

# Fremont Area District Library Press Release

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## *Winter Reading, Book Groups Galore, and More at Fremont Library*

The Fremont Area District Library is planning to host many fun and educational events in January for the whole family. These events are, as always, free.

The **Winter Reading Challenge** for all ages is back this year beginning January 2nd, and runs through March 1st. Children can sign up in the Children's Department and teens and adults can sign up at the Reference Desk. Each age group will get a reading log with a challenge to complete, and when finished, you can bring it in for a prize. Teens will also be entered into raffle drawings for each book read and both teens and children will be included in a grand prize drawing when finished. Winter Reading is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Fremont Area District Library.

### Children's Events

We'll be showing the **Children's Afternoon Movie** Trolls Band Together (PG; 91 min) on Thursday, January 18th at 4:00 p.m. Snacks will be served, and all are welcome. **Toddler Storytime**, for babies and toddlers up to age 3, will be held weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning January 24th, and **Family Storytime** for children up to age 5 will be held weekly on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning January 25th. A special **Snowman Saturday Storytime**, for children up to age 5 will be on January 27th at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room in partnership with the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce's Winterfest events.

**Tinkering Tuesdays** continues this month. You bring the imagination, and we'll provide everything you need! Simple building and art concepts for kids to construct on their own or in a group. Finished creations will be put on display for a week. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** - For ages 6-9 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sign up your child two weeks before each activity, until filled, by calling 231-924-3480 or seeing the front desk. See dates below. Limit of 15 children each week.

- Dec. 9th: Free play
- Dec. 16th: Make kinetic sand
- January 23rd: Play board games
- January 30th: Make a Lego maze

**Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead** also continues this month. This includes the same concepts as Tinkering Tuesdays, but for ages 10-12. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** - 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sign up your child two weeks before each activity, until filled, by calling 231-924-3480 or seeing the front desk. See dates below. Limit of 15 children each week.

- January 10th: Free play
- January 17th: Make kinetic sand
- January 24th: Play board games
- January 31st: Make a Lego maze

### **Even More Events!**

**UFO Club (NEW!):** UFO stands for UnFinished Object! Bring a project to work on while you socialize with other crafters. Gather by the south tables along the parking lot on Sunday, January 28th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for this drop-in event.

**Tween Book Club (NEW!):** Calling all magnificent Middle Schoolers! This new Tween Book Club, for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be munching on free delicious pizza and snacks in the teen area of the library while discussing books. At our first meeting on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 p.m., we'll choose a book to read for February's book discussion, make an idea jar, and eat the previously mentioned yummy food.

**Homeschool Hangout:** Are you a homeschool family looking to hang out with other homeschool families? Join this drop-in event in the library's Community Room on Friday, January 26th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. to socialize, play board games and Legos, and you are welcome to bring your own activities. We'll provide yummy snacks and drinks but you can bring your own if you'd like.

**Fit for Life Exercise** is on Mondays and Wednesdays weekly beginning January 3rd from 12:00-1:00 p.m. This is a low-impact exercise class perfect for all adults and levels of fitness. **Junk Journaling** for ages 10 and up will take place on Thursday, January 11th anytime between 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is a scrapbooking and journal hybrid. Use up what you have and supplement with found, recycled, repurposed and thrifted items. Materials provided. We'll show the movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3* (PG-13; 92 min) for our **Movie Monday** on January 8th at 2:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

**Silent Book Club:** Come as you are and read what you want, with no interaction necessary! The first and last minutes can be social if you'd like--the rest of the time is silent reading. Gather by the South fireplace on Sunday, January 14th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The **Wednesday Readers** Book Group will meet on Monday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. The **Non-Fiction Book Discussion** will meet on Monday, January 15th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. The **Daytime Book Group** will meet on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Books for all of these groups are available at the library's front desk ahead of the meeting if you'd like to check out a copy and join the groups.

For more information about any of these events, please contact the library at 231-924-3480 or visit [www.fremontlibrary.net](http://www.fremontlibrary.net).