

## ST. CHARLES YOUTH COMMISSION

Monday, December 7, 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*	J. Anderson, 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*	T. Loversky, 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	H. Kincaid, STC NHS
M. Koenen, City Administrator	M. Backer, CUSD303
A. Christenson, STC NHS	J. Greenwald, STC Park District*
C. Mendez, TriCity	A. Schuett, CUSD 303
S. O'Brien, TriCity	L. O'Brien, CUSD 303
	J. Bruggeman, STC Park District*

\*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 2015 meeting. Motion to approve carried.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Cliff Hime
  - A. Absent
- IV. **Correspondence** – None as of December 2, 2015
- V. **Presentations** – None as of December 2, 2015
- VI. **Liaison Reports**
  - A. **D303** – Aubree Schuett
    - i. Absent
  - B. **Park District** – Jeff Greenwald and Jennifer Bruggeman
    - i. Report attached regarding Underground teen activities;
    - ii. Update on partnership between the Norris Center and Park District for rec programs.

**C. Police Department – Bill Tynan**

- i. Juvenile Report, attached;
- ii. Update on “Too Good for Drugs” graduations.

**D. Library Programs – Marianne Weick**

- i. Update on Library programs; attached.

**E. Tri-City Family Services – Sheri O’Brien**

- i. Absent

**VII. Old Business – None as of December 2, 2015**

**VIII. New Business**

- A. An e-mail update was shared with the group on the summer soccer program the Youth Commission supported last year.
- B. A new request was received from Janet Hornbostel for the “hats for hope” program. Students will knit for Living Well, Lazarus House, and local schools. A motion for the funding request for \$300 carried. A copy of the letter is attached.

**IX. Announcements – None as of December 2, 2015**

**X. Public Comment – None**

**XI. Adjournment**

- A. Motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. carried.

***The next Youth Commission meeting will be Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Police Department Riverside Conference Room located at 211 N. Riverside Avenue.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Kelly, Youth Commissioner

# STC Underground 2015

Ind. vs. Check Ins	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2014	97/443	92/363	90/381	96/396	104/380	106/387	107/439	111/409	101/375	101/398	98/413	105/420
2013	118/433	108/403	120/430	110/443	109/461	100/411	99/439	104/428	117/402	108/423	99/404	94/337
2012	71/340	75/259	77/426	101/487	103/466	90/415	78/439	97/486	116/421	118/450	106/464	97/414
2011	111/481	99/452	103/569	98/480	119/558	121/569	102/520	105/523	106/451	120/496	104/534	103/555
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	13	16	19	21	23	34	16	23	13	
2:00 p.m.	37	14	11	9	21	24	55	23	14	26	22	
3:00 p.m.	73	78	55	63	64	97	96	71	104	79	82	
4:00 p.m.	95	86	110	106	75	70	90	100	91	110	108	
5:00 p.m.	119	85	104	107	80	73	94	80	64	75	89	
6:00 p.m.	71	63	57	70	85	70	63	72	58	69	82	
7:00 p.m.	20	20	22	21	34	22	15	25	22	13	15	
8:00 p.m.	8	2	9	4	2	8	3	4	6	3	2	
9:00 p.m.	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
	443	363	381	396	380	387	439	409	375	398	413	0

### Female vs. Male

244/531	242/532	243/535	244/535	246/539	244/544	248/547	248/552	243/555	241/549	249/547	
775	774	778	779	785	788	795	800	798	790	796	

### STCU Operational Days

22	20	21	22	22	21	22	21	22	22	23	19
20.14	18.15	18.14	18.00	17.27	18.43	19.95	19.48	17.05	17.30	21.74	

### 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
9-53-030	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: Possession Of	11/04/2015 18:14:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
9-08-020	BATTERY: Simple	11/05/2015 16:37:00		St Charles	Juvenile Jacket
5-08-270D	LIQUOR: Illegal Consumption By A Minor	11/05/2015 22:32:00		WAYNE	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/6-101	TRAFFIC: No Drivers License	11/22/2015 22:50:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/11-601.5-B	TRAFFIC: Other Violations	11/22/2015 22:50:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 5.0/16-25-A-1	THEFT: Retail	11/27/2015 21:06:00		BATAVIA	Juvenile Jacket
235 ILCS 5.0/6-20	LIQUOR: Illegal Possession By A Minor	11/27/2015 21:06:00		BATAVIA	Juvenile Jacket
5-08-300	OTHER ORDINANCE VIOLATION	11/27/2015 23:03:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
9-53-030	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: Possession Of	11/27/2015 23:03:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
9-51-030	CANNABIS: Possession - < 30 Grams	11/27/2015 23:03:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
8-34-010	OTHER ORDINANCE VIOLATION	11/27/2015 23:03:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
9-53-030	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: Possession Of	11/28/2015 23:42:00		ELBURN	Juvenile Jacket
9-53-030	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: Possession Of	11/28/2015 23:51:00		ST CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
5-08-270D	LIQUOR: Illegal Consumption By A Minor	11/28/2015 23:56:00		ST CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
9-53-030	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: Possession Of	11/28/2015 23:56:00		ST CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
235 ILCS 5.0/6-20-E	LIQUOR: Illegal Consumption By A Minor	11/29/2015 04:11:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 5.0/12-3.2-A-1	BATTERY: Domestic	11/29/2015 04:11:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 5.0/12-3.2-A-2	BATTERY: Domestic	11/29/2015 04:11:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 5.0/21-1-A-2	CRIMINAL DAMAGE: To Property	11/29/2015 04:11:00		ELGIN	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 5.0/21-1-A-1	CRIMINAL DAMAGE: To Property	11/29/2015 04:11:00		ELGIN	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 550.0/4-A	CANNABIS: Possession - < 30 Grams	11/29/2015 04:11:00		ELGIN	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/6-101	TRAFFIC: No Drivers License	11/29/2015 04:51:00		ELGIN	Juvenile Jacket
720 ILCS 5.0/12-3	BATTERY: Simple	12/02/2015 16:00:00		SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
625 ILCS 5.0/6-110-A-1	TRAFFIC: Other Violations	12/06/2015 02:46:00	IL0451400:131510:A	SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
9-53-030	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: Possession Of	12/06/2015 02:46:00	IL0451400:131510:A	SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket
9-51-030	CANNABIS: Possession - < 30 Grams	12/06/2015 02:46:00	IL0451400:131510:A	SAINT CHARLES	Juvenile Jacket

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# Discover Your Library

St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

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## A Note from the Director Library Renovation Plans, Part Two

Through responsible fiscal stewardship, the Library Board of Trustees has been allocating money in a Special Reserve Fund for future renovation and potential expansion. As a result of sound financial planning, targeted allocation of resources, and attention to the bigger picture, the Board has been able to direct funds to be used to improve the Library facility in order to better meet the needs of a 21st century community. This will provide residents of the Library District with the services and programs for which you have been asking.

The Library Board has committed to continuing the renovation efforts begun in 2014, including a potential addition. Because of the Board's careful planning, the expansion and continued improvements to the building will all be done without having to go for referendum.



Product Architecture + Design, a firm with a strong resume of successful Illinois library renovation projects, has been hired. While still in the early planning stages, the Board and Library staff have been working closely with the architects to design a building that meets the changing needs of the St. Charles Public Library District community. The Library will be able to use the monies in the Library's Special Reserve Fund for the continued renovation and updating of the current building and the potential addition. The potential addition, which would run along Main Street (Route 64), will enable us to expand and improve spaces and services for patrons.

### Potential improvements would include:

- Expanded study areas, including new study rooms and zones for collaborative and quiet work, with improved seating, lighting and access to upgraded technology
- A maker space—a place where community members can work together to invent and create using traditional and technology-based maker tools such as a 3D printer
- A larger, better equipped meeting room
- Added specialized zones for elementary students, middle school students and teens to enable each group to grow and learn in spaces designed for their developmental needs
- A small vending café for patrons to relax, eat, socialize and work
- Improved and expanded parking and landscaping

- Updates to the Library's technology that will allow staff to place their focus squarely on providing patron service
- Expansion of the improvements such as carpet and furniture from the 2014 renovation to improve the look of the entire building
- Necessary upgrades to allow our building to handle 21st century needs

Ultimately, the Board hopes ongoing renovation and upgrades to the facility will increase space for the community to read, study, browse the book collection, access computers, attend programs and host meetings.

As the plans and project develop, we'll keep patrons up to date on the progress through press releases, newspaper articles, social media, and our website. Watch for more exciting news about our ongoing renovation plans over the next several months!

**Pam Leffler, Director**  
St. Charles Public Library District

## Partner with the Library This Summer

Our upcoming "Read for the Win" summer reading program is a library-wide event that encourages reading as a lifelong habit. This program for infants through senior citizens will run from mid-May through the first week of August. Rewards from local businesses will be offered to keep readers engaged. Is your business interested in becoming a partner? Please contact Pam Salomone by February 12 at 630-584-0076 ext. 246 or [psalomone@stcharleslibrary.org](mailto:psalomone@stcharleslibrary.org) for details.



### 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.

## Wi-Fi, To Go!

We now have 10 Wi-Fi Hotspots available for checkout. Hotspots enable you to connect wirelessly to the Internet wherever you are. That's right; now you can checkout the Internet at the Library! Hotspots may be borrowed by St. Charles Public Library cardholders for up to three weeks. Several wireless devices can be simultaneously connected to a single Hotspot. The device may be used anywhere there is Sprint data coverage in the United States.

Outreach Services also has a device available to help homebound patrons download eBooks or other digital material. Registered Outreach patrons, please let us know if you're interested in this service.



## Register to Vote at Your Library

St. Charles Public Library is partnering with the Kane County Clerk's Office and area libraries to encourage people to register to vote in time for the 2016 General Primary Election. Avoid the long lines and register early at the Circulation desk anytime the Library is open.

**The 2016 General Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 15.**

**Regular voter registration will end on Tuesday, February 16.**

To register, you must be a United States citizen, 18 years old on or before the date of the next election, and provide two forms of identification, one of which shows your current name and address. For more information, call 630-584-0076 ext. 0.

Save the Date:

## Books Brunch

A Signature Event Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation



**Saturday, April 23, 2016 ■ 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**St. Charles Country Club**  
**\$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. Space is limited.

## What the Staff is Reading

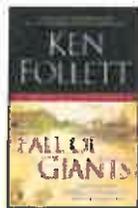
### The Opposite of Maybe by Maddie Dawson ■ FIC DAWSON

At 44, Rosie thought she'd never be a mother, but when she suddenly finds herself pregnant, she does a lot of soul-searching, including taking a break from her long-time boyfriend and moving in with her entertaining elderly grandmother. A heart-warming story about how it's never too late to finally start listening to your heart and find your place in the world and the people with whom you want to share it.



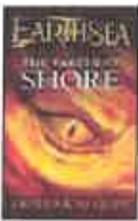
### The Century Trilogy by Ken Follett ■ FIC FOLLETT

**Fall of Giants** (set around WWI), **Winter of the World** (set during WWII), and **Edge of Eternity** (Cold War era) are epic historical writing at its best. If you like to listen to your books, the reader is really enjoyable and the weaving of fiction into the historical events of the period is fascinating. Highly recommended!



### The Farthest Shore by Ursula Le Guin ■ JH LE GUIN

This is the third book in classic *Earthsea Cycle* following *A Wizard of Earthsea* and *The Tombs of Atuan*. Adults do not typically read this series, but if they do, they might be surprised that esteemed author Le Guin also has something hidden for them as she plays "young" against "experienced," and adds philosophical depth to this story of a search for why magic is draining out of the world.



### How It Went Down by Kelda Magoon ■ YA FIC MAGOON

A black teen is killed by a white shooter, and the interwoven perspectives don't lead to a clear "who done it," much like most real investigations. A captivating and realistic look at contemporary poverty, gang culture, violence, and race relations that builds empathy and perspective for many of today's unfortunate acts of violence in and around the African-American community.



### Avenue of Spies: A True Story of Terror, Espionage, and One American Family's Heroic Resistance in Nazi-occupied France

by Alex Kershaw ■ 940.5344 KER

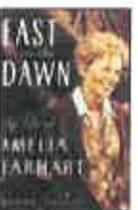
The story of an American doctor and his Swiss-born wife who chose to risk their lives helping the French Resistance. They were eventually arrested in late May, 1944, and sent to concentration camps. This book reads like a spy thriller, but is all the more chilling because it is a true story.



### East to the Dawn: The Life of Amelia Earhart

by Susan Butler ■ B EARHART

This detailed biography does justice to the complexity of Earhart's life and how she became the legendary pilot of the 1920s and 30s. The audio version is well narrated by Anna Fields.



For even more ideas, see our Staff Picks blog!

Register for Adult Programs  
online at [events.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp](http://events.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp),  
at the Reference Desk or by calling 630-584-0076 ext. 1.

## St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays ■ 9:15–11:45 a.m.  
Huntley Meeting Room



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

December 5 – Holiday reading by group members. Open to the public

December 19 – The personal essay: therapy, revelation, or indulgence?

2016 Dates – To be announced. Please check our website.

## Sunday Concert Series



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

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

\*December 6 – Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra's acclaimed Chamber Music Institute presents the **Sterling Brass Quintet** as they perform classical chamber works.

January 10 – **Hot 'n' Cole!** **The Music of Cole Porter** will feature music from one of America's most beloved composers. Matt and Cynthia Gruel will perform Porter's timeless classics and enlighten listeners with biographical and musical background.

\*January 24 – **Da Capo Duo** performances lead their listeners on a musical journey of lush sounds, comforting rhythms and stunning precision. Their music is moving without being overly dramatic, intricate without parading empty virtuosity and just plain fun to hear.

February 7 – **Love Songs** by **ZAZZ**: a five-piece jazz combo will perform both instrumental and vocal numbers from a varied repertoire including jazz standards, original melodies and Broadway tunes just in time for Valentine's Day.

\*February 21 – **Bel Sonore Chamber Ensemble** will perform a repertoire ranging from early Baroque to modern day classics.

# EVENTS FOR ADULTS

## What's Cooking with Chef Cherise!

### Making Yeast Bread

Tuesday, December 8 ■ 7:00 p.m.  
**Huntley Meeting Room**

Chef Cherise will guide you through the 12 steps of yeast bread production and give you tips and tricks to make bread baking your new favorite hobby. The demonstration will include French baguettes, walnut wheat bread and golden dinner rolls. Tasty bites and recipes will be shared. This program is limited to 50. **REGISTER**

### An Italian Dinner from Scratch

Thursday, February 11 ■ 7:00 p.m.  
**Huntley Meeting Room**

Buon appetito! Chef Cherise will show you how easy and fun it is to make pasta from scratch and to prepare a delicious Italian meal that will have your dinner companion asking for seconds! Chef's demonstration will include homemade pasta, marinara and meatballs, and Italian salad with red wine vinaigrette. Samples and recipes will be shared. This program is limited to 40. **REGISTER**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Book Discussions

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

### December 8

#### Morning

**Etta and Otto and Russell and James**  
 by Emma Hooper  
 FIC HOOPER



#### Evening

**A Wedding in Haiti: The Story of a Friendship**  
 by Julia Alvarez  
 813.54 ALV

### January 12

#### Morning & Evening

**Cold Comfort Farm**  
 by Stella Gibbons  
 FIC GIBBONS



### February 9

#### Morning

**H is for Hawk**  
 by Helen Macdonald  
 598.944 MAC



#### Evening

**Benediction**  
 by Kent Haruf  
 FIC HARUF

**Note:** If you need help getting a copy of a book for a book discussion, please ask at the Reference and Reader Services Desk.

## Game Night

### Open Gaming

Wednesday, December 16 ■ 6:00–8:30 p.m.  
**Huntley Meeting Room**

Meet up with fellow board gamers for some open gaming. Bring a favorite game to teach new players or grab one from our collection. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**



### Love Letter/Coup

Wednesday, January 20 ■ 6:00–8:30 p.m.  
**Carnegie Community Room**

Join us and learn to play two fast-paced card games. In Love Letter, you'll attempt to win the affection of the distraught princess by getting your love letter to the person closest to her. In Coup, you'll bluff and manipulate your way to political power amid assassination attempts, outright stealing and ever shifting alliances. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

### Open Gaming

Wednesday, February 17 ■ 6:00–8:30 p.m.  
**Huntley Meeting Room**

**REGISTER** or **DROP IN**



## Small Business Programs

### Contract Basics for Entrepreneurs and Stump the Lawyer

Tuesday, January 5 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.  
**Huntley Meeting Room**

Are you a small business owner with a question for an attorney? Please join us and local mentors from the Fox Valley SCORE chapter in asking attorney Charles Wentworth your questions. Wentworth will first brief business owners on contract basics for entrepreneurs and then address your topics. **REGISTER**

### Lunch and Learn Database Demonstration: Reference USA

Wednesday February 17 ■ Noon–1:00 p.m.  
**Huntley Meeting Room**

Join our Business Reference Librarian Chris Flood for lunch and a demonstration of the Reference USA database. Reference USA is a great resource to build contact lists of competitors and/or potential customers. Make a list of companies or people by geography, (zip code, radius around a zip code, county, city, etc.), by business type (SIC or NAICS code, category name), sales figures, numbers of employees, and more. **REGISTER**

## Friends of the Library

The Friends is a non-profit organization that helps the Library by raising funds to support special programs for patrons of all ages and to purchase 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 and lobby book sales. Attend a dinner and find out more!

### Used Magazines and Kid's Book Sale

**Saturday, January 16 ■ 9:00 a.m.–Noon  
Huntley Meeting Room**

Stop by the Library and check out the Friends Used Magazine Sale. You'll find something for everyone at great bargain basement prices! Magazines are 25¢ each and can be purchased in bundles or individually.

Junior Friends will have kid's books available from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Hundreds of titles to choose from for all ages. **DROP IN**

### Friends Meeting

**Saturday, February 13 ■ 9:30 a.m.  
Huntley Meeting Room**

Learn more about the Friends at this special Saturday meeting. **DROP IN**



## Amazing Armenia

**Thursday, January 14 ■ 7:00 p.m.  
Carnegie Community Room**

Peace Corp volunteer and St. Charles resident Mike Dixon will share his experiences during his recent assignment in the former Soviet country of Armenia. While focusing on the beauty of Armenia, Dixon will discuss a comparison with his service in the Ukraine. Attitudes and culture will be explored. **REGISTER**

## Genealogy at the Library

### Writing Your Memoir

**Wednesday, January 20 ■ 1:00 p.m.  
Huntley Meeting Room**

**The genealogy series is sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.**

Writing your memoir is a powerful way to stimulate your mind and your memory. It has the added benefit of developing a legacy for your children and grandchildren. Join Dr. Linda Sasser to learn what memoir is, how it differs from an autobiography, its benefits and its various formats. You'll participate in some simple exercises to help you start your writing journey. **REGISTER**

### Going Digital: Photo Management for Genealogists

**Thursday, January 28 ■ 7:00 p.m.  
Carnegie Community Room**

Genealogist Caron Primas Brennan will cover basic information for amateur photographers and genealogists trying to organize their photos. Includes discussions on digital photos, digitizing old photos, organizing and labeling, photo management software and photo sharing sources. **REGISTER**

### Genealogy Basics for Beginners

**Wednesday, February 17 ■ 7:00 p.m.  
Carnegie Community Room.**

Genealogist Caron Primas Brennan will introduce you to the tools needed to start finding your roots, and discuss the steps to gather family stories, finding and using key resources and organizing your research. This program is for the beginner or someone who wants to brush up on their genealogy research skills. **REGISTER**

## Dann Gire Presents The Oscars

**Thursday, February 18 ■ 7:00 p.m.  
Carnegie Community Room**

**This program is sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.**

Join us on the red carpet as Daily Herald film critic Dann Gire, president of the Chicago Film Critics Association, will discuss what makes an Oscar-winning contender, and preview the 88th annual Academy Awards with clips from nominated films. Refreshments will be served. **REGISTER**



## Great Decisions

**Thursdays ■ 7:00 p.m.  
Carnegie Community Room**

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs that 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 21 – Brazil's Metamorphosis  
(2015 Great Decisions booklet)**

**February 25– The Middle East  
(2016 Great Decisions booklet)**



**Wednesday, January 27 ■ 10:00–11:15 a.m.  
Bisbee Conference Room**

Do you like talking about books you have read? Would you like to hear about books others have enjoyed? Join us for Novel Ideas, a new book group and get fresh ideas on what your next great read will be. All are welcome to attend. We will meet on the 4th Wednesday of every other month. For more information, please contact David J. Kelsey at 630-584-0076, ext. 219. **DROP IN**

**2016 dates:**

**March 23**

**May 25**

**July 27**

**September 28**

## 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](http://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 computer basics skills to skip this requirement.

### ■ No classes in December

### ■ January

Registration begins Sunday, December 20 at noon.

#### Overview of Windows 10

- Wednesday, January 6 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 13 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.

#### Computer & Internet Basics

- Monday, January 11 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 12 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

#### Backing up your data

- Thursday, January 21 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.

#### Android for Beginners

- Tuesday, January 19 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 20 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.

#### Digital Camera & Photo Editing Class

- Monday, January 25 ■ 10:00 a.m.–Noon
- Tuesday, January 26 ■ 10:00 a.m.–Noon

#### Introduction to MS Publisher 2013

- Wednesday, January 27 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 28 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

### ■ February

Registration begins Sunday, January 17 at noon.

#### Computer & Internet Basics

- Tuesday, February 2 ■ 10:00 a.m.–Noon
- Thursday, February 4 ■ 10:00 a.m.–Noon

#### Introduction to MS Excel 2013, Level 1

- Thursday, February 4 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 11 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.

#### Introduction to MS Excel 2013, Level 2

- Thursday, February 18 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 25 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.

#### Twitter 101

- Wednesday, February 10 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.

#### iPad / iPhone for Beginners

- Tuesday, February 16 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 17 ■ 6:30–8:30 p.m.

#### Overview of Windows 10

- Wednesday, February 17 ■ 10:00 a.m.–Noon
- Wednesday, February 24 ■ 10:00 a.m.–Noon

#### Facebook 101

- Monday, February 22 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 23 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.



## 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.

#### 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.

## ■ Anime Club

### ■ Black Butler Party

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

Cosplay your favorite characters and vote on your favorite episodes to watch. Enjoy tea service and Funtom Candy. **DROP IN**



### ■ Kawaii Bottle Caps

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

Create a sweet bottle cap craft of your favorite manga and anime characters. Watch anime, eat snacks and hang out. **DROP IN**

### ■ Dance Party

Tuesday, February 9 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.  
Huntley Meeting Room

Bring your dancing shoes because we're going to play dancing games like Just Dance and Dance Central. Don't dance? Watch anime and snack out. **DROP IN**



## ■ High School Volunteers

Applications for the winter/spring session, which runs from Monday, February 8–Friday, May 8, will be available online or at the Reference Desk on **Monday, December 14** and must be returned by Friday, January 22.

## COMIC BOOK CLUB

### ■ Book Discussion

Wednesday, December 9 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.  
Carnegie Community Room

**Invincible Vol. 1: Family Matters** from Robert Kirkman, creator of the *The Walking Dead*. Mark Grayson is your average teen whose father just happens to be the world's greatest hero. When Mark's powers begin to manifest, will he be able to live up to his father's legacy? Read it free online with your library card through the Hoopla app. **DROP IN**

### ■ Ant-Man Viewing Party

Wednesday, January 6 ■ 6:00–8:15 p.m.  
Carnegie Community Room

Join us and watch Marvel's Ant-Man movie. Just released from prison, Scott Lang tries to remake his life and reconnect with his daughter. However, when a heist goes wrong and he stumbles across a superhero suit with the power to shrink the wearer to ant-like proportions, Lang is drawn into a world of arms manufacturing, corporate espionage and superheroes. **DROP IN**

### ■ New Comics Wednesday

Wednesday, February 10 ■ 6:00–8:00 p.m.  
Carnegie Community Room

We'll talk new releases and discuss what is happening in the world of DC, Marvel and beyond. You'll have a chance to win some newly released single issues of comic books. **DROP IN**

## ■ Exam Cram 2016

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
January 11, 12, 13 ■ 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**



## ■ ACT Practice Test 2016

Saturday, February 20 OR  
Saturday, March 19  
9:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

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



## ■ Humans vs. Zombies: Dead of Winter

Saturday, February 20 ■ 5:00–9:00 p.m.

Join us after the Library closes for a zombie-infested, NERF fueled battleground. Humans vs. Zombies is like a huge game of freeze tag meets capture the flag with NERF guns. Try to stay alive by hitting the zombies with darts!

Please stop by the reference desk to fill out a waiver. **Under 18 must have parents come to the Library to sign-up.** Pizza and drinks provided. Bring NERF guns and ammo as the library has a limited supply. Wear comfortable clothes. Limited to 30 players. Grades 9–12 only. **REGISTER IN PERSON**

## Happily Ever After Starts Here...

### **Madly** by Amy Alward ■ YA FIC ALWARD

Samantha's ability to mix potions is needed when her family is summoned to take part in an ancient quest to save Princess Evelyn from a potion gone awry, but will curing the princess doom Samantha's chance at love?

### **Game of Love and Death** by Martha Brockenbrough ■ YA FIC BROCKENBROUGH

Love and Death have rolled the dice with lovers' futures through the millennia. Now they have a young mixed-race couple in their sights, and Love hopes, for once, he will win.

### **Unlovely** by Celeste Conway ■ YA FIC CONWAY

Harley's a college guy with a brain in his head. Those old tales about the ballet school and the evils hidden within its walls are for the town's fools and gossips. Then Cassandra, one of the dancers, whirls into his life. Harley is at first enchanted. Then he's doubtful. And then he's terrified. But it's already too late.

### **Sweet Temptation** by Wendy Higgins ■ YA FIC HIGGINS

When Kaidan Rowe, Nephilim and the son of a malicious demon Duke, meets Anna Whitt, daughter of a guardian angel and a fallen one, she has a certain power over him, one that makes him wish for more than he could ever deserve.

### **Another Day** by David Levithan ■ YA FIC LEVITHAN

Rhiannon is disappointed that her neglectful boyfriend Justin doesn't remember the one perfect day they shared, until a stranger tells her that the Justin she spent that day with, the one who made her feel like a real person...wasn't Justin at all.

### **Heart of Betrayal** by Mary E. Pearson ■ YA FIC PEARSON

Held captive in the barbarian kingdom of Venda, Princess Lia and Rafe have little chance of escape—and even less of being together—as the foundations of Lia's deeply-held beliefs crumble beneath her. She wrestles her very sense of self to make powerful choices that affect her country, her people and her own destiny.

### **Gabi, a Girl in Pieces** by Isabel Quintero ■ YA FIC QUINTERO

Sixteen-year-old Gabi Hernandez chronicles her senior year in high school as she copes with her friend Cindy's pregnancy, friend Sebastian's coming out, her father's meth habit, her own cravings for food and cute boys, and especially, the poetry that helps forge her identity.

### **Kissing in America** by Margo Raab ■ YA FIC RAAB

When she falls for a boy who moves to California without any warning, 16-year-old Eva and her best friend, Annie, set off on a road trip to the West Coast to see him again, confronting the complex truth about love along the way.

### **Hello, Goodbye, and Everything In Between** by Jennifer E. Smith ■ YA FIC SMITH

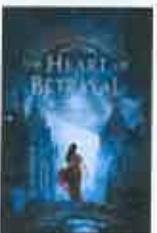
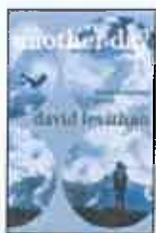
High school sweethearts Clare and Aidan spend the night before they leave for college reminiscing about their relationship and deciding whether they should stay together or break up.

### **Everything, Everything** by Nicola Yoon ■ YA FIC YOON

Maddy is a teenage girl who's literally allergic to the outside world. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known. The narrative unfolds via vignettes, diary entries, texts, charts, lists, illustrations and more.

### **My True Love Gave to Me** by Stephanie Perkins ■ YA 808.839 MY

Twelve holiday-themed romances featuring relationships that blossom during Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice and Kwanzaa. So curl up by the fireplace and get cozy. You have 12 reasons this season to stay indoors and fall in love.



## 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](http://events.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp)

In-person, online and phone event registration begins:

Winter - Saturday, November 21

Spring - Saturday, February 27

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

## Multi-Age Story Time

**G**

Infant-Age 5 with Parent/Caregiver

Tuesdays, January 5-March 22  
9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, January 6-March 23  
9:30-10:00 a.m. OR 10:30-11:00 a.m.

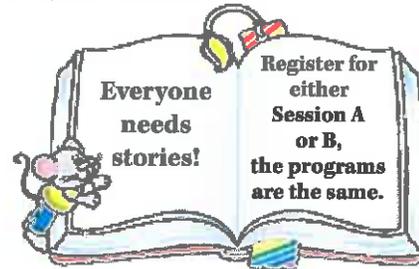
Open attendance; just show your St. Charles Public Library card. Storytellers will present stories and songs that will tickle, delight and amuse. Children and adults attend together. To ensure an enjoyable story experience for everyone attending, each session will have a total capacity of 40 children 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 11-February 8

Session B: February 22-March 21

### One Year Old with Parent/Caregiver

**G**

Mondays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Session A: January 11-February 8

Session B: February 22-March 21

Thursdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Session A: January 14-February 11

Session B: February 25-March 24

### Two Year Old with Parent/Caregiver

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Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Session A: January 12-February 9

Session B: February 23-March 22

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Session A: January 13-February 10

Session B: February 24-March 23

### Three & Four Year Olds

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Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Session A: January 12-February 9

Session B: February 23-March 22

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Session A: January 13-February 10

Session B: February 24-March 23

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**



**Tuesdays, 1:30-2:15 p.m.**  
**Session A: January 12-February 9**  
**Session B: February 23-March 22**

**Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.**  
**Session A: January 14-February 11**  
**Session B: February 25-March 24**

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**



**Infant-5 years with Parent/Caregiver**  
**Fridays, December 4 ▪ January 22 ▪ February 26**  
**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](mailto:programs@kaneforest.com)*

**Sensory-Friendly Story Times**



**Child with Parent/Caregiver**  
**Saturdays, December 5 ▪ January 9 ▪ February 6**  
**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.*

**Bilingual Spanish Story Time**



**Child, infant-age 5 with Parent/Caregiver**  
**Saturdays, December 12 ▪ January 30 ▪ February 20**  
**10:30-11:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesdays, January 19 ▪ February 23**  
**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**



**Para los niños infantes hasta los 5 años de edad acompañados de sus padres o cuidadores**  
**Los Sábados ▪ Diciembre 12 ▪ Enero 30 ▪ Febrero 20**  
**10:30-11:00 a.m.**  
**Los Martes, Enero 19 ▪ Febrero 23**  
**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!**



**Child, infant-age 5 with Parent/Caregiver**  
**Friday, December 18 ▪ Three Billy Goats Gruff**  
**Saturday, January 16 ▪ Tortoise & the Hare**  
**Friday, February 5 ▪ Caps for Sale**  
**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**

## Pajama Story Time



Family—especially for young children

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Tuesday, December 29

Tuesday, January 12 ■ Wednesday, January 27

Tuesday, February 9 ■ Wednesday, February 24

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**

## Beginning Reader Books by Reading Level

- My kindergartener is learning to read. Where do I start?
- I'm looking for some good books for my first grader to read. How can I find books at the level she's reading?
- Where are the "G" books? My son's teacher says he's reading at level G.

These are common questions parents have when their children are starting to read independently. Finding beginning reader books can be confusing, because every publisher has a different leveling system. We've made it easy for you by using one system to assign a level, 1.0 to 3.9, to every beginning reader book in our JR collection. Just check the inside cover. Then, you can look up books at that level on our website.

You can also find lists of books using the Fountas and Pinnell levels, the leveling system where a letter of the alphabet is assigned. We have lists for levels A through L, and if you need another letter, we can look it up for you at the ASK ME Desk. For the earliest beginning readers, check out our "First Readers" list, which provides recommendations on where to start. These resources can be found at [www.stcharleslibrary.org/node/352](http://www.stcharleslibrary.org/node/352)

As always, if you have any questions, just ask! We're here to help!

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Read-Aloud Book Club

Enroll at the ASK ME Desk NOW through February 17

The Family Read-Aloud Book Club encourages lifelong literacy and motivates families to share reading aloud as a daily tradition. 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:

Breadsmith  
Burger King  
Chili's  
Colonial Cafe & Ice Cream  
Color Me Mine  
Dunkin' Donuts  
Heinz Brothers Greenhouse Garden Center  
Norris Recreation Center  
Small Cakes & Treats  
Trellis Farm & Garden



## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala: Helen Gale Story Room

Sunday, December 6  
1:00–4:00 p.m.

Stories were first told on December 9, 1995 in the story room, the first project of the St. Charles Public Library Foundation, Inc. This lovely room was dedicated in memory of Helen Gale, Children's Librarian from 1973-83, who introduced children to the magic world of books and storytelling. We will celebrate with stories, a special memento and refreshments. **REGISTER or DROP IN**



## You Build with LEGO®

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Family

Monday, December 28  
1:30–4:30 p.m.

Bring your imagination. We have all you will need to create with LEGO® bricks. Creations will be posted to the Kids Facebook page and displayed in Youth Services. Children through age seven must be accompanied by an adult. Students in grades 3–8 may attend solo. See page 15 for student LEGO® events. **DROP IN**



**Star Wars: Long ago in the YS Galaxy far, far away . . .**

**The Movies**

Watch all the movies in release order, from 1977 to 2005, on the big screen before the release of *Episode VII - The Force Awakens*. Lemonade and popcorn will be served. Students grades 3 and up may attend solo. REGISTER or DROP IN

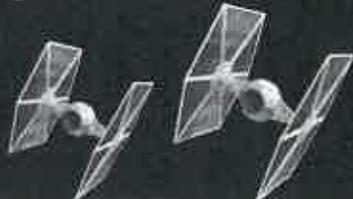
- Episode IV – A New Hope PG  
Saturday, December 5 ■ 1:30–4:00 p.m.
- Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back PG  
Monday, December 7 ■ 6:30–8:45 p.m.
- Episode VI – Return of the Jedi PG  
Thursday, December 10 ■ 6:30–8:45 p.m.
- Episode I – The Phantom Menace PG  
Saturday, December 12 ■ 10:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m.
- Episode II – Attack of the Clones PG  
Saturday, December 12 ■ 1:30–4:00 p.m.
- Episode III – Revenge of the Sith PG 13  
Monday, December 14 ■ 6:30–8:45 p.m.

**May the Force Be with You**

Monday, December 21 ■ 1:00–4:00 p.m.  
An afternoon for all that is Star Wars with hands-on activities, video gaming and more. Come as you are or come in costume. There will be a drawing for a pair of movie tickets to Classic Cinema and plenty of photo opportunities.

**Jedi Training** – test your agility, accuracy and stamina in a series of activities including an obstacle course.

**501<sup>st</sup> Legion** – members of the World's Definitive Imperial Costuming Organization will be here.



**Read On...**

Craving Star Wars adventures while waiting for Episode VII? Do you have a young Padawan needing an introduction to the saga? Try one of these:

**The Adventures of Luke Skywalker, Jedi Knight**  
by Tony DiTerlizzi ■ J STA

Luke Skywalker sets off on a quest from his Tatooine farm, learns to use “the Force” to become a Jedi Knight and joins the Rebels’ stand against the evil Empire and Darth Vader. Artwork from conceptual designer Ralph McQuarrie who worked on the original Star Wars movies is used to tell the classic good versus evil tale.



**The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy**  
by Alexandra Bracken ■ J STA

**So You Want to Be a Jedi?**  
by Adam Gidwitz ■ J STA

**Beware the Power of the Dark Side!**  
by Tom Angleberger ■ J STA

Just in time for the release of *Star Wars—Episode VII: The Force Awakens*, come new retellings of the original movie trilogy by self-proclaimed “Star Wars fans extraordinaire,” Alexandra Bracken, Adam Gidwitz and Tom Angleberger. Whether you are already a Jedi in training or just meeting the infamous trio, Princess Leia, Luke Skywalker and Han Solo, for the first time, these stories set in a galaxy far, far away jump right off the page!



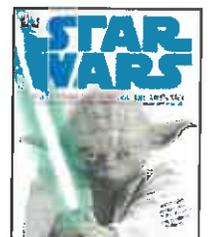
**LEGO Star Wars: Free the Galaxy**  
by Himani Khatreja ■ JR STA

Told in LEGO fashion, meet the band of Rebels fighting against the evil Empire for the future of the galaxy, including secret weapons and Storm Troopers. Is there hope? Which side are you on? Take the quiz at the end and find out!



**Star Wars: The Complete Visual Dictionary**  
by David West Reynolds ■ J791.4375 REY

Do you remember Emperor Palpatine, R2-D2, TIE Fighters or Dexter’s Diner? Quickly get up to speed on all the characters, droids, starships and everything else in the Star Wars universe with this or other DK Star Wars visual guides and cross-sections found at J791.4375.





**New Year's Eve Celebration & Concert with Jim Gill**

Family

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

Join us as we ring in 2016 at each of the concerts. There will be lots of energetic fun as Jim Gill 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.*

**Model Train Display**

Family

**Saturday, January 30** ■ 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, January 31** ■ Noon–4:30 p.m.

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**

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

**Traveling Tales**

Discover your Library out and about at 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**

**Muscle Maker Grill**

1840 W. Main St  
847-660-7409

**Monday, January 11** ■ 4:30 p.m.

**Dairy Queen**

900 W. Main St.  
630-584-2658

**Friday, January 29** ■ 4:30 p.m.

**Trellis Farm & Garden**

2N492 Kirk  
630-584-2024

**Wednesday, February 24** ■ 4:30 p.m.

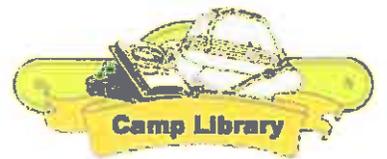


**Reading Gone Wild**

**Sunday, February 28**  
1:00–2:30 p.m.

In partnership with the St. Charles Park District, this event will be held at 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, Oily the lizard and other friends will be joined by local therapy dogs. Storytellers from the Library will kick off this cosy event with a medley of stories.

Please bring a donation of paper towels for Anderson Animal Shelter. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**



**Students Grades 2–8 with Parent**

**Friday, December 18–**  
**Saturday, December 19**  
7:30 p.m.–7:30 a.m.

THE overnight event for families. Pack up your sleeping bag and flashlight to discover what can happen in the Library when it closes for the night. The evening will be interactive with relays, hunts and much more. Be able to say "I slept at the Library!" An evening snack and breakfast will be served. **Minimum of 15 students with parent registered by Friday, December 11 will be necessary to hold event. Deadline to register is noon on Thursday, December 17. REGISTER IN PERSON**

*Families living outside the Library District may register beginning 12/4 for \$5 per person.*



**Life-Size Board Games**

Students & Adults

**Friday, January 15**

**Sorry!** ■ 10:00 a.m. –Noon

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

**Chess** ■ 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Checkmate! Play on the table top, life-size chess set or bring your own. Play as an individual or as a member of a team. Gallery seating will be provided to watch the life-size chess games. To accommodate as many players as possible, games played with the life-size chess set will be limited to 20 minutes.

Children through age seven attend with an adult. Students age eight and older may attend solo. **DROP IN**



## Award Nominees: Monarch, Bluestem & Rebecca Caudill

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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:

Take a quick dash through this year's nominees with a sprinkling of fun activities. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

#### Our House

Grades K-3

Thursday, January 21 ■ 4:00-4:45 p.m.

These titles will be featured:

- Building Our House** by Jonathan Bean
- The Dark** by Lemony Snicket
- Deep in the Sahara** by Kelly Cunnane
- Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building** by Christy Hale
- Lost Cat** by C. Roger Brown

#### Finish Line

Grades K-3

Wednesday, February 24 ■ 4:00-4:45 p.m.

These titles will be featured:

- 8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel - 1 Dog = CHAOS** by Vivian Vande Velde
- Bad Kitty School Daze** by Nick Bruel
- Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball** by John Coy
- If It Rains Pancakes: Haiku and Lantern Poems** by Brian P. Cleary
- Marisol McDonald and the Clash Bash** by Monica Brown

### Bluestem & Caudill



#### Rump! by Liesl Shurtliff Author Visit & Book Signing

Grades 3-8

Thursday, February 4 ■ 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Book Signing from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Author Liesl Shurtliff will talk about myths, fairy tales and legends telling where they come from, how they change and what they mean to us today. Her interactive presentation will also include a reader's theatre of Rumpelstiltskin. Books will be available for purchase. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

### Caudill's: A Tasting and a Movie

Grades 4-8

Fridays ■ 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Each Movie Night will include a light tasting of three nominated titles. Listen as we talk, eat pizza and watch a movie. **REGISTER** for one or all.

December 11 —

- Lincoln's Grave Robbers** by Steve Sheinkin
- Titanic: Voices from the Disaster** by Deborah Hopkinson
- The President Has Been Shot** by James L. Swanson

January 22 —

- Rump** by Liesl Shurtliff
- Cinder** by Marissa Meyer
- Will in Scarlet** by Matthew Cody

February 26 —

- This Journal Belongs to Ratchet** by Nancy Cavanaugh
- Chomp** by Carl Hiaasen
- May B.** by Caroline Starr Rose

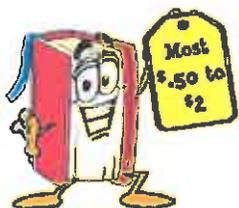


## Used Book Sale! Everything for Kids

Sponsored by the Junior Friends

Saturday, January 16 ■ 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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



## 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](mailto:adfarrugia@stcharleslibrary.org) **SCHEDULE**

## Movie Nights

Grades 4–8

**Fridays, December 11 • January 22 • February 26**  
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 on Thursday at noon the day before the movie. **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 posted on the Kids Facebook page. See page 11 for family LEGO® event.

### You Play with LEGO® (STEAM)

Grades K-2

**Monday, December 14 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday, January 14 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, February 19 • 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® (STEAM)

Grades 3–8

**Monday, December 14 • 4:00–5:00 p.m. • Party**  
**Thursday, January 14 • 4:00–5:00 p.m. • Train**  
**Friday, February 19 • 4:00–5:00 p.m. • Imaginary Animals**

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**

## Tall Tales

A Russell Series Event for Grades K–5

**Saturday, February 27**  
10:30 a.m. – Noon

Tall Tales of favorite folktales of American history and literature will be explored. Students will be active participants as the tales of larger than life folk heroes come alive. Meet Davey Crockett, Pecos Bill, Johnny Appleseed, John Henry, Bess Call and others. The interactive workshop will include an opportunity to learn the process behind developing the tall tale program presented by *Histories for Kids*. Middle school students and adults also may attend. **REGISTER**



## 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**

## Finger Knitting & Harry Potter



Grades 6–8

**Thursday, January 28 • 4:00–6:30 p.m.**

Watch *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and finger knit a scarf in the colors of your favorite Hogwarts house. Bring your imagination, follow the instructions (really easy and fun) and take home a warm scarf. Pizza and lemonade will be served. **Registration closes on Wednesday, January 27 at noon. REGISTER**

## JEOPARDY!

Grades 6–8

**Monday, February 8 • 4:00–5:30 p.m.**

Jeopardy on the big screen was great fun at *After Hours* this summer. So get ready to play again with sports, book and music categories. **REGISTER**

## FOR ADULTS

### Every Child Ready to Read

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

**Monday, January 11 • 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 12*



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To support the growth and creativity of the individual and foster the spirit of community and local economy.

**Save This Issue!**

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

**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**

- Thursday, December 24
- Friday, December 25
- Thursday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 1
- Monday, February 15

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**Library Board Meetings**

- Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the  
Bisbee Conference Room
- December 9
- January 13
- February 10

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**Spend More Time  
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**Have questions?** Contact us at 630-584-0076 ext. 0 or [circanswers@stcharleslibrary.org](mailto:circanswers@stcharleslibrary.org)



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JANET HORNBOSTEL

December 6, 2015

Nancy McFarlan  
St. Charles Police Department  
North Riverside Avenue

Dear Nancy,

I have the opportunity to teach in a 5th grade classroom, at Bell-Graham, starting January 19 to the end of the year. The principal gave me the ok to teach the students how to knit before and after school. When I asked the class if they would be interested they replied "When do we get started." Our goal for this project will be "Hearts for Hats." We will be knitting hats for Living Wellness in Geneva, local elementary schools, and Lazarus House residents.

We will need to purchase more knitting needles and yarn to start this knitting project. The Youth Commission has been very helpful to me in the past with grants for my 5th grade classroom at Bell-Graham. I thank you for many years of assisting us to help others. Last year was the most recent help you gave us. With your help to Wasco School we were able to knit over 40 hats for homeless shelters.

I am requesting \$300 from the Youth Commission to start this project with one Bell-Graham fifth grade. I do have an itemized list of needle prices and yarn if that would be helpful at this time.

Thank you for considering our request,  
Janet Hornbostel-retired teacher

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