

■ ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION ■

Monday, December 5, 2016 – 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.
D. Kelly – Youth Commissioner*	J. Otepka, TriCity
S. Schwerdtfeger – Youth Commissioner*	J. Anderson, STC Township
L. Vitek – Youth Commissioner*	C. Blake, TriCity
M. Weick – Youth Commissioner*	C. Kyle, STC EHS
J. Wong – Youth Commissioner*	J. Baird, CUSD 303
C. Waibel – Youth Commissioner*	T. Loversky, Thompson M.S.
B. Tynan, STC PD*	H. Kincaid, STC NHS
J. Keegan, Chief of Police	E. Baxter, STC Library
R. Rogina, Mayor	J. Bruggeman, STC Park District*
STC Aldermen	D. Procaccio, STC Underground
M. Koenen, City Administrator	M. Karson, STC EHS
L. O'Brien, CUSD 303	M. Backer, CUSD303
A. Christenson, STC NHS	J. Greenwald, STC Park District
C. Mendez, TriCity	A. Schuett, CUSD 303
S. O'Brien, TriCity	K. Hood, TriCity
K. Horn, TriCity	P. Yensen, United Way
S. Urban, TriCity	B. Jones, CUSD 303
	J. Burden, STC PD*

*Attended meeting.

- I. Meeting called to order @ 6:05 p.m.
- II. **Secretary's Report** – Dan Kelly
 - A. Approval of the minutes from the November 2016 meeting. Motion to approve with correction noted in “A” of II from the minutes – should read “October”, not September; carried.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – absent
- IV. **Correspondence**
 - A. Thank you note from Claire Miller regarding the Youth Commission funding for their Mobile Pack event, attached.
- V. **Presentations** – none
- VI. **Liaison Reports**
 - A. **D303** – absent
 - B. **Park District** – Jen Bruggeman
 - i. St. Charles Underground update; report attached;
 - ii. Holiday Fundraiser campaign flyer, attached.

C. **Police Department** – Officers Bill Tynan & Jim Burden

- i. Too Good for Drugs update;
- ii. Juvenile Police report, attached.

D. **Library Programs** – Marianne Weick

- i. December 2016 – February 2017 newsletter, attached;
- ii. Press release on new Library Director, Edith Craig, attached;
- iii. Updates on high school library volunteers and the holiday party/fundraiser, attached.

E. **Tri-City Family Services** – absent

VII. **Old Business** – none

VIII. **New Business**

A. Funding Requests

- i. Wredling Middle School's Share & Care Club, attached. Motion to contribute \$150.00 for project, which will benefit the Rosewood residents, carried.
- ii. St. Charles North Friends of Music request to cover expenses from this year's concert, attached. Motion to fund \$34.65 to cover the poster and program printing, carried.
- iii. St. Charles North Key Club request for funding to support their Project Mobility fundraiser, attached. Motion to deny this request was approved and carried. Discussion took place and the suggestion was made to request funding before the event takes place next year.

IX. **Announcements** – none

X. **Public Comment**

- A. Rosary High School students were present to observe this meeting for a school project.

XI. **Adjournment**

- A. Motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. carried.

The next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Police Department Riverside Conference Room located at 211 N. Riverside Avenue.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Dan Kelly, Youth Commissioner

St. Charles Youth Commission,

Thank you for allowing me to speak at one of your meetings and share this project with all of you. Your grant of \$500 aided us in paying for promotional and fundraising materials for the event.

Happy Holidays!

~ Claire Miller ♡

Thank you so much for your donation towards the Make a Difference St. Charles MobilePack event that took place on November 6th, 2016. Because of you, St. Charles was able to raise over \$22,000 and pack 108,864 meals, feeding 298 children for an entire year.

We just got word that the meals packed at our event will soon be sent to Haiti to help those in need. It is truly amazing to see what an incredible difference we can make in the world when we work together as a community. Thanks again for your support!

~ The Make a Difference Team

STC Underground

TEEN CENTER

Individual Clients / Scans	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015	94/389	112/428	98/413	108/439	108/432	121/441	109/432	88/377	145/524	128/503	90/284	94/373
2014	97/443	92/363	90/381	96/396	104/380	106/387	107/439	111/409	101/375	101/398	98/413	94/373
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
	110/474	91/315	112/573	114/570	99/549	114/529	125/579	118/543	124/519	128/565	122/519	103/555

Hourly Visits

1:00 p.m.	9	12	31	0	16	11	34	5	7	30	10	
2:00 p.m.	25	23	32	16	15	35	26	22	17	33	8	
3:00 p.m.	68	108	35	115	156	122	75	81	54	80	25	
4:00 p.m.	58	91	125	120	109	111	97	108	161	95	63	
5:00 p.m.	121	101	95	90	82	84	98	85	148	128	118	
6:00 p.m.	51	67	62	57	33	55	73	42	61	105	36	
7:00 p.m.	37	25	25	36	14	20	27	29	65	16	20	
8:00 p.m.	15	1	8	2	6	3	2	3	10	15	4	
9:00 p.m.	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	
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* Baker Comm. Ctr
was closed
during constructi
11/15-24.

Female / Male

249/560	255/557	220/502	226/519	237/536	245/546	251/550	254/560	272/590	272/605	278/611
809	812	722	745	772	791	801	814	862	879	889

STCU Operational Days

21	20	22	22	21	22	21	19	22	21	14
18.52	21.40	18.77	19.95	20.52	20.05	20.57	19.84	23.82	23.95	20.29

History (# of visits)

2015	319/4,757
2014	319/5,097
2013	305/4,990
2012	264/6,047
2011	275/6,267

STCU est. 2001

"I attribute all of my biggest accomplishments and best memories to the STC Underground. There's no other place I'd rather call home than here."
-Ryan O'Connell - STCU Member



HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Dear Friends:

STC Underground
TEEN CENTER

STC Underground is a community teen center open, at no cost, to all Middle School and High School teens residing within St. Charles or attending Community Unit School District #303 schools. The facility is located in the lower level of the Baker Community Center in downtown St. Charles.

Created by local teens, STC Underground opened on January 2, 2001 as a safe, drug-free, alcohol-free, and professionally supervised facility. The attendance records clearly indicate that STC Underground Teen Center is enjoyed by teens of all ages. More than 800 local teens are members. There were 4,757 teen check-ins in 2015.

St. Charles is a very generous community that supports its youth. STC Underground provides positive role models who encourage teens to take advantage of volunteer and leadership opportunities. Please consider making a tax-deductible holiday donation in support of STC Underground. Your contribution will help continue to provide facilities and programs for local teens.

For more information, please call Darby Beasley, Teen Program and Center Director at 630-513-4321 or visit the teen center's website at: stcunderground.com

Please mail donations to:

St. Charles Park Foundation
"Friends of the Teen Center"
Baker Community Center
101 S. 2nd Street
St. Charles, IL 60174

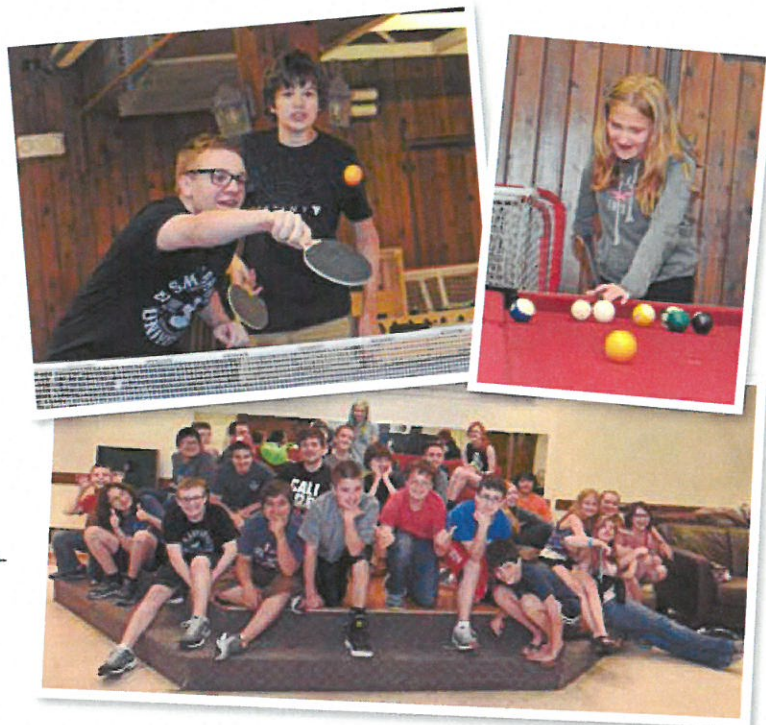
Happy Holidays!

Bob Carne

Bob Carne
Park Board President

Raymond P. Rogina

Ray Rogina, Mayor
City of St. Charles



SC Juvenile Arrest listing

Statute Code	Description	Arrest Date And Time	subject ID Number	Arrestee Address City	Arrestee Jacket Type
9-44-020	CRIMINAL TRESPASS: To Land	10/27/2016 11:45:00		ST. CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
9-44-020	CRIMINAL TRESPASS: To Land	10/28/2016 09:00:00		SOUTH ELGIN	Juvenile Jacket
9-44-020	CRIMINAL TRESPASS: To Land	10/28/2016 10:00:00	IL0451400:6188:J	SOUTH ELGIN	Juvenile Jacket
5-08-270D	LIQUOR: Illegal Consumption By A Minor	10/30/2016 03:33:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
5-08-270D	LIQUOR: Illegal Consumption By A Minor	10/31/2016 12:00:00		ST CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 5.0/24-A-1-3-C	DEADLY WEAPONS: Agg Discharge of Firearm	12/01/2016 07:15:00		SOUTH ELGIN	Juvenile Jacket

12/5/2016 4:01:49 PM



St. Charles Public Library

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PRESS RELEASE

Date: December 2, 2016

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ST. CHARLES PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR

The St. Charles Public Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Edith G. Craig to the position of Library Director effective November 1, 2016. Victoria Haines, president of the Board of Trustees, stated, “the board is delighted that Edith has agreed to serve the St. Charles Public Library as our new director. We know that she has all of the qualities necessary to be an effective leader of the Library and an active participant in the community. We are proud and confident in our choice of Edith.”

Craig brings more than 15 years of civic and community leadership to the position, along with strong customer service, financial and administrative experience. Her career includes 10 years at the DeKalb Public Library, most recently as the communications manager where she developed and implemented a key marketing strategy for the library and its capital campaign, resulting in almost \$3 million in private fundraising. Additionally, she helped secure the library an \$11.6 million grant from the Illinois State Library to expand and renovate the DeKalb Library.

“The St. Charles Public Library has an incredible team and the city is a vibrant community,” shared Library Director Edith Craig. “I look forward to the opportunity to enhance the library’s

St. Charles Public Library

Library High School Volunteers Past & Present

YOU'RE INVITED!

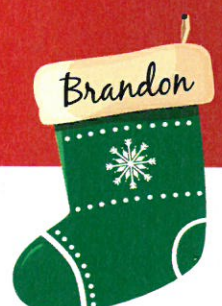
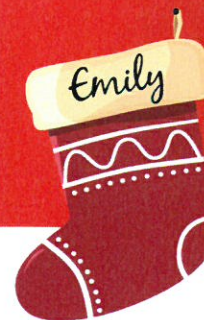
Sunday, November 20 + Sunday, November 27

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room



Wear your ugliest holiday **sweater*** and join us for cookies and cocoa as we gift wrap donated books. We'll sell the packages throughout December and proceeds will be used to support teen programs at the Library.



Attend one or both days.
Bring a friend. Bring two!

Please RSVP to mweick@stcharleslibrary.org or akane@stcharleslibrary.org or 630-584-0076 ext. 1 by November 18.


*prizes awarded for ugliest sweater




Discover Your Library

St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide


25 Things You Should Know About Your Library

1 

Test drive an iPad. Borrow a digital projector, Wi-Fi hotspot, laptop and other tech with your St. Charles Library card!

2 

Beyond the walls. The Library is more than a building. We're at the Farmers Market, the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Senior Expo. We deliver books and materials to the homebound, visit memory care facilities, participate in back-to-school nights and more.

3 

Story time. Age specific and multi-age sessions every week. Plus, sensory-friendly, bilingual and pajama story times too!

4 

Digital. Our digital collection is even larger than our physical one. You'll find nearly 400,000 items in the Library, and more than 500,000 eBooks, eAudiobooks and other materials on stcharleslibrary.org (plus nine million songs ready to stream or download).

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50,000 Library visitors per month. 1.4 million items circulated every year, and 28,000 visits to stcharleslibrary.org each month.

6 

Manage your Library account from home. Search our catalog, place holds, download materials and more.

7 

Artists. Our Mezzanine gallery showcases a local artist of the month. Stop in and see incredible works, or become one of the exhibitors.

8 

55,092 people live in the Library District which includes St. Charles, Wayne and portions of South Elgin and West Chicago.

9 

Hola! Shalom! Salut! Hallo! Konichiwa! Our huge variety of online language learning resources will teach you more than how to say "Hello!" Perfect for students, international travelers, exchange student host families and more.

10 

Checked-out materials will automatically renew. We will notify you via email when an item needs to be returned. We renew Library cards automatically as well!

11 

Entertainment. With an SCPL card and a smart device, you can browse more than 100 magazine titles. Download music and keep it forever or stream movies, documentaries and TV shows.



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It's the season of dazzling discounts, generous gifting, and perhaps a few of those "just for me" purchases.

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St. Charles Library Offers Free Notary Service

From time to time, we all have contracts and agreements requiring the official witness of a notary public. The St. Charles Library offers this service free of charge, but does require advance notice to ensure we have a certified associate available when needed.

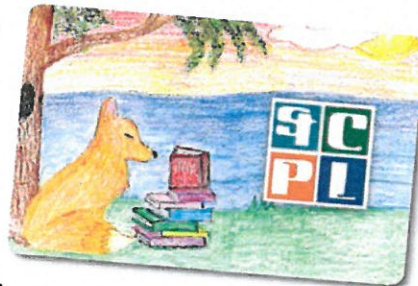
In this age of fraud and identity theft, a notary serves as a valuable, independent witness to the signing of an agreement or contract by the proper parties. While the process itself is simple, a notarized document provides a powerful risk-management tool for individuals as well as businesses. To schedule your free notary service, call the Library at 630-584-0076.

Applauding our Library Card Design Contest Winners

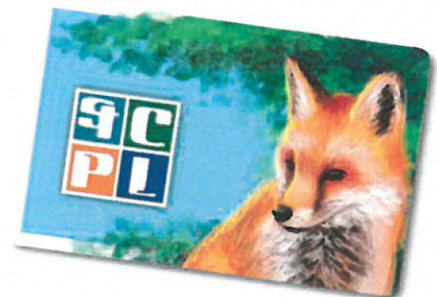
After a rousing week of public voting in mid-September, we congratulate our winners of the Library Card Design Contest:

- Julia Johnson for "Fox Reading by the River" in the Kid Category
- Tommy Hofmeyer for "Carnegie Sketch" in the Teen Category
- Rebecca Repta for "Fox in the Forest" in the Adult Category

A tip of the hat to our other finalists for their excellent work as well: Sarah Forsell, Hayden Lund, Nena Rohaidzam, Thea Loppnow, Jessica Hofmeyer and Adair Allen!



Our three new cards are now available along with a freshly-redesigned fourth option. Pick out a favorite style for you, or get a different one for each member of the family! We welcome new and existing cardholders to stop by the Circulation Desk and obtain a new card. For more information, call 630-584-0076 ext. 0.

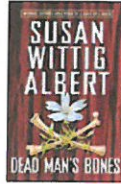


What the Staff Is Reading

Dead Man's Bones by Susan Wittig Albert

■ FIC ALBERT

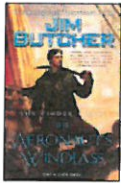
The 14th in a popular, leisurely cozy mystery series set in the southwest features an intelligent female sleuth, ingenious plot twists, and lots of fascinating information about herbs. The audio version is especially good. If you like to start series at the beginning, the first is **Thyme of Death**.



The Aeronaut's Windlass by Jim Butcher

■ FIC BUTCHER

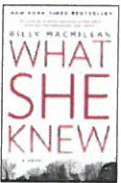
This action-packed series opener from Butcher has a steampunk-y feel, but the intricate and intriguing world will also appeal to fans of science fiction, fantasy and even Napoleonic-era historical fiction. Filled with adventure, suspense and witty characters, it is a fantastic read. Highly recommended for Naomi Novik and Brandon Sanderson fans.



What She Knew by Gilly MacMillan

■ FIC MACMILLAN

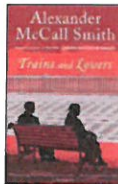
A grieving mother looks for her missing child in this menacing story filled with red herrings and potential suspects. Compelling and intense!



Trains and Lovers by Alexander McCall Smith

■ FIC MCCALL SMITH

Set on a train between Edinburg to London, this is an enjoyable quick read. The pace of the story itself conjures up the feel of the train's rhythm, as each character shares his/her own experiences involving trains and their personal relationships. There's the comfort of anonymity here, similar to sitting next to strangers on an airplane for hours and discussing life's little details with no concern for future ramifications.



The Sport of Kings by C.E. Morgan ■ FIC MORGAN

Delve into this majestic and ambitious work of literary fiction that follows a family through the decades as they contend with family demons, racial prejudice, and Kentucky horse racing culture. Richly atmospheric, and the writing is astonishing.

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam by Steve Sheinkin ■ J 959.7043 SHE

This is a rich and engaging work of narrative nonfiction with a behind the scenes account of the presidential machinations associated with the Vietnam War and the story of Daniel Ellsberg, the whistleblower who released the Pentagon papers to the press. Sheinkin makes history come alive and provides access to a part of the story that those who lived through those years would not have known at the time. A fantastic audiobook, too!

Read before you watch: There's lots of buzz for the movie *Hidden Figures*, scheduled for release in early January. It's based on the book **Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race** by Margot Lee Shetterly 510 LEE.

For more, see our "Staff Picks" 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.

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 enough with basic computer skills to skip this requirement.

January registration begins Sunday, December 18 at noon

Overview of Windows 10

- Tuesday, January 3 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
- Wednesday, January 4 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

Computer & Internet Basics

- Monday, January 9 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)
- Tuesday, January 10 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

Introduction to MS Word 2013

- Wednesday, January 11 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)
- Thursday, January 12 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

eBay: Buying and Selling

- Monday, January 16 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
- Tuesday, January 17 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

Introduction to Quickbooks 2016

- Wednesday, January 18 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
- Wednesday, January 25 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

Overview of Windows 10

- Monday, January 23 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
- Tuesday, January 24 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

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EVENTS FOR ADULTS

■ February registration begins Sunday, January 15 at noon

Overview of Windows 10

Wednesday, February 1 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
Thursday, February 2 ■ 6:30–8:30 pm (Part 2)

iPad / iPhone for Beginners

Monday, February 6 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)
Tuesday, February 7 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

Android for Beginners

Wednesday, February 8 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)
Thursday, February 9 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

Apps of Windows 10

Monday, February 13 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Quickbooks 2016

Wednesday, February 15 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
Wednesday, February 22 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

MS Word 2013: Beyond the Basics

Tuesday, February 21 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)
Thursday, February 23 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

Digital Camera & Photo Editing Basics

Monday, February 27 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)
Tuesday, February 28 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

Online Computer Classes

If your schedule doesn't match ours, try some online courses available through the Library's website:

Atomic Training

This online video training is broken down into small "bites" of just a few minutes so you may watch just what you need of the tutorials on the most popular software.

Learning Express Library

Learn at your own pace with basic through advanced interactive tutorial courses which include audio and captions.

Lynda.com

Leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals.

Gale Courses

Hundreds of courses focused on professional development, technology skills and personal enrichment. Six-week long courses are taught entirely online by instructors and new sessions begin every month.

Small Business Programs

■ High Performance Interviewing

Thursday, January 12 ■ 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Join author Jim Starkey and receive a copy of his book, "High Performance Interviewing." This clear, concise guide can help you put your career on a new trajectory – a more senior executive level, a geographical move or a novel direction. High Performance Interviewing is designed to make you better than your competition. While written for senior executives, the concepts are pertinent to any job interview scenario and can be applied with success by students or by CEOs. **REGISTER**

■ Powerful Presentations: Public Speaking Made Easy

Thursday, February 2 ■ 6:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Public speaking. For many of us, it's our biggest fear. Leah Hoppes and Sean Matthew Whitfield of Vision Force Marketing will teach you how to control your nerves, engage your audience and command attention – whether you're speaking at a conference, closing an important sales call, presenting to coworkers or toasting the newlywed couple. They'll even share the Top 10 Mistakes Even Good Presenters Make. We'll help you add poise and polish to your next presentation. **REGISTER**



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.

Chicago Pop Culture Con

Saturday, November 26 ■ 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 27 ■ 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Pheasant Run Mega Center, 4051 E Main St

Come visit the St. Charles Public Library at the Chicago Pop Culture Convention! We will be teaching and discussing tabletop gaming. Stop by and see our extensive 100+ board game collection available for attendees to play.

Chicago Pop Culture Con is a multi-genre convention of Comics, Toys, Gaming, Sci-Fi, Legos, Stars, TV/Movie Memorabilia, Super Heroes, Internet Culture, Anime, Action Figures, Anime, Cosplay, Fantasy, Horror, Collectibles, Sports Memorabilia, Vintage Music Memorabilia, Publishers & Artist Convention – but open to anything fan-related! Purchase tickets at chicagopopculturecon.com

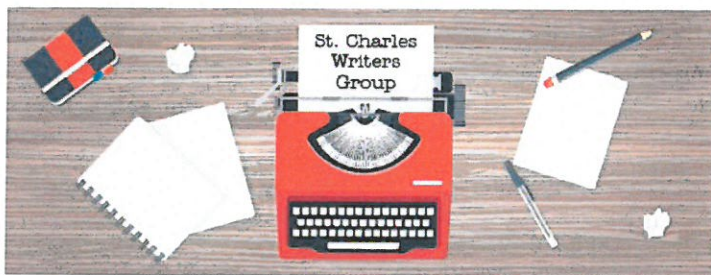


Historical Look at Polish Pottery

Tuesday, December 6 ■ 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Rebecca Gengler of Polish Pottery located in Big Rock, IL will share the rich history and artistry of Polish stoneware at this special presentation.

Learn about the 400-year-old traditional stoneware made in Boleslawiec, Poland that is world famous and sought all over the world. Every piece is handmade and made for everyday kitchen use. Select pieces will be available for purchase at this event. **REGISTER**



St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays ■ 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

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

December 10 – *Holiday reading open to the public*

January 14 – *Character rules: Creating character*

February 11 – *Studying the art and craft of dialogue*

Sunday Concert Series

Sundays 2:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

* December 11 – **Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra** featuring the Maud Powell String Quartet and the newest Honors Chamber Ensemble, the Earl Clemens Wind Quintet.



January 8 – Experience a delightful trip down memory lane as **Sweet Reminder** performs some of the songs you love by the crooners you remember. Laugh and sing along with a selection of treasures from the 30s, 40s and 50s.



* January 22 – **Harpist Jaina Krueger and Violinist Ashley Fitzwater** will perform classical pieces by composers Pescetti, Fauré, Piazzolla and Tournier.



February 5 – **Love Me Tender:** Award-winning vocalist Maureen Christine, saxophonist Michael Bazan and accordionist Don Stille return to the library to perform sophisticated songs from the 50s and 60s.



* February 26 – **Scott Metlicka, flute/piccolo and Constance Hughes, piano** will perform an array of music from composers including Bach, Bizet, Godard and Chicago composer John LaMontaine.

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

EVENTS FOR ADULTS



2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

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**
December 13

Morning

Dear Committee Members
by Julie Schumacher ■ FIC SCHUMACHER



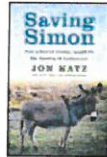
Evening

Tinkers
by Paul Harding ■ FIC HARDING

January 10

Morning & Evening

Saving Simon: How a Rescue Donkey Taught Me the Meaning of Compassion
by Jon Katz ■ 636.182 KAT



February 14

Morning

Homegoing
by Yaa Gyasi ■ FIC GYASI



Evening

So Big
by Edna Ferber ■ FIC FERBER

Fascinating Women of History

Mamie Eisenhower: The Hostess in Chief

Wednesday, December 14 ■ 1:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Mamie was America's beloved First Lady from 1953 until 1961. She was also an Army Wife, Mother and Grandmother. Visit with Mamie, as presented by Ellie Carlson, as she relates her life as Ike's wife, our First Lady and "just a good friend," which is how she most wanted to be remembered. Learn from Mamie about living in Panama and the Philippines between the world wars and about her loving relationship with Ike which weathered horrible rumors and long separations.

REGISTER

Board Game Nights

Wednesdays ■ 6:00-8:30 p.m.
December 14 ■ Huntley Meeting Room

No January Game Night

February 15 ■ Carnegie Community Room

Join us to play games like Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride and other modern board games. Meet up with fellow board gamers. Bring a favorite game to teach new players or grab one from our collection.

REGISTER or DROP IN

Cooking at the Library:

Clean Eating with Chef Cherise

Wednesday, January 11 ■ 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room



It's easy to appreciate a healthy diet when everything tastes delicious! Chef Cherise will explain the methods behind the clean eating movement and teach you knife skill techniques that will make preparing all those fruits and vegetables a breeze. The Chef's program will include

Oats 'n Flax Granola, Tangy Vegetable Salad and Organic Berry Crumble. Tasty bites and recipes will be shared. **Registration is limited to 65 participants. REGISTER**

Painting Workshop:

Winter Cardinal

Tuesday, January 24 ■ 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

A cardinal in the snow will be our inspiration for this fun hands-on painting workshop. First you'll draw with pencil on watercolor paper. Then you'll learn to paint with watercolor pencils using several different techniques under Christine Thornton's guidance. **This program is limited to 30 participants. REGISTER**



Great Decisions

Thursdays ■ 7:00 p.m.

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The Great Decision 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**

January 19 - Cuba and the U.S. (2016 Briefing Book)
■ Carnegie Community Room

February 16 - The Future of Europe (2017 Briefing Book)
■ Huntley Meeting Room

Seed Swap and Seed Library Kickoff

Saturday, January 28 ■ 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Join us to celebrate National Seed Swap Day and our third annual seed swap! This will also be your first chance to get seeds from our heirloom seed library. You do not have to bring seeds to take seeds, but it is encouraged. Heirloom and open-pollinated seeds are also encouraged. **REGISTER or DROP IN**



Genealogy Series



■ Finding Your Roots in Naturalization Records

Wednesday, February 1 ■ 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Genealogy speaker and author Steve Szabados presents ways of finding your immigrant ancestors' naturalization papers to see the beginning of your roots in America. Traditional and online sources will be reviewed. **REGISTER**

■ Emigration and Immigration

Thursday, February 16 ■ 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Genealogist Jacquie Schattner will guide us through the process of finding ones ancestor's emigration from their country of origin and immigration to the United States. Why did they leave? What was the voyage like? Learn the interesting details of your ancestors' journey to their new life here. A list of over 30 websites and other resources will be provided. **REGISTER**



■ Ancestry.com Primer

Tuesday, February 28 ■ 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Genealogist Caron Primas-Brennan will review the **Ancestry.com** site, including the Ancestry Trees; discuss what it has to offer beginners as well as more advanced genealogy researchers; and compare what is available through the free site and the paid subscription. Whether you are just starting out and want to host a tree at Ancestry, or have been researching for years but want more information online, this is the session for you. **REGISTER**

*** Two more genealogy programs are planned for March of 2017. Details will appear in the March-May copy of Discover Your Library.*



■ Friends of St. Charles Public Library

The Friends is a non-profit organization that helps the Library by raising funds to support special programs for all ages and to purchase essential equipment that is beyond the Library's regular budget. Members volunteer their time and talents in a variety of ways, including coordinating the spring and fall used book sales. Attend a meeting and find out more!

Used Magazine Sale

Saturday, January 21 ■ 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Friends' Meeting

Saturday, February 11 ■ 9:30 a.m.
Carnegie Community Room

■ Pastry Chef Rose Deneen Presents Chocolates from Around the World

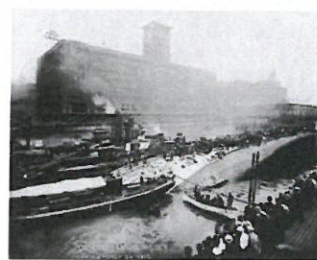
Tuesday, February 7 ■ 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Pastry Chef Rose Deneen shares her exploration of chocolates from around the world, including Belgium, Germany, Italy and more! A tasting of a variety of chocolates, as well as sweet treats prepared with the international chocolates will be provided. Samples and recipes will be provided. **REGISTER**



■ The Eastland Disaster: An Unparalleled Tragedy

Thursday, February 23 ■ 1:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room



The S.S. Eastland was a Chicago-based passenger ship used for tours. On July 24, 1915, the ship rolled over while tied to a dock in the Chicago River. A total of 844 passengers and crew were killed in what was to become the largest loss of life from a single shipwreck on the Great Lakes. Using motion picture videos from 1915, photographs and a firsthand narrative delivered by descendants of a survivor, this 45-minute program explains how and why it happened, the nation's response and how it could have been avoided. This program is presented by the Eastland Disaster Historical Society, and co-sponsored with the St. Charles History Museum. **REGISTER**

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS



■ Anime Club

Tuesdays ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Watch anime, eat snacks and hang out with fellow otaku. There's always something to do: crafts, board games, video games and trivia.

DROP IN

December 13 ■ Huntley Meeting Room

January 10 ■ Carnegie Community Room

February 14 ■ Huntley Meeting Room



■ Exam Cram 2017

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

January 16, 17, 18 ■ 5:00–10:00 p.m.

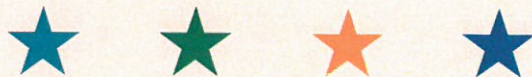
Huntley Meeting Room

Open late. Stop by, study, bring a friend or two. Pizza at 7:00 p.m. Snacks and drinks all night thanks to Library Friends. Reference help and Wi-Fi for your laptop always available. **DROP IN**



■ High School Volunteers

Applications for the winter/spring session, which runs from Monday, February 6 – Friday, May 5, will be available online or at the Reference Desk on Friday, December 16 and must be returned by Friday, January 27.

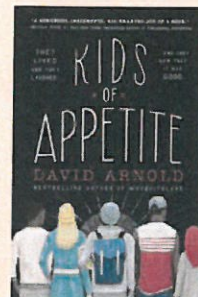


■ Starred Reviews

Kids of Appetite by David Arnold

■ YA FIC ARNOLD

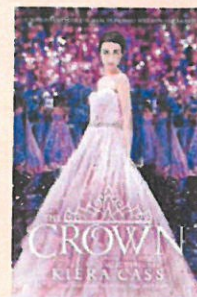
Victor Benucci and Madeline Falco have a story to tell. It begins with the death of Vic's father. It ends with the murder of Mad's uncle. The Hackensack Police Department would very much like to hear it. But in order to tell their story, Vic and Mad, sitting in separate police interrogation rooms, must tell about the misfits who brought them together and sparked their journey and all the chapters in between.



The Crown by Kiera Cass

■ YA FIC CASS

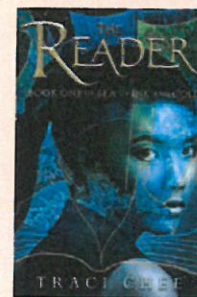
Long-awaited and wonderfully romantic, the fifth and final book of the Selection series is here. Twenty years have passed since America Singer and Prince Maxon fell in love, and their daughter is the first princess to hold a Selection of her own. But sometimes the heart has a way of surprising you...and now Eadlyn must make a choice that feels more difficult—and more important—than she ever expected.



The Reader: Book One of Sea of Ink and Gold by Traci Chee

■ YA FIC CHEE

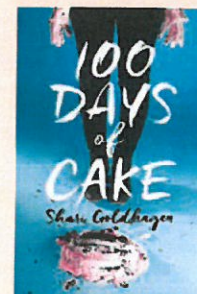
Sefia's father drilled her on what to do if they were ever in danger, but she never expected to return home one day and find him brutally murdered. She escapes with one vital thing: a heavy square wrapped in cloth containing bound pages with intricate symbols. Amid magic, fighting rings, swashbuckling pirates, assassins, and a kingdom beset by war, where books are illegal, Sefia searches to track down who kidnapped her Aunt Nin and what really happened to her father.

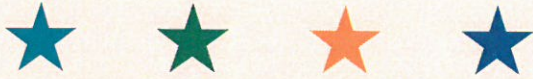


100 Days of Cake by Shari Goldhagen

■ YA FIC GOLDHAGEN

Seniors at Cove High School might be mapping out every facet of their future, but Molly Bryne just wants to spend the rest of the summer (maybe the rest of her life) hanging out with her cute coworker at FishTopia. Molly's been struggling with depression, above and beyond industry-standard teen angst. Crushing on her therapist isn't helping, and neither is her mom, who is convinced that baking the perfect cake will cure her—as if icing alone can magically make her rejoin the swim team or care about the SATs.





Gena/Finn by Hannah Moskowitz and Kat Helgeson

■ YA FIC MOSKOWITZ

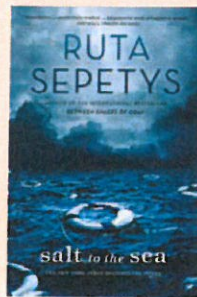
Gena and Finn both love the show *Up Below* and are very involved in its online fandom. Eventually they meet online and start talking and keep talking, but more and more about things beside the show. When they get a chance to meet in person, their lives really start to change. This is a book for anyone who has internet friends they love as much or more than their met-in-person friends, anyone who's ever gotten really into fandom, or anyone who's met an unexpected best friend in an unexpected place.



Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

■ YA FIC SEPETYS

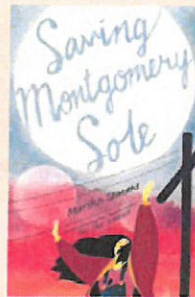
World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom, many with something to hide. Told in alternating points of view of Joana, Emilia and Florian, whose paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation. Forced by circumstance to unite, the three find their strength, courage and trust in each other tested with each step closer to safety.



Saving Montgomery Sole by Mariko Tamaki

■ YA FIC TAMAKI

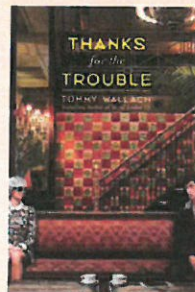
Montgomery Sole is a square peg in a small town; an oddball in a school full of jocks and girls who don't even know what irony is. She and her best friends, Thomas and Naoki, are the only members of her high school Mystery Club. With them, she explores the mysteries of friendship, family, faith and phenomena, including the greatest mystery of all—herself.



Thanks for the Trouble by Tommy Wallach

■ YA FIC WALLACH

Parker hasn't spoken since he watched his father die five years ago. He communicates through writing on slips of paper and keeps track of his thoughts by journaling. A loner, Parker has little interest in school, his classmates or his future. But everything changes when he meets Zelda, a mysterious silver-haired young woman with an unusual request: 'treat me like a teenager.' Zelda claims to be quite a bit older than she looks, and helps Parker discover there just might be a few things worth living for.



You've Got to Read This!

Charlie Cook's Favorite Book by Julia Donaldson

■ JE DONALDSON

Travel along with Charlie Cook as he sits in his cozy armchair reading his favorite book about a pirate who finds a book about Goldilocks, who is reading her favorite book about a knight, who is reading his favorite joke book... This treat for the ears and eyes holds hidden delights as you follow Charlie's gang through each of their favorite books to where their adventure ends!



Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight by Wendy Mass

■ J MASS

It is Take Your Child to Work Day, and Archie Morningstar gets to spend the whole night with his dad. It doesn't take Archie very long to discover that his dad is no ordinary taxi driver. It seems that Dad drives a space taxi, and he takes aliens all across the universe! Archie is in for an adventure that is truly, out of this world!



Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures by Jackson Pearce

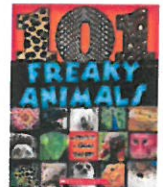
■ J PEARCE

Pip Bartlett's everyday life is full of magical creatures such as unicorns, griffins, pegasai and more. However, no one believes that she has the ability to understand and speak with all these creatures. When Pip goes to stay with her aunt, a veterinarian for magical creatures, she encounters a mystery of flammable Fuzzles suddenly invading everyone's underwear drawers. Pip may be the only person who can discover the truth.

101 Freaky Animals by Melvin Berger

■ J 590 BER

From the armadillo to the stink bug, and from the ghost crab to the smelly hoatzin, the reader is taken on an incredible journey through the air, under the sea, and on land to discover some of the earth's most unusual animals in this fascinating book about 101 amazing creatures.



Crossover by Kwame Alexander

■ J 811.6 ALE

This novel in verse is told by Josh Bell, a basketball superstar who loves his family and his long dreads as much as he loves basketball. His twin brother, JB, is also on the team, which makes sense when you realize that their dad was a professional ball player in his day. But when the inseparable Josh and JB drift apart, Josh's feelings get hurt, and he makes a choice that he regrets.

Valiant by Sarah McGuire

■ JH MCGUIRE

When Saville's father is overcome by sickness, she dresses as a young man and pretends to be his apprentice in order to survive. When rumors of giants coming to conquer the city prove true and she outwits them to save her friend, Saville is thrust into the spotlight as the 'hero' the city needs. Saville fears her secret will be discovered as she is thrown into castle politics while the city schemes to save itself from an army of giants.

For more suggestions, visit You've Got to Read This! on our website under *Kids*, then *Books for Kids*.

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 **G**.
- 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.

Winter/Spring Registration Dates

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

In-person, online and phone event registration begins:

Winter – Saturday, November 19

Spring – Saturday, February 25

G 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, January 10–March 21
9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, January 11–March 22
9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.



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

Storytellers 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 total capacity of 40 children and adults. Please arrive early as we will begin to distribute tickets each day 10 minutes before the story time. Door opens five minutes before the event begins. **DROP IN**

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

Age-Specific Story Times

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The early childhood story times through age two 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. Siblings may attend. Register each child and adult. Participation is limited to registered children and parent/caregiver. An adult may bring up to two children. Ask about accommodations for twins or triplets. **REGISTER**



■ Infant with Parent/Caregiver

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Mondays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

Session A: January 16–February 13

Session B: February 27–March 20

■ One Year Old with Parent/Caregiver

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Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Session A: January 16–February 13

Session B: February 27–March 20

Thursdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

Session A: January 19–February 16

Session B: February 23–March 23

■ Two Year Old with Parent/Caregiver

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Tuesdays, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

Session A: January 17–February 14

Session B: February 21–March 21

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

Session A: January 18–February 15

Session B: February 22–March 22

NEW TIME
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■ Three & Four Year Olds

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Tuesdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Session A: January 17–February 14

Session B: February 21–March 21

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 and Half-Day Kindergarten Students G

Tuesdays, 1:30–2:15 p.m.

Session A: January 17–February 14

Session B: February 21–March 21

Thursdays, 10:30–11:15 a.m.

Session A: January 19–February 16

Session B: February 23–March 23

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.

■ Stories at the Nature Center G

Infant–5 years with Parent/Caregiver

Fridays, December 2 ■ January 20 ■ February 3

10:30–11:00 a.m.

**Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve,
37W700 Dean Street**

You are invited to hear stories at Creek Bend Nature Center. 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 Times

■ Child with Parent/Caregiver G

**Saturdays, December 3 ■ January 14 ■ February 4
10:30–11:00 a.m.**

These story times are especially for children with autism, sensory processing or other developmental needs. 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/her how to participate. Siblings may attend. Register each child and adult that will be attending. Register for one or for all. **REGISTER**

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



■ Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver G

Saturday, December 10 ■ 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 14 ■ 1:30–2:00 p.m.

**Tuesdays, December 13 ■ January 24 ■ February 21
6:30–7:00 p.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/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 G

Para infantes y niños de hasta 5 años de edad acompañados de sus padres o cuidadores.

El sábado, Diciembre 10 ■ 10:30–11:00 a.m.

El sábado, Enero 14 ■ 1:30–2:00 p.m.

**Los Martes ■ Diciembre 13 ■ Enero 24 ■ Febrero 21
6:30–7:00 p.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/niña como participar. Los hermanitos pueden venir. Regístre cada niño/niña y el adulto que vendrá. Regístrese para uno o para todos. **REGISTRESE**



■ Stories Live! G

Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Thursday, December 29 ■ Three Little Kittens

Saturday, January 7 ■ Great Big Enormous Turnip

Friday, February 17 ■ Too Much Noise

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/stage of development. **REGISTER**

INFANT – AGE 5



Pajama Story Time

Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Thursday, December 15 ■ Wednesday, December 28
Thursday, January 5 ■ Wednesday, January 18
Thursday, February 2 ■ Wednesday, February 15
6:30–7:00 p.m.

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**



Puppets with the Junior Friends

Child, infant–age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Wednesday, December 21
10:30–10:50 a.m. OR 11:30–11:50 a.m.

Drop in for a puppet show presented by our Junior Friends student storytellers in the Helen Gale Story Room. Children and adults attend together. Open attendance with a capacity of 30 children and adults. An announcement will be made for seating five minutes before the show begins. **DROP IN**

FOR FAMILIES

Hidden Book

Saturday, December 17–Saturday, December 31

Somewhere on the shelves in Youth Services, a special book will be hidden three times a day—morning, afternoon and evening. You had so much fun this summer hunting for the hidden book we will bring it out again during winter break. A sample book will be on display at the ASK ME Desk. Find the book and select your reward from the prize basket at the ASK ME Desk. **DROP IN**

New Year's Eve Celebration & Concert with Joel Frankel

Family

Saturday, December 31
11:00 a.m.–Noon OR 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Join us as we ring in 2017 at each of the concerts. There will be lots of energetic fun as Joel Frankel rocks the room with his award-winning songs that will have everyone clapping, singing and dancing. Recordings and books will be available for purchase. Watch as the book drops down to kick off the New Year! Register to guarantee your spot. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**



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

24th Annual Family Read-Aloud Book Club

Enroll at the ASK ME Desk December 20–January 31

The Family Read-Aloud Book Club encourages lifelong literacy and motivates families to share reading aloud as a daily tradition. Book Club will run for 10 weeks beginning Tuesday, December 20 ending Tuesday, February 28. Record time spent as a family reading aloud and receive rewards! Rewards include books dedicated to the family, autographed children's books, certificates to local businesses and canvas book bags. Receive your family book log and details when you enroll. **REGISTER**

Thank you to the following local businesses for their support of the Family Read-Aloud Book Club:





Model Train Display

Family

Saturday, January 28 ■ 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
 Sunday, January 29 ■ Noon–4:30 p.m.



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All Aboard! The Midwest Division of the Train Collector's Association will return with their hands-on train layout. You may bring one of your own Lionel cars for a free tune-up. **DROP IN**

Families living outside the Library District are invited.

Book Character Visit

To be announced—watch our website

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

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Reading Gone Wild

Sunday, February 26 ■ 1:00–2:30 p.m.

In partnership with the St. Charles Park District
 Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, 3795 Campton Hills Drive

Animals love stories too! Bring a book to read to the animals of Hickory Knolls and enjoy a fun way to share a story with the entire family. Peter Rabbit, Olly the lizard and other friends will be joined by local therapy dogs. Storytellers from the Library will kick off this cozy event with a medley of stories. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

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Used Book Sale! Everything for Kids

Sponsored by the Junior Friends

Saturday, January 21 ■ 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Hundreds of books to choose from for all ages and reading levels. Money earned supports Junior Friends of the Library special projects.

The Friends of the Library will have used magazines available for 25¢ each and may be purchased individually or in bundles from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts Library Tour & Hunt

Attention Leaders! Bring your Scouts to the Library for a hands-on workshop that introduces you to all Youth Services has to offer. Scouts become familiar with where resources and collections are located, as well as how the Library is organized, gain quick tips on how to locate resources and learn about the various services, including digital. Customized hunts have Scouts using clues to seek out locations and answers in the department. Leader may schedule a date by contacting A. Denise Farrugia at 630-584-0076 ext. 236 or via email at adfarrugia@stcharleslibrary.org **SCHEDULE**

Animal Winter Survival

Grades K–2

Thursday, December 8 ■ 4:30–5:15 p.m.



Winter weather brings many challenges for native animals. How do they stay warm? How do they find food? Discover the amazing strategies animals have developed to make Illinois home in all four seasons. Do you have what it takes to survive? Presented by staff from Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, St. Charles Park District and joined by a special animal guest. **REGISTER**

LEGO® Workshops for Students

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 also be posted on the Kids Facebook page.

You Play with LEGO®

STEAM

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Grades K–2

Monday, December 12
 Thursday, January 24
 Wednesday, February 22
 4:30–5:15 p.m.



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

You Design with LEGO®

STEAM

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Grades 3–8

Monday, December 12 ■ Race to the Finish Line
 Thursday, January 24 ■ The Future
 Wednesday, February 22 ■ Fairy Tales
 4:30–5:30 p.m.



Use your imagination in designing and building a LEGO® creation in 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**



Movie Nights

Grades 4–8

Fridays, December 16 ■ January 13 ■ February 24
4:30–7:00 p.m.

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 at 9:00 p.m. the Thursday before the movie. REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY DEADLINE**



Board Games

Grades 4–8

Thursday, December 22 ■ 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Join us to play games—Blokus, Chess, Life, Sorry and more. Bring a favorite game or play one from our collection. Pizza and lemonade will be served. **Registration closes at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday. REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY DEADLINE**

Big Chill

Scientific Disciplines – Physics & Chemistry

Grades K–8

Monday, January 16 ■ 10:30 a.m.–Noon

And you thought winters in Chicago were cold. Dr. Arthur Friedman of *Eureka Discoveries*, will take you into the world of the really cold—not bone-chilling cold—more along the lines of interplanetary cold. See how ordinary substances display extraordinary properties at super-cold temperatures. Welcome to the world of liquid and solid nitrogen. **REGISTER**



Marshmallow Mania

STEM

Grades 3–5

Thursday, January 26 ■ 4:30–5:15 p.m.

Are you up for the challenge? This fun STEM event will have you playing with your food. Using marshmallows you will learn about simple machines as you experiment as an engineer to build machines that will send marshmallows flying through the air. Presented by staff from Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, St. Charles Park District. **REGISTER**

Monarch Award Nominees

Each year students cast a vote for their favorite book from the nominated titles for three Illinois Children's Choice Awards: **Monarch** for students in grades K–3; **Rebecca Caudill** for students in grades 4–8; and **Bluestem** for students in grades 3–5. Titles on the nominated lists are found in the Youth Services' Award Nominees area. Join us as we explore and talk about this year's nominees. Be ready to vote for your favorite this spring. The Library will be a polling place for students who have not already voted at school.

Monarch Marathon

Grades K–3

Tuesday, January 31 ■ 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Take a quick dash through this year's nominees before voting begins. Fun activities related to the books will keep you giggling. **REGISTER or DROP IN**

Benjamin Franklin & the Levitating Frog



Scientific Discipline – Physics: Electricity & Magnetism

Grades K–8

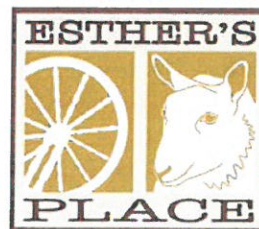
Friday, February 10 ■ 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Everyone is both fascinated and terrified by the awesome power of electricity. Dr. Arthur Friedman, *Eureka Discoveries*, will explore the world of electricity and magnetism with experiments that will have a magnet floating in midair, a burned-out fluorescent light tube mysteriously turning on and other hair-raising encounters. This event is sure to be electrifying! **REGISTER**

Fiber Art: Felting

A Russell Series Event for Grades K–8

Saturday, February 25 ■ 2:00–3:30 p.m.



for such a time as this

Natasha Lewis from Esther's Place, a fiber arts studio, will demonstrate the creative process of wool, fibers and felting, one of the oldest forms of material. Students will learn about our woolly heritage and create a wet felted flower using wool grown in Illinois. Adults may attend. **REGISTER**

This series was established by the William Russell family in memory of Karen G. Russell and continues with a grant from the Illinois State Library. Each February and July, Chicago-area experts, artists, author and others introduce students to their art, craft or profession by providing an interactive experience.

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADES 6-8

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Junior Friends of the Library

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 April, August and December.

REGISTER



Discover Your Library is published four times per year and will be available in your mailbox or online through the Library's website.

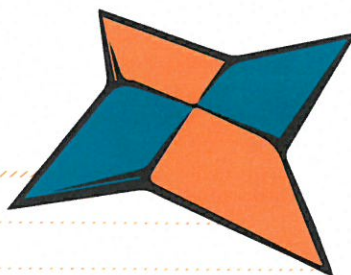


Viral Web Clips

Grades 6-8

Wednesday, January 25 ■ 4:30-5:30 p.m.

It's Friday the 13th and we have gathered a bunch of weird and very funny viral web clips. Tell your friends and hangout to watch a marathon of clips and eat snacks. There will be plenty of laughing out loud. **DROP IN OR REGISTER**



Origami

Grades 6-8

Monday, February 13 ■ 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Explore the traditional Japanese art of paper folding. We will guide you in creating your own Ninja star and then you may select from additional examples to create more to take home. **REGISTER**

Hours

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.
Sunday Noon-5:00 p.m.

Closings

Saturday, December 24
Sunday, December 25
Monday, December 26
Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 1
Monday, January 2
Monday, February 20

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Library Board Meetings

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the
Carnegie Community Room

December 14
January 11
February 8



FOR ADULTS

Every Child Ready to Read G

Especially for Parents, Grandparents, Preschool Educators and
Child Care Providers—Adults Only

Monday, January 30 ■ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Reading is one of the most important gifts you can give your child. Learn what you can do at home to develop your child's pre-reading skills. Get suggestions for age-appropriate books and resources, as well as easy ways to include these skills in your daily activities. In just 90 minutes, discover how to best use your time to read and interact with your child. Your workshop leaders have received training to help you help your child be ready to read. **REGISTER**

Adults living outside the Library District: Register at the ASK ME Desk for \$5 per person beginning January 16.



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stcharleslibrary.org One website, countless resources: language learning, business resources, health and wellness content, continuing education credits, **Lynda.com** courses, Tumble Books, test prep, software training, legal documents, encyclopedias, classical sheet music, Consumer Reports, almanacs, census data, financial insights, booklists, auto repair manuals, historic newspapers and more.

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Concerts. Sunday afternoon concerts take place October through March and feature a wide array of professional musicians performing classical, folk, jazz and more.

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Caregiving. For stimulating memories among individuals with Alzheimer's disease and dementia, our Caregiver Kits contain DVDs, CDs and books designed to inspire conversations.

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iPads preloaded with educational and entertaining apps for preschool, elementary and middle school students in Youth Services! Launchpads preloaded with apps ready for you to checkout.

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Growth. Plan your spring garden. Our Seed Library offers more than 300 varieties of free, heirloom plants and vegetables.

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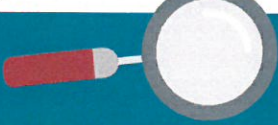
Need a Movie? During a typical year, we check out more than 400,000 DVDs. Side-by-side, that's 28.4 miles of DVDs!

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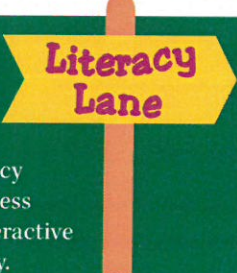
Register. You can register to vote at the Library.

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Search and find. If you're looking for an item we don't carry, we'll do everything possible to get it for you.

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Literacy Lane fosters early literacy and school readiness skills through interactive discovery and play.

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Cultural hub. Enrichment programs free of charge. Whatever the age or interest, you're covered: book clubs, musical performances, history discussions and portrayals, cooking demonstrations, science explorations, self-improvement workshops and more.

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Roots. We have incredible family history resources and online ancestry tools, as well as genealogy workshops throughout the year.

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Adventure. Our Museum Adventure Pass provides discounts or free/reduced-price admissions to a variety of nearby destinations.

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Tutoring. Educational assistance is just a click away. Our subscriptions to *Live Homework Help* and *Brainfuse* provide online tutoring, homework assistance, skill building, test prep and much more for everyone.