ProgramGuide

September • October • November

A guide to fall programs at the Gloria Coles Flint Public Library







CHILDREN









Super Saturday Storytime

Saturdays · 1 PM

September 9 Pirates

Ahoy lads, lassies, scallywags and landlubbers, wear your doubloons and bring your hearties! Join us for stories of adventures on the high seas and chanteys about the briny deep.

September 16 Birthdays

Celebrate like it's your birthday with a bilingual English/Spanish story time about everyone's personal holiday. Celebremos como es tu cumpleaños con cuentos en ingles y español sobre cada personas día favorito del año.

September 23 Hispanic Heritage Month

Let's honor Hispanic Heritage Month with special stories and learn some Spanish words and songs. Honremos el mes de herencia hispana con cuentos en ingles y español y otras actividades para celebrarlas culturas diferentes del mundo hispano.

September 30 Willy Wonka Day

If you love candy, sweets, and treats, join us for International Willy Wonka Day. Watch the movie or read the book ahead of time, and come to the library to answer trivia questions, play games, and listen to stories about scrumptious goodies.

October 7 Apples

Enjoy stories about one of Michigan's most delicious fruits. Learn about apples, taste different apple varieties and sample different yummy foods made from apples.

October 14 Desserts

Celebrate National Dessert Day with us. We love food, and stories about desserts are the sweetest. Let's treat ourselves and make a special fancy confection.

October 21 Fall

Enjoy bilingual stories about fall, learn some Spanish, and paint a pumpkin to take home. Disfrutemos cuentos en ingles y español sobre el otoño y pintar una calabaza para llevar a la casa.

October 28 Monster Mash

Wear your costume, learn to dance the Monster Mash, and enjoy not-so-spooky stories for Halloween!

November 4 Native American Heritage Month

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with special stories and folktales.

November 11 Peace

Join us as we remember the service of all U.S. Veterans, Armstice Day, and Remembrance Day in this story time.

November 18 National Adoption Day

Enjoy stories about adoption and learn about this very special and wonderful way to create a family.



Chalk the Walk

Saturday, September 16 · 11 AM

Bring your ideas and artistic flare and join "Chalk the Walk!" Draw your chalkiest best on our Kearsley Street sidewalks and win prizes! Community judges will give awards based on age. Categories: 7 and under, 8-12, and 13-17.

Thursdays with For-Mar

Thursdays · 6:30 PM

September 14 Animal Antics

We'll explore some neat ways animals find food, communicate, and survive in their habitats.

September 28 Animal Babies

Travel through the lifecycles of some of Michigan's cutest animal babies.

October 12 Incredible Insects

Did you know bugs have no bones? Join the For-Mar staff to explore how awesome these little critters are and their cool jobs.

October 26 Batty for Bats

Join For-Mar educators for a story and explore bats' survival skills through games!

November 9 Home Sweet Home

Let's investigate different animal habits and where they make their home.



Gardening Together Tea Party

Saturday, October 14 • 11 AM Bring your doll or teddy bear and a blanket, and enjoy iced tea, lemonade, and gardening stories outside. Help make the library beautiful by planting bulbs with us, and take a bulb home for your own garden!

Wee Ones Storytime Yoga

Wednesdays • 5:30 PM Miss Marcia weaves yoga, movement, breath, and stories. Children will build positive body awareness, mindfulness, and self-regulation while enjoying wonderful stories. (Ages 3 & up)



Little Explorers

Saturdays · 10:30 AM

September 9, October 7, November 4

Caregivers, help your little one explore a variety of play and sensory stations. They will love to keep busy with letters, numbers, colors, sorting, toys, and manipulative materials. Saturday, September 9 - For our first Little Explorers, parents and caregivers meet educators with activities from the GISD, GCAARD, and Flint schools to learn about preschool and educational opportunities for your children. (Ages 1-4)



Puppet Zone

Thursdays • 3:30 PM • September 28 October 26, November 16

Kids, try funny voices and invent crazy characters with the library's amazing collection of puppets. Explore your dramatic side, improvise and create a spontaneous puppet show on the spot with a new friend. Or get serious, sit down and write a whole script for your very own show! (Ages 5 & up)



Kids' Only Library Lounge

Tuesdays · 3:30 PM

Are you looking for a place to hang out and unwind? Look no further! Join us in the Conroy Room for some quiet fun. Relax and read, color/draw, listen to music, do homework, puzzles, or other calm activities.

Toddle Time

Fridays · 10 AM

Our youngest ones enjoy a fun, play-filled time with stories, songs, instruments, and more as they socialize and develop their early literacy skills. Get them "Ready to Read" with the five strategies from the Library of Michigan! (Ages Newborn to 4)





Teen/Tween Craft

Thursdays · 4:30 PM

September 14 Paint Your Own Flower Pot

Paint a mini terracotta pot. Create a geometric pattern or your own original design.

October 12 Stress Ball

Is the stress of the school year getting to you? Make your very own stress ball to help you get through those tough moments.

November 9 Perler Beads

Create a piece of art with Perler beads. Make a favorite character or a fun coaster to take home with you.





VR for Teens

Saturdays · 3 PM September 16 October 21

November 18

Have you heard about Virtual Reality, but haven't had a chance to try it? Join us at the library to be transported into an immersive adventure!



Chess Club for Kids & Teens

Saturday • 3 PM September 16, October 21, November 18

Beginners and experienced players learn about chess and improve your game with tips, strategies, challenges, and practice with expert Brian Wilson. Ages 8+

Rocket League

Thursdays • 4:30 PM September 21, October 19 November 16

Tweens/ Teens come and compete against other players in a fast-paced, arcade-style soccer game with cars! Computers and keyboard controls provided; may bring personal controllers.



Code Your Own Discord Bot

Saturday, October 14 · 3 PM

Are you a Discord user? Are you interested in coding? Learn step by step to code a simple bot you can use in your Discord servers. No previous coding experience needed. Registration required.

Teen Writers' Workshop

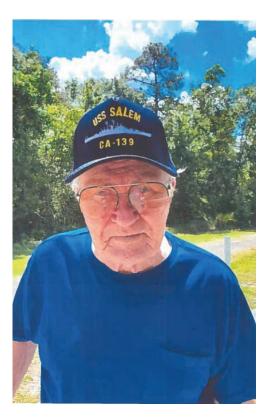
Tuesdays • 4:30 PM September 26 October 10, 24 November 7, 21

Learn about literature, writing, publishing, and critiquing while sharing your work with teen peers. Facilitated by Connor Coyne, author and director of *Flint's Gothic Funk Press*. New writers welcome!





EVERYONE



St. John Street Neighborhood and Bill Orling Paintings Discussion Panel and Reception

Wednesday, September 27 • 6 PM Flint's St. John Street Neighborhood was a thriving multi-racial community until it was demolished in the early 1970s. The policies that gave precedence to industry and I-475 resulted in displacing many Black residents who lived in the neighborhood.

A panel of former residents and leaders will discuss the impact and the subsequent struggle for housing experienced by so many in the community. After a discussion, attendees will be invited to view the paintings of Flint artist Bill Orling on display in the Library's Lower Level. Orling received the Heritage Award from the Genesee County Historical Society in 1978 for his ability to artistically capture the beauty and diversity of Flint's neighborhoods.



Podcasting @ the Library

Wednesdays • 6 PM September 13, October 11 November 8

Saturdays • 11 AM

September 30, October 28, November 11

Learn how to use podcasting tools in our Graff Digital Studio and get podcasting tips from our digital staff. You must take this class to use the studio. Registration Required.





Adult Writers' Workshop

Tuesdays · 6:30 PM

September 26, October 24, November 21

Writers 18 and over of all levels of experience are invited to join the Gloria Coles FPL monthly Adult Writers' Workshop. Share your poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction, and get critical feedback from your fellow writers. Facilitated by Connor Coyne, author and director of Flint's Gothic Funk Press.

Genealogy for Beginners

Thursday, September 28 • 5:30 PM
Become acquainted with the Library's Genealogy
resources while you begin your family history in this
workshop for beginners.

SENIORS



If you lead a senior group in the City of Flint with individuals finding it difficult to travel to the Library, we'd like to connect! Contact Adult Services Librarian Eileen at 810.249.2465 for a library card, registration, book talks, rotating boxes and on-site senior programs.

Senior Yoga

Wednesday · 12 PM

Join us for a Senior Yoga class in collaboration with the Crim Foundation. Yoga instructor Elizabeth Wise will guide this yoga class specifically designed with older adults in mind. This beginner-level class will incorporate basic chair and standing yoga poses, stretching, and deep breathing to help you gain flexibility, strength, and a sense of calm. (Mats not necessary)





QR Code Scavenger Hunt

Saturdays • All Day • October 21, November 11 Join us for a scavenger hunt around the library. Stop by anytime on Saturday with your smart device to answer riddles, scan the hidden QR codes, and win a prize!

African American Art Legacy & Literacy Class

with the Gloria Coles Flint Public Library.

Wednesdays • 4 PM September 6, October 4





60 Years of the Birmingham Campaign for Civil Rights

This year, 2023, the City of Birmingham commemorates sixty years since the Birmingham campaign for civil and human rights. As a part of the commemorative events, **The Historic Bethel Baptist Church Community Restoration Fund of Birmingham, Alabama, is pleased to announce its conference on individual and community healing.** The conference theme: "There is a Balm in Gilead: Healing From The Events of 1963." The conference will take place September 12-14, 2023 in Birmingham, Alabama.

September 13 · 10-11 AM

Christopher Paul Curtis discusses his book, The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963. His presentation at the conference, "There is a Balm in Gilead: Healing From The Events Of 1963", is organized by The Historic Bethel Baptist Church, in Birmingham, Alabama, to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. Alabama, as referred to in The Watsons Go To Birmingham-1963, wherein four girls were killed and 17 other injured during Sunday school, by a bomb planted by the Ku Klux Klan. What happened in 1963 changed not only the city, but inspired similar movements for human and civil rights across the nation and around the world.



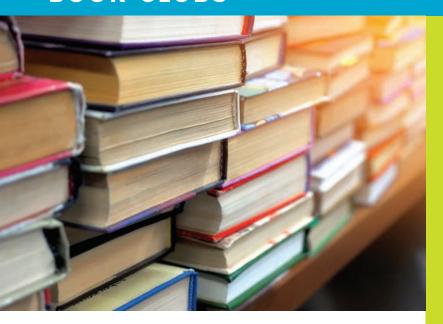


Educator's Resources on The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963

The Books to Parks project links widelyrecognized works of children's and young adult literature to the natural, cultural, and historical resources protected by the US government.



BOOK CLUBS



Friends Book Sale

Thursday, October 19 · 11 AM – 2 PM

Friends-Only Preview; new Friends are welcome to join at the sale.

2-7 PM

Everyone Welcome

Friday, October 20 · 12 – 5 PM

Saturday, October 21 · 10 AM - 5 PM

Bag Sale Day! Purchase a bag of books for \$5 (bag provided).



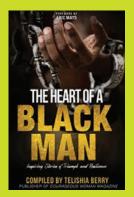
Silent Book Club

Fridays • 10 AM • September 15 October 20, November 17

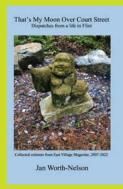
If you've been looking for time and space to read but would also like to be in the quiet presence of others, you'll love this no-pressure book club. Adults and teens welcome.

Booked For Lunch

Thursdays • 12 PM September 7, October 5, November 2



September 7. The Heart of a Black Man: Inspiring Stories of Triumph and Resilience by four community leaders and co-authors, Johnell Allen-Bey, Chuckii Montgomery, DeWaun Robinson, and Charles Winfrey will offer their stories and personal messages of hope, resilience, and empowerment. Anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the experiences of Black men and the strength that resides within will deeply appreciate both this event and the book.



October 5- That's My Moon Over Court Street: Dispatches from a life in Flint by Jan Worth-Nelson. The celebrated East Village Magazine writer and author of Night Blind will share her collection of exquisitely crafted prose, which breathes life into what she observed, mourned, bemoaned, cherished, and celebrated about living in Flint.



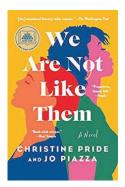
November 2· Battling the Storm Within by Sgt. Stephanie Shannon. As a 20-year veteran living with P.T.S.D., Sgt. Shannon tells the story of struggle, survival, and healing. She shares her mission to inspire others to face their own personal traumas, work toward healing and restoration, and live empowered lives once again.



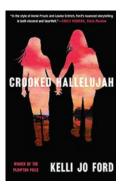


Fiction Only Book Club

Wednesdays • 12 PM September 20, October 18, November 15



September 20· We Are Not Like Them by Christine Pride. An evocative and riveting novel about the lifelong bond between two women, one Black and one White, whose friendship is indelibly altered by a tragic event.



October 18 · Crooked Hallelujah by Kelli Jo Ford. In lush and empathic prose, the author depicts a family of proud, stubborn, Cherokee women and the sacrifices they make for those they love, amid larger forces of history, religion, class, and culture.



November 15 · What Storm, What Thunder by Myriam J.A. Chancy. The lives of several Haitians are affected by a devastating and catastrophic 7.0 magnitude earthquake in this tale of regret and resilience, racism, violence, and greed.

Evening Readers Book Club

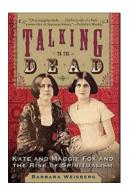
Thursdays • 6:30 PM September 14, October 12, November 9



September 14- The Ghost and Mrs. Muir by R.A. Dick. Burdened by debt after her husband's death, Lucy Muir insists on moving into the very cheap Gull Cottage in the quaint seaside village of Whitecliff, despite multiple warnings that the house is haunted. This novel inspired Joseph L. Mankiewicz's cinematic romance starring Gene Tierney and Rex Harrison.



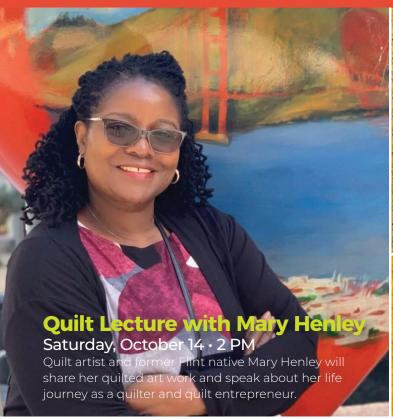
October 12 · The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson. First published in 1959, Shirley Jackson's The Haunting of Hill House has been hailed as a perfect work of unnerving terror. It is the story of four seekers who arrive at a notoriously unfriendly place called Hill House. At first, their stay seems destined to be merely a spooky encounter with inexplicable phonomena. But Hill House is gathering its powers - and soon it will choose one of them to make its own.



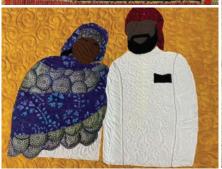
November 9 · Talking to the Dead: Kate and Maggie Fox and the Rise of Spiritualism by Barbara Weisburg. A fascinating story of spirits and conjours, skeptics and converts in the second half of nineteenth century America viewed through the lives of Kate and Maggie Fox.



EVERYONE













34th Annual Exhibit of the Flint African **American Quilting Guild** Thursday - Saturday All Day

October 12-14

Members of the Flint African American Quilters Guild will display the work of their hands and hearts. Theme: "In Memory of..."



St. Luke N.E.W Life Center Quilts

Thursday - Saturday All Day October 12-14

Learning new life skills, sewers from St. Luke's N.E.W. Sewing Business will display quilts they have made through this program.







Join us at the library to hear a local entrepreneur share their business model and offer advice to other entrepreneurs! The Emerging Entrepreneurs series will begin with, Ellen Burgess of Mr. Chip Cookie Co. presenting her small business success story from conception to fruition. Discussing steps taken, barriers overcome, and tips and advice for fellow entrepreneurs and community members alike! Our expert librarians will demonstrate the library's many business resources, with networking opportunities to follow.



Youth Author Forum: Gary Schmidt

September, 29 • 10 AM
If you've read Wednesday Wars, Lizzie
Bright and the Buckminster Boy, or
Orbiting Jupiter, you know what a treasure
we have in Michigan author Gary Schmidt,
who has twice been named a Newbery
Honor Award winner from the American
Library Association. Teachers, if you're
interested in having your classes attend
this wonderful event, please call Manager
of Youth Services, Katie Badgley at
810.249.2587.



LEGO® Club

Wednesdays · 4 PM

Use your imagination and engineering skills to build amazing creations. Work with others, try new ideas, and stretch your skills with our weekly challenges. Add moving parts to your structures to explore what they can do! Thank you to the Friends of the Flint Public Library for raising money and donating the LEGO bricks for this club.



Johnathan Rand: Author Visit

Saturday, November 11 · 2 PM

The beloved Michigan author of children's chillers series (American Chillers, Michigan Chillers, Freddie Fernortner, Dollar Store Danny and Nightmare Nation) will be speaking to the delight of all ages. It's an event you won't want to miss. Books will be available for sale and signing.

September

SEPTEMBER 6, WEDNESDAY

- · African American Art Legacy & Literacy Class. 4 PM
- · LEGO® Club, 4 PM

SEPTEMBER 7, THURSDAY

- · Booked for Lunch, 12 PM
- · Board Meeting, 5:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 9. SATURDAY

- · Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM-12 PM
- · Little Explorers, 10:30 AM
- · Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM

SEPTEMBER 12, TUESDAY

· Kids' Only Library Lounge, 3:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 13. WEDNESDAY

- · 60 Years of Birmingham Campaign for Civil Rights Livestream, 10 AM
- · Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- · LEGO® Club, 4 PM
- · Podcasting @ the Library, 6 PM

SEPTEMBER 14. THURSDAY

- Tween/Teen Craft, 4:30 PM
- · Evening Readers Book Club, 6:30 PM
- ·Thursday with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 15, FRIDAY

· Silent Book Club, 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 16. SATURDAY

- · Chalk the Walk, 11 AM
- · Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- · VR for Teens, 3 PM
- · Chess Club for Kids & Teens, 3 PM

SEPTEMBER 19, TUESDAY

· Kids' Only Library Lounge, 3:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 20, WEDNESDAY

- · Fiction Only Book Club, 12 PM
- · Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- · LEGO® Club, 4 PM

SEPTEMBER 21, THURSDAY

· Rocket League, 4:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 22. FRIDAY

· Toddle Time, 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 23, SATURDAY

· Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM

SEPTEMBER 26. TUESDAY

- · Kids' Only Library Lounge, 3:30 PM
- · Teen Writers' Workshop, 4:30 PM
- · Adult Writers' Workshop, 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 27, WEDNESDAY

- · Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- · LEGO® Club, 4 PM
- · St. John Street Neighborhood and Bill Orling Paintings Discussion Panel and Reception, 6 PM

SEPTEMBER 28, THURSDAY

- · Puppet Zone, 3:30 PM
- · Genealogy for Beginners, 5:30 PM
- ·Thursday with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 29. FRIDAY

- · Toddle Time, 10 AM
- · Youth Author Forum Gary Schmidt, 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 30, SATURDAY

- · Podcasting @ the Library, 11 AM
- · Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM

October

OCTOBER 3, TUESDAY

· Kids' Only Library Lounge, 3:30 PM

OCTOBER 4, WEDNESDAY

- · Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- · LEGO® Club, 4 PM
- · African American Art Legacy & Literacy Class, 4 PM
- · Wee Ones Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM

OCTOBER 5, THURSDAY

· Booked for Lunch, 12 PM

OCTOBER 6, FRIDAY

· Toddle Time. 10 AM

OCTOBER 7, SATURDAY

- · Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM-12 PM
- · Little Explorers, 10:30 AM
- · Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM

OCTOBER 10, TUESDAY

- · Kids' Only Library Lounge, 3:30 PM
- · Teen Writers' Workshop, 4:30 PM
- · Emerging Entrepreneurs, 5 PM

OCTOBER 11, WEDNESDAY

- · Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- · LEGO® Club, 4 PM
- · Wee Ones Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM
- · Podcasting @ the Library, 6 PM

OCTOBER 12, THURSDAY

- · 34th Annual Exhibit of the Flint African American Quilting Guild, All Day
- · St. Luke N.E.W Life Center Quilts, All Day
- · Tween/Teen Craft, 4:30 PM
- · FPL Monthly Board Meeting, 5:30 PM
- · Evening Readers Book Club, 6:30 PM
- · Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

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OCTOBER 14, SATURDAY

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- · St. Luke N.E.W Life Center Quilts, All Day
- · Gardening Together Tea Party, 11 AM
- · Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- · Quilt Lecture with Mary Henley, 2 PM
- · Code Your Own Discord Bot, 3 PM

OCTOBER 17, TUESDAY

· Kids' Only Library Lounge, 3:30 PM

OCTOBER 18, WEDNESDAY

- · Fiction Only Book Club, 12 PM
- · Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- · LEGO® Club, 4 PM
- · Wee Ones Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM

OCTOBER 19, THURSDAY

- · Friends Book Sale Friends Only Preview, 11 AM - 2 PM
- · Friends Book Sale, 2-7 PM
- · Rocket League, 4:30 PM

OCTOBER 20, FRIDAY

- · Toddle Time. 10 AM
- · Silent Book Club, 10 AM
- · Friends Book Sale, 12-5 PM

OCTOBER 21, SATURDAY

- · QR Code Scavenger Hunt, All Day
- · High School Senior Scholarship, 10 AM
- · Friends Book Sale, 10 AM-5PM
- · Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM · VR for Teens, 3 PM
- · Chess Club for Kids & Teens, 3 PM

OCTOBER 24, TUESDAY

- · Kids' Only Library Lounge, 3:30 PM
- · Teen Writers' Workshop, 4:30 PM
- · Adult Writers' Workshop, 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 25, WEDNESDAY

- · Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- · LEGO® Club, 4 PM · Wee Ones Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM

OCTOBER 26, THURSDAY

- · Puppet Zone, 3:30 PM
- · Thursday with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 27, FRIDAY

· Toddle Time, 10 AM

OCTOBER 28, SATURDAY

- · Podcasting @ the Library, 11 AM
- · Monster Mash, 1 PM

OCTOBER 31, TUESDAY

· Kids' Only Library Lounge, 3:30 PM

November

NOVEMBER 1, WEDNESDAY

- · Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- · LEGO® Club, 4 PM
- · Wee Ones Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM

NOVEMBER 2, THURSDAY

- · Booked for Lunch, 12 PM
- FPL Monthly Board Meeting, 5:30 PM

NOVEMBER 3, FRIDAY

· Toddle Time, 10 AM

NOVEMBER 4, SATURDAY

- · Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM-12 PM
- · Little Explorers, 10:30 AM
- · Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM

- **NOVEMBER 7, TUESDAY**
- · Kids' Only Library Lounge, 3:30 PM · Teen Writers' Workshop, 4:30 PM

- **NOVEMBER 8. WEDNESDAY**
- · Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- · LEGO® Club, 4 PM
- · Wee Ones Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM · Podcasting @ the Library, 6 PM

- **NOVEMBER 9, THURSDAY**
- · Tween/Teen Craft, 4:30 PM

· Evening Readers Book Club, 6:30 PM · Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 10, FRIDAY

· Toddle Time, 10 AM

- **NOVEMBER 11, SATURDAY**
- · QR Code Scavenger Hunt, All Day
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· Johnathan Rand Author Visit, 2 PM

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· LEGO® Club, 4 PM

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NOVEMBER 21, TUESDAY

· Teen Writers' Workshop, 4:30 PM

- · Adult Writers' Workshop, 6:30 PM **NOVEMBER 22, WEDNESDAY**
- · Special Library Hours, 9 AM-6 PM · Senior Yoga, 12 PM

NOVEMBER 23-25

· FPL Closed

NOVEMBER 29, WEDNESDAY

· Senior Yoga, 12 PM