What are the things that sustain us as a society? When considering that question, you might think of the bare necessities of food, water and shelter. You might think of our commodities like technology, our phones and the Internet. Or you may think of art, music, movies and books. If society as we know it now were to collapse, what would be the things that we would preserve and pass on to future generations to remember the past? How would we band together to ensure the survival of our civilization?

These are just a few of the thought-provoking questions explored in our One Book, One Community read for 2019, *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. Set in the decades following a global pandemic that causes the world to be changed forever, the novel follows the journey of a traveling troupe of actors and musicians known as The Traveling Symphony, who have dedicated themselves to the mission of keeping cherished art, music and plays alive for the future.

Building upon the central themes of survival, art, memory and community, *Station Eleven* is a suspenseful and spellbinding tale that will have you thinking and talking about what sustains us as a civilization. And if our civilization were to collapse, what would give us hope for the future? As the Traveling Symphony’s slogan goes, "Survival is Insufficient", because our art and culture bring us together, and are what help turn individuals into community.

Throughout the month of April, we will be holding events, discussions and programs based upon these central themes and questions from the book. Our goal is to engage book lovers of all ages in a celebration of our community’s love of reading and fun for the whole family – teens and kids are invited to join in the celebration too by reading the companion novel *Life As We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer, and the picture book *Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood* by F. Isabel Campoy.

*When I think of disaster, I’m reassured by stories of people who retain their humanity under unspeakable circumstances."

– Emily St. John Mandel
About One Book, One Community

Coming April 2019

One Book, One Community promotes a shared, city-wide reading and cultural experience. It’s a unique opportunity to connect with the entire community through a compelling book, engaging discussion and a variety of events. Our selection, Station Eleven, is a celebration of hope, perseverance, strength, friendship and love; some of the very things that bring us together as a community and as a society.

It all starts during the month of April. We hope that you’ll join us in this community-wide reading experience, and we hope to see you at one of the many events based on the book that we have planned throughout the month! Together, we will find that “Survival is Insufficient.”

About the Author:
Emily St. John Mandel

Emily St. John Mandel is the author of four novels, most recently Station Eleven, which have earned her numerous awards and critical acclaim. Her short fiction and essays have been anthologized in many collections, including Best American Mystery Stories 2013. She is a staff writer for The Millions and lives in New York City with her husband and daughter. We are excited to welcome her to St. Charles in April and to have her share in our community-wide celebration of reading!

Biography Source: emilymandel.com

How to Get Your Copy of Station Eleven

We will have additional copies of Station Eleven (and the companion novels) for our cardholders to borrow.

Thank you to the following organizations and community partners for their generous support of One Book, One Community: St. Charles Library Foundation, Friends of St. Charles Public Library, Arcada Theatre, City of St. Charles Emergency Management Agency, local Scouts BSA and Girl Scout Troops, St. Charles Community Unit District 303, St. Charles History Museum and St. Mark’s Lutheran Church.

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REGISTER

Shakespeare Plays in Station Eleven

Thursday, April 4 • 6:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Shakespeare plays are a central plot device in Station Eleven. Shakespeare instructor John Nygro will discuss the plays referenced in the novel including King Lear, Hamlet, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, The Winter’s Tale, and Romeo and Juliet. Each of these Shakespeare masterpieces has much to tell us about life, death, separation and reunion, emotional struggle, and the magic of everyday life.

REGISTER

One Book, One Community Bash

Saturday, April 6 • 1:00-3:00 p.m. • Library & St. Mark’s Parking Lot

Join us as we embark on our month-long celebration of reading together! Come to learn more about Station Eleven and experience scenes from the book at this event complete with food, music, giveaways, hands-on activities and more. Learn camping and survival techniques from our local Boy and Girl Scout Troops, and get emergency preparedness information from the City of St. Charles Emergency Management Agency.

DROP IN

The Shakespeare Project: My Name is Will

Sunday, April 7 • 2:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago will present their original adaption of Shakespeare's sonnets and songs, "My Name is Will", in a staged reading format. "My Name Is Will" is a theatrical adaptation of 35 of Shakespeare's sonnets accompanied by songs from eight of his plays. It is presented by two men and two women and takes the audience on an intricate journey through the many dimensions of the deeply personal and complex relationships underpinning Shakespeare's sonnets. The songs from Shakespeare's plays provide commentary and counterpoint to the themes explored. With an original score by Chris Walz, the non-baroque music presents these songs in a fresh and newly-imagined context and is the perfect complement to the Bard's poetry and lyrics.

REGISTER

2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 9 • 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Carnegie Community Room

Join a discussion of Emily St. John Mandel’s book at either the morning or the evening group. If you need help getting a copy, please ask at the Reference or Reader Services Desk.

REGISTER
Survival Gardening

Wednesday, April 10 • 7:00-8:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Could you grow everything that you would need to survive? Resilient gardeners deal with unpredictable issues to produce food that can sustain during challenging times. Health, diet, weather and finances will be considered as Master Gardeners discuss sustainable survival gardening techniques. Learn about watering, soil fertility, seed selection, seed saving, harvesting and storage. REGISTER

Shelter, Fire and Water

Tuesday, April 16 • 7:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

This 90-minute workshop, taught by Ron Nosek of Medicine Hawk Wilderness Skills, will teach participants how to identify, find, make, and/or use the items that nature provides for human survival. The three basic needs are shelter, water, fire. The presentation will include demonstration of fire by both flint and steel and a primitive bow drill, hands-on construction of a primitive shelter, and a discussion of safe sources of drinking water. Weather permitting, we will go outside for demonstrations. Please dress accordingly. REGISTER or DROP IN

Pandemic Board Game Night

Wednesday, April 17 • 6:00-8:30 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

In Station Eleven, a massive pandemic wipes out most of the world's population. Think you have what it takes to prevent this from happening? Put your board game skills to the test at this special event featuring the board game Pandemic. In this game, you're part of a team of disease-fighting specialists treating a rapidly-spreading disease and helping find a cure. Snacks, drinks, and other board games will be available as well! REGISTER or DROP IN

Survival is Insufficient: Questions and Lessons from Station Eleven

Thursday, April 18 • 7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Station Eleven is the latest in a long line of post-apocalyptic novels but it has a very unique and fascinating focus. Rather than the struggle to live each day, it appeals to the human yearning for art. To better understand the novel, Professor Gary Midkiff will compare this book to its predecessors, discuss the real current threat of a world-wide pandemic, and then lead an audience discussion regarding this question: For those who survive, what will they most want? Those who sign up for this program need to read the book in advance. REGISTER

Celebrating the Great Lakes: The Future of a National Treasure

Saturday, April 27 • 1:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

In Station Eleven, a traveling Shakespeare troupe traverses the Great Lakes region. The Great Lakes are the largest group of freshwater lakes on earth by surface area, but what is the future of this national treasure? Dr. John Janssen, Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee’s School of Freshwater Sciences, will speak on the important role the Great Lakes plays in our lives as well as the ecological consequences invasive species have on the environment. REGISTER

The Story Behind Station Eleven: An Evening with Emily St. John Mandel

Monday, April 29 • 7:00 p.m. • Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.
Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main Street, St. Charles

Award-winning and national bestselling author Emily St. John Mandel will share her story and inspiration for writing Station Eleven in this special free and open to the public presentation at the Arcada Theatre. She will speak about why she chose to use things like Shakespeare plays, comic books, and museums as central plot devices in her book, as well as offer her thoughts about how her novel reflects hope in the ways that humanity can band together in the face of adversity. Bring your questions and copies of Station Eleven, as she will also autograph a select number of copies! For more information, please call us at 630-584-0076 x 246.

by Edith G. Craig, Library Director

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**COMPUTER PROGRAMS**

- Classes are open to St. Charles Public Library cardholders only.
- **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 March classes, registration begins Sunday, February 17 • 12:00 p.m.

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 June classes, registration begins Sunday, May 19 • 12:00 p.m.
Women's Business Council International
Women's Day Celebration
Friday, March 8 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Join us and the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce in celebrating International Women's Day 2019! Michelle Meyer, Executive Director at Mutual Ground, Inc., will share news of this local agency that provides education, awareness and life-changing services that empower individuals, families and the community to end the cycle of domestic and sexual violence. Complimentary continental breakfast will be served.
REGISTER

Show Me The Money!
Saturday, March 30 • 10:00 a.m-2:00 p.m. • Main Lobby
A representative from the Illinois Treasurer’s I-Cash team will aid your search for unclaimed funds from Illinois’ lost and abandoned property list. This could include checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposit, overpayments, insurance checks, payroll checks, utility refunds, money orders, uncashed checks, dividends, stocks, bonds and more. Stop by the lobby to see if you have any money coming to you! DROP IN

Shredding Event
Saturday, March 30 • 10:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.
St. Charles Public Library Parking Lot
Protect your identity and help the environment by shredding up to three boxes or bags of paper at the St. Charles Public Library. Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, 7,000 gallons of water, and 60 pounds of air pollution. ProShred will shred your documents onsite: no need to remove staples, paperclips or rubber bands. DROP IN

Getting The Most From Your Retirement Money
Monday, April 1 • 6:30-8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
The right strategy can help you get the most from your IRA, 401(k), or other retirement plan. Rollovers, qualified charitable distributions, Roth conversions, and other tools can help you manage income taxes, streamline (or even avoid) distributions, and simplify your life. Learn about required minimum distributions, when it makes sense to take money out before you reach age 70 ½, how to choose the right beneficiary, and what you can and can’t do when you inherit an account. Karen Chan is a financial educator, speaker, and consultant who has been educating the public on financial matters for 25 years. She partners with numerous Chicago-area libraries to present well-researched, in-depth financial workshops that help participants make wiser decisions with their money. REGISTER or DROP IN

Case Your Competition
Thursday, May 9 • 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Learn about library resources that will allow you to discover what your competition is doing. This will not be a how-to on installing hidden cameras, but an introduction to using electronic resources that reveal industry trends, national market share, and the news you need to know to succeed in your category. Competitive intelligence arms you to make more informed decisions for your business, and Business Reference Librarian Chris Flood wants to help you in that process. REGISTER or DROP IN

Find Meaningful Employment:
Learn & Network with TUG & the Library
March 11 • March 25 • April 8 • April 22* • May 13
6:30–8:45 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
*April 22 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

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK
MAY 5–MAY 11, 2019

Sales Strategies for Today’s Entrepreneur
Wednesday, May 8 • 6:30-8:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Your business is your passion, but most of us do not understand the sales process or how to attract potential customers to our own business. In this workshop, Dr. Peter A. James will take you through specific, researched and proven sales techniques that are mandatory for today’s business owner. Dr. James is a Professor of Business & Entrepreneurship and certified business and leadership coach who focuses on helping executives and businesses transform from average to high-performing. His career has taken him from an officer in the U.S. Army to sales and marketing in a global firm to various entrepreneurship ventures. Dr. James holds a PhD in Organization and Management and a Master’s in Business Administration.
REGISTER or DROP IN

scpld.org
St. Charles Writers Group

The St. Charles Writers Group is a creative writing workshop that meets the second and 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

March 9: Slice-of-Life Vignettes
March 23: The Value of a Twenty-Dollar Word
April 13: The Villanelle: An Appreciation
April 27: Favorite Poems
May 1: Video & Discussion: “Stephen King’s Top 10 Rules for Success”
May 25: Suspense and How to Achieve It

What the Staff is Reading

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 or Reader Services Desk. DROP IN

March 12 Morning & Evening
LaRose by Louise Erdrich
FIC ERDRICH

April 9 Morning & Evening
Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel
FIC MANDEL

May 14 Morning & Evening
Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan
FIC EGAN

For more information on book discussions visit: scpld.org/bookdiscussions

What the Staff is Reading

■ A Hard Ticket Home
by David Housewright • FIC HOUSEWRIGHT
This first in the Rushmore McKenzie mystery series features tight plots, fast action, a flawed but likeable main character and a strong sense of place (Minnesota). A good choice if you enjoy William Kent Krueger.

■ Spinning Silver
by Naomi Novik • FIC NOVIK
An exceptional, lyrical, emotionally complex, moving fantasy novel that blends fairytale and Jewish folklore and is set in a wintry realm similar to early tsarist Russia. The audio production was fabulous.

■ The Day You Begin
by Jacqueline Woodson • JE WOODSON
Sometimes we all feel like an outsider. This gorgeous and moving picture book about how sharing our stories connects us will speak words of reassurance to children and make adults tear up.

■ Heartland
by Sarah Smarsh • 978.1033 SMA
With heartfelt prose, the author, now a journalist and college professor, relays the wrenching details of the hard-scrabble lives of her parents, grandparents and extended family. It is the memoir of a fiercely determined young woman who breaks the cycle of poverty that has dogged her family in rural Kansas, despite all their hard work.

■ Robin
by Dave Itzkoff • B WILLIAMS
This very good biography of Robin Williams offers a detailed look at his life and career. It is long, but the audiobook has a compelling narrator.

■ How to Be a Supervillain
by Michael Fyr • J FRY
Twelve-year-old Victor comes from a family of famous supervillains, so imagine their dismay when he just does not have a tendency to evil. Kids and parents alike will love this hilarious and offbeat series.
ADULT PROGRAMS

**Board Game Nights**

Wednesdays • March 20 • *April 17 • May 15
6:00-8:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Join us to play games like Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, and other modern board games. Meet up with fellow board gamers. Bring a favorite game to teach new players or grab one from our collection.

REGISTER or DROP IN

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REGISTER or DROP IN

**AARP Tax Preparation Service**

Fridays • March 1 • March 8 • March 15 • March 22 • March 29 • April 12
Appointments available at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. To schedule your one-hour session, call 630-584-0076, ext. 1
Carnegie Community Room

Trained volunteers will be offering free tax preparation help for anyone with individual Federal and State of Illinois returns. Prepared returns will be filed electronically. No library card required. Please bring the following documents to your appointment: last year’s tax return; a photo ID; Social Security card for everyone filing, including dependents; W-2s; and all documents relating to income, expenses and banking. If filing a joint return, both spouses must be present. More information will be available on the Library’s website.

REGISTER

**Balmoral Restaurant’s Grand Scottish Fare: An Authentic Taste of Scotland**

Thursday, March 7 • 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Enjoy traditional recipes and techniques that can only be attributed to the great country of Scotland! Laugh and learn as Colin Smith, owner of Balmoral Restaurant, walks you through the dishes that will transport you to the dining hall of Balmoral Castle or your grandma’s kitchen. REGISTER

**Knife Skills with Chef Susan Maddox**

Wednesday, April 3 • 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

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**Cooking with Chef Cherise: Make Ahead Pastries**

Wednesday, May 29 • 7:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Say goodbye to early mornings! Wouldn’t it be great to greet your family with fresh pastries that you DIDN’T have to get up early to prepare? Chef Cherise Slattery will reveal her secrets for making scones, muffins, sweet rolls, and pies – days and even weeks ahead of time. Delicious samples of cherry chocolate scones and morning delight muffins will be included. REGISTER

**Friends’ Used Book Sale**

Friday, April 26 • 2:30–7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27 • 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 28 • 12:00–3:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Don’t miss this opportunity to purchase great books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks and more at bargain prices while supporting the Friends of St. Charles Public Library.

REGISTER

**Program Registration**

Registration for all Library programs, with the exception of computer classes, begins Wednesday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m. Register online at scpld.org, by phone at 630-584-0076 x1 or in person.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Simón y Garfunkel: Sound and Then Silence

Tuesday, March 5 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

If you took the musicality of The Beatles and matched it with the lyricism of Bob Dylan, the result might be Simón & Garfunkel. Often considered the thinking person’s rock’n’rollers, they were also one of the most successful musical acts of the 1960s. Using audio and visual content, music historian Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of Simón & Garfunkel’s career from their surprise teenybopper hit “Hey Schoolgirl” to the folk-rock classic “Sound of Silence” to the ever-popular “Mrs. Robinson” and the majesty of “Bridge Over Troubled Water.” REGISTER

From Chicago to Vietnam: A Memoir of War

Thursday, March 28 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Author of the powerful memoir, From Chicago to Vietnam, Michael Duffy discusses the United States’ involvement in Vietnam along with his personal experiences as an Army draftee during the war. His memoir gives the perspective of one brave American soldier whose life, like so many others, was forever changed. Books are available for purchase and signing. REGISTER

GENEALOGY PROGRAMS

Compiling Your Medical Family Tree

Wednesday, March 13 • 7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

This lecture provides a basic understanding of what’s crucial in compiling a Medical Family Tree chart and Predisposition Results Sheet. Professional genealogist Marsha Peterson Maass will explore both traditional genealogical research methods to find family health records along with what today’s commercially available medical DNA test results can offer. Genealogists are often amazed to discover that they might already possess many records that yield this family medical information. REGISTER

Getting the Most out of AncestryDNA

Thursday, May 16 • 7:00 p.m.
Technology Center

You spit in the tube, mailed it to Ancestry, and now you have your AncestryDNA® results, so what do they mean? How do you get more out of that list of DNA Matches? This workshop will focus on what you can learn from looking at the Matches Predicted Relationship, the amount of Shared DNA, the Matches’ tree and Shared Matches to help determine who might be the Most Recent Common Ancestor MRCA. Prerequisite: you must have the results of an AncestryDNA test and an account with Ancestry.com in order to participate. This program is limited to 12 participants. REGISTER

Great Decisions

Thursdays • 7:00 p.m. • Bisbee Conference Room

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

March 21: The Middle East: Regional Disorder
April 18: Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?
May 16: The Rise of Populism in Europe

Stroke Education

Tuesday, May 7 • 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Stroke is the number one cause of disability and the number five cause of death in the United States--someone experiences a stroke every 40 seconds. May is National Stroke Awareness Month. Ryan Keiler of Northwestern Medicine will share how to develop the knowledge and skills to protect yourself and others from stroke through an interactive presentation. The 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. presentations are identical. REGISTER

Édouard Manet: Painter of Modern Life

Tuesday, May 21 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Édouard Manet took on the conservative art world in Paris by painting modern life as opposed to “accepted” subjects. In this lecture, art historian Jeff Mishur, will discuss the important works in Manet’s oeuvre including Luncheon on the Grass, The Balcony and A Bar at the Folies-Bergère. The Art Institute of Chicago will feature an exhibit devoted exclusively to Édouard Manet from May 26 through September 8, 2019. REGISTER

Sleep Better Now

Tuesday, March 19 • 7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Have you ever wished you could sleep better? Do you ever lay awake in bed and wish you could fall asleep? If so, then you can do something about it immediately! Sleep affects our mood, concentration, immune system and general enjoyment of our days and life. Dr. Kimberly Lemke is trained in CBT-I (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia) and will teach you evidence-based strategies that will allow you to finally have the sleep that you have only dreamed about. REGISTER
**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Program Registration**

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**Sunday Concert Series**

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

*Designates a classical concert funded through donations to the St. Charles Public Library Foundation.

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**March 10—Cherchez la Femme**

This classical duo of flutist Lisa Goethe-McGinn and cellist Erica Lessie, present music by women composers written or arranged especially for flute and cello, and composed throughout the millennium. They will perform music by 10th Century composer Hildegard von Bingen spanning to present-day composers including Bonn, Bliss, Holiday and Emtage.

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**March 24—Elaine Dame**

Something to Live For: The Strayhorn & Ellington Collaboration - Jazz Vocalist Elaine Dame celebrates the collaboration and twenty-nine year partnership of two of America’s most innovative and exciting jazz icons. She’ll be joined by celebrated jazz pianist Dennis Luxion.

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**April 14—ZAZZ**

This stunning concert combines the beauty and grace of classical music, with the energized grooves of jazz. ZAZZ features Deb Zelman, clarinet and vocals; Gail Sonkin, piano and arranger; and Julian Webb, bass.

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**April 28—Jim Green**

Listeners of Jim Green’s music quickly realize this musician is not bound by the usual sonic possibilities of the acoustic guitar. Weaving between many musical genres such as Folk, Rock and Ambient, Green creates enchanting melodies to percussively-driven fingerstyle songs that fully illustrate his uniqueness in the world of guitar players.

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**Women Mexican Artists**

Though Frida Kahlo has become a common name when thinking of women Mexican artists, Mexico has a lot more to offer! This one-hour slide lecture, presented by the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago, brings to light many amazing women artists who have shaped art in Mexico.

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**Leslie Goddard Presents Queen Elizabeth II**

Thursday, May 23 • 1:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

In this new historical portrayal, set at the time of Queen Elizabeth II’s silver jubilee, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the life of Britain’s famous monarch. From her childhood, the abdication of her uncle, her marriage to a Naval officer named Philip, her World War II service, and her struggle to balance her roles as queen and mother, get to know the woman behind the images, and the sense of humor and savvy intelligence with which she meets her demanding obligations.

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Register online at scpld.org, by phone at 630-584-0076 x1 or in person.
**Teen Movie Night**
Fridays • Movies start at 5:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
All films are rated PG-13

Come catch a movie on the big screen with your friends. Drinks and snacks provided. [REGISTER](#) or [DROP IN](#)

- **March 1:** Spider-Man (2002)
- **April 5:** The Giver
- **May 3:** Ferris Bueller’s Day Off

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**Anime Club**
Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Every second Tuesday of the month get loud and geek out with anime, snacks and activities! Cosplay is always welcome. [DROP IN](#)

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**Fox Valley Teen Job and Volunteer Fair**
Saturday, March 30
1:00–4:00 p.m.
Batavia Public Library

Grades 6-12. Bring your resume and get ready to meet local businesses and organizations from the Fox Valley area that are looking for seasonal or part-time employees! Both employment and volunteer opportunities are available. Hosted by the Tri-City Libraries. [DROP IN](#)

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**Teen Trivia**
April 19 • 5:00–6:30 pm
Carnegie Community Room

Come test your wits against your peers! This special One Book, One Community edition of Teen Trivia will feature questions about topics related (but not specific) to the book *Station Eleven*. Topics will include: dystopian fiction, pop culture, and other elements found within the book. Prizes awarded to the winning team. [REGISTER](#)

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**ACT Practice Test**
Saturday, March 2 • 11:00am–4:00pm
Huntley Meeting Room

The Princeton Review offers a stress-free sneak peek at the ACT in a realistic testing environment. Limited to 34 participants. Bring #2 pencils and a calculator. [REGISTER](#)

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**SAT Practice Test**
Saturday, March 16 • 11:00am–4:00pm
Huntley Meeting Room

The Princeton Review offers a stress-free sneak peek at the SAT in a realistic testing environment. Limited to 34 participants. Bring #2 pencils and a calculator. [REGISTER](#)

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**Oreo® Pops**
Wednesday, March 6 • 4:00–5:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Come celebrate National Oreo® Day with us! A professional pastry decorator will teach you how to properly melt chocolate and dip and decorate Oreo® into fun festive pops! Let your creativity explode with numerous flavors and color combinations. Minimum age 12. [REGISTER](#)

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**Creative Campfire Cooking**
Friday, April 19 • 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Outside (rain location: Huntley Meeting Room)

No school on Friday, April 19? Come join the fun at the Library with Creative Campfire Cooking! You’ll learn how to safely prepare and cook a variety of savory and sweet camping dishes. Your taste buds will enjoy a bounty of flavors! And no worries if it rains. We have a back-up plan! High school students only. [REGISTER](#)
Super Mario Party
Wednesday, March 27 • 2:00–4:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Join us for a Super Mario Party on the Nintendo Switch! We’ll have multiple Switches available, but you are always welcome to bring your own! REGISTER

Comics Club
Wednesdays • March 27 (HMR) • April 10 (CCR) • May 22 (HMR)
(HMR)Huntley Meeting Room • (CCR) Carnegie Community Room
This club is for any comic fan who wants to discuss the classic and ongoing books, or for newcomers looking to try out the medium and get recommendations. Feel free to bring your own comics to read or share, or just come ready to discuss what you’ve been reading. DROP IN

Mario Kart 8 Switch Tournament
Wednesday, April 24 • 4:00–7:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Are you the best kart racer around? Join us for a Mario Kart 8 Deluxe tournament. 16-player limit. If you have a preferred controller, please bring it. Grades 9-12 only. REGISTER

Free Comic Book Day
Saturday, May 4 • 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
It doesn’t matter if you’re a lifelong collector or new reader; there is a comic for everyone! Stop in and pick up your free comics from Marvel, DC, or various independent publishers. Our comics are courtesy of Graham Cracker Comics, 640 Randall Rd, in St. Charles. REGISTER

Star Wars Day-R2D2 Felting
Saturday, May 4 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Join us to create a two inch tall R2D2 out of felt. All supplies provided. Presented by Natasha Lewis from Ester’s Place Fibers. Ages 12-18 only. REGISTER

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament
Wednesday, May 29 • 4:00-7:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room
Prove you’re the best at our Super Smash Bros. Ultimate for Switch tournament! If you have a preferred controller, please bring it. Grades 9-12 only. REGISTER

Teen Book Club
Sundays • March 31 • April 28 • May 26 • 1:00–2:00 p.m.
Bisbee Conference Room
Run by high school students for high school students! A fun place to relax, have snacks and discuss the book. All ages 14-18 are welcome. Please check our website for the current read and pick up a copy of the book at the Reference Desk. REGISTER

Teen Book Discussion: Station Eleven
Thursday, April 11 • 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Join your fellow teens in reading our One Book, One Community title: Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel. We will have a special teens-only book discussion of the title. Stop by the Reference Desk if you need help finding a copy. Snacks and drinks provided. REGISTER

Tree of Life Painting Workshop
Friday, March 29 • 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room
Make your own painting inspired by the work of fascinating artist Gustav Klimt. Art teacher Christine Thornton will teach you how to use metallic paint and colored pencils on black paper for this fun, easy process. All materials provided. Appropriate clothes a must! Beginners welcome! Grades 9-12. REGISTER

Galaxy Silhouettes Painting Workshop
Tuesday, May 21 • 4:00–5:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room
Join us for this modern twist on a classic silhouette portrait. Choose a profile to draw freehand (or trace one of the provided printouts). Then let your imagination take over and fill in a painted design using watercolor pencils under artist Christine Thornton’s guidance. Grades 9-12. REGISTER

Program Registration
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Story Times

2 & 3 Year Old Story Time (with caregiver)
Mondays • 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Tuesdays • 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
March 4–19 • April 1–16 • April 29–May 14
Interactive story time for children and their parents/caregivers, which includes songs, stories, and play time. REGISTER

My First Story Time (ages 0-24 months)
Tuesdays • 9:30-10:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
March 5–19 • April 2–16 • April 30–May 14
Lapsit story time for parents/caregivers and children, which includes songs, stories, and play. Simple sign language will also be covered. REGISTER

Preschool Story Time (ages 4-6)
Wednesdays • 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Thursdays • 1:00-1:30 p.m.
March 6–21 • April 3–18 • May 1–May 16 • Helen Gale Story Room
Interactive story time for independent children including songs, stories, and play. Children should be comfortable attending on their own. REGISTER

Drop-In Story Time
Mondays-Thursdays • March 4–21 • April 3–18 • April 30–May 16
Saturdays • March 16 • April 20 • May 18
10:00-10:30 a.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
No storytimes on April 1, 2 and 29
This program is filled with stories, music, and movement. Each week focuses on a new theme. DROP IN

Bilingual Story Time
Mondays • March 4-18 • April 1-15 and 29 • May 6-20
4:30-5:30 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, and finger plays in English/Spanish. On Monday, April 29, we will celebrate Children’s Day/ Día de los Niños with stories, songs, finger plays, nursery rhymes and a craft. DROP IN

Book Buddies (grades 6-8)
We are looking for middle school volunteers to be paired with grade schoolers; to read aloud to each other, play literacy-focused games, and talk about books. We are looking for volunteers who can commit two hours a week for six weeks during the summer. Applications will be available at the ASK ME Desk starting Monday, March 25. Application deadline is Friday, May 3. REGISTER

Summer Reading
It’s Show Time at Your Library! Summer Reading starts Tuesday, May 28. Come to the ASK ME Desk to register and check-in. Make sure to come back by the last day of summer reading on Sunday, August 11. Check in the events calendar online for more information!

Stories and Snacks Drop-In Story Time
Tuesdays • March 5–19 • April 2–16 • April 30–May 14
6:30-7:00 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
This program is filled with stories, music, movement, and a special bedtime snack. Follows the same weekly theme as the morning Drop-in Story Time. DROP IN

Sensory Story Time (with caregiver)
Thursdays • March 7–21 • April 4–18 • May 2–16
9:15–9:45 a.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Join us for a story time filled with music, movement, and interactive books. This story time is designed for children with sensory differences and welcome to all who love to wiggle! DROP IN

Stories at the Nature Center
Wednesdays • 10:30-11:00 a.m. • March 13 • April 17 • May 15
Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve
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. DROP IN

Junior Friends (grades 6-8)
Middle school students interested in being a weekly volunteer in Youth Services are able to add their name to our waitlist. 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 via email. REGISTER
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Who Was…? (grades 2-5)

Mondays • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Do you love the Who Was... books? Each month we will learn about someone famous from the past and explore his or her interesting life. We will also do an activity based on what made them special. REGISTER

Pudding Pictionary (grades 6-8)

Friday, March 22 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

We’ll be playing Pictionary with a new twist. Pudding covered table tops will be used to draw on instead of using paper and markers! Don’t worry, there will be untouched pudding available for eating as well. DROP IN

Flat Charles

March 15-April 5
Available All Day in Youth Services

Check out a Flat Charles with your library card to take on your spring break travels. Then take pictures with him and email them to us. You might just see them posted at the Library! While supplies last. DROP IN

Babysitter Training (ages 11-15)

Monday, March 25 & Tuesday, March 26
9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

FEE $45 in Library district/$65 outside district

This two-day training will cover all aspects of babysitter responsibilities and includes babysitter resources. Students must attend the entire training workshop both days and successfully pass all observable skills to obtain Red Cross certification. Please bring a sack lunch. Grant funding provided by Friends of St. Charles Public Library. REGISTER

Sing Along Movie: The Lion King

Saturday, March 30 • 2:00-3:45 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Hakuna Matata! Come belt out your favorite Lion King songs along with the movie, no shushing! Popcorn and refreshments will be available while supplies last. REGISTER

Our American Heritage (grades 1-5)

Fridays • 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
March 8: Irish Heritage Month
April 12: National Deaf History Month
May 10: Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Join us while we take a fun-filled journey through time to learn all about the ethnic history of our country. Using our talents we will learn, create and dance. REGISTER

Mindfulness & Meditation (grades 1-5)

Fridays • 3:30-4:15 p.m.
March 29 • April 19 • May 24
Helen Gale Story Room

Give yourself new life this spring! Learn how to practice mindfulness and adjust the way you look at life. Come ready to breathe, read and bend. REGISTER

Smart Money Makers

Thursday, April 4 • 7:00-7:30 p.m.
Helen Gale Story Room

Kids of all ages, join us for our Money Smart Week program! Learn how to start saving your money, make a budget and get stuff you want with Mike Corbett from Edward Jones in St. Charles. Parents welcome. REGISTER

Our American Heritage

March 11: Milton Hershey (chocolate)
April 8: Harry Houdini (magic tricks)
May 13: Walt Disney (cartooning)

Mario Kart Wii Tournament (grades 2-8)

Friday, March 8
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Watch out for blue shells and race your friends to victory in celebration of Mario Day! REGISTER

Movie Night (grades 4-8)

Fridays • March 15 • April 19 • May 17
4:30-7:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

Watch a recent release on the big screen. Pizza, lemonade and popcorn compliments of Classic Cinemas will be served. Registration closes at 9:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the movie or when filled. REGISTER

Who Was…? (grades 2-5)

March 11: Milton Hershey (chocolate)
April 8: Harry Houdini (magic tricks)
May 13: Walt Disney (cartooning)

Smart Money Makers

Thursday, April 4 • 7:00-7:30 p.m.
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May the 4th be with You: Star Wars Day

Saturday, May 4 • 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Youth Services Department

It’s a worldwide day to celebrate Star Wars! Join us for Jedi training in the afternoon, out of this world crafts all day, and so much more. Costumes are encouraged and bring a camera – there will be lots of photo opportunities. DROP IN

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UPCYCLING (grades K-5)
Wednesday, March 20
First Day of Spring
Monday, April 22
Earth Day
Friday, May 17
Endangered Species Day
3:30-4:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! We are celebrating the important environmental days this spring by repurposing recycled materials into something new.
REGISTER

LITTLE ARTISTS (ages 4-6)
Fridays • March 1 • April 5 • May 3
10:30-11:00 a.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
For children, listen to a story then make some art! REGISTER

FIND THE “PICASSO” IN YOU! (grades 1-5)
Fridays • March 1 • April 5 • May 3
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
Do you love to create works of art? This program will introduce you to a few of the many great artists in history. Each month a new artist will be showcased. Then we will use this artist as our inspiration to sketch, draw, or paint our own masterpieces. REGISTER

FOODIE KIDS (grades 3-6)
Tuesdays • 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room
March 5 • April 9 • May 7
Love to cook? Join us once a month and learn to create simple treats you can also eat! REGISTER

FOODIE KIDS WITH CHEF RUTH (grades K-2)
Thursdays • 4:15-5:00 p.m.
March 7: Fun with Fruit
April 4: Egg-cellent Eats
May 2: Welcome to Cinco de Mayo
Huntley Meeting Room
Have some fun learning about how to cook and prepare yummy recipes with Chef Ruth Seney, a Family and Consumer Science teacher for over 30 years, who has taught hundreds of students how to cook. REGISTER

FULL STEAM AHEAD (ages 3-5 with caregiver)
Sundays • March 3 • April 7 • May 5 • 1:00-1:45 p.m.
Thursdays • March 14 • April 11 • May 9 • 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Helen Gale Story Room
We will learn by doing! This is an interactive program where participants will work together on a different concept each month. Themes: March: Code with Us, April: Transformations, May: Build Your Own Race Car. REGISTER

FULL STEAM AHEAD (grades K-2, without caregiver)
Thursdays • 6:00–7:00 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
March 21: Code with Us
April 18: Transformations
May 16: Build Your Own Race Car
We will learn by doing! This is an interactive, independent program where students grades K-2 will work together on a different concept each month. REGISTER

SCRATCH CLUB (grades 3-8)
Wednesday, March 27 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 19 • 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 30 • 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Technology Center
Play around in Scratch during this time designated for self-exploration! Staff will be on hand to guide through questions with the program and simple how-tos. REGISTER

VIDEO GAME CLUB (grades 2-6)
Wednesdays • March 27 • April 24 • May 29
6:00-7:00 p.m. • Helen Gale Story Room
Love video games? So do Wii! Join us and other gamers and play different consoles the Library has. DROP IN
LEGO Design Club (grades K-8) 🌐

Wednesdays • March 13 • April 10 • May 8
3:30–4:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

Use your imagination to design your own LEGO creations! DROP IN

Coding for Beginners (grades 1-3) 🌐

Thursday, March 28 • 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Technology Center

Start coding and play using the Scratch coding language. REGISTER

Express Yourself! (grades K-5) 📚

Thursdays • March 28 • April 18 • May 23
3:30–4:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

Create your own beautiful arts and crafts masterpiece in our open crafts session! REGISTER

Smelling Station (grades 6-8) 🌳

Friday, April 26 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Helen Gale Story Room

Put your sniffer to the test with a variety of different scents for your nose to make sense of! Find out how our noses pick out different smells. DROP IN

Bad Art Night (grades 4-8) 🎨

Thursday, May 9 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Join us after school and make some really bad art using supplies given. Artistic ability discouraged. REGISTER

Video Gaming! (grades 6-8) 🎮

Friday, May 24 • 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Come play games on our Switch and other consoles. Games and remotes will be provided. DROP IN

Talent Showcase Tryouts

Tuesday, March 26 OR Friday, March 29
3:00-6:00 p.m. • Carnegie Community Room

Kids grades k-8 or families are welcome to tryout for our Talent Showcase! Permission slips available at the ASK ME Desk. There are 24 spots available and tryouts are arranged in 15-minute increments. All approved acts, including music and costumes, should reflect OBOC selections. Microphone, piano and stereo are available. Acts are limited to five minutes. REGISTER

Sticker Mosaic

April, all month long • All day

Stop into the Youth Services department during the month of April to help us create our sticker mosaic puzzle poster. DROP IN

DIY Paracord Survival Bracelets

Monday, April 1- Friday, April 5
Available All Day in Youth Services

Stop by to make a survival bracelet and learn how you can use paracord in case life as we know it changes! While supplies last. DROP IN

Graphic Novels Reimagined! (grades 4-8)

Thursday, April 11
4:30–5:30 p.m. • Huntley Meeting Room

Your life as a graphic novel! Take samples of real graphic novels and make them your own. Your own story, your own colors, your own ideas, based on another’s art! Rewrite the words to make a new story. In honor of National Library Week and One Book, One Community. REGISTER

Talent Showcase!

Friday, April 12 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

Witness the talent of our community’s youth for this one night only show! Presented on the stage upstairs in the historic Carnegie Community Room. Admission is free, but we encourage attendees to bring a canned food item for our local food pantries. DROP IN

Family Book Discussion: Life As We Knew It

Sunday, April 14 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

Read a book with a young person in your life and come discuss it together. Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer explores life and death matters in the wake of an environmental catastrophe. The first 15 families to register will receive one complimentary copy of the book. REGISTER

Hidden Treasures (grades 1-5)

Friday, April 26 • 3:30–4:30 p.m.
Carnegie Community Room

What treasures can be found in everyday households? Learn about interesting artifacts from the past with Alison Costanzo from the St. Charles History Museum, then stay and create your own personal time capsule to be opened in the future! REGISTER

Survivalist Gardening with Master Gardener Ruth Seney (grades 4-8)

Tuesday, April 30 • 4:15-5:15 p.m.
Huntley Meeting Room

What do you do if the shelves in the supermarket are suddenly empty and there’s nothing left in your pantry? Plant a garden! Join us with Master Gardener, Ruth Ann Seney, as she explores gardening tricks that you can do now to add spice to your life, before civilization collapses. Participants will learn how to care for an herb seedling, watch it grow, and eat it. This program was established by the William Russell Family in memory of Karen G. Russell, who had a love of cooking, gardening, arts and crafts. REGISTER
ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY
The Story behind Station Eleven:
An Evening with Emily St. John Mandel

Monday, April 29–7:00 p.m.
Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.
Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main Street, St. Charles

Award-winning and national bestselling author Emily St. John Mandel will share her story and inspiration for writing Station Eleven in this special free and open to the public presentation at the Arcada Theatre. She will speak about why she chose to use things like Shakespeare plays, comic books, and museums as central plot devices in her book, as well as offer her thoughts about how her novel reflects hope in the ways that humanity can band together in the face of adversity. Bring your questions and copies of Station Eleven, as she will also autograph a select number of copies!

For more information, please call us at 630-584-0076 x 246.

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