

Fremont Area District Library Press Release

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Winter Reading, Retirement by Design, 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 February 28th. 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.

We will kick off Winter Reading with a **movie showing of Wild Robot** for all ages (Rated PG; 1 hr 41 min) in the teen area of the library on Thursday, January 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be served, and it's all for free!

Children's Events

Domino Club (REGISTRATION REQUIRED): Register by seeing the Children's Desk or call 231-928-0249. Join this new club for tweens to have fun with domino set up and toppling. Eat pizza and snacks while we watch some YouTube domino videos, and then work on your own skills! For ages 8-13. Meets in the Community Room on the first Thursday each month. The next meeting will be on January 2nd from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Saturday Storytime, for children up to age 5 will be on January 4th at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We'll be showing a **Children's Afternoon Movie** on Thursday, January 23rd 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 29th, and **Family Storytime** for children up to age 5 will be held weekly on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning January 30th.

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.

-January 14th: Free play

-January 28th: Build a gumdrop geodesic dome

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.

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-January 7th: Free play

-January 21st: Build a gumdrop geodesic dome

Even More Events!

The **Books & Bites Book Group** will meet on Wednesday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *Flatshare* by Beth O'Leary. You are welcome to join, even if you haven't read the book yet! If you'd like to read the book first, copies are available at our front desk. **Tween Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, January 28th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the teen area with pizza and snacks. For middle schoolers. This month we're reading *Alone* by Megan Freeman. Books are available for checkout at the library's front desk. Please read the book first and then join us for yummy food and discussion!

Fit for Life Exercise is on Mondays and Wednesdays weekly beginning January 8th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. There will be no class on January 1st or 6th, but there will be a bonus class on Friday, January 10th. This is a low-impact exercise class perfect for all adults and levels of fitness. We'll show the movie *Trap* (PG-13; 1 hr 40 min) for our **Movie Monday** on January 13th at 2:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

Dean Ford Presents Retirement by Design: Start the new year right by taking control of your finances. Thinking about retirement can bring some questions to mind: What will I do when I retire? Am I saving enough? Will I even be able to retire? Join us to learn how you can translate your vision for retirement into tangible goals. Whether you are 10 or 40 years from retirement, you'll learn investment strategies you can use now to help design the retirement you want tomorrow. This will take place in the Community Room on Wednesday, January 22nd from 1:30-2:30 p.m. No registration required, and coffee will be served.

For more information about any of these events, please contact the library at 231-924-3480 or visit www.fremontlibrary.net.