March 21
4-5 pm

Ames Room

Join us to celebrate the release of *The Scarlet Shedder*, the 12th book

in Dav Pilkey's hit Dog Man series with games, activities and a chance to win your own copy of the book! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Spring Break LEGO® Party

Grades K-5

Monday, March 25
2-4 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Build with the library's LEGO® collection. Build something BRICK-tacular on your own or with a friend! Drop in. No registration required.

Spring Break Spy School: Save Waffles!

Grades 3-5

Tuesday, March 26

3-4 pm

Ames Room

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.

Family Evening Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Tuesdays, March 26 and April 23

6:30-7 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Bring the family and enjoy a story time together. Prepare to dance and sing! Registration required.

Spring Break Beyblade Tournament

Wednesday, March 27

Session 1: Grades K-2, 1:30-2:30 pm

Session 2: Grades 3-5, 3-4 pm

Ames Room

Bring your best Beyblade and compete with your friends for a grand prize and the CLPL Beyblade Champion title! Please bring only one Beyblade to compete with. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Seanine

Thursday, April 4

10 am

Join Ms. Seanine as she reads a funny story. Watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.

LEGO® Builders' Club

Grades 2-5

Thursday, April 18

4:30-5:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Join other LEGO®-loving kids for an hour of brick-building fun. Try a building challenge or create your own. Use the library's LEGO® collection for this program. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

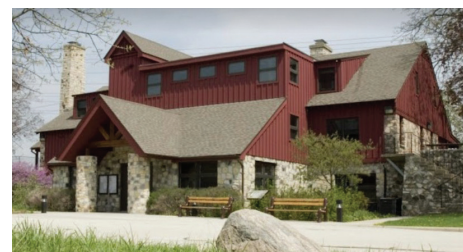
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CLPL @ MCCD's Earth Day Celebration

All Ages

Saturday, April 20

Noon-4 pm

Prairieview Education Center

2112 Behan Rd, Crystal Lake

Let's celebrate Earth Day with the McHenry County Conservation District! Explore Earth friendly activity and craft stations. Plant seeds, take a guided hike, view a puppet show and more! Please bring a picnic lunch. No registration needed.



V.I.P. Notebooks

Grades K-5

Thursday, April 25

4-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Make a special notebook that celebrates the very important person (V.I.P.) in your life. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

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Random Fandom Week!



Color Your Fandom

All Ages

Sunday, April 28 | 1:30-4:30pm | Adult & Youth Services Departments

Drop in and relax while coloring pages from a variety of fandoms. Coloring pages and supplies will be provided.

Superhero Trivia

Grades 2-5

Tuesday, April 30 | 4-5 pm | Ames Room

Join us for all kinds of superhero trivia! Questions may come from DC, Marvel or some other universe. Match your wits against other fans and find out how much you know! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Wizards and Wands

Grades 3-5

Wednesday, May 1 | 4-5 pm | Program Rooms I & II

Get a wand and spell book then test your magical abilities with potions and herbology lessons. Wear your robes if you'd like! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Pokémon Party

Grades K-5

Thursday, May 2 | 4-5 pm | Program Rooms I & II

Celebrate all things Pokémon with games, crafts and activities at our Pokémon Party! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Superhero Story Time

Ages 3-6

Friday, May 3 | 1:30-2 pm | Program Rooms I & II

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's story time! Join us for a fun action-packed story time all about your favorite superheroes. Wear your favorite costume and be prepared for fun! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Fandom Fest

All Ages

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Meet Local Author: Refe Tuma



Grades 3-6

Saturday, May 4

2-3 pm

Ames Room



Join local author Refe Tuma for a crash-course in storytelling (and a little mad science) with heroes, villains and the physics of storytelling as Refe inspires you to craft compelling stories in books, games, songs and even everyday conversations. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

ONLINE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

NOW OPEN!



Crystal Lake Elementary District 47's online kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open.

To register, visit the D47 website at www.d47.org/kindergarten where you'll find step-by-step instructions.

Families who submit online kindergarten registration before March 15 will get a free T-shirt for their incoming kindergartener!

For any questions about kindergarten registration, please contact the Student Services Department at the district office at 815-788-5000.



Tweens & Teens

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



Wanted: Very Important Volunteers (VIVs)

Ages 12-14

Would you like to help out at the library this summer? Youth Services is looking for Very Important Volunteers (VIVs) who are interested in learning new skills and earning volunteer service hours. Pick up an application at the Youth Services Desk starting March 25. Applications are due May 6. Volunteers must be 12 years old by June 1.

Owl Pellet Dissection

Grades 6-8

Wednesday, March 6

6-7 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Owl pellets are the undigested parts of an owl's food such as bones, or fur that are coughed up. We will dissect owl pellets and reconstruct the skeletons of animals inside to discover what the owls have been eating. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

DIY Macrame Earrings

Grades 6-8

Wednesday, March 13

6-7 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Learn to make stylish macrame earrings.

Macrame is a form of fiber art that produces various patterned textiles by creating decorative knots. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Froggy Felt Key Chains

Grades 6-12

Thursday, March 14

6-8 pm

Ames Room

Craft a cute frog key chain using felt. Registration required.

The Grim Readers Book Club

Grades 6-8

Wednesdays, March 20 and April 24

6-7 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Do you love a good scare? Join The Grim Readers tween book club, where we read all about ghost stories, haunted houses and the supernatural. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Intro to Trades: Cosmetology

Grades 6-12

Sunday, March 24

2-4 pm

Ames Room

Just in time for prom season! Learn the skills you need for a career in hair and makeup. Experience a demonstration and get hands-on practice to create the latest trends. Bring a friend to practice your up-dos with. For sanitary reasons, please bring your own makeup if you want to practice applying makeup. All other supplies will be provided. This class is gender neutral and inclusive to everyone. Registration required.

Trending Tumbler Charms

Grades 6-12

Monday, March 25

6-7:30 pm

Ames Room

Glam up your newest tumblers by making fun, monogrammed charms, key chains and accessories for them. Registration required.



Spring Break Movie Night!

Grades 6-12

Thursday, March 28

6-8 pm

Ames Room

It's spring break! Come hang out for an interactive movie and snacks. Movie selection will be teen's choice and voted on at the program. Registration required.

DIY Seeded Paper Cards

Grades 5-8

Wednesday, April 17

6-7 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Create cards from recycled paper to send to relatives and friends that can then be planted to grow flowers! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Overdose Prevention Training

Ages 14 and older

Thursday, April 25

6-7:30 pm

Ames Room

Attendees will learn what opioids are and how they work. They'll learn about the opioid overdose epidemic, how to identify the signs of an opioid overdose, and how to respond and reverse it with Naloxone. The speaker will also discuss harm reduction and overdose prevention.



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 March 20 and April 17.
Visit clpl.org for more information.

Library Hours: 9 am-9 pm
Monday - Thursday 9 am-5 pm
Friday & Saturday 1 pm-5 pm
Sunday

**Due to staff training, the library
will open at noon Fridays, March 1
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for passports at the
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ins. Visit clpl.org/services/passports
for more information, or to book
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Are you stuck at home with an injury,
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Explore 14 area libraries,
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