WHAT’S HAPPENING
@THE LIBRARY

SUMMER READING 2022
This year’s theme is Read Beyond the Beaten Path, and we have great prizes for our young and seasoned readers.

More info. on page 2

CHECK OUT A MUSEUM ADVENTURE PASS
Deep discounts to incredible spots across the state of Illinois. Call the front desk for more details, 815-458-2187.

Book sale
Support the library by purchasing used books, CDs, and DVDs this summer.

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PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION
New asphalt and concrete will be laid out during the end of summer.

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STRATEGIC PLAN
Let your voice be heard! Help us plan for the future of the library!

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Braidwood - Bonfield - Braceville - Custer Park - Essex - Gardner - Godley - Shadow Lakes - Shannon Shores - South Wilmington

WE ARE FINE FREE!
GROWING UP WITH PARENTS WHO WORKED 12-HOUR SHIFTS IN MANUFACTURING, LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK, I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW LIBRARY FINES CAN MEAN FOOD ON A PLATE FOR SOME OF OUR LIBRARY PATRONS. NOT HAVING A COMPUTER, PRINTER, OR THE FUNDS TO PURCHASE BOOKS; LIBRARIES, FOR ME, HAD THE RESOURCES ON-HAND WITH A SIMPLE USE OF A LIBRARY CARD. LIBRARIES ARE CERTAINLY THE RESOURCE HUB OF THEIR COMMUNITY, AND I CAN STILL REMEMBER MY GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN REMINDING US, “WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.”

GOING FINE-FREE IS NOT A NEW CONCEPT, ITS CENTRAL MESSAGE IS TO PUSH DOWN FINANCIAL BARRIERS FOR ALL LIBRARY USERS AND ALLOW THEM ACCESS TO INFORMATION WITHOUT THE PESKY LATE FEES. STARTING JULY 1ST, FOSSIL RIDGE WILL BE JOINING THE SELECT FEW WHO PUT ITS RESIDENTS FIRST. OUR LIBRARY BOARD HAS ALSO AGreed TO GET RID OF OVER $9K IN LATE FINES, HELPING OVER 900 LIBRARY CARDC HOLDERS! WHILE PRICES OF GOODS ARE INCREASING ALL AROUND US, YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR HOME LIBRARY IS NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF MAKING MONEY.

The Library Board and I want a stress-free environment for all our members. We hope everyone enjoys all the benefits a Fossil Ridge library card possesses.

Don’t worry, this won’t increase your taxes!

For more information, turn to page 2

Rene Leyva
Library Director

JUNE - AUGUST 2022
WWW.FOSSILRIDGE.ORG
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WE'RE FINE FREE! - what does that mean?

New books, new multi-media materials and technology devices have ZERO renewals. **All other materials and homeschool kits have 3 renewals. Unless there's a HOLD placed for the exact item. ***After 21 days, patrons will be automatically billed for material(s). Borrowing rights will be suspended until materials are returned to the library. Replacement costs may be included.

NEW CIRCULATION LOAN RULES:

** 7 DAY CHECKOUT ALLOWED-
NEW DVDS AND NEW VIDEO GAMES

- 14 DAY CHECKOUT ALLOWED -
ALL BOOKS, AUDIO & CD BOOKS, MAGAZINES, DVDS, MUSIC CDS, AND VIDEO GAMES.

REMINDER: FINE FREE DOES NOT FOLLOW YOU TO OTHER LIBRARIES. GUARANTEED AT YOUR HOME LIBRARY ONLY.

Prevent Summer Slide

"There's so much to see, so much to do at your library! There's no better place to take your kids. The library is a place to learn, read, and have fun...a place the whole family can enjoy. More than 82 million children attend library programs every year. Parents of children enrolled in the public library summer reading program reported that their children spent more time reading over the summer, read more books, were well prepared for school in the fall, and read more confidently". - www.ireadprogram.org/

Source: Dominican University IMLS-funded research: Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap

- WE'RE FINE FREE! -
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Effective July 1, 2022, Fossil Ridge Public Library District will not collect overdue fines for library materials (with the exception of circulating technology devices). The overdue fines for technology devices will be $2 per day per device.

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DAMAGED & REPLACEMENT COSTS:

All issues related to overdue, lost, or damaged materials loaned by a neighboring library to FRPLD patrons will be resolved at FRPLD, and all fines, fees, or costs associated with neighboring library loaned materials shall be paid by the patron with cash, credit/debit card or check payable to the Fossil Ridge Public Library District.
**JUNE**

**BOOKS**
*The Hotel Nantucket* by Elin Hilderbrand
*James Patterson* by James Patterson
*Horse* by Geraldine Brooks
*The German Wife* by Kelly Rimmer
*The Girl Who Survived* by Lisa Jackson

**MOVIES**
*The Contractor* starring Chris Pine
*Morbius* starring Jared Leto
*Father Stu* starring Mark Wahlberg

**JULY**

**BOOKS**
*The Italian Brothers* by Kristy Cambron
*Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiaverini
*The It Girl* by Ruth Ware
*The Librarian Spy* by Madeline Martin
*The 6:20 May* by David Baldacci

**MOVIES**
*The Lost City* starring Sandra Bullock
*Drive My Car* starring Toko Miura
*Monstrous* starring Christina Ricci

**AUGUST**

**BOOKS**
*The Family Remains* by Lisa Jewell
*Stay Awake* by Megan Goldin
*Girl, Forgotten* by Karin Slaughter
*Haven* by Emma Donoghue

**MOVIES**
*The Contractor* starring Chris Pine
*Morbius* starring Jared Leto
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**SUMMER BOOK SALE!**

Monday, June 06 - Saturday, June 11
9:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m. weekdays
(except on Friday and Saturday)

Do you know what goes well with an iced-tea on a hot-summer day?

A really good murder mystery book!

It’s that time of year again when you need to add more books to your collection, don’t worry we have bags ready for you!

**Pricing:**
- $1.00 Hardcover
- $0.25 Paperbacks
- $2.00 DVDs, CDs, Audiobooks
- $1.00 Picture Books/Chapter Books
- OR $5 BAG SALE

**BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY:**
1) Essex - 2:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m.
2) Custer Park - 3:30 p.m - 4:30 p.m.
3) Bonfield - 5:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY:**
1) South Wilmington - 1:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m.
2) Gardner - 4:00 p.m - 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**
1) Bonfield - 1:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m.
2) Shannon Shores - 6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY:**
1) South Wilmington - 1:30 p.m - 3:30 p.m.
2) Gardner - 4:00 p.m - 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY:**
1) 1st and 3rd (During School Year)
   1) Gardner Grade Sch - 9:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m.
   2) Braceville Grade Sch - 1:00 p.m - 2:30 p.m.

**BOOK CLUBS**

**Fiction Addiction**

*Dates:* Mon Jun 27, Jul 25, Aug 22
*Time:* 5:30 p.m - 6:30 p.m.

This book club meets on the fourth Monday each month to discuss a book selected by one of the members. This group discusses a wide variety of books.

Copies of monthly book selections are available for checkout at the front desk. All readers are welcome to join!

**Cook the Book Club**

*Date:* Tue Jun 21, Jul 19, Aug 16
*Time:* 6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.

Join us on the third Tuesday of every month for our cookbook-meets-potluck. Each member chooses a recipe from the same cookbook voted on by the group and brings a dish to share at the following meeting.

Pick up a copy of the selected title at the front desk, bring your appetite, and pull up a seat at the table!

**Bagels and Books**

*Date:* Fri Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 12
*Time:* 10:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m.
*Location:* Auditorium

Share your thoughts about the latest book you read over bagels and coffee! Meet new friends and discover great new authors!

Located in the Auditorium.

**Well Read Book Club**

*Date:* Thu Jun 9, Jul 7, Aug 4
*Time:* 7:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

This book club meets on the first Thursday of each month to discuss a book selected by one of the members. This group discusses material designed to make you question everything.

Copies of monthly book selections are available for checkout at the front desk. All readers are welcome to join!
Register online at fossilridge.org, by phone at (815) 458-2187 or in person.
Registration is required for program. ✔️
A payment is required to register for program. $

FAIR OAKS FARM BUS TRIP
Date: Wednesday, June 15 ✔️ $
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Location: 856 N 600 E Fair Oaks, IN 4793
Fee: $10 per patron
Fair Oaks is a working dairy farm, one of the largest in the nation! Join us for this fun-filled day. Great for families and children of all ages. Registration and completed waiver are required. The bus will depart Fossil Ridge at 8:30 and return around 4:30.

CHILDREN'S SELF DEFENSE
Date: Monday, Aug. 8 ✔️
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Auditorium
An overall empowerment self-defense class that gives kids tools to stay safe in a variety of situations. Through interactive and fun exercises, kids learn personal safety and to identify and enlist the help of safe adults. Ages 5 and up. Registration is required.

TOGGYO TIME
Date: Thursdays, June 9-July 14 ✔️
Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Location: King Room
Join us every Thursday for Toddler Time! Your busy toddlers can enjoy an hour of interactive playtime. A great opportunity to stimulate young minds!

WIND TURBINE
Date: Tuesday, July 12 ✔️
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Top Crop Wind Farm
111 Watters Drive, Dwight, IL 60420
Join us at Top Crop Wind Farm to learn about wind energy being a sustainable and vital environmental resource. We will also learn how each wind turbine works and how the system is evaluated via digital systems at the operations and management facility.

STEM SATURDAYS
Date: Saturday, July 09 and Aug. 06
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Have you ever wondered how a ship made of steel can float? In this project, you will make boats out of aluminum foil to investigate how their size and shape affect how much weight they can carry—1st-5th grade.

KIDS BINGO
Date: Fridays- Oct.01, Oct.15, and Oct. 29
Time: 11:00 a.m - 11:45 a.m.
Join us for a fun time at the library with a chance to WIN small prizes. This is a great FREE program for ages 6+. All supplies will be provided!

KIDS CAN COOK
Date: Thursday, June 9, 23, July 7, 21
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Max: 20 children
This instructor lead program introduces children to the basic skills of food preparation and cooking, while also teaching children the joys of cooking nutritious and delicious food. For Children grade 1st- 5th,
**Survival Class**

Date: Thursday, August 04  
Time: 5:00 p.m - 6:00 p.m.  
Max: 25  
Location: Kankakee Sands Preserve 113 Access

Do you have what it takes to turn ordinary objects into items to help you survive in the wilderness? Join a survivalist, and she'll teach you how.

List of items to bring:  
- Garbage bag  
- Crayon  
- Old towel, sheet, or adult size shirt or some kind of cloth that can be cut up.  
- Milk jug or 2 liter bottle  
- Panty hose or sock  
- A few sheets of aluminum foil  
- Zip lock bag  
- Empty metal can from fruit or vegetables  
- Bandana  
- 3 feet of Dental floss  
- Music or computer CD

Registration is required.

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**BIG RUN WOLF RANCH CAMP OUT**

Date: Thursday and Friday, June 2nd & 3rd  
Time: 3:00 p.m - 10:00 a.m.  
Fee: $10 per person.  
Max: 35 people  
Location: 14857 Farrell Road, Lockport, IL, 60441

Join the library at Big Run Wolf Ranch in Lockport, IL for an educational program where you will see wolves, skunks, a porcupine, coyote, tiger, and lynx. You can fall asleep to the wolves howling! Join us for stories, s'mores and more!

Big Run Wolf Ranch is a non-profit, federally licensed, educational facility which specializes in the education and conservation of North American wildlife.

Payment, waiver and registration must be completed at the Circulation desk.

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**DIY Sharpie Shoes**

Date: Thursday, Jun 30  
Time: 5:00 p.m - 6:00 p.m.  
Max: 15  
Location: Auditorium

All you need for this craft is a pair of canvas shoes, sharpies, and rubbing alcohol to create different designs on your shoes!

Please bring your own pair of white canvas shoes. All other supplies are provided by the library.

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**Tidal Wave Canvas Art**

Date: Tuesday, June 21  
Time: 6:00 p.m - 7:00 PM  
Location: Auditorium

Following the waves as you paint your own tidal wave canvas. All materials are provided, and no experience is necessary.

Surf's up!

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**Anime Club**

Dates: Tuesdays, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9  
Time: 6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Auditorium

Anime Club is an opportunity for teens to socialize with their friends while enjoying Japanese anime and manga. The club is open to all anime and manga fans ages 12-17 or those in grades 7th-12th.
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<td><strong>AARP Safe Driving Course</strong></td>
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| **Kayaking**                 | Wednesday, June 22          | 5:30 p.m -7:30 p.m.   | 4 Rivers Ed Center  | 14 and older-
|                              |                             |                       | Channahon          | waiver req. |
| **Intro to Tai-Chi**         | Thursday, June 23           | 6:00 p.m -7:00 p.m.   | Auditorium          |          |
| **Terrarium Make & Take**    | Saturday, June 25           | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Auditorium          |          |
| **Basket weaving**           | Saturday, July 9            | 1:00 p.m - 4:00 p.m.  | Auditorium          | $10.00 per person |
| **Microgreens**              | Tuesday, August 16          | 10:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m. | Auditorium          |          |
| **Resin Art**                | Wednesday, August 10        | 5:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.  | Auditorium          | $5.00 per person |
| **Puppy Planter**            | Thursday, August 11         | 6:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.  | Auditorium          |          |
| **Microgreens**              | Tuesday, August 16          | 10:00 a.m - 11:00 a.m. | Auditorium          |          |

While about 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood, fewer than 5% do. It’s easy to verify that you are eligible.

Giving blood is a quick, simple way to give back to your community!

Learn Tai Chi techniques from a master instructor Tai Chi is a form of exercises that focuses on slow movements and deep breaths. This introduction will help you develop a sense of well-being and body awareness.

Create your very own living terrarium - a personal garden in a glass! We provide the materials you put together in your own style using moss, rocks, plants and decorative items.

One session per person. All payments are final for the specific session/basket. No refunds due to costs associated with the program.

Become a bonafide plant person! Paint and decorate your very own puppy planter. Supplies included as well as your very own miniature succulent to place in your planter.

Microgreens are edible seedlings harvested in days and grown with little to no light. These seedlings are rich in phytonutrients giving you a nutritional kick to any meal or snack. Take seeds to start your microgreen garden at home!
DISCUSSIONS ON SAFE, AVAILABLE PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION ARE ONGOING WITH THE BRAIDWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT.

For up-to-date information, please visit our website, and plans will be displayed as soon as they are available. We ask for your patience and understanding on this matter. The safety of our staff and library users is our main priority.
LIBRARY HOURS:
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m – 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
Memorial Day - Monday, May 30 - Closed
Independence Day - Monday, July 4 - Closed
In Service Day - Monday, July 18 - Open at 12 p.m.

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RENE LEYVA

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FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
SERVICES PATRONS WITH DISABILITIES

Any person needing an accommodation for a disability in order to access the benefits of the Library’s services, programs, or activities under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact programming staff by telephone at (815) 458-2187 or in writing, not less than five (5) business days prior to the program.

MORE INFO:
Visit: Fossilridge.org
Call: 815.458.2187
Email: help@fossilridge.org

Scan our Dino QR-Code with your phone and register for an event today!

FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

386 West Kennedy Road
Braidwood, IL 60408

Thank you for supporting Fossil Ridge during these past years.

To show our gratitude, have a hotdog or hamburger on us! Our Library Director will be grilling some delicious food and looking forward to meeting residents from all areas we represent.

What’s the catch?
You must have an active Fossil Ridge library card. That’s it!

Then what?
Good question; we will have the auditorium open, so you can sit and relax and maybe have a conversation with neighbors.

Any activities?
Our social media area by the entrance will have jumbo size games for everyone to enjoy.

Entertainment?
Watching how many hotdogs and hamburgers will be burnt by the end of the event.

Registration is recommended.

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