

Crystal Lake Public LIBRARY

October/November 2026 Program Guide



Visit Our New StoryWalk® • Craft Supplies Swap
Vote Early at the Library • Teeny Tiny Halloween



Director's Desktop: Enjoy a Story in the Great Outdoors!



**Executive Director
Becky Fyolek**



A good book can take you anywhere, even on a walk outside!

The Crystal Lake Public Library and the City of Crystal Lake are excited to introduce a new StoryWalk® at Three Oaks Recreation Area, bringing stories and the outdoors together. The exhibit starts on the new Lake Loop Trail just west of the Beach Lake House.



The StoryWalk® begins with a quarter-mile walk through the first set of story pages, where you can read the first half of a book. Then, turn around and enjoy the second half of the story on your walk back. It's the perfect distance for little legs.

There's always a new adventure waiting! The featured story will change regularly, giving you a reason to visit time and time again. This fall, we encourage you to grab your walking shoes, bring the family, and discover what story is waiting for you at Three Oaks!

Happy Fall!

Becky Fyolek



Registration for all programs
opens at 9 am
Wednesday, September 23

On the Cover:
A patron visits the library's new
StoryWalk® at
Three Oaks Recreation Area.

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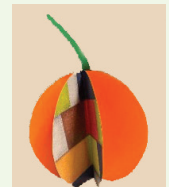
Take-and-Make Craft Kits October and November

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



October

Youth: Haunted Window
Adult/Teen: Paper Pumpkins



November

Youth: Raccoon Paper Bag Puppet
Adult/Teen: Fabric Wreath



Visit Our New StoryWalk® at Three Oaks Recreation Area

When you venture out to Three Oaks Recreation Area, you'll find a new amenity waiting for you. Crystal Lake Public Library and the City of Crystal Lake are proud to present the new StoryWalk® exhibit located along a portion of the recently completed Lake Loop Trail.

The StoryWalk® contains 12 double-sided frames, each holding a page from a children's book. You, your friends and family can walk from display to display, reading the story together as you enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Three Oaks Recreation Area.

The exhibit starts at the beginning of the Lake Loop Trail, just west of the Beach Lake House and near The Board House. The displays span about one-quarter mile, making it a short walk for visitors of all ages. Library staff will change out the books on a regular basis so you can enjoy a new story when you visit.



Children read a page on the new StoryWalk® exhibit at Three Oaks Recreation Area.

Staff from Crystal Lake's Public Works Department designed, built and installed the display panes in August. The completed project was the result of a collaborative effort between library and city staff.

"We've wanted to provide a StoryWalk® for the community for some time and are very grateful to the City of Crystal Lake for sharing our vision and partnering with us to make it a reality for the city," said Executive Director Becky Fyolek.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier, Vermont. Three Oaks Recreation Area is located at 5517 Northwest Hwy. in Crystal Lake. The park is open daily from 6:30 am to sunset.



The new StoryWalk® exhibit runs along a short portion of the Lake Loop Trail at Three Oaks Recreation Area.

Emily Preston Appointed New Trustee on the Library Board

Longtime Crystal Lake resident Emily Preston has joined the Crystal Lake Public Library Board of Trustees. Preston was officially sworn in as a trustee at the Library Board's August meeting.

Preston is a lifelong resident of Crystal Lake and a lifelong patron of the library. As a child, she rode her bike to the library to check out books. When she grew older, she found the library to be a quiet place to study in high school and eventually nursing school. She worked in the nursing field for 44 years and continues to work as a substitute nurse at area schools.

More recently, Preston enjoys visiting CLPL with her grandchildren.

"The library is probably one of the most valuable resources a community has," Preston said. "I have been so blessed to be a part of this community that I feel it is important to share my time and talent where I can. I have known for years that our library building is in sad shape. I am hopeful to be of service in planning for the future."

Preston is active in several ministries at church, volunteers at the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, is a member of the local P.E.O. chapter

and recently completed her Illinois Master Gardener certification.

Preston will fill the seat of former trustee William Weller, who retired from the Library Board in June after serving 27 years. Library trustees are volunteers and are not paid for their service. They serve three-year terms. Board members are appointed by the Crystal Lake mayor and approved by the Crystal Lake City Council.



All Ages

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

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.

Craft Supply Swap

All Ages
Saturday, Oct. 3
10:30 am-1 pm
Ames Room

Need to clear out unused craft supplies? The "Swap" opens to the public at 10:30 am. People who donate items in advance will receive an early entry voucher for 10 am.

Donation guidelines: All items should be clean, new or very gently used. If items have been exposed to pet hair (such as fabric or yarn), please label as such. Please keep small items like buttons and beads, or sets of items like markers or pencils, bagged. Limit of two copy paper-style boxes. **Suggested donation items:** knitting needles, crochet hooks, fabric, buttons, trims, ribbons, clay, unopened paints, brushes, canvases, drawing supplies, jewelry-making tools and supplies, thread, beads, fancy hole punches, scrapbook paper, embellishments, wood crafts and yarn. Visit clpl.org for a list of items to avoid donating.



Day of the Dead Event/Un Evento del Día de los Muertos

All ages w/caregiver
Monday, Oct. 12
2-3 pm
Ames Room

Come learn about the Day of the Dead as we craft together. Make your own picture frame to add a loved one to our community display. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. Want to be a part of the display, but can't attend the event? Submit a photo of a loved one by Oct. 25 to kids@clpl.org to be included on the altar.

Ven a aprender sobre el Día de los Muertos mientras hacemos manualidades juntos. Crea tu propio cuadro para incluir a un ser querido en nuestra ofrenda. Solo para usuarios con tarjeta de la Biblioteca Pública de Crystal Lake. Se requiere inscripción. ¿Quieres participar en la ofrenda pero no puedes asistir al evento? Envía una foto de un ser querido antes del 25 de octubre a kids@clpl.org para que se incluya en la ofrenda.

CLPL is Haunted!

All Ages
Sunday, Oct. 25- Saturday, Oct. 31
All Day

Adult Services

Just in time for Halloween, Calliope the CLPL Ghost has returned to haunt Adult Services! Search the stacks every day to see where she's hiding. If you're the first to find her each day, a special Halloween treat bag will be waiting for you at the Service Desk! Not the first to find her? You can still report to Adult Services staff for a prize.



Agatha Christie Mystery Game

All Ages
Sunday, Nov. 8
2-3 pm

Ames Room

Almost 100 years ago, Agatha Christie disappeared for 11 days, during which a massive search could not find her. Now it's your turn to play detective! Follow the clues and find out what happened to Agatha. Refreshments, crafts, literary history and fun. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



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Donate to the Home of the Sparrow's Giving Tree

Mid-November-December 30

The Giving Tree will be in the library lobby starting in mid-November. The tree is filled with tags listing gift suggestions. Grab a tag, buy the gift and return it unwrapped to the Circulation Desk by Dec. 30. The American Association of University Women-Crystal Lake Area Branch coordinates the Giving Tree program and forwards donations to the Home of the Sparrow, a nonprofit that serves women and children who are homeless in McHenry County.

Adult Programs

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

Cajitas y Calabazas

Adolescentes y Adultos

Domingo, 4 de Octubre

2-3 pm

Ames Room

Aprenda a elaborar cajitas y calabazas de origami fáciles en este programa en español. ¡Principiantes bienvenidos! Solo para usuarios con tarjeta de la Biblioteca Pública de Crystal Lake. Se requiere inscripción.

Learn to make easy origami boxes and pumpkins in this Spanish-language program. Beginners welcome! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Acrylic Painting Workshop: Moonlit Pumpkin

Age 14 and older

Tuesday, Oct. 6

6-8 pm

Ames Room

Kristen Henmueller from Chasing Creativity Art Studio will guide you in painting a moonlit pumpkin scene in this "fun art" class. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



DIY Apothecary Jars

Thursday, Oct. 8

6-8 pm

Program Room

Create your own apothecary jar to celebrate the season. All supplies provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Device Drop-In

Fridays, Oct. 9 and Nov. 13

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.

Senior Social

Older Adults

Sunday, Oct. 11

2-4 pm

Ames Room

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

'Twilight Saga: New Moon' 20th Anniversary Celebration Craft and Candle Night

Age 15 and older

Monday, Oct. 12

6-8:30 pm

Ames Room

Celebrate 20 years of "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" with us by making custom scented candles and themed crafts while we screen the 2009 film (130 min., PG-13). All attendees must register separately. Limit two candles per registration. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Crafter Dark Social Hour

Wednesdays, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4

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.

CrafterNoon

Thursdays, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12

Noon-1:30 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Calling all crafters! Pack up your current projects and head over to the library for a casual program where you can socialize with other makers while you work. Registration encouraged.

Deep Dish with Marc Malnati

Tuesday, Oct. 13

7-8 pm

Lou Malnati's Pizzeria

8515 Redtail Dr., Lakewood

Take this opportunity to meet Marc Malnati as he discusses his book, *Deep Dish - Inside the First 50 Years of Lou Malnati's Pizza*. Pizza samples will be provided, drinks and other food items may be purchased. Books will be available for purchase and signing. We are pleased to partner with the Algonquin Area Public Library District for this special event. Registration required.



Illinois Libraries

Present:

Preserving History with Geoffrey Baer

Tuesday, Oct. 20

7-8 pm via Zoom

Enjoy a special conversation with Geoffrey Baer, beloved Chicago historian, storyteller and host of numerous PBS programs exploring the architecture, history, and hidden stories of the city and surrounding region. Sherman "Dilla" Thomas, an Emmy Award-winning Chicago historian, cultural worker, and social media educator, will moderate the conversation.



Words, Power and Community: Dr. Eve L. Ewing

Thursday, Nov. 12

7-8 pm via Zoom

Engage in an important and thoughtful conversation with Dr. Eve L. Ewing, acclaimed author, educator, poet, and cultural organizer whose work explores race, education, identity, and community.



CLPL cardholders only. Registration required for both programs.

Both programs are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a collaboration of public libraries offering premier events, partially funded by the Illinois State Library.

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Book Clubs

Bookies Book Discussion

Registration required.



Wednesday, Oct. 21
9:30-11:30 am
Ames Room
***Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk, and on Libby and The Palace Project.



Wednesday, Nov. 18
9:30-11:30 am
Ames Room: In person and via Zoom
***All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot.** Get copies at the

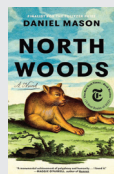
Circulation Desk, and on Libby, hoopla and The Palace Project.

Night Owls Book Club

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



Monday, Oct. 19
7-8:30 pm
Program Room: In person and via Zoom
***Cackle* by Rachel Harrison** Get copies at the Circulation Desk.



Monday, Nov. 16
7-8:30 pm
Ames Room: In person and via Zoom
***North Woods* by Daniel Mason.** Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

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CLPL After Hours: Halloween Hang Out

Age 18 and older
Friday, Oct. 16
7-10 pm

Are you brave enough to be in the library... after dark? We're celebrating the Halloween season with a haunting after hours event in Adult Services! Join us for horror games, themed crafts, snacks and a movie, all while the library is closed to the public. This is an adults only event. No outside food or beverages (besides water) are permitted. This is lock-in style. Once you leave the library, you will not be permitted back in. Registration required.



SCORE: The Cost of Constant Pressure

Tuesday, Oct. 20
6:30-8 pm

SCORE Zoom Channel

Today's business culture celebrates hustle, speed and constant productivity—but at what cost? Leaders work harder than ever while burnout rises, communication suffers, and trust declines. Executive coach Clara Lucia Jaramillo-Carrier reveals why chronic pressure leads to reactive leadership and how purpose becomes a powerful competitive advantage. Participants will gain practical tools to reduce stress and make better decisions. Registration required.

Making Sense of Menopause

Thursday, Oct. 22
7-8 pm

Zoom

Clinical pharmacist Erin Carson, coordinator of UIC Retzky College of Pharmacy's Women's health course, will lead an informative session about menopause. She'll cover key terms and stages of menopause, common symptoms, important health considerations, and both prescription and non-prescription management options. Attendees will learn practical strategies for symptom relief, helpful resources and when to seek medical advice. Registration required.

Cricut Design Space 101

Monday, Oct. 26
7-8:30 pm

Computer Lab

CLPL's Library of Things has a Cricut Maker you can check out and use at home. Learn how to use the Cricut design software needed to operate the Maker. No crafts will be made during this class. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

CLPL Writers' Group

Age 16 and older
Tuesdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 24
6-8:30 pm

Adult Services

Writers of all experience levels are invited to our monthly writers group. Bring your current work in progress or drafts to work or receive feedback on, or just connect with fellow local writers in a casual, loose environment. Registration encouraged.



Making the Most of Social Security

Tuesday, Nov. 3
7-8:30 pm

Ames Room

Stacy Bromann of The Dala Group will provide details on the various filing strategies available to single individuals, married couples, divorced individuals and widows. These strategies can often provide monthly lifetime Social Security benefits higher than the standard filing options that are typically selected. In addition, Bromann will cover topics such as Social Security earned income limits and the taxation of Social Security benefits. Registration required.

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Medicare 101

Thursday, Nov. 5

6:30-7:30 pm

Ames Room

The Medicare enrollment period is coming soon! Are you prepared? Join licensed insurance agent Rich George for a Medicare 101 educational session. Learn how to enroll in Medicare and the differences between Parts A, B, C, and D and the cost-sharing and benefits associated with each. Registration required.

Creative Writing Workshop: Sensational Settings

Age 15 and older

Saturday, Nov. 7

1-4 pm

Ames Room

McHenry County College instructor Laura Power will lead an afternoon seminar on the foundation of storytelling by exploring the basics of world-building and setting in your writing with lecture, exercises and feedback. Come prepared to write; bring notebooks, pens or laptops. Registration required.

The A, B, C, Ds of Medicare

Thursday, Nov. 12

7-8:30 pm

Ames Room and Zoom

This hybrid educational seminar will help you understand your Medicare choices. Learn about Medicare A & B, supplemental insurance, Part D (Prescription Drug), and Medicare Advantage, and their costs and how each option works. Presented by Jane Klinger (Sanchez), broker, Life and Health for Aegis Resources Inc. Registration required.

Thrills and Chills - Mystery Book Chat

Adult and Teen

Saturday, Nov. 14

11 am-1 pm

Ames Room

Are you a fan of mystery books? This group is for you. We will discuss the mystery genre including faves old and new. Come join us for a thrilling good time!

Stay Steady: Fall Recovery Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 17

1:30-2:30 pm

Ames Room

Would you be able to get off the floor if you fell and were home alone? One out of four older adults in the United States report falls every year. These falls can result in life-changing injuries. Of the people that fall in our area, about one-third have to contact emergency services for assistance getting up from the floor. This interactive workshop, led by physical therapist Dana Tress, will discuss falls, common ways people fall, and strategies for independently getting up from the floor using techniques and exercises you can begin using to maintain your independence with fall recovery. Registration required.

Art & Movie Night: Bedazzled Books



Age 15 and older

Thursday, Nov. 19

6-8 pm

Ames Room

Bring your own book to embellish and personalize with library-supplied gems while we screen 1998's "You've Got Mail" (Runtime: 119 min., PG). Registration required.

Memory Café

Friday, Nov. 20

10-11:30 am

Ames Room

Join an informal social gathering where persons with memory challenges and their care partner can participate in a craft and connect with others. Light refreshments served. New members welcome! Registration encouraged.

Holiday Cards

Age 14 and up

Monday, Nov. 30

6:30-8 pm

Ames Room

Learn to make three unique, personalized cards for the holiday season. All materials provided. Registration required.



Movies

Tuesday Night Movie Disclosure Day



Tuesday, Nov. 17

6-8:30 pm

Ames Room

2026, PG-13,

145 minutes.

Registration required.

CLPL Cinema Club

Scream



Age 17 and older

Monday, Oct. 5

6-8:30 pm

Ames Room

1996, R, 111 minutes.

Calling all cinephiles!

Join CLPL's new cinema

appreciation club to view and discuss a variety of classic and new films. Registration encouraged.



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Tweens & Teens

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WHAT CAN I DO WITH A LIBRARY CARD?

**BORROW BOOKS,
AUDIOBOOKS,
EBOOKS, MUSIC,
VIDEO GAMES &
HOTSPOTS**

**ATTEND PROGRAMS,
LEARN A CRAFT,
ENJOY
ENTERTAINMENT**

**USE OUR DATABASE
RESOURCES FOR
RESEARCH &
EDUCATION**

**BORROW TOOLS,
EQUIPMENT & ITEMS
FROM OUR LIBRARY
OF THINGS**



Teen Crafts: Self-Care DIY

Grades 9-12

Thursday, Oct. 1

6-7 pm

Ames Room

Celebrate National Self-Care 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.

Let's Get Crafty!

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, Oct. 6

6:30-8:30 pm

Program Room

Are you ready for all things fall? Make a 3-D pumpkin using scrapbook paper and twine, and make a spooky beaded skeleton clip. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Spooky Bingo Night

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, Oct. 20

6:30-8:30 pm

Program Room

Join us for black light bingo with a spooky theme! Costumes are optional. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Teen volunteers oversaw children's drop-in craft programs over the summer break.

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Outreach at The Break

Ages 13-18

Wednesdays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 18

5-6 pm

The Break Crystal Lake Teen Center
6292 Northwest Hwy.

Come to The Break for our drop-in craft. Make crumpled-paper art in October and bedazzled key chains in November. No registration required.

Glow-in-the-Dark Party

Grades 9-12

Monday, Nov. 9

6-8:30 pm

Ames Room

Come dressed in neon and white to have some fun in the dark! We'll have blacklights and neon decorations set up with bright activities. Registration required.

Sweater Weather Craft

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, Nov. 17

6:30-7:30 pm

Program Room

As the temperatures cool, it's time for sweaters! Make a cute or ugly sweater. Bring your creativity and we'll supply the rest. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



The Creative Drop

Grades 9-12

Monday, Nov. 23

6:30-8 pm

Ames Room

Hey teens! Missed CLPL's fun craft at your school library, or simply can't get enough? This drop-in session is the perfect opportunity to keep crafting. Stop by to make crumpled-paper art and custom zipper tags. No registration required.

Holiday Cards

Age 14 and up

Monday, Nov. 30

6:30-8 pm

Ames Room

Learn to make three unique, personalized cards for the holiday season. All materials provided. Registration required.



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Drop-In Crafts

Grades K-5

Mondays, Oct. 5, 26; Nov. 9, 30

3:45-5 pm

Program Room

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

LEGO® Builders' Club

Grades 3-5

Wednesdays, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4

4-5 pm

Program Room

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.

Maker Academy

Grades 3-8 w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Oct. 13 and Nov. 10

6:30-8 pm

Program Room

Grab your grown-up and come to learn new fiber art skills. Take home a finished project that you make together. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Alyssa

Thursday, Oct. 15

10 am

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

Winnie the Pooh Party

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Friday, Oct. 16

10-10:45 am

Program Room

Celebrate 100 years of Winnie the Pooh with a story, crafts and games! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Read With Me

Grades 1-5

Saturdays, Oct. 17 and Nov. 21

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. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Drop-In Building

Grades K-5

Mondays, Oct. 19; Nov. 2, 16

3:45-5 pm

Program Room

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

Create, Move and Explore!

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Wednesday, Oct. 21

9:30-11:30 am

Youth Services

Create, move and explore! Join McHenry County College's occupational therapy assistant students to engage your child in their movement and sensory skills. Children will have opportunities to create, move and explore at four stations. Parents and caregivers will be provided with additional activities and ideas. Come join us for a fun time! No registration is required.

Storybook Studio

Grades K-5

Wednesday, Oct. 21

3-4 pm

Program Room

Join us for a short story followed by art exploration. Create a frame for your art masterpiece. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

TEENY TINY HALLOWEEN!



PRESCHOOL AGES 2-6
W/CAREGIVER

Wear costumes, enjoy a story time & trick-or-treat in Youth Services. Bring a bag for your goodies!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Session 1: 9:30-10:15 am
Session 2: 11-11:45 am

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

10-10:45 am

CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

815.459.1687 ext. 6, or visit the Youth Services Desk to register.

Kids Page

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Water Safety Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Monday, Oct. 26

10:30-11 am

Program Room

Teach your children the rules to be safe around all types of water. Come to this fun story time and craft presented by Rachelle Johnson, activities and events coordinator at Dolphin Swim Club. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Toddler Art Studio

18-35 months w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 24

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

Tuesdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 24

6:30-7 pm

Program Room

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

Not-So-Scary Stories

Grades K-2

Wednesday, Oct. 28

4-4:45 pm

Program Room

Creep down to Youth Services and enjoy not-so-scary stories and crafts. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Public Works Story Time

Ages 2-6 w/caregiver

Friday, Oct. 30

10:30-11:30 am

Crystal Lake City Hall

100 W. Woodstock St.

Do you like big vehicles? The Crystal Lake Public Works Department is partnering with the library for a story time and tour! After a short story, we'll tour the trucks the city uses to keep our roads safe. Meet in the city hall chamber to start! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Yoga Story Time

Ages 2-5 w/caregiver

Friday, Nov. 13

10-10:30 am

Program Room

Have fun at this story time focused on movement. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Saturday Story Time and Play

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Saturday, Nov. 14

10:30-11:30 am

Program Room

Spend your Saturday with a short story time and playtime. This drop-in program is for children and their caregivers. No registration required.

Virtual Story Time

w/Ms. Seanine

Thursday, Nov. 19

10 am

Ms. Seanine will read an entertaining story. Watch her on the CLPL YouTube channel.

Spy School

Grades 3-5

Monday, Nov. 23

4-5 pm

Program 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.



Science Explorers

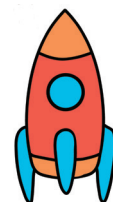
Grades K-2 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Nov. 25

1-1:45 pm

Program Room

Explore with us! We will be using STEM-based activities to learn about the world around us. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Kids hold LEGO® cars they built to race during a Youth Services program in July.

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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, Oct. 5, 12, 19;
Nov. 2, 9
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, Oct. 5, 12, 19;
Nov. 2, 9
10:30-11 am
Program Room
Stories, fingerplays, songs
and dancing.

Tuesdays

Toddler Time

18-35 months w/caregiver
Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20;
Nov. 3, 10
9:30-10 am
Program Room
Songs, rhymes, dancing
and stories for exuberant
toddlers.

Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver
Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20;
Nov. 3, 10
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, Oct. 7, 14,
Oct. 21; Nov. 4
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, Oct. 7, 14,
Oct. 21; Nov. 4
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, Oct. 8, 15, 22;
Nov. 5, 12
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
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cuentos bilingües. Solo
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Congratulations to Our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduates!

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is an early literacy program that inspires parents/caregivers to read to their children at a young age. Register your child for the program at the Youth Services Desk and proceed at your own pace. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Crystal Lake-Dawnbreakers for supporting the program.



Charlotte Amodeo
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Liam Cremer
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Nathan Hildebrandt
Paul Johnson
Julia Kaminski
Maeve Kelley

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Oliver Rietveld
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Pictured left: CLPL staff members and Jasper Rabbit (from the children's book *Creepy Carrots!*) pose at the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten graduation ceremony in August.

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 Oct. 21 and Nov. 18. 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, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6.

Library closed Wednesday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. The library will close at 5 pm Wednesday, Nov. 25 and will be closed Thursday to Friday, Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving.

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Vote Early at the Library!

Crystal Lake Public Library will serve as an early voting site for McHenry County residents this fall. Visit clpl.org for dates and times.

Voting booths will be set up in the Ames Room located in the lower level of the library.

Please note:
accessible parking is available on Paddock Street and the library has an elevator.



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