

READING DRAGONS FRIENDS







Reading Dragons is back! Embark on a fun reading adventure as you take flight with Reading Dragons & Friends! Earn unique trading cards and battle your friends. The more you read, the more cards you earn! Grades K-5

Reading Dragons Club D Wednesdays, September 10 & October 1 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Grades K-5

Want to earn cards? Learn how to battle? Meet other dragon readers? Join us for a chill, low-pressure hour as we chat, read and create all things Reading Dragons. Psst! There's going to be snacks! Family Reading Dragons Night D Thursday, November 6, 5:30–7 p.m. Grades K–5 with an adult

Family Reading Night is returning to the skies! Join us for an evening full of reading, crafts and a special storytime! Snacks and beverages will be provided. All reading program participants will receive an exclusive Family Reading Dragons Night card for attending.

Created by our friends at the Dover Public Library in Dover, OH.

NEWS YOU CAN USE



Adult Test Prep Books Are Here

Looking for books to help you study for a test but not sure where to find them? Whether you are preparing for the NCLEX, GED, GMAT, GRE or other tests, we have gathered them all in one place for you! We also have career-specific books such as CDL, SAE, ILTS and more. Stop by the 3rd floor to browse this new collection!



Explore Our New EResources

Learning never stops at the library! Check out the latest upgrades and additions to our eResources. Try them today at **fountaindale.org/resources**.

Business Source Complete: Research key business areas, such as accounting, finance, management, marketing and more.

Consumer Health Complete: Explore the leading resource for consumer health content, which includes trusted information on a wide range of health-related topics.

FinancialFit: Make informed financial decisions on a wide range of topics, including buying a home, monthly budgeting and more. This content is also available in Spanish.

Read It!: Sharpen your study skills and get tips on studying. This resource supports learners in middle school and beyond who are developing their English language proficiency and need adapted reading materials in a variety of subjects.

Vocational & Career Collection: Use this collection of trade and industry-related publications to research a variety of technical and vocational fields, including automotive, technology, construction, engineering, finance, marketing, real estate and more.

ADULT COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY



Studio 300 Hours

Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday: 12:30-5:30 p.m.

NEW! Studio 300 will open at 1 p.m. on the last Monday of each month.



Family Winter Selfies November 30-December 20

Visit Studio 300 to capture your own holiday memories at our winter-themed selfie station. Share your photos with friends and family on holiday cards and social media.

To reserve your one-hour time slot, call 630.685.4260.

No photographer provided. Please use your own phone or camera, or check out a camera if you've taken Studio 300 orientation. Orientation is not required to use the space.

Unleash Your Creativity in Studio 300

Take your maker projects to the next level with our DIY desktop fabrication machines and maker technology. To get started, complete your Studio 300 orientation, and then take our maker machine training courses to gain full access to our Maker Lab machines. Learn more at **fountaindale.org/makertraining**.

Courses available include:

- Brother ScanNCut and Canvas Workspace App
- Brother PE900 Embroidery Machine
- Ender 3D Printer & Cura App
- Glowforge Laser Cutter
- Sawgrass Sublimation Printer & Mug Press
- Silhouette CAMEO & Silhouette Studio App
- Vacuum Former

Custom Halloween T-shirts R Thursdays, October 16 & 23, 7 p.m.

Fill those around you with fright or delight at the sight of your own custom Halloween tee. Design your T-shirt one week and return the next to press it on. T-shirts will be provided.

Darn It! Mending Workshop R Tuesday, November 18, 7 p.m.

Get ready for sweater weather! Brush off those lovely knits, and bring them in for this darning workshop. Materials will be provided, including a 3D-printed darning egg for you to take home. Bringing your own garment is strongly encouraged.



ADULT COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Photography

Building Shots: Fountaindale Photo Walk R Wednesday, September 10, 4 p.m.

Shoot photos of the library with your camera or phone to discover the building through new eyes!

Photography Club D

Thursdays, September 11, October 9 & November 13 6:30–8 p.m.

Join this club for all levels of photographers to learn, share and discuss photography.



Music & Sound



for travel and all of your creative needs.

Horror Scoring R Wednesday, October 15, 7 p.m.

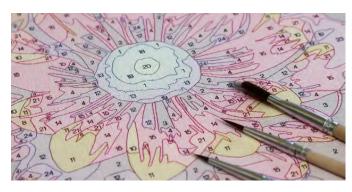
Sound is essential for building tension. Learn how to build a scary soundscape with GarageBand's film-scoring tools.

Illustration & Graphic Design



Pop-Up Book Engineering R Thursday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about pop-up books while discovering the basic techniques of paper engineering.



Paint by Numbers: from Concept to Painting R Thursday, October 23, 6 p.m.

In this hands-on class, learn how graphic design is used to create paint-by-numbers canvases. Then spend time painting your own paint-by-numbers canvas.

Studio 300 Orientation

Gain access to Studio 300's full range of equipment and unique creative spaces by completing our online orientation. Once completed, and after gaining verification from Studio 300 staff, you can fully use all of our amazing resources.

Get started with the virtual orientation anytime at **fountaindale.org/orientation**.

In addition to completing the orientation on their own, patrons ages 12–17 must have a parent/guardian complete the training and also grant permission before the youth has access to Studio 300.

Questions? Please contact Studio 300 at 630,685,4260.

ADULT COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

TV & Video



ShortHaus Cinema D Tuesdays, 7–8 p.m.

Explore and discuss the style, techniques and themes of a filmmaking auteur and their body of work in short films. Discussions can range from a director's oeuvre to specific formal elements and how to achieve them. Attendees are also invited to bring in their own short films and videos, finished or in-process, to be shared and critiqued.

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Stabilize Your Video R

Tuesday, September 16, 7 p.m.

Explore Studio 300's stabilization equipment and get hands-on experience with our Zhiyun Crane and DJI gimbals.

Make a Cinemagraph in Premiere Pro R Tuesday, September 23, 7 p.m.

Turn a video into a subtly animated photograph that shows looping motion using Adobe Premiere Pro.



Color Grading in Premiere Pro R Tuesday, November 11, 7 p.m.

Learn how to use the Lumetri color tools inside Adobe Premiere Pro for color grading scenes in your video.



COMPUTER CLASSES 6:30 P.M.

Join us for hands-on Microsoft Office and basic computer classes for beginners. Please bring a pen to take notes.

Tuesday, September 16: Excel

Tuesday, September 23: Computer Basics, Part 1

Tuesday, September 30: Computer Basics, Part 2

Tuesday, October 7: Computer Basics, Part 3

Thursday, October 9: PowerPoint

Tuesday, October 14: Smartphone Basics

Monday, October 27: Excel

Wednesday, November 5: Word

Tuesday November 11: Google Sheets

Monday November 24: Excel

Register at the 3rd Floor Service Desk, call 630.685.4176 or visit fountaindale.org/events.

SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL



Eventos para Adultos

Artesanías en Español R Martes, 7 p.m.

Únase a nosotros para divertirse con emocionantes manualidades presentadas en Español. Se proporcionarán suministros. Para más información, visita

fountaindale.org/events.

30 de Septiembre: Lienzo Emergente **25 de Noviembre:** Diseño de Pincel



Grupo Conversacional de Inglés de Literacy DuPage D (Zoom)

Todos los Miércoles, 10-11:30 a.m.

Únase a un grupo de conversación para practicar Inglés en un ambiente relajado en Zoom. Los nuevos estudiantes de Inglés pureden llamar a Literacy DuPage a 331.472.7160 para un tutor en persona. (Sin registro previo.)

Eventos para Niños y Familias

Noche de la Familia D

Lunes, 8 de Septiembre-8 de Diciembre 6:30-7 p.m.

Únase a nosotros para una hora de cuentos bilingüe en Español, presentada por The Language Labs.

Cuentos en Español D Jueves, 11 de Septiembre–11 de Diciembre 11–11:30 a.m.

Acompáñanos para una presentación de cuentos y música en Español e Inglés.



Coronas de Flores del Día de los Muertos D Lunes, 27 de Octubre, 6:30–7:30 p.m. Edad O–Grado 5 con un adulto

Conmemora el Día de los Muertos con toda tu familia haciendo coronas de flores de caléndula.



Servicios Disponibles:
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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15

Join us for a month-long celebration for the entire family! These events will be presented in English.

See page 15 for teen events and page 20 for children and family events.

Latin Social Dance R Thursday, September 4, 7 p.m.

Join Zorana Botha of I Just Wanna Dance to learn about popular Latin social dances.

Happy City of San Jose Virtual Tour R (Zoom) Tuesday, September 16, 5 p.m.

Starting at the famous Central Market, experience local shops and stalls and see Costa Ricans going about their daily lives. Then, visit downtown San Jose, passing through the historic buildings while discussing the history, culture, traditions and architecture of each. Lastly, walk through a beautiful urban park to learn about the different types of vegetation and their possible uses.



Bordado in Hispanic Culture R Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.

Learn about the history of bordado (embroidery) and the many ways that it is rooted in Hispanic culture. We will take a look at hand bordado and its machine counterpart. Then we will work on a small bordado piece that you can take home.

Hispanic Heritage Month on the Bookmobile D Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Target, 1188 W. Boughton Road

Visit the Bookmobile for a bilingual storytime, a fun take-home craft and check out our Spice Club of the month. Enjoy stories, culture and creativity with the whole family!



Axolotl Dream Painting Workshop R Wednesday, October 1, 6 p.m. Grades 4–12 & Adults

Step into a world of imagination with this painting workshop! You will receive a unique, handcrafted sculpture to paint featuring a hybrid creature inspired by the axolotl and dragonfly.



Ojo de Dios R Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.

Learn about the Huichol tradition behind the Ojo de Dios (God's eye), a colorful woven symbol of protection and blessing, as you create your own using sticks and yarn.



Reading, Writing & Publishing



Visit **fountaindale.org/bookclubs** to view our book club selections. Titles will be available at the 3rd Floor Desk one month before the book club meets.

Chills & Thrills Book Club D

Wednesdays, September 3, October 1 & November 5 3–4 p.m.

Get chilled and thrilled with a good mystery.

Love Lit Book Club D

Mondays, September 15, October 20 & November 17 7–8 p.m.

Join us to talk about fun and flirty romance titles.

Coffee & Conversation Book Club D

Tuesdays, September 16, October 21 & November 18 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Looking for something to wake you up in the morning? Join us for a stimulating morning book discussion.

X Meets Y Book Club D (Zoom)

Saturdays, September 20, October 11 & November 1 2–3 p.m.

Discuss exciting books with other Gen X and Y readers.

Great Reads Book Club D

Wednesdays, September 24, October 22 & November 19, 7–8 p.m.

Join us to discuss the latest book chosen by the group. We read fiction, mystery, biography, history and everything in between.

NEW! Silent Book Club D

Thursday, October 23, 7-8 p.m.

Arwa Yemeni Coffee, 704 E. Boughton Road

Join us for a silent book club! Bring your own book, or choose one of ours to read. Relax, read and feel free to purchase a delicious drink.

Fountaindale Writers D

Thursdays, September 25 & October 30, 7-8 p.m.

Meet other writers, share tips, get encouragement and celebrate the art of writing. New members are always welcome.

What is Poetry? R

Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m.

Discover poetry, its history and how it is and can be about anything. View examples of various meters, rhymes and structures that are most commonly used in poetry as well as some strange pieces.



Genealogy, History & Culture

Genealogy Club R (Zoom)

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

September 10: Seems Phishy: Protecting Your

Genealogy Online

October 8: Using DNA to Identify Enslaved Ancestors

Bridging the Divide: 35 Years of German

Unification R (Zoom)

Monday, October 6, 7 p.m.

As Germany approaches the 35th anniversary of its unification, the journey of bringing together two countries separated for 45 years remains a profound chapter in its modern history. German historian Anette Isaacs will discuss the complexities of unification, the many challenges faced and the hard-won successes that shaped the "New Germany."

World War II Military Genealogy Workshop R (Zoom & in person)

Saturday, November 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Learn how to successfully conduct research on World War II military ancestors in this multi-session workshop.

Arts & Crafts



Needleworker's Group D Tuesdays, September 2, 16, October 7, 21, November 4 & 18 10 a.m.-noon

Join us to work on cross stitch, embroidery and counted canvas projects and to socialize and snack in a warm and friendly environment.



Needle Felted Ghost R Tuesday, October 7, 6 p.m. Join Natasha Lehrer Lewis of Esther's Place to create an adorable ghost while learning the art of needle felting.



Paper Crafting with Melisa R Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Join Melisa Martinez for an evening of paper-based crafts!

September 2: Gold Hoop Fall Wreath

October 14: Monarch Butterfly

Marigold Shadow Box

November 4: Peacock Pop-Up

Card



Air Dry Clay Ghost R Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m. Not all things that go bump in the night are spooky! Make a little clay ghost, so you won't have to face the scares of Halloween night alone.



Paint & Plant Wellness Class R Wednesday, September 3, 6 p.m. Utilize hands-on creative therapy with a pot paint kit and plant while learning the benefits of art and nature to your mental health and



Talking Feather Craft R Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m. Ojibwa author and speaker Kim Sigafus McIver will show you how to decorate a talking feather, an

item with a long tradition for Native Americans.



Take-It Make-It Kits: Ribbon and Sequin Wand Sunday, October 26

Get ready to cast a spell with an enchanting wand craft. Crafts are available for pickup at the 3rd Floor Service Desk, while supplies last. One craft per adult. You must be present to receive the kit.



DIY Faux Acorns R Wednesday, September 17, 6 p.m.

Put out one-of-a-kind decorations that will set the mood this season. We'll make rustic and homemade faux acorns that will have you grabbing a windbreaker for that crisp autumn chill.



Crocheting Basics R Monday, November 3 & Wednesday, November 5, 6 p.m. Crocheting instructor Candace

Rakow will teach you how to get started with crocheting and solidify the techniques you'll need to explore the possibilities of creating with yarn and hook.



Fall Crafts & Reads R Thursdays, 7 p.m.

Join us as we craft and talk about books!

September 25: Macramé Feather

Earrings

November 20: Specimen Acorn Art



Start-Up Tote Bag R Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m. Get ready to shop at the Start-Up Market by decorating your own canvas tote bag. See page 13 for Start-Up Market details.

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 11 A.M.-2 P.M.



Looking to donate your time?

Join us to speak with representatives from several local organizations.

Movies, Music & Entertainment

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20s & 30s Board Game Night D Mondays, September 8, October 13 & November 10 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Join us at the library to play some board games! Bring your favorites or borrow one from our collection.

Film Club R

Tuesdays, September 30, October 28 & November 25 7 p.m.

Love talking about movies? This movie club is for you. At the beginning of each month, we pre-select a film, so you have ample time to watch it before the meeting. Then we'll gather to critique and discuss the film in-depth.



Puzzle Race & Board Game Day D Saturday, November 1, 1–4 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of board games! Bring your favorites or try one from our collection. Drop in for a board game demo or try your hand at a puzzle race!

Home & Lifestyle

Cooking with Chef Maddox R

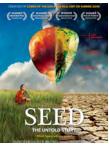
Thursdays, 7 p.m.

Learn to cook amazing meals that are sure to impress your friends and family. Recipes will be provided.

September 11: Tailgating Party Food **October 16:** Oktoberfest Celebration

November 6: Trilogy of Citrus: From Savory to Sweet







Eco Film Series R Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Join us and The Conservation Foundation as we examine different aspects of our ecosystem. We'll learn how we fit into the vast network of our environment, for good and bad, and how we can continue to strive to make our environment the healthiest it can be. After the film, enjoy a discussion amongst a panel of local leaders to explore the topics discussed in the film.

September 18: Kiss the Ground **October 9:** Seed-The Untold Story **November 13:** The Pollingtors

Sewing with Kellie Chase R 10 a.m.

Learn how to sew a variety of projects. Please bring a sewing machine, thread, scissors and pins. All other supplies will be included. Please have basic knowledge of your sewing machine.

Friday, September 26: Sunflower Candle Mat **Monday, September 29:** Halloween Treat Bag

Monday, November 3: Fabric Bowl

How to Use a Sewing Machine R Sunday, September 28, 12:30 p.m.

Kellie Chase is here to teach you how to use your sewing machine. Bring in your machine to learn the tips and tricks you need to get the most out of it.

Potty Training for Caregivers R Tuesday, October 21, 7 p.m.

Certified specialist Teri Kmak will share tips and tricks to help make the potty-training process a breeze. Learn readiness signs, how to prepare, what method is recommended, mistakes to avoid and much more! Please note: to ensure a focused and engaging experience for all, this event is for adults only.

Just for Seniors

Join us for these special events just for adults ages 55 and older. A light lunch will be provided at each event. Registration closes one day before each event. Drop-ins are welcome but are not guaranteed a lunch.

Mystery Dates: Detectives in the Golden Age of Radio R

Thursday, September 4, noon

Everyone loves a good whodunit, and in some cases, the detectives are as famous as the stories they tell. Tune into some of the many famous fictional detectives who made their way to radio, including Sherlock Holmes, Sam Spade, Nick Carter and many others.



It's Alive: The Birth of the Universal Monsters R Thursday, October 16, noon

Between 1913 and 1956, Universal Pictures released a series of iconic horror films, despite not being a big player during Hollywood's early years. Historian William Pack shares the story of the creation and legacy of some of the most iconic movie monsters that have continued to resonate with horror fans for nearly a hundred years.

The Hello Girls R

Thursday, November 6, noon

Megan Gensler will introduce you to the Hello Girls, the highly skilled and independent women of the US Army Signal Corps who performed vital translating and communications logistics during World War I. Largely forgotten after The Great War, efforts are being made to recognize and share their service and experiences on a broad scale.

Business and Career

Estate Planning: Protecting Yourself and Your Heirs R Tuesday, September 9, 6 p.m.

Learn the estate-planning process from beginning to end. We will look closely at the need to plan, the most common planning techniques and the documents used in the planning process.

Identity Theft Scams and Prevention Tips R Monday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.

Join Andrea Zaragoza of the Illinois Attorney General's office as they go over the essentials of preventing identity theft.

SCORE Workshop R (Zoom)

Wednesdays, September 24 & October 22, 6:30 p.m. Join us for our monthly virtual workshop on a variety of business topics, brought to you by SCORE of Fox Valley.

Medicare 101 R

Monday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.

Are you or a loved one approaching Medicare eligibility? Join us to learn the essentials of Medicare in this presentation by Devoted Health.

Understanding Social Security R Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m.

Are you going to collect Social Security benefits within the next 10 years? Join us to learn the ins and outs of the system.

Health, Sports & Fitness

R&B Line Dancing R

Sundays, September 21, October 12 & November 2 3 p.m.

Join the Lines N' Motion dance team for a session of our popular R&B Line Dancing program.

Home Care 101 R

Thursday, October 2, 6 p.m.

Join us to learn what non-medical home care is, when it's time to consider home care and different ways to pay for services. We'll follow up the talk with bingo and prizes! Bring your questions and your game face.



Start-Up Market D Saturday, November 22, 1–2:30 p.m.

Shop 'til you drop while supporting local teen and child entrepreneurs! Visit our market to purchase a variety of handmade goods created by those who completed our Start-Up Academy. Cash only accepted.

All programs are for teens in grades 6–12 unless otherwise noted.



Vortex Hours

Monday-Thursday: 2-8:30 pm.

Friday: 2-5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday: noon-5:30 p.m.

The Vortex will open at 11 a.m. on Valley View School District holidays and 1 p.m. on Valley View School District early release days. Visit the 2nd Floor Desk to browse the collection outside of regular hours.

Gaming & Contests

Virtual Reality Game Play D Thursday, September 4 & Tuesday, November 4 4:30–6 p.m.

Ages 12-18

Explore virtual reality through exciting games and immersive experiences. Whether you're dodging obstacles or battling in a virtual arena, this is your chance to test out VR tech and have a blast with friends—no experience needed!

Game on in the Vortex!

Looking for something fun to do? Hang out in the Vortex and play board games, battle it out on a game console or just chill with friends. We have a bunch of puzzles and board games like, Exploding Kittens and Superfight as well as classics like chess and Connect 4. Play video games during Open Video Game Play sessions using our XBOX Series X, PS5 or Nintendo Switch consoles. Whether you're into Jenga or NBA2K, we've got something for you! Please bring your ID or library card to play video games.

Volunteering

Teen Volunteering: Cards for Hospitalized Kids D Saturdays, September 6, October 11 & November 8 3–4 p.m.

Create handmade cards and send encouragement to kids in need. All cards will be sent to Cards for Hospitalized Kids (CFHK) to brighten someone's day.

Teen Volunteering R

Saturdays, September 20, October 18 & November 15 3 p.m.

Volunteer your time by preparing crafts and materials for programs, assisting in organizing and/or cleaning program supplies, photocopying, cutting paper and more. We also need volunteers for special events. View all of our opportunities at **fountaindale.org/events**.

Book Recommendations

Do you need volunteer hours? Submit book reviews to earn service hours. We're looking for book recommendations from our teen readers to post on Instagram. To recommend your favorite books, visit **fountaindale.org/teenvolunteer**. You'll receive one service hour for every recommendation submitted.

Movies & Entertainment

Teen Movie Friday D

Fridays, September 12, 26, October 10, 24, November 7 & 21, 3–5 p.m.

Join us in the Vortex to watch the latest and greatest teen-friendly movies!

Anime Afternoon R

Wednesdays, September 17, October 15 & November 12, 4:30 p.m.

Hang out in the Vortex while we watch anime, talk about manga and enjoy Japanese snacks!



Wicked Sing-Along Party R Friday, October 31, 1:30 p.m. Join us for a magical movie sing-along of Wicked! Belt out your favorite songs, enjoy popcorn and celebrate the untold story of the witches of Oz. Costumes welcome, singing encouraged and fun guaranteed!



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15



Lucha Libre Mask Making D Monday, September 15 4–5:30 p.m.

Decorate your own Lucha Libreinspired masks using colorful felt, paint markers and bold embellishments. Learn about the vibrant world of Mexican wrestling while crafting your own one-of-akind design.

Celebrating Latine Artists: Take-It Make-It Kits Friday, September 19

Stop by the Vortex to pick up one of our Take-It Make-It Kits, while supplies last! We're highlighting two contemporary Latine artists to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Each kit contains materials, instructions and a list of supplies needed to complete your projects.

Peruvian Wave Bracelets D Tuesday, September 23, 4–5 p.m.

Create vibrant, wearable art inspired by Peruvian culture as we show you how to use embroidery floss to make colorful Peruvian wave bracelets.



Frida Kahlo Self-Portraits R Tuesday, September 30, 4:30 p.m. Learn about Frida Kahlo's life and lasting impression on art and culture, and create a self-portrait in Kahlo's signature style. Helpful drawing tips included!

Axolotl Dream Painting Workshop R Wednesday, October 1, 6 p.m. Grades 4–12 & Adults

Step into a world of imagination with this painting workshop! You will receive a unique, handcrafted sculpture to paint featuring a hybrid creature inspired by the axolotl and dragonfly.



Alfombra Sand Art R Monday, October 6, 6 p.m.

Create vibrant sand art inspired by traditional Guatemalan Alfombras! Make your own colorful patterns while learning about this beautiful cultural tradition from Latin America.

Colorful Alebrije Crafts R Thursday, October 9, 4:30 p.m. Grades 4–8

Get inspired by Mexican mythological creatures and create your own Alebrije to take home.

Latine Beats Dance Party D Tuesday, October 14, 4–5 p.m.

Celebrate Latine culture with a high-energy dance party just for teens! Enjoy a mix of music styles—from salsa and reggaeton to bachata and cumbia—and dance the afternoon away with friends. Snacks and good vibes provided!

STEAM & Maker

Zom-Barbies R

Tuesday, October 21, 6 p.m.

Grades 4-8

Give your dolls a creepy-cool makeover! Transform ordinary Barbies into spooky zombies using paint and a little undead creativity.

Slime Lab R

Wednesday, October 29, 6 p.m.

Experiment with color and texture to create your own custom slime. Whether you like it fluffy or gooey, this is your chance to get creative—and a little messy!

Brick Specs: LEGO Glasses D Monday, November 3, 4–5 p.m.

Put your imagination to the test—on your face! In this fun DIY drop-in program, customize your own wearable LEGO glasses using colorful bricks and clever design tricks.

Arts & Crafts



Pride Pendants D
Wednesday, September 3, 4–5 p.m.
Show your colors with Pride! Create a custom fillable pendant using vibrant-colored sand to represent the Pride flag that speaks to you.



Felted Fox R
Tuesday, October 7, 4:30 p.m.
Learn the art of needle felting with
Natasha Lehrer Lewis of Esther's
Place. Create your own cute wool
fox in this fun, hands-on class!



Up, Up and Away: DIY Hot Air Balloons R
Tuesday, September 9, 6 p.m.
Get ready to rise above the ordinary!
Design and build your own mini hot air balloons using fillable, plastic light bulbs, paint markers and more.



Teen Paint Party: Ghostly Treats R Saturday, October 25, 2 p.m. Want to try your hand at painting a beautiful work of art? Join us for an afternoon of fun and creativity as we paint a themed art piece. All experience levels are welcome.



Roald Dahl Watercolor R
Thursday, September 11, 4:30 p.m.
Play with watercolor and color in
Roald Dahl's famous illustrations.
Learn about the author and the
illustrator behind him, Quentin
Blake.



Haunted Hands D Monday, October 27, 4–5 p.m. Drop in and draw your own haunting masterpiece! We'll use soft pastels to create colorful skeleton art.



Pet Ghost in a Jar D
Thursday, October 2, 4–5 p.m.
Craft your own creepy-cute
companion! Sculpt a tiny ghost out
of clay and seal it in a decorated
jar—complete with spooky details.



Watercolor Jellyfish R Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m. Learn how to turn a few simple lines into a watercolor painting of jellyfish. Choose your colors, then continue to fill your page with these free-swimming friends.



DIY Embroidered Keychain R Saturday, October 4, 2 p.m. Learn the lazy daisy, a basic embroidery stitch, and make a flower-embroidered keychain, or get creative and make a unique piece of art!



Whispers of Nature: Art Inspired by Emmi Whitehorse R
Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m.
Explore the beauty of nature through abstract art inspired by Diné (Navajo) artist Emmi Whitehorse. Learn about Whitehorse's unique style and connection to the natural world, then use soft colors and flowing lines to create your own art piece.

Reading, Writing & Publishing

Books & Bubble Tea R

Mondays, September 22, October 20 & November 17 6 p.m.

Grades 9-12

Let's talk books! Join us to discuss your favorite teen fiction, nonfiction and graphic novels, get recommendations from staff, drink bubble tea and enjoy tasty snacks!



Teen Reads

Looking for something to read? Our Teen Services staff is here to help. Check out Teen Book Bites on Instagram, TikTok and YouTube. Visit **fountaindale.org/teenreads** to browse our handpicked collection of books perfect for teens. Covering a wide range of genres and topics, there's something here for everyone! Find more recommendations on our blog or Instagram.



Business, Career & Finance

Teen Professional Development Day R Saturday, September 13, 1–3 p.m. Grades 9–12

Join us for a special event hosted by State Representative Avelar designed to help teens take the next step toward their future! Get a free professional headshot, learn how to build a standout résumé and connect with local community organizations offering resources to help you gain confidence, sharpen your skills and prepare for jobs, college and beyond. Plus, explore how to create powerful digital content like podcasts, videos and social media campaigns using Studio 300 equipment to build your personal brand and tell your story.

Teen Start-Up Academy

Grades 6-8

Calling all middle schoolers with homemade products or services to sell! This series will help prepare you to be the savviest business teen on the block. Complete the first two sessions to participate in our Start-Up Market! Presented in partnership with Bolingbrook Bank & Trust.

Money Smarts R

Thursday, November 6, 6 p.m.

Join us for an explanation of the Start-Up Academy program. Learn about saving and budgeting, money handling and more. Participate in a mock business where you'll purchase supplies, create a product and sell to investors.

Marketing Matters R Thursday, November 13, 6 p.m.

Learn how to use Canva to create your own promotional materials to market your products.

Get Down to Business! R Thursday, November 20, 4–7 p.m. Grades 3–8

Time to prep! Print promotional items, ask for advice or drop off items in preparation for the Start-Up Market!

Start-Up Market R Saturday, November 22, 1 p.m. Grades 3–8

Today is the day! Set up your table and get ready to sell to real library patrons and investors who are coming to shop!

CHILDREN & TWEENS

Events are for children of all ages unless otherwise noted. Children's Services offers more programs than just the ones in this program guide! Visit fountaindale.org/events, or pick up a paper calendar from our desk for the full list of children's programs that are available.

Storytimes D

Storytimes run September 8 to December 13 and are for all ages unless otherwise noted. Drop in; no registration required.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
Baby Storytime 9:30–9:50 a.m. Ages 0–18 months				
Storytime 10–10:30 a.m.	Storytime 10–10:30 a.m.	Storytime 10–10:30 a.m.	Storytime 10–10:30 a.m.	Storytime 10–10:30 a.m.
Storytime 11–11:30 a.m.	Storytime 11–11:30 a.m.	Storytime 11–11:30 a.m.	Cuentos en Español 11–11:30 a.m.	
Noche de la Familia 6:30–7 p.m.	Sensory Storytime R 6:30–7 p.m.	Storytime 6:30–7 p.m.	Storytime 6:30–7 p.m.	

Community Storytimes

Community storytimes are best suited for children ages 2–6, but all children are welcome to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For questions, please call Outreach Services at 630.685.4230.

IKEA Storytime R

Wednesdays, September 3, October 1 & November 5 10:15 a.m.

IKEA, 750 E. Boughton Road

Join us in the Swedish Restaurant for stories and songs. IKEA will provide milk and cookies for each child after our stories are complete. Registration opens two weeks before each event date. Register at **fountaindale.org/ikea** or in person at each event. To register online, you must first create a free IKEA Family account.

NEW! Storytime at the Illinois Aviation Museum D Saturday, September 6, 9:30–10:30 a.m. Illinois Aviation Museum

S, 110 Clow International Parkway

Soar on over for a fun and engaging plane-themed storytime. Don't forget to check out all of the interactive exhibits in the museum once storytime ends.

NEW! Storytime at Arwa Yemeni Coffee D Mondays, September 8, October 13 & November 10 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Arwa Yemeni Coffee, 704 E. Boughton RoadBring your little ones to storytime at Arwa Yemeni Coffee. Enjoy a special, fun-filled hour of stories and literacy activities.

Storytime at the Museum D

Thursdays, September 11, October 9 & November 13 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Bolingbrook Historical Museum, 444 E. Briarcliff Road Spark your child's imagination with stories, songs and other fun activities. Storytime is geared towards preschoolers but great for all ages. Admission is free.

Chick-fil-A Storytime D

Thursdays, September 18, October 16 & November 20 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Chick-fil-A, 245 N. Weber Road

Enjoy preschool stories, puppet plays and songs.

Storytime at Wholey Granoly R Thursdays, September 25, October 23 & Tuesday, November 4 9:30 a.m.

Wholey Granoly, 714 E. Boughton Road

Join us for a free, engaging storytime experience for your little ones. Each child will receive a special treat when our stories are complete. Registration opens two weeks before each event date.

Fun Fall Events

Sensory Night: On the Farm D Tuesday, September 9, 5:30–7 p.m.

Children of all ages with autism, neurodivergence and physical disabilities are invited to explore sensory-friendly stations and enjoy storytime with their friends and family.



Reading Dragons Club D Wednesdays, September 10 & October 1 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Grades K-5

Want to earn cards? Learn how to battle? Meet other dragon readers? Join us for a chill, low-pressure hour as we chat, read and create all things Reading Dragons. Psst! There's going to be snacks!

Ozobot Maze Challenge R Tuesday, September 30, 4:30 p.m. Grades K–5

Build a maze for your Ozobot, and then use your coding skills to move the robot through the maze!



Magic of Diwali with Bollywood Groove D Saturday, October 25, 10:30–11:15 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Age 0-Grade 5 with an adult

You will be swept into a dazzling journey of lights, joy and culture as we explore one of India's most magical festivals, Diwali!



Día de los Muertos Flower Crowns D Monday, October 27, 6:30–7:30 p.m. Age O–Grade 5 with an adult Commemorate Día de los Muertos with your whole

family by making marigold flower crowns.



Reading and Math Buddies D Thursday, October 30, 11 a.m.–noon Grades K–5

Join us for an hour of fun in Children's Services! Partner up with a teen volunteer to practice reading, or test your math skills by playing fun games.



Fairy Tales in Stop-Motion D Monday, November 10 4:30–6 p.m.

Grades K-5

Inspired by pioneering director Lotte Reiniger, learn how to create your own animated short using paper puppets and stop-motion!



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15

Self-Portraits Like Frida Kahlo D Thursday, September 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Grades K-5

Frida Kahlo was one of a kind, and so are you! Paint a self-portrait inspired by the methods used by this famous Mexican artist.

Mercado Bags D

Monday, September 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Grades K-5

Get inspired by designs from Mexico and Guatemala and decorate a colorful cloth shopping bag.

DIY Hojalata Art R

Thursday, September 18, 4:30 p.m.

Grades K-5

Be inspired by traditional Mexican tin art and create a colorful hojalata of your own.

Drawing Nazca Lines R

Monday, September 22, 4:30 p.m.

Grades K-5

Make a unique sand creation inspired by the fascinating lines etched in the Peruvian desert.

Yaucromatic Villages D

Thursday, September 25, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Grades K-5

Next stop: Puerto Rico! Create your own colorful buildings as we celebrate one of Puerto Rico's most famous villages. Your finished work will be combined to create one massive village that will be displayed in Children's Services.

The Shapes and Colors of Stanley Bermudez D Monday, September 29, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Grades K-5

Replicate the geometric art of Venezuelan artist Stanley Bermudez using cutout shapes and tape.

Axolotl Dream Painting Workshop R Wednesday, October 1, 6 p.m. Grades 4-12 & Adults

Step into a world of imagination with this painting workshop! You will receive a unique, handcrafted sculpture to paint featuring a hybrid creature inspired by the axolotl and dragonfly.

Botany Besties D Monday, October 6, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades K-5

Discover your new plant best friend! Learn about the discoveries of Mexican botanist. Ynes Mexia and preserve flowers and plants to take home.

Colorful Alebrije Crafts R

Thursday, October 9, 4:30 p.m.

Grades 4-8

Be inspired by Mexican mythological creatures, and create your own Alebrije to take home.

Canticos D

Friday, October 10, 10-11 a.m.

Ages 0-5 with an adult

Young children and their caregivers can try activities inspired by nursery rhymes and children's songs featured in the popular Canticos videos.

Dora the Explorer Party D Monday, October 13, 2-3 p.m.

Age 3-Grade 2 with an adult

It's time to celebrate our favorite Latina explorer: Dora! Join us for activities, crafts and snacks at this fun family eventl

Guatemalan Worry Dolls D

Tuesday, October 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades K-5

Construct a small doll that will whisk away your worries at night in this craft inspired by Guatemalan folk art.

CHILDREN & TWEENS

Out in the Community

LEGO Club D

Saturdays, September 13, October 11 & November 8 1–3 p.m.

Bolingbrook Historical Museum, 444 E. Briarcliff Road Grades 1–5

Head to the Bolingbrook Museum for some LEGO fun! You can build with friends or try one of our building challenges. We supply the bricks and you supply the imagination.



Monster Bash on the Boo-mobile! D
Saturday, October 18
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Target
1188 W. Boughton Road
Join us on the Bookmobile for a monster bash celebration! Play some ghoulish games, craft something monstrous and check out our haunting materials. Will you get a trick or a treat? We hope to see you there—it'll be a scream!

Dog Man Mania D Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Promenade Mall, 619 E. Boughton Road

Calling all Supa Buddies! November 1 is National Family Literacy Day. Bring your family along as we celebrate this day with all things *Dog Man* and friends on the Bookmobile. We'll have crafts, games and lots of silly fun! Sign up for your chance to win a *Dog Man* prize package while there!



October 1-31

Read-a-Palooza is back! Bolingbrook elementary school students can play our Read-a-Palooza bingo game to help your school win cool books! The top three schools with the most bingo cards turned in will win a collection of this year's Monarch

& Bluestem Award books. Every school that participates will receive a variety of new books. In addition, you will get a prize, certificate and entry into our grand prize drawing of a Fire HD 10 tablet! For more information, contact Outreach Services at 630.685.4230.



Kids Start-Up Academy

Grades 3-5

Become the savviest business kid on your block! After four learning and prep sessions, you can sell your wares at our Start-Up Market! Presented in partnership with Bolingbrook Bank & Trust.

Session One: Plan for Success R Wednesday, October 22, 4:30 p.m.

As we start off, tweens will learn about saving, investing and the importance of having a business plan! Guardians of tweens are required to attend the last 30 minutes of this session for an explanation of the Start-Up Academy.

Session Two: Money Smarts R Wednesday, November 5, 4:30 p.m.

What is cash and change? Learn important facts about this important part of our economy and practice handling money in preparation for earning your own!

Session Three: Marketing Matters R Wednesday, November 12, 4:30 p.m.

Marketing helps tell customers what you are selling and why they should buy! Learn about color theory and branding while designing signs for the Start-Up Market!

Session Four: Get Down to Business R Thursday, November 20, 4–7 p.m. Grades 3–8

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Outreach Services provides library services to our community's preschools, elementary schools, community centers, senior centers, neighborhoods and events.



Back to School with Outreach

Teachers are welcome to apply for library cards, borrow materials for educational and classroom use and access our wide range of eResources. Public school principals and preschool/private school directors/owners must send teacher lists to Outreach Services to issue or renew teacher library cards for the 2025–2026 school year. All materials will be conveniently delivered and picked up at schools by the Library Express Van. For more information, please contact Outreach Services at 630.685.4230 or outreach@fountaindale.org.

Home Delivery Service

Patrons of all ages who reside within the Fountaindale Public Library District are eligible for Home Delivery Service if they are confined to their residences either temporarily due to illness or accident or permanently due to illness, disability or other mobility issues. Patrons who qualify for Home Delivery Service may request books, audiobooks, DVDs, Playaways, magazines, music CDs and more! For questions or to sign up for Home Delivery Service, please contact Outreach Services at 630.685.4230 or outreach@fountaindale.org.

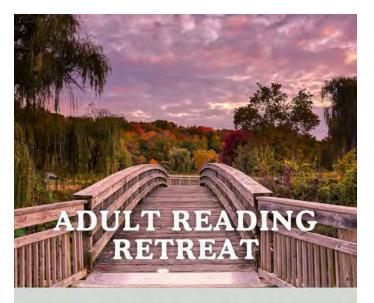
Fall Fun on the Bookmobile

Fall Sensory Bags

Stop by the Bookmobile to create a no-mess sensory bag. Sensory bags are great for tactile exploration and developing fine motor skills. We'll provide instructions, bags and basic supplies to get you started with this fun take-and-make activity while supplies last!

Spice Kits

Spice kits are back on the Bookmobile! Each kit contains a sample spice, recipe card and more! A new spice will be featured each month. You can also check out cookbooks, digital cooking magazines or take a journey through our CultureGrams eResource for lots of fun recipes! Pick up your spice kit, while supplies last.



Saturday, September 6
10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Drop in
Hidden Oaks Nature Center
419 Trout Farm Road
Ages 16 and older

Have you seen those #BookTok
Read-a-thon challenges and thought who
has the time? Now you do! Mark your
calendar for this exciting reading retreat
at Hidden Oaks.

- Craft a bookmark or decorate reading journal pages
- ▼ Talk with other book lovers
- Share your favorite reads on our community board
- ▼ Take a stroll along our Quote Quest Scavenger Hunt with prizes
- Enter our raffled for a chance to win an ONN tablet
- Enjoy free refreshments

But most importantly, grab your current read and cozy up under a tree, stretch out on the sunny lawn or wander deeper into the woods to find your perfect reading nook. No matter where you choose, you will be surrounded by nature's beauty!

FRIENDS OF FOUNTAINDALE



The Book Cellar

Support the Friends by visiting the Book Cellar on the lower level of the library and purchasing items in two rooms full of gently used fiction and nonfiction books in good-to-excellent condition. Cash or check payments only.

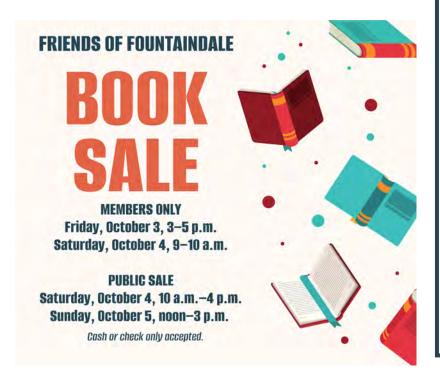
Book Cellar Hours:

Tuesday: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 4–8 p.m. Sunday: 1–5 p.m.

Book Nook

Support the Friends by purchasing books and other materials from the Nook located on the 1st floor next to Meeting Room A. The Nook is regularly stocked by the Friends, and you can pay for your purchases at the Circulation Desk.



APPLICATION FOR FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

Return this form with payment to the Book Cellar during store hours, or mail it with a check (payable to Friends of Fountaindale Library) to:

Friends of Fountaindale Library 300 W. Briarcliff Road Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Please indicate your membership level:

	Student \$2/year		
	Senior (age 60+) \$4/year		
	Fountaindale Employee \$4/year		
	Individual \$6/year		
	Family \$10/year		
	Business/Organization \$40/year		
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Library Closings

Labor Day Holiday Monday, September 1

Pathways Parade

Sunday, September 14

Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 26 Early closing at 5 p.m.

Thursday, November 27

Library Hours

Mon–Thu: 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Fri–Sat: 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Sun: noon–6 p.m.

Book Drops

Library main entrance and north side Ashbury's, 335 E. Boughton Road First Presbyterian Church, 180 N. Weber Road

Holds Pickup Lockers

Library main entrance Bolingbrook Recreation and Aquatic Complex (BRAC), 200 Lindsey Lane

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FRIENDS OF FOUNTAINDALE

BOOK SALE

MEMBERS ONLY Friday, October 3, 3–5 p.m. Saturday, October 4, 9–10 a.m.

PUBLIC SALE
Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, October 5, noon-3 p.m.

Cash or check only accepted.