

Fruitport District Library Color Your World: Winter and Spring Break Edition!

During the Winter Break we were so excited to welcome Santa Claus to the library!! With almost 100 people wanting to sit on his lap!! Our staff and Friends of the Fruitport District Library had crafts and treats for the good little boys and girls while they waited to see the Jolly St. Nick!!

Even the staff, including our director, climbed upon his knee to tell Santa what they wanted!

We also watched the Frozen Sing-a-Long and had hot chocolate during the holiday break!!

During the 2025 Spring Break Holiday between April 7th to April 11th the Fruitport District Library was full of families having a great time. We had face painting, creating book marks, book exchanges, stamping, puzzle challenge, bracelet making, 2-D Origami, and more!!

The Fruitport District Library is grateful to its staff, the Friends of the Fruitport District Library, and the many volunteers it took to plan, set up, run, and clean the many events.

We are also incredibly thankful to the community who showed up to have fun! Almost 400 people came to play! We had little ones less than a year old, lots of toddlers, kids, parents, and grandparents having as much fun as their grandkids!

Ultimately the most rewarding part of our jobs at the library is making people happy and we did just that. Watching kids, parents, and grandparents playing and bonding all the while laughing and smiling was worth all the hours of planning and setting up.

Fruitport can be assured that the staff, Friends of the Library, and volunteers are already planning something big for next year’s spring break!!

To get involved with the Friends of the Fruitport District Library you can attend one of their monthly meetings which are usually on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 in the community room, by liking their Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FruitportFOFL>, or emailing them at fruitportfofl@gmail.com.

Discover a World of Free Digital Entertainment and Learning at Your Fruitport Library

In the digital age, the public library continues to be a gateway to knowledge, entertainment, and lifelong learning—and now it’s more accessible than ever. The Fruitport District Library is proud to offer a wide range of digital resources that cardholders can enjoy anytime, anywhere—completely free of charge.

Leading the way is Libby, a user-friendly app that connects readers to thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines. Whether you’re into bestsellers, classic literature, or children’s stories, Libby offers something for everyone. Simply download the app, sign in with your library card, and start reading or listening instantly. Contact the library regarding additional resources available through cooperative sharing.

For movie buffs, binge-watchers, and music lovers, Hoopla delivers a treasure trove of content right to your device. With no waitlists and a wide variety of audiobooks, movies, TV shows, music albums, eBooks, comics, and more, Hoopla is perfect for families and individuals looking for instant access to entertainment.

And if you’re a fan of movie classics, modern pictures, thought-provoking documentaries, indie films, or international cinema, Kanopy is your go-to platform. Known for its high-quality, curated collection, Kanopy is a favorite among educators and film enthusiasts alike. From classic cinema to modern masterpieces, it offers streaming options you won’t find on typical platforms.

These resources really expand what the library can offer. You don’t have to come into the

building to enjoy your library—you can access all of this from your couch, your commute, or even on vacation.

All you need to get started is a library card. Not sure how to use the apps? The library staff is happy to help set up accounts and walk patrons through the process step by step.

From books to movies, music to magazines, the Fruitport District Library is your all-in-one digital destination—free, easy, and always open.

For more information, visit fruitportlibrary.org or stop by the library to learn more.

Color Your World at the Fruitport District Library Summer Reading Program!

We have an amazing summer planned at the Fruitport District Library full of events for children, teens, and adults!

Come check out the Kickoff Party in Pomona Park on June 20th where you can sign up for the Summer Reading Program, get a bag of goodies for signing up, attend a program by the Outdoor Discovery Center, toss around a football, kick around a soccer ball, or shoot some hoops!

On Mondays throughout summer we’ll have new Take n Makes as well as Crafts and Snacks between 11 and 1. Teens and Adults at 6pm can join us in our community room for Line Dancing!!

The second Tuesday of each month is our adult Book Club from 12:30-1:30! Feel free to bring a lunch!

We’ll have lunch for kids and teens provided by Feeding America from 12-1 all week.

Fridays we have Gentle Yoga in our community room from 9:30-10:30 and Family Story Time from 11-12!

In June we will be having a kid’s movie with pizza, popcorn and beverages provided on the 19th at 6pm.

July 12th we’re hosting Enda Reilly at the bandstand at 2pm to regale Fruitport with songs and stories of Ireland! We have another kid’s movie on July 14th with pizza, popcorn, and beverage provided at 6pm.

In August we have Marvel illustrator Jerry DeCaire showing us how he draws his fantastical creatures and legendary Marvel heroes on August 5! On August 16th we have another visit by the Outdoor Discovery Center at 11am for an interactive presentation featuring live animals, taxidermy, and artifacts. We’ll have another kid’s movie on the 21st with pizza, popcorn, and beverages provided at 6pm.

For a full listing of Summer Reading events please stop by the library, follow us on Facebook, or attend the kick-off party on June 20th! We’ll also be sending the full list of events home with students of the Fruitport and Calvary schools towards the end of May.

Stay up to date with fun crafts, programs, and events throughout the year with our monthly community calendar available in the library!!

Fruitport District Library Teen and Adult Programs

Chair yoga on Mondays at 11am invites community members of all ages and abilities to enjoy a gentle class designed to promote wellness, flexibility, and peace of mind. Led by a certified instructor, this free program offers easy, seated stretches and calming breathing techniques—perfect for seniors, beginners, or anyone looking for a safe and supportive way to stay active. Join us weekly and experience the benefits of movement and relaxation in a welcoming environment. No special equipment or experience needed.

Gentle Yoga continues throughout summer at 9:30am on Fridays. Gentle Yoga class is designed to help participants unwind, stretch, and recharge. This all-levels class focuses on slow, mindful movements and simple poses to improve flexibility, balance, and relaxation. Whether you’re new to yoga or looking for a

peaceful way to stay active, all are welcome. Mats provided, or bring your own. Join us and discover a more centered, healthier you.

The Fruitport Library invites you to kick up your heels at our Beginner Line Dancing class! This lively, no-pressure program is perfect for all ages and fitness levels—no partner or experience needed. Learn basic steps to classic country favorites and modern hits while enjoying great music and friendly company. Come dance, laugh, and move your way to a good time! This event is \$2 per person per class.

Curious about crochet or knitting? The Fruitport District Library is hosting free beginner-friendly classes where you can learn the basics of these timeless crafts. Whether you’re picking up yarn for the first time or brushing up on old skills, our welcoming sessions provide hands-on guidance, all materials included. Come create, connect, and stitch something wonderful—no experience necessary! Intro to Crochet is June 12 at 5pm, Intro to Knitting is July 10, and a program to get your questions answered regarding knitting and crochet on August 14th. Limit of 10 per class so register at the library to get your sport reserved.

Join the Fruitport District Library on the second Thursday of every month for a fascinating journey through the past with our ongoing History Lecture Series. Each session features engaging presentations by local historians and experts, covering a wide range of topics from regional stories to major world events. Whether you’re a lifelong history buff or just curious to learn more, these free lectures offer something for everyone. All are welcome!

Calling all knitters, crocheters, and crafters! Join us at the Fruitport District Library on the third Thursday of every month for Threads and Yarns, a relaxed drop-in program where you can bring your current project, share ideas, and enjoy friendly conversation with fellow makers. Whether you’re a seasoned stitcher or just getting started, all are welcome. No registration required—just drop in, unwind, and get inspired!

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Fruitport District Library Homebound Service

The Fruitport District Library and the Friends of the Fruitport District Library are now offering Homebound Service in which library materials can be delivered to Fruitport Township residents who are homebound.

ELIGIBILITY
Homebound service will be provided to residents of Fruitport Township who are not able to come to the library. “Homebound” is defined as being generally confined to the residence either temporarily, due to an illness, accident, pregnancy, or permanently, due to age, disability, or other mobility problems.

REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN:
-Library card
-Fruitport township resident
SCHEDULE
-Once a month
-Every item needs to be returned unless a renewal has been requested by phone
-A reminder call will be made by the route driver the day before
-Note: pre-contact with the patron is not needed for delivery.

-If a patron cannot participate for the month they are responsible for calling the library to cancel delivery / pick up

REQUESTING MATERIALS
-Patrons will request specific books by phone or online prior to the delivery day by contacting the library through email or by phone
-A few days before is preferred
-Types of items available to request:
-books, audiobooks, movies
Please contact the library at (231) 366-6107 or director@fruitportlibrary.org for more information.