Having Fun and Soaking in the Sun!

Are you excited about the summer and the sunshine? So are we! Don’t forget to wear sunglasses while enjoying the great outdoors to protect your eyes from UV rays. Pack your luggage with ease and plan a hassle-free vacation while keeping within your budget using tips from the Travel Channel. Check out the exciting programs happening this summer right here at the Library. The St. Charles Public Library is the place that you want to be!

Happy Summer,

David J. Kelsey
Outreach Services Librarian

Programs

The following pages contain just a sampling of upcoming programs at the St. Charles Public Library. For more program and event information, refer to Discover Your Library, our news and event guide, ask a Library staff member, or call 630-584-0076, ext. 1.
Edible Ornamentals
Saturday, June 17
1:00–2:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Carrots in the front yard? Enhance the bounty of your landscape by growing and eating ornamental flowers, herbs, vegetables and vines that look and taste terrific. Presented by a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension Office.
REGISTER or DROP IN

Vermicomposting
Saturday, July 15
1:00–2:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Start making the richest soil around. Let worms recycle your kitchen waste and newspapers into something you can use. Vermicomposting is a great learning experience for kids and adults. Learn how productive worms create rich castings to use as fertilizer in your houseplants and garden. Presented by a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension Office. REGISTER or DROP IN

Gardening at the Library

Master Gardener Help Desk
Saturdays ■ 9:00–11:00 a.m.
June 3 ■ June 17 ■ July 8 ■ July 29
Lobby

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners will be available onsite to answer gardening questions. If you are wondering what to plant, how to control weeds, what to do about poor soil or want that pesky insect identified, stop by.
Friends’ Potluck Supper  
Monday, June 12  
6:00 p.m.  
Huntley Meeting Room

The Friends of St. Charles Public Library is an adult group 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. Guests are always welcome. **DROP IN**

Tomato Tasting  
Saturday, August 19  
3:00–4:00 p.m.  
Huntley Meeting Room

Think tomato swap! Show off your tomato harvest and get the chance to sample other types of heirloom tomatoes. Sign up to bring in some of your tomatoes. Please try to bring more than one of each type of tomato to ensure enough for everyone. The more that sign up, the more tomatoes we will have to taste! **REGISTER or DROP IN**

The Tomato Clinic: Diagnosing Tomato Troubles  
Saturday, August 19  
2:00–3:00 p.m.  
Huntley Meeting Room

Tomatoes are a garden favorite and easy to grow, but they can succumb to a variety of ailments. Prevent disappointing yields by learning how to identify common disease symptoms, nutritional disorders and insect pests. Growers will be armed with a prescription for tomato success. Presented by a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Extension Office. **REGISTER or DROP IN**

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Genealogy After Hours
Saturday, June 17
5:00–9:00 p.m.

The St. Charles Public Library invites genealogists to our first ever Genealogy After Hours. Genealogists will have exclusive use of the library’s genealogy materials and public computers, giving them access to many of the library’s services for genealogy research. Use the time to search the library’s databases—we will have plenty of computers available or bring your own laptop and use the library’s WiFi network. Attendees can save images to a flash drive and take advantage of scanning, copying and printing during the event. Bring your genealogy questions or Ancestry and Family Tree Maker problems—professional genealogist, Caron Primas Brennan, and volunteers will be on hand to assist. Network with other genealogists; you’ll never know what you might find.

AARP Smart Driver
Thursday, July 13 and Friday, July 14 ■ 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

AARP Smart Driver safety course is designed especially for drivers age 50 and above. It covers defensive driving techniques for adjusting to normal changes in vision, hearing and reaction time associated with aging. Learn about current rules of the road and how to operate your vehicle more safely. A fee of $15.00 for AARP members and $20.00 for non-members includes a guidebook. Attendees pay the instructor directly. REGISTER
June

Digital Camera & Photo Editing Basics
Thursday, June 8
6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 1)

Thursday, June 15
6:30–8:30 p.m. (Part 2)

Android for Beginners
Monday, June 12
6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)

Tuesday, June 13
6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

Twitter 101
Wednesday, June 14
6:00–8:00 p.m.

Computer & Internet Basics
Monday, June 26
6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 1)

Tuesday, June 27
6:00–8:00 p.m. (Part 2)

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: [stcharleslibrary.org/computer-classes](http://stcharleslibrary.org/computer-classes)

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

Sunglasses are vital in protecting your eyes and skin from the sun and damaging UV Rays. WebMD offers tips and advice to select sunglasses that are best for you.

1) Check the label and select sunglasses that block 100% of UVA and UVB rays.

2) Pick sunglasses that wrap fully around your eyes which can help block stray UV rays.

3) Polarized lenses help protect your eyes from irritating glare, but they don’t protect your eyes from UV rays. Make sure your glasses offer UVA protection, not just polarized lenses.

4) Black lenses do not block or stop UV rays; read the label to see what protections your sunglasses offer.

5) Sunglasses and lenses are made from several different materials. Select sunglasses that are comfortable to wear and which also shield yourself from the damaging effects from the sun.

6) Always wear sunglasses outdoors, whether it is sunny or not.
Travel the Stress Free Way

Whether heading to the beach or a city getaway this summer, packing and traveling smart will prevent those pre-vacation worries. Travel Channel expert Samantha Brown shares her traveling secrets and experiences in her article “Travel Tips and Tricks.”

1) Make a list of everything you need to bring or wear before you start packing.

2) Select clothes from one color scheme so you can mix and match whatever you wear during your trip.

3) Always pack a light sweater for late night strolls.

4) Avoid getting wrinkles in your clothes by softly folding them and packing them in travel envelopes which you can purchase.

5) Store jewelry separately, wrapped in tissue paper, and put in plastic bags.

6) Wrap small breakables in socks and store them in your shoes for extra protection.

7) Use your carry-on luggage as a footrest on the plane.

8) Save money by packing a snack rather than paying for fast food.
Save Money During Your Next Vacation

Traveling doesn’t have to be expensive. The Travel Channel shares some tips of the trade to help you vacation on a budget in the article “Money Saving Travel Tips.”

1) Be a local tourist and visit a nearby state park or explore your own city.

2) Visit two nearby destinations (“jump-off cities”) such as combining a trip to Las Vegas with an excursion to the Hoover Dam.

3) Use regional airports to save money.

4) Try apartment or home rentals rather than staying at pricey hotels.

5) Stay at budget hotels that offer free breakfast and kitchenettes.

6) Avoid hidden hotel charges by reading hotel policies prior to booking.

7) Check gas prices before going on a road trip.

8) Think about using car share companies rather than renting a car, especially if you only need a car for a few hours.

9) Drive with an E-Z Pass to save money on tollways.

10) Compare travel deals on websites so you get the best possible rate.
A brochure of selected Large Print New Releases is now available monthly in our Large Print section. Both new fiction and nonfiction titles are featured. If you are an Outreach patron and would like a copy, please ask for one with your next delivery.
Ride Through the Stacks!

Are you having trouble walking through the stacks to find your favorite author? The Library has an electric scooter for you to use in the building. The mobility scooter is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and is located on the main level of the Library. It can be pulled up to our designated computer station in the Info Commons for easy access, too. Stop by the Library today and try it out!

We Deliver!

If you have difficulty getting to the Library due to mobility, prolonged illness, low vision, or recent surgery, you may qualify for Outreach Services. Call us at 630-584-0076, ext. 219.