St. Charles Public Library’s Carnegie Building: Then and Now

The historic Carnegie Library building—it is the heart of our current Library and an integral part of the city’s history. It connects our past with our exciting future as a vital resource to the community. The Carnegie has seen a lot of changes since it opened to the public in 1908. As society progressed, the Library, too, expanded and evolved to meet the needs of St. Charles residents. While technology, services and resources have changed over the years, one thing remains constant: the importance of the Carnegie building.

As part of the 1908 Carnegie Library building, the Carnegie Community Room located on the second floor, first known as Library Hall, offered a place for St. Charles residents to meet and share experiences. The Hall held Library programs, community organization meetings, high school dances, and kindergarten and elementary school classes, which were offered on a temporary basis.

A Carnegie library is a library built with money donated by Scottish-American businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Carnegie donated $12,500 to build a new library in St. Charles.
St. Charles Public Library

Celebrating National Library Card Sign-up Month this September

Throughout the month of September, we are celebrating National Library Card Sign-up Month with Marley Dias, this year’s honorary chair. At just 16 years old, she is the founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks, an author, executive producer and activist. Her mission as well as ours: encourage people of all ages to get a library card, to experience new stories and make changes to empower themselves.

The Library has the resources you need to empower yourself with connections to technology, career and homework assistance, educational programming, research and so much more. Having access to information not only transforms lives, it makes communities stronger. Start on your new journey by signing up for a library card, if you don’t already have one.

It’s easy to get your St. Charles Public Library card. Stop by the Library and request one in person or if you are a resident in the Library district, you can obtain a card online. Visit our website at scpld.org to learn more or to start the online process.

To recognize National Library Card Sign-up Month, the Library has fun giveaways, contests and more planned all month long. In addition to these events, we are excited to offer new and existing cardholders the chance to win a grand prize that encourages exploration, discovery and growth: a Chicago CityPASS package. This package gives you and three guests admittance to five of Chicago’s world-renowned museums and includes transportation passes. Look for more contest details available in September.

Join Marley Dias and the St. Charles Public Library to discover all the benefits that a library card can provide. Whether you get a library card this September or you are a long-time patron, we want you to be excited about being a card holder. It’s your ticket to diverse and empowering experiences.

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Carnegie Quiet Room

When planning the 2021 renovation, integrating the Carnegie into day-to-day library life was key. As you enter the Library, the entrance to the Carnegie is now visible. The main floor of the Carnegie is now the Quiet Room and features local history, genealogy, and two quiet study rooms.

The refurbished furnishes have been returned to the space to make the room inviting and warm. During the renovation, the original exterior windows were discovered and restored, and glass panels were placed in the original main entrance, adding a special touch to the Carnegie Quiet Room.

Carnegie Community Room

The second floor of the Carnegie remains the Carnegie Community Room and will continue to host concerts and historic programming. The finishes were updated to maintain the look of the original decor. Access to the Carnegie has been enhanced by creating a ramp and entrance that makes the room accessible to all.

The next time you are at the Library, visit the Carnegie.

See how the renovation has preserved an important part of Library history while still being welcoming to modern-day patrons.

Program Information

Registration for all Library programs begins Friday, August 20 at 9:00 a.m. Register online at scpld.org, by phone at 630-584-0076 x1 or in person.

Original external wall discovered during renovation.

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Welcome to the Carnegie Library Building Established 1908
**Discover Your New Library**

**Building Map**

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**of Information**

**Banned Books Week:**

**Highlighting the Importance of Information**

**Banned Books Week is September 26 – October 2.**

Join us, the American Library Association and inaugural Honorary Chair Jason Reynolds as we highlight the importance of free and open access to information. This year’s theme: Books Unite Us.

Censorship Divides Us.

We support the freedom to seek and express ideas, no matter how unpopular. For all readers—young people in particular—books offer both shared and differently-lived experiences that help develop empathy and understanding of our world. We encourage readers—especially young people—in particular—books offer both shared and differently-lived experiences that help develop empathy and understanding of our world.

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Help us recognize all the ways in which books unite us during Banned Books Week.

For a list of banned books, visit scpld.org/challenged-banned-books.

**Friends of St. Charles Public Library**

**Public Library Meeting**

**Carnegie Community Room**

**Monday, October 4**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Program Information**

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**What the Staff is Reading**

**The Dictionary of Lost Words**

Pip Williams • FIC WILLIAMS

A fascinating glimpse into the past, an interesting main character and thought-provoking themes that examine “who tells the story” of history - and who is left out.

**This Is Happiness**

Nadl Williams • FIC WILLIAMS

Set in a remote Irish village that is finally receiving electricity, this charming hommage to love, family, friendship and redemption has characters you will love.

**The Sun Down Motel**

Simone St. James • FIC JAMES

Upstate New York, 2017. Every small town has a place like the Sun Down Motel, but are there all full of so many secrets? A nice little mystery, plus a few ghosts to go around.

**Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist**

Judith Heumann • 362.4 HEU

This will open your eyes in terms of the long struggle to implement protections for disabled peoples’ rights and the many things we often take for granted.

**On Juneteenth**

Annette Gordon-Reed • 394.263 GOR

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author concisely weaves history with a captivating blend of memoir and personal reflection to illuminate this unique celebration.

**Nature’s Best Hope**

Douglas W. Tallamy • 635.951 TAL

In a conversational tone, the author invites you to take a different look at nature in your yard and neighborhood. An empowering, inspiring book.

**Truly Devious**

Maeve O’Farrell • YA FIC JOHNSON

The start of a new series set at a prestigious Vermont school features a suspenseful, attention-grabbing mystery with no clear solution.

**Cookbook Club**

Each month, experience recipes, sample scrumptious foods and discover cookbooks with our new Cookbook Club. Patrons are asked to try at least one to two recipes from the cookbook and come with reviews to discuss... samples are optional! This program is open to St. Charles Public Library card holders ages 18 and older. Program is limited to 12 attendees. REGISTER.

**Wednesday, September 15 • 10:00 a.m.**

**Bisbee Conference Room**

**Ama: A Modern Tex-Mex Kitchen**

by Josef Centeno and Betty Hallock • 641.5979 CEN

**Friday, October 22 • 6:00 p.m.**

**Bisbee Conference Room**

**Sababa: Fresh, Sunny Flavors from My Israeli Kitchen**

by Adena Sussman • 641.676 SUS

**Tuesday, November 16 • 2:00 p.m.**

**Bisbee Conference Room**

**Sister Pie**

by Lisa Ludwinski • 641.862 LUD

**2nd Tuesday Book Discussion**

**Carnegie Community Room**

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

**September 14 • Morning & Evening**

**The Vanishing Half**

by Brit Bennett • FIC BENNETT

The Only Good Indians by Stephen Graham Jones • FIC JONES

**October 12 • Morning & Evening**

**October 6: A Good Kind of Trouble**

by Lisa Moore Ramée

**November 9 • Morning & Evening**

**Hamnet**

by Maggie O’Farrell • FIC OFARRELL

**Diverse Voices Book Club for Adults**

**Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Bisbee Conference Room**

**Upstate New York, 2017. Every small town has a place like the Sun Down Motel, but are there all full of so many secrets? A nice little mystery, plus a few ghosts to go around.**

**Tuesday, November 16 • 2:00 p.m. • Bisbee Conference Room**

**Nature of the Beast**

by Adeena Sussman

**November 10: Each Tiny Spark**

by Pablo Cartaya

*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. Meet at the same time as Diverse Voices Book Club for grades 3-8. REGISTER.*

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Fascinating Women of History
Georgia O’Keeffe with Leslie Goddard

Thursday, September 30
Huntley Community Room

In this living-history performance, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., portrays Georgia O’Keeffe, the legendary artist and modernist. As O’Keeffe reflects on her life, she discusses her intense closeness to flowers, nature and the landscape around her homes in New Mexico. REGISTER

Meet Marie Antoinette with Martina Mathisen

Wednesday, November 10
St. Charles Public Library

Historian Martina Mathisen will reveal the truth behind this very much misunderstood queen, from a teen bride enveloped in pure opulence to the most hated woman in France. REGISTER

St. Charles Writers Group

Saturday • 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
St. Charles Public Library

The St. Charles Writers Group is a workshop for novice or experienced writers that meets twice a month. The group is open to all those 18 years of age or older looking for a community of writers and seeking to improve their writing. All genres are welcome. For more information, visit our website at scpdl.org/st-charles-writers-group. DROP IN

September 11: A Swim in a Pond in the Rain by George Saunders
Book Discussion, Part I

September 25: A Swim in a Pond in the Rain by George Saunders
Book Discussion, Part II

October 30: Responding to Writing

November 13: Poems of Gratitude

November 27: What’s the Story with Backstory?

Never Forget 9/11/2001 Virtual Program

In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the 9/11 Memorial Museum presents a film highlighting first-person accounts of the deadliest terrorist attacks in world history and their aftermath. Please register to receive a link to the video. REGISTER

Awesome Australia

Monday, October 4 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Join us to play Catan. Ticket to Ride and other modern games. Meet up with fellow board gamers. Bring a favorite game to teach new players or grab one from our collection. Find us on Meetup.com under Board Games @ St. Charles Public Library. REGISTER or DROP IN

October 6: Using FamilySearch.org

September 22: Foundation of Genealogy Research

October 17: The World Health Organization’s Response to COVID-19

Great Decisions

September 16: China in Africa

October 21: The Two Koreas

November 11: Fascinating Women of History

November 18: The World Health Organization’s Response to COVID-19

Genealogy Workshop with Caron Brennan

Wednesday • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Gardening Programs

Canning Demonstration: I Can! So Can You Can

Thursday, September 29 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Join Kathy Jankovic, former culinary arts instructor at Geneva High School, as she demonstrates the steps of canning. Learn how canned produce can be used to create healthy dishes, such as homemade Italian and Mexican sauces. REGISTER This program is being presented by The Just Food Initiative of the Fox Valley.

Gardening with Nature

Thursday, October 21 • 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Online via Zoom

How can you garden in harmony with the national world sea budget? Consider adding native and sustainable plants to your palette? During this program, we’ll explore the value and challenges of incorporating native and sustainable plants into formal, vegetable, and container gardens and discuss economical ways to get results. REGISTER

Books, Bites and Brews

Wednesday, October 27 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Huntley Community Room

Join us at our book club, especially for adults 21 and over—Books, Bites and Brews—held at Riverlands Brewing Company. Pizza will be provided by the Library. Participants are responsible for their own drinks and literary opinions. Our October read will be The Other Mother by Carol Goodman. REGISTER

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### Business Programs

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

**Small Business Bonanza**

Wednesday, September 22 • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Hybrid: Huntley Community Room OR Online via Zoom

Learn about all the exciting business programs and events happening in the local business community. This month, Business Librarian Chris Flood will give attendees a tour of the renovated meeting rooms, highlight the technology available to borrow and provide a quick overview of electronic resources.

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**The Color of Law & Reversing Segregation with Richard Rothstein**

Wednesday, October 13 • 7:00–8:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom

Author and researcher Richard Rothstein presents on the policies that led to racial segregation in American communities, and what can be done to reverse these practices and work towards racial equity. The program offers a unique opportunity to discuss this complex, and important subject.

REGISTER or DROP IN

**Register to Know About Selecting a Long-Term Care Insurance Policy**

Wednesday, October 6 • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Hybrid: Huntley Community Room OR Online via Zoom

Learn about important steps to take in the year before your retirement to ensure your best outcomes with Jorie Pitt, local CFP(R) from Mission Wealth. Should you delay Social Security for more money in retirement to ensure your best outcomes with Jorie Pitt, local CFP(R) from Mission Wealth. Should you delay Social Security for more money

Long Term Care Insurance is a complex and important subject. Jorie Pitt, local CFP(R) from Mission Wealth, will be joined by Robert Barnes, President of Integrated Insurance Consulting, for a complete overview of everything you might need to know about selecting a long-term care insurance policy.

REGISTER or DROP IN

**In-Person Computer Basics Classes - Mornings**

Wednesday, October 13 • 6:30–8:00 a.m. • Computer Lab

Our IT Educator will cover the basics so you can feel confident using your laptop, tablet or phone. This morning class is designed for beginners. It covers the fundamentals of using a computer, including starting up, turning off, and managing basic tasks.

REGISTER

**In-Person Computer Instruction - Evenings**

Tuesday, October 26 • 6:30–8:00 p.m. • Google Apps

Learn how to use Google Docs, Sheets, Slides or Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint with computer instructional videos delivered to your email inbox. Please see our website, scpld.org/computer-classes, for details. All videos offer closed captioning. Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only. Emails are sent out on Mondays.

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ACT Practice Test
Saturday, September 4 • 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Huntley Community Room • Please register by August 30
This virtual presentation outlines the general financial aid process and provides insight on how financial aid works, how to apply for it, student eligibility and how it can be used to help pay for college. It introduces the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) along with summarizing state and federal aid programs among other topics. Presented by Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).
REGISTER

Understanding College Financial Aid—and How You Can Benefit from It
Wednesday, October 6 • 7:00 p.m. • Online via Zoom
This free virtual presentation delves into the financial aid process and information on how students can maximize their financial aid. Presented by Joe Orsolini, Certified Financial Planner and former admission counselor.
REGISTER

College Financial Aid Process
Thursday, September 23 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. OR Thursday, September 27 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. OR Thursday, October 1 • 7:00-8:00 p.m. OR Thursday, October 8 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom
Learn how to compare need-based financial aid eligibility, target the right colleges for merit-based financial aid and exploit tax-saving opportunities from Certified Financial Planner Joe Orsolini.
REGISTER

Don’t Pay the College Sticker Price!
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Online via Zoom
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Volunteering
As we welcome volunteers back into the Library, please check online for high school volunteer opportunities scpld.org/teen-volunteer.

T-Shirt Tote Bags
Monday, September 13 – Monday, September 20 • Grades 9-12
Pick up your kit in The Loft the week of September 13
Learn how to upcycle t-shirts into a no-sew tote bag! This Grab and Go Kit will include an old library event t-shirt and instructions.
REGISTER

Paracord Bracelets
Monday, October 4 – Monday October 11 • All day • Grades 9-12
Pick up your kit in The Loft the week of October 4
Learn how to craft your own paracord bracelet and how to tie various knots with this kit. *If registering online, please look at October 4 on the calendar.
REGISTER

Paper Plate Woven Bowls
Monday, November 8 – Monday November 15 • Grades 9-12
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REGISTER

Day of the Dead
Tuesday, November 2 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Huntley Community Room
Celebrate Dia de los Muertos / Day of the Dead! Learn about this special holiday and the tradition of honoring deceased loved ones. Our celebration will include games, crafts and traditional refreshments. REGISTER or DROP IN

Program Information
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All Ages Story Time

Twinleaf Tales

All Ages

Fridays • September 3 • October 1 • November 5 • 10:00–10:30 a.m. • Millar Haas Community Room

Join us on YouTube for a story time that you can watch again and again throughout the week! A new story time is posted each Thursday.

Sensory Story Time

All Ages

September 3 • December 10 • 10:00–10:30 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room

Lapel story time for parents/caregivers and children. We will sing songs, read stories and play together. Simple sign language will also be covered. Come as you are! Register.

Two & Three-Year-Old Story Time

Ages 2-3 years

Thursday, September 30
10:30-11:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room

An interactive story time for children and their parents/caregivers, which include songs and stories. Register.

My First Story Time

0-24 months

Thursday, September 30
9:30–10:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room

My First Story Time is a sensory safe and safe story time for infants and toddlers. All caregivers must stay with their children.

Pumpkin Party

Ages 3-5 years

Friday, October 22
10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 3:00–3:30 p.m. • Millar Haas Community Room

Celebrate this fun time of year with pumpkin crafts and activities! Practice preschool skills like cutting and gluing. Register.

Music Makers

All Ages • Friday, November 19
10:00–10:30 a.m. OR 3:00–3:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room

Let’s make some noise! We will play instruments and learn about body percussion. Register.

Scratch Coding: Haunted House

Grades 4-8 • Friday, October 8
2:30–4:30 p.m. • Computer Lab

It’s a day off of school! Intermediate Scratch users will be led in coding their own haunted house. We will go step-by-step, troubleshoot errors and play with fun additions to our self-created game! Please come with your username and password so we can hop right into coding. Register.

Art in the Afternoon

Grades 1-3 • Mondays: September 20, October 18, November 15
6:00–6:45 p.m. • Millar Haas Community Room

Enjoy a short hike. Please register for each event.

LEGO Marble Mazes

Grades K+ • Monday, November 22
2:30–4:30 p.m. • Millar Haas Community Room

Create marble mazes using LEGO! How a-MAZE-ing will your creations be? Register.

Coding Unplugged

Grades K-2: Saturday, September 25
Grades 3-5: Saturday, October 23
Grades K-2: Saturday, October 16
Grades 3-5: Saturday, November 6

4:00–4:45 p.m. • Millar Haas Community Room

You don’t need a computer to have fun coding! Play some games while learning simple coding skills. Register.

November 10: Each Tiny Spark

Grades K-2: Monday, November 1
3:00–4:00 p.m. • Millar Haas Community Room

Explore the world of tech with robotics! Register.

Diverse Voices Book Discussion

Grades 3-5 • Friday, October 29
3:30–4:30 p.m. • Millar Haas Community Room

Discuss titles written by people of different backgrounds and experiences. Meets at the same time as Diverse Voices Book Club for adults. Register.

Junior Historians

All Ages • Fridays: September 10, October 8, November 12
11:00 a.m. • 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 and activities. Visit the St. Charles History Museum to pick up a Grab and Go Kit for a fun activity related to the month’s video topic! This program is presented in partnership with the St. Charles History Museum and the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission. Register.

Junior Historians

Grades 4-8 • Thursdays

October 6: A Kind of Trouble

Grades 3-5 • Monday, November 1
6:30–7:30 p.m. • Millar Haas Community Room

Discuss titles written by people of different backgrounds and experiences. Meets at the same time as Diverse Voices Book Club for adults. Register.

Helen Gale Story Room

Parachute Fun

Grades K-2 • Thursday, October 14
4:00–4:20 p.m. OR 4:30–4:50 p.m. • Millar Haas Community Room

Join us for a few games with the large indoor parachute! Register.

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We would like to thank the St. Charles Park District for partnering with the St. Charles Library and the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission.

Please note: In the event that the Library is closed due to weather or other unexpected circumstances, you may check the Library’s online calendar or visit stclibrary.org for updates.

Google YouTube library services Logo
StoryWalk
All Ages • New stories posted September 1, October 1, November 1
LeRoy Oakes, 37W700 Dean St, St. Charles
Come enjoy the great outdoors and a great story! Located on the east side of LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve on the Randall Road Trail. Enjoy a new story monthly. The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. In partnership with the Kane County Forest Preserve District. DROP IN

Worm Races
All Ages • Friday, September 3
10:00–10:30 a.m. • Terrace Garden
Get a wiggle on! Fastest worms! Contact your inner bookworm and stop in for some LIVE worm races! We’ll provide the worms you provide the cheer! DROP IN

Firefly Theater Presents: Forest Chorus
All Ages • Monday, September 13
4:00 p.m. • Miller Haase Community Room
Join Firefly Family Theatre for an original show that includes music, movement, puppets and more! REGISTER

Movies in the Park
All Ages
Friday, September 10 • 7:15 p.m. • Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG)
Friday, October 8 • 6:30 p.m. • Hocus Pocus (PG)
Pottawatomie Park Amphitheater
Grab a blanket and join us for FREE outdoor movies at the Pottawatomie Park Amphitheater! Concessions will be available for purchase. Sponsored by the St. Charles Public Library in partnership with the STC Underground and the St. Charles Park District. DROP IN

Miss Katelyn’s Neighborhood
All Ages • Thursdays: September 16, October 21 • November 18
9:00 a.m. • YouTube
Let’s explore our neighborhoods together! Join Miss Katelyn as she meets local business owners to learn about what goes on behind the scenes.

Middle School Programs
Junior Friends
Grades 6-8 • Thursdays: September 2 • October 7 • November 4
6:00–7:30 p.m. • Miller Haase Meeting Room
Interested in volunteer or service hours? Join this updated program specifically to reach your goals while helping your community. Meets the first Thursday of every month to plan, share and lend a hand. DROP IN

Lit Loot
Grades 6-12
Sign up by: Friday, September 10 • Sunday, October 10
Wednesday, November 10
Adventuresome kids and their parents are invited to join the Lit Loot subscription box customized just for you! Each box will contain a book specially selected for you and a few goodies, all based on the theme of the month. Keep the loot, return the book. A St. Charles Library card is required for this program. REGISTER

Not So Scary Campfire
All Ages • Thursday, October 14 • 7:00–7:45 p.m.
Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, Firepit
3795 Campton Hills Dr, St. Charles
The Library will share delightful tales, with just the right mix of spooky and fun, to get even the littles of ghouls giggling. End the evening with a Halloween toasted ghost, aka roasted marshmallow. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Bring your camping chairs or blanket.
In partnership with the St. Charles Park District, Register with the Park District online or by phone, 630-513-6200. REGISTER

Flashlight Scavenger Hunt
All Ages • Wednesday, October 27
6:00–8:00 p.m. • Terrace Garden
Stop by the Youth Services desk for a scavenger hunt map and see if you can find all the hidden things in the Terrace Garden! DROP IN

Illinois Family Reading Night
All Ages • Thursday, November 18 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Miller Haase Community Room and Youth Services
Join the Library for Illinois Family Reading Night! Start the evening with reading, and end it with hot cocoa! DROP IN

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November is DINOvember!!
All Ages
All November long, look for the hidden T-Rex in the Youth Services department. Tell the Youth Services desk where you find the T-Rex to receive a sticker prize! Check out our YouTube channel for a new, fun Dinosaur video.

Intro to Cricut Design Space
Grades 6-8 • Monday, October 11
2:00–3:00 p.m. • STC Creative
Learn the basic steps of creating and cutting a design on the Cricut, a smart cutting machine you can use to take your craft projects to the next level. REGISTER

Diverse Voices Book Discussion
October 6: A Good Kind of Trouble by Lulu Moore Ramee
October 10: Each Tiny Spark by Pablo Carta
6:30–7:30 p.m. • Bissell Conference Room
Grades K-8
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. REGISTER

Just for Grown Ups
Parenting Book Club
Kid Confidence by Eileen Kennedy-Moore
8:00–8:45 p.m. • Online via Zoom
A book club just for parents, from the comfort of your own home! There’s no need to find a babysitter! Join other parents to discuss a book related to being a parent. Books are available to pick up at the Library. A link to the program will be emailed to you the day before the program. REGISTER

Grab and Go Kits
Grab and Go Kits are available in person on the lower level beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the release day until we run out. All kits are on the Maker Table and all kits are Tech Free unless otherwise noted.
Sensory Fine Motor Activity
Ages 3+ • Saturdays: September 4 • October 2 • November 6
Explore your senses and build your motor skills with a take home activity!

Crafternoon
Ages 3-8 • Saturday, September 25
Get crafty with a kit from the Library! Instructions are available on our YouTube channel.

Grab and Go STEAM
Grades K-8 • Saturday, November 20
Visit the Library to pick up an interactive STEAM kit with all supplies and instructions included.

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St. Charles Library Board

Library Board Welcomes New Trustee

A new member was elected to the Library’s Board in the 2021 Consolidated Election held this past April. Mary Kruse replaces Mary Louise Gobel as a trustee and will serve from May 2021 - May 2027. Mary is a proud resident of St. Charles since moving here in 2016 with her husband, a life-long St. Charles resident. After graduating from Loyola University Chicago with a degree in political science and peace studies, she began her career working with non-profit organizations. Having previously worked with several arts and human service organizations, Mary currently manages donor stewardship for a private high school in Arlington Heights, is a board member with the St. Charles Park District Foundation, and now joins the Library. We welcome Mary and look forward to working with her to continue to provide quality services and resources to the community.

Board of Trustees Welcomes Back Returning Members

The Library is happy to announce that Trustees Michael J. Hill and Claudia Frost will continue to serve on the Board for another six-year term, from May 2021 through May 2027. We look forward to continuing to work with them on creating policies that shape the Library and benefit the community.