

# Crystal Lake Public LIBRARY

September/October 2024 Program Guide

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# Director's Desktop: Early Voting and Fall Fun

Our strategic planning process identified several new services, collections and programs the community wanted to see from their public library. One such service was for the library to become an early voting site.

As someone who was raised by an election judge, went door-to-door campaigning at the ripe old age of three, and has never missed a chance to vote, I am so excited the Crystal Lake Public Library will be an early voting site beginning with the election this fall. Participation in democracy is important, and we are thrilled to be able to make it more accessible to our community.

Not only do I get to be excited about voting this fall, I also just plain old love fall and all things spooky! We hope you'll make time to come to a library program. Whether it's spooky stories, trick or treating for preschoolers, or searching for the ghost haunting the library stacks, your Crystal Lake Public Library will have something to make your autumn more fun!

*Sincerely,  
Becky Fyolek*



Executive Director  
Becky Fyolek

Registration for all programs  
opens at  
9 am Wednesday, Aug. 28

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## Those Were the Days Radio Players: Halloween Extravaganza!



All Ages  
Sunday, Oct. 6  
2-3 pm  
Ames Room

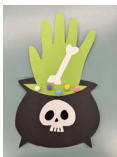
Those Were the Days Radio Players of Lake County are a popular live "radio performance" group complete with sound effects! Join them for a wonderful hour of spooky entertainment. Registration required.

## Take-and-Make Craft Kits Sept. 1-30 and Oct. 1-31

Register at [clpl.org](http://clpl.org) for a take-and-make craft kit to bring home and assemble. We provide instructions. Pick up your kit starting Sept. 1 and Oct. 1, respectively, from the Youth and Adult Services desks. One kit per registration. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



**September**  
Youth: Scarecrow Puppet  
Adult/Teen: Beeswax Wrap



**October**  
Youth: Witch's Brew  
Adult/Teen: Trinket Bowl





# September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

## A library card opens up a world of possibilities!

Have you been thinking of getting a library card? Do you need to renew your expiring card? Now is the perfect time to do either! September is Library Card Sign-Up

Month, and Crystal Lake Public Library is offering great incentives to residents signing up for new cards.

The first 100 people to register for a library card in September will receive a free CLPL coffee mug! It's a great mug - tall and sturdy - that you can use while you're reading a good library book, or listening to an audiobook.



That's not all. All new library cardholders and existing cardholders

can enter into our drawing for four gift baskets (two baskets for new cardholders; two for existing cardholders).

Each adult/teen gift basket contains an Amazon Kindle e-reader (you can download eBooks from the CLPL eLibrary with your library card!). The baskets also include a tumbler, tote bag, bookmark, reading socks, iced coffee and chocolate.

The children's baskets each have the popular new Toniebox audio player startup sets. We've included an Amazon gift card so the winners can choose their Tonie characters and stories. The baskets will also have reading socks, treats and miscellaneous items.

Fall is the perfect time to get a library card. Kids and teens will need reading materials for school. Adults will want their materials, too. Plus, CLPL has online educational resources like

Scholastic Go! and Brainfuse HelpNow that can help your student with homework.

The library also offers nonresident library cards at the rate equivalent to what residents pay. Visit [cpl.org](http://cpl.org), or call 815.459.1687, ext. 4 for more information.



## Costume Exchange All Ages Saturday, Sept. 21 (See page 11)



## Vote Early at Crystal Lake Public Library!



Crystal Lake Public Library will serve as an early voting site for McHenry County voters from Oct. 21 to Nov. 4. The voting booths will be set up in the library's Ames Room on the lower level of the library. Please enter through the library's main entrances and take the stairs or elevator to the lower level.

### Early Voting Hours

**Monday Oct. 21-Friday, Oct. 25**  
8:30 am-4:30 pm

**Saturday, Oct. 26**  
8:30 am-Noon

**Monday Oct. 28-Friday, Nov. 1**  
8:30 am-7 pm

**Saturday, Nov. 2**  
8:30 am-5 pm

**Sunday, Nov. 3**  
8:30 am-3 pm

**Monday, Nov. 4**  
8:30 am-7 pm



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### Illinois Libraries Present:

The following programs are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration of public libraries. Programs are presented via Zoom. Registration is required. Visit [cpl.org](http://cpl.org) to register.



#### Being Imperfect with Erika Sánchez

Wednesday, Oct. 9 | 7-8 pm

Join us for an inspiring live webinar with Erika L. Sánchez, celebrated novelist, poet, feminist and passionate advocate for young women everywhere! Discover her journey, insights and powerful voice. Don't miss out on this empowering event!



#### Raise Your Voice with Jason Reynolds

(Youth Program)

Tuesday, Oct. 22 | 7-8 pm

Raise your voice with Jason Reynolds, #1 New York Times bestselling author, advocate, mentor and 2020-2022 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.

# Adult Programs

## Book Clubs

### Bookies Book Discussion

Ames Room: In person and via Zoom  
Registration required.



Wednesday, Sept. 18  
9:30-11:30 am

*The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. Get copies at the Circulation Desk, on Libby and eReadIllinois (Boundless).



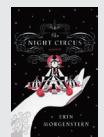
Wednesday, Oct. 16  
9:30-11:30 am (no Zoom, meet in Adult Beacon area)

*The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. Get copies at the Circulation

Desk, on Libby and eReadIllinois (Boundless).

### Night Owls Book Club

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



Monday, Sept. 16  
7-8:30 pm

*The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. Get copies at the Circulation Desk.



Monday, Oct. 21  
7-8:30 pm (Zoom only)

*Horrorstör* by Grady Hendrix. Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

### Between the Covers Romance Book Club

Ames Room: In person and via Zoom  
Registration required.

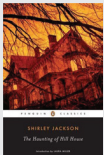


Thursday, Oct. 3  
7-8:30 pm

*Angelika Frankenstein Makes Her Match* by Sally Thorne. Get copies at Circulation Desk.

### Shelf Indulgence Book Club: Fantasy

Program held in the Ames Room  
Registration required.



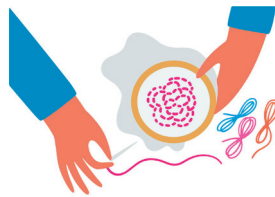
Wednesday, Oct. 9  
7-8:30 pm

*The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson. Get copies at Circulation Desk.

### Mystery of the Month Club & Romance of the Month Club Adult and Teen

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](http://clpl.org) calendar. Select dates Sept. 1 and Oct. 1.

### Crafter Dark Social Hour



#### Adult and Teen

Wednesdays, Sept. 4 and Oct. 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.

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### Saving Your Flower and Vegetable Seeds

Thursday, Sept. 5  
6:30-8:30 pm

#### Ames Room

Saving seeds from flowers and vegetables is easy once you know the techniques. Join Rich Tobiasz, master gardener and McHenry County College instructor, as he walks you through pollination, fertilization, and the steps you need to take to collect and preserve those seeds for years to come. Registration required.



### CrafterNoon

Thursdays, Sept. 12 and Oct. 10  
Noon-2 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, Sept. 13 and Oct. 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.

**An Afternoon with WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER**

Sunday, Sept 8 2-3 pm

@ Luecht Auditorium, McHenry County College

MEET THE AUTHOR

# Adult Programs

For more information about Adult Services programs, visit [clpl.org](http://clpl.org) and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687.

## Memory Café

Thursday, Sept. 19  
10-11:30 am

Ames Room

Join our informal social gathering where persons with memory issues and their care partners can connect with others in similar situations. New members are always welcome. Registration required.

## Knitting Basics 2

Grade 5-Adult

Thursday, Sept. 19

6-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

This class will help you move forward with your knitting skills. You must be able to cast on and knit stitch to attend this class. Bring your own needles and your favorite yarn. We'll help you work on a new project and leave with more confidence. Feel free to bring a pattern you are working on and need help with. We'll also have a pattern to share. Participants in grades 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In & What We Can Do About It

Thursday, Sept. 19

7-8 pm via Zoom

We're all susceptible to misinformation, often spreading it unknowingly. While stopping it entirely is impossible, we can learn how deception works, recognize the signs, and empower ourselves. Join our talk with Professor Dan Simons, co-author of *Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In and What We Can Do About It*, brought to you in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Illinois Mis/Disinformation Task Force and 77 Illinois public libraries. Registration required.

## AARP Driver Safety Course

Tuesday, Sept. 24 and

Wednesday, Sept. 25

10 am-2 pm Both Days

Ames Room

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

## What Happens After the Paychecks Stop?

A Retirement Income Primer

Tuesday, Sept. 24

4-5 pm

Shifting from regular paychecks to retirement income can be challenging. Learn to budget for retirement expenses and explore your potential sources of retirement income. Identify risks to your retirement income and ways to address them. Presented by Edward Jones financial advisor Daisy Fernandez. Registration required.

## Paddock Street Writers Guild Meet-up

Tuesdays, Sept. 24 and Oct. 22

7-8:30 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Meet up and check in with other local writers. Bring whatever you're working on, or find some inspiration here and get some writing done. Registration encouraged.

## Medicare 101

Wednesday, Sept. 25

7-8 pm

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

## Book Club SOS

Thursday, Sept. 26

2-3 pm

Ames Room

We've got great ideas for fiction, non-fiction and hidden gems for your book club. Enjoy a lively presentation of discussion-worthy titles with Megan and Mary. Registration required.

## Readers' Social Club

Age 18 and older

Thursday, Sept. 26

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 or discussion to prepare for. Just bring whatever you are reading and join us at Summer Moon Coffee for an evening of reading and meeting fellow book lovers. Registration required.



## Self-Care Saturday

Saturday, Sept. 28

10-11:30 am

Ames Room

Focus on your well-being this fall! **Meditation Time with Megan Smith** Bring a yoga mat or towel. Chairs available. **Movement as Medicine with Dr. Jim Kearns, Better Living Institute** For over 26 years, Dr. Kearns has educated patients on optimum health and pain-free living. Kearns will focus on the three mistakes people make treating aches and pains, and how to overcome them as he leads participants in gentle movement. Registration required.

## Budgeting for the Holidays

Tuesday, Oct. 1

6:30-7:30 pm

Ames Room

It's easy to overspend when gift shopping. A rep from Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Northern Illinois will discuss how retailers entice shoppers to make impulse purchases and how you can avoid going overboard when holiday shopping. Registration required.

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opens at 9 am  
Wednesday, Aug. 28

# Adult Programs

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## Movies

### Reel Life Movie



#### **What the Constitution Means to Me**

**Wednesday, Sept. 11**  
**6-8:30 pm**  
**Ames Room**

A screening and discussion of the movie. (2020, no rating, 100 minutes). Program is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women-Crystal Lake Branch. Registration required.

### Tuesday Night Movie



#### **The Fall Guy**

**Tuesday, Sept. 17**  
**6-8:30 pm**  
**Ames Room**

2024, PG-13, 126 minutes.  
Registration required.

### Feel Good Friday Movie



#### **Practical Magic**

**Friday, Sept. 27**  
**Noon-2 pm**  
**Ames Room**

1998, PG-13, 104 minutes.  
Registration required.

### Saturday Movie



#### **Oppenheimer**

**Saturday, Oct. 5**  
**1:30-4:30 pm**  
**Ames Room**

2023, R, 180 minutes.  
Registration required.



### The A, B, C, Ds of Medicare

**Wednesday, Oct. 2**  
**7-8 pm**

**In person in Ames Room or via 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.

### CLPL Social: Halloween Horror Game Night

**Monday, Oct. 7**  
**6-8:30 pm**  
**Ames Room**

Kick off spooky season with a haunting Halloween game night. Grab some friends or come solo to try out horror-themed games of various skill and scare levels. All snacks and games will be provided for a scary good time! Registration required.

### SCORE: Home-Based Businesses

**Tuesday, Oct. 15**  
**6:30-8 pm**

**SCORE's Zoom Channel**

Whether you manufacture a product, offer a service, or sell on social media from your home, we'll offer you an opportunity to share experiences with other business owners. We'll also discuss issues like isolation, networking and conflicts between home versus your business. Registration required.

### Gardening Can Be Murder

**Monday, Oct. 21**  
**7-8:30 pm**

**Zoom**

With their deadly plants, razor-sharp shears, shady corners and ready-made burial sites, gardens make an ideal scene for a murder mystery. Marta McDowell - a writer, gardener and mystery reader - will explore the ways writers like Edgar Allan Poe, Wilkie Collins and Agatha Christie found inspiration in the sinister side of gardening. Registration required.

### CLPL is Haunted!

**All Ages**

**Thursday, Oct. 24 -**  
**Thursday, Oct. 31**  
**Adult Services**

Calliope the ghost has returned to haunt Adult Services! Search the stacks each day to see where she's hiding. The first person to find her will win a special Halloween treat bag. Not the first to find her? You can still earn a small prize.



### Crochet Basics 2

**Grade 5-Adult**  
**Thursday, Oct. 24**  
**6-8 pm**

**Program Rooms I & II**

Advance your crocheting skills. For this class, you must be able to chain stitch and single crochet. Bring a hook and yarn. We'll help you work on a new project and leave with more confidence. Feel free to bring a pattern you're working on and need help with. We'll share a pattern, too. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

### AuthorFest: Magic & Fantasy

**Sunday, Oct. 13**  
**2-4 pm**  
**Ames Room**

Journey into the woods and other enchanted places with local authors.

Featuring CLPL's own Alyssa Wees, whose book *Nocturne* was called a "lush and romantic story" according to *Library Journal*; and fantasy authors Kevin Sutherland, creator of *Wellspring: Book 1 of Wielders of Power*, and Jessica Kemery, who has written several series including *The Dragon Keepers of Dumara*. We'll explore their worlds of epic quests, forbidden love, heroes, misfits and villains. Registration required.



# Tweens & Teens

For more information about Tween/Teen programs, visit [clpl.org](http://clpl.org) and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687, ext.7.

## MCC Career Training Intro Grades 10-12 and Adult

**Saturday, Sept. 7**  
**2-3:30 pm**  
**Ames Room**

Alex Benn, coordinator of career training programs at McHenry County College, will share how you can earn an industry-recognized certification, designation or license in less than one semester. Explore professional training programs in healthcare, real estate, home inspection, transportation/logistics and veterinary assistance. Registration required.

## Teen Craft: Making Toys for Shelter Dogs

**Grades 6-12**  
**Thursday, Sept. 12**  
**6-7:30 pm**  
**Ames Room**

October is Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog month. We'll upcycle old T-shirts into chew toys for shelter dogs. Registration required.

## Haunted Cuentos



**Grades 6-8**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 18**  
**6-7 pm**

**Program Rooms I & II**  
Calling all horror fans! We'll share haunted/paranormal cuentos (stories) from Mexico and Crystal Lake. Hot chocolate will be served. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## The Grim Readers Book Club

**Grades 6-8**  
**Wednesdays,**  
**Sept. 25 and**  
**Oct. 23**  
**6-7 pm**

**Program Rooms I & II**  
Do you love a good scare? In this tween book club we'll read about ghost stories, haunted houses and the supernatural. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



## ACT vs. SAT - What You Need to Know

**Grades 9-12**  
**Thursday, Sept. 26**  
**6-7 pm**  
**Ames Room**

The ACT is replacing the SAT in public high schools in Illinois. Yet, both tests will still be available for students. Learn about the different features of each test from the Lake in the Hills Huntington Learning Center's test prep experts. Registration required.

## Teen Craft: DIY Upcycled Library Bookends

**Grades 6-12**  
**Monday, Sept. 30**  
**6-7:30 pm**  
**Ames Room**

Discover the art of upcycling while crafting a practical and decorative item. Give old bookends new life by turning them into city silhouettes. Materials provided. Registration required.



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## Book in a Jug Teen and Adult

**October 1-31**  
**All Day**  
**Adult Service Desk**

Can you guess which book is in the jug? Stop by the Adult Services desk to take a guess at the title and author of the shredded book. Winners get a free book from our secret stash.

## Sugar Skull Decorating Grades 6-12

**Wednesday, Oct. 9**  
**6-7 pm.**  
**Program Room I & II**

Decorate a calaverita (sugar skull) and learn about the Day of the Dead, a holiday celebrated in Mexico. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Zom-beanies Grades 6-12

**Monday, Oct. 14**  
**6-7:30 pm**  
**Ames Room**

Using zombie-themed fabric, a beanie hat and your imagination, create a hat to keep you warm and scare away strangers. All materials provided. Registration required.

## Among Us... In Real Life Grades 6-12

**Monday, Oct. 28**  
**6:30-8 pm**  
**Program Rooms I & II**

Step into our real-life version of the video game Among Us, where deception and deduction reign supreme. Complete tasks and avoid the Impostor to play a game of mystery and strategy, and compete for the grand prize. Registration required.

## Basics of Microsoft Excel

**Adult**  
**Monday, Oct. 28**  
**7-8:30 pm**

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

## Microsoft Excel Next Steps

**Adult**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 29**  
**7-8:30 pm**

**Computer Lab**  
A continuation of the skills learned in Basics of Excel. Keyboard and mouse skills required. Registration required.

# Kids Page

For more information about Youth Services programs, visit [clpl.org](http://clpl.org) and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687, ext. 6.

## DIY Bead Pets

Grades 4-8

Thursday, Sept. 5

4-5 pm

Ames Room

Does your backpack need a buddy? Make your own bead pet key chain! All supplies provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## After School Adventures

Grades K-5

Mondays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30;

Oct. 7, 21, 28

3:45-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

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

## Maker Academy: Beginning Cross Stitch & Hand Sewing

Grades 3-8 w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Sept. 10 and Oct. 8

6:30-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Grab your grown-up and come to Youth Services to learn simple cross stitch and hand sewing. Take home a finished project that you made together. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

**September:** Beginning Cross Stitch

**October:** Creepy Critters

## Madoli Farms Story Time

Ages 2-6 w/caregiver

Thursday, Sept. 12

10-10:30 am

Madoli Farms

5215 Walkup Rd., Crystal Lake

Enjoy story time on a working farm! See the farm animals, and browse and purchase from the farm market. There



is a coin-fed grain dispenser available to feed the chickens. Bring a chair or blanket, and get ready for fun! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Saturday Story Time and Play

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Saturday, Sept. 14

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.



## Wild Robot Party

Grades 2-5

Wednesday, Sept. 11

4-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Have you read *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown? Are you looking forward to

the movie? We'll celebrate the movie's release with robot crafts and activities. 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](http://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

Sept. 9, 16, 23; Oct. 7, 14, 21

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

Sept. 9, 16, 23; Oct. 7, 14, 21

10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

## Tuesdays

### Toddler Time

18-35 months w/caregiver

Sept. 10, 17, 24; Oct. 8, 15, 22

9:30-10 am

Program Rooms I & II

Songs, rhymes, dancing and stories for exuberant toddlers.

### Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Sept. 10, 17, 24; Oct. 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

Sept. 11, 18, 25; Oct. 9, 16, 23

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

Sept. 11, 18, 25; Oct. 9, 16, 23

10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.



## International Dot Day

All Ages

Sunday, Sept. 15

1-4 pm

Youth Services Department

Drop by Youth Services and help us celebrate International Dot Day with crafts and activities. No registration required.

## Family Graphic Novel Club

Grades 1-4 w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Sept. 17 and Oct. 15

6:30-7:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Join us for a book club designed for the whole family! Pick up the book at the Circulation Desk, read it together, and then come to the library to talk about it and do fun activities. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

**September:** *Fry Guys* by Eric Geron

**October:** *Fitz and Cleo* by Jonathan Stutzman and Heather Fox

## Haunted Cuentos

Grades 6-8

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Program Rooms I & II

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Grade 5-Adult

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## Virtual Story Time

w/Ms. Karamy

Thursday, Sept. 19

10-10:30 am

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

## Dream Riders Story Time



Ages 3-6 w/caregiver

Fridays, Sept. 20 and

Oct. 18

10-10:30 am

Dream Riders TLC

4701 N. Oak St., Crystal Lake

Enjoy a library story time at Dream Riders TLC horse farm. We'll meet special horses that work with kids. This program is held outdoors weather permitting. Attendees must sign waivers. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Read With Me

Grades K-5

Saturdays, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19

10-11 am

(Sign up for a 15-minute 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.



## The Pigeon Has a Party

Grades K-2

Thursday, Sept. 26

4:15-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Come have "Mo" fun with Pigeon, Gerald, Piggy and your other Mo Willems friends! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



## Johnny Appleseed Festival

Saturday, Sept. 28

9 am-4 pm

Stop by the library's table in downtown Crystal Lake during the Johnny Appleseed Festival. We'll have a fun activity, information about upcoming library events and you can sign up for a library card too.

## Spy School: Eggo Rising

Grades 3-5

Tuesday, Oct. 1

4-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Calling all spies. Are you ready to use your skills and spy know-how to solve the puzzles and complete your mission? CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



## Under the Sea Story Time

Dance Party

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Thursday, Oct. 3

10-10:30 am

Program Rooms I & II

Join us for a crab-ulous and fin-tastic under the sea story time focused on music and dance. CLPL cardholders only.



Registration for all programs opens at  
9 am Wednesday, Aug. 28

# Kids Page

For more information about Youth Services programs, visit [clpl.org](http://clpl.org) and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687, ext. 6.

## Art Unlimited: Foil Art

Grades K-2

Thursday, Oct. 3

4:15-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Bring your creativity to Youth Services to make a unique piece of art using foil. Supplies will be provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Rockin' Roller Coasters

Grades 3-5

Monday, Oct. 14 (No D47 school)

1-2 pm

Program Rooms I & II



Learn the physics behind your favorite roller coaster as we build our own marble roller coasters! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Fire Prevention Month Story Time

Birth-6 years w/caregiver

Thursday, Oct. 17

10-10:45 am

Program Rooms I & II

Join us for a story time all about firefighters!

We'll have a story and activities and maybe even a visit

from our Crystal Lake firefighters.

CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



## Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Terri

Thursday, Oct. 17

10 am

Ms. Terri will share a special story.

You can watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.



## Create, Move and Explore!

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Wednesday, Oct. 23

9:30-11:30 am

Youth Services

Join McHenry County College's occupational therapy assistant students to engage your child in their movement and sensory skills. Children will have the opportunity to create, move and explore at four stations. Parents and caregivers will be provided with additional activities and ideas. No registration is required.

## Monster Mash Bash

Grades K-3

Wednesday, Oct. 23

3-4 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Are you ready for a monstrously good time? Join us for an hour of spooky activities and creepy crafts. Costumes encouraged! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



## Crochet Basics 2

Grades 5-Adult

Thursday, Oct. 24

6-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Expand your crocheting skills. For this class, you must be able to chain stitch and single crochet. Bring your own hook and yarn. We'll help you work on a new project and leave with more confidence. Feel free to bring a pattern you're working on and need help with. We'll share a pattern, too. Participants in grades 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

# TEENY TINY HALLOWEEN!

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**  
10-10:45 am

**TRICK OR TREAT**

**CLPL CARDHOLDERS ONLY. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**  
815.459.1687 EXT. 6, OR VISIT THE YOUTH SERVICES DESK TO REGISTER.

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opens at 9 am  
Wednesday, Aug. 28

## Back to School!

Crystal Lake Public Library has online educational resources that can help your student. All you need is your library card! Visit [clpl.org](http://clpl.org) > Kids > Research

## Brainfuse HelpNow



Brainfuse HelpNow offers live tutoring and homework help plus test prep and a writing lab. Spanish language help is available, too. Tutors are available daily from 2-11 pm.

## PebbleGo & PebbleGo Next



PebbleGo (Pre-K to Grade 3) and PebbleGo Next (Grades 3-6) allow students to browse in English or Spanish by topics, including animals,

science, states, history, biographies, social studies and health.

## Scholastic GO!



Scholastic GO! (Grades 2 and up) offers full-text articles from seven Scholastic encyclopedias, including images, videos, websites, dictionary, world newspapers and atlases.

## Gale In Context



Gale In Context: Biography is for students in Grades 5 and up. The site has research information about famous people.



Gather your clean, gently used youth, teen and adult costumes and accessories to exchange for something new to you! Bring your items to the Youth or Adult Services desks between Sept. 14-20 and you'll receive a voucher to redeem at the event. Please ensure all pieces for a costume are included in one bag prior to dropping off your item.

STUDENT ACCESS CARD

**D47 Students: Get Your Student Access Card!**  
*6th Graders Must Renew Cards*

Students living outside the city of Crystal Lake boundaries can get a Student Access Card from Crystal Lake Public Library if they attend a Crystal Lake Elementary District 47 school.

Returning sixth-graders must renew their Student Access Cards this year since they are switching schools.

Student Access Cards allow nonresident D47 students to borrow up to three books or audiobooks at a time from the library, and provide access to library programs and online educational databases. The card program was made possible through an intergovernmental agreement between the library and District 47.

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

Mission Statement  
Crystal Lake Public Library:  
We help people, of all ages and backgrounds, learn, enjoy and better their lives.

The Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 pm Sept. 18 and Oct. 11. Visit [clpl.org](http://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 Friday, Sept. 6 and Oct. 4.**

**Library closed Sept. 2 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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Keep up with the library's latest news. Follow our pages and share our posts on social media. Watch our virtual programs on the CLPL YouTube channel.

Facebook para hispanohablantes



Early Voting at the Library!  
October 21-November 4

Crystal Lake Public Library will serve as an early voting site for McHenry County residents from Oct. 21 to Nov. 4.



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

Clay Jenkinson is J. Robert Oppenheimer



Friday, October 25  
7 pm  
at the  
Raue Center for the Arts

Historical actor/author Clay Jenkinson brings J. Robert Oppenheimer to life through a gripping first-person portrayal. No prior graduate degree in quantum physics required.

**Tickets: \$45 / \$49 / \$59\***  
**Raue Center for the Arts Box Office**  
**Open Noon-4 pm Tuesday-Friday**  
**26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake**  
**[rauecenter.org](http://rauecenter.org) / 815.356.9212**

\*Additional fees apply. Fundraiser to benefit the Crystal Lake Library Foundation and the Raue Center for the Arts.