BANNED BOOKS WEEK:
CELEBRATING YOUR FREEDOM TO READ

Join us for the Annual Banned Books Week, September 27–October 10, as we celebrate the freedom to read, seek and express ideas, even those considered controversial. Launched in the 1980s, Banned Books Week was created on the heels of a 1982 Supreme Court case ruling that school officials cannot ban books in their libraries simply because of their content. From that, the Banned Books Week initiative was formed to spark conversations about challenged books and the role of censorship.

What makes a book end up on the banned or censored list in schools, libraries and book stores? The most common reasons according to the American Library Association are sexually explicit materials, offensive language, unsuited to age group, violence, homosexuality, witchcraft, religious viewpoints or anti-family.

Books still are being banned today, but during Banned Books Week, we celebrate the right of the reader to form his or her own opinion about a book. The list of banned books includes titles that can help readers, especially teens and young adults, understand and navigate difficult situations.

Banned Books Week is a great way to discuss censorship and to encourage communication. To celebrate this week, visit our website for a list of banned books or stop by the Library to pick up a “banned book.” See for yourself why it was—or still is—considered controversial.
St. Charles Public Library

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The Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation established in 1993 to provide support for the Library through tax-deductible donations. Contributions may be made payable to the St. Charles Public Library Foundation and sent to: St. Charles Public Library Foundation, 305 S. 9th St., St. Charles, IL 60174.

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A true insider’s look at the incredible training and bond that exists between a military dog handler and the canine who saved his life.

Sigh, Gone: A Misfit’s Memoir of Great Books, Punk Rock, and the Fight to Fit In
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A thoughtful, moving, witty memoir of finding oneself and the power of literature.

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl
Stacy McAnulty ■ J McANULTY
Math is easy, middle school, not so much in this authentic and appealing story (and 2021 Rebecca Caudill nominee).
NEW & NOTEWORTHY
by Edith G. Craig

The St. Charles Public Library continues to move forward with our renovation and expansion this fall. Our construction camera is documenting all of the exterior progress as our sunken terraced garden and new entrance is built. The foundation for our new entrance on the east side of the building gives us a peek into the grandness of the future space. As I toured the construction site, it’s easy to envision the new fireplace and bright meeting rooms. Some of the lower level concrete walls have been removed in preparation for the gorgeous glass wall that will welcome you into the space. This fall, we will continue with structural exterior work that will give way to interior mechanical, electrical and plumbing work in the winter.

It’s these visions that keeps us engaged in these tumultuous times. In less than one year, we will all have a stunning, renovated library building that will welcome people of all walks of life. In the meantime, please don’t hesitate to visit us in our temporary location, 305 S. Ninth Street. Call, email, text or chat to schedule your visit.

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month

There’s no better time to discover all of the benefits of a library card. Today’s libraries are books, and so much more. From resources and services to help people pursue their passions, to providing students the tools needed to succeed in school and beyond, a library encourages life-long learning. Your library card gives you access to an array of eBooks, audiobooks, online classes, homework help, documentaries and so much more.

Throughout the month of September, we are celebrating with DC Comic’s Wonder Woman, the honorary chair of this national campaign to encourage people of all ages to get a library card.

NEW: Get your Library Card Online!

We’re excited to offer St. Charles Public Library District residents the ability to request a card online. It’s quite simple: visit our website at scpld.org to learn more or apply online.

Join Wonder Woman and the St. Charles Public Library to experience the power that only a library card can provide! Your library card gives you the chance to enhance your super powers – knowledge, critical thinking and reasoning.

Program Information
Visit our website for a complete list of adult, teen and kids programs to find the most up-to-date information and instructions on how to register and access a virtual program.
Crush Your Cash Flow with Multiple Streams of Income

Thursday, September 17
6:30–8:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

One key to a successful small business and consistent cash flow is to move beyond offering a single product or service. Entrepreneur Julie Kittredge will provide inspiration and resources for your business to create multiple streams of income, adding value to your current services or products. REGISTER or DROP IN; link available in SCPL event calendar.

IRA/Roth IRA: How/What/Why/When?

Thursday, October 8 • 6:30–8:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

When it comes to making a decision between a Roth IRA and a Traditional IRA, it helps to understand the differences. Harry Eng, CPA, EA, and SCORE mentor, breaks down the benefits, tax implications and requirements to help you choose the right fit for your retirement goal. REGISTER or DROP IN; link available in SCPL event calendar.

The New Illinois Trust Code Explained

Wednesday, November 11 • 6:30–8:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

Join Linda Strohschein, founder of the Strohschein Legal Group, to learn about the new Illinois Trust Code, which became effective on January 1, 2020. Hear an overview of what these changes may mean for your estate plan as well as your trustees and beneficiaries. REGISTER or DROP IN; link available in SCPL event calendar.

TUG Career Services Helps You Find Meaningful Employment

Mondays • 6:30–8:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom
September 14 & 28 • October 12 & 26 • November 9 & 23

Please join TUG Career Services and Business Librarian Chris Flood for a Zoom meeting. A presenter will cover career management, job-seeking skills, education or training (topics change every meeting). Interaction encouraged. REGISTER or DROP IN; link available in SCPL event calendar.

Google Suite Topics

September 1, 15 • October 6, 20 • November 3

Google Docs ................................................................. 2 Videos
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Google Sheets (Basic) ............................................... 2 Videos

Microsoft Office 2016 Topics

September 8, 22 • October 13, 27 • November 10

Word ............................................................................. 3 Videos
PowerPoint ..................................................................... 3 Videos
Excel (Basic) .................................................................. 2 Videos

St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays • 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. • Online via Zoom

A workshop for novice or experienced writers that meets the second and the fourth Saturday of each month. The group, facilitated by Lisa Macaione, is open to all those 18 years of age or older looking for a community of writers and to improve their writing. All genres are welcome. Visit scpld.org/st-charles-writers-group for meeting location and topics. REGISTER

Great Decisions

Thursdays • September 17 • October 15 • November 19 • 7:00 p.m.

Great Decisions is a national, civic-education program and publication of the Foreign Policy Association. It is intended to stimulate a discussion of foreign policy issues. Participants should be ready to discuss the article prior to the discussion. Visit scpld.org/great-decisions for meeting location and topics. REGISTER

Friends’ Meeting

Tuesday, October 13 • 6:00 p.m.
St. Charles Veterans Center • 311 N. Second Street, Suite 100, St. Charles

The Friends of St. Charles Public Library is an adult organization that raises funds to provide special programs and equipment that is beyond the Library’s regular budget. Guests are always welcome. DROP IN
Remembering Route 66 with Leslie Goddard

September 8-22 • Online via YouTube
The name evokes images of gas stations, mom-and-pop motels, quirky attractions and adventure on the open road. In this nostalgia-packed lecture, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the history of Route 66, the iconic road that linked Chicago to Los Angeles from 1926 until its closing in the mid-1980s. REGISTER

Answering the Call: Artists of the Harlem Renaissance

Thursday, September 10
7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom
In this virtual lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur will discuss artists of the Harlem Renaissance (1918-1937) described as a blossoming of African American culture, particularly in the creative arts. REGISTER

National Archives Resources at the Chicago Branch

Wednesday, September 16 • 7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom
The National Archives in Chicago hold Federal records from agencies in IL, IN, MI, MN, OH and WI dating from the 1800s. Records include Territorial Papers, Farming and Agriculture, Naturalization, Military, Taxes, Postal Service, Court Cases and more. Genealogist Jane Haldeman will share how these can be invaluable when researching your family history. REGISTER

Books, Bites & Brews

Thursday, October 1 • 7:00–8:15 p.m.
Riverlands Brewing Company • 1860 Dean Street, Unit A, St. Charles
We are excited to introduce our new book club for adults 21 and older. Pizza will be provided by the Library. Participants are responsible for their own drinks and literary opinions. Our October discussion will be The Other Mother by Carol Goodman. REGISTER or DROP IN

Sunday Concert Series: Virtual Concert

Sundays • 2:00 p.m. • Registration required.
You will receive an email with instructions on how to view the concert.

September 20 • Award-winning vocalist Maureen Christine and instrumentalist Michael Bazan perform “At Last: Songs of the 1960s”
November 15 • Jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis & guitarist Andy Brown perform “Songs in the Key of Blue”

How to Draw a Realistic Dog Portrait with Christine Thornton

Tuesday, November 3 • 10:00 a.m.
St. Charles Veterans Center • 311 N. Second Street, Suite 109, St. Charles
Join us and learn to draw a realistic portrait of our beloved furry friends, complete with accurate proportions and shading as Christine guides you. Draw a dog from the screen or use your own photo for reference. We’ll use simple drawing supplies like pencil, eraser and drawing paper. This program is open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only. Limit 20. REGISTER

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Visit our website for a complete list of adult, teen and kids programs to find the most up-to-date information and instructions on how to register and access a virtual program.
**Program Information**

All programs at the STC Underground are open to all middle school and high school teens, including private school and home-schooled students who reside within St. Charles School District boundaries.

*Students must submit a completed Code of Conduct signed by themselves AND a parent or legal guardian. This form can be downloaded and printed from stcunderground.com/info/.

For questions or to register, visit stcunderground.com or call 630-584-4380.

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**Anime Club**

**Grades 6-12 • 6:00–8:00 p.m. • Tuesdays**

**September 8 • October 13 • November 10**

**STC Underground at the Baker Community Center (lower level)**

101 S. 2nd Street, St. Charles

Get loud and geek out with anime and activities! Cosplay is always welcome. **Face mask requirements and social distancing expectations will be enforced.** DROP IN

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**Dungeons & Dragons Character Workshop**

**Grades 6-12 • Thursday, October 8 • 4:30–6:30 p.m.**

**STC Underground at the Baker Community Center (lower level)**

101 S. 2nd Street, St. Charles

Ever wanted to learn how to create your own D&D character? Or just want to get together and share ideas? Learn the basics of how to fill in a character sheet, and roll the dice for a completely playable character. Your adventure awaits. **Face mask requirements and social distancing expectations will be enforced.** DROP IN

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**College Planning**

**College Knowledge**

**Wednesday, September 16 • 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**Online via Zoom**

Julie Nelson, Regional Recruitment Director at Xavier University, has been guiding students and families through the college search process for more than 25 years. This presentation is helpful particularly in light of the changes that the pandemic has caused. This presentation will be recorded and posted on the Library’s YouTube channel until October 16.

**College Essays**

**Wednesday, September 23 • 7:00–8:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom**

For students, the most daunting part of their college application can be the essay. Julie Nelson, Regional Recruitment Director at Xavier University, will take a look at the good, the bad and the ugly of college essay writing. **This presentation will be recorded and posted on the Library’s YouTube channel until October 23.**

**How to Prepare for the Rising Cost of College: for Students and Parents**

**Wednesday, September 30 • 7:00–8:30 p.m. • Online via Zoom**

How can families afford to pay for college when the price of college tuition rises higher than the yearly rate of inflation? Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting will share his expertise on breaking down the cost of college, explain the changes to the financial aid process and how to find scholarships. **This presentation will be recorded and posted on the Library’s YouTube channel until October 30.**

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**For Parents**

**Diverse Voices Book Club**

**Online via Zoom • 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, September 23**

Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez

**Wednesday, November 11**

I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day

Get together with other adults to discuss children’s literature from diverse voices. A complimentary copy of the book will be available to registrants while supplies last. **NOTE: Meets at the same time as Diverse Voices Book Club for Grades 3-8. REGISTER for an emailed link to join the program.**

**Parenting Book Discussion**

**Thursday, October 8 • 7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom**

Join other parents to discuss The Conscious Parent: Transforming Ourselves, Empowering Our Children by Dr. Shefali Tsabary. A complimentary copy of the book will be available to registrants while supplies last. **REGISTER for an emailed link to join the program.**

**Preschool Fair**

**Wednesday, November 18**

Online via Zoom

Research preschools and child care centers from the comfort of your home! After a brief introduction, representatives from each school will answer your questions live. You’ll receive an email one week before the program with information about each school. **REGISTER**

**Outdoor Family Movies**

**Fridays • Haines West Lawn of Oak Street**

**September 18: Goonies (PG) • 5:30–7:45 p.m.**

**October 16: Hocus Pocus (PG) • 5:50–7:45 p.m.**

Join us for a special presentation of a movie outdoors! Bring blankets, warm clothes and snacks. **Face mask requirements and social distancing expectations will be enforced. Program is open to the first 200 participants. DROP IN**

**Family History: DIY Family Recipe Book**

**Monday, October 5 • 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. • Youth Services Desk**

Celebrate your family history this month by making your own recipe booklet. Visit the Library to pick up a recipe book kit to take home. While supplies last. **DROP IN**

**T-Rex Trickshots**

**Wednesdays • September 2 • October 7 • November 4**

1:00 p.m. • Posted on YouTube

Join the Library T-Rexes in creating a Rube Goldberg Machine!
Your Favorites on Repeat!
**Tuesday, September 1 • 9:00 a.m. • Posted on YouTube**
Listen to your favorite songs again and again with this YouTube playlist created by Miss Katelyn!

All Ages Story Time
**Tuesdays • September 1–November 17 • 10:00 a.m. • Online via Zoom**
Join us for this LIVE story time for kids and parents alike. Ages 0-100 welcome. Let’s have fun together! [REGISTER](#) for the link to join the program.

Sensory Activities
**Thursdays • September 10 & 24 • October 8 & 22 • November 12**
9:00 a.m. • Posted on YouTube
Let’s do something silly! Join us for a brief sensory activity that you can do at home!

Junior Historians for All Ages*
**Fridays • September 11 • October 9 • November 13**
11:00 a.m. • Posted on YouTube
Take a step back in time and learn about the rich history of our city! Junior historians will learn about the history of St. Charles through tours, interviews and an activity.

Junior Historians for Grades 3-5*
**Monday, September 28 • 4:00–4:45 p.m.**
St. Charles History Museum • 215 E. Main Street, St. Charles
Take a step back in time and learn about the rich history of our city and our country. Junior historians will learn about what life was like in different time periods, complete with games, crafts and activities. [Face mask requirements and social distancing expectations at the time of the event will be enforced.](#) [REGISTER](#)

StoryWalk® with the Nature Center
**Wednesdays • September 16 • October 14 • November 18**
10:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 12:00 p.m.
LeRoy Oakes Nature Center • 37W700 Dean Street, St. Charles
Join the fun for a video story time at the Nature Center, grab a take-home nature project, take in some trails and discover the StoryWalk®! The Nature Center will show the video at the top of the hour. While the video is only available on the dates listed above, the StoryWalk® will be posted until the end of November. [Check with the Nature Center for face mask requirements and social distancing expectations](#). While supplies last. This program is in partnership with the Kane County Forest Preserve District.

Miss Katelyn’s Neighborhood
**Thursdays • September 17 • October 15 • November 19**
9:00 a.m. • On Youtube
Let’s visit some places in our neighborhood together!

Diverse Voices Book Club
**Grades 3-8 • 6:30–7:30 p.m. • Online via Zoom**
Wednesday, September 23
[Sal and Gabi Break the Universe](#) by Carlos Hernandez
Wednesday, November 11
[1 Can Make This Promise](#) by Christine Day
Discuss titles written by people of all different backgrounds with all kinds of experiences. A complimentary copy of the book will be available to registrants while supplies last. NOTE: Meets at the same time as Diverse Voices Book Club for adults. [REGISTER](#) for an emailed link to join the program.

Not So Scary Campfire at Hickory Knolls Discovery Center
**Thursday, October 22 • 6:30–7:45 p.m.**
Hickory Knolls Discovery Center
3795 Campton Hills Drive, St. Charles
Join us for just the right mix of spooky and fun to get even the littlest of ghouls giggling. All children must be accompanied by an adult. [Check with the Park District for face mask requirements and social distancing expectations.](#) This program is in partnership with the St. Charles Park District. [REGISTER](#) with the Park District online or by phone 630-513-4399.

Movie Night
**Grades 4-8 • Friday, November 20 • 4:30–7:30 p.m.**
[Ghoulish Mortals](#) • 228 W. Main Street, St. Charles
Vote on a recent release to watch with your friends and peers! Registration closes at 9:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the movie or when filled. Spaces limited. [Face mask requirements and social distancing expectations at the time of the event will be enforced.](#) [REGISTER](#)

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Crafternoon
**Mondays • September 14–November 16 • 1:00 p.m.**
[Posted on YouTube](#)
Get crafty in the afternoons with the Library!

Foodie Families
**Tuesdays • September 22 • October 27 • November 24**
1:00 p.m. • [Posted on YouTube](#)
Students and their families will create easy treats! Check out our event calendar for the list of supplies you will need.

Pop! Bang! Fizz! Stupendous Science!
**Fridays • September 4 & 18 • October 2 & 16 • November 6 & 20 • 1:00 p.m. • [Posted on YouTube](#)**
Join us for stupendous science experiments! Have fun at home with things you find around your house!

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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
Monday, September 7 Labor Day
Friday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. Staff Recognition Dinner
Friday, November 13 In-Service
Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day

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Library Board Meetings
September 9, 2020 Annual Meeting
October 14, 2020
November 11, 2020

The mission of the St. Charles Public Library is to support the growth and creativity of the individual and foster the spirit of community and local economy.

The SCPLD Board of Trustees affirm that we will work toward ending systemic racism and inequity in our community. We stand with the American Library Association, the Illinois Library Association and other institutions that condemn racism and all other forms of hate.

At its heart, our Library has always strived to be a welcoming and patron-centric institution. We can do better. In this renewed commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion, here are the actions the Library has taken and will take to strengthen our core values and thus, strengthen our community:

• Review outdated policies and make them more inclusive
• Foster dialogue and civic engagement
• Recommend resources and materials to help people learn more about systemic racism and oppression
• Provide resources and materials to help uncover implicit bias within our staff for personal and professional development
• Provide access to a broad collection that represents the diversity of our nation
• Help parents and caregivers talk to children and young people about race and racism so they can understand what is happening around them and stand up for and respect others
• Explore ways to be more inclusive in procedures and practices

In addition to the many ways we seek feedback and dialogue from our patrons, we will continue to build relationships with our intergovernmental partners, our social service agencies and other groups that represent our underserved population. Ultimately, it is the choices we make as individuals that will grow the integrity of our community.

Approved by the Board of Trustees, July 8, 2020