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St. Charles Public Library News and Event Guide

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The St. Charles Public Library Welcomes Director Pam Leffler

Though I started on January 2, 2014, this is the first opportunity that I’ve had to reach out to the residents of St. Charles through our newsletter. As many of you already know, it’s been an eventful and exciting few months at the Library. A new website and a building renovation project will allow us to continue providing outstanding service to the community. I’m looking forward to building on these changes and on the St. Charles Public Library commitment to excellence for which we are so well known.

Just a few words about me...

I have more than 20 years of experience in libraries. Most recently, I’ve served as Director for the Morton Grove Public Library. Prior to that, I held a variety of positions at the Carol Stream Public Library, and I’ve also been an instructor in the Library and Information Technology Program at the College of DuPage. I began my library career at the Geneva Public Library.

My family owns business and property in St. Charles and throughout the western suburbs, so I understand and appreciate the value and impact of community involvement. I am constantly working to find ways that the Library can better serve the public and add value to the community and to the lives of, you, our users. I believe it is important to balance new technologies with respect for our traditional strengths.

I’ve enjoyed meeting so many of you here in the Library and at various events throughout the community, and I’m looking forward to meeting many more of you in the upcoming months. Next time you’re in the Library, please stop by and introduce yourself!

This Summer: Make Time and “Pause to Read!”

Grab a stack of books, find a comfortable chair and give yourself time to read this summer. And, although reading is its own reward, if you participate in the Summer Reading program, you’ll also earn fantastic coupons and prizes!

It’s easy to join: starting May 28, pick up a book log to help you keep track of the titles you’ve read (any format–print, audio, eBook, etc.). Then, between June 11–August 6, bring your log to the Reference & Reader Services Desk once a week to choose a coupon from one of our amazing sponsors and be entered into our weekly and Grand Prize Drawings!

While you’re here, take a look at the weekly Trivia Contests. Completed entries, with correct answers, are eligible for an additional prize drawing.

Need a suggestion for some relaxing reads? Stop by Reader Services and “talk books” with us – we’ll help you go home with titles you can’t wait to spend time with. Summer can fly by so quickly – be sure to treat yourself and “Pause to Read!”
Norm Huntley Celebrates Forty-Five Years of Service

In April, Norman Huntley celebrated his 45th year as a member of the Library Board of Trustees. First elected on April 15, 1969, Huntley held the office of President for 37 years. He recalls how Trustee Earl Foster approached his wife Barbara to inquire if he would be interested in a board position. Now years later, Huntley still loves being on the Board, saying he has remained “to see things completed.” Having worked alongside 36 other trustees and three library directors, Huntley is the longest-standing board member in St. Charles Public Library history.

Huntley has enjoyed seeing the progress of technology as life advances, and knows that libraries like ours understand its importance. He has found all of the improvement projects rewarding—from the smallest advancement to the 35,000-square-foot expansion in 1988 and now to the recent remodel.

What Huntley is most proud of during his tenure on the Board are the addition of computers to the Library; the new parking lot; the creation of the St. Charles Public Library Foundation; the Helen Gale Story Room; and the renovation of the Carnegie Community Room. “The Carnegie Room was in shambles,” remembers Huntley. After the restoration was complete in 1998, Huntley recalls talking to Library patrons and fellow educators Fran and Wirth Gustafson who shared with him that they met at a dance, that was held in what was then known as Library Hall, decades ago.

Huntley’s career as a teacher and principal in District 303 spanned more than three decades. Upon graduation from Northern Illinois University, he joined the St. Charles School District as a fifth grade teacher at Wasco Elementary and followed with assignments at Munhall, Lincoln, Mades Johnstone Center, and Fox Ridge as teacher then principal. Huntley retired from the school system in 1994.

While Huntley’s current term expires in 2015, he has not decided if he will run for another term. He considers all of the changes made during the past 45 years to be positive. “We serve the community well,” noted Huntley.

The Library Remodels

Once the plans were drawn and approved, construction began in early February.

The floor was prepared for new carpet in Youth Services.

Carpeting also was removed and replaced in the Carnegie Community Room.

Movers were busy on all floors relocating book stacks.

Flooring beneath carpeting that had vinyl asbestos was professionally removed.
The building is not the only thing that has been remodeled in the past few months. Our Library catalog now uses Enterprise software. Features of the new catalog include:

- The ability to select multiple items at once to save to a list or put on hold.
- Text call numbers to your phone.
- Refine searches by availability, publication date, author and more. You can even deselect items to narrow the results further and eliminate results that are NOT of interest.
- See call numbers right from the results page, or click on a title for more information.
- See reviews, cover images, tables of content, awards data, fiction profiles, excerpts, summaries and author notes for many titles.
- Get the order of a series, as well as suggestions of similar titles and authors to try, by clicking a title and opening the "More like this..." tab.
- Your list of holds and checkouts includes the cover art of items where available—handy if you can’t remember what that book looked like and you need to return it.
- “Did you Mean...” fuzzy logic spelling help. If you type in "Michealangelo," Enterprise will find books about the artist “Michelangelo,” without making you retype it correctly.

Try it today at [www.stcharleslibrary.org](http://www.stcharleslibrary.org). And while you are there, browse our new website! We are sure you will enjoy the ease of finding what’s new; research and learning links; events; downloadable music, movies, TV and books; access to our blogs and much more.

The new site has a fresh, bright, attractive look and is designed for easy accessibility and navigation. It’s also built using Responsive Web Design (RWD) which automatically resizes the website to look attractive on any size device – from laptop, to iPad, to iPhone! Features on the new website include:

- Highly navigable and information easy to find
- Prominent SEARCH of catalog or web from every page
- Visually appealing, artistic and modern design
- Carousel listing of upcoming events
- Expanded events calendar

Find more photos of the project on the back page.

The Adult Reference Desk was reconfigured and moved to a new location near the front entry.

New furnishings and bookcases were added to the Youth Services Early Literacy area.

Info Commons computer area received new tables and comfortable seating.

Young Adult seating was replaced with comfortable chairs and banquettes.

Friends of St. Charles Library have new shelves for used book sales in the lobby.
EVENTS FOR ADULTS

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.

Registration begins at NOON on Sunday, May 18.

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

Successful completion of Computer Basics is a prerequisite for all other computer classes offered.

Computer Basics

Monday, June 9; Tuesday, June 10; Thursday, June 12 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Introduction to MS Publisher 2010

Tuesdays, June 10 & 17 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Introduction to MS Excel 2010, Level 1

Wednesday, June 4; Thursday, June 5 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Introduction to MS Excel 2010, Level 2

Wednesday, June 11; Thursday, June 12 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Friends Potluck Supper

Friday, June 6 • 6:00 p.m. Huntley Meeting Room

The Friends of St. Charles Public Library are dedicated to advancing Library services by supplementing the Library’s budget. Find out more at www.stcharleslibrary.org/friends. DROP IN

2nd Tuesday Book Discussions

The Library offers two book discussion groups: Mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Bisbee Conference Room DROP IN

June 10

Morning & Evening – The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert
FIC GILBERT

July 8

Morning & Evening – The Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman
FIC STEDMAN

August 12

Morning – David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants by Malcolm Gladwell
302 GLA

Evening – Detroit: An American Autopsy by Charlie LeDuff
977.434 LED

This Place Matters: Thinking Outside the Box

Thursday, June 12 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Michael Allen, Architectural Historian and Director of Preservation Research Office, will discuss what architectural preservation means today, efforts to deal with non-traditional neighborhoods and landscapes, and the general need to make preservation relevant in our time. This presentation will highlight two dozen historic sites in the Tri-Cities and Wayne. Community members can take part in the local campaign, This Place Matters, by voting for their three favorite historic sites.

This program is cosponsored by the Library and Preservation Partners of the Fox Valley. DROP IN

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 the second and fourth Saturday of each month. There is no fee for membership. Moderator is Richard Holinger. Questions? Contact Denise Blaszynski at 630-584-0076, ext. 240.

DROP IN

June 14 • Your choice of the best fiction ending ever

June 28 • Summer reading: open to the public

July 12 • Your choice of the best first page ever, fiction or nonfiction

July 26 • Your favorite opening and/or closing line(s) of a poem

August 9 • Bring in an example of a favorite author’s “voice”

August 23 • Choose a favorite description of a character or person

Jones Law Office, the first one in Kane County!
Board Game Nights
Bored of the bar? Or do you just want to socialize and have a little fun? Board and card games have made some great leaps in the past years, and we’ll be playing a few at the Library!
At each game session, we will teach you how to play a game. You can also bring your favorite game to play or check out ours. Registration is appreciated but not required. Adults only, please.
DROP IN or REGISTER

Settlers of Catan
Wednesday, June 18  •  6:00– 9:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
You may have seen this game featured in the T.V. shows The Big Bang Theory and Parks and Recreation. In the land of Catan, you’ll collect natural resources, build roads and cities, and barter with other players in attempt to rule Catan! This great board game mixes skill with a lucky roll of the dice.

Dominion
Wednesday, July 16  •  6:00– 9:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
As a monarch looking to expand your kingdom, you’ll have to shrewdly outplay other rulers in this fast-paced card game. Use strategy to buy the right cards to expand and defend your dominion and delay opponents from doing the same.

Dixit
Wednesday, August 13  •  6:00–9:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Let your imagination and creativity run free in this award-winning party game that is a fun mix of storytelling, betting and guesswork!

What the Staff is Reading
The Light in the Ruins by Chris Bohjalian  •  FIC BOHJALIAN
Fantastic writing and a strong sense of place are just two reasons we like this mystery about a serial killer preying on a family in war-ravaged Tuscany. Great in both print and audiobook.

One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd
by Jim Fergus  •  FIC FERGUS
This intriguing alternate-history novel set in 1854 is in diary form, but kept my interest and ended up being very suspenseful!

The Round House
by Louise Erdrich  •  FIC ERDRICH
Award-winning author Erdrich powerfully explores issues relevant to reservation Indians with a crime against an Indian woman in 1988. A strong sense of mood, time and place are forefront.

The Spellman Files
by Lisa Lutz  •  FIC LUTZ
This is the first in a character-driven series featuring a dysfunctional family who run a PI firm in San Francisco. These are light, funny reads with quirky characters who are likeable and quick-witted. Also good in audiobook format.

Zealot: The life and times of Jesus of Nazareth
by Reza Aslan  •  232.901 ASL
One of the most thought-provoking books I’ve read recently—a revolutionary way of looking at the historical figure of Jesus of Nazareth that is both challenging and surprisingly affirming.

The Distance Between Us: A Memoir
by Reyna Grande  •  973.046872 GRA
This intimate look at an immigrant family is both heartbreaking and inspirational as the author struggles to achieve the “American Dream.”

For even more reading suggestions from our staff, check out our blog Read @ SCPL!  http://wp.stcharleslibrary.org/wordpress/readers/

City of St. Charles RiverFest
Library Van at Lincoln Park!
Friday–Sunday, June 6–8
11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
There will be “something for everyone” at this annual event and especially for kids in Lincoln Park. Stop by our van to spin the Library wheel for a prize, or “Get Carded at RiverFest” by showing us your St. Charles Library card to receive a water bottle or gel bracelet (while supplies last). For more information about the Festival visit www.prideofthefox.com.

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.
Pause to Read!

2014 GTGR (Got to Go Read)
Summer Reading Program
Includes 6th–12th grade graduates
Registration begins Wednesday, May 28

Read, and log your books and pick up great reading rewards from our fabulous sponsors. There will be t-shirts, Target gift cards, Riverview Miniature Golf passes, Kane County Cougars tickets and a free paperback book. Remember, with each log in, you’ll receive an entry in the Grand Prize Drawing with a choice of a bike, OR a $50 iTunes card OR a Kindle Paperwhite!

MovieCraft
Keep your hands busy while you scope a flick. Let’s watch a movie and make a cool mini-craft.

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire & Mini Crossbows
Wednesday, June 11
1:00–3:30 p.m. Huntley Meeting Room
Katniss is back taking on Capital. Help her crush the Quarter Quell with your own handmade craft stick mini shooter. DROP IN or REGISTER

Not Just Capes
Thursdays • 4:00–5:15 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

It’s a new group, so don’t feel weird about not knowing anyone. Not Just Capes is a monthly graphic novel discussion that looks beyond the tights and capes so prevalent in comics. We’ll have copies of each month’s selection in The Loft to read or checkout. Then, come to the discussion on the fourth Thursday for some talking and snacking. Open to all high school age students. It’s the summer of the memoir – we’ll read three completely different, true life tales of growing up.

Exam Cram 2014.2

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
June 3, 4, and 5 • 5:00–10:00 p.m.
Open late for high school students. Stop by, study, bring a friend or two. Pizza at 7:00 p.m. Snacks and drinks all night thanks to the Library Friends. Reference help and WiFi for your laptop are always available. DROP IN

Perks of Being a Wallflower & Cassette Craft
Friday, July 11
4:00–6:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Mixtapes and high school—Charlie struggles to find his place and reconcile the trauma in his life. In recognition of the huge part music plays in the movie, we’re going to repurpose cassette tapes and give them new life. DROP IN or REGISTER

July 24
Stitches
by David Small • 741.5 SMA
David Small’s family life isn’t good. His father and mother aren’t, as they say, the best. Things go from bad to horrific when David awakens from an operation to discover he is a virtual mute from having a vocal cord removed. His father had been secretly treating him for cancer! Join David’s journey from teen runaway to children’s book author and illustrator. DROP IN

August 28
Relish: My Life in the Kitchen
by Lucy Knisley • 741.5 KNI
Food, Food, Food! Lucy Knisley has been surrounded by food and foodies her whole life. Her mother is a chef and her father loves to eat. In Relish, she shares her memories of meals and stories of growing up. Each chapter features a beautifully illustrated recipe, and we’re going to eat some! Yes, in addition to our discussion we’ll enjoy a recipe or two from the book. Please feel free to make your own favorite and bring it! DROP IN
Seed Bombs & Seed Tape

Thursday, June 19 • 5:00–6:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

Get your garden on and turn empty space into flower fields. We’re making:
▶ Seed Bombs: A throwable mixture of clay and seeds to aid in your guerrilla gardening effort to grow a garden anywhere.
▶ Seed Tape: Plantable tape with perfectly spaced seeds. Just bury, water and grow.
DROP IN or REGISTER

Let’s Tinker:

Squishy Circuits

Thursday, July 17 • 2:00–4:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

Come make and experiment with squishy circuits. We’ll cook up some conductive and insulating play dough that can be molded and shaped into circuits that help light up LEDs, power motors and sound buzzers.
DROP IN or REGISTER

Scribbling Machine

Friday, July 25 • 4:00–6:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Sometimes called an Artbot, these little machines are created from a battery, a motor, markers and some scrap materials. The little contraption will shake, jump and spin - scribbling out a unique masterpiece.
DROP IN or REGISTER

Yu-Gi-Oh a Go–Go

Saturday, August 2 • 1:00–4:00 p.m. Huntley Meeting Room

Bring your deck and prepare to throw down. This is an unofficial tournament run by local high school students. Prizes will be awarded to the top three players. Registration secures you a spot.
DROP IN or REGISTER

Silent Library

Thursday, August 7 • 4:00–6:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

Teams of six will compete against themselves and other teams in a series of bizarre tasks while trying to remain as quiet as possible. Talk, laugh, or even breath too loud and you score no points. Registration is appreciated so that we know how many teams to make.
REGISTER

Books You Might Have Missed

The Impossible Knife of Memory by Laurie Halse Anderson • YA FIC ANDERSON
Haley’s father, Andy, returns from Iraq with post-traumatic stress disorder. After five years of bouncing around, the pair returns to Andy’s hometown in an attempt to face down the demons of the past.

Love Letters to the Dead: A Novel by Ava Dellaira • YA FIC DELLAIRA
Reeling from the death of her sister, Laurel reveals information about her life, love and the death of her sister in a series of letters to famous dead people like Kurt Cobain, Amelia Earhart and Judy Garland.

No One Else Can Have You by Kathleen Hale • YA FIC HALE
When Kippy’s best friend is murdered, the town of Friendship, Wisconsin, doesn’t seem too friendly. Kippy sets out to decode her friend’s diary and find the killer in this surprisingly funny and quirky murder mystery.

Firebrand: An Elemental Novel by Antony John • YA FIC JOHN
The action-packed (with a hit of romance) part two of the Elemental Trilogy sees Thomas and friends fleeing Roanoke Island and pirates only to discover their powers are waning.

Reality Boy: A Novel by A. S. King • YA FIC KING
Gerald has long suffered psychological abuse since appearing on a ‘Super Nanny’ type reality show at the age of five. Now 17, Gerald just might start to break free of the abuse and the bizarre fantasy worlds he escapes to.

Alienated by Melissa Landers • YA FIC LANDERS
Cara’s life is flipped upside down when she is chosen for the first intergalactic exchange student program. Will the exchange program result in her first love or the end of the world?

Grasshopper Jungle: A History by Andrew Smith • YA FIC SMITH
Giant bugs, the end of humanity, and a mix of typical and confusing teenage guy thoughts. Hilarious and disturbing.
**YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS**

**Summer/Fall Registration Dates**

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

In-person and online event registration begins:
- **Summer** – Saturday, May 17
- **Fall** – Saturday, September 6

Telephone event registration begins:
- **Summer** – Tuesday, June 17
- **Fall** – Tuesday, September 9

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**Multi-Age Story Time**

**Infant–Age 5 with Parent/Caregiver**

Tuesdays, June 10–August 12
- 9:30–10:00 a.m. OR 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, June 11–August 13
- 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 capacity of 40 children and adults. Please arrive early as we will begin to distribute tickets 10 minutes before the story time. Door opens five minutes before the event. **DROP IN**

**SPECIAL! Pete the Cat event Tuesday, July 1.** This special event begins at Multi-Age with stories, music and more about Pete. See entry under **For Families** for details.

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

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**Stories at the Nature Center**

**Family—especially for young children**

Fridays, June 13 • July 11 • July 25 • August 8 • August 22
- 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. To accommodate as many families as possible, a family may register for only one date per month. **REGISTER**

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

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**Pajama Story Time**

**Family—especially for young children**

Wednesday, June 23 • Tuesday, July 8 • Monday, July 21 • Thursday, August 7
- 7:00–7:30 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**
**Sensory-Friendly Story Times**

**Child with Parent/Caregiver**

Saturdays, July 12 • August 2
11:00–11:30 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 date or for all.

**REGISTER**

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**Stories Live!**

**Family**

- Saturday, June 28 • Gingerbread Man
- Thursday, July 17 • Nursery Rhymes
- Tuesday, August 19 • Three Pigs

10:30–11:00 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.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**

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**Age-Specific Story Times**

The following early literacy events encourage the adult to participate with the child by serving as a role model, leading the child’s hands through a fingerplay or showing him/her how to bend and stretch. Siblings may attend. Each child and adult must be registered. 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**

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**Infant with Parent/Caregiver**

- Wednesdays, July 9 • 16 • 23 • 30
- 9:30–10:00 a.m.

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**One Year Old with Parent/Caregiver**

- Wednesdays, July 9 • 16 • 23 • 30
- 10:30–11:00 a.m.

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**Puppets with the Junior Friends**

**Infant–5 years with Parent/Caregiver**

- Thursday, July 10 • Monday, July 21
- 11:00–11:20 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: an announcement will be made for seating five minutes before the puppet stories begin.

**DROP IN**

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**Pet Photos**

June 11–August 6

Send us a favorite photo of your pet and we will post it on the Kids Facebook page. Address an email to fmanos@stcharleslibrary.org and attach the photo with your pet’s name.

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**You Build with LEGO®**

- Monday, June 16 • Wednesday, July 2 • Friday, July 18 • Thursday, August 14
- 1:30–2:30 p.m. OR 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Bring your imagination. We have all you will need to create with LEGO bricks. Your creation will be displayed in Youth Services until the next event. Children through age seven must be accompanied by an adult. Students age eight and older may attend without an adult. Select one time slot per date.

**REGISTER**

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**What’s in the Aquarium?**

- Monday, June 23 • 4:00–4:45 p.m.

Our new aquarium, gift of the Junior Friends, features some familiar fish and also some new fish and creatures. Come listen to a story and learn about what's in the aquarium as Grant Bedow of Aquarium Maintenance Services, Inc. talks about each of the fish and creatures in the aquarium. There will also be a display of the letters children wrote to the fish during the Library renovation.

**REGISTER or DROP IN**
Babysitter Training with First Aid and CPR for Infant & Child

Ages 11–15 ● Choice of three 6-hour training workshops

9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. ● Fee: $45 REGISTER

Tuesday, June 10 AND Thursday, June 12

Wednesday, June 18 AND Thursday, June 19

Tuesday, August 5 AND Wednesday, August 6

Become a Red Cross certified babysitter. Training will cover all aspects of babysitter responsibilities and includes a Babysitter Training set which features valuable resources – handbook, emergency reference guide, CD-ROM with templates, organizer, activities and more. Students must attend the entire training workshop and successfully pass all observable skills to earn and receive First Aid certification valid for three years, CPR certification valid for one year and babysitter certification.

Minimum of 8/maximum of 10 students.

Students living outside the Library District may register beginning 5/27 for June and 7/22 for August for $65.

Registration Requirements:

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

Full payment (cash or check payable to St. Charles Public Library) is required to register or to add your name to the waiting list. Cancellations must be made by noon on Friday, June 6 for June 10; noon on Monday, June 16 for June 18; or noon on Friday, August 1 for August 5 workshops. Late cancellations or no-shows will result in loss of fee. In the event that a student on the waiting list is not called to attend, a refund will be mailed.

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

Grant funding provided by the Friends of St. Charles Public Library and St. Charles Kiwanis.

Melikin Puppet Theater: Goldilocks & Circus

Monday, August 4

11:00–11:45 a.m.

The fun begins with Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Then the circus arrives with Fumbles the Clown, Lucille the seal, Bruno the cannon ball and Baby Melvin the life-sized elephant. You will giggle with delight as the fun unfolds with life-sized hand and rod puppets. REGISTER or DROP IN

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

Concert: Sing, Sing a Song with Laura Doherty

Tuesday, August 12 ● 4:30–5:15 p.m. OR 6:30–7:15 p.m.

Laura’s catchy lyrics will make you happy as you sing, dance and laugh along with the music. Time Out Chicago lists Laura as one of the top four kids musicians in Chicago. Take Laura home: recordings will be available for sale following the performance. REGISTER or DROP IN

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

For Students

Book Exchange & Sale

Sponsored by the Junior Friends

Tuesday, June 24 ● 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room

Read all your books and want something new? Then the Book Exchange is exactly what you need. Bring books you no longer want to exchange for books you do want. Don’t have any books to exchange? That’s okay, as books also will be available to buy. Books for kids will be available: infants through middle school. Book exchange and sale guidelines will be available June 4 at the ASK ME Desk and on our website. Be sure to stop by frequently as new books will be continually arriving. DROP IN

Pete the Cat

Tuesday, July 1 ● 10:00 a.m.–Noon

It’s a morning of celebrating Pete the Cat. It all starts at Multi-Age Story Time with stories, songs and more about Pete. Join us at either 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. for stories and such and then enjoy each of the activity stations to pin the shoe or put buttons on Pete, view movies about Pete, and of course, spin the Library wheel filled with Pete’s favorite things to do. DROP IN

Used Book Sale:

Everything for Kids

Sponsored by the Junior Friends of the Library

Thursday, July 31 ● 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Huntley Meeting Room

Picture books, fiction and nonfiction books, puzzles, audiobooks and more!
**Book Buddies**

**Meet the Book Buddies**

Students entering grades 1–3 with Parent

Tuesday, June 17 • 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Book Buddies is a great way to have fun with books. Young readers will be paired with middle school students to read aloud to each other, play literacy-focused games and talk about books. This program will provide literacy enrichment and promote reading as fun and entertaining. Parents: The focus is on book sharing rather than tutoring.

If you are interested in participating in Book Buddies, here’s your opportunity to learn more about the program, meet the middle school Buddies and select the dates and times that will fit your schedule. Registration for the individual 45-minute sessions will begin at this event. REGISTER or DROP-IN

**Dates & Times for Book Buddies**

Tuesdays, June 24, July 8, 15, 22

Wednesdays, June 25, July 9, 16, 23

Thursdays, June 26, July 10, 17, 24

2:00–2:45 OR 3:00–3:45 p.m.

To accommodate as many students as possible, a student may register for three dates. Remember to call the ASK ME Desk at least 24 hours before the time you are scheduled if you are unable to attend. Drop-in participation may be possible due to cancellations. Please inquire at the ASK ME Desk the day of the session.

**Movie Night**

Students entering grades 5–9

Fridays, June 20 • July 11 • August 1

4:30–7:00 p.m.

Watch a recent release on the big screen. Titles will be posted on the Library website and 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

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**Dave DiNaso’s Traveling World of Reptiles**

**Incredible Bats**

Students entering grades K–8 and adults

Monday, June 30 • 9:30–10:25 a.m. OR 11:00–11:55 a.m.

Students entering grades 1–8 and adults

Monday, June 30 • 1:00–2:15 p.m.

The slither and crawl and are often feared, but reptiles are fascinating. Dave DiNaso’s unique hands-on experience includes a python, an iguana, an alligator and other reptiles. Adults must attend with children ages 4–7. Due to the fear factor and high level of audience participation, this event does not include children younger than 4 years of age. REGISTER

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

**St. Charles Police K-9 Unit**

Students entering grades K–8

Wednesday, June 25 • 2:00–3:00 p.m.

K-9 Officer Nic Anson with his German Shepherd, Aries, and Crime Prevention Officer Bill Tynan will discuss and demonstrate a typical day on the job as a member of the K-9 unit with the St. Charles Police Department. Learn how they prepare for the day and what it takes to be a member of this unit. There will also be an opportunity to meet Aries and the Officers. ALERT: This program is not recommended for students who are afraid of or allergic to dogs. REGISTER or DROP IN
**Reading with Rover**

Students entering grades 1–4

- Tuesdays, July 8 & 29
- Wednesday, July 16
- Thursdays, July 24 & August 7

1:30–2:30 p.m.

It’s all about reading aloud to a four-legged friend—a specially-trained therapy dog. Bring your books or select from ours and read aloud for 15 minutes. Please review guidelines on our website prior to registering. Reading with Rover Mission: To inspire children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a positive and fun environment. [REGISTER](#)

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Students entering kindergarten–grade 8

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A Russell Series Event

Students entering grades 1–6

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For Adults

Every Child Ready to Read

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

**Wednesday, August 27**
10:00–11:30 a.m. OR 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 August 13.*

Home School Workshop

**Adults**

**Thursday, August 28** • 10:00–11:15 a.m.  
Open Forum 11:15–11:45 a.m.

Register by 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26

An overview of the services and resources the Library provides for families that home school: Internet access, Live Homework Help, ebooks, online resources, research strategies, literature programs and more. An open forum will provide an opportunity to network with other parents. Register everyone who will be attending. REGISTER

*Supervised activities for children will be available from 10:00–11:15 a.m.*

*Adults living outside the Library District: Register at the ASK ME Desk for $5 per person beginning August 14.*

Hidden Book

**June 11 – August 6**

Somewhere on the shelves in Youth Services a special book will be hidden three times a day: morning, afternoon and evening. A sample book will be on display at the ASK ME Desk. Find the book and claim your reward (a Kids Meal and a surprise) at the ASK ME Desk.

Museum Adventure Pass

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

Passport to Adventure Program

**Kane and DuPage Counties Memorial Day–Labor Day**

The Passport program is offered by the Library in cooperation with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Preservation Partners and the Kane/DuPage Regional Museum Association. The program introduces families to nature centers and museums in Kane and DuPage Counties. Pick up your passport at the ASK ME Desk for all the details.

You Deserve It! A Thank You for Parents

**May 28 – August 6**

The Youth Services staff wishes to recognize and say THANK YOU to parents for emphasizing reading and encouraging children to be lifelong readers. Every time you come to Youth Services, fill out an entry form at the ASK ME Desk for the weekly drawing for a Paws to Read totebag.

Paws to Read: Summer Reading Book Club!

**Register in Youth Services beginning Wednesday, May 28.**

The sooner you register the more time you will have to read books and reach your goals. Visit the Library soon!

Are you ready to have fun this summer reading books and getting great rewards? All you have to do is register for a book club, read, listen or download books and check-in with your book log at the Library.

**Rock ‘n’ Read:**

An early literacy experience for infants, one- and two-year-olds that includes activities with a parent, as well as reading aloud.

**Read-With-Me:**

For ages three through children just learning to read. Parent–child interaction allows the child to be read to or have assistance with reading.

**Book Club I:**

For independent readers in grades K–2. Select books from the JE Picture Book, JR Reader, and J Fiction and J Nonfiction collections.

**Book Club II:**

For readers who enjoy chapter books and J Nonfiction collections.

**Book Club III:**

For readers seeking variety. The RATS (Read Around the Stacks) challenge leads readers to different types and genres of books.

**Drawing:**

Members of the five book clubs listed above, who complete both levels of reading, will be automatically entered in the drawing. Twenty names will be drawn for prizes.

**GTGR:**

For readers entering grades 7–12. Read books and enter weekly drawings.

*GTGR = Got to Go Read*

We welcome students with special needs and invite parents to talk with us so that we may customize book club levels for your son or daughter.
YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

Event Registration Information

Most Youth Services events, offered for children and students through grade 8 residing in the St. Charles Public Library District, require registration.

- A child's, student's or parent's St. Charles Library card is required. Grandparents may register grand-children for events with the symbol.
- Child or student must be the appropriate age or grade to be registered for an event. Each eligible person attending an event must be registered.
- Registration is on a first-come basis and continues until all openings have been 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 at the ASK ME Desk 10 minutes before the event. All attendees must meet the age/grade requirements. Nonresident seating will begin five minutes before the event. Check event listings for those that include nonresident attendance.

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.

Register online at:
events.stcharleslibrary.org/evanced/lib/eventcalendar.asp

In-person and online event registration begins:

- **Summer** – Saturday, May 17
- **Fall** – Saturday, September 6

Telephone event registration begins:

- **Summer** – Tuesday, June 17
- **Fall** – Tuesday, September 9

**You’ve Got to Read This!**

While we'd like to howl about all the great dog books around, you should take a look at some that get our tails wagging. For more suggestions, visit You’ve Got to Read This! on our website under Kids.

**Underwater Dogs: Kids Edition**
by Seth Casteel • JE CASTEEL

What does a dog look like underwater? That question led photographer Seth Casteel to jump into a pool with a fisheye camera lens and start taking pictures. Whether the dogs are chasing balls, doggie-paddling or doing belly flops, the pictures will make you smile. After reading this, you’ll definitely want to take a look at the regular edition, which has many, many more great pictures! (636.7 CAS)

**How Rocket Learned to Read**
by Tad Hills • JE HILLS

Rocket enjoys playing with sticks, daydreaming about bones and napping in the warm sun. One day, a small, yellow bird shows up and ‘enrolls’ Rocket in his class. The tiny teacher reads a story about a dog and his bone and sure enough, Rocket is hooked! Each day, Rocket returns to ‘school’ to hear more of the story as the bird teaches him the sounds and shapes of the ‘wondrous, mighty, glorious alphabet.’ Summer ends and Rocket’s teacher flies south but Rocket keeps practicing. Come spring, will the bird return to read a-g-a-i-n?

**Dog Who Cried Wolf**
by Keiko Kasza • JE KASZA

When Moka, Michelle's pet dog, realizes that he's like a wolf, but that he can't do cool things like howl at the moon or hunt wild animals, he runs away to the mountains. He loves the freedom to run, jump and do whatever he pleases, but then things start going wrong. Can Moka succeed in the wild? What will he do when he starts missing Michelle?

**Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery**
by James Howe • J HOWE

The Monroes come home from a Dracula movie one night with a baby bunny they found in the back row of the theater. Chester, their cat, is convinced that this is a vampire rabbit and takes it upon himself to warn the Monroes of the impending doom. Harold, the dog and narrator, thinks Chester is nuts, but he can't explain Bunnicula's sharp teeth or the way he seems to walk through the wire of his cage or the juiceless vegetables in the refrigerator.

**Dogs and Cats**
by Steve Jenkins • J 636.7 JEN

Are you a cat lover or a dog lover? Or both? This informative 'flip book' lets you look at, learn about and admire both species. Steve Jenkins traces their history, their partnership with humans and other interesting facts, such as biggest, smallest, fastest and oldest. Did you know cats are the only animal that can purr, and purring actually helps sick or injured cats heal? Or that in a three-mile race, the Saluki is the fastest mammal on earth?

**My Life in Dog Years**
by Gary Paulsen • JB PAULSEN

This is not your normal biography. This is Gary Paulsen, the man who wrote *Hatchet*, telling his own life story. But instead of just giving us boring dates, he tells his story through his dogs, and how they touched his life. The dogs took care of him, kept him out of trouble and even saved his life.
Thank You to all of the local businesses who are supporting our Summer Reading Program!
OUR MISSION STATEMENT
To support the growth and creativity of the individual and foster the spirit of community and local economy.

Almost Done!
Our remodeling project which began in February is almost complete! Carpeting was replaced; new lighting installed; cables were run for new computer stations; walls were painted and wallpapered; a new family bathroom was constructed in Youth Services; the reference desk was relocated in Adult Services; lots of comfortable seating has been added on each floor, and many other improvements. Come see what's new at your Library!

Find more photos on pages 2–3.