Renovation Project Set to Begin: Building the Next Chapter of the St. Charles Public Library

by Edith G. Craig, Library Director

For over a century, the St. Charles Public Library has been proud to serve as an important resource for lifelong learning and a cherished community gathering place. Now we are excited to begin writing our next chapter. The Library’s Board of Trustees has approved preliminary concept plans for an $18.6 million comprehensive renovation and small expansion of our existing Library building. We determined our patrons’ wants and needs via community surveys and focus groups. The extensive planning process also considered our Strategic Plan, a full-scale facility analysis and a space assessment.

Sheehan, Nagle, Hartray Architects were hired to assess the use of our space and how to best serve our patrons through a renovation. We are pleased to announce that through advanced planning and responsible financial stewardship, the project will not result in any tax increase, as $13.6 million will be paid through our Special Reserve Fund, which the Board of Trustees has been diligently saving. The remaining $5 million of the project will be funded from debt certificates that were issued in May, 2019. The repayment of these debt certificates will come from our existing levy.

We have a schematic design and are moving forward with this exciting project. We plan to add approximately 9,000 square feet through the construction of a new entrance and reconfiguration of staff spaces.

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Planned improvements include:

- Creating a new, brightly-lit entrance with an accessible elevator to reach all floors
- Maximizing collection space by rearranging stacks and staff areas
- Adding more study rooms and updating all meeting rooms to accommodate patron and programming needs
- Expanding the teen area with dedicated programming and lounge space
- Adding a maker space for collaboration on creative projects
- Improving and expanding parking and landscaped areas to create a “neighborhood campus”
- Adding a drive-up window for quick, on-the-go patron service
- Adding a terraced garden to allow for outdoor programs
- Relocating the D303 Daily Bean Café to a more prominent and easily-accessible area

We are currently working with St. Charles School District 303 on an agreement to temporarily relocate to Haines Middle School at the corner of 9th and Oak Streets during construction, which is expected to take 12 to 14 months. During this time, most of our core services will be available at the Haines Middle School building. This inter-governmental partnership will allow us to remain open, while simultaneously cutting down on expenses and expediting the renovation process by moving off site.

This is your Library, and we invite you be involved through every step of the process. Behind-the-scenes Library tours will be scheduled monthly until the end of the year to allow you to learn more about the operation of the Library and to answer any questions you may have about the project. The Library’s Board of Trustees meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., and we invite you to attend to learn more and provide us with your feedback. All documents related to the project, including the current concept plans and construction timelines are located on our website at scpld.org/library-renovation-project.

Please email me at e craig@scpld.org or call 630-584-0076 ext. 273 if you have any questions. We look forward to building the next chapter of the St. Charles Public Library as we continue in serving our community well into the next century.

**Behind-the-Scenes Library Tours**

- **Monday, September 30** • 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, October 21** • 10:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, November 20** • 12:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 14** • 9:30 a.m.

Registration is not required, and all are welcome.
Dive Into Discovery with New Items in Youth Services

Summer is coming to an end, but that doesn’t mean the fun has to stop! Take home some of the new pieces in our collection that allow kids to read, play, learn and explore in new and exciting ways.

**Board Games**
Looking for a fun activity on a fall day? We now have dozens of kid-friendly board games available for check out for two weeks at a time.

**STEAM Kits**
Our new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Kits allow kids to simultaneously learn and play in a way that will teach them valuable skills for school and beyond. Each kit features different books and hands-on activities, ranging from coding to sewing, robotics to engineering, and everything in between. These kits circulate for 21 days.

**Gaming Consoles**
Of course, play time is just as important for kids as reading and learning. For your little gamers, you can now check out video game consoles and controllers. We have a PS4, Xbox One, and Nintendo Switch available for week-long checkouts.

Stop by our Youth Services Department or head to our website to learn more about each of these fun new items and dive into discovery this fall!

Your Library Card Takes You To Infinity…and Beyond!

This September, the characters of Toy Story 4 have been named honorary chairs for National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Getting a Library card is your ticket to fun and adventure!

Signing up for a Library card grants you access to our collection of over nine million print and digital items, including all of the latest new releases. Plus, enjoy unlimited use of our wide selection of databases, online classes, streaming services and more.

Throughout September, we’ll be going on adventures with the characters of Toy Story 4. Join Woody, Buzz, Bo Peep, Forky and all their friends at Toy Story-themed events all month long!

Drop by the Library to find out more about all of the fun prizes, activities and giveaways we have planned. You won’t want to miss out on this adventure. So get ready to head to infinity…and beyond with your St. Charles Public Library card!
### COMPUTE PROGRAMS

- Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.
- **REGISTER** online, by phone or in person at any service desk.
- Class size is limited to 10 people.
- Class cancellations will be posted in the Library and on our website.
- Classes are held in the Technology Center.

For complete class descriptions, please visit any service desk or our website: [scpld.org/computer-classes](http://scpld.org/computer-classes). Successful completion of **Computer & Internet Basics** is a prerequisite for all other computer classes offered OR ask at the Reference Desk for our checklist to see if you are confident enough with basic computer skills to skip this requirement.

**All classes are two days unless otherwise stated.**

#### For September classes, registration begins Sunday, August 18 • noon

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**Program Registration**

The Library offers two book discussion groups: **Mornings at 10:00 a.m.** and **Evenings at 7:00 p.m.** in the Bisbee Conference Room. If you are a SCPL cardholder and need a copy of the title, please check with Reference or Reader Services Desk staff. **DROP IN**

For more information on book discussions visit: [scpld.org/bookdiscussions](http://scpld.org/bookdiscussions)

### 2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

**September 10**

**Morning & Evening**

- **Another Brooklyn**
  - by Jacqueline Woodson
  - FIC WOODSON

- **The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II**
  - by Denise Kiernan
  - 940.53082 KIE

**October 8**

**Morning & Evening**

- **The Library Book**
  - by Susan Orlean
  - 027.479 ORL

- **The Girls of Atomic City**
  - by Susan Orlean
  - 027.479 ORL

**November 12**

**Morning & Evening**

- **The Library Book**
  - by Susan Orlean
  - 027.479 ORL

- **The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II**
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**What the Staff is Reading**

- **The Silvered**
  - Tanya Huff • FIC HUFF
  - Solid, fun fantasy adventure with cool world building features a classic hero’s journey to save a kingdom filled with shape-changers, mages, soothsayers, and a power-mad emperor.

- **Daisy Jones & the Six**
  - Taylor Jenkins Reid • FIC REID
  - A character-driven, utterly captivating documentary-style novel set during the sex, drugs and rock ‘n’ roll era of the 1970s. A great cast of voices makes it a good audiobook choice, too.

- **The Gown**
  - Jennifer Robson • FIC ROBSON
  - This satisfying and engaging multigenerational epic is about the women who make the royal wedding dress in post-WWII England. All the elements of a good story.

- **Kill Creek**
  - Scott Thomas • FIC THOMAS
  - This modern horror story centers around four prominent, horror authors who agree to spend the night together in a notoriously haunted house for two nights (live-streamed!) to help boost their now-struggling careers. Terror ensues.

- **Almost Everything: Notes on Hope**
  - Anne Lamott • 170.44 LAM
  - A reflective, self-deprecating call to rediscover hope and wisdom in the midst of the uncertainty caused by modern life. Also good in audio.

- **The Nordic Theory of Everything: In Search of a Better Life**
  - Anu Partanen • 306.0948 PAR
  - Candid and interesting comparison and contrast of approaches to the same life events and needs in America and Scandinavia.

**Read before you watch:**

*The Goldfinch* is an upcoming drama adapted from the 2013 novel of the same name by Donna Tartt.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Business Programs

**Taboo Business Questions: Marketing Boot Camp**

**Thursday, September 12 • 6:30-8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room**

What are “Taboo Business Questions?” They are topics that every entrepreneur should be talking about, but isn’t. Join Matt Wilhelmi, owner of Strategic Voyages Business Consultants and author of *Taboo Business Questions*, to participate in a marketing boot camp based on the themes in his book. **REGISTER or DROP IN**

**How the Heck Do I Buy a Used Car?**

**Saturday, October 5 • 10:00–11:30 a.m. • Carnegie Community Room**

Thinking about buying a used car but intimidated by the process? Scared you will buy a lemon or end up paying too much? This class will empower you with advice and information and take the scary and unknown bits out of the car-buying process. Join automotive expert and educator Chaya Milchtein for “How the Heck Do I Buy a Used Car?” In a field that has traditionally been male-dominated, she made her way through the ranks of a car dealership and service center by learning everything she could about cars. She quickly became popular among her customers, who loved her ability to explain complicated things. **REGISTER or DROP IN**

**Automotive Database Demonstration**

**Saturday, October 5 • 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room**

Immediately following Chaya Milchtein’s program, Business Reference Librarian Chris Flood offers a quick overview of two of our automotive-focused resources, Auto Finance Resource and the Consumer Reports Car Module. These databases can be used by everyone while in our Library, or from home with a St. Charles Public Library card. **REGISTER or DROP IN**

**Business Model Canvas**

**Thursday, November 7 • 7:00–8:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room**

Join SCORE Mentor Larry Bussow to learn more about the Business Model Canvas. The canvas is the first step in developing a Business Plan before spending a lot of time and money. This one-page worksheet allows you to test and validate the key parts of your business, whether you are already in business or are starting a new business, defining components such as the value proposition, cost, revenue, key partners, competition and more.

**Find Meaningful Employment: Learn & Network with TUG & the Library**

**Mondays • September 9 • September 23**  
**October 14 • October 28 • November 11**  
**November 25**  
**6:30–8:45 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room**

Business Librarian Chris Flood welcomes TUG Career Services to help you with career management, job-seeking skills, education and training. Each program includes a presentation by various speakers, followed by networking. **DROP IN**

**Friends’ Potluck Supper**

**Monday, October 7 • 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 to their annual fall potluck supper. **DROP IN**

**Historic Photo Exhibit**

**September 6-15, 2019**  
**Mezzanine**

Celebrating 183 Years! The St. Charles Historic Photo Exhibit will be on display in the Mezzanine.

This program presented in conjunction with ArtsFest St Charles. For more ArtsFest programming, visit stcharlesartscouncil.org/artsfest
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October 13: Tom Sharpe of Mannheim Steamroller
World music that rocks!
Tom Sharpe, of Mannheim Steamroller, brings his award-winning original compositions to St. Charles. Tom Sharpe is an inspiring composer and performer who orchestrates his phenomenal skills into beautiful and moving works that blend classical, rock and world music with a twist of new-age imagination. This unique and exciting solo symphony, with a wide variety of instrumentation and percussive rhythms, is a sonic and visual feast for the senses. DROP IN

October 27: Brad Conroy
Come and enjoy an afternoon of classical guitar with Brad Conroy. Brad is a versatile guitarist, performer and pedagogue who specializes in the art and scholarship of the classical guitar. He will perform a program which spans centuries and features music from Mexico, Spain and Vienna, by composers Manuel Ponce, Johann Kaspar Mertz, Isaac Albeinz, and more. DROP IN

November 10: Petra van Nuis and Dennis Luxion
The Library is thrilled for the return of Chicago jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis. Petra will be singing with her favorite pianist Dennis Luxion, jazz legend Chet Baker's pianist in Europe in the 1980s. Petra and Dennis will be performing their favorite jazz tunes, including some songs from their new album which was awarded four stars by DownBeat Magazine and re-released in Japan. DROP IN

The 50th Anniversary of The Beatles’ Abbey Road
Tuesday, September 24 • 7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
October 1, 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the release of Abbey Road, the last album the Beatles recorded. After the turmoil of The White Album and Let It Be, the Beatles put their differences aside to record one of their most popular albums that still sounds fresh and vital today. Using audio-visual content, music historian Gary Wenstrup will review the stories behind the album’s best-known songs and celebrate the Beatles final gift to music lovers all over the world. REGISTER

1939: CINEMA’S GREATEST YEAR 80TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
Tuesday, October 15 • 7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
1939 is arguably considered to be the greatest year for American cinema by film historians. Introducing iconic films such as The Wizard of Oz, Gone With the Wind, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, and more, there is much to be celebrated about that pivotal year. Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for a presentation about the challenges and successes of key films released in 1939. The program will include a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips, and captivating stories. REGISTER

The Art of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera
Friday, October 25 • 1:00 p.m. Carnegie Community Room
The sensational marriage of Mexican artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera fascinated their contemporaries in the United States and Latin America. In this slide lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur looks at the paintings of both artists and discusses how key moments in their private lives are depicted in specific works. REGISTER
Casting a Historic Vote: Suffrage in Illinois

Thursday, September 19 • 6:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Prior to 1920, women were denied the vote in the majority of elections in the United States. Jeanne Schultz Angel will share the stories of women’s suffrage in this special presentation. The struggle for enfranchisement began with the birth of our nation and was strategized differently in our local, state, and federal elections. From attorney Ellen Martin, the first woman to vote in Illinois, to Ida B. Wells, a woman who did not let racism stop her voice, women’s suffrage has been a battle hard fought by a diverse group of activists in Illinois. REGISTER

This event is presented as part of Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Bureau, and cosponsored with the St. Charles History Museum.

The Real Story of Mae West with Martina Mathisen

Thursday, October 3 • 1:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Hollywood icon Mae West shattered box office records and public sensibilities. She rocketed from Broadway to become the highest-paid actress in Hollywood. Her one-liners scandalized the censors yet made her an icon. She rescued studios from bankruptcy and created stars like Cary Grant. Think you know Mae West? Martina Mathisen brings us the woman behind the wit and the story behind the story. REGISTER

Board Game Nights

Wednesdays • September 18
October 16 • November 20
6:00–8:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Join us to play games like Settlers of Catan. Ticket to Ride, and other modern board games. Meet up with fellow board gamers. Bring a favorite game to teach new players or grab one from our collection. REGISTER or DROP IN

Inclusion Game Night

Thursday, November 21 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.,
Huntley Meeting Room
People of all abilities and their families, friends, and caregivers are invited to socialize and play card and board games in a relaxed setting. REGISTER or DROP IN

Garden Appetizers with Chef Cherise

Wednesday, September 18 • 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Everything tastes better fresh from the farm stand. Chef Cherise Slattery will share garden fresh appetizers that are easy to prepare, and delicious to eat. Chef will discuss recipes using zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, corn, fresh herbs, and berries. Garden fresh samples of grilled corn crostini and strawberry cilantro salsa will be served. REGISTER

Holiday Appetizers with Chef Dave

Wednesday, October 30 • 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Planning a holiday get together? Holiday appetizers have never been easier. Chef Dave Esau will demonstrate tasty appetizers to serve you and your guests. Food tasting and recipes will be shared. REGISTER

Sauces 101 with Chef Susan Maddox

Tuesday, November 19 • 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
This cooking program will explore the preparation and tasting of the five mother sauces. Join Chef Susan Maddox for an evening of learning the proper methods and techniques in constructing these essences and the many variations that can be made to enhance many great dishes. A delicious way to spend the evening at the Library. REGISTER

Stranger Things Escape Room

For Adults 18 and older
Monday, November 4 • 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 9 • 11:00-11:30 a.m. or 2:00-2:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Travel through the Upside Down as you try to escape the Demogorgon! Please arrive on time, as the doors will be promptly “locked” at the top of the hour. REGISTER

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Getting the Most out of AncestryDNA
Friday, September 13 • 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Friday, November 1 • 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Technology Center
You spit in the tube, mailed it to Ancestry, and now you have your AncestryDNA® results…but what do they mean? How do you get more out of that list of DNA Matches? This hands-on workshop will focus on what you can learn from looking at the Matches Predicted Relationship, the amount of Shared DNA, the Matches’ Tree and Shared Matches to determine who might be the Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA). Prerequisite: You must have the results of an AncestryDNA test and an account with Ancestry.com in order to participate. This program is limited to 12 participants. The September and November classes are the same. Please register for only one. REGISTER

Genealogy 101 for Kids & Families
Friday, October 4 • 6:30-7:45 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
October is Family History Month! Learn how to put together your very own family tree at this program for kids and families. Professional genealogist Jacquie Schattner will introduce you to the tools needed to create your family tree. Learn the first steps to gathering family names and dates, hunt for clues using census records, and create your own pedigree chart. REGISTER

Big Four Genealogy Sites: Ancestry, FamilySearch, FindMyPast and MyHeritage
Tuesday, November 5 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Everyone has heard of Ancestry, but there are other big databases for genealogy research. They all share search capabilities as well as their own unique merits. Join genealogist Caron Primas Brennan as she will explain “the good, the bad and the ugly” about the Big Four -- Ancestry, FamilySearch, FindMyPast and MyHeritage. Learning about these databases will help you target your research. All four have Library editions in addition to their subscriptions. REGISTER

Wright Brothers, Wrong Story with William Hazelgrove
Tuesday, November 19 • 1:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
How could two misanthropic brothers who never left home, were high school dropouts, and made a living as bicycle mechanics have figured out the secret of manned flight? This new history of the Wright Brothers’ monumental accomplishment focuses on their early years of trial and error at Kitty Hawk and Orville Wright’s epic fight with the Smithsonian Institute. Join local author William Hazelgrove as he makes a convincing case that it was Wilbur who designed the first successful airplane, not Orville. Book sale and signing will follow the presentation. REGISTER

Veterans Day: Honoring Our Local Heroes
Monday, November 11
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
This Veterans Day, we honor those who served in our armed forces. Learn about our local heroes and participate in patriotic activity. This program is in partnership with the St. Charles History Museum. For all ages. REGISTER or DROP IN

Radio Goes to War
Thursday, November 14
7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
World War II marked the first time Americans could hear about a global war through radio. “Those Were the Days” radio host Steve Darnall examines the ways that radio brought the war into the lives of its listeners, with presidential speeches, news broadcasts, entertainment, shows for the troops and programs designed to boost morale at home. REGISTER
TEEN PROGRAMS

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TEEN PROGRAMS

Anime Club
Tuesdays • September 10 • October 8 • November 12
6:00–8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Every second Tuesday of the month get loud and geek out! Watch anime, eat snacks and hang out with fellow otaku. Cosplay is always welcome. DROP IN

'80s Cupcakes
Tuesday, November 5 • 4:00–5:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Learn to decorate awesome '80s-inspired cupcakes from a professional baker. These tubular throwback cakes are inspired by retro games. REGISTER

Stranger Things Escape Room
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Board Games @ The STC Underground
Grades 6-12 • Thursday, September 26 • Thursday, October 24
3:00–6:00 p.m. • STC Underground, 101 S. 2nd St, St. Charles
Join us for some board game action! We’ll play games like Ticket to Ride and Settlers of Catan. The Library will be bringing some of our board game collection to the Underground to play. You’re welcome to bring any of your own games. Please register through the St. Charles Park District website, or visit the SCPLD website for the registration link. REGISTER

Smashgiving: The Ultimate Smash Bros Tournament
Grades 6-12 • Saturday, November 9
6:00–10:00 p.m.
STC Underground, 101 S. 2nd St, St. Charles
Battle it out with the best in St. Charles! The competition will be fierce in this Switch tournament. Pizza for all and prizes for the top competitors. Bringing your own controller is recommended. Please register through the St. Charles Park District website, or visit the SCPLD website for the registration link. REGISTER

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COLLEGE PLANNING

Make Your College Search Count
Wednesday, September 11 • 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Get the inside scoop on the college admissions process, campus visits, application tips, financial assistance, and finding the right school for you. Julie Nelson, Regional Recruitment Director for Xavier University, has a wealth of information from her 20+ year career in college admissions. Bring all of your questions or concerns about the admissions process. Parents are welcome. REGISTER

Financial Aid Process
Monday, September 30 • 7:00–8:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Many students and parents consider finances the biggest barrier to college. This session outlines the financial aid process and provides insight on ways to maximize access to financial aid to help pay for college. It introduces the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), summarizes state and federal aid programs, and identifies trusted sources of information. Presented by Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). Parents are welcome. REGISTER

FAFSA and College Application Workshop: College Changes Everything
Monday, October 28 • 7:00–8:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) members will be here to help students and parents complete the FAFSA and college applications. Attendees will be able to complete the FAFSA or applications at their own pace with ISAC members providing one-on-one support as needed. Laptops are encouraged. Parents are welcome. REGISTER

SAT Practice Test
Saturday, September 28 • 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
The Princeton Review offers a stress-free sneak peek at the SAT® in a realistic testing environment. Registration is required and takes place online only. Please visit our website for a link to register through The Princeton Review website. Bring: #2 pencils and a calculator. REGISTER

ACT Practice Test
Saturday, November 23 • 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
The Princeton Review offers a stress-free sneak peek at the ACT® in a realistic testing environment. Registration is required and takes place online only. Please visit our website for a link to register through The Princeton Review website. Bring: #2 pencils and a calculator. REGISTER
**Story Times**

**Drop-In Story Time**
All Ages • Monday–Thursdays • September 9–November 21
10:00–10:30 a.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
This program is filled with stories, music and movement. DROP IN

**Stories and Snacks**
All Ages • Tuesdays • September 10–November 19
6:30–7:00 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
This program is filled with stories, music, movement, and a special bedtime snack. Pajamas are encouraged! DROP IN

**Stories at the Nature Center**
All Ages • Wednesdays • September 18 • October 16 • November 13
10:30–11:00 a.m.
Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve
After the program, explore the Nature Center and walk the trails. Cosponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. DROP IN

**Cultural Literacy Series**
A program series featuring characters from different racial, ethnic, religious, ability, economic, LGBTQ, and neurodiverse backgrounds.

**Diverse Voices Story Time**
All Ages • Saturdays • October 12 • November 2
3:00–3:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Join us to read stories about people from diverse backgrounds; best for ages 4 to 8 with caregiver. DROP IN

**Diverse Voices Book Club**
Grades 3-8 • Thursdays • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
October 17: *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
November 7: *Guts* by Raina Telgemeier
Huntley Meeting Room A
Discuss titles written by people of all different backgrounds about all kinds of experiences. Books will be available for registrants. REGISTER

**Diverse Voices Book Club**
For Adults • Thursdays • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
October 17: *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
November 7: *Guts* by Raina Telgemeier
Huntley Meeting Room B
For kids’ literature lovers, get together with other adults to discuss children’s literature from diverse voices. Books will be available for registrants. REGISTER

**Sensory Stories and Play**
All Ages • Thursdays • September 12–November 21
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Join us for an extra wiggly story time followed by time to play with other children and meet other caregivers. Designed with sensory differences in mind and open to all. DROP IN

**Family Bilingual Story Time / Cuentos Bilingüe para la Familia**
All Ages • Helen Gale Story Room
Mondays • 6:30–7:30 p.m.
September 16 • October 21 • November 4
Saturdays • 10:00–11:00 a.m.
September 28 • October 12 • November 23
Thirty minutes of stories, songs, nursery rhymes, finger plays and movement and 30 minutes of craft. Presented in Spanish and English. Presented en español e inglés. DROP IN

**Get up and move, BABY!**
Ages 0-2 • Mondays • September 9–November 18
3:00–3:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Play, sing, dance, and move with us! DROP IN

**My First Story Time**
Ages 0–24 months • Tuesdays
September 10–November 19
9:30–10:00 a.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
Lapsit story time for parents/caregivers and children, which include songs and stories. DROP IN

**2 & 3 Year Old Story Time**
With Caregiver • Tuesdays
September 10–November 19
10:30–11:00 a.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
Interactive story time for children and their parents/caregivers, which include songs and stories. REGISTER
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Program Registration
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Drop-In Game Play
All Ages • Youth Services Department
Sunday, November 3 • 12:00–4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 5 • 4:00–8:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 7 • 4:00–8:30 p.m.
Help us celebrate International Games Week! Try out one of the board games we have available to play in the Library. DROP IN

Life-Size Chess
All Ages • Monday, November 4
4:00–5:30 p.m. • Youth Services Department
Play on a giant chessboard right in the Youth Department! DROP IN

Stranger Things Escape Room
For Families with Kids in Grades 6 and Up
Monday, November 4 • 6:00–6:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Grades 6–8
Friday, November 8 • 6:00–6:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 9 • 10:00–10:30 a.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Travel through the Upside Down as you try to escape the Demogorgon! Please arrive on time. Doors will be "locked" promptly at the top of the hour. REGISTER

Mario Kart Switch Tournament
Grades 3-6 • Wednesday, November 6
4:00–5:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Compete with your friends and race to victory! Watch out for blue shells. REGISTER

Life-Size Battleship
All Ages • Friday, November 8
4:00–5:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Test your aim as you attempt to sink the other teams battleships! DROP IN

Smashgiving: The Ultimate Smash Bros Tournament
Grades 6–12 • Saturday, November 9 • 6:00–10:00 p.m.
STC Underground, 101 S. 2nd St, St. Charles
The competition will be fierce in this Switch tournament. Pizza for all. Prizes for the top competitors. Bringing your own controller is recommended. Please visit our website for a link to register through the St. Charles Park District website. REGISTER

Programs Just for Middle School Students

Anime Night
Grades 6-8 • 6:00–7:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Thursdays • September 12 • October 10 • November 14
Nani?! Middle schoolers now have their own night of anime! Each month we’ll watch anime, have an activity, and try some Asian snacks. DROP IN

Video Game Night
Grades 6-8 • Thursdays • September 26 • October 24
6:00–7:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Middle schoolers meet upstairs every month and play video games on the Library’s game systems. Remotes and snacks provided. DROP IN
Full STEAM Ahead
Ages 3-Grade K with Caregiver • Huntley Meeting Room
Thursdays • September 26 • October 10 • November 14 • 6:00–6:45 p.m.
We will learn by doing! This is an interactive program where participants will work together on a different STEAM concept each month. REGISTER

Friday Night Free Build
Fridays • September 6–November 29
*No class on November 15
5:00–8:00 p.m. • Youth Services Department
Stop by and build with KEVA planks. Make crazy structures or see if you can build the tallest tower! DROP IN

Foodie Kids with Chef Ruth Ann
Grades 3-5 • 4:00–5:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Monday, September 16: Fun with Apples
Tuesday, October 15: Spooky Treats
Monday, November 4: Pumpkins Galore
Have some fun learning about how to cook and prepare yummy recipes with Chef Ruth Ann Seney, a family and Consumer Science teacher for over 30 years, who has taught hundreds of students how to cook. REGISTER

Wildlife Citizen Scientist
Grades 3-8 • Friday, October 4
4:00–5:00 p.m. • Technology Center
Celebrate World Animal Day by helping scientists research and classify animals through the website Zooniverse. REGISTER

Learn to Code with Scratch
Grades 3-8 • Monday, October 14
10:00–11:30 a.m. OR 1:30–3:00 p.m. • Technology Center
Start coding and play with the Scratch coding language! This program is designed for students unfamiliar with Scratch and is a repeat of the summer session. REGISTER

Ozobot Coding
Grades 4-8 • 2:00–3:30 p.m. • Wednesday, November 13
Carnegie Community Room
Learn to code these little robots with lines and colors. REGISTER

Express Yourself!
Grades K–5 • Wednesdays • September 25 • October 16 • November 20
3:30–4:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Come create your own beautiful arts and crafts masterpiece in our open crafts session! DROP IN

Scratch Club
Grades 3-8 • Thursday, October 3
4:00–5:00 p.m. • Technology Center
Play with the Scratch coding language with fellow coders in this time designated for self-exploration. Staff will be available for questions and tips. This program is designed for students comfortable with the Scratch coding language. Please come with a Scratch account. REGISTER

When Art & Science Collide!
Grades 1–5 • Fridays • September 27 • October 25 • November 22
3:30–4:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
See how art and science work together to make amazing art projects. Learn all about the world of science using art. REGISTER

Find the “Picasso” in You!
Grades 1–5 • Fridays • September 13 • October 11 • November 8
3:30–4:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Do you love to create works of art? This program will introduce you to a few of the many great artists in history. Each month a new artist will be showcased. Then we will use this artist as our inspiration to sketch, paint, and sculpt our own masterpieces. REGISTER

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New Trustees Join Library Board

Three new Trustees were elected to the Library’s Board in the April 2019 Consolidated Election. Two of the members were elected to two-year terms, while one was elected to a six-year term. The Board also recently elected Rob Gephart as its new President taking over for Mike Hill, while Karen Kaluzsa will serve as the new Vice President and Secretary, and Dr. Cynthia Steimle will serve as the Treasurer.

Claudia Frost
Term: 2019-2021

Claudia Frost has been a St. Charles resident for 40 years. She holds bachelor’s degrees in Journalism and English from Iowa State University. She is a former teacher and was previously the public relations director for Delnor Hospital. Frost has been a volunteer leader for organizations including the St. Charles Public Library Foundation, the Norris Cultural Arts Center Committee, and the St. Charles Arts Council.

Mary Louise Gobel
Term: 2019-2021

Mary Louise Gobel is a retired teacher, having taught for more than 40 years at Coultrap Elementary and Geneva Middle Schools. She holds a bachelor’s degree in biology from Kansas State University and master’s degrees in teaching and educational administration from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She has studied various ecosystems at institutions including the University of Notre Dame and University of Wisconsin.

Shane Hampton
Term: 2019-2025

Shane Hampton holds a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry from the University of Massachusetts. He is an Army veteran and owns a construction and consulting business in Chicago. He has had a 25-year career in business, investing and building fiber optic and wireless infrastructure across the country. His wife of 30 years, Sherry, is an elementary school teacher in St. Charles District 303.