

Crystal Lake Public LIBRARY

August/September 2026 Program Guide

August: Join our 'Principals Read' Sessions
September is Library Card Sign-Up Month



Director's Desktop: Reading is a Year-Round Adventure



**Executive Director
Becky Fyolek**

Summer Reading may be over, but your next great read is just beginning! Reading is a year-round adventure, and your Crystal Lake Public Library is here to help you discover new books, meet fellow readers, and stay inspired all year long.

Looking for people to talk books with? Join one of our welcoming book clubs! Bookies explores a variety of popular fiction and nonfiction titles, Night Owls offers an evening option for busy schedules and Readers' Social Club combines great books with lively conversation in a relaxed atmosphere.

Young readers can keep the excitement going, too! Principals Read encourages elementary students to read with their school community, while our story times help babies, toddlers, and preschoolers build early literacy skills through books, songs, movement, and play. With programs for every age, it's easy to make reading part of your family's routine.

Of course, you don't need to attend a program to enjoy the library. Browse the shelves, ask our staff for personalized recommendations, discover a new favorite author or place a hold on that book everyone's talking about. Whether you prefer mysteries, memoirs, fantasy, romance, or graphic novels, there's always something new waiting for you.

Visit us this fall and discover how the library can help you keep turning pages all year long!

Becky Fyolek

**Registration for all programs
opens at 9 am
Wednesday, July 29**

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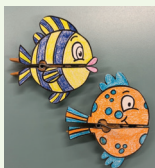


On the Cover:
A young girl holds flowers grown
with seeds from the
Crystal Lake Public Library Seed Library!



Take-and-Make Craft Kits August and September

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



August

Youth: Clothespin Fish Puppet
Adult/Teen: Woven Bowl



September

Youth: Night Owl
Adult/Teen: Mini Piñata



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

New and existing cardholders can win great prizes!

If you've been thinking of getting a library card - or renewing your expired card - now is the perfect time to do so! September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and Crystal Lake Public Library is offering extra incentives to new and existing patrons to get/or use their library card.



The first 100 people to sign up for a library card in the month of September will receive a free CLPL mug (it's a hot item - requested often by patrons)! Plus, new and existing cardholders can enter our drawing for four gift bag prizes. We'll have two gift bags for new cardholders and two gift bags for current cardholders.

The adult prize bags will each contain an Amazon Kindle e-reader, which will come in handy when you're using your library card to borrow ebooks from our eLibrary. The bags will also have a bag of Novel Teas Book Lovers Tea and chocolate to enjoy while you're reading on that Kindle! Each kids prize bag will contain a Toniebox Starter Set, a squeeze toy, game and chocolate.

Your library card is a prize unto itself as it offers you access to thousands of wonderful materials year round: books, audiobooks, ebooks, music, movies, reference material, hotspots, flower and vegetable seeds, and hundreds of items from our Library of Things. And, with your card in hand, you can attend educational, entertaining and inspiring programs offered at the library.



So what are you waiting for? Come into the library in September and sign up, renew, or use your library card and earn a chance to win great prizes!

**Only patrons with full-service library cards are qualified to win prizes. Student Access/special use cardholders are not eligible to win.*



Trustee Bill Weller Retires After 27 Years on Library Board

When Bill Weller decided to join the Crystal Lake Public Library Board in 1999, his decision was influenced by multiple factors.

Weller was a life-long library user and patronized the Crystal Lake Public Library frequently when his children were young. He worked as an English teacher for 33 years at Community High School District 155 and had a strong love for books and reading. Also, his parents, role models to him in many ways, were always active in the community. So when the time arrived that Weller wanted to give back to the community, he thought of the library first.

"It seemed a natural fit to donate some of my time, energy and skills (to the library)," Weller said. "But it was more than that. To me the library is one of our greatest democratic institutions. It is supported by a community for the common good. It is based on sharing and reusing. It is welcoming and helpful. It treats everyone the same, as anyone (regardless of background, citizenship, income) can use its resources. And

its founding principle? To preserve, organize, and provide access to unbiased knowledge and information. What can be more important than that? Except maybe the freedom for each of us to read whatever we want within those walls. Yeah, libraries are a big deal for me. And I'd be remiss not to mention the librarians: friendly, helpful, trained professionals."

After 27 years as a library board trustee, Weller has decided to close this chapter of his library service. Over his nearly three decades on the board, he has done just about everything a trustee can do. He's served multiple terms as board president, vice-president and secretary, and worked on nearly all of the board's subcommittees. He's helped lead the library through two referendums, renovations and remodels, strategic plans, celebrations and countless decisions that shaped the library we know today.

"When the library needed an advocate, Bill has never hesitated to step up," CLPL executive director Becky Fyolek

said. "If there was an opportunity to champion the library, chances are Bill was already there with notes prepared and visual aids. Beyond his service, Bill brought personality and heart to the board. He has a wonderful sense of humor, a love of literature and everything that libraries can offer a community."



Despite stepping away from the board, Weller plans to continue supporting the library and hopes the future holds a new, larger building for CLPL with modern spaces, where everyone can feel welcomed and comfortable.

"My hope for the future is that Crystal Lake will get the library building they deserve, one comparable or even better than those in many of our surrounding communities."

Library News

For more information about Adult Services programs, visit clpl.org and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687, ext. 7.



National Night Out

All Ages

Thursday, Aug. 6

5-8 pm

Downtown Crystal Lake

Visit our tent at National Night Out in downtown Crystal Lake. This free, family-friendly event is a time to connect, have fun and promote a safer, stronger community together. National Night Out is presented by the Crystal Lake Police Department.



Fiesta de Baile y Manualidades/ Dancing and Crafting Party

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, Sept. 23

6-7 pm

Ames Room

Celebra el Mes de la Herencia Hispana bailando y haciendo manualidades inspiradas por los países latinoamericanos. Se ofrecerán botanas. Solo para usuarios con tarjeta de la Biblioteca Pública de Crystal Lake. Se requiere inscripción. Alergias alimentarias: No podemos garantizar que los alimentos que se sirven en este programa no hayan entrado en contacto con frutos secos, soja u otros alérgenos.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by dancing and creating a craft inspired by Latin American countries. Snacks provided. Food allergies: we can't guarantee food served has not come into contact with other allergens. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Johnny Appleseed Festival

All Ages

Saturday, Sept. 26

9 am-4 pm

Downtown Crystal Lake

Come visit the CLPL booth in downtown Crystal Lake during the Johnny Appleseed Festival! We will have a fun activity, library card sign ups and information about library programs.



Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department Open House



All Ages

Saturday, Oct. 3

9 am-Noon

Fire Station 1

100 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake

Visit us at the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department's Annual Open House. There will be demonstrations, family activities and fun! This is a free event for residents of all ages.

Homebound & Outreach Delivery – Right to Your Door!

Whether you live in an adult living community or in your own home, Crystal Lake Public Library provides free delivery of materials to our registered cardholders who are physically unable to visit the library. All residents of Crystal Lake adult living communities are eligible to receive a library card, as are those living in their own home within the Crystal Lake city limits.

Cardholders who have a chronic disability, a long-term illness, or a temporary injury or illness, regardless of age, can be part of our outreach or homebound services. Also, if you are a caregiver for a family member who needs library material, we may be able to help with delivery as well.

Homebound or outreach patrons, or their family member or caregiver, work directly with library staff to request materials. Patrons can request specific items or work with a staff member to create a delivery that fits their interests and preferences. A wide variety of materials are available for checkout, including books in large print, audiobooks, magazines, movies and TV series, music CDs and even video games. To register for or to learn more about this convenient and supportive service, please call CLPL at 815.459.1687, x7.



The CLPL Outreach and Homebound Services team.

We're happy to help bring the library to you!

Adult Programs

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Mobile Office Hours for U.S. Rep. Bill Foster

Thursday, July 30

2:30-4:30 pm

Adult Services

Congressman Bill Foster's staff will hold mobile office hours at the library. They'll help constituents needing assistance with Social Security, Medicare, Veterans' benefits, immigration inquiries and other federally administered programs.

Crafter Dark Social Hour

Wednesdays, Aug. 5 and Sept. 2

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.

Learning Genealogy: The Basics

Monday, Aug. 10

6-7:30 pm

Ames Room

Nancy Gaynor from the McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society (MCIGS) will teach the basics of genealogy. Q&A will follow, and patrons are encouraged to bring specific questions. Registration required.

CrafterNoon

Thursdays, Aug. 13 and Sept. 10

Noon-1:30 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Calling all crafters! Gather 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, Aug. 14 and Sept. 11

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.

Together at Last

Saturday, Aug. 15

1-2 pm

Ames Room

Hear the personal story of one man's lifelong search for his biological parents. Abandoned and adopted as a young child, John Clauson talks about feelings of loneliness and not fitting in. Through an unbelievable chain of events, he discovered his birth parents' names. With the use of DNA genealogy, he learned his father was Crystal Lake resident Hugh Engelman, who died not knowing he had another son. Clauson has met with and been lovingly accepted into the family by Engelman's eight other children. Registration required.

Learn to Play Mah Jongg

Mondays, Aug. 24 and 31

6-8 pm

Ames Room

Learn to play the American version of the Mah Jongg game using the NMJL card. The class will consist of two, two-hour sessions with attendees expected to attend both dates. You will learn to identify the tiles, understand the Mah Jongg card and learn basic rules and gameplay. All supplies provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



CLPL Writers' Group

Age 16 and older

Tuesdays, Aug. 25 and Sept. 22

6:30-8:30 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Bring your current work in progress or drafts to work or receive feedback on. Connect with local writers in a casual, loosely structured environment. Writers of all experience levels welcome. Registration required.

Cricut Maker Workshop: Bouquet Box

Age 18 and older

Wednesday, Aug. 26

6:30-8 pm

Ames Room

Learn the basic functions of the Cricut Maker and make a bouquet out of cardstock to take home. All materials provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Senior Social

Thursday, Aug. 27

10-11:30 am

Ames Room

Drop-in at the library to relax, unwind and connect with others! Older adults and seniors can color, play games or work on a puzzle while enjoying good conversation and light refreshments. Registration required.

Wits Workout® II

Age 60 and older

Tuesdays, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

10:30-11:30 am

Ames Room

Social connectedness and intellectual engagement are lifestyle factors that contribute to your brain's health. Coming together and learning new things are good for your noggin! Attend this session where you'll engage in interactive puzzles and games, and learn how to keep your brain healthy. This series of classes will be taught by Molly Clough, the activity coordinator at Senior Services Associates. Registration required.

Creative Writing Workshop: Captivating Characters

Age 15 and older

Saturday, Sept. 5

1-4:30 pm

Ames Room

McHenry County College instructor, Laura Power will lead an afternoon seminar on the foundation of all storytelling by exploring the basics of character creation and development in your writing with lecture, exercises, and feedback. Come prepared to write - notebooks and pens, or laptops are encouraged. Registration required.

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Book Club SOS

Thursday, Sept. 10
7-8 pm

Ames Room

We've got great ideas for book club titles we want to share! Join us for a fun conversation about books, including the ones you've loved lately. Fiction, non-fiction, hidden gems, unexpected reads and more. Registration encouraged.

Common Retirement Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

Monday, Sept. 14
7-8:30 pm

Ames Room

Financial Planner Trevor Johnson covers the most common retirement planning mistakes people make and practical ways to avoid them. Topics include Social Security decisions, investment mistakes, withdrawal strategies, taxes and more. Designed for people nearing retirement or recently retired, this session will help attendees make more informed financial decisions and feel more confident about their retirement future. Registration required.

Stay Steady: A Fall Prevention Workshop

Tuesday, Sept. 15
1:30-2:30 pm

Ames Room

Physical therapist Dana Tress leads this class designed to help you improve balance, strength and confidence to reduce your risk of falls. Through practical tips, guided movement and education on home safety and body mechanics, you'll learn how to stay active and independent safely, perfect for anyone feeling unsteady on their feet or wanting to be proactive in fall prevention. Interactive session includes demonstrations, resources and Q&A time. Registration required.

AARP Driver Safety Course

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 17-18
10 am-2 pm (both days)

Ames Room

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

Illinois Libraries Present: Inside the Empire of AI w/Karen Hao



Thursday, Sept. 17
7-8 pm

Zoom/Ames Room

Join a conversation with Karen Hao, award-winning journalist and author of *Inside the Empire of AI*. Hao will explore the rapid rise of artificial intelligence, the social, political, and ethical questions surrounding AI development today, and the questions posed in her work: will AI produce broad-based societal benefit for all? Or return us to an age of empire? Watch by Zoom at home or on our big screen with other attendees in the Ames Room. Registration required.

Explore Microsoft Excel 365

Wednesday, Sept. 23
6:30-8:30 pm

Computer Lab

Curious about Microsoft Excel 365? Learn the basics, pick up a few "next step" skills and gain further understanding about this spreadsheet program. Keyboard and mouse skills required. Registration required.

Memory Café

Thursday, Sept. 24
10-11:15 am

Ames Room

Join our informal social gathering where persons with memory challenges and their care partners can participate in a craft and connect with others. Light refreshments served. New members are always welcome! Registration required.

Well-Being Workshop

Thursday, Sept. 24
1-2 pm

Ames Room

Join Dr. James Kearns of the Better Living Institute for a workshop on improving your well-being. He'll cover ways to deal with stress to help you feel better, including mindfulness, focused breathing, breaking free from negative self-talk and committing to action despite discomfort. Registration required.

Readers' Social Club

18 and older
Thursday, Sept. 24
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.



Weight Loss Medications: What to Know

Monday, Sept. 28
7-8 pm
Zoom

Join us for an informative session about today's most widely used weight-loss medications. Weight-loss medications are becoming more common, but understanding how they work and who they're for can be confusing. In this session, clinical pharmacist Dr. Annette Carmichael will break down the benefits, risks, and realistic expectations of today's most widely used weight-loss drugs, helping attendees make informed decisions about their health. Registration required.



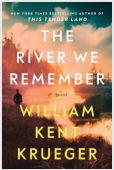
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Book Clubs

Bookies Book Discussion

Registration required.



Wednesday, Aug. 19
9:30-11:30 am
Ames Room: In person and via Zoom
***The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger.**
Get copies at the Circulation Desk, and on Libby and hoopla.



Wednesday, Sept. 16
9:30-11:30 am
Ames Room: In person and via Zoom
***Harlem Rhapsody* by Victoria Christopher Murray.** Get copies at the

Circulation Desk, and on Libby and The Palace Project.

Night Owls Book Club

Registration required. A book club for readers who do their best after dark!



Monday, Aug. 17
7-8:30 pm
Ames Room: In person and via Zoom
***The Hounding* by Xenobe Purvis.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk.



Monday, Sept. 21
7-8:30 pm
Ames Room: In person and via Zoom
***Trust Exercise* by Susan Choi.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

It's Chicago! Chicago History and Architecture

Tuesday, Sept. 29

7-8 pm

McHenry County College

8900 US Rte 14, Crystal Lake

Join us for a fascinating exploration of Chicago! Learn more about our city - its neighborhoods, history and architecture. As Sherman "Dilla" Thomas says, "everything that is dope is from Chicago!" Panel discussion includes architectural historian Carla Bruni; neighborhood and Chicago history specialist Sherman "Dilla" Thomas; American TV personality, writer, and producer Geoffrey Baer (WTTW); author Keir Graff (*Chicago's Fine Arts Building: Music, Magic, and Murder* and more); and our moderator, Chicago Tribune columnist and Chicago enthusiast, Heidi Stevens. The discussion will be followed by a Q & A and book signing, with merchandise available. This program is brought to you by McHenry County Libraries United, a community partnership of 10 public libraries. Registration required.

Art & Movie Night: Autumnal Shadow Boxes

Age 14 and older

Wednesday, Sept. 30

6-8:30 pm

Ames Room

Take a break from the real world and join us for a relaxing night of making art and watching a movie! This Session: Autumnal Shadow Boxes and "Practical Magic" (PG-13, 104 min.)
Registration required.

Coming Soon: Craft Supply Swap!

All Ages

Saturday, Oct. 3

TBD

Ames Room

Here's the perfect opportunity to donate craft supplies you no longer need, and/or get new-to-you supplies. Starting Sept. 28, vouchers for early admission to the event will be offered to those who drop off supplies in advance. Look for more details in the October/November program guide.

Movies

Tuesday Night Movie

You, Me & Tuscany



Tuesday, Aug. 18
6-8 pm
Ames Room
2026, PG-13, 105 minutes.
Registration required.

Project Hail Mary



Tuesday, Sept. 15
6-8:30 pm
Ames Room
2026, PG-13, 156 minutes. Registration required.

CLPL Cinema Club

Jaws



Age 15 and older
Monday, Aug. 3
6-8:30 pm
Ames Room
1975, PG, 124 minutes.
Calling all cinephiles! encouraged. Join CLPL's

new cinema appreciation club to view and discuss a variety of classic and new films. (Rescheduled from July). Registration encouraged.

Reel Life Movies

Sarah's Oil



Wednesday, Sept. 9
6-8:30 pm
Ames Room
2025, PG, 103 minutes.
Screening and discussion of the film "Sarah's Oil."

Program is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women-Crystal Lake Area Branch. Registration encouraged.



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Tweens & Teens

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Teen Crafts: Faux Stained Glass

Grades 9-12

Wednesday, Aug. 12

6-7 pm

Ames Room

Turn a simple picture frame into a gorgeous "stained glass" picture with a black sharpie, paint and glue. Registration required.

Keep Calm and Color On

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, Sept. 1

6:30-7:30 pm

Program Room

Now that the busy school year is underway, join us for some down time with coloring and other mindful activities. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Hobby Hangout

Grades 5-8

Saturdays, Sept. 5 and Oct. 3

10 am-Noon

Program Room

Bring whatever you are working on, hang out and craft. Crochet, knit, color, bead, anything! This is not a class with instruction. Snacks provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

DIY Mini Piñatas

Grades 5-8

Tuesday, Sept. 15

6:30-7:30 pm

Program Room

Come celebrate Mexican Independence Day by decorating your own mini piñata. Materials and treats will be provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



The Creative Drop: Bedazzled Keychains

Grades 9-12

Monday, Sept. 28

6:30-8 pm

Ames Room

Hey teens! Missed CLPL's fun craft at your school library this month, or simply can't get enough? This drop-in session is the perfect opportunity, so stop by to make bedazzled keychains. No registration required.

Teen Crafts: Self-Care DIY

Grades 9-12

Thursday, Oct. 1

6-7 pm

Ames Room

Celebrate National Self-Care Awareness Month and relax from the stress of a new school year. We'll create bath bombs and body scrubs for you to take home to enjoy. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Thank You Summer Reading Program Sponsors!

The following businesses donated prizes to our 'Dig Into Reading' Summer Reading Program that helped motivate and reward our readers! We appreciate their generosity!

Abalabix Books
All Seasons Orchard
Anime & Things
Black Market Bakery
Buffalo Wild Wings
Burger King
Casting Whimsy Tea
Chicago Dogs
Chicago Fire FC
Chicago Stars FC
Chicago White Sox
Classic Cinemas
Costco
Country Donuts
Crystal Lake Park District
Culver's
Dolphin Swim Club
Downtown Crystal Lake Association
Duke's Alehouse and Kitchen
First Watch
Garden Creations by Vicki Coleman
Georgio's Chicago Pizzeria & Pub
Kane County Cougars
Lou Malnati's Pizzeria
Marvin's Toy Store

McDonald's
McHenry County Fair Association
Menchie's Frozen Yogurt
Outback Steakhouse
Panda Express
Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
Raue Center For The Arts
Rejuvenation Bodyworks
Richard Walker's Pancake House
Texas Roadhouse
The Village Squire
Urban Air Adventure Park
Volo Museum
Walmart
Xtreme Wheels Roller Skating Center



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Saturday Story Time and Play Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Saturdays, Aug. 1 and Sept. 12

10:30-11:30 am

Program Room

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

Nature Center Story Time: Pollinator Plants

All ages w/caregiver

Saturday, August 8

10:30-11 am

Veteran Acres Nature Center

330 N. Main Street, Crystal Lake

Explore the vital connection between pollinators and the plants that sustain them. Join us at the Nature Center for a short story time with library staff, followed by fun activities with the Nature Center staff. Guided hikes will be held at the top of each hour from 10 am-4 pm. No registration is required.

Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Seanine

Thursday, Aug. 20

10 am

Ms. Seanine will share a funny story. You can watch the video on the CLPL YouTube channel.

Dream Riders Story Time

Ages 3-6 w/caregiver

Wednesdays, Aug. 26 and Sept. 30

Noon-12:30 pm

Dream Riders TLC

4701 N. Oak St., Crystal Lake

Enjoy a story time on the farm. We'll share stories and meet special horses that work with kids. This program takes place outdoors and will be held weather permitting. Kids will interact with horses and hay. Attendees must sign waivers. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Sandy Oaks Farm Market Story Time

Ages 3-5 w/caregiver

Thursdays, Aug. 27 and Oct. 1

10-10:30 am

Sandy Oaks Farm Market,
5215 Walkup Rd., Crystal Lake

Join us for an energetic story time on a working farm. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. After our story time, you can browse and purchase from the farm market and see the animals. There's also a coin-fed grain dispenser available to feed the animals. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation

Saturday, Aug. 29

Session 1: 9:30-10:15 am

Session 2: 11-11:45 am

Ames Room

Congratulations to our graduates! Join us for a party with books, dancing and snacks! Registration is required with the Youth Services staff. Please call 815.459.1687, ext. 6 or come to the Youth Services desk to register.

STEM Story Time

Ages 3-5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Sept. 2

10-10:45 am

Program Room

Get ready to stomp and roar as we read a dinosaur story followed by a STEM activity. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Maker Academy: Cross Stitch, Embroidery and Hand Sewing

Grades 3-8 w/caregiver

Tuesday, Sept. 8

6:30-8 pm

Program Room

Grab your grown-up and come to Youth Services to learn fiber art skills. Take home a finished project you've made together. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Drop-In Building

Grades K-5

Mondays, Sept. 14, 28

3:45-5 pm

Program Room

Grab some friends and head to Youth Services for some building fun after school. No registration required.

Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Karamy

Thursday, Sept. 17

10 am

Ms. Karamy will share a special story. You can watch the video on the CLPL YouTube channel.

Read With Me

Grades 1-5

Saturday, Sept. 19

10-11 am

(Sign up for a 15-minute session)

Program Room

Would your child like to practice reading with a trained therapy dog? SOUL Harbour Ranch brings their Pet Partners registered therapy dogs to the library for a cozy, one-on-one reading time, which ensures the best experience for our readers. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Drop-In Crafts

Grades K-5

Monday, Sept. 21

3:45-5 pm

Program Room

Join us in Youth Services after school to create a fun craft! No registration required.



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Art Unlimited: Tissue Paper Painting Grades K-2

Tuesday, Sept. 22

4-4:45 pm

Program Room

Create a unique painting using watercolors and tissue paper. All supplies will be provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Fiesta de Baile y Manualidades/ Dancing and Crafting Party

All ages w/caregiver

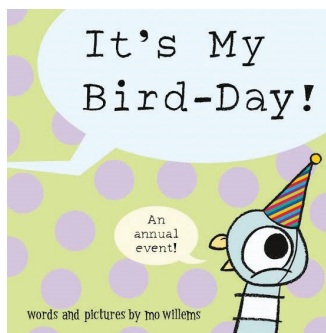
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It's A Bird-Day Party!

Friday, Sept. 25

Session 1: Ages 3-5 w/caregiver

10-10:30 am

Session 2: Grades K-2

4-4:30 pm

Program Room

Join us for a read-aloud of *It's My Bird-Day!* by Mo Willems followed by games and fun to celebrate birthdays. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Baby Play

Birth-17 months w/caregiver

Monday, Sept. 28

9:30-10:30 am

Program Room

Enjoy free play with your baby while visiting with other caregivers. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Toddler Art Studio

18-35 months w/caregiver

Tuesday, Sept. 29

9:30-10 am

Program Room

Process-based art designed specifically for toddlers. Dress for a mess! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Family Evening Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Tuesday, Sept. 29

6:30-7 pm

Program Room

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

Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department Open House

All Ages

Saturday, Oct. 3

9 am-Noon

Fire Station 1

100 W.

Woodstock St.,

Crystal Lake

Visit us at the

Crystal Lake

Fire Rescue

Department's

Annual Open House. There will be demonstrations, family activities and fun! This is a free event for residents of all ages



District 47 Students: Get Your Student Access Cards 6th Graders Must Renew Cards!

1. Nonresident students can get a Student Access Card from Crystal Lake Public Library if they attend a Crystal Lake Elementary District 47 school.



2. D47 6th graders must renew their Student Access Card this year because they are switching schools.

3. Student Access Cards allow nonresident D47 students to borrow up to three books or audiobooks at a time, and provide access to library programs and online educational databases.

4. To obtain a card, parents/caregivers should bring a valid photo ID and current proof of address to the library's Circulation Desk.

For more information about Youth Services programs, visit clpl.org and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687, ext. 6.



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
Mondays, Sept. 14, 21
9:30-10 am
Program Room
Special story time for babies. We'll have stories, songs and lap-sit games.

Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver
Mondays, Sept. 14, 21
10:30-11 am
Program Room
Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

Tuesdays

Toddler Time

18-35 months w/caregiver
Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22
9:30-10 am
Program Room
Songs, rhymes, dancing and stories for exuberant toddlers.

Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver
Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22
10:30-11 am
Youth Services
Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.
(No registration needed for this program)

Wednesdays

Preschool Story Time

3-5 years
Wednesdays,
Sept. 9, 16, 23
9:30-10 am
Program Room
Stories and songs for preschool-aged children.
(Adults encouraged to leave room to build kids' independence.)

Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver
Wednesdays,
Sept. 9, 16, 23
10:30-11 am
Program Room
Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

Thursdays

Bilingual Story Time/ Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe

Birth-5 years w/caregiver
Thursdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24
10:30-11 am
Program Room
Get ready to have fun with music, books and rhymes in this special bilingual story time.

Prepárate para divertirte con música, libros y rimas en esta hora especial de cuentos bilingües. Solo para usuarios con tarjeta de la Biblioteca Pública de Crystal Lake. Se requiere inscripción.

Registration for all programs opens at 9 am Wednesday, July 29

WEAR YOUR SPIRIT WEAR
OR SCHOOL COLORS!



AT THE LIBRARY!

PRINCIPALS & ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS
WILL SHARE STORIES & CELEBRATE
READING! NO LIBRARY CARD OR
REGISTRATION NEEDED!

PRINCIPALS READ!

GRADES PRE-K TO 5 W/CAREGIVER,
FAMILIES WELCOME! PROGRAM ROOM

Glacier Ridge Elementary	Tuesday, July 28; 2-2:30 pm
West Elementary	Friday, July 31; 11-11:30 am
North Elementary	Friday, July 31; 2-2:30 pm
Indian Prairie Elementary	Monday, Aug. 3; 2-2:30 pm
Husmann Elementary	Tuesday, Aug. 4; 2-2:30 pm
Woods Creek Elementary	Wednesday, Aug. 5; 2-2:30 pm
Canterbury Elementary	Thursday, Aug. 6; 11-11:30 am
Coventry Elementary	Thursday, Aug. 6; 2-2:30 pm
South Elementary	Friday, Aug. 7; 2-2:30 pm
Prairie Grove Elementary	Tuesday, Aug. 11; 2-2:30 pm

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 Aug. 19 and Sept. 16. Visit clpl.org for more information.

Library Hours:

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, Aug. 7 and Sept. 4.

Library closed Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day.

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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Facebook para hispanohablantes



National Night Out!

All Ages
Thursday,
August 6
5-8 pm
Downtown
Crystal Lake



Visit our tent at National Night Out in downtown Crystal Lake. This free, family-friendly event hosted by the Crystal Lake Police Department is a time to connect, have fun and promote a safer, stronger community together.

Library Mum Sale!

Support the Crystal Lake Library Foundation

Saturday, September 19

Library Lawn

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