Creativity and Community Thrive on Student Street

Dozens of colorful origami swans graced tabletops in Youth Services this summer. Kids worked in groups at the maker table and enjoyed learning the craft of creating these traditional paper birds. With hands-on projects from arts to science and engineering, the maker table is just one of the features of the new Student Street space for kindergarten through grade 8 in Youth Services.

Families flocked to the Library for the Student Street Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Friday, June 8 as we launched the new space. The celebration was a who's who of St. Charles with attendees like Mayor Rogina, the Chamber of Commerce, members of the Library Board of Trustees and the St. Charles Public Library Foundation, and of course, the real stars of St. Charles, the many families that make our community thrive. The Jensen family and the St. Charles Public Library Foundation were our honored guests: their generous financial support is what made this project possible.

Student Street is a space for students where creativity and community soar. As you approach Student Street, you’ll see the words the kids chose to reflect their space: Discover, Adventure, Explore, Listen, Imagine, Curiosity, Wonder, Knowledge – and more. As you enter the area, you’ll see vibrant calypso orange walls and comfortable booth seating and tall study tables, both with outlets and USB ports for charging devices. There’s a video game cart and board games for in-house play, computers, an interactive board for kids to share their thoughts, and a display case for students to showcase their personal collections. Kids in grades 3 to 8 can pick up a display case application in Youth Services.

Many thanks to the Jensen family and the St. Charles Public Library Foundation for making this project possible, and to Darcy Tatlock, Middle School Services Librarian, and Michele Collette, School Services Librarian, for their work in making the vision a reality. Visit us to check out this fresh new space. Welcome to Student Street!
Navigating in the New SWAN Catalog

We hope you are enjoying having access to over nine million items through our new catalog! We are constantly suggesting changes, testing advances, and working with our library partners and catalog vendor to improve patron experiences. It’s been just a few months in the new system, but some of the changes include:

- Increased accessibility for those with visual or motor disabilities
- Online articles are now available from the catalog (look for the "Article Search" tab once you’ve entered a search term)
- Ability to narrow your results by date, library, format, language, fiction or nonfiction, and more
- Reading suggestions from Novelist that will show you similar books, authors, and list all the books in series order. Just click the title of any book you’re interested in and the suggestions will open up on the right side of your screen
- More format options in “Advanced Search” – including “music” which limits to scores and sheet music
- Additional choices regarding notifications including text messaging or phone calls

As always, any librarian is happy to show you how to search and find just what you’re looking for in our catalog, or in catalogs across the United States. Or contact us and we are also happy to do searching, request materials and answer any questions for you!

One Book, One Community

In 2016 we read together as a community, The Boys in the Boat. After many months of evaluating and discussing dozens of great titles, we are excited to announce our next One Book, One Community title: Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel.

Set in the near future, Mandel has written a suspenseful and spellbinding story that asks important questions about what sustains us—even if civilization as we know it collapses. Survival, art, memory, celebrity, community – these are just some of the themes to reflect on and discuss as we experience Station Eleven (FIC MANDEL) together next year. Younger readers can enjoy similar books also chosen by our librarians: Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer (JH PFEFFER) and Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood by F. Isabel Campoy (JE CAMPOY). Copies of the books are already available in various formats for those ready to get started!

One Book, One Community encourages a culture of reading and promotes city-wide connections as we all experience the same book. Related programs provide opportunities for everyone in the community to gather, learn and share. Look for more details in the next issue of Discover Your Library.

St. Charles Public Library Foundation

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2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

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 help getting a copy of the title, please check with the Reference & Reader Services desks. **DROP IN**

### September 11
**Morning & Evening**
The Jazz Palace by Mary Morris
FIC MORRIS

### October 9
**Morning & Evening**
The Fact of a Body: A Murder and a Memoir by Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich
364.1523 MAR

### November 13
**Morning**
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah
792.7028 NOA

### Evening
History of the Rain by Niall Williams
FIC WILLIAMS

### December 11
**Morning & Evening**
Young Jane Young by Gabrielle Zevin
FIC ZEVIN

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What the Staff is **READING**

**The Bear and the Nightingale** by Katherine Arden FIC ARDEN
In medieval Russia, Vasya is able to see the household spirits and other supernatural denizens that live alongside her village and in the surrounding forest (sort of the Russian version of fairies). It becomes her mission to protect them from an evil force trying to escape its prison.

**Gone to Dust** by Matt Goldman FIC GOLDMAN
This fast-paced, witty debut mystery set in Minneapolis features a PI hired to help solve a bizarre murder with the local police department.

**NOS4A2** by Joe Hill FIC HILL
If you couldn’t get enough of the horror novel/movie It, then you must try this creepy and riveting novel of supernatural suspense featuring another malevolent entity that preys upon children.

**Scythe** by Neal Shusterman YA FIC SHUSTERMAN
In the future, humans have conquered death, so how do you keep the population in check? Enter the Scythes and two teens apprentices pitted against each other in horrific competition. A thought-provoking exploration of many unsettling questions.

**Cleopatra: A Life** by Stacy Schiff B CLEOPATRA.
In this captivating biography, Schiff uses classical sources in an attempt to separate fact from fiction, but also includes small details and an engaging writing style that bring the personalities and the times to life.

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**Read before you Watch:**
The movie **First Man**, scheduled for release in October is based on the book **First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong** by James R. Hansen (B Armstrong).

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Help the Library improve our website by providing feedback. Is it easy to use? Are you able to find what you are looking for? Our quick survey will collect your comments and suggestions so that we can meet yet another strategic goal…to better serve YOU! Starting in September, look for the survey located on our website, on our kiosks and in paper form at the library. The survey will remain open for three weeks. We hope to hear from you. Questions? Contact Edith G. Craig, Library Director at 630-584-0076 ex 273 or ecraig@scpld.org
Program Registration
Registration for all library programs, with the exception of Computer Classes, begins Monday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Business Programs

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

September 10 • September 24 • October 8 • October 22
November 12 • November 26
6:30 – 8:45 p.m.w
Huntley Meeting Room

*October 8 meeting in the Carnegie Community 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

DIY Marketing Graphics for Any Skill Level

Thursday, September 20 • 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

This program is for entrepreneurs who need high quality DIY graphics in their marketing tool kit but struggle with the know-how. Small business owner Julie Kittredge will discuss stock photography, quick smartphone photography tips, and her favorite resource for creating beautiful graphics with a demo. Step up your marketing game with these easy tips. REGISTER or DROP IN

St. Charles Writers Group

Saturdays • 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

The St. Charles Writers Group is a creative writing workshop 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. Questions? Contact Denise Blaszynski at 630-584-0076, ext. 240. DROP IN

September 8: Bird by Bird: Book Discussion Part I
September 22: Bird by Bird: Book Discussion Part II
October 13: Yes, You Can Write a Query Letter
October 27: Reading vs. Writing
November 10: Poetic Sounds
November 24: The Benefits of Keeping a Gratitude Journal

Forms of Business Organization

Wednesday, October 3 • 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Learn if incorporating is always the answer when undertaking a business enterprise. SCORE mentor and attorney Fran Zollers will examine the various forms of business organizations and their characteristics, analyzing various businesses and how the goals of the founders may dictate which form of organization to undertake. The workshop is for those who are considering beginning a business or who are in the earliest stages of forming a business. Representatives from the Chamber and SCORE will be available to answer your questions at the end of the program. REGISTER or DROP IN

This program is presented in partnership with the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce and the Fox Valley SCORE Chapter.

The Small Business Owner Panel: What Should I Have Known Before I Started?

Wednesday, November 7 • 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

At our inaugural St. Charles Small Business Owner Panel, members of our local business community will share their successes and challenges. Jill Card, owner and founder of Jeans and a Cute Top Shop, and Kim Lawson, the Operating Partner at Puebla Modern Mexican, will join Laura Macklin-Purdy, Development & Branding Manager of the Downtown St. Charles Partnership, in sharing their experience of what has worked well for them in St. Charles, and the help that may be available to our local business community. Business Reference Librarian Chris Flood will moderate the discussion with audience Q&A. There will be snacks available from Puebla, and a chance to win a gift basket. REGISTER

Program Registration
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### Computer Classes

- Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.
- **NEW! REGISTER** online, by phone or in person 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: [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.

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For September classes, registration begins Sunday, August 19 • noon

For October classes, registration begins Sunday, September 16 • noon

For November classes, registration begins Sunday, October 21 • noon
Tree of Life: A Painting Workshop

Tuesday, September 11 • 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Come learn about the fascinating artist Gustav Klimt on the 100th anniversary of his death, and make your own painting inspired by his work. Art teacher Christine Thornton will teach you how to use metallic paint and colored pencils on black paper for this fun, easy process. Beginners welcome! This program is limited to 30 participants and open to St. Charles Library cardholders through August 30. If space is still available, it will then open to non-cardholders. REGISTER

This program presented in conjunction with ArtsFest St Charles. For more ArtsFest programming, visit stcharlesartsCouncil.org/artsfest

Haunted History of Chicago

Tuesday, October 2 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Join author and storyteller Amelia Cotter for an exploration of some of Chicago's most haunted places. Amelia will share her personal paranormal experiences from around the city and beyond including Bachelor's Grove, Congress Plaza Hotel, the Eastland Disaster, Jane Addams Hull House, Lincoln Park and City Cemetery, Oriental Theater, Resurrection Mary, Rosehill Cemetery, and the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. REGISTER

Film Discussion: Mary Shelley's Frankenstein

Tuesday, October 30 • 6:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

To celebrate the 200th anniversary of the release of Mary Shelley's classic horror novel Frankenstein, John Nygro will present a one-hour talk about the 1931 classic film of the same name. This classic film features the iconic Boris Karloff as Frankenstein's Monster. Themes of loneliness, isolation, fear, and the destruction of misunderstood creation are portrayed in the story. The discussion will include background information and video clips. REGISTER

Art Lecture: Gustav Klimt and the Woman in Gold

Monday, November 12 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

This lecture commemorates the centennial of the death of Austrian artist Gustav Klimt. In her presentation, art historian Dr. Michelle Mishur discusses important examples of Klimt's work including The Kiss and the Portrait of Adele Block-Bauer, aka The Woman in Gold. Dr. Mishur also places Klimt within the art historical context of late 19th century French painting. Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation. REGISTER

Cooking Series

Ukrainian Cooking with Chef Susan Maddox

Tuesday, September 11 • 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Ukrainian cuisine combines a great amount of various regional customs: Polish, Hungarian, Germanic, Turkish, Tatar and Russian culinary traditions had a notable influence on the uniqueness of its recipes. Chef Susan Maddox will prepare some delicious treats exploring the Ukrainians own unique set of products and methods of preparation. REGISTER

Bill the Baker Bakes Biscotti

Tuesday, October 23
7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Each fall, millions of pounds of cranberries are harvested just in time for holiday baking season. In this demonstration, Bill the Baker will teach you how to use cranberries in his delicious cranberry lemon almond biscotti. You will learn how to make this dessert and see why people say this is the best biscotti they have ever tasted. REGISTER

Timeless Brunch Fare with Chef Michael Niksic

Wednesday, November 28
7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Just in time for the winter holiday season, chef and food blogger Michael Niksic will demonstrate how to make timeless brunch fare for your family or overnight guests. There will be tastings of the classic brunch items that the chef will prepare, and recipes will be provided. REGISTER

*Programs in the Cooking Series are sponsored in part by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.
**Sunday Concert Series**

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

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**OCT 14**

October 14: Fareed Haque and AnDréa James
Fareed Haque is a modern guitar virtuoso. AnDréa James has a passion for music and a voice to match. They will perform classical Spanish music composed by Sor, Granados, and Obradors. Originally written for piano and voice, these beautiful songs have been arranged for the first time ever for guitar and voice by Fareed. This concert is sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.

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**OCT 28**

October 28: Maureen Christine Presents Tonight in Tinseltown!
National recording artist and Broadway-style entertainer Maureen Christine performs a musical collection of glittering songs from Hollywood movies, Broadway show tunes and a few swingin' standards. Joining Maureen is Michael Bazan on woodwinds; and Chuck Larkin, pianist and former music director/keyboardist for The Jersey Boys.

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**NOV 11**

November 11: WDCB Jazz Jammin’ in the Stacks! with Geof Bradfield Trio
The Library is pleased to partner with WDCB Radio for an hour of jazz. Saxophonist Geof Bradfield, joined by pianist Ben Waltzer and bassist Dennis Carroll, will perform the music of Billy Strayhorn and Thelonius Monk as well as favorite jazz standards.

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**Great Decisions**

**Thursdays • 7:00 p.m.**
Huntley Meeting Room (HMR) • Carnegie Community Room (CCR)

Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. The Great Decision discussion group is intended to stimulate a discussion of foreign policy issues. Participants may check out a copy of the briefing book at the Library. Participants should be ready to discuss the article prior to participation.

**DROP IN**

September 20 (CCR) – Turkey: a partner in crisis
October 18 (CCR) – U.S. global engagement and the military
November 15 (HMR) – South Africa’s fragile democracy

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**Board Game Nights**

Carnegie Community Room • Wednesdays
September 19 & October 17 • 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
November 7 • 3:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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**
Friends’ Potluck Supper
Monday, October 1 • 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.

Faces of the Fox!
Saturday, October 6 • 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Faces of the Fox is a unique, interactive community celebration of the rich diversity in the Fox Valley. Stop by to meet the people showcased in this month’s artist of the month exhibit.

AARP Smart Driver
Tuesday, October 9 • Thursday, October 11
1:00 – 5:00 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.

Making the Most of Social Security
Tuesday, September 25 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Learn how to optimize your retirement income. Michael Heatwole will discuss different filing options which can often provide monthly lifetime social security payments higher than the standard filing options typically selected.

Genealogy Programs
Final Resting Place: The Stones Tell a Story
Thursday, September 27 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Discover more about the life of your great grandfather by understanding the symbols on his gravestone. Professional genealogist Jane Haldeman will explain how to read that death date on grandmother’s deteriorating stone, and show us how to care for that old tombstone before it completely disappears. This program is cosponsored by the St. Charles History Museum.

Read All About It!
Get Your Newspaper Here!
Wednesday, October 24 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Historical newspaper articles can add interest to your genealogy research and be an alternate source of family information. Professional genealogist Caron Primas Brennan will explain how to find and use newspapers to discover information about your ancestors as well as the times they lived in. Some of the items found in newspapers include obituaries, marriage and engagement announcements, birth announcements, legal cases, and ship passage information. You will learn where to find newspapers online, in libraries and archives as well as how to cite your sources.

Organizing Your Genealogy:
Using Old and New Technology
Thursday, November 15 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Make your genealogy efforts more efficient and meaningful. Get organize. Professional genealogist Steve Szabados will share the tools and methods that will help you become more effective and efficient in your research efforts. The program will review traditional methods and technologies and also introduce new techniques, tools, and technologies. With the explosion in the use of computers and online databases, this is a must-see program to add to your genealogy skills.
High School Volunteers

Fall Session
Monday, September 10 – Friday, November 16
Applications are due Friday, August 17. You will be contacted starting the week of August 27 if you are accepted. Orientation will take place September 5 and September 6.

Financial Aid Process
Tuesday, September 25 • 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting 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

Make Your College Search Count
Wednesday, September 26 • 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

College Changes Everything: FAFSA and College Application Workshop
Tuesday, October 23 • 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Illinois Student Assistance Commission 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 Corps members providing one-on-one support as needed. Laptops are encouraged. Parents are welcome. REGISTER

SAT Practice Test
Saturday, November 3 • 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Grades 9-12 only

The Princeton Review offers a stress-free sneak peek at the SAT® in a realistic testing environment. This does not include the essay portion.

Registration is required and limited to 40 participants. Check our website for a link to register. Bring: #2 pencils and a calculator. REGISTER

ACT Practice Test
Saturday, November 17 • 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Grades 9-12 only

The Princeton Review offers a stress-free sneak peek at the ACT® in a realistic testing environment. This does not include the essay portion.

Registration is required and limited to 40 participants. Check our website for a link to register. Bring: #2 pencils and a calculator. REGISTER

Chicago Pop Culture Convention
Saturday November 24 • 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 25 • 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Pheasant Run Resort

Play board games at our booth! We will have our board game collection available during the entire convention. Join us at Pheasant Run Resort for Chicago Pop Culture Con. For more information or to purchase tickets please visit chicagopopculturecon.com.
### Anime Club

**Tuesdays • September 11 • October 9 • November 13**  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting 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**

### Teen Movie Night

**Fridays • Movies start at 5:30 p.m. • All films are rated PG-13**  
Huntley Meeting Room

Come catch a recent release on the big screen with your friends. Drinks and snacks provided. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

### Learn the Ukulele

**Saturday, October 20**  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Carnegie Community Room

Grades 9-12 only

Join your fellow teens for an afternoon with the ukulele. No prior musical experience is necessary. Come learn a little about the history and how to get started playing it. **REGISTER**

### Walking Dead Day

**Ghoulish Chocolate Bark and Zombie Face Paint Demo**  
Saturday, October 13 • 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Huntley Meeting Room

Grades 9-12 only

We are celebrating the first Walking Dead Day with giveaways from the AMC show, a zombie make-up tutorial, horror-themed chocolate bark workshop, and a blood-red chocolate fountain. **REGISTER**

### International Games Week-Board Games

**Wednesday, November 7 • 3:00 – 8:30 p.m.**  
Carnegie Community Room

International Games Week is a celebration of gaming in the library. All ages can join us for five and a half hours of board games. Choose from our collection or bring a favorite. Snacks and drinks provided. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

### Super Smash Bros Wii U Tournament

**Friday, November 16 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**  
Carnegie Community Room

Grades 9-12 only

Prizes to top three players. 16 player limit. Bringing your own controller is encouraged, but not necessary. No cost to participate. Check our website for more details. **REGISTER**

### Roll Playing Club

**Fridays • 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room**

**September 21: Mice & Mystics**

**October 26: Dread RPG * **

*warning game may contain scary themes

**November 9: Clank! A Deck-Building Adventure**

Grades 9-12 only

Come learn and play a variety of different tabletop games with some friends. Each meeting will feature a different game, and all you have to do is show up. Be sure to register, as spaces are extremely limited. **REGISTER**

### Edible Succulent Terrariums

**Tuesday, September 18 • 4:00-5:30 p.m.**  
Huntley Meeting Room

Make and take a succulent terrarium that you can eat! A professional baker will teach you to use modeling tools to make a life-like creation from pudding, cookies, edible gel and fondant. **DROP IN**

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*Images of movies and games are included.*
Program Registration
Registration for all library programs, with the exception of Computer Classes, begins Monday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m.

AGE-SPECIFIC STORYTIMES

Tiny Tots for Ages 0-24 months
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays • 9:30 – 10 a.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
Session 1: Monday, September 10 – Thursday, October 11
Session 2: Monday, October 22 – Thursday, November 15
Lapsit story time for parents/caregivers and children, which include songs, stories and play. REGISTER

2 & 3 Year Old Story Time (with caregiver)
Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Session 1: Tuesday, September 11 – Tuesday, October 9
Session 2: Tuesday, October 16 – Tuesday, November 13
Interactive story time for children and their parents/caregivers, which include songs, stories, and play time. Session 2 is a repeat of Session 1. REGISTER

3 & 4 Year Old Story Time (without caregiver)
Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Session 1: Tuesday, September 11 – Tuesday, October 9
Session 2: Tuesday, October 16 – Tuesday, November 13
Interactive story time for independent children including songs, stories, and play for children between ages 3-4. Children should be comfortable attending on their own. Session 2 is a repeat of Session 1. REGISTER

4-6 Year Old Story Time (without caregiver)
Wednesdays • 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
Session 1: Wednesday, September 12 – Wednesday, October 10
Session 2: Wednesday, October 17 – Wednesday, November 14
Thursdays, 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
Session 1: Thursday, September 13 – Thursday, October 11
Session 2: Thursday, October 18 – Thursday, November 15
Story time for independent children, which will foster a love of books and reading, and help to develop auditory and social skills. Children should be comfortable attending on their own. Session 2 is a repeat of Session 1. REGISTER

Drop-In Story Times (for all ages)
September 10 – November 16
Mondays • 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesdays • 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays • 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Thursdays • 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
*No story times the week of October 15 and November 5
Saturdays, September 8 • September 22 • October 13 & 27
November 10 • 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Held in the Huntley Meeting Room, story times are full of stories, music and movement.

Family Pajama Storytime
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Mondays, September 10 – October 8
Tuesdays, October 16 – November 13
Helen Gale Story Room
Parents and children, join us for evening stories and songs wearing your pajamas. Space in the story room is limited, attendees admitted on a first come basis. DROP IN

Sensory Story time (With caregiver, all ages)
Thursdays • September 13 – November 15 • 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
This small group story time is designed for children with sensory processing differences. Stories and activities will engage the senses through books, music and movement. REGISTER

Bilingual Story Times
Tuesdays, September 11 – November 13
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
*No story times the week of October 16 and November 6
Bilingual story time shares stories, songs, and other activities in both Spanish and English. DROP IN

Stories at the Nature Center
Fridays • 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
September 21 • October 19 • November 16
Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest
Preschool children and early elementary age children are invited to hear stories at the Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve. After the program, explore the Nature Center and walk the trails. Cosponsored with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County. REGISTER
STEAM PROGRAMS

**LEGO Design Club**

**Thursdays • 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**
September 6 • October 4
November 1
Huntley Meeting Room

Students K-8! Use your imagination to design LEGO creations on the designated theme. Awards will be presented. **DROP IN**

**Video Game Club for grades 3-6**

**Wednesdays • 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**
September 26 • October 24
November 28
Helen Gale Story Room

Join other gamers and play the different systems the library has. Feel free to bring your own system or handheld devices. **DROP IN**

**After School Crafts for Grades 2-5**

**Book Tote Decoration**
Tuesday, September 11
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

It’s back to school! The library has everything you will need to decorate your own book tote using fabric markers. Just bring your creativity! Supplies limited. **REGISTER**

**Duct Tape Creations**
Monday, October 22
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Practice your duct tape making skills and create a project of your choice. All supplies and some patterns provided. **DROP IN**

**Find the “Picasso” in You!**
for Grades 1-5

**Saturdays • 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**
September 29 • October 6 • October 13 • October 20
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. After learning about the different art styles of Da Vinci, Picasso, Van Gogh, and Eric Carle, we will sketch, draw, paint and create our own masterpieces. **REGISTER** or **DROP IN**

**Scratch for Beginners**

**Friday, October 5 • Tuesday, November 20**
Grades 3 – 5 • 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Grades 6 – 8 • 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Technology Center

Make a simple computer game using Scratch, an online coding program. Classes held upstairs in the technology lab. Space limited. **REGISTER**

**It’s a Mystery! for Grades 4-8**

**Monday, November 19**
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Become a CSI and use new skills looking for fingerprints, questioning suspects, and searching for clues to help solve a library mystery! **REGISTER**
Movie Nights for Grades 4-8
Fridays • 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
September 28 • October 26 • November 16
Huntley Meeting Room
Watch a recent release on the big screen. Titles will be posted at the ASK ME Desk. Pizza, lemonade and popcorn compliments of Classic Cinema will be served. Registration closes at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday before the movie or when filled. REGISTER

Robin’s Dog Stars
Monday, October 8
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Come enjoy Gracie, the amazing Black Labrador, and Cedar, the incredible Border Collie, show off their tricks like jumping through hoops, reading a sign, counting, telling jokes, and many other action packed dog tricks.
REGISTER or DROP IN

Babysitter Training
Monday, November 19 • Tuesday, November 20
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
FEE $45 in library district/$65 outside library district
Ages 11 – 15
Training will cover all aspects of babysitter responsibilities and includes babysitter training resources. Students must attend the entire training workshop and successfully pass all observable skills to obtain Red Cross certification. REGISTER

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

Junior Friends
Grades 6 – 8
Middle school students interested in being a weekly volunteer in the Youth Services are able to add their name to our wait list. The list is available at the ASK ME Desk for positions in upcoming sessions. We contact students on the waitlist each April, August and December.
REGISTER

Fighting Socktopus
Friday, September 14 • 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Forged at the library from old socks and cotton bits, the deadly Socktopus flies with all its might to take down its enemies. Join us in constructing one of these awesome creatures and learn how to wield it in the fight of good vs. evil. All supplies provided. DROP IN

Ghost in the Graveyard
Thursday, October 4 • 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Library Front Entrance
Rain Location: Carnegie Meeting Room
One spooky night, a group of middle schoolers wander through the darkness searching for ghosts...Meet under the portico front entrance to the library in weather appropriate clothing as we play games in the dark on the library lawn and roast s’mores. In case of rain, we will meet inside in the Carnegie Community Room. DROP IN

Bowtruckle Buddies
Friday, November 9 • 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Start your collection of fantastic beasts with a homegrown bowtruckle! This do-it-yourself activity is great for all middle school wizarding fans.
REGISTER

It’s Dinovember!

Kick Off: Wednesday, November 7 • 6:30
Youth Services
Celebrate dinosaurs all month long in Youth Services. The toy dinosaurs have invaded the library! Stop by to see what fun the dinosaurs have been up to. Some days they might be hiding, asleep in the shelves after a long night of playing! Every morning the youth services librarians find a dinosaur mess! During the day, they run and hide. Join us to meet the dinosaurs and hear a few dinosaur stories! DROP IN
Family Reading Night
Thursday, November 15 • 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White, and the Illinois Center for the Book, Family Reading Night is an annual statewide event held the third Thursday in November to encourage families to spend quality time reading together. Set up your “tent” and read in the Youth Services department. We provide the s’mores, you bring your blanket and flashlight. REGISTER or DROP IN

Family Reading Night

Read with Rusty Reading Program
Starting first week of October
Infants – age 14
The Chicago Steel Hockey Team is partnering with libraries for a reading power play! The goal is to read daily to earn a complimentary ticket to a Chicago Steel Hockey game. Details at registration.

Meet Chicago Steel Players & Rusty
Sunday, October 7 • 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Join Chicago Steel Players and Rusty, the Chicago Steel mascot, as we sign kids up for the reading program! The fun will also include Chicago Steel Players reading aloud, Rusty greeting everyone, and a few special surprises. Mark your calendar! DROP IN

Fall Fireside Fun
Thursday, October 11 • 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.
Hickory Knolls Discovery Center
In partnership with the St. Charles Park District, hear stories at the Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, 3795 Campton Hills Drive. Join us for some “spirited” fun around the campfire, with a touch of scary stories. End the evening with s’mores treats. DROP IN

Star Wars Reads Day
Thursday, October 25 • 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Join us for stories and more including Bingo from a galaxy far, far away. All ages welcome to attend. Come in costume if you like! DROP IN

Character Visit
Meet the Cat in the Hat!
Friday, October 26 • 4:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Stop by the library to meet the costumed character Cat in the Hat. Presented in partnership with Barnes & Noble of Geneva. DROP IN

International Games Week
November 5-10 • 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Come play a game with us! Board games will be available for all ages to play in the department. Bring your family or make a new friend! DROP IN

Preschool Fair
Thursday, November 8 • 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Find the right preschool for your child. Discover local St. Charles preschools, meet and greet staff from the schools, and ask questions. Children are welcome to attend.
Looking for a preschool in Geneva or Batavia? Drop by the Preschool Fair at Batavia Public Library, on Monday, November 12, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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You've Got to Read This!

Where will a book take you this fall?

**Drawn Together**
by Minh Lê • JE LE
A boy goes to stay with his grandfather, but finds communication a problem. When the boy opens his drawing supplies, the two discover that art is the answer. Their drawings are the bridge to understanding one another and telling their story.

**How to be an Elephant: Growing up in the African Wild**
by Katherine Roy • J 599.67 ROY
After a baby elephant is born on the African plains, it must quickly learn how to survive as part of the herd. From walking, to using its trunk, to figuring out what to eat, the baby has many life skills to learn in a short time. Beautifully illustrated and filled with facts, this is a great introduction to elephants in the wild.

**Mr. Wolf’s Class**
by Aron Nels Steinke • J 741.5 STE
It’s the first day of school in Mr. Wolf’s new classroom at Hazelwood Elementary. Despite wanting everything to go smoothly, the class hits a few bumps in the road including losing a student after library time. Join this lively class of characters in their new series about the life of 4th graders by an Eisner Award-winning author.

**The Science of Breakable Things**
by Tae Keller • JH KELLER
Natalie’s science project requires her to explore original research – but the only thing on Natalie’s mind right now is the fact that she feels like her mom isn’t there anymore. The only question Natalie wants to research is, “what happened to the happy mom I used to know?” but she ends up studying keeping eggs safe when dropped from a height. As she delves into her project, Natalie learns a lot about what happens when things break – and whether it is possible to put them back together again.

**Scribbles and Ink: The Contest**
by Ethan Long • JR LONG
Told in the graphic style of the Elephant and Piggie stories, Scribbles and Ink are a cat and mouse off on adventures. Watch their artistic efforts come to life when the friends enter a “Draw a Dinosaur” contest.
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