

ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION

Monday, March 2, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

St. Charles Police Department Conference Room
211 N. Riverside Avenue

Minutes have been sent to the following:

N. McFarland – Youth Commissioner*	L. Dandre, STC EHS
S. Anderson – Youth Commissioner	P. Jensen, Haines M.S.
J. Diorio – Youth Commissioner	D. Schlomann, Superintendent CUSD 303
C. Hime – Youth Commissioner*	S. Morrill, Wredling M.S.
K. Kauke – Youth Commissioner	P. Yensen, United Way
D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner*	J. Otepka, TriCity
S. Schwerdtfeger – Youth Commissioner*	G. Swanson, STC Township
M. Weick – Youth Commissioner*	C. Blake, TriCity*
J. Wong – Youth Commissioner*	J. Baird, CUSD 303
C. Waibel – Youth Commissioner*	C. Kyle, STC EHS
B. Tynan, STC PD*	S. Morrill, Thompson M.S.
J. Keegan, Chief of Police	E. Baxter, STC Library
R. Rogina, Mayor	D. Beasley, STC Underground
STC Alderman	D. Procaccio, STC Underground
M. Karson, STC EHS	S. Muenz, STC Underground*
M. Koenen, City Administrator	M. Backer, CUSD303
	J. Greenwald, STC Park District*

*Attended meeting.

- I. Meeting called to order @ 6:03 p.m.
- II. **Secretary Report** – Daniel Kelly
 - A. Approval of the Minutes from the February 2015 meeting. Motion to approve carried.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Cliff Hime
 - A. Attached; current balance: \$7,451. Motion to approve carried.
- IV. **Correspondence** – None as of February 24, 2015
- V. **Presentations**
 - A. Report attached; Jeff Greenwald, St. Charles Park District, made a presentation on a referendum proposal.
- VI. **Liaison Reports**
 - A. **D303** – Absent
 - B. **Park District** – Steve Muenz
 - i. St. Charles Underground report attached. In addition, study nights have been held, as well as a teen lock-in and job fair.
 - C. **Police Department** – Bill Tynan
 - i. Bike Rodeo idea discussed;
 - ii. Report on arrest listing attached.

D. Library Programs – Marianne Weick

- i. March – May 2015 newsletter attached.

E. Tri-City Family Services – Colleen Blake

- i. Invitation to April 18, 2015 fundraising benefit attached.

VII. Old Business – None as of February 24, 2015

VIII. New Business

- A. Funding request from St. Charles Park District Underground (attached). A motion to fund the request of \$3,500 carried. A second motion to table the awarding and distribution of the \$3,500 until May 2015, carried.
- B. Funding request from St. Charles Public Library for the “2015 Got to Read” t-shirts (attached) in the amount of \$1,000. A motion to approve the requested \$1,000 funding was carried. Youth Commissioner Marianne Weick abstained.
- C. Funding request from St. Charles East High School for Post Prom (attached) for \$2,000. A motion to fund event for \$2,000 was carried.
- D. Funding request from St. Charles North High School for Post Prom (attached) for \$2,000. A motion to fund the event for \$2,000 was carried.
- E. Funding request from CASA for \$2,500 (attached) to fund “Personality Disorders and the DSM-5” event, scheduled for September 11, 2015. A motion to decline this funding request was carried.

IX. Announcements – None as of February 24, 2015

X. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. carried.

The next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Police Department Conference Room located at 211 N. Riverside Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Kelly, Youth Commissioner

STC Underground 2015

Ind. vs. Check Ins	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2014	97/443	92/363										
2013	118/433	108/403	120/430	110/443	109/461	100/411	99/439	104/428	117/402	108/423	99/404	105/420
2012	71/340	75/259	77/426	101/487	103/466	90/415	78/439	97/486	116/421	118/450	106/464	94/337
2011	111/481	99/452	103/569	98/480	119/558	121/569	102/520	105/523	106/451	120/496	104/534	97/414
2010	110/474	91/315	112/573	114/570	99/549	114/529	125/579	118/543	124/519	128/565	122/519	103/555
	89/460	104/454	117/616	127/549	102/534	115/577	112/571	116/544	103/474	97/498	92/474	98/499

Hourly Visits

1:00 p.m.	20	13
2:00 p.m.	37	14
3:00 p.m.	73	78
4:00 p.m.	95	86
5:00 p.m.	119	85
6:00 p.m.	71	63
7:00 p.m.	20	20
8:00 p.m.	8	2
9:00 p.m.	0	2
Total	443	363

Female vs. Male Member

Female	244/531	242/532
Male	775	774

STCU Operational Days Average Teens Per Day

Operational Days	22	20
Average Teens Per Day	20.14	18.15

History (# of visits)

2014	319/5,097
2013	305/4,990
2012	264/6,047
2011	275/6,267
2010	256/6,225

STCU est. 2001

SC Juvenile Arrest listing

Statute Code	Description	Arrest Date And Time	subject ID Number	Arrestee Address City	Arrestee Jacket Type
720 ILCS 570.0/404-B	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: Possession Of Look A Like	02/03/2015 11:51:00		ST CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 570.0/404-B	CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: Possession Of Look A Like	02/09/2015 13:59:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 550.0/4-D	CANNABIS: Possession - >30 Grams	02/12/2015 11:00:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 5.0/16-25-A-1	THEFT: Retail	02/14/2015 14:16:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket

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Discover Your Library

St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

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Ready to Learn Something New?

Free Classes at Your Library or from Home

Did you make a New Year's resolution to learn something new or brush up on a forgotten skill for that job interview? Have you been thinking of taking a class? Think of us first! The Library offers courses in-person and online – and they are free to you with your Library card.



Whether you're looking for computer or software training, job search help, cooking, history or dog training, we've got an online course for you. With over 500 classes available, there's something for everyone. Courses in these topics elsewhere can be costly, but this content is available to you 24/7 with your Library card.

In the Library Technology Center, we offer a selection of free introductory classes with experienced instructors on popular subjects such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Publisher. You also can learn

Digital Camera Basics and Photo Editing; How to Buy the Right Computer and Take Care of It; Email Etiquette; eBay Buying and Selling; or get an introduction to Facebook and Google Docs.

"I'm so happy I took this class," shared one delighted patron upon completion of a computer course. "This is a great resource and opportunity. Thanks!" said another. Classes are offered on a rotating schedule in the Technology Center. Check page 6 for a complete listing of the offerings this session. All you need is a St. Charles Public Library card to register.

Online Classes Offer Learning Opportunities from Home or on the Go!

Looking for Apple tutorials, job search resources, test preparation, or a class in cooking, history or dog training? Maybe online learning is the best choice for you. Take a look at www.stcharleslibrary.org/online-classes for a list of options that are FREE with your library card, PIN and Internet connection.

ATOMIC TRAINING – This video training database includes on-demand video training tutorials on the most popular software from Adobe, Apple, Microsoft, Google and more. Each of the online training courses is made up of short one to three minute video segments. This "learn-at-your-own-pace solution" offers the ability to skip over things you already know, and/or re-watch



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segments you need to understand more about. It's an easy and intuitive way to develop skills—just watch, listen and learn!

- LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY** – Complete courses for students and adults in math, reading, writing, as well as various software applications can be found here. There also are hundreds of online interactive practice tests that prepare you for several types of exams including grade school achievement tests, the ACT and SAT, GED, U.S. Citizenship, nursing, fire fighting, plumbing, civil service positions and more. Answer explanations are given so that you will understand why an answer is correct or incorrect. Practice tests include instant diagnostic score reports that will help you target areas that need more attention.

LearningExpress Job & Career Accelerator™ provides step-by-step assistance for job seekers of all levels. Create professional resumes and cover letters, master interviewing and networking techniques, improve work-related skills and prepare for occupation-related exams.



- UNIVERSAL CLASS** – Provides over 500 online continuing education courses written and taught by experts in their fields. Courses include subject areas like history, health, home and garden, business, education and the arts. Streaming video, website avatars, insightful content, helpful tutors and a social networking experience make these classes an engaging experience. Successful students may earn a CEU (Continuing Education Unit) Certificate of Course Completion with their final grade and course assessment information.

Digital Dilemmas? We've Got You Covered



Of course, we have many books to help you learn to use your new iPad or master a programming language. There are computers to use—and some to check out—and our Computer Help Desk staff to answer basic questions.

Also, we will refer you to other places in the community where you can take classes if none of our options work for you.

Even if you have your own computer and know all about it, keep us in mind if your Wi-Fi goes out, the printer runs out of ink, or if you need a scanner or high speed Internet connection. Stop at the Reference & Reader Services desk any time. The Library staff is available to help download eBooks, or any of the Library's downloadable content (music, movies, magazines or audiobooks) to your computer or device. We're eager to help in the way that fits your schedule and your style best.

Footnotes

National Library Week: Food for Fines

April 12-18, 2015



Libraries are an important part of the community. In celebration of National Library Week, the St. Charles Public Library will be waiving overdue charges in exchange for food donations for the Salvation Army. During the spring and summer months, food donations are much lower than at other times of the year, yet many families in the area still need the additional support and assistance from the Salvation Army.

Nonperishable, non-expired food (no glass containers) should be placed in the collection bins. Suggested items include: canned fruits and vegetables; canned meats (chicken & tuna); canned stews, broth, chowder, chili, soups; cereal; boxed meals such as Hamburger Helper or macaroni and cheese; beans; pasta and rice; or peanut butter.

Remember to inform the Circulation desk staff so that your fine will be cleared. If you don't have any fines, please help us help our community by making a food donation.

Books & Brunch Fundraiser



Saturday, April 18
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
St. Charles Country Club
1250 Country Club Road, St. Charles

Tickets: \$40 per person

Take this chance to support the Library Foundation, all while connecting with fellow book lovers and local authors! Enjoy a delicious brunch and a delightful afternoon at the St. Charles Country Club. Authors include Stan Banash, Ruth Hull Chatlien, Fayl Colaizzi, Annie Hansen, Travis Thrasher and Joanne Zienty. The event will include books to purchase and drawings for fabulous gift baskets.

Space is limited. Tickets are available at <http://tinyurl.com/booksandbrunch>, by calling Ginni Tsipas at 630-584-0076, ext. 230 or in person at the St. Charles Public Library Administration office.

This special fundraising event is sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.



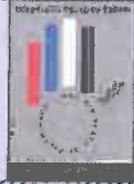
What the Staff is Reading

The Chisellers by Brendan O'Carroll ■ FIC OCARROLL

This is an enjoyable, realistic story laced with warmth and humor about the gritty life of an Irish working family.

Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage by Haruki Murakami ■ FIC MURAKAMI

The main character deals with the loss of friendship, its effects on his life, and his years-long journey to discover the reason he had been ostracized from his tightly-knit group of high school friends.



The Good Luck of Right Now by Matthew Quick ■ FIC QUICK

If you liked *The Silver Linings Playbook*, you will definitely like this poignant, well-written novel. Quick displays flashes of brilliance in his writing, and the work as a whole is tightly plotted, absorbing, and extremely emotional without being depressing.

The Outsmarting of Criminals by Steven Rigolosi ■ FIC RIGOLOSI

When Miss Felicity Prim retires to the Connecticut countryside, she's sure her avid reading of mystery novels has prepared her for a new career in private detection. A delightful cozy mystery.



Those Who Wish Me Dead by Michael Koryta ■ FIC KORYTA

This suspenseful story of a 13-year-old who witnesses a murder and must use wilderness survival skills to evade the killers is good in print and audio. It's a little on the rough side but is a story that the reader is compelled to finish.

The Nightmare Factory by Thomas Ligotti ■ 741.5 LIG

Ligotti's written material can come off as rather dense and perturbing to those unfamiliar with the science of philosophy. This graphic novel format distills key elements from his canon and reworks them into a format that's still challenging, but comparatively easier to digest.



The Nesting Place by Myquillyn Smith ■ 747 SMI

This home design book is for those of us who don't have time to read a home design book. Smith gives you permission to live in chaos.

The Hotel on Place Vendôme: Life, Death, and Betrayal at the Hotel Ritz in Paris by Tilar J. Mazzeo ■ 944.361 MAZ

This is a history of one of the most famous hotels in the world, but focuses primarily on World War II and the German occupation of Paris. There is a fascinating cast of characters who live and or stay at the Ritz over the years, from famous authors, movie stars and military figures to celebrities and the hotel staff.



Read Before You Watch:

A new filmed version of Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd* is set for release in May. This classic story features the ill-fated passions of the beautiful Bathsheba Everdene and her three suitors in 1840s England.

For even more staff picks, see our [READ](#) blog!

Register for Adult Programs

online at events.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp,
at the Reference Desk or by calling 630-584-0076 ext. 1.

Film— Love Under Fire: The Story of Bertha and Potter Palmer

Thursday, March 5 ■ 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room



Funded by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation

In celebration of Women's History Month, Chicago film director, Amelia Dellos, will present *Love Under Fire: The Story of Bertha and Potter Palmer*, the epic love story between young socialite Bertha Honoré and Potter Palmer, a self-made man 20 years her senior. Their passion for one another and the city they loved would inspire Chicago to rise like a phoenix from the ashes of The Great Chicago Fire. A Q&A with the director will follow the screening of the movie.

REGISTER



From Seed

To kick off our new seed library, we are offering opportunities to grow your interest in sprouting plants!

Jump Start the Growing Season – Starting from Seed

Saturday, March 7 ■ 2:00–3:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Starting seeds indoors is a great way to head off cabin fever and get a significant jump start on your spring garden. A University of Illinois Master Gardener will discuss timing, seed selection, germination and seedling growth and hardening off young plants before their permanent move outdoors. A seed swap will immediately follow this event.

REGISTER or DROP IN

Seed Swap

Saturday, March 7 ■ 3:00–4:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Meeting Room

Bring in your unused or extra seeds to swap with fellow gardeners. Don't have any seeds to swap? Many gardeners are happy to give seeds away. You can also grab some packets from our new seed library! **DROP IN**

Plant Exchange

Saturday, May 16 ■ 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Stop in any time during the day to drop off, exchange or take plants. All sizes and types of plants are welcome. **DROP IN**

Sunday Concert Series

Sundays ■ 2:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

March 8 – The award-winning **Bellissimo Handbell Choir** of St. Charles is noted for beautifully orchestrated presentations of entertaining music. They will highlight the versatility of the handbell for music lovers of all ages.

* **March 22** – **Jason and Sherri Deroche** of **Ten Strings** will blend the acoustic guitar and violin creating unique sound of classical songs.

* **April 12** – **Rob Murphy**, a St. Charles resident and member of the Rockford Symphony Orchestra, will perform classical French horn pieces accompanied by his son, Alex. Alex also will perform a mix of solo classical and jazz piano pieces.

* Designates a classical concert funded through donations to the St. Charles Public Library Foundation. **DROP IN**

2nd Tuesday Book Discussions

The Library offers two book discussion groups: **Mornings at 10:00 a.m.** and **Evenings at 7:00 p.m.** in the Bisbee Conference Room. **DROP IN**

March 10

Morning - A Tale for the Time Being
by Ruth L. Ozeki
FIC OZEKI



Evening - The Invisible Wall
by Harry Bernstein
813.54 BER

April 14

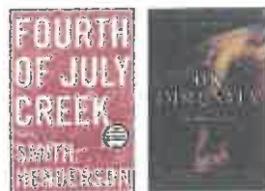
Morning - On Immunity: An Inoculation
by Eula Biss
616.079 BIS



Evening - The Plover
by Brian Doyle
FIC DOYLE

May 12

Morning - Fourth of July Creek
by Smith Henderson
FIC HENDERSON



Evening - On Immunity: An Inoculation
by Eula Biss
616.079 BIS



Wednesday, March 11 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Jill Cataldo, one of the premier coupon experts in the country and author of a nationally-syndicated newspaper column, will explain how to maximize your grocery savings and purchase hundreds of dollars' worth of groceries for just pennies! She'll teach the couponing secrets of the pros, which stores will let shoppers stack multiple coupons, how to track sales and discounts online and best of all—how to get the store to pay you to shop. **REGISTER**

St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays ■ 9:15–11:45 a.m.

Huntley Meeting Room (HR) or Carnegie Community Room (CR)

The St. Charles Writers Group is a workshop for writers 18 years and over that meets two Saturdays per month. There is no fee for membership. The facilitator is Richard Holinger. Questions? Contact Denise Blaszyński at 630-584-0076, ext. 240. **DROP IN**

March 14 ■ HR ■ Reading discussion: Joan Didion

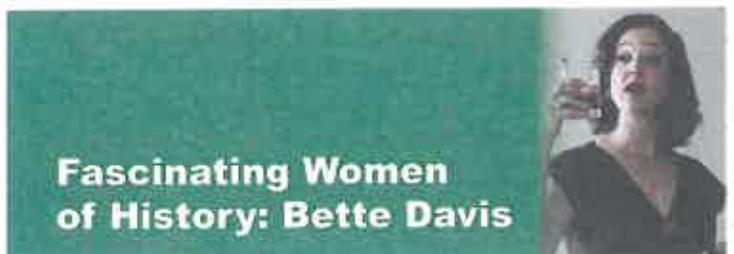
March 28 ■ HR ■ A primer on self-publishing

April 18 ■ HR ■ The nature of nature writing

April 25 ■ CR ■ Writing your past presently

May 9 ■ HR ■ Poetry that transcends the poet

May 23 ■ HR ■ Applause for fan fiction



Tuesday, March 17 ■ Noon ■ Huntley Meeting Room
Co-sponsored by the St. Charles Heritage Center

Few actresses in Hollywood have rivaled her for longevity and appeal. A star for almost 60 years, Bette Davis appeared in 101 major studio films and created a new kind of film heroine: strong, outspoken and even wicked. Her personal life was as tempestuous as her life on screen. Meet the ultimate star from the golden age of Hollywood—brought to life by Leslie Goddard. **REGISTER**

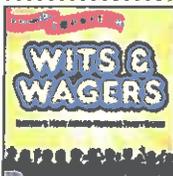
Game Nights

Spend your night playing games with us! We will feature a game or have our collection available to choose from. Bring a friend or meet some new ones with a passion for board games. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

Let's Play: Wits & Wagers

Wednesday, March 18 ▪ 6:00–8:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Terrible at trivia? This is the game for you. Answer trivia questions, but place your bet on the player you *think* has the best answer. This party game plays fast and fun.



Players' Choice

Wednesday, April 15 ▪ 6:00–8:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

The hardest part of board gaming is finding people to play with, so grab your favorite game and join us! We also have a large collection of games that you can play.

Forbidden Desert/ Forbidden Island

Wednesday, May 20 ▪ 6:00–8:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Team-up time! These cooperative games require players to work together to gather legendary artifacts and make it out before it's too late. There are many ways to lose, but only one way to win!



The Lure and Lore of Spices

Thursday, March 19 ▪ 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

John Cirpinski of The Spice House in Geneva will share the fascinating history of the spice trade through the ages and bring some samples to taste. **REGISTER**

Great Decisions

Thursdays ▪ 7:00 p.m.

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The Great Decisions discussion group is intended to stimulate a discussion of foreign policy issues. Participants may check out a copy of the briefing book at the Library. Participants should be ready to discuss the article prior to participation. **DROP IN**

March 26 ▪ Russia and the Near Abroad
Huntley Meeting Room

April 23 ▪ Sectarianism in the Middle East
Carnegie Community Room

May 28 ▪ India Changes Course
Huntley Meeting Room



Armchair Tour of the Universe

Wednesday, April 8 ▪ 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Explore our Solar System without stepping foot outside the Library! Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium will showcase some of the latest NASA spacecraft images of our Solar System. Her commentary will touch on our stunning Sun, giant planet Jupiter, dwarf planet Pluto, and everything in between. **REGISTER**

Senior Spelling Bee

For Adults age 50 and over

Practice date:

Friday, April 10 ▪ 10:00 a.m.–noon

Local Spelling Bee:

Friday, April 24 ▪ 10:00 a.m.–noon

Pottawatomie Community Center
In partnership with the St. Charles Park District

Contact the St. Charles Park District for additional information or to register.
regs.st-charlesparks.org/leisurelink/Start/Start.asp

AARP Smart Driver

For Adults age 50 and over

Tuesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 16
1:00–5:00 p.m. ▪ Huntley Meeting Room

Participation fee of \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members includes a guidebook. Attendees pay the instructor directly.

AARP Smart Driver is the nation's first and largest driver safety course designed especially for drivers age 50 and above. The course covers defensive driving techniques and provides techniques for adjusting to the normal changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time associated with aging. Participants will learn about current rules of the road and how to operate their vehicles more safely. **REGISTER**

Healthy Brain, Healthy Memory

Wednesday, May 20 ▪ Noon
Huntley Meeting Room

Would you like to maintain your cognitive vitality? In this educational and entertaining presentation, Linda Sasser, Ph.D., will share facts about the brain and activities which can help maintain and even improve brain function. Dr. Sasser will also discuss how memory works, age-related memory changes and strategies for improving retention and recall. **REGISTER**



The Battlefield Balladeers: Songs of the Civil War Era



Wednesday, May 13 • Noon
Huntley Meeting Room

Funded by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, the Battlefield Balladeers will present patriotic, sentimental and comic songs of the era with a brief explanation of each. Audience members are encouraged to sing along. **REGISTER**

Great Presidential Decisions



Thursday, May 21 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Professor Gary Midkiff will investigate momentous Presidential decisions—some good, some bad, and all important. Will a president seize a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that ignores his political principles? Or use his newly-acquired military knowledge and power in previously inconceivable ways? Midkiff will take a look behind the scenes at executive branch decisions that have shaped our country. **REGISTER**



The Spirit of St. Louis

Wednesday, May 27 • Noon
Huntley Meeting Room

Retired United Airlines pilot and president of the Chicago Flight Instructors Association, Verne Jobst, will share his memories from a 50-plus year flying career, focusing in particular on his role as chief pilot for the Experimental Aircraft Association's 1977 Lindbergh Commemorative Tour. Jobst will discuss Charles Lindbergh's 1927 solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. **REGISTER**

Monthly Introductory Computer Classes

Notes:

- Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.
- A \$10 refundable cash deposit is required at the time of registration.
- REGISTER at the Adult Reference Desk.
- Class size is limited to 10 people.
- Class cancellations will be posted in the Library and on our website.

For complete class descriptions, please visit the Reference Desk or our website: www.stcharleslibrary.org/computer-classes

Successful completion of *Computer & Internet Basics* is a prerequisite for all other computer classes offered OR ask at the Reference Desk for our checklist to see if you are confident with computer basics skills to skip this requirement.

March registration begins Sunday, February 15 at noon

eBay Buying & Selling

Wednesday, March 4 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Computer & Internet Basics

Monday, March 9 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Introduction to MS PowerPoint 2010

Tuesday, March 17 • 10:00 a.m.–noon
Thursday, March 19 • 10:00 a.m.–noon

Introduction to MS Excel 2010; Level 1

Wednesday, March 18 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 25 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Facebook 101

Tuesday, March 24 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

April registration begins Sunday, March 15 at noon

Introduction to MS Excel 2010; Level 2

Wednesday, April 1 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Computer & Internet Basics

Monday, April 13 • 10:00 a.m.–noon
Tuesday, April 14 • 10:00 a.m.–noon

Digital Camera & Photo Editing Basics

Wednesday, April 15 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Introduction to MS Word 2010

Monday, April 20 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.

May registration begins Sunday, April 19 at noon

Computer & Internet Basics

Tuesday, May 5 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 7 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Overview of Windows 8

Wednesday, May 6 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

MS Word 2: Beyond the Basics

Monday, May 18 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 21 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Facebook 101

Tuesday, May 19 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Introduction to MS Excel, Level 1

Wednesday, May 20 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 27 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.





April 18–25, 2015

■ Estate Planning: Getting Ready

Saturday, April 18 ■ 1:00–2:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Meeting Room

Do you know you already have an estate plan? The only question is whether if it's the estate plan you want! According to an AARP survey, two out of every five Americans over the age of 45 don't have a will. Without proper planning, a court could determine the distribution of your assets in accordance to Illinois state laws. Sasha Grabenstetter, Consumer Economics Educator from the University of Illinois Extension, will cover how to organize and sort all of your legal documents and to choose advisors. **REGISTER or DROP IN**

■ To Your Credit

Tuesday, April 21 ■ 12:00–1:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

A representative from St. Charles Bank & Trust will discuss how to read a credit report and how to build and/or repair your credit history. **REGISTER or DROP IN**



■ The Spending Plan: Creating & Managing Your Personal Budget

Wednesday, April 22 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Chris Prod, Financial Fitness Program Manager from the DuPage Homeownership Center, will guide you through the process of creating, evaluating and utilizing a monthly family budget to better manage your money. Budgeting tools and games will be used to demonstrate smart strategies that lead to better decision-making skills. **REGISTER or DROP IN**

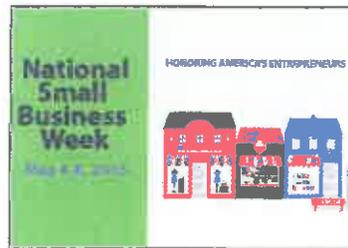


Programs for Small Business

■ You've Been Hacked! Why Don't You Know About It?

Tuesday, March 3 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ Huntley Meeting Room

Have hackers already gotten into your computers? Would you know it if they have? Is an employee planning on stealing your data? What can you do to stop this? Are computer viruses really that big a deal? Learn how to keep hackers out of your data and make sure you they don't keep you out. SCORE presenter Grant Hoover, founder of Symphony Systems, will cover security for your network, systems and mobile devices, as well as the things viruses do and how to defend against them. Learn some surprising aspects of computer security and the one thing that ensures that you have your data even when all else fails! **REGISTER or DROP IN**



■ Keys to Sales Mastery

Tuesday, May 5 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

Improve your sales by improving your understanding of how and why people buy. SCORE presenter, coach and trainer Bob Lambert, founding partner of Samurai Business Group LLC, will reveal ways to develop long-lasting relationships with prospects and customers, and help you turn your sales effort into a competitive advantage. **REGISTER or DROP IN**

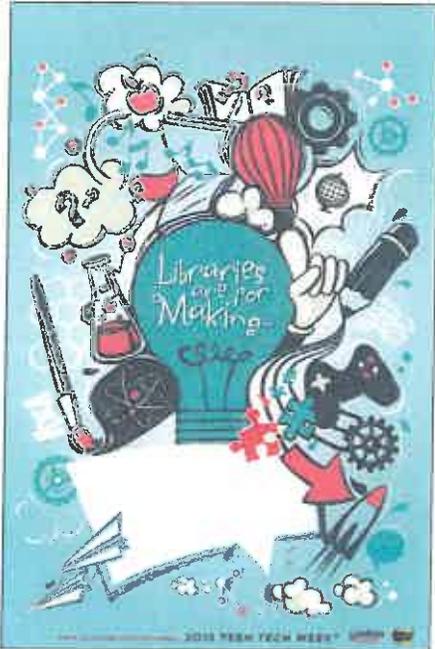
■ Human Resources for Small Business Owners

Thursday, May 7 ■ 6:30–8:00 p.m. ■ Carnegie Community Room

Information every small business owner can use, including tips for classifying staff as independent contractors vs. employees, hourly vs. salaried, hiring and managing staff, and other basic HR practices. Presented by Sybil Ege, Center Director, Illinois Small Business Development Center at Elgin Community College. **REGISTER or DROP IN**

Register for Young Adult Programs

online at events.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp,
at the Reference Desk, or by calling 630-584-0076 ext. 1.



Tech Yeah!

Thursday, March 12 ■ 3:00–5:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Here's a chance to learn and create. Come in and try Arduino, Raspberry Pi, MaKey MaKey and soldering. Also meets April 9 and May 14. **DROP IN**



Anime Club

For fans of anime, manga and Japanese culture. Watch Crunchyroll, chat about favorite characters, and participate in special events. **DROP IN**

Ramen/Noodle Tasting

Tuesday, March 10 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Come and taste test different Asian-style noodle bowls.

Let's Make Bubble Tea!

Tuesday, April 14 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

We'll recreate the exploding flavor of this sweet tea.

Cosplay

Tuesday, May 12 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Are you cosplaying at Anime Central? Bring in your costume and take it for a test run. Share your tips and tricks and discuss what works. Don't cosplay? We're still watching anime.

Tech Yeah!

Thursdays ■ 3:00–5:00 p.m.
March 12 ■ April 9 ■ May 14
Carnegie Community Room

Come in and try Arduino, Raspberry Pi, Makey Makey and soldering. **DROP IN**

Teen Writing Group

Mondays ■ 4:00–5:15 p.m.
March 30 ■ April 27 ■ May—No meeting
Carnegie Community Room

Writers wanted: prose to poems and everything in-between. Practice and hone your writing skills. We'll do some simple writing exercises and share our work (if you want). **REGISTER or DROP IN**



ACT Practice Test

Saturday, March 21 ■ 9:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Conquer those pretest jitters and improve your scores by taking a practice ACT exam at the Library. Kaplan will contact students individually with personalized results. College is just around the corner! **REGISTER IN PERSON OR BY PHONE**



Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 2 ■ 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Stop by to pick up your free comic! Free Comic Book Day is a celebration of a unique art form. Whether you are an adult or child, long-time collector or first-time reader—there is a comic for you! Our comics are courtesy of Graham Cracker Comics (610 S. Randall Road, St. Charles), and you may stop by for additional free comics!

Teen Tech Week: Libraries are for Making

March 8–15

This annual event is a week of celebrating, using and learning about all of the technology that libraries have to offer. Sponsored by the Young Adult Library Association.

Make and Take: Upcycled Herb Containers

Monday, March 9 ■ 3:00–4:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

We'll turn old pop bottles into mini herb gardens. The seeds will come free courtesy of our new seed library! **DROP IN**

Retro Video Gaming

Wednesday, March 11 ■ 3:00–6:00 p.m.
The Loft-Teen Area

Dusted off and straight from the archives, we have retro consoles and games for you to play. See how classic games stack up to those of the modern era. **DROP IN**

Suggested Young Adult Reading

The Darkest Part of the Forest

by Holly Black ■ YA FIC BLACK

In the town of Fairfold, where humans and fae exist side by side, a boy with horns on his head and ears as pointed as knives awakens after generations of sleep in a glass coffin in the woods. This causes Hazel to be swept up in new love, shift her loyalties, feel the fresh sting of betrayal, and to make a secret sacrifice to the faerie king.



To All the Boys I've Loved Before

by Han Jenny ■ YA FIC JENNY

Lara Jean writes love letters to all the boys she has loved and then hides them in a hatbox until one day those letters are accidentally sent.

Scowler

by Daniel Kraus ■ YA FIC KRAUS

In the midst of a 1981 meteor shower in Iowa, a homicidal maniac escapes from prison and returns to the farm where his 19-year-old son, Ry, must summon three childhood toys, including one called Scowler, to protect himself, his 11-year-old sister, Sarah, and their mother.



City 1

by Gregg Rosenblum ■ YA FIC ROSENBLUM

From the creators of *Homeland* and *American Horror Story* comes *City 1*, the chilling finale to the *Revolution 19* trilogy. The time has come to win the cities back from the bots—or die trying. After finally reuniting at a rebel camp, siblings Nick, Kevin and Cass are willing to do anything to stay together—and free their parents from bot rule. How far will they go to save the world they believe in?



Reborn

by Jennifer Rush ■ YA FIC RUSH

Racing against remnants of the Branch, genetically-altered teenager Nick follows his scattered memories to find a mysterious girl who has been haunting his dreams.

Blue Lily, Lily Blue: Book III of the Raven Cycle

by Maggie Stiefvater ■ YA FIC STIEFVATER

Blue Sargent has found things. For the first time in her life, she has friends she can trust, a group to which she can belong. The Raven Boys have taken her in as one of their own. Their problems have become hers, and her problems have become theirs. The trick with found things though, is how easily they can be lost.



Noggin

by John Corey Whaley ■ YA FIC WALEY

After dying at age 16, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, and now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist while figuring out changes in his relationships.

Smile!

Attendance at programs and events sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library may be recorded through photographs or video. These images may be used for Library promotional purposes or posted on the Library's website. Please notify a Library staff member if you or your family members do not want to be photographed.



Special Accommodations

Requests for special accommodations must be made 48 hours in advance of a Library event. If assistance is needed in using the Library, please inform a Library assistant at the Circulation Desk.

Fees

Fees are charged in the case of materials, services or facilities provided for primary or exclusive use by individual patrons and for which patron-specific costs are incurred by the Library. When the Library incurs such fees and the individual subsequently fails to use the service without prior notification, the individual will be charged for the expense.



Youth Services: Registration Information

Most Youth Services events require registration.

- A child's, student's or parent's St. Charles Library card is required. Grandparents may register grandchildren for events with the symbol
- Child or student must be the appropriate age or grade to be registered. Each person attending an event must be registered.
- Registration is on a first-come basis and continues until filled. Drop-in participation may be available.
- Families living outside the Library District may attend certain events for a fee on a space available basis. Check in 10 minutes before the event. All attendees must meet the age/grade requirements.
- For your child's safety, a parent or adult must accompany all children seven (7) years of age and under while in the Library. Please review the "Keeping Safe in the Library" brochure with your child.

Registration ensures that you will be contacted if an event is cancelled or delayed.

Spring/Summer Registration Dates

events.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp

Registration information on page 9.

In-person and online event registration begins

Spring – Saturday, February 28

Summer – Saturday, May 30

Telephone registration begins

Spring – Tuesday, March 3

Summer – Tuesday, June 23



Grandparents — look for this symbol for events for you and your grandchildren to attend!



Multi-Age Story Time



Infant – Age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Tuesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.

April 7–May 12

Wednesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.

April 8–May 13

Open attendance, just show your St. Charles Public Library card.

A storyteller will present stories and songs that will tickle, delight and amuse. Children and adults attend together. To ensure an enjoyable story experience for everyone attending, each session will have a capacity of 40 children and adults. Please arrive early as we will begin to distribute tickets 10 minutes before the story time. Door opens five minutes before the event. Children who are registered for an Age-Specific Story Time also may attend Multi-Age each week. **DROP IN**

Families living outside the Library District may attend for \$2 per person on a space available basis.

Age-Specific Story Times



The following early childhood events encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child's hands through a fingerplay or showing him/her how to bend and stretch. Each child and adult must be registered. Participation is limited to registered children and parent/caregiver. Siblings may attend, but an adult may bring no more than two children. Ask about accommodations for twins or triplets. **REGISTER**

Infant with Parent/Caregiver



Mondays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

April 6–May 4

One Year Old with Parent/Caregiver



Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

April 6–May 4

Thursdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

April 9–May 7

Two Year Old with Parent/Caregiver



Tuesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

April 7–May 5

Wednesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

April 8–May 6

Three & Four Year Olds



Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

April 7–May 5

Wednesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

April 8–May 6

This story time fosters a love of books and reading and develops good listening skills. To encourage the child's self-reliance, we ask that the child be comfortable attending the program alone.

Four & Five Year Olds & Half-Day Kindergarten Students



Tuesdays, 1:30–2:10 p.m.

April 7–May 5

Thursdays, 10:30–11:10 a.m.

April 9–May 7

This story time will inform, delight and stimulate on a higher level the listening and motor skills of a more mature pre-K child, as well as engage and enrich students in half-day Kindergarten. This group meets for 40 minutes.

Stories Live!



Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Saturday, March 14 ▪ *Three Billy Goats Gruff*

10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 11:00–11:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 2 ▪ *Caps for Sale*

10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 11:00–11:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 9 ▪ *Tortoise & the Hare*

10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 11:00–11:30 a.m.



Your favorite stories will come alive as the storyteller tells and then explores with you the various ways to share the story again through puppetry, fingerplay, song and more. These early literacy story experiences are offered throughout the year. We encourage you to attend each multiple times over the years, as children will experience a story differently at each age and stage of development. **REGISTER**

Bilingual Spanish Story Time

Child, infant—age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Saturdays, March 21 ▪ April 11 ▪ May 16
10:30–11:00 a.m.

Bilingual Spanish Story Time is a sharing of books, fingerplays, activities and songs in both Spanish and English. We encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child or showing him or her how to participate. Siblings may attend. Register each child and adult that will be attending. Register for one or for all. **REGISTER**

Cuentos en Español e Inglés

Para los niños infantiles hasta los 5 años de edad acompañados de sus padres o cuidadores

Los Sábados ▪ Marzo 21 ▪ Abril 11 ▪ Mayo 16
10:30–11:00 a.m.

Durante los Cuentos en Español e Inglés compartiremos libros, juego de los dedos, actividades y canciones en los dos lenguajes, Español e Inglés. Nosotros incentivamos la participación del adulto con su niño, sirviendo de modelo a seguir, dirigiendo al niño o niña como participar. Los hermanitos pueden venir. Regístre cada niño o niña y el adulto que vendrá. Regístrese para uno o para todos. **REGISTRESE**

Pajama Story Time

Family—especially for young children

Tuesday, March 24 ▪ Wednesday, April 29 ▪ Thursday, May 28
6:30–7:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of stories under the stars in the Helen Gale Story Room. Come dressed in your favorite pajamas and bring along your blanket or a stuffed toy. **REGISTER**

Stories at the Nature Center

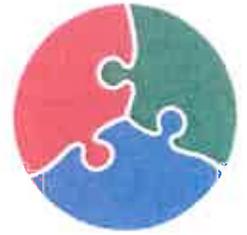
 Infant–5 years with Parent/Caregiver 

Fridays, March 27 ▪ April 10 ▪ May 8
10:30–11:00 a.m.

You are invited to hear stories at Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve, located at 37W700 Dean Street. After the program, explore the Nature Center, walk the trails and enjoy nature at its best. Cosponsored with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. **REGISTER**

Families outside the Library District: Register with the Forest Preserve by email at programs@kaneforest.com

Sensory-Friendly Story Time



 Child/Student through age 7 with Parent/Caregiver 
Saturday, April 18 ▪ 1:30–2:00 p.m.

These story times are especially for children with developmental needs, autism or sensory processing difficulties. The stories and activities will include sensory elements of repetitious language, music and movement to engage the child through age seven. We encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child or showing him or her how to participate. Siblings may attend. Register each child and adult that will be attending. **REGISTER**

For Families

Traveling Tales

Discover your Library out and about at St. Charles businesses that partner with the Library. Stories will be shared, services highlighted and you may register for a Library card. Already have a St. Charles Library card? Show it to receive a special gift. There will be plenty of surprises. **REGISTER or DROP-IN**

Kimmer's Ice Cream 1 W. Illinois St.
630-762-9480

Monday, March 16 ▪ 4:30 p.m.

Just Kabobs Fresh Grill 1825 W. Main St.
630-443-3400

Tuesday, March 31 ▪ 4:30 p.m.

Nick's Pizza & Pub 990 S. Randall Rd., Elgin, IL
847-531-5550

Monday, April 13 ▪ 6:30 p.m.

McDonald's 1915 W. Main St.
630-377-7445

Tuesday, April 28 ▪ 4:30 p.m.



April Fool's Day

Family

Wednesday, April 1 • 1:30–4:00 p.m.

Join in an afternoon of fun with Circus Boy, a wacky clothes parade, pop-up poetry, sit-down stories, spin the Library wheel and more! The April Fool's Day event schedule will be available March 18 on our website and at the ASK ME Desk.



Circus Boy's Comedy Show

1:30–2:15 p.m.

From Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus, Bobby Hunt, A.K.A. "Circus Boy" is bringing his action-packed comedy show to the Library. You will laugh and smile as you watch all his antics balancing, spinning, juggling and riding on the world's smallest bike—he's even in *Ripley's Believe It or Not* book! **REGISTER**

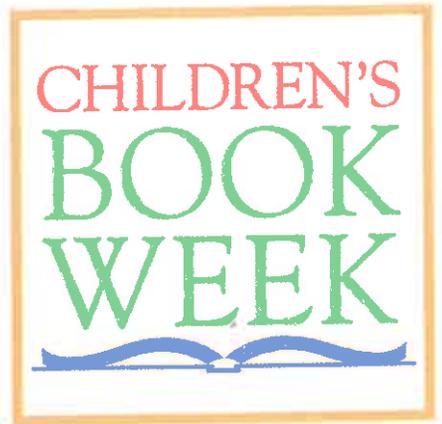
Families living outside the Library District may attend for \$2 per person on a space available basis.

Early Childhood Resource Fair

Family

Saturday, April 11 • 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
At Pottawatomie Community Center,
8 North Avenue

In celebration of Week of the Young Child, Community Unit School District 303, the St. Charles Park District and the St. Charles Public Library District are jointly sponsoring this event to raise awareness of early childhood education and development. The event will feature a variety of early childhood resources including interactive fun and games, hands-on activities, musical entertainment, dental and chiropractic screenings, raffles and vendors. For more information go to www.st-charlesparks.org/ **DROP IN**



Celebrate Children's Book Week: May 4–10

It's a week-long celebration! Stop by Youth Services to spin the Library wheel, go on a Library hunt and browse the Children's Choice Book Awards winners display. Discover your Library this week and return again and again.

Celebrity Readers

Thursday, May 7 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.

This year's Celebrity Readers are: Pam Leffler, Library Director; Veronica Day, St. Patrick's Preschool director; and Paul Lencioni, owner of Blue Goose Market. We have a very special way for you to listen to each Celebrity Reader while you watch the illustrations from the book on the big screen. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

Children's Choice Book Awards

The Children's Book Council has announced the finalists for the 8th annual Children's Choice Book Awards. Here's your chance to vote for the best children's book in three categories, as well as the author and illustrator of the year. Visit the book display of finalists in Youth Services this spring and then cast your ballot at the Library or online at www.BookWeekOnline.com beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2015. Winners will be announced during Children's Book Week, May 4–10.



Family

Saturday, May 2

Children and students may drop by the ASK ME Desk to select a free comic book while supplies last. Comics provided by Graham Crackers Comics (610 S. Randall Road, St. Charles).

Book Character Visits

Family

Fridays • 4:00 p.m.

March 27 • *Corduroy*

April 10 • *Little Critter*

Come for a story and a visit with your favorite costumed book character. Bring your camera. Presented in partnership with Barnes & Noble of Geneva. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

Families living outside the Library District may attend on a space available basis.

Children's Day

Family

Saturday, May 2 • 1:30–4:00 p.m.

It's an international celebration for children of all ages. Receive your passport at the Customs booth in the lower lobby and then travel from one destination to another enjoying storytelling, games, music, bilingual Spanish story time and more. The Children's Day event schedule will be available April 22 on our website and at the ASK ME Desk. **DROP IN**

For Students

Homework Workshops

Got homework? Your Library can help with online services and resources that you can use from home and/or your mobile device of choice. Join the demonstration of online resources and learn about numerous additional features that can lead to homework success. Learn about online encyclopedias and databases designed for elementary and middle school students. All you need to access these free resources is your St. Charles Public Library card.



Animals

Students and Parents

Thursday, March 5 ■ 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Discover quick access search strategies to reach answers for all things animal using *Amazing Animals*, *Endangered Species*, *International Wildlife*, *Exploring Mammals* and more. **REGISTER**

American History

Students and Parents

Tuesday, April 7 ■ 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Discover quick access search strategies to reach answers for everything about American History using *FactCite-American History*, *Freedom FLIX*, *PebbleGO Social Studies*, *UXL American Decades* and more. **REGISTER**

LEGO® Workshops for Students

Everyone loves to build with LEGO® bricks, so we have a workshop for younger students to play and create in addition to family and older student events. These hands-on workshops include elements of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) learning. All creations will be displayed in Youth Services until the next event and photos posted on our Youth Services Facebook page.

You Play with LEGO®

Grades K–2

(STEAM)

Thursday, March 26 ■ 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 27 ■ 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20 ■ 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Bring your imagination. We have all you will need to create with LEGO® bricks. **REGISTER**

You Design with LEGO®

Grades 3–8

(STEAM)

Thursday, March 26 ■ 4:00–5:00 p.m. ■ *Under the Sea*

Monday, April 27 ■ 4:00–5:00 p.m. ■ *Forest*

Wednesday, May 20 ■ 4:00–5:00 p.m. ■ *Insects*

Use your imagination in designing and building a LEGO® creation on the designated theme. Creations that meet the criteria will be judged on creative interpretation of theme, complexity, thought process behind the design, and completion within the designated 45-minute time. Awards will be presented. Work as an individual or as a member of a team. Think ahead and come with your plans. **REGISTER**

Museum Adventure Pass

Use the Smartest Card—your Library Card—to receive free admission or a special discount at unique Chicago area cultural destinations. Passes are available on a first-come basis each week. Learn about each of the destinations at www.museumadventure.org. Then come to the ASK ME Desk with your library card and driver's license during the week you wish to visit. Passes are issued to adults for their immediate family.



Movie Nights

Grades 4–8

Fridays ■ 4:30–7:00 p.m.

March 20 ■ April 10 ■ May 15

Watch a recent release on the big screen. Titles will be posted at the ASK ME Desk. Pizza, provided by Gino's East, popcorn and lemonade will be served. Registration closes on Thursday at noon the day before the movie. **REGISTER**



For Middle School Students Grades 6-8

Additional events that include Grades 6-8 are listed on the previous page.

Babysitter Training

Babysitter with First Aid and CPR for Infant & Child
Ages 11-15

Monday, March 30 AND Tuesday, March 31

Two 6-hour training workshops
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$45 **REGISTER**

Become a Red Cross certified babysitter. Training will cover all aspects of babysitter responsibilities and includes a Babysitter Training set with handbook, emergency reference guide and CD-ROM with templates, organizer, activities and more. Students must attend the entire training workshop and successfully pass all observable skills to receive First Aid certification valid for three years, CPR certification valid for one year and Babysitter certification. Additional training workshops will be offered in June, August and November.

Grant funding provided by the Friends of St. Charles Public Library and St. Charles Kiwanis. Min. of 8 / max. of 10 students

Registration Requirements:

A completed Babysitter application form, including student and parent signatures, is due at registration. The form is available at the ASK ME Desk and online. In-person registration only.

Full payment (cash or check payable to St. Charles Public Library) is required to register or to add your name to the waiting list. Cancellations must be made by noon on Friday, March 27. Late cancellations or no-shows will result in loss of fee/no refund. In the event that a student on the waiting list is not called to attend, a refund will be mailed.

Waiting List - Up to two applications will be accepted per training session. All applicants will be contacted after the cancellation deadline regarding registration status.

Students living outside the Library District may register beginning March 16 for \$65.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Junior Friends of the Library

Entering Grades 6-8

Middle school students are eligible to volunteer weekly in Youth Services. If you are interested, we recommend placing your name on the waiting list at the ASK ME Desk. We contact students on the waiting list each August, December and April.

REGISTER

Book Buddies

Entering Grades 6-8

Application Required

Book Buddies is a great way to have fun with books. Young readers who have completed 1st and 2nd grade are paired with middle school students to read aloud to each other, play literacy-focused games and talk about books. This program provides literacy enrichment and promotes reading as fun and entertaining.

We are seeking middle school students interested in volunteering who can commit two hours a week for six weeks during the summer. Applications will be available April 1. **Application deadline is May 7.**

REGISTER



Duct Tape Creation: Wallet



Grades 6-8

Thursday, April 2 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

We've got duct tape in cool colors and patterns for you to create a wallet for your stash of money. Bring your imagination, follow the instructions and take home your wallet. **REGISTER**



Life-Size Board Game: Sorry!

Grades 6-8

Friday, May 8 • 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Jump into a favorite board game that is as big as you are. Race your friends around this life-size game board in your quest to finish first! Remember to say Sorry! as you pass everyone else. **REGISTER**

Assignment Due Tomorrow?

Grab your Library card and access the digital Library 24/7 at www.stcharleslibrary.org/homework-help-internet-links

- ◆ Science assignment? Search here for answers: **Marshall Cavendish Digital**
- ◆ Math problem got you stumped? Chat with tutors online: **Live Homework Help** and/or **HelpNow from Brainfuse**
- ◆ Need more facts for your history timeline? Find it here: **Modern World History Online**
- ◆ Who did that? Biographic resources to the rescue: **Marquis Who's Who**

Questions? Contact Youth Services at 630-584-9390.



You've Got to Read This!

Oh, the places you'll go with a good book! There's no need for a passport when you take one of these globetrotting adventures. For more suggestions, visit **You've Got to Read This!** on our website under Books for Kids.

Akimbo and the Elephants

by Alexander McCall Smith • J MCCALL SMITH

Akimbo lives next to a game reserve in the heart of Africa. His father works on the reserve, and Akimbo develops a love for the wild animals of Africa. When he discovers that poachers are killing elephants and selling the ivory, Akimbo comes up with a daring plan to catch these poachers.



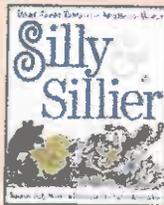
Words in the Dust by Trent Reedy • JH REEDY

Since her mother's death at the hands of the Taliban, Zulaikha, a young girl in Afghanistan works hard at daily chores. While visiting the market, she meets an older woman who knew her mother and offers to teach Zulaikha to read and write in secret. Women in Afghanistan have not previously been allowed to learn, and her father is a traditionalist. When American soldiers arrive, bringing money, jobs and an offer to fix Zulaikha's cleft lip, she cannot believe her good fortune. A pretty mouth, however, will not relieve her difficult living conditions.

Sillier & Sillier: Read-Aloud Tales from Around the World

told by Judy Sierra • J 398.2 SIE

This is a collection of some of the world's silliest folktales from 20 different countries on six continents. Especially fun for the littler ones will be the fact that in the stories, the youngest or least significant of the characters proves to be the smartest or bravest. These traditional tales reinforce a child's sense of right or wrong while providing a glimpse into other cultures.



Not One Damsel in Distress: World Folktales for Strong Girls

by Jane Yolen • J 398.22 YOL

This book is for all girls who need heroes. The women portrayed here sometimes fought alongside the men we know from folklore and legends. More often, they fought for good on their own. Meet Atalanta, the Greek huntress who was so fast and such a good huntress that she bested all the men she met. Cheer as Li Chi volunteers to be sacrificed to the giant serpent that terrorized the Chinese countryside, so that she can fight and conquer the serpent. Clever Penny fools a highwayman, turns the tables to take his horse and all the loot he has.

What the World Eats by Peter Menzel • J 641.3 MEN

The creators of this book asked 25 families from around the world to display all the food they eat in one week. Although the information in this global adventure is incredibly interesting, the photographs are equally astounding. The illustrations show the differences in eating habits and lifestyles around the world.



My Village: Rhymes Around the World •

J 808.81 MY

This beautiful collection of short poems is written both in the native language of the poet and English. The young reader is not only introduced to the music of poetry, but also to various languages from around the world. The enchanting illustrations of Mique Moriuchi also help transport readers to places beyond their own 'Village!'



Read to the Rhythm!

Get jazzed about reading! The 2015 summer reading program kicks off on Wednesday, May 27 when everyone, infants through adults, can stop by to get a book log. It really is quite simple – you read or listen to books and receive rewards. 2015 is sure to be a rocking summer.

Why read? Research has shown that reading over the summer prevents reading loss. Studies also indicate students who read recreationally out-perform those who don't. Additionally, students read more when they can select books based on their own interests.

We will also be jammin' with events, performers and much more from June through August— there will be something for everyone to enjoy. So, get ready to shake, rattle and roll with your Library!

"Ah, music," he said, wiping his eyes. "A magic beyond all we do here!"

Albus Dumbledore,
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
by J. K. Rowling





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Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
 Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
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Sunday, April 5
 Friday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.
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Introducing Our Seed Library

We are proud to announce the launch of a seed library. The place where you go for books and information on gardening and cooking is now the same place that you can get seeds to plant! Starting in early March 2015, you'll be able to "check out" seed packets to start your garden.

The seeds that you'll find in our seed library are heirloom seeds. As the name suggests, these are treasures passed down from generation to generation. They can be grown, saved and planted again. These are the same types of seeds that your grandparents and great-grandparents grew. You might also find open pollinated seeds in our collection. These seeds are newer varieties, but can also be saved.

There has been a shift in public attitude regarding food with a larger focus on healthy eating, sustainability and staying local. The ability to grow your own food can save money and provide healthy food for families and individuals. Gardening also can be a lifelong hobby! We are fortunate to live in a place where we can grow many different types and varieties of plants and flowers, without much or any soil amendment.

It all kicks off Saturday, March 7, with a Seed Saving Workshop presented by the University of Illinois Extension office. Immediately following, there will be a Seed Swap. You'll have the opportunity to swap seeds with other gardeners and take seeds from our seed library. On Saturday, May 16, we'll host a plant exchange in which you can bring any extra plants that you have and go home with a few others!

The seed library will be available anytime that the Library is open. As your gardening skills grow, you can bring back saved seeds that can be shared and replanted next season.

Thank you to WinterSown, Swallowtail Garden Seeds, Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company and Seed Saver Exchange for their generous contributions to get our seed library up and running.



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The Golden Heart Awards honor and recognize long-standing and meritorious support of TriCity Family Services, our mission, and the people we serve.

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FEATURING:

SPECIAL VACATION RAFFLE

Enter to win your choice of a special vacation package before the bidding begins. Only 100 tickets will be sold for \$100 each. Winning ticket will be drawn just prior to the Live Auction at the event. You do not need to be present to win.*

*Special Vacation Package will be posted at www.tricityfamilyservices.org. Raffle excludes Gold Travel Package cannot join us at the event, notify us of your prize choice by April 18, 2015 online or by calling 630-232-1070. If not attending the event, failure to indicate item of choice will invalidate a winning ticket. If fewer than 75 tickets are sold, raffle will become a 50/50 raffle with one cash prize.

Pheasant Run

4051 EAST MAIN STREET ♦ ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS 60174
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015

COCKTAIL ATTIRE - BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

**6 - 7:30PM
COCKTAILS &
SILENT AUCTION**

**7:30PM
DINNER
IS SERVED**

**9:15 - 11PM
DANCING
MUSIC PROVIDED BY
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February 23, 2015

Nancy McFarland
St. Charles Youth Commission
2 East Main Street
St. Charles, IL. 60174

Dear Youth Commission,

The award winning St. Charles Underground has been in existence since 2001 and we have served more than 6,200 teen check-ins annually. I have included a brief overview of our 2015 Teen Center annual budget and ask that the Teen Center be considered for **\$3,500** in funding for the purchase of program supplies at the STC Underground. I have also provided a breakdown of how our 2014 Youth Commission funding was utilized.

2015 Budget Revenue

Donations \$3,850
Fundraising \$1,185
Special Events Admissions/Fees \$900
Concessions \$600

Total Revenue: \$6,535

2015 Budgeted Expenses

Salary and Wages \$79,123
Contracted Services \$3,425
Materials and Services \$9,648

Total Expenses: \$91,196

Note: The STC Underground budget does not include all building utility and administrative costs.

Once again, thank you for your consideration for financial assistance as we continue to develop and offer recreational and asset building opportunities for St. Charles teens.

Sincerely,

Steven Muenz
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation



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February 27, 2015

St. Charles Youth Commission
2 East Main Street
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Dear Fellow Commissioners,

"Read to the Rhythm" is the theme for the 2015 Got-To-Go-Read Summer Reading program for teens at the St. Charles Public Library.

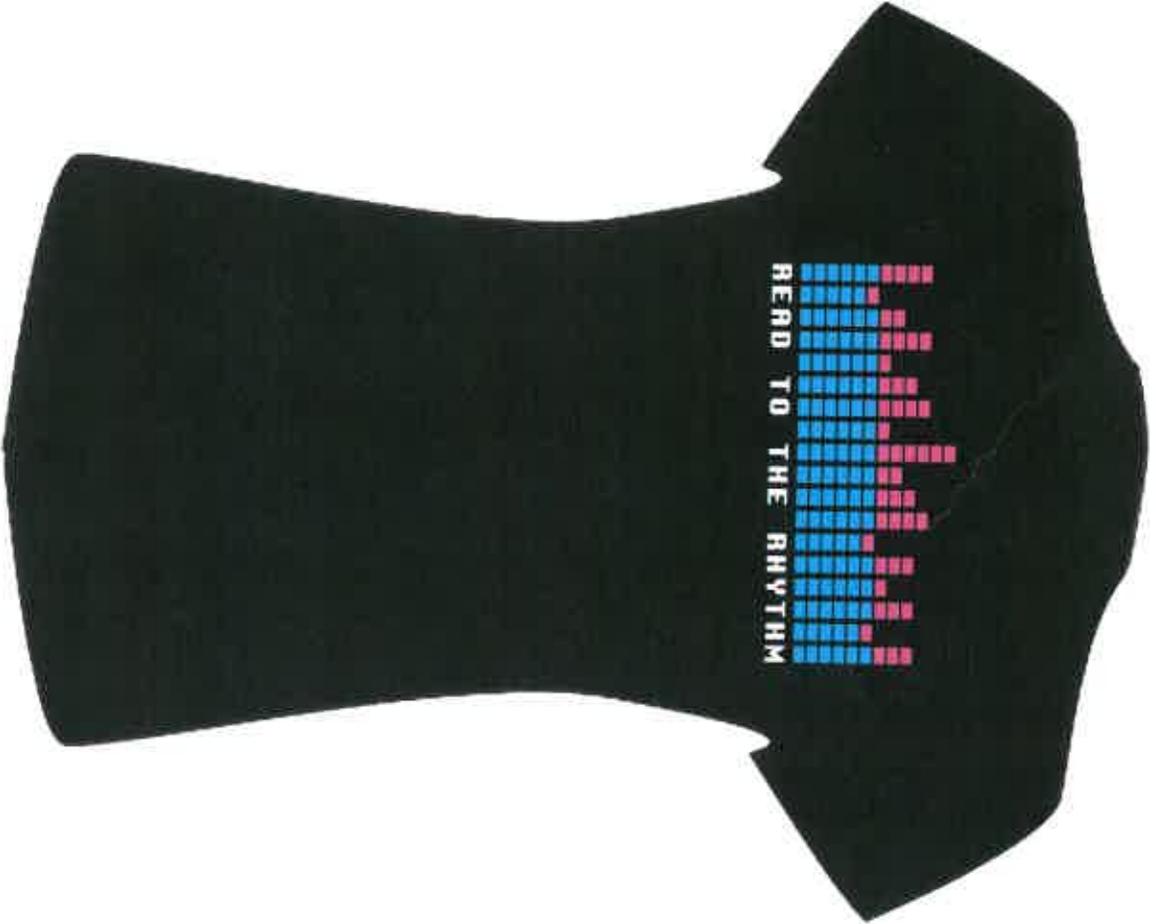
The T-shirts my team has designed will be the first incentive teens earn, so be on the lookout for them all over town! Again this summer, teens who are caught wearing their T-shirts in the Library will receive extra chances in the weekly prize drawings. Can we count on the Youth Commission to contribute \$1000 toward the purchase of this very popular incentive?

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. I personally appreciate all you continue to do for our kids in St. Charles.

Parent, librarian, commissioner, reader,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Weick".

Marianne Weick
Young Adult Librarian



February 3, 2015

*St Charles East Post
Prom Committee
Presents
"Saints Below H2O"*



Dear Community Leader,

For the past 11 years, the junior and senior students at St. Charles East (STCE) High School have had the opportunity to attend a safe and fun after-prom event at their high school. **The huge success of our Post Prom event is largely due to generous business and parent donations.** The St. Charles East PTO is very fortunate to have community leaders like you who have contributed to make the Post Prom gala such a popular event for our students.

As we plan for the 2015 Post Prom event, we hope you will consider providing a cash donation, gift certificate or prize so we can continue to provide a safe and enjoyable environment after Prom. **No donation is too small and is greatly appreciated!**

Last year, 950 students attended Post Prom, and we are projecting a similar turnout on May 2, 2015. This year's theme is "Saints Below H2O". We expect a few hundred parent volunteers to transform the school into an underwater adventure theme providing an inviting backdrop for a night of fun and excitement.

With your donation, we can provide food, games, and prizes throughout the night to keep the students in a safe, alcohol and drug-free environment. Post Prom is open to all juniors and seniors at STCE and their guests and is held at the school immediately after the Prom.

One of the reasons Post Prom is so well attended and enjoyed by our students is the great variety of prizes awarded in random drawings throughout the night. Prizes have ranged from gift certificates for electronics, food, music, or apparel to tickets for special events—all of which have been generously donated by area merchants to show support for our community and school.

All contributions will be publicly recognized in Post Prom promotions as well as in articles in our community newspapers and signage at STCE events. The St. Charles East PTO is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization, so your donation is tax deductible (ID# 36-4416600). To make a donation, please complete and return the Cash and Donation Form enclosed. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have and can be reached at 630-278-9952 or you may send an e-mail to me at milliewhitley@gmail.com Kindly respond by March 13, 2015.

This is a tradition that is very deserving of your support. Thank you in advance for your generosity—we could not do it without you!

Sincerely,

Millie Whitley

St. Charles East PTO Post Prom Donations Chair



February 24, 2015



**Parent Teacher Organization
Post Prom Committee
255 Red Gate Rd.
St. Charles, IL. 60175**

2015 SCN POST PROM THEME

Dear St. Charles Youth Commission,

St. Charles North (SCN) High School is hosting their Twelfth annual Prom on May 2, 2015. As part of that evening the St. Charles North Parent Teacher Organization will be hosting a Post Prom event. The primary purpose of this event is to provide a safe, yet fun activity for the students to help them avoid other less positive activities.

All SCN juniors and seniors with or without dates, whether or not they attended Prom, are invited to come. Last year over 775 students made the choice to attend this safe event. That is up over 75 students from 2014 and over 200 from 2013. These increases in attendance have made it more difficult for us to work within our limited budget and that is why I am reaching out to the Youth Commission.

Over the years Post Prom has become an event in which the community has so graciously participated. We have raised a portion of our budget through fundraising; however we cannot meet our budget without the support of local business and civic organizations like the Youth Commission. I would like to take this opportunity to ask the St. Charles Youth Commission for your continued support. I would like to ask if the commission would consider a \$2,000 donation and I am willing to beg if you would consider donating more.

If you choose to financially support this event please send your donation to the address listed at the top of this letter.

We appreciate your support and would like to thank you, in advance, for contributing to the safety of our youth. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly at 630-819-6615 or by email at mullally@ix.netcom.com.

I would also like to extend an invitation to each board member to come and visit our Post Prom. It is held at Christ Community Church on May 3rd, 2014 from 11:00 until 3:30. You have chosen to support the youth of our community and I would love to have you see the fruits of your labor as well as the event your donation help to provide. Please let me know if you would like to come and see 750 teenagers having fun.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Mullally".

Tom Mullally
2015 SCN Post Prom Chairperson



I am for the child™

"We are for the children who don't know where they will be in a month or even a year and have problems trusting and we wonder why."



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
Margaret Mead

February 17, 2015

Ms. Sara Cass
Youth Commission, City of St. Charles
c/o St. Charles Police Department
211 North Riverside Drive
St. Charles, IL 60174

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Dear Ms. Cass:

Thank you for the opportunity to request funding from the Youth Commission of St. Charles. CASA Kane County has been providing a trained Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) who is also a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) volunteer to children in St. Charles for the past 27 years.

Every year, we hold an educational conference that is geared not only to our CASA/GAL volunteers, but also to the general community who are serving children. The event is held at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. This year we are pleased to announce the topic, "*Personality Disorders & the DSM-5*" held on Friday, September 11, 2015 that will be presented by Gregory W. Lester, PhD.

CASA Kane County prides itself in being able to provide high quality community education programs at a minimal participant fee. We know many of the attendees would not have the means to pay a higher cost but would benefit from this valuable educational program and learn the necessary tools to better serve children and families with personality disorders. With so many agencies on restricted budgets, but still needing the educational/training hours, our collaboration with those we work with every day is a win win for our children and families.

We hope you will consider partnering with CASA Kane County on this event with a sponsorship of \$2,500. CASA Kane County relies on its many community partners to continue holding this event and would also be able to give you 10 tickets to attend in addition to logo and name recognition on all of the event materials.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you need any additional information, or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Vicki Shaw, Director of Advancement, at 630-444-3100 or vickis@casakanecounty.org.

Warm Regards,

Gloria Bunce
Executive Director

cc: Carolyn Waibel

